

# More Than Books

## Highlights

- Bethany McLean will read from and discuss her new book *Saudi America: the Truth about Fracking and How It's Changing the World*. - Thursday, September 20, 7 PM, Central Library.
- Join us for an afternoon of live music presented by Austin Public Library and VSA Texas (the State Organization on Arts and Disability) featuring performances by Devin Gutierrez and Sean & Tristan. Saturday, September 22, 2 PM, Carver Branch.
- Learn the basics of 3D printing at bluePRINT. Teens 13-18 only. Saturday, September 22, 3-5 PM, Central Library Training Room.
- Tales From Graves is three not so scary tales of monsters, mischief and mayhem written by Keith Graves and reanimated by Literature Live!, APL's own puppet troupe. For ages 3 and up. Tuesday, September 25, 3:30 PM, Twin Oaks Branch.
- Welcome to an introductory class of Python Coding. Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Milwood Branch.
- Citizenship 101 is a 10-part series to learn about the U.S. citizenship process and study for the citizenship exam. Classes continue through November 20. Tuesday, September 25, 7-8 PM, Little Walnut Creek Branch.
- Robotics Beginners Class covers the basics of building simple machines. For ages 5-8. Friday, September 28, 4-5:30 PM, North Village Branch.
- Join Michelle Tremillo, Executive Director of the Texas Organizing Project, and Mimi Marziani, President of the Texas Civil Rights Project, for a lively discussion on the state of voting rights and civic participation in Texas, in advance of this year's high-stakes midterm election. The conversation will be moderated by Alexa Ura of the Texas Tribune. Monday, October 1, 6-7:30 PM, Central Library Gallery.

## Facilities Services

**2018 General Obligation Bond Election:** The bond open house schedule and locations have been finalized, as provided below:

- District 6: September 24, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Spicewood Springs Branch Library
- District 9: September 27, 6- 8 PM, Austin City Hall
- District 10: October 3, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Old Quarry Branch Library
- District 2: October 8, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Southeast Austin Community Branch Library
- District 7: October 15, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, North Village Branch Library
- District 8: October 16, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Circle C Community Center
- District 4: October 20, 12 Noon - 2 PM, Gus Garcia Recreation Center
- District 5: October 22, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Manchaca Road Branch Library
- District 3: October 25, 6- 8 PM, Montopolis Recreation Center

**New Central Library Project:** *TIME* Magazine has chosen Austin's New Central Library as one of the 2018 World's Greatest Places. To assemble their first annual list of new and newly relevant destinations worth experiencing right now, *TIME* solicited nominations across a variety of categories – such as museums, libraries, parks, restaurants and bars – from their editors and correspondents around the world as well as dozens of industry experts. They then evaluated each one based on key factors, including quality, originality, innovation, sustainability and influence. The result is a list as diverse as the world it reflects, with 100 entries spanning six continents and 48 countries – highlighting libraries in Austin, Texas and Tianjin, China that are almost as wondrous as reading itself.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade:** Construction bids for the Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project were opened and read at 1 PM on Thursday, September 13, at One Texas Center (505 Barton Springs Road). These bid proposals do not include the asbestos abatement work required for demolition of the existing roof, which will be a separate cost. It is anticipated that approval of award to the low, responsive bidder will be presented to City Council on Thursday, November 15, allowing for full Contract Execution by Monday, February 4. The four bids received and now under review by the Library Facilities Services Division and the Capital Contracting Office are:

- Southwest Corporation - \$864,009
- H.C.S., Inc. General Contractor - \$691,376
- Lovejoy Construction - \$686,740
- Majestic Services, Inc. - \$667,777

**University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** The project's primary scope of work consists of the construction of a new, 25 space, parking lot expansion on the north side of the branch library. The work will include but is not limited to the demolition of existing structures and pavement, installation of erosion/sedimentation control and tree protection fencing, construction of associated walkways, landscaping and lighting as well as the provision of parking lot signage. The site contains an existing, monitoring well, and Library Facilities Services is seeking to cap and abandon the well in place prior to construction, should this course of action prove to be acceptable to the Austin Water Utility Department. In an effort to expedite progress, the Library's previous consultant engineers have been removed from the project, and a new request for Civil Engineering Services was submitted to the Capital Contracting Office on August 6. The new civil engineering firm now assigned to the project is Stantec Consulting Services, and their proposal to perform the design and construction management work required is anticipated to be received by Friday, September 28. In addition, the Library's project manager is requesting that the proposal for professional services allows for development of 60% complete construction documents to begin prior to the end of October, 2018.

### **Southeast Austin Community Branch Library**

**Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:** The Southeast Branch Library reopened to the public as scheduled on Monday, July 9, at 10 AM, as the project was nearing Substantial Completion. The official Substantial Completion date for the project was subsequently established as August 12, 2018. Almost all of the items on the Substantial Completion Punch List have been completed at this time by Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC., the Job Order Contractor on the project, which will enable the project manager to sign off on the Certificate of Final Completion. Warranties required by the contract documents will commence on the date of final completion of the work unless otherwise provide in the certificate of substantial completion. An Open House Celebration will be held at the branch on Friday, October 12 (5-7:30 PM) to mark the twentieth anniversary of the library being built and opened, along with Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15), as well as the successful completion of the foundation and flatwork repairs at the site.

### **Zaragosa Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade**

**Project:** The 90% Complete Design Documents/Drawings/Specifications were submitted by the engineering consultants, but returned due to a revision being missed that was noted during the review of the 60% Complete Design Documents. Specifically, the natural gas load must be recalculated to include the addition of two Heating Units, one at the south-east corner and another on the west side of the warehouse. A confirmation letter was requested and received from the consultant engineers, verifying that the scope of the project will not include any roof work. That letter has been submitted to the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group of the City of Austin, and their response is pending.

### **Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill**

**As of August 24,** the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill has closed to the public so that the facility may be prepared for renovation. Construction activities will be initiated at the site on October 15, following the relocation of all moveable property, including the collection, from the premises. The renovation project is anticipated to take approximately eight (8) months to complete, and while the work is in progress, customers are encouraged to visit the other South Austin branches – including Manchaca Road, Pleasant Hill and Twin Oaks - to acquire library services. Bookmobile services will also be offered to the Oak Hill area from Dick Nichols Park during the closure of their neighborhood branch. The scope of work for this comprehensive renovation includes replacing the deteriorated modified bitumen roof and Kalwall skylights, upgrading plumbing fixtures, redressing low water pressure, modernizing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls, replacing the circulation desk and other worn furniture, making architectural modifications to ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and revising the furniture/shelving layout to the "Library of the Future" template. Our contractor for the project is Harley Blackburn Holdings LLC dba HB Construction. Headquartered in Spicewood, Texas, HB Construction is a premier general contractor with 30 years' experience in the construction industry and is well known for high standards of building quality and safety.

### **Austin History Center Interior and Exterior**

**Improvement Project:** Library Facilities Services has determined that the schedule for restoration of the building's loggia fresco will need to be extended through November, 2018, as work was delayed due to medical ailments suffered by the art conservator. The art conservator has returned to work but the pace is much slower than anticipated. Once the art conservator fully recovers, the remaining loggia fresco restoration work should be finished in approximately sixty (60) days. Progress on this art restoration subproject is presently 80% complete, with the hardest tasks encountered being the resolution of the various paint palettes and sequencing the application of colors. The dark-brown outlines of the fresco just completed are the last elements of the design to be restored that were painted free-hand by the original artists. The more intricate floral elements running along the edges of each vaulted section are now being restored using a stencil. This procedure is a carefully planned process as the restoration of the three different colors of stenciled patterns must be exactly sequenced. Another stencil is being used to restore the fleur-de-lis primarily due to the difficulties of painting on the stucco-like texture of the vaulted ceilings. The 30% complete construction document package for the other building envelope and interior elements to be restored remains in progress after comments were returned by the Quality Management Division. An exterior walls exploratory exercise was conducted with a forensic structural engineer and architect and the Library Department project manager to determine the extent of damage suffered by the exterior masonry from corroded metalwork attached to the building. Partial stone work in specific areas were removed to allow a scope to be inserted and view the structural integrity of this historic building. A final report has been received, verifying that areas at the exterior structural corners of the original structure, prior to the modification of infilling courtyard with a building addition, employed a different structural detail and technique than the rest of the building. Mapping of the structural columns from the original archival drawings delineate the areas likely to become more fragile with time so that a plan can be formulated for restoration. Coordination with the Capital Contract Office is underway to secure the best construction delivery method for the project, which the Library Department believes to be by means of competitive sealed proposals. Competitive sealed proposal is a procurement option allowing the award to be based upon an evaluation process using stated criteria to arrive at a contract that will be most advantageous to the City of Austin. In this instance, the award will be based upon a comparative evaluation and the quality factor sought is contractor experience in working successfully on landmark buildings with significant historical, architectural or cultural meaning. This project has been provided with an additional appropriation in the amount of \$469,883 from a new fund – the Historic Preservation Fund – created by City Council in current Fiscal Year 2017-18 through a reallocation of the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund. The resulting increase in the project budget will allow interior lighting upgrades to be added to the project scope. A revised proposal is expected from the architectural consultants, which will include fencing and security gates to provide better protection for the landmark building. The schedule projection is:

- Schematic Design – completed
- Design Development – 9/1/18 to 11/15/18
- Review – 11/16/18 to 12/15/18
- Construction Documents – 12/16/18 to 5/15/19
- Reviews – 5/16/19 to 7/15/19
- Bid/Award – 7/16/19 to 11/15/19
- Construction – 11/16/19 to 11/15/20

### **Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation**

**Repairs Project:** Usually a requirement of the contract documents, submittals are samples, manufacturer data, shop drawings or other such items submitted to the owner and his design professionals by the contractor for the purpose of approval or other action. The project manager asked the contractor to revise and resubmit the submittals for the landscaping irrigation system and for an exterior door. Work has been initiated at the site but delayed due to the recent rains experienced in the area. Once it is dry enough for work to restart, a revised work schedule will be provided the contractor.

### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project:**

While the Professional Engineering Report (PER) was being conducted for this project, it was discovered that structural damage and deteriorated roof elements needed to be repaired at the storefront entrance to the facility where the accessible ramp is located. Due to these previously hidden conditions affecting the building structure and envelope, Facilities Services looked at enacting the needed repair work while relocating the new ramp to the Northwest corner of the facility where an ADA-compliant slope could be achieved. As the funding was not available to increase the scope of work, the original contract with the project's consultant engineers is now being restarted. Sufficient rotation list authority is now being sought to support awarding contract with the consultant engineers while some procedural issues with their preferred sub-consultants are being resolved. It is hoped that unused spending authority can be taken from other consultants on the same rotation list to allow the expanded professional service agreement with the consultants on this project to be finalized.

### **Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:**

The Library Department has a proposal in hand from Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC., the selected Job Order Contractor (JOC) to perform the work. The scope of the work for the project includes updating the existing landscaping, upgrades to the exterior lighting, painting of the exterior porch and trim, updating interior finishes, adding architectural ceiling and wall elements in the Children's Area, meeting Americans with Disabilities/Texas Accessibility Standards requirements per 2012 standards, and installation of specific new plumbing fixtures as replacements. The contract includes sustainability requirements and it is the intent of the Library Department to work in partnership with the selected contractor in implementing sustainable construction practices to the greatest extent possible. The furniture procurement needed for this renovation can move forward now as the City's Purchasing Department has finalized the purchase agreement for furniture acquisitions from Workplace Resources. It is currently planned that additional funding will be transferred to the project account at the start of Fiscal Year 2019 to

allow the Job Order Contract to be executed. The project will require the Yarborough Branch Library to close to the public so that the building may be prepared for construction and then undergo construction. The preparation will include but is not limited to moving all collection items to storage, followed by disassembling and removing all library shelving from the premises so that the remodel of the facility may be carried out. The renovation construction activities, refurbishing the facility, and reassembling/restocking of the library shelving are scheduled to be completed within six months. The Library Department will widely advertise the upcoming closure of the facility to the community so that Yarborough customers will know to use one of the nearby branch libraries, such as North Village or Old Quarry, while their neighborhood branch is undergoing its makeover.

### **Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:**

Construction has been substantially completed on this project at the end of September. It is now anticipated that the contractor, Jamail & Smith Construction, will complete all construction activities and receive a Certificate of Occupancy for the updated facility on Monday, October 15. The requisite punch list walk-through of the building was carried out during August with the project team, including the Project Coordinator, Project Architect (Lawrence Group Design), the General Manager and the Superintendent for the General Contractor (Jamail & Smith Construction), various Facilities Services staff members, the Safety Officer and Security Supervisor for the Library Department, and the Project Manager from the City of Austin Communication Technology Management Department. The walk-through provided the project team the opportunity to review the quality of the renovation work and to insure that all applicable City of Austin building code requirements have been met. On September 4, a follow-up walk-through was conducted to verify that incomplete items noted during the first walk-through had been redressed. The renovation work included the selective demolition of existing carpet and base, gypsum drywall assemblies, suspended ceilings and electrical work. New floor finishes and base, new suspended acoustical ceilings, surface preparation and painting, new lighting systems, plumbing upgrades, renewing the Portland cement exterior plaster and landscaping improvements were part of the work as well. On September 5, Library Facilities Services initiated the re-installation of library shelving, staff work stations, the circulation desk, and adult and youth computer stations. Reassembling the furniture, fixtures, equipment and collections of the Windsor Park Branch Library is anticipated to continue throughout the month of October. An official date for the reopening of the library will be established shortly and advertised widely in the community.

**Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project:** The architectural consultant team of Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture is performing the design work required for the project. A preliminary report exploring the existing condition of the branch library and its site, including architecture, structure, mechanical and landscaping features, was conducted to determine the significant building and grounds issues requiring corrective actions. This preliminary report allowed the Library Department to prioritize and commit funding towards solving the most pressing needs of this nineteen year old community

library. Following the Notice to Proceed with the project's design being issued, the project manager met with the consultant architects and their engineering sub-consultants to prioritize renovation needs, discuss building issues related to Americans with Disabilities/Texas Accessibility Standards requirements per 2012 standards, and to create a plan for moving forward with corrective actions. The consultant team has submitted several possible furniture/shelving layouts for the library, and the most advantageous layout has been identified. The City's standard process of determining the presence of asbestos, lead and/or mold has been initiated for the facility in order to identify any hazardous materials needing to be addressed during the design and construction phases of the project. In addition, some forensic investigation regarding possible water intrusion and building envelope integrity has been carried out following approval by the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group of the City of Austin. The project's Design Development Phase has now been completed, and the 100% Complete Design Documents were approved and returned by the Quality Management Division (QMD) to Library Facilities Services with comments. Deemed by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO) to be an ideal candidate for the Job Order Contract (JOC) construction delivery method, the project has been assigned to Job Order Contractor, Jamail and Smith, and their proposal to perform the work is currently awaited.

**Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement:** On Thursday, September 20, the Library Department in liaison with the Capital Contracting Office received approval from Council to use the competitive sealed proposal procurement method for solicitation of construction improvements for the Faulk Library Building Roof Replacement Project. Utilization of the competitive sealed proposal procurement approach will allow the Library Department to require offerors to submit information in addition to rates, including experience, past performance and proposed personnel and methodology. On August 16, Building Exterior Solutions (BES), Engineering Consultants, submitted 60% Complete Construction Documents to Library Facilities Services for the demolition and replacement of the entire 29,000 square feet roofing system at the Faulk Library Building. The Faulk Library Building, a concrete structure with a concrete roof deck, is currently topped with a twenty-two year old, modified bitumen roofing system. Currently, construction estimates to replace the aging roof range from \$900,000 to \$1,300,000. Following an "in-house" review and correction process, Library Facilities Services forwarded the 60% Complete Construction documents to the Quality Management Division (QMD), Public Works Department, for their review and comments. Upon receipt of those comments, the project will move into production of 90% Complete Construction Documents. If this schedule can be maintained, 90% Complete Construction Documents will be finished in September, followed closely by the creation of 100% Complete Construction Documents, which will allow Library Facilities Services to move forward with construction contractor bids solicitation in December. t

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programs & Outreach**

- On August 8, Asian American Community Archivist Ayshea Khan led a "Waves of Hope" exhibit tour over the phone as part of Family Eldercare's Lifetime Connections Without Walls programming. The exhibit was centered on local Asian American history of Austin.
- The AHC hosted a program and book launch for a new biography of Austin City Marshall Ben Thompson on August 18. Author Chuck Parsons, APD historian Doug Dukes, and Thompson descendant Anne Beck regaled the audience of 30 with facts and legends about Austin's most notorious lawman.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 2 collections, the Cassie Smith Papers and the Nina and Maclovia Hill Papers. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).
- The AHC acquired a large donation from St. Luke United Methodist Church, which was chartered in 1938 and is currently located in Clarksville. The donation included board and committee records, programs, newsletters and scrapbooks that were added to an existing collections of scrapbooks that span the years 1938 to the present. In addition we received books, photographs, and genealogy materials related to the Preece, Washington and Costley families – pioneer Austin families with records dating from the late 1800s.
- The AHC acquired the first installment of the James L. Haley Papers. To date (2018), Haley has written, co-written, or contributed to thirty books, in addition to magazine articles, newspaper features, television scripts, and book reviews. He has won the Spur Award of the Western Writers of America twice, the T. R. Fehrenbach Book Award of the Texas Historical Commission twice, as well as the Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize of the Texas Historical Association, the Texas Philosophical Society Book Award, and others. The papers comprise Haley's complete literary, professional, and personal archive, from his first unpublished efforts to date.

### **Exhibits**

- The Community Gallery portion of the "Taking it to the Streets" exhibit continues to be popular. Through the first month of the exhibit we have had 53 individuals contribute over 300 photographs to the gallery.

### **Grants**

- The AHC received a Rescuing Texas History grant from the Portal to Texas History (our 8th!). This is an in-kind donation of digitization services, and we were selected to have 200 images from our Lisa Davis Photography collection scanned and added to our holdings on the Portal. Work will begin in March 2019.
- Received, through the AHCA, an \$1100 grant from Humanities Texas for the planned November symposium "Fact or Fiction: Developing Information Literacy to Evaluate and Use Records," consisting of two 90 minute-long panel discussions, in addition to two short presentations conducted by Nikki Koehlert, Jenna Cooper, and City Archivist Mike Miller. The first panel discussion will center on current psychosocial and technological factors that affect individuals' perceptions of information,

recent academic and public efforts to promote information literacy, and how information literacy aids people with fact-finding in a “post-truth” era. The second panel discussion will focus on how archivists’ appraisal, arrangement, and outreach practices help shape historical narratives, and how historians use and interpret historical records in light of archival silences and oftentimes conflicting, biased primary source materials. The first panel will consist of Elisse Nacca, Leah Scarpelli, and Dr. Matthew McGlone, and the second panel will involve Amanda Jasso (a City of Austin Equity Office professional and former Austin History Center Latinx Community Archivist), Dr. H.W. Brands, and Rachel Winston.

## Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the new edition of the textbook *Governing Texas*, an article in *Tribeza* about the new Line Hotel, the 2019 Bluebonnet Electric Coop calendar, and for display at the Omni Hotel and Camp Lucy Restaurant. Additionally, Video Archivist Tim Hamblin has spent considerable time assisting a filmmaker who is working on a documentary on Henry Lee Lucas

## Upcoming Programs

- September 23, 12-6 PM, AHC. Austin Museum Day
- September 29, 12-2 PM. Wooldridge Square and AHC. 107th anniversary of Booker T. Washington’s speech in Austin.
- October 13, 2-4 PM. AHC. Asian American Activism panel discussion.
- October 19, 11 AM - 5:30 PM. AHC. Genealogy workshops. Program part of a statewide series for the 18th annual Genealogy Lock-In.
- October 23, 6:30 PM. Author program with Lori Duran, author of book on Austin’s Travis Heights Neighborhood.
- October 28, 2-6 PM, Saengerrunde Hall. Austin Archives Bazaar.
- November 2, time TBD. 700 Lavaca. Travis County History Day
- November 3, 1-5 PM. AHC Symposium “Fact or Fiction” with two sessions: Information Literacy and Interpreting Historical Resources.

## Central Library Services

### Urban Libraries Council Recognizes Austin Public Library for Library Innovation

- The Urban Libraries Council (ULC) announced Austin Public Library as one of 10 Top Innovators during the 2018 ULC Annual Forum in Baltimore. A panel of expert judges selected Austin Public Library’s Social Media Ambassadors Program from 220 submissions in 10 categories that demonstrate the value and impact of public library service. Austin Public Library won in the category of Positioning the Library. Austin Public Library Social Media Ambassadors extend the Library’s reach into the Austin community. The program is a grassroots effort to promote the Library using Austin Public Library’s social media channels. Through this program the Library builds a relationship with a segment of the Austin community that is passionate about the Library and willing to share the Library’s messages with their families, friends and followers on various social networks. Find out more about the Ambassadors program at [library.austintexas.gov/social/ambassador](http://library.austintexas.gov/social/ambassador)

## Programs

Un, Dos, Tres: ¡Música!

We’ll be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a series of three concerts in the Central Library’s special events center. Diana Miranda-Murillo will serve as host for the concerts.

Mauricio Callejas y su banda | 22 de septiembre, September 22, 2 – 3 PM

Mariachi Amor | 13 de octubre, October 13, 2 – 3 PM

Trio Los Vigilantes | 20 de octubre, October 20, 2 – 3:30 PM

Facebook and Twitter class

Monday, September 24, 2018 1:00 PM

Adulting 101

Fast, Healthy Meals on a Budget

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:30 PM

Night Crafters - September 2018

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:30 PM

Pajama Storytime

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:30 PM

Central Library - Children’s Area (3rd floor)

Central Concerts Austin Symphony

Monday, September 24, 2018

7-8 PM

The Austin Symphony quartet will perform pieces representing a wide variety of historical periods and playing styles.

They will introduce each piece to contextualize it within its historical era as well as discuss unique technical aspects of the piece. The Austin Public Library is pleased to partner with the Austin Symphony for our 2018 ensemble trilogy. The first performance was June 11 and featured Latin American music. The third performance will be November 1 and will feature political music.

## Reference and Customer Impact

- Provided information on the entomological origins of the name “Poldark” from the BBC Masterpiece tv show.
- Assisted with locating documents for the architectural firm Bell, Klein & Hoffman through the Austin History Center.
- In person I helped a customer get set up with Libby and RBDigital on her phone to listen to audiobooks. She was amazed by the collection and that she could come to the library and get on-the-spot extensive assistance.
- Tech Time: Patron didn’t have a phone or tablet for a typical Tech Time. Rather than turn him away, talked about Google Contacts and how they connect to Android phones (he plans to get another one – we logged into his Gmail on a computer plus looked at my own phone). I then showed him how to checkout a laptop.
- On the 4th floor, a woman looked a little lost so I asked her if I could help, and she explained this was her first visit to a public library in years and was unsure on how to access materials. She said she was looking for books on photorealism. In our conversation, I learned that she needed 5 sources for a college essay. I helped her conduct a Bibliocommons search, made note of a specific title she wanted to see, and wrote down the call number for her to browse through. I then asked her if she’d also be interested in scholarly articles, since she was writing a

paper. She said yes, and asked if we had anything like that accessible. I explained our database system and walked her through the process of accessing databases onsite and from home (if she signed up for a library card), and how to download, save, and email articles. I pulled up Academic Search Complete as an example and did a search on photorealism with her to walk her through the process. She was very happy, and had no idea that she could get access to these types of articles/databases.

- Customer wanted directions to Guadalupe and 34th Street so he could pick up his son, and then wanted to know of a restaurant downtown "for a picky eater." I asked if he had food preferences, he mentioned burgers, chicken, and meat, so I pulled up Google maps and showed him the restaurants downtown that serve hamburgers, barbecue, and the like. He wanted a printout, so I printed it for him and circled the restaurants we had discussed. He asked for a printout of the driving directions, which I gave. I printed the directional map landscape so it was readable, and the directions portrait, to which he said, "Oh thank you, that's very kind." As he left, he said, "Thanks, you did a good job."

### **Central By the Numbers**

Parking net revenue for the month of June was ~\$42,265.

Oct. 2017 to date was \$355,187.\*

Special Events revenue was ~\$38,727. Oct. 2017 to date was 228,539.\*

Recycled Reads Gift Shop revenue was ~\$19,623. Oct. 2017 to date was ~\$177,303.\*

\*These numbers are not from the official accounting record.

All revenue comes back to the Library.

Visitors 110,718

Total New Cardholders 1,970

### **Branch Services**

APL/AISD Student Card Initiative – Each branch had a representative to go to surrounding schools and deliver APL library card applications. The goal for this initiative is to put library cards into the hands of 40,000 students.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill closed to the public on August 24. Bookmobile service began on September 11 at Dick Nichols Park. The bookmobile will be offering service at the park every Tuesday from 10 AM to 12 Noon. A storytime will be included. Plans are currently underway to include more stops in the community.

Twin Oaks Branch established a partnership with the Creative Arts Society allowing them space in meeting rooms for local artists to feature their artwork with the option to host a reception to meet the artist.

Spicewood Springs Branch offered Bow Wow Reading Dog – a partnership with Austin Dog Alliance where a trained therapy dog is available for children who want to read aloud to a canine companion.

St. John Branch offered Senior Computer Club (3 sessions), a program teaching senior citizens computer skills. The branch also offered The Resume Doctor is in! (6 sessions), a program assisting customers with job searching, the job application process, and interviewing skills.

Manchaca Road Branch presented APL Makes Podcasting, an after hours event which included Live Podcasting Recording of Southeast's "The Adult Story Hour." This was followed by a panel discussion that included three (3) podcasters from two Austin –based podcasts. The branch also presented Money Matter\$, a recurring monthly program. The topic was focused on checking accounts and debit cards.

Old Quarry Branch presented Fifth Thursdays Music Program. This program featured Chilean guitarist Ricardo Parra, and highlighted local and international performers.

In partnership with Little Tiger International School, Old Quarry Branch offered a Chinese storytime.

Managing Librarian, Amanda Williams, (Little Walnut Creek Branch), attended the North Austin Civic Association Meeting, a gathering of stakeholders in the Rundberg area.

Ruiz Branch offered Introduction to Digital Marketing (in Spanish) where participants were introduced to strategies and practices designed to maximize exposure and influence within the Hispanic consumer population.

Southeast Branch reopened to the public on July 9 with a 'soft' opening. Southeast also offered a series of four classes on basic computer use. These classes were taught to a group of women from the SEED project class. They were taught in Spanish.

At the Milwood Branch, youth librarian Jane Pan began participating as part of APL's outreach team to the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center by translating Chinese to English to help customers know what is available at the library. In addition, Jane did an outreach at Hmart and presented a Chinese/English storytime there.

Through a partnership with Texas C-BAR, Manchaca Road Branch presented the 2nd class in a four-part series. This class, part of a Small Business Legal Seminar, was entitled, "Contracts."

Twin Oaks Branch hosted "Library Escape Room: H2 Oh No!," an interactive program for adults presented with a number of challenges in the form of riddles/puzzles and locks.

Ruiz Branch manager Carlos Pin met with a representative from ACC to discuss programming at Ruiz including GED classes in Spanish, basic computer skills classes in English and Spanish, and practical "on the job" English language instruction. Additionally, at Ruiz, youth learned to use copper tape, batteries, and LEDs to make artwork that lights up.

### **Recycled Reads Bookstore**

June revenue for Recycled Reads Bookstore was approximately \$13,000. Approximately 4,000 people visited the store, including 370 attending the 17 scheduled events. Donations were received from 250 people. More than 23 volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 40 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 21 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and

sorted approximately 29 pallets of materials representing approximately 62,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 17 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeds from APL we processed over 68,000 items.

Recycled Reads provided books to APL branches for sales at the Central Library Gift Shop and the Howson, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Southeast, Cepeda, and Manchaca Road Branches for onsite book sales.

Recycled Reads received funds from the Office of Sustainability to begin procuring items for a tool lending library.

We agreed to work with Austin Center for Design students for social entrepreneurship and design.

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| Cepeda           | 6 |
| Spicewood        | 5 |
| Hampton          | 4 |
| Milwood          | 4 |
| History Center   | 3 |
| Old Quarry       | 3 |
| Carver           | 2 |
| Faulk            | 2 |
| University Hills | 1 |
| Windsor Park     | 1 |
| Yarborough       | 1 |

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit <http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

**Roosevelt Weeks  
Director of Libraries**

**Volunteer Services**

July 2018 - STATISTICS

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| Number of Volunteers  | 330         |
| Total Volunteer hours | 1352.12     |
| Total Value*          | \$32,640.18 |

\*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

**Policy Violations**

- 24 Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
- 22 Sleeping
- 20 Disrupting use of Library services or property
- 12 Improper use of restrooms
- 10 Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
- 10 Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
- 10 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 7 Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
- 6 Strong odor
- 6 Entering a non-public area
- 6 Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
- 4 Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
- 3 Threaten library property
- 3 Appropriate clothing is required
- 3 Perform a criminal act
- 2 Consuming food or beverages in the Library
- 1 Offensive gesture or display
- 1 Access sexually explicit material
- 1 Bringing animals into the Library
- 1 Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property
- 1 Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying baggage
- 1 Violating internet policy

**154 Total**

**Locations # of Incidents**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Central         | 35 |
| Terrazas        | 20 |
| Little Walnut   | 17 |
| Ruiz            | 15 |
| Willie Mae Kirk | 12 |
| Twin Oaks       | 8  |
| North Village   | 9  |
| Manchaca Road   | 7  |
| Pleasant Hill   | 7  |