

# More Than Books

## Highlights

- **Mirror Mirrored: Contemporary Art and Fairy Tales** is a mixed-media exhibit featuring local, national and international artists reimagining Grimm's Fairy Tales. January 18 - February 24, Central Library Gallery.
- **Celebrate Civil Rights Day** with speaker Christina Tzintzun. Recommended for ages 13-18. Friday, January 18, 12:45 PM. Central Library Special Event Center.
- **Hungry for conversation?** Drop in for open, public dialogue on a variety of topics at Conversation Cafe. Saturday, January 19, 10:30 AM - Noon. Manchaca Road Branch.
- **The Resume Doctor Is In!** Drop in for one-to-one coaching. Wednesday, January 23, 4-5 PM. St. John Branch.
- **Make Light Up Valentine's Day Cards** at our pop-up makerspace. Thursday, January 24, 6:30-8:30 PM. Twin Oaks Branch.
- **Join us for an art reception and printmaking demonstration** as part of the PrintAustin Exhibit featuring the work of Austin printmakers Theresa Bond and Carol Hayman. Saturday, January 26, 2-4 PM. Cepeda Branch.
- **Austin Public Library & KOOP Radio present A 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Beatles Legendary Rooftop Concert** featuring The Eggmen. Wednesday, January 30, Noon, Central Library Rooftop.
- **If you like fantasy, art, or are just looking to pick up a new hobby, try the Miniatures Guild** for some casual miniature figure painting. Saturday, February 2, 11 AM - 2 PM, Terrazas Branch.

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## Facilities Services

**2018 Bond Program:** The Financial Services Department has conducted a bond discussion session with the Library Department Director and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) managers for the Library Department. The meeting was informal and viewed as an opportunity for the representatives of the Library Department to provide the Financial Services Department with feedback on our experiences with previous bond programs and overall CIP implementation. The mutual goal of the departments is to have a plan to deliver this bond program in a timely and efficient manner.

**New Central Library Project:** The Central Library's rainwater and photovoltaic systems are among the largest and most advanced in the city. They not only provide valuable offsets to water and energy usage, but offer unique opportunities as case studies for other similar endeavors within City of Austin, Travis County and private enterprise. There has been particular interest in the rainwater harvesting system and requests to tour it come in regularly. The Library Department is working with contractors, consultants and other CoA departments on the final commissioning, monitoring, data collection and public awareness regarding the Central Library's energy efficiency and green building features. The Library is also finalizing commissioning of the various energy efficiency systems and monitoring tools and determining optimal data reporting avenues. Photovoltaic

system contractors were on site in January for a one year commissioning check-up on the solar panel array. They identified modifications that will improve the operation of the system which is sized to meet the average full building load. As the Central Library has the largest PV array in downtown Austin, Austin Energy is very involved in bringing this system to full operation. The Library and its PV subcontractor have been working with Austin Energy to incrementally increase the PV use. Currently the PV is set to provide up to about 30% of power. It is hopeful that Austin Energy will allow the Library to adjust the cut-in threshold for the PV system up to 60% for the next monitoring period on the way to 100% implementation. The Library has been working with Peter Davis, the Public Works LEED/Sustainability Project Manager, to set up LEED tracking in the ARC system, and with the Office of Sustainability on reporting and public awareness efforts.

## Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade

The construction contract was executed on January 9, 2019 for the Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade REBID. The contractor is Majestic Services, Inc., and the contract amount is \$667,777. The work consists of the removal of two (2) existing air handling units (AHU's) and a heating water boiler from the interior of the building, and the installation of two (2) new, roof-mounted AHU's, associated control systems upgrades, removal and replacement of the roof and installation of a new exterior stair for roof access. The contractor will also have the responsibility of coordination with an abatement contractor for the removal of the existing asbestos containing roof. The City will provide the services of a third party asbestos air monitoring firm to collect air samples and oversee the abatement for regulatory compliance. The branch library will need to close to the public while the reroofing and HVAC retrofit work is in progress, but will not need to be emptied of its contents in order for the specified construction activities to be carried through to completion. During upcoming conversations with the contractor regarding the date to issue Notice to Proceed, the optimal time to close the library and perform the work will be established and advertised to the community. The contractor will commence work on the date specified in the written Notice to Proceed to be issued by the owner and will substantially complete construction of the improvements within one-hundred and thirty (130) Calendar Days. The contractor has further agreed to reach Final Completion within twenty-three (23) Calendar Days after Substantial completion is achieved.

## University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project

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 has been approved by the Capital Contract Office. Stantec is in the process of producing the 60% Construction Documents by March 12, 2019. 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 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

### **Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade**

**Project:** Minor revisions to the Site Plan were made and returned to Stanley Consultants, and these were incorporated. Additional information concerning the Asbestos Containing Materials/Lead-based Paint testing report is being put together and it is expected that the revised 90% complete Construction Documents set will be delivered by February 4, 2019. Upon review and approval from the Quality Management Division, the Library Department will begin the process of putting this project out for bid.

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

Construction activities began at the site on October 15, 2018, and the project continues to stay on construction schedule. As of January 2, 2019, the construction was at the demolition stage which includes the removal of partition interior walls, heating/air condition units, controls, some plumbing, electrical fixtures and carpeting. Demolition will continue as construction moves forward to the exterior of the building for the removal of roof material and skylight in February and March of 2019. The renovation project is anticipated to take approximately eight (8) months to complete construction, 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:** Despite innumerable weather delays and the daunting tasks of matching antique materials and obscure painting techniques, the restoration of the original art mural on the loggia of the North Entrance to the Austin History Center has reached completion. The surfaces surrounding the loggia have now been cleaned and the loggia's original light fixture will be completely refurbished and then reinstalled. A final Condition and Treatment Report has been submitted by the restoration contractor,

Art Conservation Services of Austin, with maintenance recommendations and notes to allow for better care of the fresco in the future by the Library Department.

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

**Repairs Project:** Thanks to the adroit management provided by the Library's veteran Project Coordinator, Armando Cubriel, this important infrastructure renewal project has been successfully completed and now has entered the Warranty Phase of project development.

### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp**

**Improvements Project:** While the Preliminary 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 (MWM Designs) 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. At the moment, it appears that it might prove possible to fold this project into a larger, 2018 Bond Program project targeted to replace the roof and renovate the interiors of this branch library, and this option will be thoroughly explored during the next several months.

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

The Capital Contracting Office has a signed proposal in hand from Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC., the selected Job Order Contractor (JOC) to perform this work for the Library Department. For its part, the Library Department has secured all of the necessary funding to award this contract. 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. However, this only applies to staff furniture. Recent purchasing policy changes require all public furniture to be bid out. In a recent development, branch staff requested changes to the design of the staff and circulation areas which incurred additional services fees from the consultant architects. This change

proposal has been approved, design changes are in progress and upon completion will be incorporated into the project plans. 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 soon and 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.

**Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project:** This project's Design Development Phase has now reached completion, as the 100% Complete Design Documents were approved and returned by the Quality Management Division (QMD) to Library Facilities Services. 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 Jamail and Smith, an experienced Job Order Contractor. Jamail and Smith have subsequently visited the Cepeda Branch Library site and their resulting RFI's (Requests for Information) have been received and answered by the consultant architects and engineers. Unfortunately, the construction proposal recently received by the Library Department from Jamail and Smith has proven to exceed the current project budget. A meeting with Capital Contracting, the Library and Jamail and Smith was held on January 24 to value engineer certain aspects of the design in order to reduce the cost of construction. By concentrating on maximizing the project's function while minimizing costs, we believe the construction proposal can be brought into alignment with the project's established budget.

**Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement:** On January 18, 2019, Building Exterior Solutions (BES), Engineering Consultants, submitted 100% Complete Construction Documents to Library Facilities Services for the demolition and replacement of the entire 29,000 square foot roofing system at the Faulk Library Building. The Construction Documents have been delivered to the Public Works Quality Management Division for review and final approval. The project is expected to advertised for solicitation of bids in a Competitive Sealed Proposal process on February 11, 2019, with the closing of the bid process to fall on March 11, 2019. 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. The project is projected to begin construction on August 12, 2019.

**Austin Public Library Lawn/Plant Bed Care:** The Library Department has experienced less than desirable service for its grounds regarding lawn and plant bed care for many years. Complaints about these matters previously came in weekly, and at times daily. Consequently, the Library

has worked diligently to remedy this situation, and on October 1, 2018, a new grounds maintenance contract was executed with Great Western Management Company. Great Western has hit the ground running, and there is already a marked improvement in the appearance of the grounds at all Library locations. Mowing is now being performed on a regular schedule and planter beds are being maintained in a thoroughly acceptable manner.

**Austin Public Library Tree Maintenance Project:** On October 17, 2018, the Austin Public Library was granted an additional \$50,000.00 from the Urban Forestry division of the Development Services Department (DSDUF) to continue this project for promoting tree health, with the first phase of assessing and documenting Library tree assets, and performing an initial pruning and maintenance. The Will Hampton at Oak Hill and Southeast Austin Community Branch libraries were the final two locations to benefit from this funding, with respect to the first phase of the project. Remaining funding will be utilized to address any future tree issues that might occur. The project will now begin to transition into the second phase of community engagement and education. DSDUF will be rolling out a series of events later in the year at various Library locations to encourage community engagement. Topics will focus on issues such as oak wilt, proper planting methods, planting times, and general tree care and maintenance. They also hope to plant several trees at various Library locations as part of a tree planting education series.

**Literature Live & Library Foundation Relocation Project:** Both of these work groups are presently settling into their new home at the Faulk Library Building, as the move was completed on January 16, 2019. Literature Live's new space on the second floor approximately doubles what they had at Recycled Reads and includes plenty of storage for all of the materials and equipment needed for their puppet shows. They also have a small recording booth, a conference/collaboration area, space for their practice stage, a large area for their work table and sewing table, and several work stations to keep them connected and current with CoA and Library Department business. The Library Foundation's new space on the fourth floor increases their footprint as well. The new space includes a private office for their director, and plenty of storage for files, flyers, and books for their various outreach programs, all of which are utilized to raise donations for the Library.

**Twin Oaks Sail Shades Project:** The Sail Shades were requested by branch staff to shade the outdoor amphitheater, and allow for more programming activities to take place. The Job Order Contractor (JOC) assigned to this project, Brown & Root, has submitted the firm's final proposal to perform the work in the amount of \$54,545. The Library Department has accepted the proposal and Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued to the contractor on January 18, 2019. The contractor is now reviewing the site's soil analysis reports and civil engineering drawings so that he may provide the final design layouts of the Sail Shades for approval. The project is planned to reach completion within 90 working days from the issuance of the NTP.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming & Outreach**

- On December 7, African American Community Archivist kYmberly Keeton and Asian American Community Archivist Ayshea Khan facilitated a breakout session, "Grounding Ourselves in Austin's History," at the City of Austin Equity Forum.
- On December 12, Khan led a Professional Development training for AISD teachers on implementing Fred Korematsu Day curriculum, comprising 5 lesson plans incorporating AHC material related to the Taniguchi Family. Curriculum was written and designed by the Asian American Community Archivist and will be made available to all AISD teachers.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 7 collections, the Hall Family Scrapbooks, the "Women Shaping Texas in the 20th Century" Exhibit Planning Records, the George Kane Poster Collection, the Aralyn Hughes Papers, the Nels Jacobson Posters and Papers, the Discovery Hall Science Center Records, and the Volma Overton 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 recently acquired a collection from local musician Gretchen Phillips documenting her career as a musician and an activist in the LGBTQ community. The AHC also acquired additions to the Saheli Records collection as well as an oral history with its founder, Mamata Misra.

### **Exhibits**

- The AHC opened its newest exhibit, "Off the Rails: The Rise and Fall of the Austin Streetcars," on December 11. Approximately 100 people attended the opening reception. The exhibit tells the story, through images and documents, of the streetcar system in Austin and how transportation issues have shaped the development of Austin. The exhibit runs through May 26.

### **Reference**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book about the Millet Opera House, a documentary on the history of the Austin Bar Association, news story in the Statesman about Robert Mueller, and for exhibit at the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.

### **Upcoming Programs**

- February 7, 2019. 6:30 PM. AHC. Post Gentrification: Changing the African American Narrative in Austin, Texas through Documentation, Community-Legacy Building, and Social Justice
- February 16, 2019. 12-4 PM, Southeast Branch. Know Your District History – District 2
- March 2, 2019. 12-4 PM, Ruiz Branch. Know Your District History – District 3
- April 9, 2019. 6:30 PM, AHC. Author event with Joe Nick Patoski, author of *Austin to ATX: The Hippies, Slackers, and Geeks Who Transformed the Capital of Texas*.
- April 13, 2019. 12-4 PM, Little Walnut Branch. Know Your District History – District 4
- May 18, 2019. 12-4 PM, Manchaca Branch. Know Your District History – District 5
- June 8, 2019. 12-4 PM, Spicewood Springs Branch.

- Know Your District History – District 6  
July 13, 2019. 12-4 PM, North Village Branch. Know Your District History – District 7
- August 10, 2019. 12-4 PM, Hampton Branch. Know Your District History – District 8
- September 22, 2019. 12-4 PM, AHC. Know Your District History – District 9
- October 19, 2019. 12-4 PM, Old Quarry Branch. Know Your District History – District 10

## **Central Library Services**

### **Central By the Numbers**

Parking net revenue for the month of December was \$31,049.\*

Recycled Reads Gift Shop revenue was \$29,416.\*

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

All revenue comes back to the Library.

December Event Space Use:

Special Event Center, 9 nonprofit rentals, 7 corporate rentals, 2 individual rentals, 5 Library programs

Rooftop/Living Room, 1 nonprofit rental, 1 corporate rental, 1 individual rental, 6 Library programs

Gallery, 2 nonprofit rentals, 2 corporate rentals, 1 Library program

Demonstration area, 2 nonprofit rentals, 3 Library programs

Totals: 14 nonprofit rentals, 10 corporate rentals, 3 individual rentals, 15 Library programs

Central hosted 98,246 customers in December; checked out 81,426 items; had 9,064 holds requested, had 8,641 computer sessions and 22,548 Wifi connections, issued 963 new library cards, answered 883 online reference and 7,572 in person reference questions, and provided 37 adult and 22 youth programs.

### **Branch Services**

One of the main highlights at APL this month was the rollout of the WiFi hotspots at the Southeast Community Branch. These hotspots, purchased for children and families who do not have access to WiFi, circulate for three weeks. This is the first installment of a service that will soon be available at the Little Walnut Branch as well as others in the future. In addition, the Southeast Branch held Noche de Fiesta, a holiday festival which included live music, holiday carols, a great magic show, craft activities, tamales and champurrado.

The Twin Oaks Branch had their Winter Book Sale event. Customers had the opportunity to browse and choose from a very large inventory of donations. Additionally, the children's area had a hot chocolate bar as well as the opportunity to make and take home a craft. The book sale generated \$1168.00.

The Manchaca Branch Library, as well as some other locations, held a special holiday program on how to decorate cookies. Cookie Decorating was presented by Gayathrie Marasinghe, Administrative Senior, at the Windsor Park Branch. In addition, Manchaca Branch held "The Power of

Memoir," a course teaching the basics of turning memory into polished stories that others will want to read and remember.

The Windsor Park Branch offered an Escape Room. This popular program, Mysteries of the Deep, involves physical adventure in which players solve a series of puzzle and riddles using clues, hints, and strategy to complete the objective to escape the room.

The Pleasant Hill Branch hosted "Jazz Portraits," an art exhibit by Austin artist, Christopher Hynes, highlighting African American jazz musicians from Texas.

The Old Quarry Branch Library held All Day Crafting with crafter extraordinaire, Bernadette Noll. Ms. Noll led customers in two crafts, collage postcards and felt bags, for four hours each. Forty - seven (47) people came to this program. Old Quarry also held a book sale on December 1. Customers were able to choose from a wide selection of donations. \$700 was collected in about six (6) hours.

Scavenger Hunts, always popular with our youth, continued in many of our branches. The Ruiz Branch (67 participants) celebrated the beginning of winter by finding animals that use camouflage to hide in snowy environments. The Pleasant Hill Branch (103 participants) held an elf scavenger hunt. And, the Spicewood Springs Branch's youth (414 participants) looked for hidden pictures of turkeys.

### **Recycled Reads Bookstore**

December revenue for Recycled Reads Bookstore was approximately \$11,600. Approximately 3,500 people visited the store, including 581 attending the 13 scheduled events. Donations were received from 185 people. More than 23 volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 42 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 19 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 30 pallets of materials representing approximately 65,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 25 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeds from APL we processed over 80,000 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.

### **Volunteer Services**

December 2018 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	176
Total Volunteer hours	1296.82
Total Value*	\$31,305.23

\*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

### **Policy Violations**

23	Disrupting use of Library services or property
17	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
19	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
14	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
10	Sleeping
7	Strong odor
6	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
5	Access sexually explicit material
5	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
4	Improper use of restrooms
4	Perform a criminal act
3	Entering a non-public area
2	Incite a breach of the peace
2	Carry or display a weapon
2	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
2	Offensive gesture or display
2	Smoking & tobacco use; burning materials
2	Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property
2	Violating internet policy
2	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
1	Threaten library property
1	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
1	Bringing animals into the Library
<b>137</b>	<b>Total</b>

### **Locations # of Incidents**

Central	34
Terrazas	11
Ruiz	8
Pleasant Hill	7
Southeast	7
Windsor Park	7
Carver	6
Cepeda	6
Manchaca Road	6
Spicewood Springs	5
St. John	5
Willie Mae Kirk	5
Little Walnut	4
North Village	4
Old Quarry	4
Twin Oaks	3
University Hills	3
Yarborough	3
Milwood	2
History Center	1
Zaragosa Warehouse	1

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### **Roosevelt Weeks** **Director of Libraries**