

More Than Books

Highlights

- Beginning at 6 PM on Friday, March 1 the Yarborough Branch Library will be closed for a comprehensive interior renovation, site accessibility improvements, landscaping upgrades and exterior repairs. The project is scheduled to take approximately 11 months.
- *Tune in to Health: A Radio Program for Travis County Rural Schools* is an exhibit featuring over 200 black and white photographs from the 1949-1950 school year of the *Healthy Living in Our County* radio program, a public health education initiative for Travis County rural schools. February 5 - April 21. Austin History Center.
- In celebration of Black History Month, Roland & The Roots Riddim, a roots rock Reggae band, will perform at Old Quarry Branch, February 14, and at St. John Branch, February 23.
- Learn the basics of 3D printing and how to design your own objects to make and share at bluePRINT for Teens. Teens 13-18 only. Friday, February 15, 6-8 PM, Central Library.
- The Carver Experience: Black Migration will include a screening of *Seeds of Success*, a PBS documentary about philanthropist, mentor, entrepreneur and scientist George Washington Carver, and a Global Trendsetter Speaker Affair about Austin's rapid economic technology migration. Presented with KLRU-TV. Saturday, February 16, 10 AM - Noon, Carver Branch.
- Know Your District History - District 2. Saturday, February 16, Noon - 4 PM, Southeast Branch.
- Chinese Mandarin - English storytime for ages 5 and under presents books, rhymes, finger-plays, and songs in both Chinese Mandarin and English. Tuesday, February 19, 3:30 PM, Milwood Branch.
- Join us for a live performance by Vellamo, a Finnish Folk Duo, as they make a USA tour stop in Austin. Wednesday, February 20, 7 PM, Yarborough Branch.
- KAZI Radio Book Review and Austin Public Library present the Third Annual Celebration of Diverse Literary Voices featuring panel discussions on literature and representation of current issues in the news and media. Participants include Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr. Saturday, February 23, 10 AM - 4:30 PM. Central Library Special Event Center.

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

Facilities Services

2018 Bond Program: In the November 2018 Bond Election, City of Austin voters approved propositions A, B, C, D, E, F and G, authorizing \$925,000,000 in general obligation bonds to fund capital improvement projects and programs. As a result of exceptional work by the Budget Office and other involved departments, the 2018 bond budget amendment is now slated to go before Council on March 7. This budget amendment, in the amount of \$152,200,000, provides the initial installment of appropriation for some of these projects and programs. Subsequent installments of appropriation will be included as part of the Annual

Capital Budget. Council will be asked to approve amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budgets for ten departments, including amending the Austin Public Library Department Capital Budget by \$3,700,000 for library facility improvements. The Austin Public Library has four, high-priority projects with start milestones planned for current Fiscal Year 2018-2019: 1) Faulk Library Building Repurposing as Archival Repository, 2) Austin History Center Restoration, 3) Old Quarry Branch Library Renovation and 4) Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Roof Replacement and Renovation. The next step for the department following the first round of appropriations in March is to negotiate and execute professional service agreements with the consultant architects and engineers needed to initiate the Design Phase of the four, prioritized infrastructure renewal projects.

New Central Library Project: Library Facilities Services and the Public Works Department continue to work with vendors, consultant architects and engineers and Austin Energy to improve the operation of the photovoltaic system which was designed to meet the average full building load. In like fashion, Library Facilities Services continues to work with Peter Davis, the Public Works LEED/Sustainability Project Manager, Austin Energy and the Office of Sustainability to publically highlight the success of our eco-initiatives at the Central Library. On February 8, Austin's sustainability community gathered at the Central Library to celebrate the building's LEED Platinum designation by the U.S. Green Building Council. Guest speaker Mahesh Ramanujam, President and CEO, U.S. Green Building Council, presented the award to the Library Department and the City of Austin. Various warranty and repair work continues to be finished by the general contractor and his subcontractors throughout the building at this time.

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 AHUs, 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. On February 21, the project engineer will be at the University Hill Branch Library site to perform an electrical assessment in order to provide an electrical power design for the pole lights proposed for the new parking lot area. 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 advertising the project for bids from interested and qualified contractors.

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 February 18, 2019, a portion of the construction remained in the demolition phase which includes the removal of restroom partition walls, heating/air condition units, controls, some plumbing, electrical fixtures and carpeting. In addition, new interior walls are being constructed as electrical rough-ins and plumbing rough-in inspections are approved. "Roughing in" is generally defined as the installation of the concealed portion of electrical or plumbing work to the point of connection for fixtures. 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.

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:

Beginning at 6 PM on Friday, March 1, the Yarborough Branch Library will be closed for a comprehensive interior renovation, site accessibility improvements, landscaping upgrades and exterior repairs. The project is scheduled to take approximately 11 months. During the closure, Austin

Public Library customers may receive full library services at other branch locations including the nearest branch, the North Village Branch Library at 2505 Steck Avenue. Starting on March 3, the North Village Branch Library will be open on Sundays from 2 - 6 PM.

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: As of February 11, this project has been advertised for solicitation of bids in a Competitive Sealed Proposal process, with bids due to the City of Austin on or by March 14. A Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 20, at 10 AM, at the Faulk Library Building. The Library Facilities Services project team, along with personnel from both the Capital Contracting Office and the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources will be present to answer any technical questions from the contractors in attendance. Also, an inspection tour of the building's site and roof will be provided so that the prospective bidders may assess the current condition of the roofing materials and the physical approaches to working atop this downtown building. Building Exterior Solutions (BES), Engineering Consultants, developed the 100% Complete Construction Documents on behalf of the Library Facilities Services Division for demolition and replacement of the entire 29,000 square foot 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. At the present, construction estimates to replace the aging roof range from \$900,000 to \$1,300,000. The project is expected to begin construction on August 12, 2019.

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 January 11, Digital Archivist Nikki Koehlert and Records Analyst Jenna Cooper presented at the 4th Annual Greater Austin Area Information Literacy Symposium (GAAILS). They gave a presentation, "Fact or Fiction: Developing Information Literacy to Evaluate and Use Records," to 68 Austin-area library and information professionals promoting information literacy outreach programming.
- On January 12, AHC Manager spoke to the ATXelerator class at the Center for Austin's Future about the political history of Austin. This is a program to provide training and support to emerging leaders in Austin and those who are interested in running for elected office or serving on City commissions.
- On January 21, African American Community Archivist kYmberly Keeton represented the AHC at the City's annual MLK Day Celebration.
- On January 30, Processing Archivist Molly Hulst and Asst. Manager Nancy Toombs staffed a table at Career Fest, an annual event sponsored by the City of Austin. Approximately 2500 students attended and Nancy & Molly spoke with over 200 students about the AHC and the archivist and librarian professions.
- On January 30, Asian American Community Archivist Ayshea Khan led presentation to two groups of fourth graders at Travis Heights Elementary about Isamu Taniguchi for Fred Korematsu Day. All month students had been using the Korematsu Day curriculum she designed and wanted to ask additional questions. 50 students in total participated

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 8 collections, the Richard Denney Photograph Collection, the Austin LGBT Chamber of Commerce (ALGBTCC) Records, the Mayor's Court Ledgers, the Austin Networker Records, the Stayton Family Papers, the Dorsey Hardeman Papers, Weigl Iron Works Papers, and the Shoal Creek Project Records. Staff also processed additions to the Maria Teresa Rabago Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Former City Councilwoman Ora Houston donated materials related to her political campaigns as an addition to her archives at the AHC. Other donations of note include additions to the Roy Guerrero Papers including correspondence and artifacts; and 3 oral histories conducted by Ayshea of Mamata Misra regarding Saheli (an organization that provides assistance to Asian and other immigrant families dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking) and Dhila Vaidya and Shobha Kotecha of South Asians' International Volunteer Association (an organization that promotes a sense of well-being, belonging, and fulfillment for older adults of South Asian heritage through community engagement, education, partnership-building, and advocacy and civic

involvement.)

- The AHC's YouTube channel passed 1 million views in January. Video Archivist Tim Hamblin has been making steady progress on digitizing video from various collections, including the Austin Music Network archives, public access TV archives, and other collections and making the content available for users. The AHC currently has over 500 historic videos available for viewing on YouTube.

Exhibits

- The AHC opened its newest exhibit in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery, "Tune in to Health: A Radio Program for Travis County Schools." This exhibit presents photograph selections from the Texas Extended School and Community Health Education Program Records (AR.2002.017) archived at the Austin History Center. The collection features over 200 black and white photographs from the 1949-1950 school year of the Healthy Living in Our County radio program, a public health education initiative tailored for Travis County rural school classrooms.

Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the upcoming books *13th Floor Elevators: A Visual History* and *Exploring Women's Suffrage Through 50 Historic Objects*, documentary films "Nothing Stays the Same: The Saxon Pub Story" and "Forging a Green Identity," an upcoming episode of the PBS series *Finding Your Roots*, a memorial tribute for former mayor Gus Garcia, and City of Austin reports on Oakwood Cemetery and the ecology of the Hill Country.

Upcoming Programs

- 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

The new year brought an avalanche of requests for curated reading lists from our Personal Picks team - we sent out 25 personalized suggestion lists to customers this month. People checked out 39 packets from the seed collection, and we added 287 new packets. We now have 720 seed packets representing 50 varieties.

APL After Dark is attracting new Library users. 60% of

customers who provided feedback hadn't attended a Library event in the last year.

Youth Services has a volunteer who will provide drop-in tutoring in math and science two Tuesdays a month. The tutor is a physics teacher from a private school downtown. We will use this opportunity to cross-promote Brainfuse, the online tutoring service we offer.

The Central Library celebrated its first participation in Civil Rights Day with a speaker from Jolt! and the Worker's Defense Project, who spoke to a group of 270 teens and teachers.

Central By the Numbers

Parking net revenue for the month of January was \$45,458.* Gift Shop revenue was \$19,713.*

*These numbers are not from the official accounting record. All revenue comes back to the Library.

January Event Space Use

Events Revenue was \$37,170.

Special Event Center, 2 nonprofit rentals, 4 corporate rentals, 5 Library programs
Rooftop/Living Room, 1 corporate rental, 2 Library programs
Gallery, 2 nonprofit rentals, 2 Library programs
Demonstration area, 1 nonprofit rentals, 4 Library programs
Totals: 5 nonprofit rentals, 5 corporate rentals, 11 Library programs

Central hosted 108,857 customers in January; checked out 93,077 items; had 12,461 holds requested, had 10,833 computer sessions and 22,598 Wifi connections, issued 1,618 new library cards, answered 1,244 online reference and 7,928 in person reference questions, and provided 59 programs.

Branch Services

Branches commemorated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in various ways during the month of January. Here are a few examples:

- Milwood Branch - Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This program was dedicated to discussing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his legacy and a book discussion of *Why We Can't Wait*.
- Old Quarry Branch – A book display, "In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy."
- The Southeast Branch filled all of their youth and adult displays with MLK, the Civil Rights Movements, and related topics. Adult endcaps included books, pictures, and descriptive texts about the Selma to Montgomery marches in 1965.

The Cepeda Branch had a successful art program in which artists Carole Hayman and Theresa Bond demonstrated their art process, particularly the printing aspect of it. Twenty adults attended this program. In addition, the Branch Manager at Cepeda, Irma Flores-Manges, is involved in an outreach program (bookclub) to seniors at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Center. She recently visited them and they selected their new titles, both fiction and nonfiction, for the remainder of the year.

The Southeast Community Branch has increased its efforts in providing services to youth after school. The staff is providing video gaming as well as a program called, Teen Space. The computers used for Teen Space include programs for assistance with homework, media editing, game design, and game play. In addition, all of the twenty WiFi hotspots are checked out. The welding class at Southeast continues to go well with fourteen students enrolled. Once this eight (8) weeks class is completed, participants will receive a certificate.

In an increasing effort to address the digital divide more branches are now offering computer classes as well as "drop-in" sessions. The Little Walnut Creek Branch is offering "Microsoft Word Intro," "Microsoft Excel Intro," "Hand Held Devices," and "Introduction to Computers." And, like the Southeast Branch, Little Walnut is also offering a Teen/Tween gaming program which was designed from a need to create a space and an after school activity for youth. The tween and teen population now frequent the space to work on homework, online gaming, social media, and stream music.

In a partnership with Pure Action Yoga, The Yarborough Branch has been offering yoga for seniors for quite some time. They are now offering Teen/Tween yoga. This program encourages mindfulness and meditation for tweens and teens. In addition, the Yarborough Branch offered a children's display to promote Mirror Mirrored (at ACE), a display for "Best Books" for youth for 2018, and the 2019 Bluebonnet Books.

The Spicewood Springs Branch continues to have a robust chess club. Their 'Pajama Storytime' is also popular each month. Spicewood is getting ready to welcome the OverDrive Digital Bookmobile on March 11. And, they are in the planning stages of offering "Conversation Café." Spicewood Springs, our busiest branch in the system, continues to amaze us with the amount of volume they do.

The Terrazas Branch had an active January with the starting of Controversy and Conversation, the monthly documentary film viewing series for 2019. The first showing had over 47 customers to attend the screening and discussion on *The Central Park Five*. The discussion was led by Andrea Marsh, a Lecturer at the University of Texas. She also worked for the Texas Fair Defense Project and has had a longtime relationship with the Humanities Institute. Aural Literature poetry and readings began its yearly series in the month January as well. Samuel Trevino, an APL employee, directs the program this year having taken over the direction from a previous Chicon Street Poet member. This month 24 people attended the readings and verbal dialogue. In addition, Terrazas started a new program called the "Miniature Guild", which allowed customers to paint miniature fantasy type figurines. Customers enjoyed it tremendously and asked about having the program more often as many of them were not able to finish painting their miniatures.

The Carver Branch held a homeschool social where participants explore STEM themes, paired with stories and activities. Carver Branch also greeted fifty-five students from KIPP. In addition, Carver held a program on bullet journaling, a new approach to keeping your calendar and schedule of events and activities.

Recycled Reads Bookstore

January revenue for Recycled Reads Bookstore was approximately \$14,000. Approximately 4,000 people visited the store, including 214 attending the 12 scheduled events. Donations were received from 350 people. More than 23 volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 38 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 27 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 30 pallets of materials representing approximately 74,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 30 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

January 2019 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	210
Total Volunteer hours	1761.8
Total Value*	\$42,529.85

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

Policy Violations

25	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
23	Disrupting use of Library services or property
23	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
12	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
11	Sleeping
7	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
6	Incite a breach of the peace
6	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
6	Offensive gesture or display
5	Improper use of restrooms
4	Entering a non-public area
4	Perform a criminal act
3	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
2	Access sexually explicit material
2	Bringing animals into the Library
2	Violating internet policy
1	Threaten library property
1	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
1	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
1	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
1	Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property

146 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Central	49
Terrazas	13

Manchaca Road	11
Southeast	9
Windsor Park	7
Pleasant Hill	5
St. John	5
Milwood	4
Carver	3
North Village	3
Yarborough	3
Little Walnut	3
History Center	2
Cepeda	2
Old Quarry	2
Ruiz	2
Willie Mae Kirk	2
Faulk	1
Recycled Reads	1
Twin Oaks	1
University Hills	1
Zaragosa Warehouse	1

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