

More Than Books

Highlights

- Sewing Lab offers help with small personal projects. Sewing machines provided. Thursday, March 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Ruiz Branch.
- Bring the whole family for a fun day of music and movies at the Multimedia Festival. Saturday, March 16, 11 AM - 5 PM, Pleasant Hill Branch.
- Learn easy, chemical-free screen printing methods you can use at home. Screen Printing 101. Saturday, March 16, 1-3 PM, Cepeda Branch.
- Explore the wonders of science, learn about women in STEM careers and spark your imagination with a hands-on STEM activity. Monday, March 18, 2-4 PM, Little Walnut Creek Branch.
- If you've ever thought of designing your own Roblox game, come learn Scratch from the experts at The Coder School and build your own videogame. Designed for ages 7-14. Tuesday, March 19, 2-5 PM, St. John Branch.
- Practice a New Language using the Mango Languages application offered by APL. Friday, March 22, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM, Windsor Park Branch.
- Unicorn University is a series of programs to introduce and teach the community about how to use the Cricut Maker. Make Decals at this month's session. Saturday, March 23, 12 - 5 PM. Twin Oaks Branch.
- A Celebration of Song: Songwriters in Concert features three acclaimed musicians - Dustin Welch, Vanessa Livey, and Kalu James. Presented by Austin Public Library and Home Street Music. Saturday, March 23, 1-3 PM, Central Library Special Events Center.
- A Celebration of Song: Songwriting Workshop will be lead by Dustin Welch and Vanessa Livey, who will lead an interactive workshop guiding participants through exercises, jams, and discussions about everything from technique to inspiration. No prior experience necessary. Sunday, March 24, 1-3 PM. Central Library Special Events Center.

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

Facilities Services

2018 Bond Program: On March 7, the Austin City Council approved an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget to increase appropriations of the following departments for the following municipal purposes: Neighborhood Housing and Community Development by \$42,000,000 for affordable housing; Austin Public Library Department by \$3,700,000 for library facility improvements; Economic Development Department by \$500,000 for creative spaces; Parks and Recreation Department by \$28,150,000 for museum facility and parkland improvements; Watershed Protection Department by \$61,650,000 for flood mitigation, open space and water quality protection; Austin Public Health Department by \$600,000 for a new neighborhood public health facility; Emergency Medical Services by \$7,850,000 for emergency medical services station improvements; Austin Fire Department by \$1,600,000 for fire station improvements; Austin Transportation Department by \$2,550,000 for

transportation infrastructure improvements; and Public Works Department by \$2,600,000 for transportation infrastructure improvements.

New Central Library Project: The Library Facilities Services contingent responsible for stewardship of the New Central Library has been busy this month assisting in the installation of several art exhibits, overseeing punch list and warranty work performed by the electrical subcontractor on the building's energy monitoring system, and continuing to work with other involved City departments on setting up the various energy monitoring platforms needed to activate the Sustainability Dashboard video screen on the second floor. Their newly hired Landscape Technician, Adrian Santos, will start work on March 18 and help drive the sprucing up and replanting of the Rooftop Butterfly Garden and the other landscaped planter beds and grounds located at the New Central Library.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade: The scope of work for this project consists of the removal of two (2) existing air handling units (AHUs) and a heating water boiler from the current mechanical room in the interior of the building, followed by 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. This project suffered the loss of its original Project Coordinator when Armando Cubriel retired from the City of Austin on January 31, but a new Project Coordinator has been hired to replace Armando and she will start work on February 18. The new Project Coordinator is Marrilee Archer, a mechanical engineer who has served the Austin Public Library as a Project Coordinator previously. A project kickoff meeting is now being scheduled before the end of March to coincide with Marilee's second week on the job. The kickoff meeting will need to include, among others, the engineering consultants, the construction contractor and involved staff from Library Facilities Services, Public Works-Construction Services Division, Capital Contracting and the Asbestos, Lead (Pb), Mold Management Group from the Office of Building Services. During upcoming conversations with the participants regarding when 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 stands ready to commence work on the date specified in Notice to Proceed when issued by the owner and will be expected to 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 civil engineering firm assigned to the project, Stantec Consulting Services, is currently striving to produce 60% Complete Construction Documents by March 29, 2019 for review by Library Facilities Services. The documents will then be submitted by April 15 to the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department for their review. 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: Stanley Consultants, the project's consultant engineers, delivered the revised 90% complete Construction Documents set to the Library Facilities Services Division on February 1. Following a review by Library Facilities Services and the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department, the Library Department in liaison with the Capital Contracting Office 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: As of March 11, construction activities were moving forward smartly at this site, and the project schedule was being maintained. 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. Currently, HB Construction crews are upgrading heating and air-conditioning for the building by installing new equipment and modifying the duct work throughout the library while providing new, automatic controls to increase energy efficiency. Their crews are likewise nearing completion for the building out of walls to enclose the new quiet reading room area along with the partitions needed for the library materials self-check machines, book return area and the circulation desk. By April 20, the crews are expected to be fully engaged in installing new partitions, countertops and tile in the restrooms of the facility. Demolition work on the existing roof and skylights is also expected in late March or early April to make way for the installation of the new roofing system and skylights. Mobilization of equipment, such as lifts, and various roofing materials will soon be present on site in preparation for this upcoming work on the exterior of the building. 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 are also being 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.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project

The Austin History Center is currently slated to receive \$2 million from the 2018 Bond Program for restoration work on this landmark facility. On March 5, Council approved of an ordinance to provide appropriations from the 2018 Bond Program to ten departments, including the Austin Public Library. The Austin Public Library received an appropriation of \$3.7 million to allow the department to initiate the design phase of its four, highest prioritized projects, and the restoration of the Austin History Center is one of those four projects. In a separate project development, a new Project Coordinator has been hired by Library Facilities Services to replace Heidi Tse, who took a Project Manager position with the Public Works Department last year. The new Project Coordinator is Ngoc-Minh Bruce, and she is anticipated to start work at the Austin Public Library on March 18. Ms. Bruce is a trained architect and has served the City of Austin previously in the employment of Austin Energy, Public Works, Austin Water Utility, Austin Resource Recovery and Municipal Courts.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp

Improvements Project: This project remains in design with its construction documents judged to be 30% complete at this time. As hidden conditions, primarily structural and roof deterioration, were encountered while the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was being conducted, Library Facilities Services has chosen to combine this accessible ramp relocation project with the larger Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Roof Replacement and Renovation Project that received voter-approved funding in the 2018 Bond Program. This project is considered to be one of the department's four most pressing infrastructure renewal projects at the present time, and it is anticipated that new Project Coordinator MARRILEE ARCHER will assume project management responsibilities for this work after she joins Library Facilities Services on March 18.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

At 6 PM on Friday, March 1, the Yarborough Branch Library closed for a comprehensive interior renovation, site accessibility improvements, landscaping upgrades and exterior repairs. The project is scheduled to take approximately eleven (11) months for full completion. On February 26, the Facilities Services project coordinator conducted a meeting with the contractor and the Asbestos, Lead (Pb) and Mold Management Group (ALMG) from the Office of Building Services to review any lead-based paint remediation requirements prior to any construction activities being initiated. It was determined that the levels of lead-based paint found in the facility were

well below the threshold for full remediation, allowing the contractor, Brown and Root, to perform deconstruction work while taking minor precautions. On March 4, Library Facilities Services staff began removing from the building all library materials, existing steel shelving and any furniture to be reused after the renovation. The contractor is working in the meantime with the Permitting Office to acquire the building permit in order to be able to start work as soon as Notice to Proceed is issued. While the Yarbrough Branch Library is closed for remodeling, 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: On February 27, the project management team met with a representative from J&S Flooring at Eanes High School to inspect the recent installation of a new flooring finish, Kinetex, at that facility. Due to the product's easy maintenance, longevity, acoustical properties and lesser cost, Library Facilities Services is seriously considering using Kinetex instead of carpet during the renovation of the Cepeda Branch Library. Adoption of this product for the project will assist in the value engineering process now in progress to bring the scope of work within the limits of the project budget. This proposal to substitute an alternate product was received from the contractor on March 8 and is now under review by Facilities Services staff.

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 non-mandatory Pre-bid meeting was conducted on February 20, at 10 AM, at the Faulk Library Building, and approximately twenty (20) contractors were in attendance to familiarize themselves with the roof and site. The Library Facilities Services project team, along with personnel from both the Capital Contracting Office and the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources presented the project scope of work to the attending contractors and reviewed all the applicable contracting requirements necessary to submit a proposal to perform the work. Joining the City of Austin team in answering technical questions from the contractors was the roofing consultant, Building Exterior Solutions (BES), Engineering Consultants. A second, non-mandatory site visit was conducted on March 6 from 10 AM until 2 PM due the interest of contractors who missed the first walk-through. Approximately twelve (12) contractors were present on this occasion and were able to 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 for this project 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. Construction estimates to replace the aging roof have ranged from \$900,000 to \$1,300,000. The project is expected to begin construction on August 12, 2019 and to

reach substantial completion by October 28.

Twin Oaks Sail Shades Project: The Sail Shades, requested by branch staff to shade the outdoor amphitheater and allow for more programming activities to take place, is now in design. The Job Order Contractor (JOC) assigned to this project, Brown & Root, anticipates having the construction plans completed by the end of March, and these will be then routed to the project's civil engineer to stamp and seal. When the design and approval process is completed, the building permit can be issued and allow work to start. The project coordinator expects construction activities to begin at the site in April.

Spicewood Springs Branch Library Grounds Improvement Project: The Capital Contracting office has agreed to allow the Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program as the construction delivery method for this project. On March 7, the assigned Job Order contractor, Jamail & Smith, met with Capital contracting and Library Facilities Services staff to review the project parameters. The grounds improvements planned for the site include: replanting flowering and other native plantings along the front entry and parking lot, clearing drainage channels, removing pea gravel and replacing it with more suitable material, and planting additional trees. The contractor is now compiling the preliminary proposal to perform the work, and the project coordinator anticipates having the first draft of the proposal in hand by the end of March.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- On February 9, Records Analyst Jenna Cooper gave a presentation to the Junior League of Austin about Austin women in politics.
- On February 16, the AHC kicked off its "Know Your District History" series with the District 2 event at the Southeast Branch. For the pop-up gallery, community members shared stories and documents about the project to save some of the trees in the Dove Springs area.
- February was a big month for the African American Community Archivist kYmberly Keeton, who led and organized more than half a dozen programs. She kicked off the month with a powerful panel discussion on creating the African American historical narrative in a post-gentrification Austin, held at the AHC, followed by genealogy workshops at the Carver Museum, Black Farmer Files lectures at the Texas Farmers Market at Mueller, a pop-up archive at the Pflugerville Public Library, and tours of the "A Place for all People" exhibit at ACE.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 6 collections, the Austin Sewerage Company Records, the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, District 7, Records, the Texas Vorwärts Records, Austin Council of Parent-Teacher Associations Records, Anita Schutze Travel Service Records, and the Richard Denney Photograph Collection. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC acquired the records of ACCESS to Learning, Inc. ACCESS to Learning was an organization that

started in 1996 as a way to bring cultural and educational sites and schools together through field trips, traveling exhibits and linking curriculum with local museums. The organization dissolved in 2018 and the organizational records and curriculum records were donated to the Austin History Center.

- The AHC also acquired the first installment of photos donated by former Austin photographer Bill Leissner. His work is the subject of an upcoming book by Waterloo Press, the publishing arm of the AHCA, and an exhibit in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery.

Exhibits

- The AHC opened 3 different exhibits at the Central Library: "A Place for All People" on the 3rd floor; "Clearing Stones, Sewing Seeds" on the 6th floor; and "Getting Austin Elected" on the 4th floor.

Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in KVUE News segments on Volma Overton and Austin's first African American firefighter; a KUT story about the SIMS Foundation and special for Love Austin Music Month; a Texas Tribune story about the Texas Legislature; landmark planning and research for PARD; documentary films about the Yogurt Shop murders, SIMS Foundation, and Johnny Cash; and for exhibit at the Texas Military Forces Museum and the Asian American Resource Center.

Upcoming Programs

- March 30, 2019, 10 AM, AHC. Healing Herstories.
- 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 Creek Branch. Know Your District History – District 4
- April 25, 2019. 6:30 PM, AHC. Author event with Andrew Busch, author of *City in a Garden*.
- May 5, 2019, 10:30 AM, Wooldridge Square Park. Rise UP! AAPI Wellness in Wooldridge Square.
- May 5, 2019. 2 PM, AHC. AHCA Annual Meeting.
- May 7, 2019. 6:30 PM, AHC. Exhibit opening reception and book talk for "Austin Icons of the 1980s."
- May 18, 2019. 12-4 PM, Manchaca Road 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 3, 2-4 PM, AHC. Story Slam with the South Asian American Digital Archive
- 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

Staffing Update

The new organization structure encompasses changes that create opportunities, embrace new directives and library models, and encourage the organization to be forward

looking and outward facing. It includes the creation of two new Divisions - Innovation and Improvement, and Communications – and will allow the library to create a more efficient organization, provide more promotion opportunities, and align staff to address the library's six strategic priorities. The reorganization does not include any reductions in staff.

Central Library Services

The Central Library welcomed famed author, Christopher Paolini. The author of the well known works, *Eragon*, *Eldst*, *Brisinger*, and *Inheritance* drew a crowd of 350 people including adults and youth.

In addition, the Central Library welcomed writer and historian, Joe Nick Patoski, and musician and songwriter, John Dee Graham. The Special Events Center was full to capacity with 350 attendees.

The Central Library celebrated Black History Month by placing numerous book displays around the library. Some of these displays included fiction by African American authors and poetry by African American poets. Other noted works by and about noted African American figures were rotated on the APL TV.

Other interesting displays included "What to Plant in February," "Shoal Creek Book Club: Nature Writing Titles," "Western by Women," and a timely display on the Oscars.

Additional programs held in February included:

- Night Crafters – an adult craft program featuring a different craft every month
- Austin Symphony Woodwind quintet
- True Crime Book Club
- Seed Library Gathering: Seed cleaning and packing
- Resume Writing Training
- Introduction to Microsoft Word and Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- How to Use Public Speaking to Attract More Clients

The Central Library hosted four tours for the Texas School for the Deaf. It is always a wonderful opportunity for us to share our resources with students. We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting the students from TSD and developing a relationship with them. We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership.

The Central Library also hosted two tours for the Ann Richards School for Girls. The students were here to navigate and measure our spaces for a school project.

Literature Live presented the puppet show, *Tiger Woman*, with 50 people in attendance.

Teen Librarians participated in an outreach event, *Breaking Barriers Latinx Youth Conference* at the MACC. Approximately 55 people attended this event where library resources and program information was shared.

Central By the Numbers

Parking net revenue for the month of February was \$45,458.*
Gift Shop revenue was \$23,372.*

*These numbers are not from the official accounting record.

All revenue comes back to the Library.

February Event Space Use

Events Revenue was \$50,335.

Special Event Center, 13 nonprofit rentals, 3 corporate rentals, 8 Library programs

Rooftop/Living Room, 1 individual rental, 1 Library program

Gallery, 1 nonprofit rental, 2 Library programs

Demonstration area, 1 nonprofit rental, 1 Library program

Totals: 15 nonprofit rentals, 3 corporate rentals, 1 individual rental, and 12 Library programs

Central hosted 99,811 customers in February; checked out 88,928 items; had 10,297 holds requested, had 10,106 computer sessions and 20,800 Wifi connections, issued 1,315 new library cards, and answered 1,038 online reference and 8,596 in person reference questions.

Branch Services

The Windsor Park branch has a new intergenerational program called "Grandpals" which brings together pre-k children and senior adults from a nearby assisted living center to work on a craft and listen to stories. Intergenerational programs build social skills of both children and seniors, and are a fun way to promote literacy across multiple age groups.

Tax season has returned, and several branches are offering tax forms and tax assistance from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. Tax Assistance is free and available to anyone of any age--especially if you are 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.

In celebration of Chinese New Year, our very successful Literature Live team presented their puppet show, Tiger Woman, at most branches during February. Tiger Woman, based on the book by Laurence Yep, is a Bunraku-style puppet show based on a traditional Chinese story. Other Chinese New Year programs included paper lantern-making at the St. John branch and a Year of the Pig make-and-take craft at the Howson branch.

Branches recognized and celebrated African American History Month across the city. Some of the programs included:

- Music by Roland & The Roots Riddim, a roots rock reggae band, at the St. John and Old Quarry branches.
- "A Celebration of Denzel Washington" film series and display at the University Hills branch.
- At the Howson branch, a book discussion of "Pride" by Ibi Zoboi, a modern retelling of Pride & Prejudice set in modern day Brooklyn.

Recycled Reads Bookstore

February revenue for Recycled Reads Bookstore was approximately \$10,050. Approximately 3,400 people visited the store, including 163 attending the 11 scheduled events. Donations were received from 260 people. More than 20 volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 46 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 74,000 items, and we continued our price per pound program with Thrift Books in Dallas. Approximately 23 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, Pleasant Hill, Twin Oaks, Southeast, St. John, Manchaca Road and University Hills Branches for onsite book sales.

Volunteer Services

February 2019 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	293
Total Volunteer hours	1570
Total Value*	\$38,763.30

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.69 per hour.

Policy Violations

- 29 Disrupting use of Library services or property
- 21 Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
- 20 Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
- 14 Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
- 10 Sleeping
- 7 Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
- 7 Offensive gesture or display
- 7 Strong odor
- 6 Bringing animals into the Library
- 5 Access sexually explicit material
- 4 Incite a breach of the peace
- 4 Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
- 4 Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
- 4 Violating internet policy
- 3 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 3 Perform a criminal act
- 3 Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property
- 2 Threaten library property
- 2 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 2 Smoking & tobacco use; burning materials
- 2 Improper use of restrooms
- 1 Appropriate clothing is required
- 1 Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
- 1 Entering a non-public area

162 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Central	34
Terrazas	14
Windsor Park	14
Cepeda	10
Little Walnut	9
Milwood	9
Ruiz	9
Manchaca Road	7
St. John	5
Twin Oaks	5
University Hills	5

Southeast	4
Pleasant Hill	4
Willie Mae Kirk	4
Carver	3
History Center	2
North Village	2
Recycled Reads	2
Old Quarry	1
Yarborough	1

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