Summer Reading Program



2019 Report

Programs for ages 5-10

142 programs with 14,782 attendees







Buffalo Soldiers

We had a lot of fun this summer with some terrific programs!

We had 7 different in-house created kit programs this year (Fairy Houses, Geronimo Stilton Party, Halloween in Summer, Magical Creatures, Space Camp, Super Narwhal and Jelly Party, Water Art).

We hosted 16 different performers this year including the Austin Symphony, 123 Andres, All Rhythms, Austin Opera, Austin Reptile Show, Bernadette Nason, Bright Star Theatre, Buffalo Soldiers, Carolina Storyteller, Elizabeth Kahura, Magician John O'Bryant, Magik Theatre, Pollyanna Theatre, Rolie Polie Guacamole, Sandbank Shadow Factory, and Bill Balboa from Sea Grant Texas. APL's in-house puppet troupe, Literature Live! also performed Jack and the Beanstalk!

Magical Creatures: How many more of these are there --can we go to all of the magical creatures programs?

Halloween in Summer: "We had the best time OMG it was so much fun!!! Great program if this summer!! We have the best Library system around!!"

Austin Opera: "The Austin Opera program for kids was great! Just the right mix of entertainment, fun and culture."

Buffalo Soldiers: "The Buffalo Soldiers were great. My grands loved participating in the storytelling activities. They gave informative information about dangerous animals if ever in areas with them & what to do--we remained afterwards to ask more questions."

Austin Symphony Partnership

7 programs at Central with 6,494 attendees



Austin Symphony Art Park

This was our second year of hosting this annual Austin tradition at the library and it was spectacular. We had an overwhelming response and are already planning for 2020 and 2021. The Austin Symphony creates 2 hours of programming that includes an instrument petting zoo for hands-on experience, 2 symphony performances per program, as well as storytelling and crafts. It is jam packed with experiences for all ages.

This year we also had the opportunity to hold two symphony programs in the branches and they were so successful we are looking forward to expanding that to more branches in 2020.

"Loved having the Austin Symphony at the Milwood Library! My kids enjoyed having live music and touching/playing the instruments. This exposure is invaluable, and I appreciated it was available at the local library."

"A great exposure to kids to violin, cello, and other instruments in a very kid friendly manner. Thank you for the opportunity!"

"We loved having Symphony events in North Austin!"

Literature Live!

19 programs with 1,263 attendees



With glow in the dark scenery and dancing beans, this summer's puppetshow was a smash hit with children and parents alike! The Literature Live puppeteers substantially reworked their script and scenery while using their classic puppets and came up with one of their best puppetshows ever. We can't wait to see what they do next.

"We have loved the literature live for years. They are always A plus, this year's summer show was no different!"

"It was great. Enjoyed the spin and broken toe, and my niece enjoyed the part where the mother rescues the giant. Very cute!"

"I loved the show. It was fun. Everyone was having a good time."

"This was the best puppet show yet loved the set and story telling. It was an excellent show kids loved it. You came up with a very clever variation."

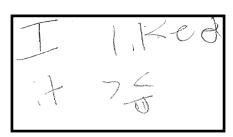
Programs for tweens (9-12)

80 programs with 1,593 attendees



Galaxy Art Program

We really expanded our Tween programs this year and got a fantastic response from the public. Programs were almost completely created and ran by staff members. We held a series of Science Art programs including Galaxy Bracelets, UV Resin Jewelry, and Glow in the Dark Art. We held Percy Jackson Parties, Fortnite Parties, and sewed fantastic felt creatures while we watched movies. There were also artists in residence doing fiber art and visiting artists doing pop art. All that and more!



Chibi Program Comment Card

Michael Albert Pop Art: "Super fun and creative event. Our whole family enjoyed it. Thank you."

Galaxy Art: "My granddaughter, 8 year old, had a lot of fun painting in the art class. It's a program that combines the science, i.e., the "Solar System" and the art together and makes the subjects interesting to the young kids. We appreciate the program like this that enhances the community service. Thanks for the good work!"

Programs for Teens

16 programs with 280 attendees





Stranger Things themed Escape Room Program

We worked closely with our Teen Councils this year to develop programming that reflected things they wanted to learn, experience, and participate in. This resulted in amazingly diverse programming that appealed to a variety of teens.

This year we held K-Pop Dance Parties, Silent Raves, Escape Rooms, 3D printing, APL Studios (a series for filming and editing video), a Twitch Lab, and a cooking program!

A Staff member on APL Studios: At the end of the program, two teens stayed behind to talk about their writing project. One girl was very excited that the vast majority of attendees were girls. "I hope this means that the future of film has more girls like us."

Twitch Lab: "I really like how the presenters build community and relationships online."

And now for books!

Yearly Summer Reading Program Finishers

SRP Finisher Stats

Branch	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
ACE	1312	1047	272	172	154		198	199	88	167	221	113
ACB	109	104	252	162	64	21	34	35	77	66	17	11
ACP	207	59	294	377	171	218	161	113	58	44	56	18
АНО	123	90	227	189	90	101	93	132	150	147		177
ALW	158	102	444	472	133	183	131	102	106	121	122	112
AMI	346	265	433	358		287	378	378	338	286	392	392
AMR	505	219	411	415	264	181	180	177	175	206	207	168
ANV	273	125	317	347	335	186	224	179	194	200	143	60
AOK		665	1304	1069	539	411	507	514	387	198	470	522
AOQ	218	173	375	340	156	139	119	109	136	169	170	167
AOS/AWK	148	128	197	296	377	23	33	19	39	25	35	13
APH		327	362	345	327	153	136	148	155	126	142	145
ARZ	230	213	198	150	68	71	220		108	109	131	82
ASJ	135	58	285	469	259	173	82	53	75	103	46	79
ASE	138	40	178	173	167	82	65	69		144	202	120
ASR	759	690	1051	754	630	619	550	491	464	509	405	462
ATB	67	9	129	130	57	41	33	50	71	65	75	80
ATO	256	111	337	269	162	130	175	162	70		63	55
AUH	208	175	222	224	133	64	56	61	145	273	168	192
AWP	151	0	201	163	125	78	77	115	71	154	125	92
AYB		214	446	422	228	202	223	180	186	220	269	248
Bookmo- bile	276											
Year To-	5619	4814	7935	7296	4439	3363	3675	3286	3093	3332	3459	3308
# prize	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Finishers:	5619	4814	3968	3648	4439	3363	3675	3286	3093	3332	3459	3308