



# AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY PLAN

LIBRARY COMMISSION RETREAT

July 8, 2023



GROUP 4

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# AGENDA

1. Project Overview
2. Key Themes
3. Library Vision, Mission + Strategic Goals
4. Library Facilities
5. Questions

“The library is so vital and amazing. I use it almost every day, in some way.”

*- Austin community member*

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# Project purpose



Develop a vision for Austin's future library services and spaces

Develop a **Strategic Plan to guide APL** for the next five years

Develop a Plan to guide future APL strategies, programs, and spaces

Strengthen APL's position as a **key partner for the City** in solving community issues



# Community-driven plan



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"I think libraries are one of the best symbols of a free, developed country. I find them, as a concept, to be incredible. A great example of government and public service."

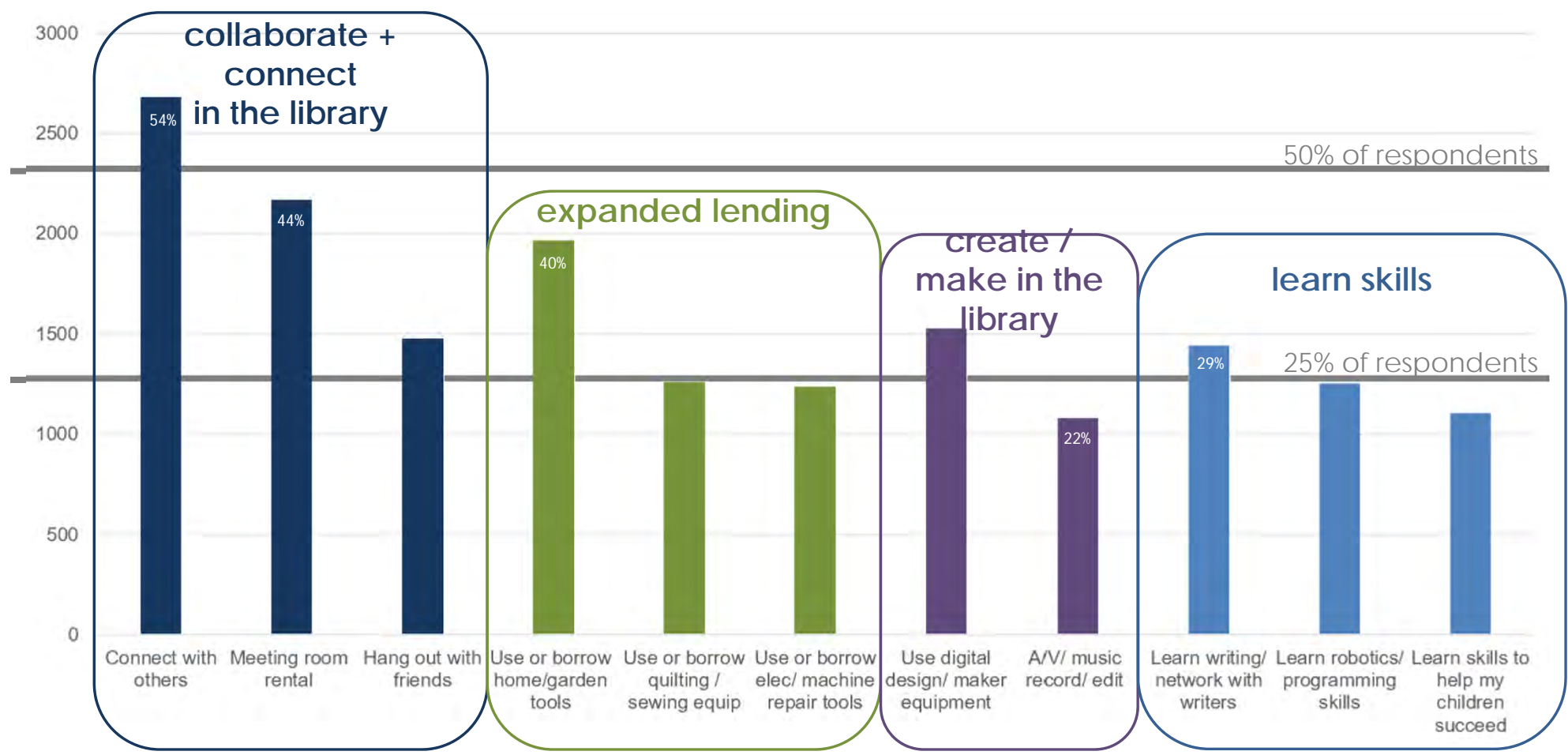
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# Austinites want more from APL



➤ What would like to do / do more of at the library?



~4,900+ Austin residents via the community survey



# Partners want to work with APL



# Library vision + mission



## VISION

**Austin Public Library:**  
**A model of equity, inclusion,  
access, and diversity.**

## MISSION

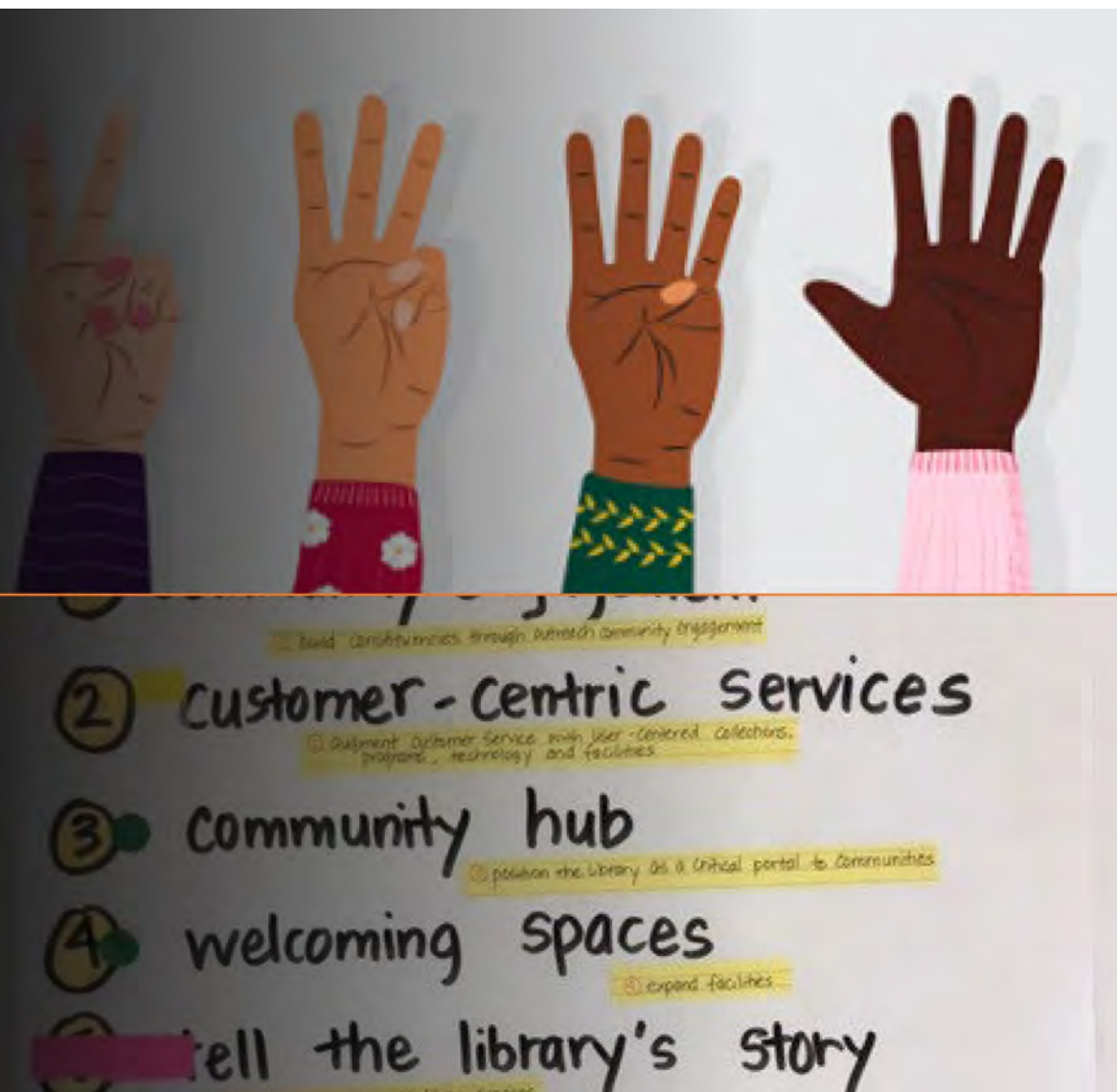
**Inspiring all to discover,  
learn, and create.**



# Library strategic goals

## 5 GOALS

1. Provide community-centric programs and services.
2. Design and develop spaces for community connections.
3. Foster stakeholder relationships.
4. Expand library access.
5. Engage staff.



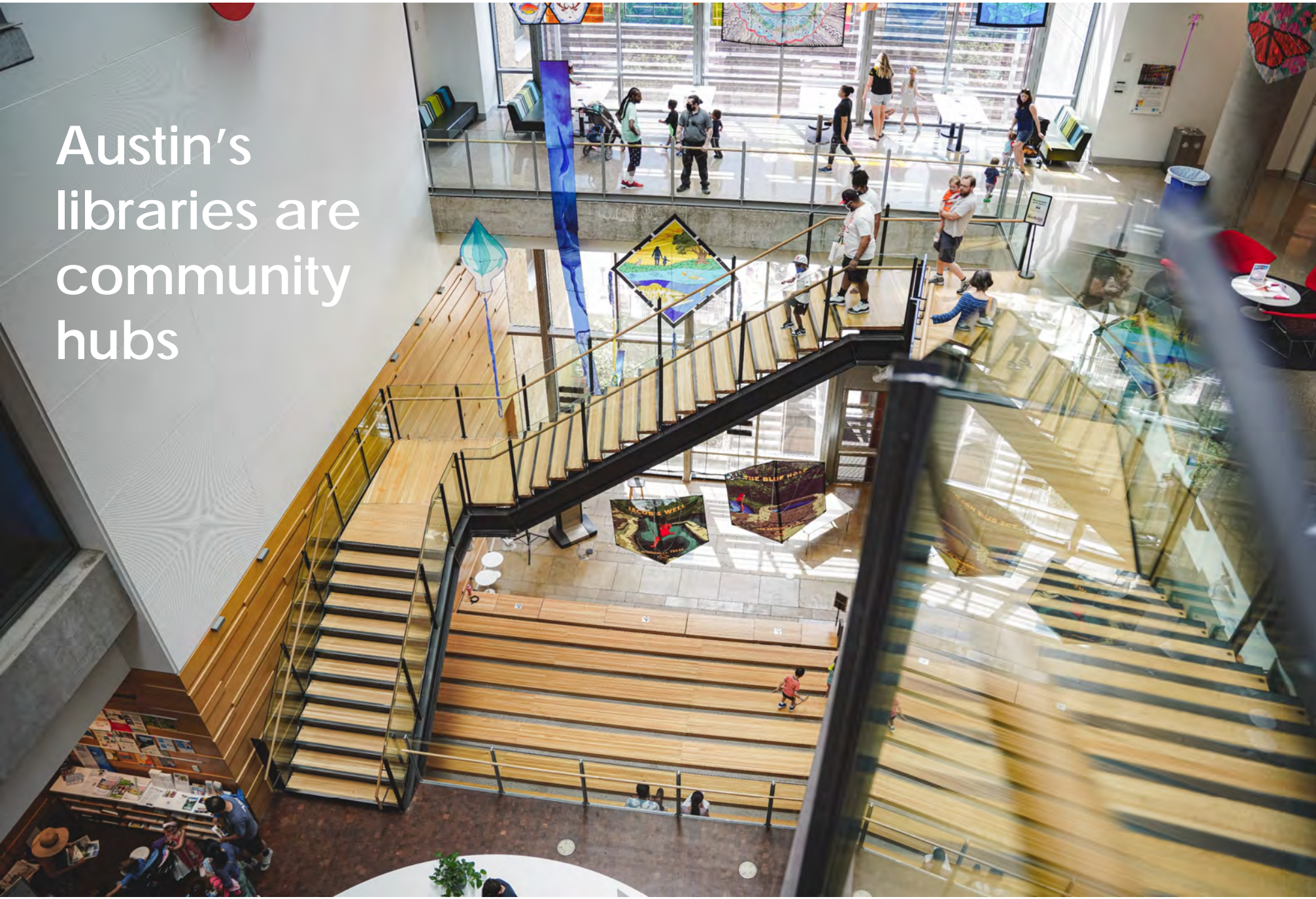
# Guiding Vision + Principles for APL Facilities



- Austin's libraries are community hubs.
- Austin's libraries provide equitable access to library spaces and services.
- Austin's libraries have the capacity to serve its growing population.
- Austin's library network grows sustainably.



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# Space for Core Programs + Services





# Space for High-Interest Programs + Events





# Space for Partnerships



**APL Election Day Voting Locations (Travis County)**

- Carver Branch
- Yarborough Branch
- North Village Branch
- Hawson Branch
- Milwood Branch
- Spicewood Springs Branch
- Ruiz Branch
- Twin Oaks Branch
- Terrazos Branch
- Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Connie, Carver Branch (2020)



AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY + Book People

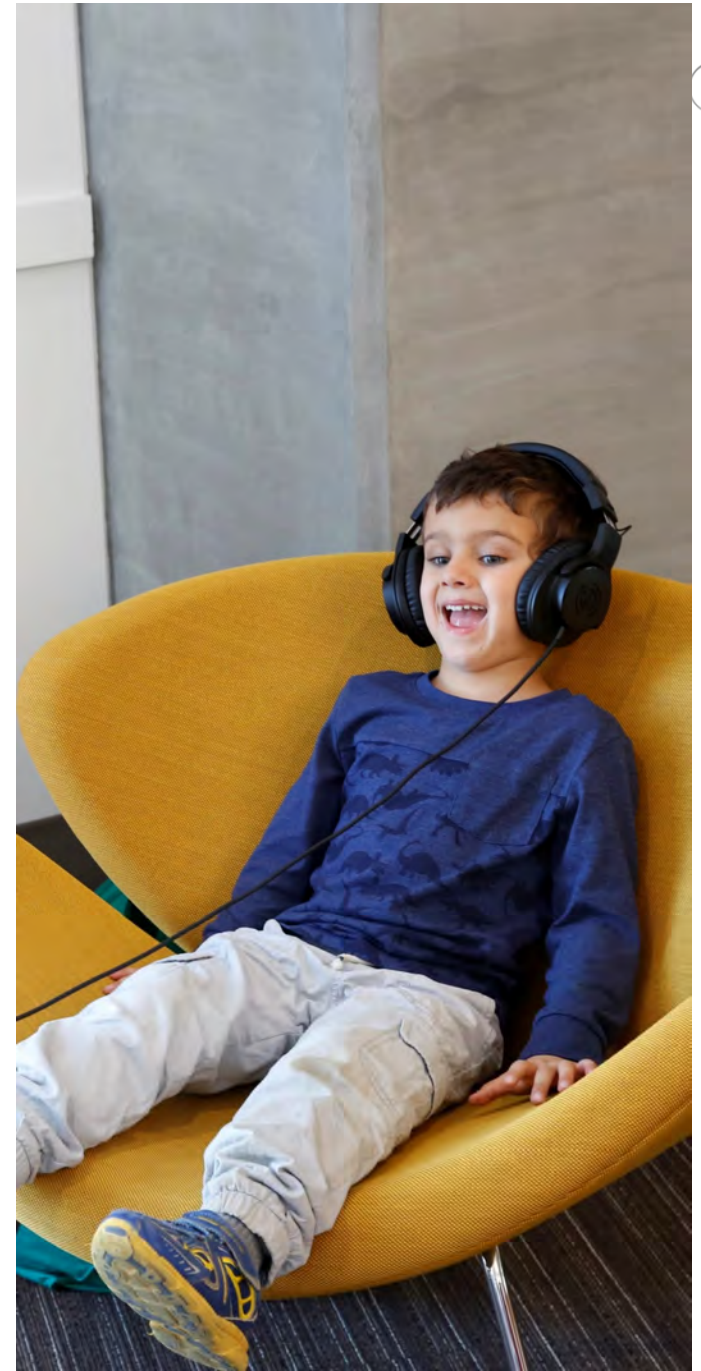
Austin, TX • est. 1970  
www.bookpeople.com

**So, we're tackling banned books, together.**





# A Place for Everybody





# Arts + Culture Showcase





# Reflect Austin Communities





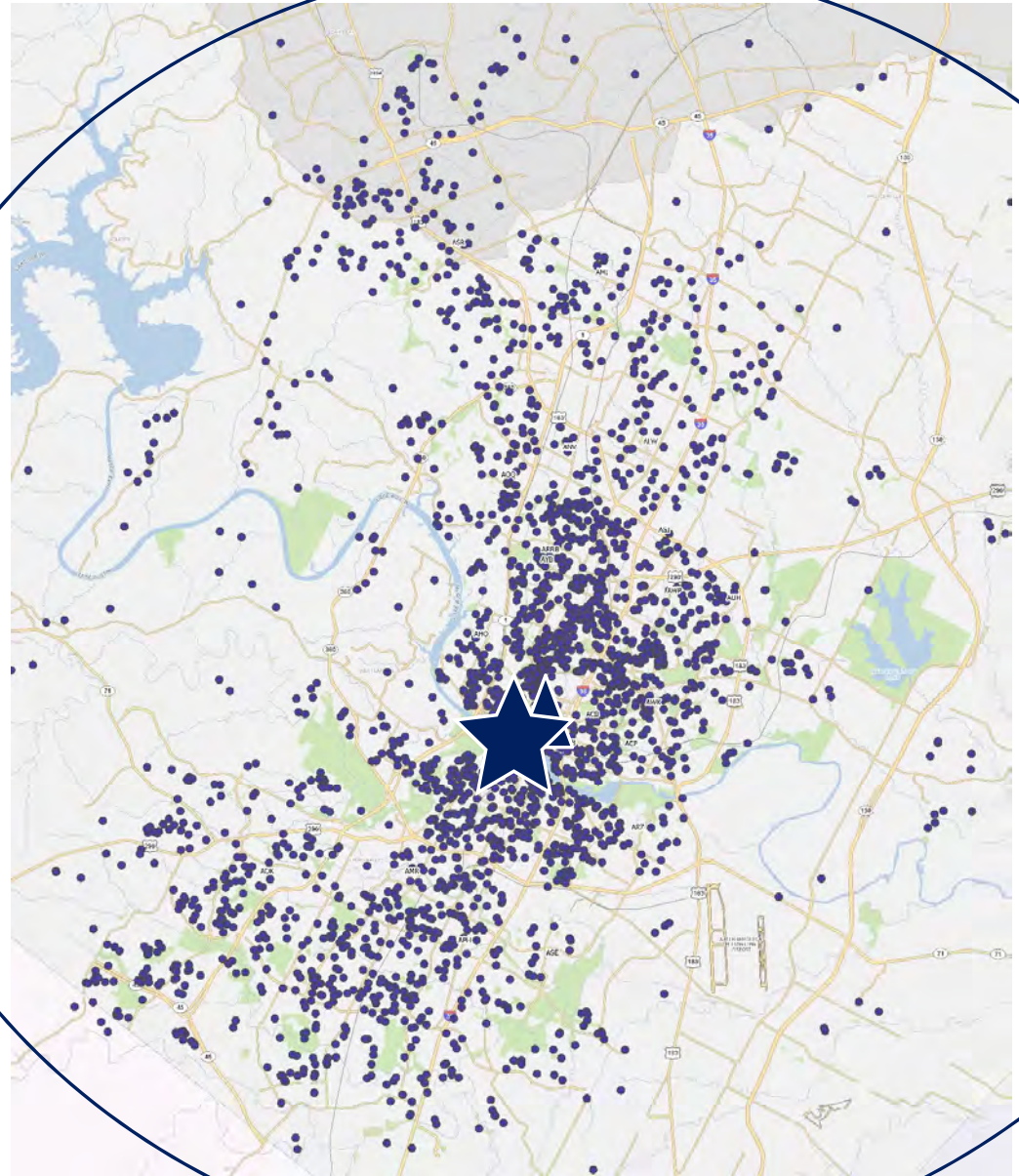
# Ready for the Future



# Libraries provide equitable access



- Central Library and AHC are citywide resources

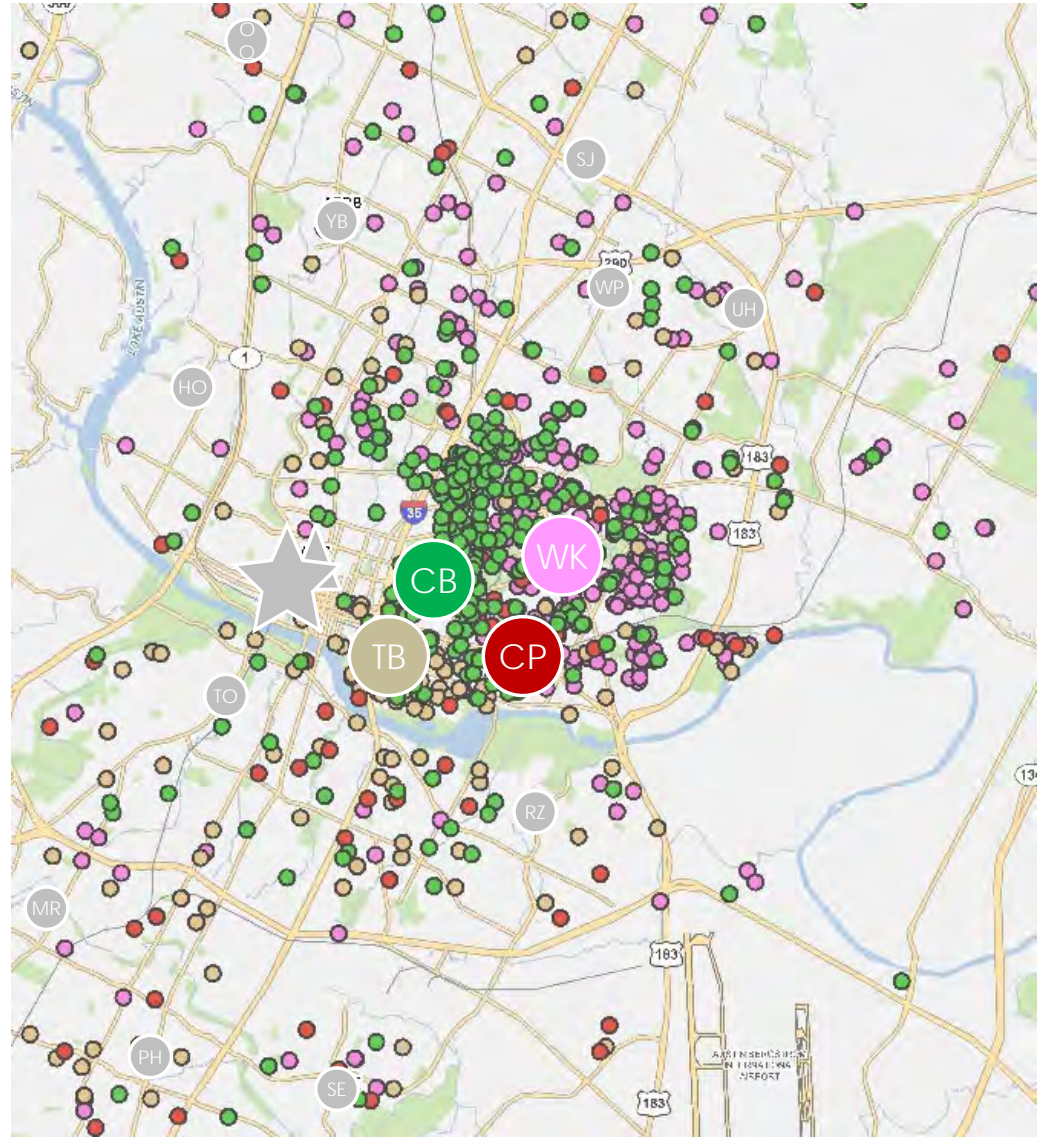




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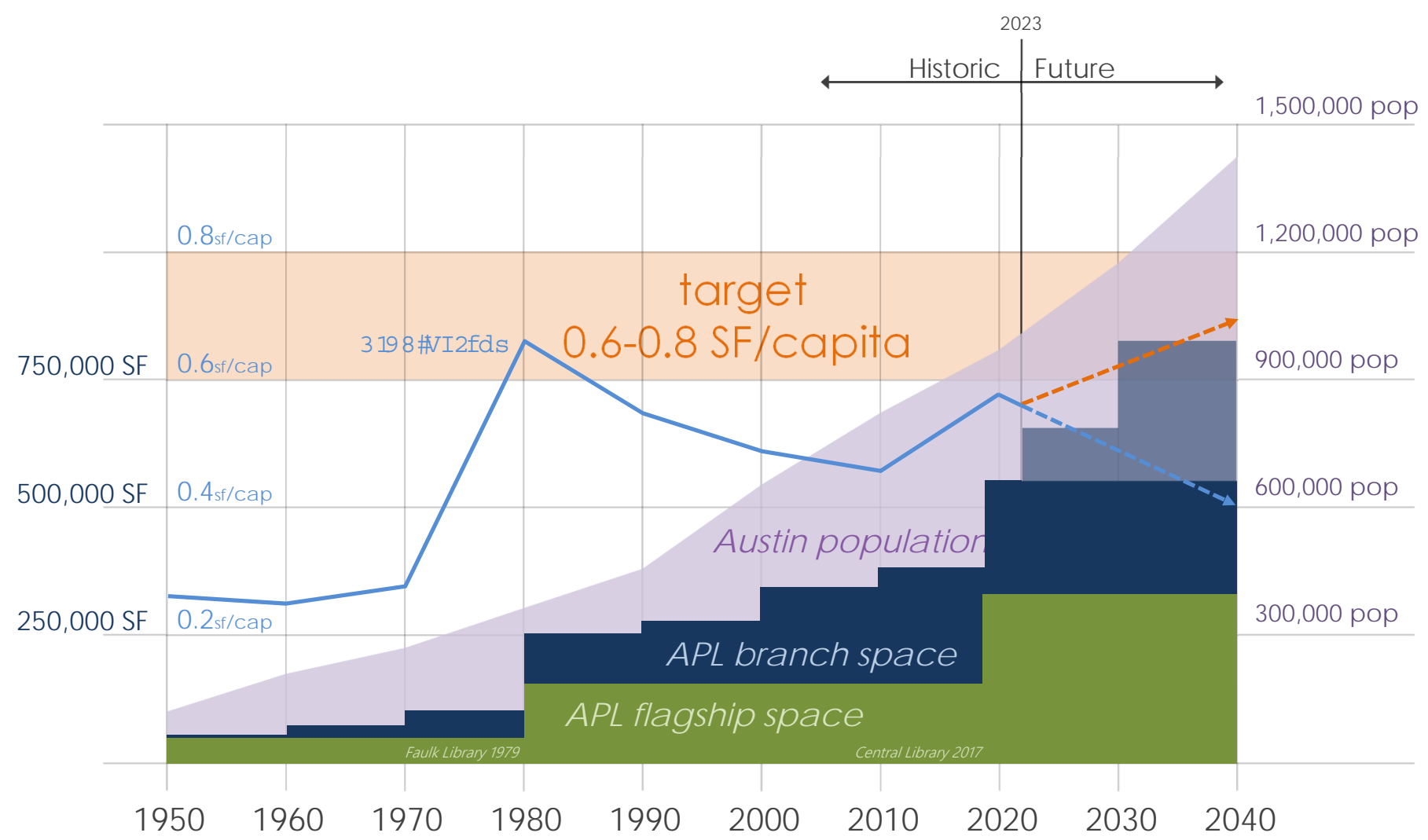


- Austinites use multiple branches - not just the one closest to home
- Branch use is shaped by geographic factors, including I-35 and the river
- Ensure that all four quadrants have equitable branch library capacity for their respective population sizes





# Libraries provide capacity for the community





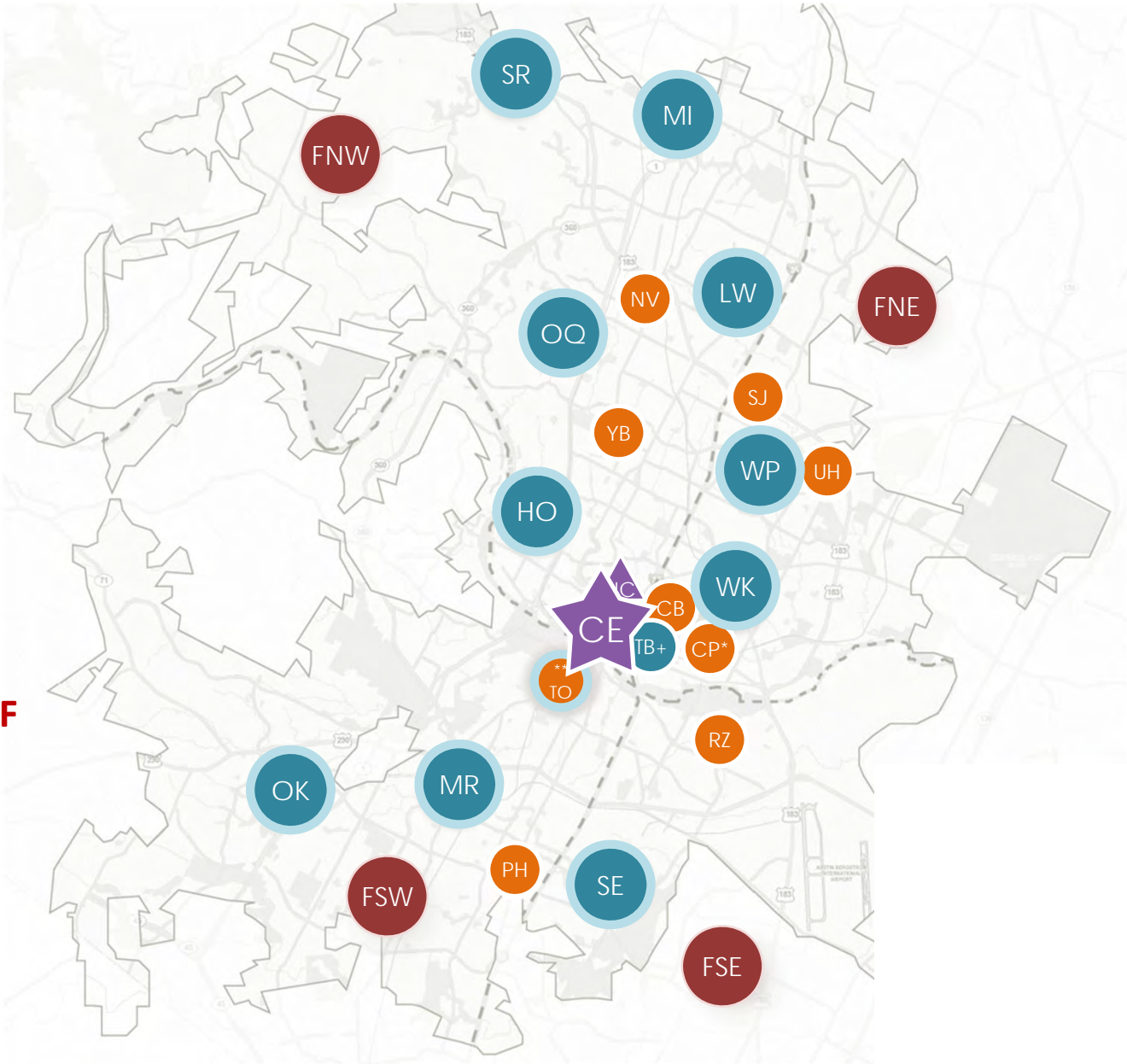
# Long-range APL facilities vision

## MAINTAIN AT CURRENT SIZE

- Carver
- North Village
- Pleasant Hill
- Ruiz
- St. John
- University Hills
- Yarborough
- Cepeda\*
- Twin Oaks\*\*

## NEW 30,000+ SF

- Far Northeast/ Colony Park
- Far Northwest
- Far Southeast
- Far Southwest



## EXPAND OR REPLACE at 30,000+ SF

- Hampton at Oak Hill
- Howson
- Little Walnut Creek
- Menchaca Road
- Milwood
- Old Quarry
- Southeast
- Spicewood Springs
- Willie Mae Kirk
- Windsor Park
- Terrazas<sup>+</sup>







# THANK YOU!

