

Director's Report
June 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS



Summer at Austin Public Library - the APL Summer Reading Program

Summer at Austin Public Library is in full swing! APL is challenging our Austin Community to read or be read to at least 20 minutes a day from June 5th – August 18th, and complete three (3) activity badges! Youth ages 0-17 can earn a free book, and adults can pick up a free enamel pint at any Austin Public Library branch (while supplies last)! As of June 8th, APL already has over 1,000 customers registered to participate!

Summer events planned across the APL system - APL is hosting over 350 summer programs for youth, families, and adults! We're offering a wide range of programs from story times to animal visits, art workshops, magic shows, STEM programs, and more! For more information, visit https://library.austintexas.gov/summer.

Passport Services

APL Passport Services is experiencing tremendous growth and success, with plans for expansion and integration into various events to be easily accessible to the needs of potential passport



applicants. In May and June, 2023, the APL Passport office at Central offered same day walk-in passport application services to new citizens participating in the naturalization ceremony at the Central Library and had its most successful days with approximately \$1,300.00 in profits each day. APL plans to continue this service following future naturalization ceremonies scheduled throughout the year. In addition, the passport office will host a walk-in event on Monday, July 3, 2023, at the Central Library where over 50 applicants will be able to obtain services. These events present excellent opportunities to serve more customers beyond our current online reservations which quickly book up. APL's Passport Services is also expanding our services to three new locations to enhance accessibility for applicants. In the near future, the Ruiz and Spicewood Springs branch libraries will offer passport application services and starting in early July, Recycled Reads Bookstore will open its passport services office. With the additional locations, and outreach events, customers will now have even more ways to apply for passports with APL.

AWP Braille Enhanced StoryWalk

The Texas Talking Book Program and Austin Public Library have partnered to create an accessible, braille-enhanced StoryWalk® at APL's Windsor Park branch. Now open to the public, the StoryWalk® is located at 5833 Westminster Dr. and is a permanent installation incorporating a children's story that has been deconstructed, with each page displayed separately along a path for participants to read and enjoy. The APL Windsor Park StoryWalk® tells The Three Billy Goats Buenos story by Susan Middleton Elya. Be sure to check it out!

AWK Multi-Site Virtual Storytime and Juneteenth Celebration

APL's Willie Mae Kirk staff hosted an outstanding, first time ever, In-Person and LIVE Streaming Storytime with NAACP award-winning children's book author Alice Faye Duncan, on June 15, 2023. With 460 attendees, of which 57 were in-person and the rest virtual attendees, many from Austin ISD classrooms, the LIVE virtual event, featured a storytime and Q&A with Ms. Faye Duncan. The Library Foundation also partnered in the event by purchasing 20 copies of Ms. Faye Duncan's books to give away. Storytime was followed with Juneteenth-themed activities such as a color me quilt, where children design a freedom-themed quilt patch that AWK plans to assemble and

hang in the branch. Alice Faye Duncan kept everyone engaged with her interactive storytelling and songs, some children were even singing after the storytime. The storytime was really informative about the history of Juneteenth and the significance behind food and music in African American culture and how it still impacts our community today. From youngest to oldest everyone in the room seemed to learn something new! The storytime even made the news, with an article in the Texas Standard on the event.





Carver Juneteenth Celebration and Screening of the Making of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Carver branch library celebrated Juneteenth in a festive atmosphere around the theme of Freedom Communities. The branch offered a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, storytime, delicious food, and an engaging history lesson by Storyteller Joan Stewart





that delved into the significance of Juneteenth and freedom communities. The event culminated in a documentary screening and panel discussion on the history of the naming of MLK Street, featuring former members of the Austin Black Assembly discussing their efforts from 1975-1976 to rename 19th Street after Civil Rights activist, Marin Luther King Jr.

Cepeda Branch Silver Celebration

The Cepeda branch library celebrates its 25th anniversary this year! We're marking this occasion with a grand celebration on June 24, 2023 from 10am – 1pm, featuring Ballet Folklorico MariCruz, Mariachi Los Gallos, a special storytime, snacks, crafts and activities for all ages!



Pride Prom Back at Central!

APL's Pride Programs committee brought back Pride Prom this year and welcomed 264 attendees into the Central Library on June 16th. The committee sought to honor APL's mission to inspire ALL to discover, learn and create by offering crafts, reflection space, a slideshow on the history of the LGBTQIA+ community in Austin, and by hosting local



LGBTQIA+ organizations, including Austin Pride and the Human Rights campaign, who tabled at the event. Attendees shared appreciation for the library hosting this inclusive event.



Volunteer Program is Increasing Numbers

APL's Summer Youth Volunteer Program will have 75+ youth volunteers this summer! The Summer Youth Volunteer Program is an eight-week program in June and July. Youth volunteers, ages 13-17, are placed across the system; including Central, branches, and even the Zaragoza Warehouse. They will volunteer once a week for four hours. At the end of the summer, they will have put in 32 volunteer hours each. Per the organization, Independent Sector, who provides calculations for volunteer value; one hour of volunteer time is equivalent to \$29.86 per hour. With 75+ volunteers each donating 32 hours of work, that puts the City of Austin at saving \$71,664+ this summer! In addition, our total active volunteers program across the department is nearing 300 volunteers, up from the 40 volunteers that returned to volunteering after APL resumed the program in August 2021.

Work Language Books and Streaming Video Contracts Approved

APL's world languages books and online steaming contracts were approved for renewal by the City Council on June 8th. These contracts signify the continued commitment to provide materials for the diverse needs and interests of our customers. The world language contract is particularly significant as it authorizes the execution of nine contracts with vendors who offer books and materials in languages other than English. The renewal of the online video streaming service for the library allows library users to instantly stream videos, offering a convenient and flexible way to access educational and entertaining content. The products and services are customized for the unique needs of public libraries and provide a valuable resource for APL to enhance the overall experience for patrons. By securing these contracts, and others like them, APL can continue to foster a culture of equity and diversity, ensuring that all residents have access to resources that resonate with their languages and cultures by providing equitable access to information and entertainment for all residents of Austin.



CIP AND SMALL PROJECTS

5 BRANCHES RENOVATIONS - LINK

Design Development Phase

Last Month: Individual schematic plan review with branch managers and librarians completed. Met with Library Interiors of Texas to discuss furniture. Initial proposal for Design Development, CD and CA phase rejected due to cost.

Next Month: Negotiate revised proposal from consultant w/PW PM; schedule meeting with AISD to review St. John's scope of work

Next Milestone: Signed amendment with

consultant.

Expected Start/End: Summer 2023 – Spring/May

2025

Actual Start: TBD

FAULK AND HISTORY CENTER - LINK

40 % construction Phase

Last Month: Faulk's progress includes mechanical installations, landscape excavations, and exterior cleaning. Progress at the History Center includes stone replacement on the North elevation and exterior window painting.

Next Month: Continue progress in the Faulk building on mechanical installations, landscaping, and exterior cleaning. The stone replacement on the North elevation of the History Center will be wrapping up and preparation for scaffolding to move to the South and East elevations.

Next Milestone: Scaffolding change at AHC in July

Expected Start/End: Nov 2022- Spring 2024

Actual Start: Nov. 1, 2022

ROOF AND MECHANICAL REPLACEMENT - LINK

Construction Documentation Phase 100%MEP for Howson; Carver and Yarborough are still pending corrections.

Last Month: Pre-Proposal meetings held for Carver, Yarborough, and Howson.

Next Month: Scope of Work for Carver and Yarborough; Howson was received last month.

Next Milestone: Updated Cost Estimates

Expected Start/End January 2024

Actual Start October 2024

CEPEDA TRAIL – LINK

Construction Documentation 100% CD

Last Month: Organizing Project Team to include Urban Trails

Next Month Pre-construction site walk is scheduled

Next Milestone: ESPA with Austin Energy, letter of intent/permission from APL to sidewalk division to start work on APL property. Revised Cost

Estimate

Expected Start/End: Late 2023 - Early 2024

Actual Start:8/18/2023

SMALL PROJECTS

Construction Phase

Last month: Trees at Willie Mae were trimmed to canopy height. Power washing and painting of exterior has been completed. Beautification at Carver has been completed.

EV stations at Zaragoza; DO was issued and waiting on parts

Next Month: Working on parking lot stripping and mulching flowers at

Willie Mae. Expecting to begin EV stations installations at AZW

Expected Start/End: Dec. 2022 - Sep. 2023

HAMPTON PARKING LOT EXPANSION – LINK

Construction Documentation Phase: 100% CD
Last Month: Geologist onboarding and rate update

for sub-contractor

Next Month: Projected Start, check for Biohazards

before clearing

Next Milestone: Clearing Trail alignment

Expected Start/End: Summer 2024 – Spring 2025 **Actual Start**: NTP this month/TBD 6/30/23

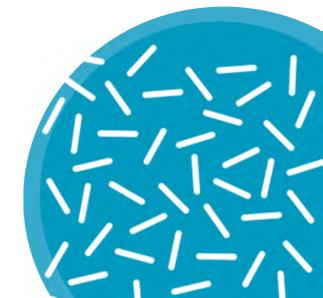
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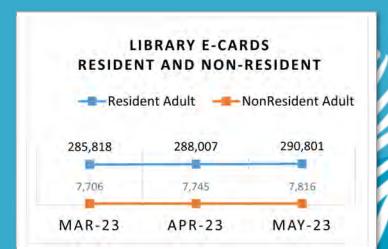




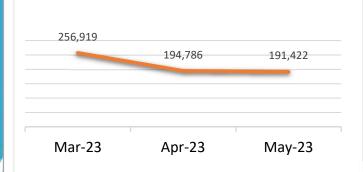
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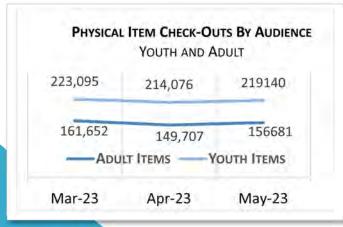


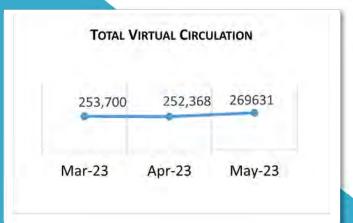




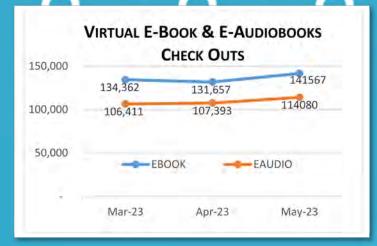
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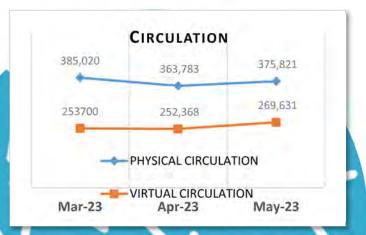




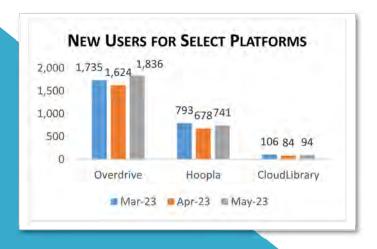


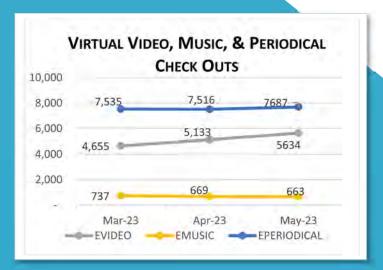








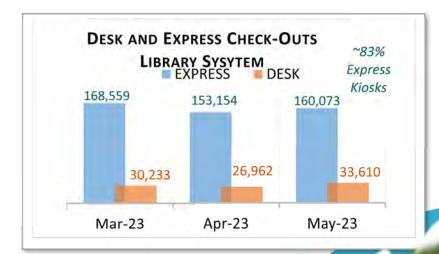


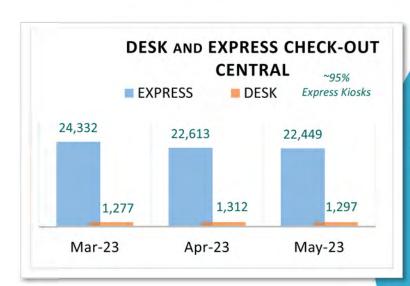


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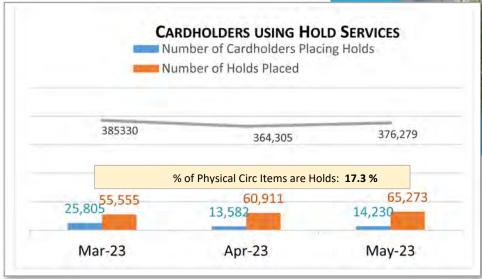




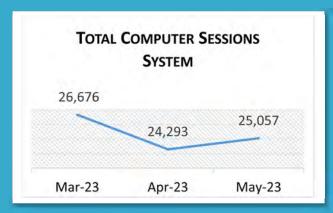


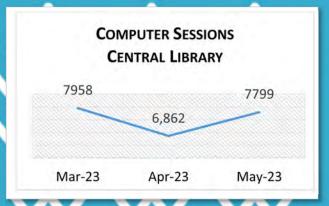




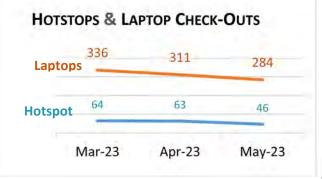


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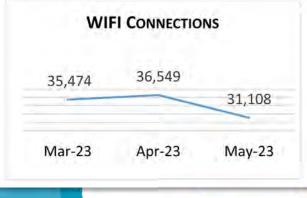










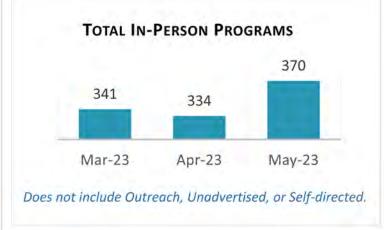


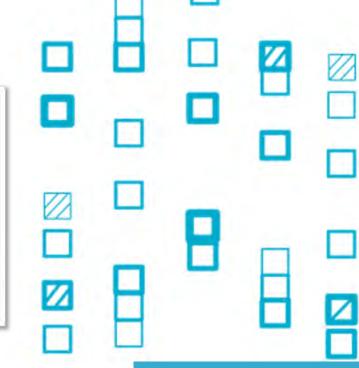


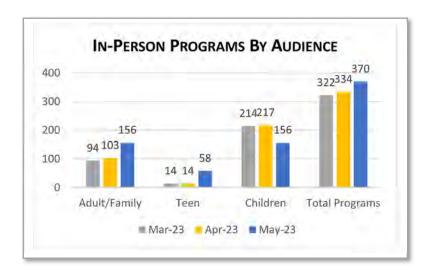
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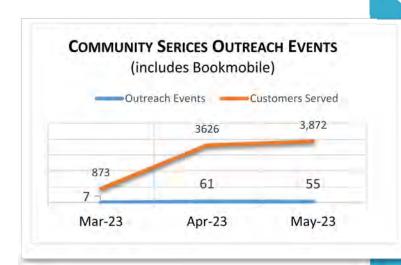














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