

# AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



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 5<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Street after Civil Rights activist, Martin 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 Folklórico MariCruz, Mariachi Los Gallos, a special storytime, snacks, crafts and activities for all ages!





## 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

## 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

## 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 2023

**Expected Start/End:** Nov 2022- Spring 2024

**Actual Start:** Nov. 1, 2022

## 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

## APPROPRIATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

	■ Appropriated	■ Obligated
HAMPTON PARKING LOT	\$751,000	\$286,192
CEPEDA TRAIL	\$307,000	\$187,363
ROOF AND MECHANICAL	\$4,082,651	\$523,116
FAULK AND HISTORY CENTER	\$19,382,250	\$16,547,390
5 BRANCHES RENOVATIONS	\$9,490,000	\$605,161

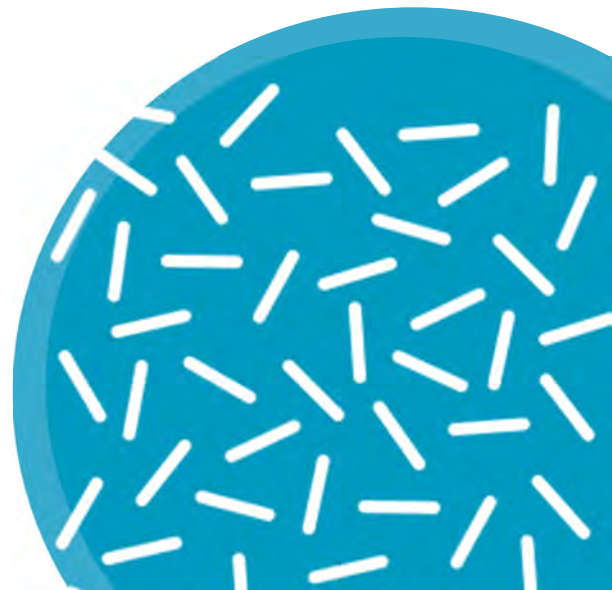




# APL BY THE NUMBERS

## June 2023

AUSTIN  
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LIBRARY



# Cardholders

### TOTAL CARDHOLDERS

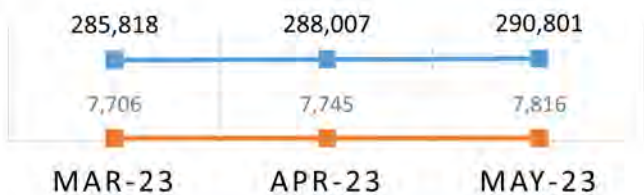


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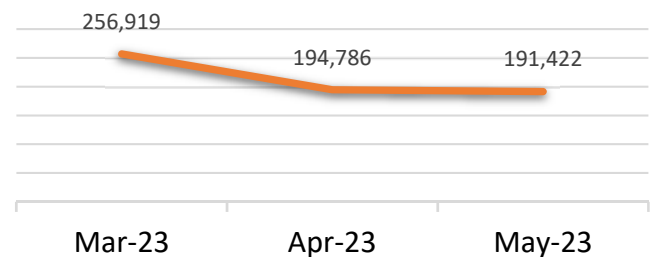


### LIBRARY E-CARDS RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT

—■ Resident Adult —■ NonResident Adult

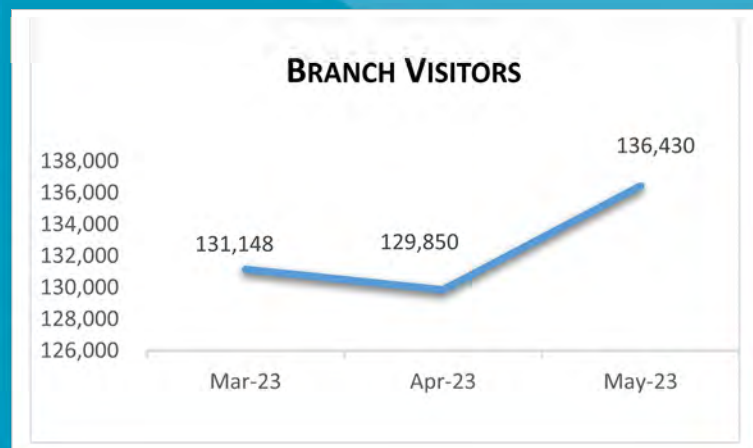


### ACTIVE CARDHOLDERS





# Visitors



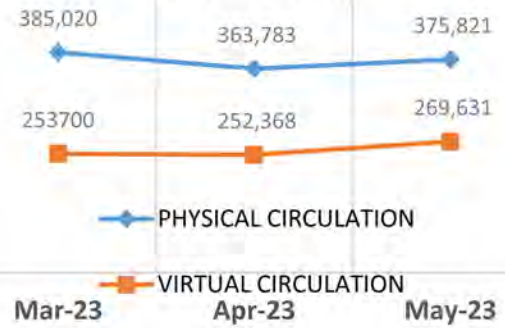
# Circulation



**PHYSICAL ITEM CHECK-OUTS BY AUDIENCE  
YOUTH AND ADULT**



**CIRCULATION**



**TOTAL VIRTUAL CIRCULATION**



**TOTAL CHECK-OUTS**



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YOUTH AND ADULT**



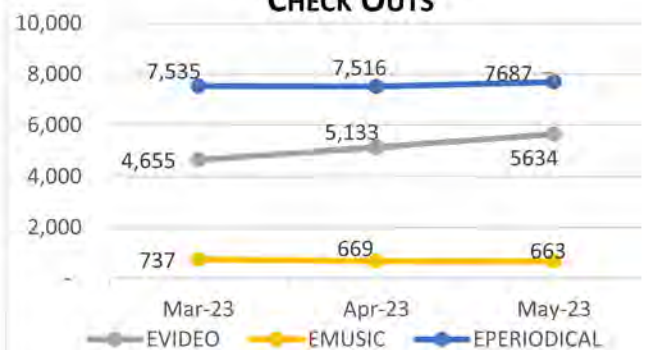
**NEW USERS FOR SELECT PLATFORMS**



**VIRTUAL E-BOOK & E-AUDIOBOOKS  
CHECK OUTS**

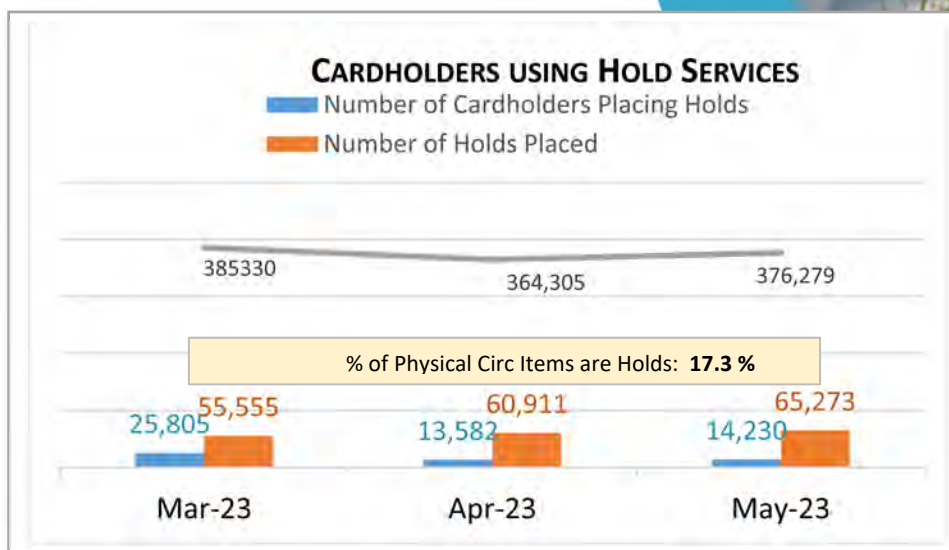
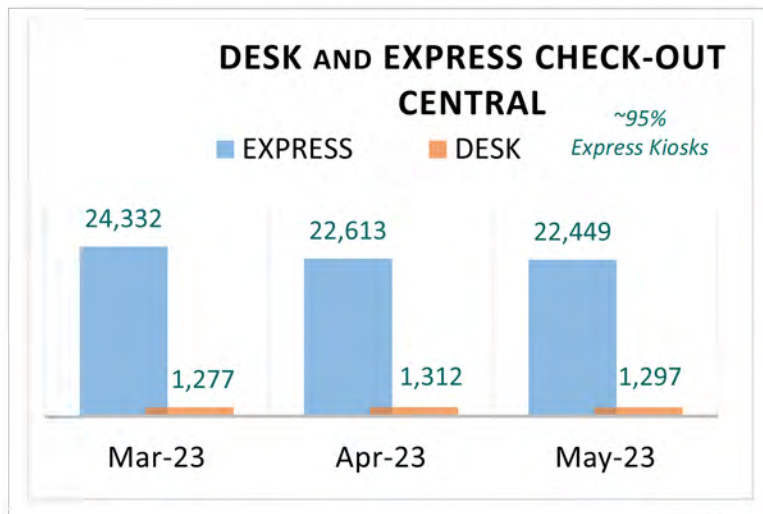
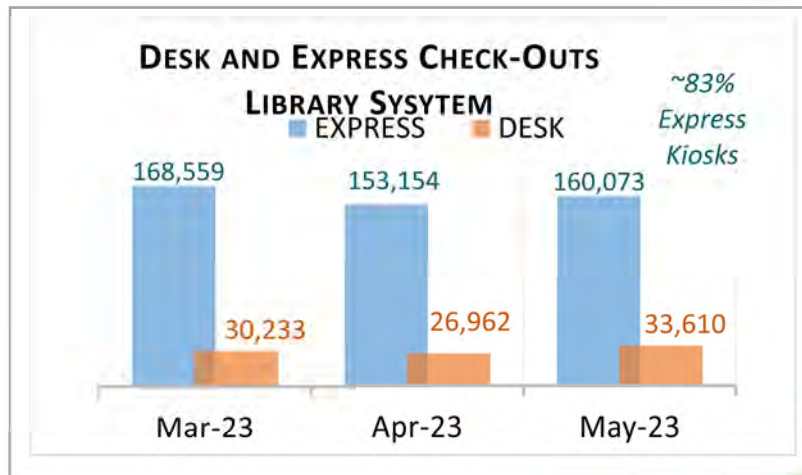


**VIRTUAL VIDEO, MUSIC, & PERIODICAL  
CHECK OUTS**





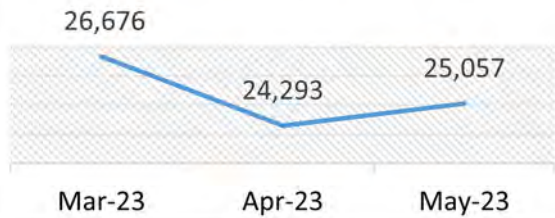
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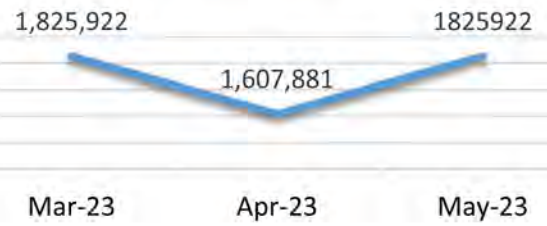


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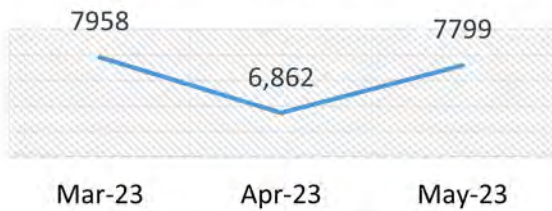
**TOTAL COMPUTER SESSIONS  
SYSTEM**



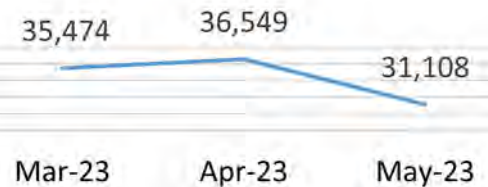
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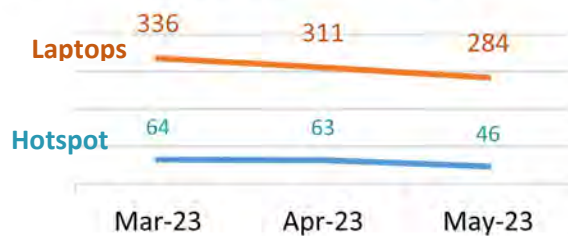
**COMPUTER SESSIONS  
CENTRAL LIBRARY**



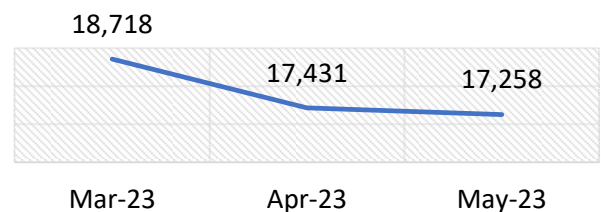
**WIFI CONNECTIONS**



**HOTSTOPS & LAPTOP CHECK-OUTS**



**COMPUTER SESSIONS  
BRANCH LIBRARIES**



# Programs

