

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Director's Report
March 2024

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HIGHLIGHTS

March into Women's History Month with APL

Celebrate Women's History Month in March with APL with an array programs spanning our library system. Special programs include a writing series by local author Spike Gillespie, opportunities to celebrate heroines with author talks, storytimes, book club discussions, and a kaleidoscope of arts and crafts, ignited by the brilliance of women artists. Join us as we embark on a global celebration of female achievement at our captivating library events!

APL Total Eclipse Programming

APL is hosting a cosmic extravaganza of events and experiences across the system leading up to the mesmerizing total solar eclipse set to race the skies over Austin on April 8, 2024. From out-of-this-world crafts and story times to inflatable Stars and Science Planetariums and visits from NASA; we are gearing up for this historic event.

Solar Glasses will be distributed to the public (2 per person) starting on Thursday, April 4, 2024, until supplies last at all Austin Public Library locations. Once we are out, we will not be replenishing our quantities.

APL has also partnered with CapMetro to provide free bus passes to people needing transportation to APL Watch Parties on the day of the eclipse. Passes are available through a QR code on flyers available at branches.

APL is hosting ten (10) Total Eclipse Watch Parties taking place around Austin on Monday, April 8th. There will be a limited number of glasses, but lots of crafts and treats for participants to enjoy as we witness this extraordinary event together.

Central Library / 12 – 2 PM

Menchaca Branch / 11:30 AM – 2 PM

Oak Hill Branch / 12-2 PM

Pleasant Hill Branch / 12:30-2:30 PM

Willie Mae Kirk Branch / 12 -2 PM

Cepeda Branch / 12 – 2 PM

North Village Branch / 11 AM – 2 PM

Old Quarry Branch / 12-2 PM

Twin Oaks Branch / 12 – 2 PM

Windsor Park Branch / 12-2 PM

APL Summer Youth Volunteer Program

The application window for APL's popular Summer Youth Volunteer Program is open until March 31, 2024. Last summer, APL's Summer Youth Volunteer Program welcomed close to 100 participants, providing youth with invaluable tools and resources for learning. Their contributions in assisting our staff and customers with essential tasks throughout the library system were instrumental and we look forward to continuing this tradition of empowering youth and enhancing our community's library experience.

Staff Development Day 3/22/2024

APL's inaugural staff development day (SDD) for 2024 is scheduled for March 22, 2024. This first SDD, designed and spearheaded at the branch/division level under the theme of "Accountability Leading to Sustainability," presents an excellent opportunity for teams to develop stronger connections and pause from their routine tasks to collectively focus on broader objectives, such as team building, training, budget and aligning current projects and programming with the APL strategic plan. All branch locations will be closed for the day. APL has scheduled three (3) staff development days for 2024.

- Friday, March 22 – in person led at the branch/division level
- Friday, August 16 - virtual
- Friday, December 13 - in-person

Austin Public Library Gift Shop and Local Author Consignment Program

Have you visited the APL Gift Shop at the Central Library recently? Our shop features an enticing selection of Austin Public Library branded merchandise, literary-themed items, and one-of-a-kind gifts sourced locally. Every purchase directly supports the Austin Public Library. As part of our dedication to equity, diversity, and the promotion of independent voices, we've launched the Local Author Consignment Program at the shop. Through this initiative, we showcase books printed by independent presses or authored by local writers in the APL shop at Central. In January and February, 2024, we proudly consigned 15 authors, with many of the books quickly flying off the shelves within weeks. The overwhelming demand led us to place additional orders for some to replenish our inventory. Join us in celebrating and supporting our vibrant local literary community at the Library Gift Shop!

Faulk Building and History Center

95% Construction Phase

Updates: Faulk building progress includes addressing punch walk items, asphalt repaving, and landscaping. Stonework and landscaping at the History Center is wrapping up and interior storm window installation remains. Partial Stocking TCO obtained for items storage.

Next Milestone: Phase 1B work to continue in April 2024; 80% Construction Phase

Expected End: 2nd quarter 2024

Actual Start: Nov. 4, 2022

Carver and Yarborough

Permitting Phase

Updates: Carver: will be going through solicitation to obtain new bids for the Re-Roof, Heating, air conditioning, and decking replacement; Controls for Carver will also be updated.

Yarborough: Project Manager from Capital Delivery Office has received the final quote to proceed with the scope of work for Yarborough's Re-Roof, heating, air conditioning, and controls upgrade.

Next Milestone: Carver solicitation for new bids

Yarborough: permit approval, of current plan set with Council approval in April.

Expected Start: 3-6 months

Actual Start: TBD

Hampton Parking Lot Extension

Site Plan and Schematic Design 40%

Updates: Regional Storm Water Management and the Hampton Project Team met to discuss potential ways forward for the Hampton Parking Expansion. Storm Water Management granted approval of a Detention Pond waiver from the originally construction. Approval was granted to use the existing detention waiver for the parking expansion and the future branch expansion

Next Milestone: Parking lot design and understanding of how the Library and Watershed will cost share.

Expected Start: Summer 2024

Actual Start: TBD

Cepeda Trail

Construction Phase

Updates: The Cepeda Trail Project will be substantially complete at the end of March.

Next Milestone: Groundbreaking near the trail alignment from Gonzalez to Cepeda, survey crew has already marked the area. Once completed a ribbon cutting will be schedule in late March or Early April.

Expected End: April 2024

Actual Start: November 2023

Old Quarry, Willie Mae Kirk, & St. John

Design Phase

Updates: Reviewing floor plans and finish selections for presentation. Coordinating efforts between different work groups within APL for scheduling purposes. Roof bidding and envelope work proposals ongoing.

Next Milestone: Old Quarry will begin work in July, with Willie Mae Kirk to follow. Award contracts for work.

Finalize finish and furniture selections with stakeholders.

Expected Start: Old Quarry construction July 15, 2024.

Actual Start: TBD

Howson

Construction Phase

Updates: Air conditioning upgrades 95% complete, and re-roof is expected to begin in March or April.

Circulation desk and meeting room upgrade in final design phase

Next Milestone: Re-Roof and Interior

Expected Start/End: June

Little Walnut and Menchaca

Design Proposal Phase

Updates: Finance has requested additional documentation from consultant and amendment proposal will not be accepted until this is submitted.

Next Milestone: Scope and fees approval; documents submitted to Finance for approval of amendment.

Expected Start: 02/01/2025

Actual Start: TBD

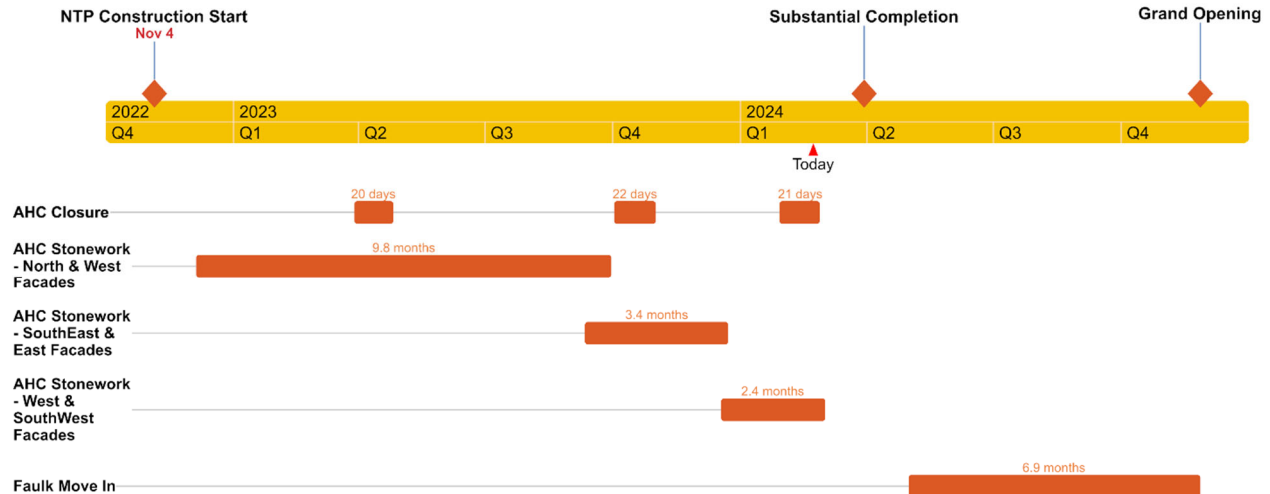
Faulk Building and History Center



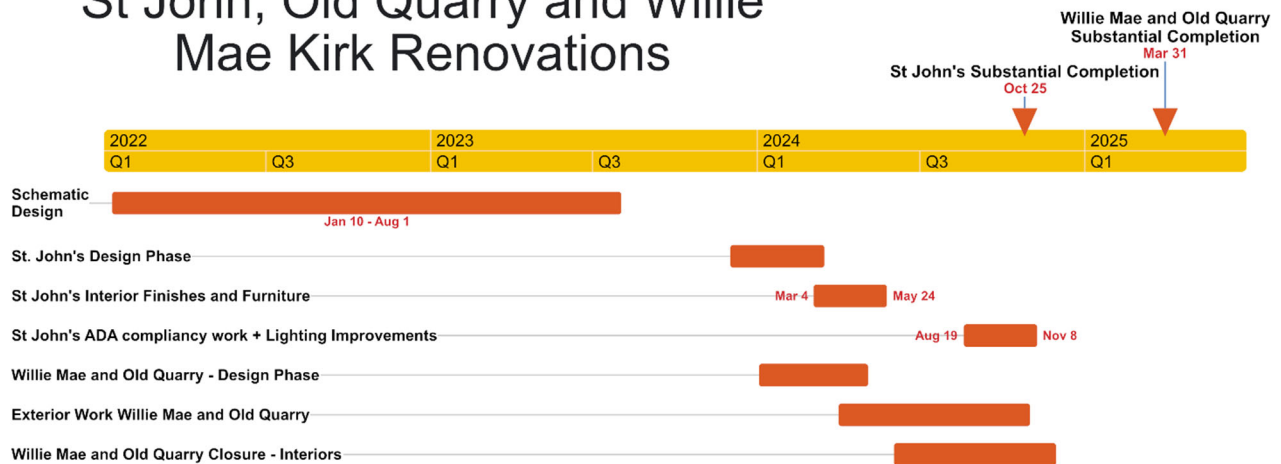
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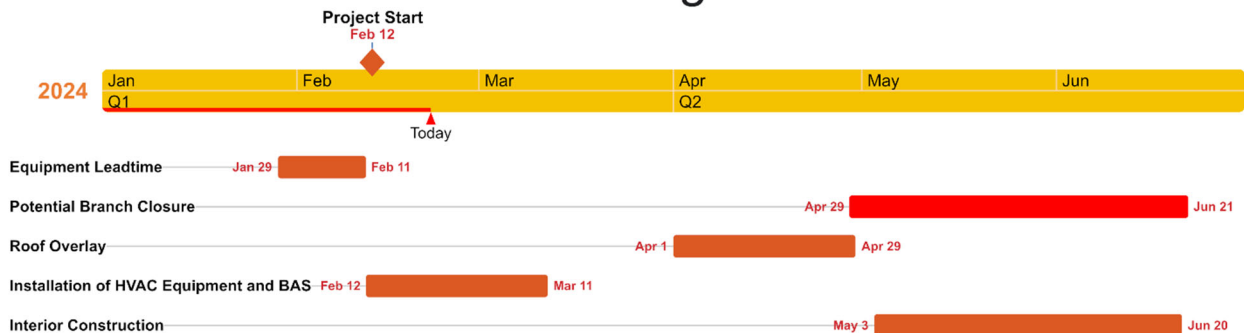
Faulk Building & History Center Construction



St John, Old Quarry and Willie Mae Kirk Renovations

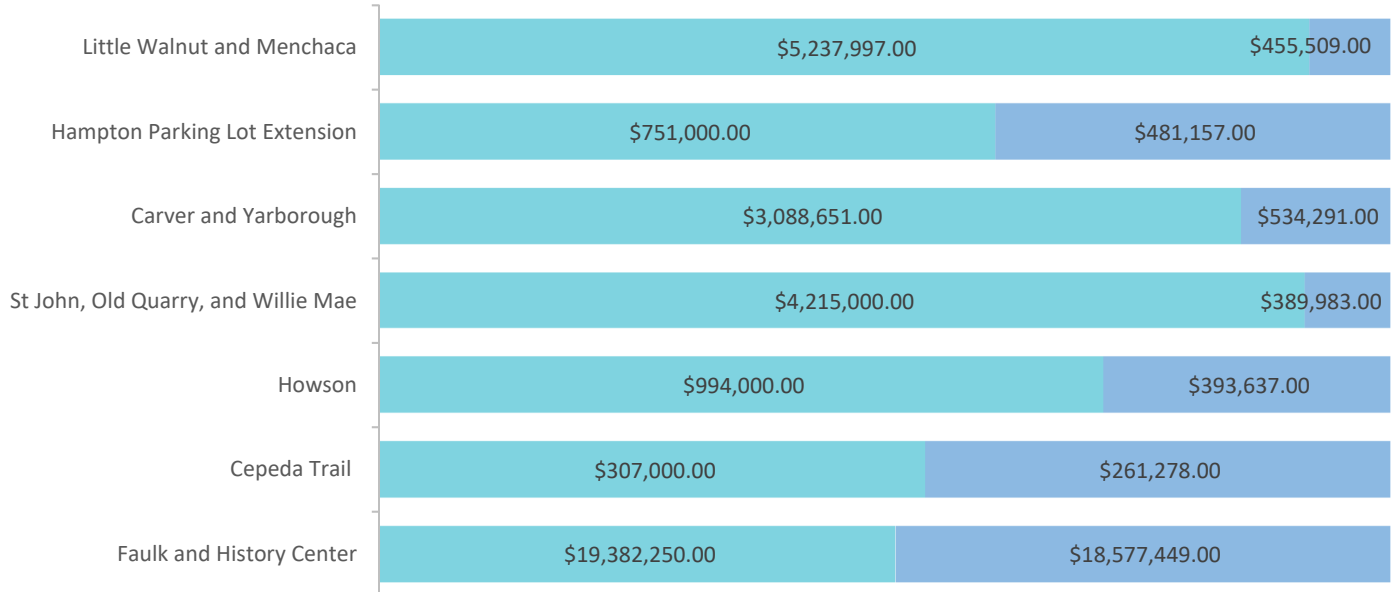


Howson HVAC Upgrade and Roofing

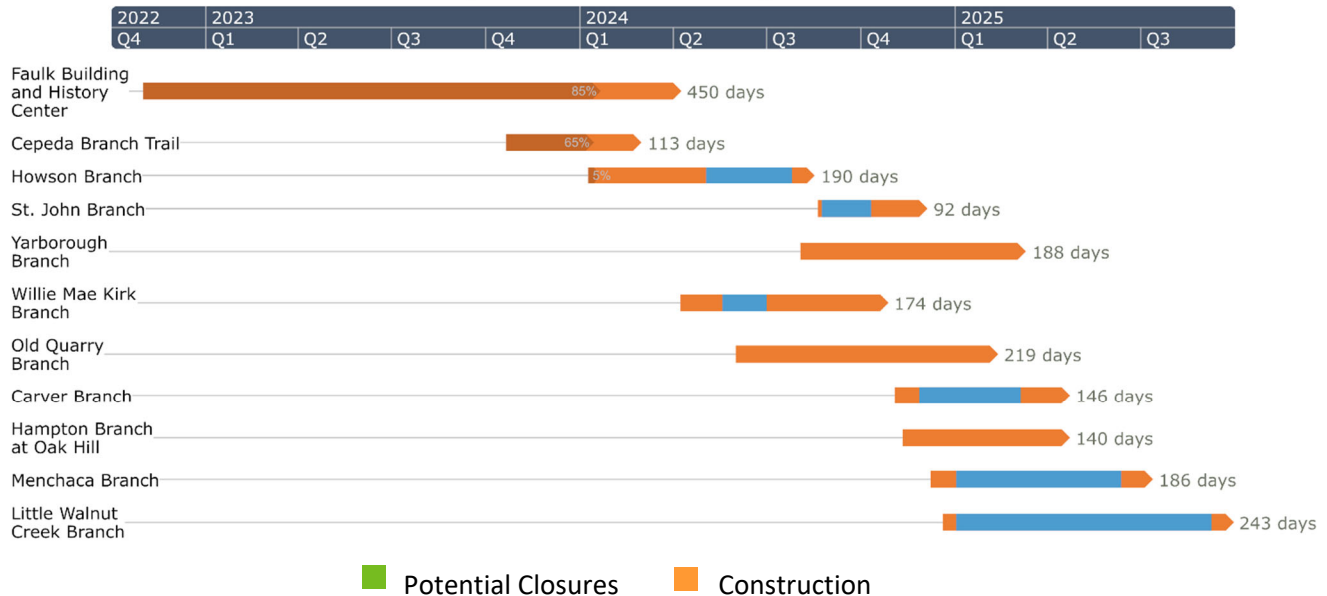


APPROPRIATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

■ Appropriated ■ Obligated



Library 2018 Bond Project Timeline

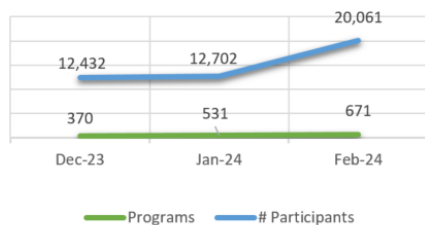




Programs & Outreach



**TOTAL PROGRAM
AND OUTREACH EVENTS**

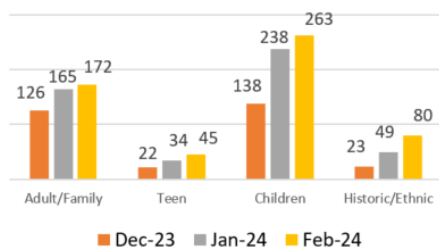


Talk Time attendees at Central discussing the new vocabulary they've learned.

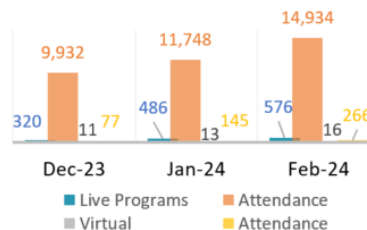


Central cooking Club attendees sampling and discussing Asian baked goods to celebrate Lunar New Year.

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS BY AUDIENCE

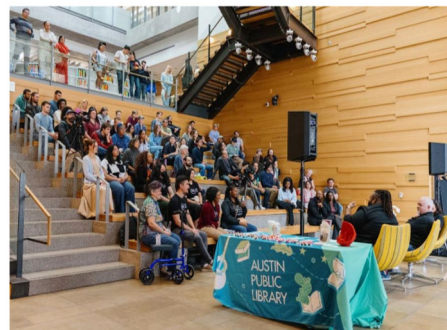


TOTAL LIVE IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

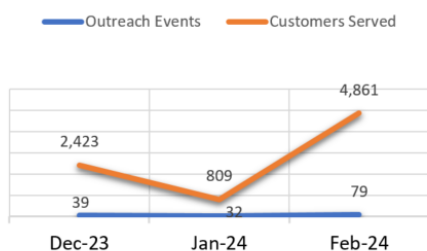


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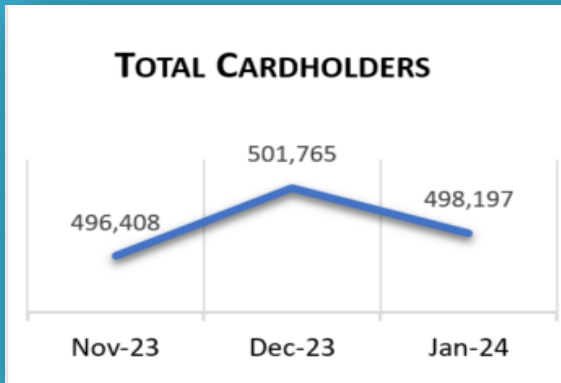
Innovate Digital Makerspace Creative Conversations, a partnership program with the Austin Film Society at Central



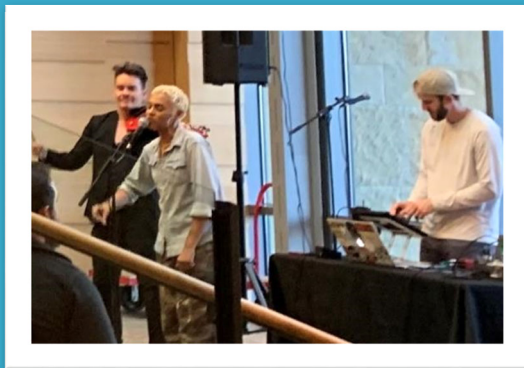
**COMMUNITY SERVICES OUTREACH EVENTS
(includes Bookmobile)**



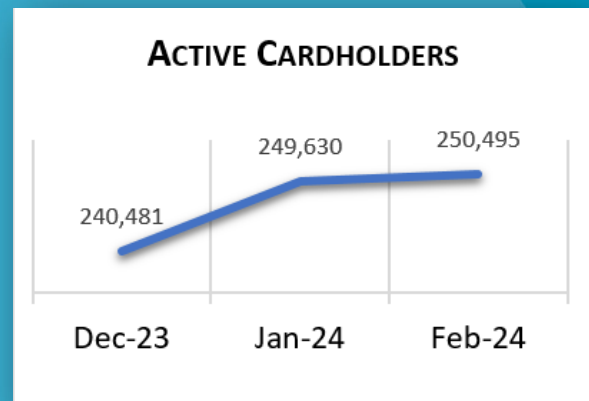
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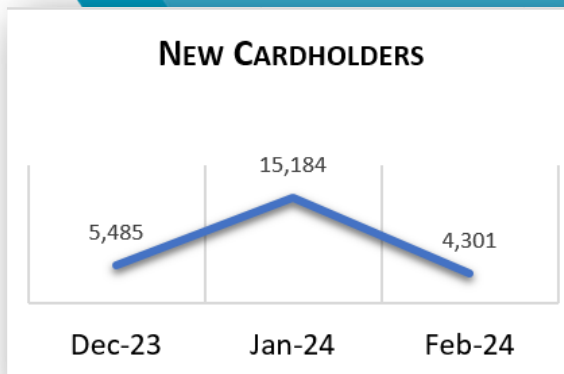
Works of art at the Cepeda Branch Black History Month program



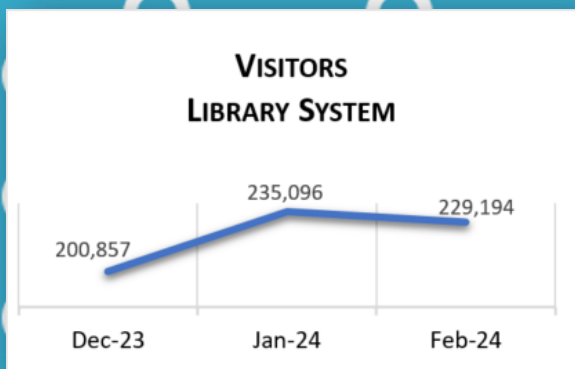
Alesia Lani Concert (above) and Angélique Ferrão Portrait Workshop (below) at Central Library's Black History Month Celebration.



As part of Black History Month, North Village hosted one of two performances by Kydd Jones at libraries.



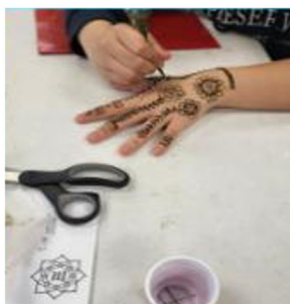
Visitors



Awesome art from *Hampton* at Oak Hill branch The Art of Henna program.



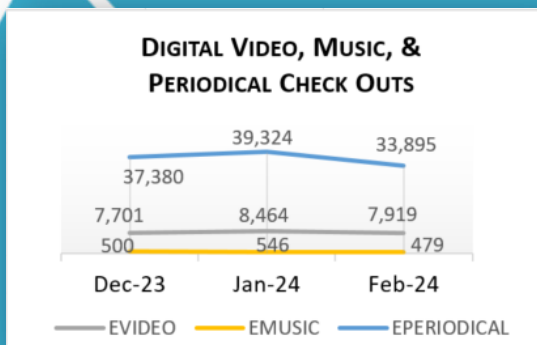
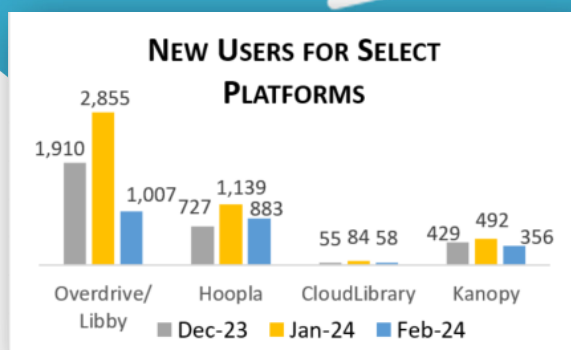
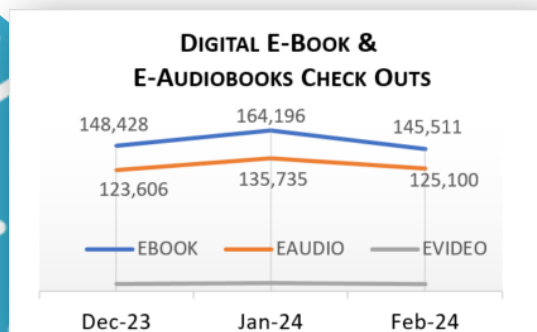
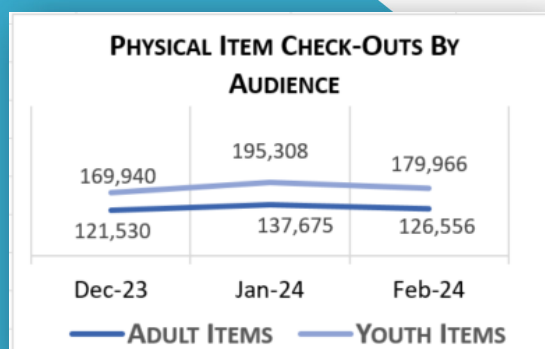
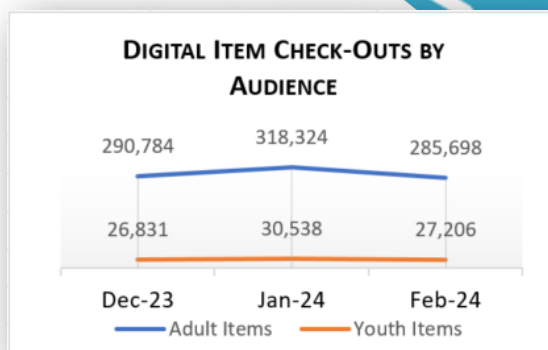
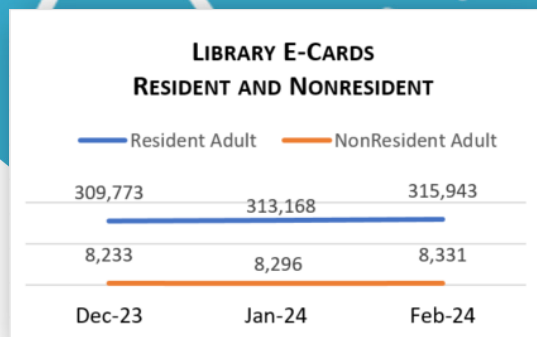
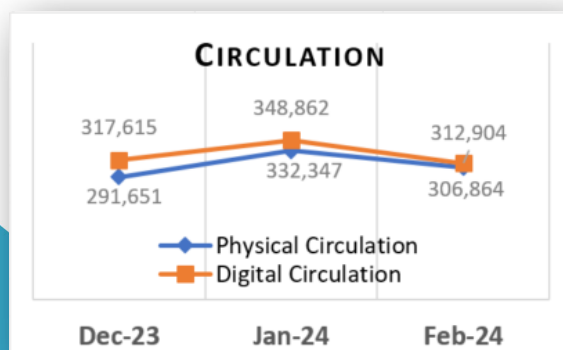
Hampton at Oak Hill Youth Librarian Kristin delighting some of our youngest customers during Books & Babies Program!



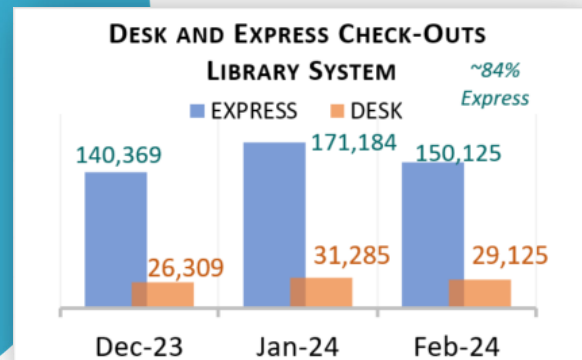
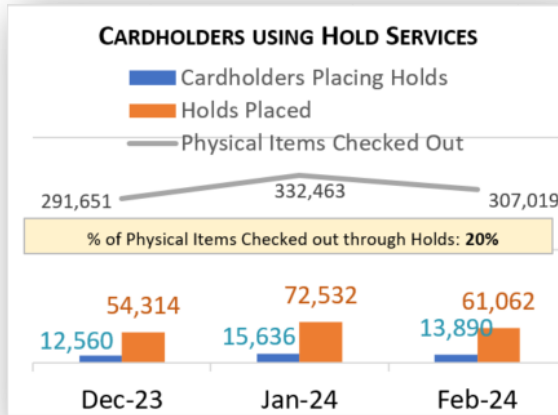
Hampton at Oak Hill Lunar New Year Festival was a huge success with over 200 participants!



Circulation



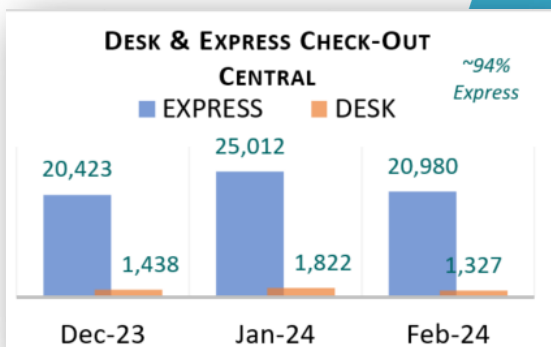
Express & Holds



Southeast branch outreach to parents at Sanchez Elementary.



Community Conversations program (above) and youth programming events (below) at Southeast branch.

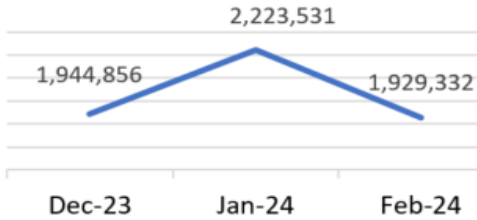


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Technology



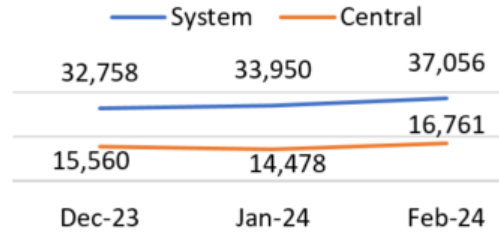
WEBSITE HITS



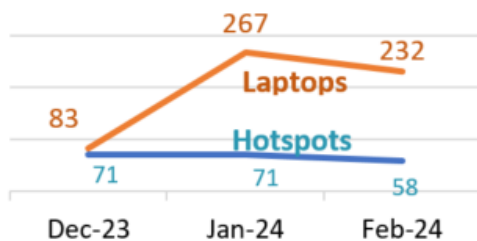
Lunar New Year Celebration with the Texas Lion/ Dragon Dance Team at Twin Oaks and Spice-wood Springs branch



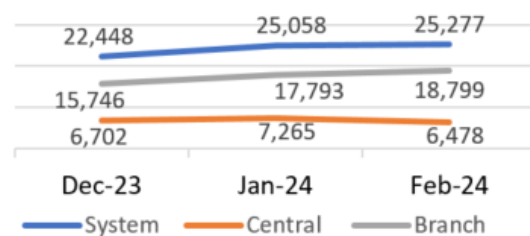
WIFI CONNECTIONS



HOTSPOTS & LAPTOP CHECK-OUTS



COMPUTER SESSIONS



Budget, Volunteers and Meeting Rooms



APL by the Numbers

Fiscal Year 2024 (10/1/2023 - 09/30/2024)

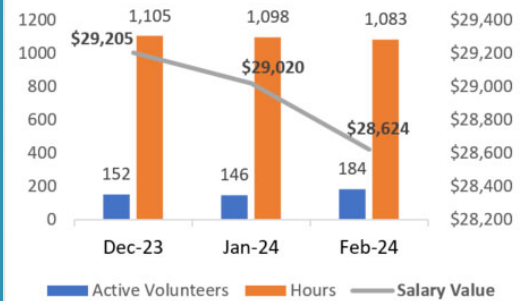
Total Budget	\$	70,355,654.00
Materials budget	\$	6,620,458.00
FTEs	\$	462.55

Year to Date Revenues, as of 2/29/2024:

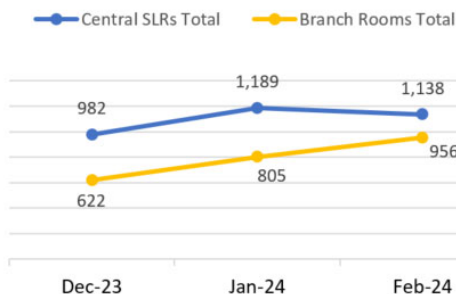
Non-Resident Library Card Fee	\$	64,328.00
Passport Services	\$	93,218.00
Parking	\$	181,989.00
Gift Shop	\$	158,265.00
Facilities Rentals	\$	270,463.00
Donations, including Recycled Reads	\$	60,580.00



APL VOLUNTEERS



MEETING ROOM USE



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Lunar New Year and Black History Month festivities at Winsor Park branch.