

Highlights

- Effective July 11, 2011 Public Library's Interlibrary Loan service (ILL) is being reduced due to loss of State support. Customers will no longer be able to borrow audio/visual materials, such as CDs and DVDs, through the Interlibrary Loan service. The service will be limited to books only. Additionally, the maximum number of customer requests will decrease from 10 to 5 items per library card.
- City of Austin Budget Timeline and next steps: **July 27-** Proposed Budget presented to City Council; **August 17 & 24-** Budget work sessions; **September 12-14-** Council adopts Budget & Tax Rate
- Over 1,000 teens and family members attended the 3rd Annual YomiCon on June 17.
- The Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is scheduled to reopen September 17, 2011
- The Ruiz Branch Library is closed until July 5, due to lack of air conditioning. If the necessary work is completed prior to that date and time, the Ruiz Branch Library will reopen to the community as soon as the temperatures in the building can be lowered to comfortable levels.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: During June, the architectural/engineering consultants for the New Central Library continued to work on completing Schematic Design of the project. The consultants completed their own set of Quality Assurance/Quality Control drawings on June 6th to better ensure meeting the July 12th target date for delivering the completed Schematic Design packet to the City of Austin. Seeking guidance for AV (audio-visual) and IT (information technology) project concerns, representatives from the consultant design team met on June 1st with personnel from the Communication Technology Management Department and Library Information Systems Division. City of Austin staff from various departments met on June 10th to discuss issues associated with the pending Austin Water Utility tunnel project through the Lower Shoal Creek/Seaholm Redevelopment District. On June 14th, the New Central Library Executive Team led by Assistant City Manager Bert Lumbreras met to discuss the Second Street and West Avenue intersection design, the Seaholm District Wastewater Modifications, Austin Energy –Seaholm Power Lines, and other issues with the potential to affect the project schedule. On June 20th, the project's civil engineering consultant and staff from a number of City departments will meet to discuss the parking requirements for this new facility. The project schedule for the New Central Library remains as follows:

August 26, 2011 ~ Council approval of a Professional Services Amendment with the design team
Fall 2011 ~ Schematic Design Completed (30% Complete Design Package Delivered)

- September 22, 2011 ~ Council briefed
- September 26, 2011 ~ Library Commission + Design Commission briefed
- October 20, 2011~ Council Approval of Schematic Design
- Summer 2012 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)
- Council briefed
- Library Commission briefed
- Council Approval Summer 2012 ~ Design Phase completed
- Spring 2013 ~ Construction Document Phase completed
- Summer 2013 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Determined and Approved by Council
- Summer 2013 ~ Permits received
- Summer 2013 ~ Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted
- Summer 2013 ~ Construction begins
- Fall 2015 ~ Construction completed
- Winter 2015 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

Financial Year 2011-2012 Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan:

In order to enhance its long-range capital planning efforts, the City of Austin deemed it essential at this time to complete a comprehensive assessment of its capital project needs. This assessment will be a key component in planning for future bond program proposals and supports the City of Austin's commitment to be the best managed city in the country. The scope of the 2011 Capital Project Needs Assessment includes:

- Drainage infrastructure projects
- Transportation projects (new capacity, system expansions, preservation of the existing system)
- City facilities (new facilities, expansions, major renovations)
- Other City support functions (such as fleet services)

Projects to be submitted as part of the assessment may have been included in the FY 2012 CIP Plan submittals of the various departments. Other projects that qualify for the Capital Needs Assessment but were not included in the Financial Year 2012 CIP Plan submittal as an unfunded request will be submitted to the Capital Needs Assessment so that the City of Austin is afforded a clear picture of its capital needs at this point in time. The schedule for the Capital Projects Needs Assessment process is as follows:

June 15, 2011 ~ Project submittals due to Capital Planning

Office (CPO)

June 20 – 24, 2011 ~ CPO review and assembly of proposed needs assessment; meetings with departments/ACMs

June 27, 2011~ Presentation of Proposed Needs Assessment to City Manager

The Capital Planning Office recognizes that the City of Austin is currently developing a Facilities Master Plan that will provide a roadmap for addressing a number of the capital projects that may be identified in Capital Needs Assessment. This facilities master planning process will continue to move forward concurrently under the guidance of the Building Services Office. The City team that is leading the facilities master planning process will participate in the needs assessment review to ensure coordination with this initiative. At the request of the City Manager, the Public Works Department has been tasked with performing an overall assessment of the City's infrastructure needs within the right-of-way. This initiative is not part of the Capital Needs Assessment, however, the Capital Planning Office will coordinate with the Public Works Department so that any confusion or duplication of effort can be avoided

Security Camera Installation Project: The pricing proposal from the project's contractor to install exterior security cameras at the Windsor Park Branch Library had been reviewed and approved by the Library Department. Installation work will commence shortly after the shipment of exterior security cameras is received, which is anticipated within the next few weeks. Completion of the exterior security camera installation subproject at the Windsor Park Branch Library will give Library Security the ability to remotely monitor the grounds and parking lot at the site, and it is hoped that the enhanced security will curb the criminal activities plaguing this location of late. In anticipation of additional project funding being received next financial year, pricing proposals have been requested of the contractor to install exterior security cameras at eight other Library locations deemed to be high risk sites by the Library Department. The training manual for the security camera surveillance system has been reviewed, revised and approved by the Library Department, and training is anticipated to begin in August for Library Security and Library Facilities Services personnel.

Austin History Center ADA Compliant Ramp Installation Project: The contractors for the project encountered difficulties in acquiring stone which would match the existing stonework at the Austin History Center as closely as was desired. However, a quarry with acceptable material was found at last, and the bulk of the stone needed for the project was delivered to the site on Monday, June 6th. To date, roughly 75% of the individual blocks of rock have been set by the stonemasons, and the remainder of the complement of stone, primarily capstone for coping purposes, was received at the site on Monday, June 13th. All stonework at the site is anticipated to be finished by Friday, June 17th. Field measurements were also taken on Monday, June 13th, for the upcoming wrought ironwork installation, which is scheduled to be initiated on Friday, June 17th and be completed by Wednesday, June 22nd. Bollards will then be installed to protect the improvements

from damage due to vehicular encroachment, and a final cleanup of the site conducted, allowing substantial completion of the project to be achieved by Friday, June 24, 2011.

Austin History Center Sewer Retrofit: The branch sewer line servicing the Austin History Center has collapsed in large part beneath the weight of the parking lot that the Austin History Center shares with the Faulk Central Library. The Library Department is working currently with a consulting engineering firm to design a comprehensive retrofit for this failed underground utility pipeline. The project manager estimates that the construction documents needed for the Contract and Land Management Department's Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review are now 90% complete. As soon as the QA/QC Review process has been successfully completed, the project will be advertised for bids by interested and qualified contractors.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Renovation: The Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is approaching the end of a renovation promised to the surrounding neighborhoods by the City Manager during meetings with the community in August of 2009 and September of 2010. In lieu of available Capital Improvement Program funding, this project has been made possible through the Library Department's operating budget resources and the efforts of "in-house" crews from the Library Facilities Services and Library Information Systems divisions. Much progress has been made to date, including re-leveling the sidewalk from the parking lot to the accessible entrance, replacing the malfunctioning double doors at the North entrance, installing security cameras and additional exterior lighting. The interior walls have been repainted using an innovative palette of lively colors, the facility's classic reading chairs have been refinished to look like new, and a wifi counter constructed along one window wall to give customers additional seating with a view, as well as a place to recharge their electronic devices. Re-carpeting of the building will be carried out in phases, beginning the week of July 20th, to allow shelving ranges to be moved out of the way of the carpet installers and then rearranged in a more user-friendly layout on the new carpet. Unfortunately, the manufacturer of one of the major carpet types called for in the renovation specifications has yet to deliver the product to the site. Due to this unanticipated long lead time for a major component of the new floor finishes, the Library Facilities Services Division is reevaluating the planned opening of the Southeast Austin Branch Library to the public during the month of August. At this time, it appears that Saturday, September 17, 2011 will be our new target date for celebrating the Grand Reopening of the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library.

Faulk Central Library Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit: A preconstruction meeting was held Tuesday, June 7th, to discuss project coordination, safety, grant requirements and scheduling. Austin Energy and APL personnel will contribute co-managers to the project since funding was provided by both entities. The acquisition of a new chiller was made possible through use of Austin Energy managed federal grant funds, while the new cooling towers are being

purchased with Library Capital Budget appropriations. Existing mechanical equipment at the Faulk Central Library is being decommissioned this week while the new chiller and cooling towers are being fabricated per specifications. All refrigerant is being carefully captured so that it may be reclaimed for use in the new equipment. The new chiller is expected to be delivered to the Faulk Central Library site in early July and installation procedures will be embarked upon immediately thereafter. During the initial stages of the installation process, the loading dock at the Faulk Central Library will be closed to make it possible for the old chiller to be removed from the building and the new chiller to be lowered into the basement. Once the new chiller is set in place, temporary cooling towers will be started up to allow the existing rooftop cooling towers to be deconstructed and the new cooling towers hoisted into place by cranes during August. While the cranes are on site and their work is being performed, the parking lot will be cordoned off to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Safety is one of the primary goals of this carefully orchestrated project, and the Library will post parking lot closure announcements for the public well in advance of the required lifting of heavy equipment to be installed on the roof of the Faulk Central Library.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On May 6, Video Archivist Tim Hamblin gave a guided tour of the 5X5Y exhibit to a group of out of town visitors. The tour was arranged by the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the guests wanted a "musical" tour of Austin.
- On May 7, Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung served as the emcee for the historical marker dedication for the Sing Family home.
- On June 11, the AHC, along with the AHCA, hosted a Juneteenth program at the Center, "Pease Plantation to African American Community." Over 70 people attended the lecture and discussion, led by Dr. Fred McGhee. McGhee's presentation covered the life of Governor Elisha Marshal Pease and his views on slavery, which serves as an illustration of how the institution of slavery was viewed in Austin, how it affected Emancipation, and how it continues to affect race relations in Austin today.

Collections

- Archives staff finished processing 2 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO (Texas Archival Resources Online) website. These collections include the Jack and Cynthia Keever Papers and the John Lewis Keel Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html
- The AHC was recently bequeathed the journals of Dr. John E. Sunder, a local naturalist and UT professor. The journals cover about 30 years of his nature observations around Central Texas.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a book on the history of the Cristo Rey Catholic Church, for publication in Essence Magazine and the Austin American Statesman, and for a flyer used by Heritage Title.

Exhibits

- The AHC, through the AHCA, received a small grant from the Austin Friends of Folk Art to support an upcoming exhibit project, Voces Latinas. The AHC is partnering with MexicArte Museum, the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, the Nettie Benson Latin American Collection, the Terrazas Branch Library, and the Ann Richards School for Girls on a multi-institutional exhibit and series of programs, to begin in September, highlighting the achievements of area Latinas.
- Work is underway on the next major exhibit at the AHC: "Sounding Together: 100 Years of the Austin Symphony." This exhibit, scheduled to open in September, will examine the centennial history of the Austin Symphony Orchestra and explore the early years of Austin's music history.

AHCA

- The AHCA held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 22. Over 50 people attended the meeting, and a new, expanded Board (now 23 members), was introduced by the incoming president, Lynn Cooksey. The AHCA also announced a plan of activities for the year that includes an oral history project, expanding the reach of Waterloo Press, and expanded programming and fundraising, including plans to grow the annual Angelina Eberly luncheon. AHC manager Mike Miller gave a 30 minute presentation about Austin during the Civil War to close out the evening.

Youth Services

Teen Services

Teen Services newest Librarian, Kristi Melvin, started work; she will be assisting at first with the Oak Springs Branch, and then Southeast Community branch. Preparations also continue for YomiCon, the annual award-winning event for teens. which happens on Friday, June 17. Over 1,000 teens are expected to attend and enjoy the dozens of activities planned. YomiCon helps integrate teens' interests with the collections and resources that the Austin Public Library offers.

Program Services

Program Services is busy creating a puppet show for the annual Summer Reading Program. This summer Literature Live! will bring to life local author Keith Graves' most recent children's book Chicken Big. The Little Peep puppet show continued to travel from branch to branch in May culminating with over 2,000 attendees. Shows traveled to all APL locations, plus Literature LIVE! performances at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum and the Dougherty Arts Center were available to the public.

DAC ARTreach programs were presented at four library locations in May. The programs received high marks from APL staff and audiences. The next series will take place in August, 2011. Staff toured the grounds of the new Austin Children's Shelter. Storytime service is provided to youth at the facility each month.

Second Chance Books offered three special bookclubs as part of the national Great Stories CLUB, funded by Oprah's Angel Network. Residents received a certificate of achievement for their participation in the discussions, and

were allowed to keep the copy of the book provided by the program. This spring will mark the 10th anniversary of the Second Chance Books Project!

All special event programs for the 2011 Summer Reading Program Dig Up a Good Book! were finalized in May. Additionally, plans for the APL Summer Reading Program at Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center were finalized. A summer program of reading and events begins in June.

Children's Services

In May, Children's Services librarians finished the third session of Spring programming, and finalized preparations for the Summer Reading Program. At the Twin Oaks branch, Children's Librarian Stephanie Shipman hosted the final Storysign ASL signed storytime program from APL's pilot series of programs in partnership with the Texas School for the Deaf. The program was successful, and APL Youth Services and TSD have agreed to pick up the program in the fall at Twin Oaks, with the hope of expanding to a second location in the future. Children's Librarians Elizabeth Murphy and Aubrey Sanders put the final touches on the series of interactive kit programs that ACYS librarians will be presenting this summer as part of the Summer Reading Program events. Activity-based programs such as "DIG: Do It Gross," and "Color Chaos" will continue our tradition of the last several years of offering high-interest and engrossing hands-on programs to accompany the fantastic presentation-based programs offered at APL during the summer.

Central Library Services

Central Library Services added a second scanner for public use. This will help with the increased demand over the last several months for the one scanner.

Central Library Services converted five of its public workstations to work/study only machines. These five workstations on the 2nd floor are non-gaming, non-video watching, so that job searchers, researchers, and students have quicker access to a computer. These also have 2 hour sessions. The response to the change has been very positive.

Recycled Reads

May revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$11,348.50 and 4,441 people visited the store

More than thirty five volunteers on average donate over 350 hours of their time to the bookstore. More than 10 pallets of materials from the warehouse were processed and over 187 individual donations from the public were received.

Staff began the book recycling partnership with Goodwill Industries of Central Texas and meet with City Purchasing staff to discuss adding to unsellable media in the RFP for the City's reclamation bid.

Volunteer Services

MAY 2011 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	141
MAY - Volunteer hours	1284.5
Volunteer Value*	\$21.36
	\$27,436.92

May Incidents

- 5 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 1 Bringing animals into the Library
- 1 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
- 1 Child abuse
- 27 Disturbing others using the Library
- 2 Fighting
- 1 Entering unauthorized areas
- 22 Harassment/Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 1 Indecent exposure
- 22 Violating Internet Policy
- 9 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 9 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 11 Sleeping in the Library
- 2 Smoking in the Library
- 5 Appropriate clothing is required
- 2 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 14 Disorderly conduct
- 3 Strong Odor
- 2 Unintended use of restrooms
- 1 Using obscene language
- 6 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 3 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 1 Public Lewdness
- 13 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 3 Destruction of Library property
- 9 Bringing food or drink into the Library
- 185 Total**

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/calendar.htm>

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