

Highlights

- APL will publicly announce downloadables with events held at the Barton Creek Mall on Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Recycled Reads on Sunday, November 6, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- The Austin Public Library will celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Carver Branch Computer and Job Search Center, October 29, 2011, 10 a.m.
- The Austin History Center presents a new exhibit, Deco and Moderne: Austin Architecture of the 1930s on display in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery of the Austin History Center, from November 1, 2011 to April 29, 2012
- The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation annual fundraiser, Illumine 2011, will be held Friday, November 18, 7-10 p.m. at the Hilton Austin Downtown
- The Austin Public Library will host an exhibit honoring the 100th Anniversary of Polish scientist Maria Sklodowska-Curie's Nobel Prize in Chemistry from October 26 through November 7 on the third floor of the Faulk Central Library

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: This October has been a very eventful month for our New Central Library Project. On October 4th, a kickoff meeting was held with departmental representatives in attendance from the Library, Real Estate Services, Public Works as well as Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services to initiate the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to acquire a vendor for the café planned for our new main library. The Austin City Council then conducted a public hearing on October 6th prior to considering an ordinance amending Chapter 25-6 of the City Code to modify parking requirements for properties in the downtown area that are zoned P-Public. The item was subsequently and unanimously approved by Council, an action which will allow the Austin Public Library to provide 200 parking spaces in an underground garage at its new facility as originally planned. On October 12th, consultants and staff involved in the design of the New Central Library attended an AIA Austin presentation focusing on the benefits of providing vegetated walls in building interiors in order to improve air quality. As this is one of the elements being considered for inclusion in the New Central Library, it was a great opportunity to study how the system works, performance criteria, maintenance, plant selection, solar exposure and planting medium. The second Design Charrette for the Lower Shoal Creek Redevelopment District was convened in the Twin Oaks Branch Library meeting room the following day, October 13th. Following a review of all that has been accomplished since the last charrette was held in March, the group focused on ideas for the New Second Street Bridge and improvements for the parkland adjacent to the Shoal Creek Trail and the Lance Armstrong Bikeway. A very well attended and lively Seaholm District Open House took place at City Hall on

the night of October 18th, providing the community with an opportunity to view the planned transformation of this former industrial section of downtown into a vibrant urban neighborhood. On the evening of October 19th, staff and consultants presented the New Central Library Schematic Design to the Downtown Commission, who voted unanimous support for the project's intent to feature sustainable elements and capture Austin's unique natural beauty by means of a bicycle porch, outdoor reading porches and a rooftop garden. The Austin City Council approved the schematic design for the New Central Library on October 20th, clearing the way for the project to progress into the next phase of architectural development. The project schedule for the New Central Library is as follows:

Spring 2012 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)

- Council briefed
- Library and Design Commissions briefed

- Council Approval of Schematic Design

Spring 2013 ~ Construction Document Phase completed (100% Complete Design Package Delivered)

Spring 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.

City of Austin Capital Needs Assessment: On October 6th, Council passed a resolution establishing a Bond Election Task Force, thereby initiating the bond development process and directing the presentation to Council of planning briefings regarding 2012 bond propositions. The Capital Improvements Steering Committee will therefore change their focus from refining the City of Austin needs assessment to establishing funding priorities and project selection criteria for the proposed bond package.

Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit: Following a successful crane lift to replace an incompatible motor in the new cooling tower, the temporary cooling towers and deconstructed mechanical equipment were removed on October 1st from the staging area on the west side of the Faulk Central Library. The basement access panels were then resealed against water penetration. The Library's Heating and

Refrigeration Mechanics are currently running analysis that demonstrate the new equipment to be working completely up to the design standards established and energy efficiency levels anticipated. Our contractor is now working with the City of Austin construction permitting authorities to finalize the inspection process and close out the project in the next several weeks.

Exterior Security Camera Installation Project: Funded for current Financial Year 2011-2012, this project will provide an exterior security camera surveillance system at all Austin Public Library locations to help combat the occurrence of criminal activities at these sites. The total area of Library building space to be protected by means of this project is 427,764 square feet.

Austin History Center Sewer Retrofit: Currently, the 90% complete construction documents and drawings for this critical utility retrofit project are undergoing a stringent Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review by the Contract and Land Management Department. Quality Assurance is essentially a system of procedures for selecting the levels of quality required for a project to perform the functions intended and for assuring that these levels are obtained. Quality Control will be the system of procedures and standards established by which our project manager, consultant engineers and constructor monitor the properties of the finished work.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project: To improve the physical plant of the Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Campus, this infrastructure renewal project was funded in present Financial year 2011-2012 to replace the failing flue and retrofit both obsolete boilers with modern, induced combustion, high efficiency boilers while installing variable frequency drive (VFD) controllers on the boiler pumps. These actions will result in significant energy savings while ensuring that occupants and visitors are protected from any possibility of leaking flue gases. This project will greatly enhance the maintenance and operation of the 110,000 SF Faulk Central Library, constructed in 1979, and the 36,000 SF Austin History Center, constructed in 1933.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On September 13, Manager Mike Miller gave a presentation, "Historic Austin: A Landmark Tour" at the luncheon meeting of the International Association of Real Estate Managers. Over 100 people were in attendance, including Daryl Chalberg, the son of Russell Chalberg. The Russell Chalberg photo collection is one of the most heavily used collections at the AHC, including many of the photographs shown during the presentation.
- On September 24, the AHC and the AHCA co-sponsored a presentation by Dr. Thomas Hatfield. AHCA Board Member Will Wilson served as moderator for the event, which was presented as a conversation between Dr. Hatfield and the audience of 25. Dr. Hatfield spoke about his most recent biography of Earl Rudder and the process of writing biographies.

Collections

- Archives staff finished processing 7 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 AIDS Services of Austin Records, Ava Crofford Photograph Collection, Business and Professional Women's Club of Austin Records, Giles Family Scrapbooks, Mexican American Business & Professional Women's Association Records, Maline McCalla Papers, and the Weller Family Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Among the more interesting donations received this month are records from the movie theater Stand-ins of the 1950s and the records of the Howson Community Welfare Association. The AHC also received a collection of photographs from the Chinese Society of Austin.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the book Physical Geography (Cambridge UP) and an upcoming documentary film about Barton Springs.

Exhibits

- Work is underway for the next photo exhibit for the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery, Deco and Moderne: Austin Architecture of the 1930s. Historic photographs and architectural drawings trace the history of this popular variation on Modernism that began to emerge in Austin in the late 1920's and continued to evolve over 20 years. Come and learn what well-known Austin buildings were constructed during this period and how to recognize the characteristics of an Art Deco style building. On Sunday, November 6, the AHC will offer a free walking tour of Deco architecture, starting at the AHC, led by the authors of the recent Hill Country Deco book from TCU Press.
- On September 25th, the opening reception and program of the Voces de Latinas: A Photo Exhibit in Five Parts was held at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. According to an article in *Ahora Si*, there were 250 people in attendance. The program of the Voces on this day was very unique. Myrna Cabello, a Voces de Latinas honoree and her husband Daniel Cook (Myrnarocks.com) composed a song specifically for the exhibit (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsz1BZZzodo>). The song was performed both at the beginning and end of the program. The loud applause from the audience indicated their heartfelt acceptance of the words and music. The Austin History Center will be given a copy of the video by Peggy Vasquez of Hispanic Today Live and also from Myrna Cabello for our collection. Another first for the exhibit was a poem written by Erika Gonzalez specifically for the project. Erika is also a Voces de Latinas honoree. Since she was in California, Susana Almanza read the poem. The poem, in Spanish, is about 5 minutes long.

Reference

- Reference Archivist Ashley Adair gave a property research orientation for students from a historic preservation graduate course at UT, talking to them about strategies for conducting research using AHC resources, and showed them examples of Sanborn maps, HB files, city directories, and other items. Ashley has seen one of the students from the orientation in the reading room since the class, and she was impressively prepared for the work,

which Ashley counted as evidence that the orientation was helpful. The orientation was held on September 13, and there were ten students plus the instructor in attendance.

Staff News

• Jeffrey Carrillo (Jeff) accepted the 20 hr/wk position of administrative assistant. Jeff comes to the AHC from Texas State University and has a solid background in providing administrative and paging support in an archival setting. He was trained in handling archival materials at the Art Institute of Chicago and Vanderbilt University.

Youth Services

Children's Services

Fall is off to a busy start, with loads more weekly programs as well as a nice variety of special programs on the way for Austin's youngsters. Children's Services librarians continued providing weekly programs in the first Fall Session. September is a busy month when schoolwork-related reference questions start to arrive keeping the librarians on their toes. One librarian was tasked with hunting down a picture book featuring a pink gorilla! The youngest Library visitors enjoyed the Fall return of Storytimes, and the attendant introductions to books old and new as well as some time-tested songs such as the suspenseful "Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree."

Teen Services

In September, Teen Services welcomed young customers back to the Connected Youth Centers after school. Several of the staff assisted the APL Foundation with preparations for the Austin Teen Book Festival, featuring Scott Westerfeld. The Ruiz branch hosted a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month on September 22. Staff assisted with the Kids in Space programs for younger children throughout the system, providing technology, expertise and enthusiastic presentation. Work continued on establishing the Dell Discovery Lab grant at the Oak Springs branch, and prepared to hire both an Intern for that program and a new set of Connected Youth Interns. Also, APL said farewell to Jenn Freeman, a teen Services Librarian who had been with APL for 6 years.

Programming/Outreach Services

Literature LIVE! will be featuring classic fairytale productions September – December, 2011. Rumpelstiltskin was presented at ten library locations in September with an additional showing at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, in celebration of Free Museum Day. The Rumpelstiltskin production will continue to tour through the month of October.

In September, the Kids in Space committee finalized plans to feature scientific elements of weather in space. To assist in explaining the science, Chief YNN Meteorologist Burton Fitzsimmons will join the team. The program series Kids in Space will roll out in October and culminate at the Austin Energy Regional Science Fest in February, 2012.

Second Chance Books featured author Coert Voorhees at Leadership Library. In attendance were 33 residents and Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center staff. Mr. Voorhees

read a humorous excerpt from his book, *The Brothers Torres*, after which the residents asked questions about the book and about being a writer. All the boys wanted Mr. Voorhees to sign their books, and each boy got to keep a copy of the book as part of the Great Stories CLUB.

Second Chance Books welcomes Kim Williams, a recent iSchool graduate and former AISD teacher to the team. Kim will be working on weekly care of the library, stat collection, and will also be assisting with unit book club discussion groups.

The Bibliofiles Book Cart Drill Team is working on a new routine to present at the Mexican American Cultural Center in honor of their annual Dia de los Muertos celebration. The Bibliofiles will perform the evening of Saturday, October 29.

September also found us working on a partnership program with the Austin Museum of Art (AMOA). The co-presentation "Fall for Art with AMOA" by APL Librarians and AMOA staff will roll out in October and travel to six branch locations. Children will enjoy nature stories and art activities. They will find out how artists are inspired by nature, play with fun printmaking techniques, and make their own fall-inspired artwork to take home.

Central Library Services

Faulk Central had a great turn out for the program "Journey Through Latin America with Michael Nigro" featuring Michael on the classical guitar. Journey Through Latin America took listeners on a musical voyage through Argentina, Cuba, Venezuela, and Peru. Acclaimed for his expressive playing and well-developed technique, Michael provided a first rate concert experience brimming with musicality and engaging commentary. He performed and talked about compositions by Jose Luis Merlin, Antonio Lauro, Leo Brouwer, and Jorge Cardoso. Michael is Professor of Guitar at Vanguard University of Southern California. Over 20 people showed up for the event.

ACLS librarians researched and created a listing of sustainable online resources to be part of an information guide about energy efficiency. This was done in coordination with the Wattmeter promotion with Austin Energy. The information guide resides on the Austin Public Library's website with APL's other information guides.

Recycled Reads

September revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,250 and over 4,600 people visited the store.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 325 hours of their time to the bookstore. More than 20 pallets of materials from the warehouse were processed and over 380 individual donations from the public were received. Good Will picked up over 32 gaylords of material, and approximately 10 tons of materials were diverted from the landfill.

A vinyl record sale was held in conjunction with the Austin City Limits Festival over the weekend of September 17,

over 1,500 records were sold.

Volunteer Services

SEPTEMBER 2011 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	134
SEPTEMBER - Volunteer hours	1406.05
Volunteer Value*	\$ 21.36
	\$ 30,032.16

September Incidents

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

212 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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