



**Highlights**

- The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Bond Election on August 2 at 4pm
- City of Austin Budget Timeline and next steps: August 1-Proposed Budget presented to City Council; August 12 & 22-Budget work sessions; August 23 – Budget Public Hearing/Tax Rate Public Hearing/Utility Rate Hearings; August 30 – Budget Public Hearing/Tax Rate Public Hearing; September 10-12- Council adopts Budget & Tax Rate.
- The Little Walnut Creek Branch will be closed Monday, July 30 and re-open Saturday, August 4 in order to make improvements to the accessibility of the circulation desk.
- The Old Quarry Branch reopened on June 30.

**Facilities Services**

**New Central Library Project:** During the month of July, 2012, the focus of those staff members and consultants participating in the New Central Library Project has been on finishing the Design Development Phase according to the established schedule. On Monday, July 2nd, Sharon Engelstein presented her very early design concepts to the Art In Public Places Panel and the Second Street Bridge and Extension Project advisors. Sharon, who has been commissioned to create a contemporary work of art to stand near the New Central Library and be engaging for children and families, received positive feedback from the panel and advisers on the apparent durability of her materials selection. The Design Team for the New Central Library includes artist Celia Munoz, charged with incorporating select architectural elements from the deconstructed Green Water Treatment Plant into the project. On July 5th, Celia presented her preliminary ideas to the New Central Library Core Team for paying homage to the history of the Lower Shoal Creek Redevelopment District. An all-day, owner's update meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, July 17th, to coordinate the landscape plans of the Second Street Bridge and Extension Project and the New Central Library Project and to develop a single approach for materials and layout. Building Program and Service Model items will also be reviewed along with the building exterior and the design direction for destination spaces such as the Event Forum, Reading Room and Youth Areas. Finally, a New Central Library Sustainability Update is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 26th, for staff members and consultants responsible for developing the various sustainable elements planned for Austin's new, main library. The project schedule for the New Central Library is as follows:

- September 2012 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)
  - Council briefed
  - Library and Design Commissions briefed
- December 2012 ~ Construction Cost Limitation approved

by Council

- June 2013 ~ Construction Document Phase completed (100% Complete Design Package Delivered)
- August 2013 ~ Permits received
- November 2013 ~ Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted
- December 2013 ~ Construction begins
- December 2015 ~ Construction completed
- Spring 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

**2012 Bond Development Process:** The Bond Election Advisory Task Force and staff recommendations for a future bond package were presented to Council at the June 26th Work Session. The proposed bond packages divided projects into categories including affordable housing, City of Austin facilities, community-based projects, parks/open space, and transportation/mobility. The recommendations included the Task Force's \$575 million and \$400 million proposals as well as \$400, \$385, \$300 and \$200 million bond proposals from staff. Now in receipt of these final recommendations, the Austin City Council will have the opportunity to formulate a bond package which could be on the ballot as early as November, 2012. At the August 2nd City Council Public Hearing, citizens may address the Council regarding a proposed November 2012 bond election. The public hearing is set for 4:00 PM on the Council agenda, which means the hearing will not begin before 4:00 PM. The City Council will discuss the bond package and work through potential bond language at their August 7th Work Session. At their August 16th Meeting, the Council will consider setting the bond election for November 6, 2012. Opportunities to provide written feedback to the City council regarding the proposed bond election are listed below, comments will be provided to the City Council in backup materials at meetings regarding the bond election:

- Email – [bonddevelopment@austintexas.com](mailto:bonddevelopment@austintexas.com)
- Hotline (Voicemail & Text) – (512) 539-0060
- [SpeakUpAustin.org](http://SpeakUpAustin.org) (14) – An online community to share thoughts about community needs
- Social Media -Twitter (15) (#ATXBD) & Facebook (16)
- If you would like to send a message directly to a Council Member, please visit [www.austintexas.gov/government](http://www.austintexas.gov/government) (17) and click on the appropriate email link

The Library Department's priority order for its projects being considered for inclusion in a bond package remains as follows:

1. Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement & HVAC Upgrade (\$1,234,000)
2. Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill (\$1,340,000)

3. University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion (\$1,022,000)
4. Milwood Branch Library Renovation (\$1,066,000)
5. Austin History Center Interior & Exterior Improvements (\$1,168,000)
6. Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade (\$497,000)
7. Cepeda Branch Library Renovation (\$684,000)
8. Yarborough Branch Library Renovation (\$592,000)
9. Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation (\$439,000)

**Austin History Center Wastewater Line Retrofit Project:**

On Monday, July 9th, after a series of site visits, the new engineering firm selected for this project presented three possible solution paths for the failed wastewater line:

- Continue with the project as outlined by the former consultant engineers on the project and create a new wastewater line that either connects to the main sewer under San Antonio Street or crosses the loading dock area behind the Austin History Center, adjacent to the heritage Oak tree, and connects to the sanitary line near 9th Street.
- Provide a new drop for the First Floor women’s restroom through the basement into the slab and install a lift station for the photography lab, requiring that a false column be constructed and disturbing the existing layout of the basement.
- Replace the existing pipeline as it is now run, and rebuild it to make it work indefinitely.

Due to the delays already suffered on this project and the disruptive potential of the first two options, the Library Department has chosen to retrofit the failed conduit in place. A formal proposal with a shortened design schedule is expected to be received from the consultant engineers straightway

**Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit:** The Austin Public Library and its project partner, Austin Energy, have received the contractor’s revised change order proposal for exhaust system modifications needed to bring the Faulk Central Library basement chiller room within compliance to new mechanical codes. The building permit for these modifications has been extended by the City of Austin with several stipulations which added costs to the original estimate. However, the new change order proposal will allow the Faulk Central Library mechanical room and equipment to be brought into full compliance with the requirements of the new building code. Once the Purchasing Department has approved the revised contract’s terms and conditions, Council’s approval will be sought to award the new change order amount, and Austin Energy and the Library Department are working together diligently to place this item on a Council agenda during August of 2012. The funding for this change order proposal will be provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), but the power distribution portion of the work will be performed by the Library Department’s own electrical technicians in order to accelerate the work schedule. The work required to enact the desired building engineering modifications is not expected to exceed six weeks in length, nor is the work expected to cause any interruption of normal business at the Faulk Central Library and Austin History Center

complex.

**Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:**

Security cameras and lightning protection grounding for those devices have been installed at critical Library sites. The cameras and their associated software have now been tested and programmed. The critical Library sites where security camera installation and equipment grounding activities have been completed are: Ruiz, Carver, University Hills, Southeast Austin Community, Little Walnut Creek, Terrazas, St. John’s and the Willie Mae Kirk branch libraries. Final site visits with the Communication Technology Management Department for quality assurance reasons are being conducted prior to the next phase of the project being initiated. Currently, the scope of work is being developed for the installation of exterior security cameras at the remaining twelve branch library locations.

**Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:**

A final proposal has been received from the new Commissioning Agent selected for this project and is now being fine-tuned for Contract Management Department’s acceptance. Once the Commissioning Agent is under contract, a kickoff meeting for the project will be scheduled with the Design Team engineers, Commissioning Agent engineers and involved Library Facilities Services staff in attendance.

**Branch Libraries Photovoltaic System Installation Project:**

This joint project with Austin Energy, utilizing a State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) grant, calls for the installation of solar panels on the roofs of the Carver, Spicewood Springs, Cepeda and Ruiz branch libraries. The solar panel array at the Carver Branch Library is substantially complete with the exception of some minor programming issues. It is the largest such installation found in the Library’s inventory of properties and one of the largest planned to date for any City of Austin facility. The three roof levels of the Carver Branch Library will be covered by 276 modules (solar panels) set at a 5 degree angle. This roof mounted photovoltaic system will provide 60 KW for the Carver Branch Library and whatever electricity is not used by the library will be absorbed by the City grid for distribution elsewhere. Media coverage of the successful installation of the photovoltaic array installation at the Carver Branch Library and the Carver Museum was provided on June 20th, in synchronization with the Summer Solstice, the first day of summer. The work to install photovoltaic panels at the Ruiz Branch Library has been substantially completed as well and the installation of photovoltaic panels at the Spicewood Springs Branch Library is in progress. The remaining work at both the Ruiz and the Spicewood Springs consists primarily of installing devices to display and monitor the energy production of the photovoltaic systems. Special solar panel mounting racks required for the Cepeda Branch Library are on backorder from the manufacturer at this time, and work at that site will commence as soon as those racks are delivered. The photovoltaic systems at the Ruiz, Spicewood Springs and Cepeda branches are each anticipated to produce 4kw of electrical energy. The Library Department anticipates that all work on this solar energy project will be completed within sixty (60) days and will necessitate no interruption of library services.

### **Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Naming Ceremony:**

On Thursday, July 5th, the contracted vendor confirmed that the production of the new monument sign and building sign elements by various manufacturers was on schedule. The vendor now tentatively plans to start demolition and installation at the site in early August. The Library Department remains in close liaison with the Kirk family regarding the facility renaming ceremony, and discussions are now underway to schedule the event in the Fall, when temperatures should be more conducive for staging an outdoor celebration. Due to the large turnout of friends and admirers anticipated, conducting the ceremony indoors at the branch library does not appear feasible.

### **Old Quarry Branch Library Plumbing Repairs:**

The Old Quarry Branch Library was closed from June 18th through June 29th to allow a retrofit of the site's failing sanitary line to be safely carried out. The project turned out to be far more than a routine wastewater line replacement as no less than four (4) major plumbing code violations were uncovered and had to be corrected during the course of the work. However, thanks to the tireless efforts and dedication of both our plumbing contractor and Austin Water Utility, the project was completed on schedule and the Old Quarry Branch Library reopened to the public at 10:00 AM on June 30th.

### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Circulation Desk Improvements:**

The Little Walnut Creek Branch Library will be closed Monday, July 30th through Friday, August 3rd so that architectural modifications can be carried out to improve the accessibility of the circulation desk. Upon completion of the work, the Little Walnut Creek Branch Library will reopen to the public on Saturday, August 4th. The book drop will remain open during the duration of the project for the convenience of customers returning materials to the branch. Customers with items on hold that week may pick them up at the Windsor Park Branch Library (5833 Westminster Drive). Other nearby libraries which customers are encouraged to use while Little Walnut Creek Branch Library is being renovated are the North Village Branch Library (2505 Steck Avenue) and the St. John Branch (7500 Blessing Avenue).

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming & Outreach**

- On June 16, the AHC, with the AHCA, hosted a morning reception for "The First Picture Shows" exhibit. Local musician Tim Mueting, whose parents owned a drive in theater, provided music and commentary about his families' drive in experience during the reception. Following the reception, the 50+ attendees walked over to the Paramount Theater for a behind the scenes look at the Paramount and State Theaters, including a rare glimpse into the old projection booth at the Paramount.
- African American Liaison Cynthia Evans gave a presentation of preserving family history at the Doris Miller Auditorium as part of the city's Juneteenth celebrations. Over 75 people attended the presentation, staff also began promoting the AHC's upcoming exhibit on African American Life in Travis County.
- Head of Public Services Nancy Toombs conducted a Behind the Scenes tour for the Luedecke family (9 members) on June 20. The Luedeckes have a strong

connection to the AHC, including one family member serving on the Library Commission in the 1930s when the current AHC building was built

### **Collections**

- Processing Archivist Molly Hults finished processing 5 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Travis County Commissioners Court Minutes, the University Area-Austin Kiwanis Club Records, the Bill Anderson Papers, the First Workers' Corporation Records, and the Alberto and Eva Garcia Papers. She also added items or updated finding aids to 6 additional collections, adding 11 new collection inventories online for researchers to discover. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).
- One of the interesting acquisitions the last month was the papers of Wayne Gronquist, the founder of the Save Barton Springs Association. This collection includes much information on the environmental movement in Austin and Texas. The AHC also acquired a collection of music posters from Emo's, mostly early shows, from one of their former employees.
- Asian American Liaison Esther Chung added a number of items to the growing Asian American collections at the AHC. During the month of June, she acquired papers from the David Chan family (Chan was a prominent businessman and community member), the Austin Filipino American Association, and the Chinese Society of Austin.

### **Publications**

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming books from the University of Texas, Temple University, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, for articles in the Austin American Statesman and the Texas Observer, and for display in the Waller Creek Boathouse and a Wells Fargo bank in Kansas.

### **Reference**

- The AHC had a recent user blog about his experience at the AHC – read his research adventures at: <http://thesop.org/story/20120715/a-search-for-traces-of-indigenous-punk-rock-at-the-austin-history-center.html>. The final paragraph includes a great line that could be a great marketing tool for the AHC: "the Austin History Center, where time travel is legal."

## **Central Library Services**

ACLS will be offering a two part series, **Protect Your Information**, on September 16 and 23 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Faulk Central Library. The first session will cover what private information is, some common threats to your information and tips and techniques to better secure you and your family's information. The second session will be a hand on demonstration of some of the tools discussed in part one, including USB drive encryption, how to test the operating system and program patch levels and password management.

Staff will also start a monthly **Business Writing 101 Class** and will cover e-mail etiquette, writing cover letters, proofreading, writing for websites, and business blogs, etc. This class will begin in October, 2012.

This month, additional CD racks were ordered and installed replacing the large, bulky wooden display units on the first floor. New books and CD's are streaming in and staff is expanding the CD area and has already shifted the 2nd floor.

**Branch Services**

The Dell Discovery Lab at the Willie Mae Kirk branch continues to be devoted to giving kids exposure to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) resources. The branch was visited by the Science Rocks! trailer, an interactive and mobile science lab with a number of interactive exhibits. The Science Friday programs continue to draw new customers to the branch.

The Old Quarry branch was closed for approximately 10 days so that COA workers could repair an aged water line.

The Carver Branch hosted two big events back-to-back in June: the Juneteenth Youth Celebration on June 16 and the 6th annual Austin African American Book Festival on June 23. Featured authors for the book festival were Bernice McFadden and Elizabeth Nunez. The Carver Branch's African American collection has several titles by both authors, which were featured in Carver's book festival display. They had a very large turnout for both events, and both the branch and Library Director Brenda Branch received some nice feedback from one of the Book Festival organizers.

**Youth Services**

**Children's Services**

The 2012 Summer Reading Program began on June 1, and Children's Librarians began presenting programs midway through the month. Austin's children were excited to sign up and start reading this summer, eager to attend programs presented by our librarians and special presenters. Of particular note were many of the interactive special programs produced in-house by Children's Librarians, including Secret Agent School and Bend it Like Crazy! Additionally, programs such as the Austin Reptile Show and the Harms Marionettes spectacular were highlights. Summer Reading continues through the month of July, with programs ending July 21, and with reading log returns completed by the end of August.

**Teen Services**

Kicking off the summer with a successful YomiCon event launched a series of three other events aimed at this audience for fans of genre fiction, called our Wrath of Cons. Many performers and events began their journey around the system to engage and enchant APL customers, and Youth Services Librarians offered engaging, immersive activities that helped customers to encounter our collections. The Gardner Betts Juvenile Detention Center also participated in the APL Summer Reading Program, as the young people we work with there were likewise invited to read and receive a book as a prize for their efforts. Meanwhile, Storytime Connection volunteers delivered storytimes at area child care facilities; the Dell Discovery Lab hosted the Science Rocks van at the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library.

**Grants**

Dell Powering the Possible Youth Learning has funded the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation for a second year of Discovery Lab operation (\$45,000). The Discovery Lab, located at the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library, attracts underserved youth to the Library to explore science and technology. Over the summer months, youth have attended Science Fridays watching science related programs followed by activities to expand and reinforce the learning. Seven Dell employee volunteers became presenters at the Science Rocks program hosted in June. The Discovery Lab emphasizes communication and collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, innovation and creativity, and technological literacy in the underserved community. The goal of the work is to help youth succeed in school, work and life by mastering skills and content required for success in a highly globalized, technological economy.

**Recycled Reads**

June revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,300 and over 3,850 people visited the store. Approximately 14,500 items were sold.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. More than 14 pallets of materials from the warehouse were processed and 14 pallets of donations from the public were received. Approximately 20 pallets of materials were sorted representing over 37,500 items. Good Will picked up over 20 gaylords of material, and approximately 10 tons of materials were diverted from the landfill. Image Microsystems picked-up 2 pallets of materials.

Staff met with Austin Resource Recovery regarding the cross program support of the bookstore's donation and upcycling efforts. AE provided magnets for upcycling projects.

**Volunteer Services**

<b>JUNE 2012 - STATISTICS</b>	
Number of Volunteers	183
MAY - Volunteer hours	1721.32
Volunteer Value*	\$ 21.36
	<b>\$36, 767.39</b>

**June Incidents**

- 35 Disturbing others using the Library
- 37 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 20 Disorderly conduct
- 19 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 19 Sleeping in the Library
- 18 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 12 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 12 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
- 10 Violating Internet Policy
- 8 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library

- 8 Using obscene language
- 7 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 6 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 5 Destruction of Library property
- 5 No hat policy
- 4 Fighting
- 4 Entering unauthorized areas
- 4 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 4 Unintended use of restrooms
- 3 Public Lewdness
- 2 Bringing animals into the Library
- 2 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
- 2 Indecent exposure
- 2 Appropriate clothing is required
- 1 Child abuse
- 1 Smoking in the Library
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling
- 1 Strong Odor
- 1 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers

**241 Total**

**Locations # of Incidents**

ACE	55
ATB	24
ARZ	19
ALW	13
AWP	11
ATO	10
ACB	9
ASJ	8
AUH	7
AMR	6
ASR	4
AWK	4
AYB	4
ACP	3
AOK	3
AMI	3
AOQ	3
APH	3
ASE	2
AHO	1

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