

Highlights

- The AHC's newest exhibit, "Building a Community: The First Century of African American Life in Travis County" opening reception will be October 28 from 4 to 6 p.m..
- There are currently no upcoming City Council agenda items for APL scheduled for November.
- The Leaf for a Leaf Kickoff Party will be October 27, 2012 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hampton Branch in Oak Hill
- The Texas Book Festival will be held October 27-28.
- The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation annual fundraiser, Illumine 2012, will be held Friday, November 9, 7-10 p.m. at the Hilton Austin Downtown

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: On October 1st, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Austin History Center, representatives from the Joint Venture design team of Lake/Flato Architects and Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott Architects presented the New Central Library Design Development (60% Complete Design) package to the Library Commission during a Special Called Meeting held for that purpose. A lively and very positive conversation regarding the features and amenities provided by the New Central Library design ensued between architects, Commissioners and citizens in attendance following the presentation. During the week of October 1st, City of Austin staff and personnel from the Joint Venture design team met daily to confer on Design Development corrections and comments. On October 8th, Notice To Proceed with the Construction Document Phase of the project was issued to the Joint Venture. Council approved on October 11th of the negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with 220 Designs, Inc., for the Art Bollard Sleeves of the 2nd Street Bridge and Extension (West Avenue to Shoal Creek) Art in Public Places Project in an amount not to exceed \$65,000. The designers will be asked to create artwork sleeves for traffic bollards planned for installation adjacent to the New Central Library, thereby enhancing the experience of being a pedestrian, cyclist or driver in the Seaholm District. Also on October 11th, staff from the Library, Communication Technology Management and Public Works departments met all day to review the New Central Library Design floor by floor in order to establish the IT (voice/data) requirements for each interior space. Council's approval will be sought on October 18th to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Construction Manager at Risk contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Company for additional preconstruction phase services for the New Central Library and related services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a total preconstruction phase authorization not to exceed \$948,339. Council's approval will allow Hensel Phelps' Preconstruction Phase Services to include the Seaholm Substation Wall construction scope along with early preparation and development of design for the dewatering system and the shoring/soil retention system

needed to obtain a site development permit for the New Central Library Project. City of Austin staff will visit sites in San Antonio on December 19th to view construction materials in place that the Joint Venture design team would like the City of Austin to consider using on the New Central Library Project. To coordinate mutual sustainability efforts, a Seaholm EcoDistrict Meeting will be conducted on October 18th with all District partners in attendance, including City staff, developers and contractors. On October 23rd, Library, Public Works and Parking Authority staff members will meet to discuss how the New Central Library parking garage will be operated. The New Central Library Design Development Presentation will be included in a Real Estate Forum hosted by the Central Texas Commercial Association of Realtors (CTCAR) on October 30th to identify and describe projects which will influence the Austin and Central Texas area for the foreseeable future.

The project schedule for the New Central Library is now established as follows:

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

February 2013 ~ 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 City of Austin has called a special election for Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Voters will consider eighteen City of Austin propositions, including ten City Charter amendment propositions, one voter-initiated proposition, and seven bond propositions. These will be considered in conjunction with the November General Election for Federal, State and County offices, along with propositions for other taxing authorities. Proposition 18 would authorize \$13,442,000 for projects and programs for library, museum and cultural arts facilities. If approved by voters, this proposition will allow the City to provide funding for designing, constructing, improving and equipping library, museum and cultural arts facilities. The types of projects to be undertaken as part of this bond proposition, if approved, may include but are not limited to the following:

Library Facility Improvement Projects
Provide funding for interior and exterior renovations at

multiple branch locations of the Austin Public Library. Representative projects may include:

- Austin History Center
- University Hills Branch
- Cepeda Branch
- Will Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
- Milwood Branch
- Windsor Park Branch
- Pleasant Hill Branch
- Yarborough Branch
- Zaragoza Technical Support Warehouse

Cultural Arts Facility Improvement Project

Provide funding to expand City-owned buildings that are leased and operated by the Austin Film Society to increase the amount of square footage available for film and television production and add office space for creative small businesses.

The complete 2012 bond voter information brochure is now available at www.austintexas.gov/2012bond.

Now that City Council has set the bond propositions for the November 2012 ballot, the Capital Planning Office is working with involved departments to formulate a bond program implementation plan. The purpose of the bond implementation plan will be to insure that planning of proposed projects proceeds in a timely manner, and that cross-department coordination is maintained for the efficient, integrated delivery of the potential bond program.

Austin History Center Wastewater Line Retrofit Project:

Exploratory site work, often called potholing, has been successfully completed, revealing that there is sufficient slope in the limited area of construction to allow for the 1/8 inch fall per foot required for the new wastewater line by current Building Code. Subsequently, the plumbing contractor's final proposal for this project has now been signed and is being processed. A pre-construction meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 16th at the site.

Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit: On October 11th, Council authorized the award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Trane U.S., Inc., for the purchase and installation of a centrifugal chiller at the Faulk Central Library, to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$61,449 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$264,678. The amendment is required to facilitate the installation of a fresh air duct and mechanical ventilation fan for the system in order to provide a constant flow of fresh air to the mechanical room with high volume air flow in the event of a refrigerant leak. If a refrigerant leak should occur, this additional air flow will protect staff and customers by evacuating the refrigerant and displacing it with outside air. This building modification is necessary to comply with OSHA life safety requirements for ventilation and must be completed by the chiller installer to ensure warranty. The power distribution portion of the work, however, will be performed by the Library Department's own electricians so that the work schedule may be accelerated. The construction activities required to achieve these requisite building modifications are not expected to

exceed six weeks in duration, nor is the work anticipated to cause any interruption of normal business at the Faulk Central Library and Austin History Center campus.

Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:

A revised scope of work is currently being developed for the twelve branch libraries still awaiting the installation of exterior night/day security cameras. This project scope revision was deemed necessary as original pricing for the equipment is now outdated and in some instances, specified equipment is no longer in manufacture. Schneider Electric is presently in the process of preparing a revised project proposal for review and acceptance by the Austin Public Library. The project team, which includes representatives from the Communication Technology Management Department, Austin Public Library Security, Schneider Electric, and Titus Electrical Contracting, LP., have coordinated walk-through inspections of the twelve remaining branches to ensure consistency and prevent task overlap. An asbestos survey was completed for the Zaragoza Technical Support Warehouse on September 19th, and the Austin Public Library is now waiting for the issuance of the resulting asbestos report.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:

On October 3rd, the Library Department received clearance from the Asbestos/Lead Management Division of the Public Works Department for approximately 80% of the building components to be impacted by this project. The 20% of building elements remaining to be tested are not currently accessible for asbestos sampling but will be tested prior to the start of demolition activities. Any asbestos containing materials identified will be abated in compliance with the stringent City of Austin protocol and procedures established for removal of this hazardous material. Since the retrofitting the building's flue will require closing the West stairway, an essential path of egress in case of a fire event, the Fire Department has ruled that neither public nor staff may be allowed in the building while deconstruction or construction activities are being carried out in this area. In order to disrupt the operations of the Faulk Central Library as little as possible, the project management team is exploring the possibility of closing the facility and conducting the retrofit during four, consecutive weekends during the Spring of 2013.

Branch Libraries Photovoltaic System Installation

Project: This joint project with Austin Energy, made possible by means of 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 has been substantially completed with the exception of some minor roof leak issues. Over the last several weeks of rain activity, the Austin Public Library and the contractor have identified the location of the roof leaks and are now making the necessary repairs. The work to install photovoltaic panels at the Ruiz Branch Library has been completed as well, as has the installation of photovoltaic panels at the Spicewood Springs and Cepeda branch libraries. The only project items remaining to be addressed at the branches are the dash board screen installations within interior spaces needed to display the energy production of the photovoltaic systems.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Naming Ceremony:

The Dedication Ceremony for the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library was successfully celebrated on Saturday, October 6th, beginning at 11:00 AM, with approximately 300 citizens in attendance. Mrs. Willie Mae Kirk taught in Austin for over 30 years and was at the center of the community's civil rights struggles for decades. She also served on the Library Commission for more than a decade. State Senator Kirk Watson, Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Council Member Mike Martinez, and former Mayor Gus Garcia all spoke of Mrs. Willie Mae Kirk as a tireless and fearless champion of children who believed in the worth and dignity of every individual. Ambassador Ron Kirk, a U.S. trade representative in the Obama administration and former Mayor of Dallas, and his sister, former Planning Commissioner Sandra Kirk, agreed that renaming the former Oak Springs Branch Library in their mother's honor was a fitting tribute to her life's work. Live music, light refreshments, and face printing for the youngest attendees were all provided as part of the day's festivities.

Recycled Reads Bookstore: The Austin Public Library has determined that no new pole signage may be added at the Recycled Reads Bookstore site according to the City of Austin Land Use ordinance. Therefore, the Austin Public Library will explore other options to better advertise the presence of the Recycled Reads Bookstore to passing motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- The AHC coordinated an O. Henry Birthday Crawl on September 15, partnering with the O. Henry Museum and the Capitol Visitors Center. All three locations had exhibits about O. Henry's life and experiences in Austin, as well as special programs for the day. At the AHC, a Mock Appeals Trial was held to weigh the evidence of his embezzlement conviction. The "tongue-in-cheek" trial starred Texas Appellate Judge Jan Patterson as the judge, with St. Edward's University Theater Professor Ev Lunning and O. Henry Pun-off organizer Gary Hallock as the attorneys. The audience, numbering around 75, served as a jury, and found him not guilty. The overall attendance for the day was over 100.
- "600 River Street: The Long Road to Completion" Program was held at the ESB-MACC on September 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program was part of the Recovering and Preserving the History of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Project. The keynote speaker was Dr. Tomas Ybarra-Frausto distinguished Latino scholar, panelists were Cathy Vasquez-Revilla, Tomas Salas, Roen Salinas, and Former Mayor Gus Garcia, and the moderator was Cristina Balli, Executive Director of Texas Folklife. It is estimated that 80 individuals were in attendance. The AHC received a Humanities Texas mini-grant to help pay for this program.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 6 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Austin Filipino-American Association Records, the Robert

Kaler Drawings and Photographs, the Chartier Newton Drawings, the Charles Coatsworth Pinkney Drawings, the Brooks, Barr, Graeber and White Drawings, and the Graeber, Simmons and Cowan Drawings. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.

- One of the interesting acquisitions the last month was a donation of back issues of The Rag, an "underground" newspaper published in Austin in the 1960s and 1970s. With this donation, the AHC now has a complete run of the publication. Also, the donation included an index to the newspaper, providing broader access to the collection for researchers.

Exhibits

- The AHC's newest exhibit, "Building a Community: The First Century of African American Life in Travis County" opened on September 25. The exhibit focuses on 1839 through 1940, the first century of African American life in Travis County, and explores the contributions and achievements as well as the obstacles faced in building a community and obtaining the American dream. Hundreds of documents and photographs mined from the AHC's collections illustrate these stories and help reveal periods of this history that need documentation to complete the picture. An Opening Reception is being planned for Sunday, October 28, 4-6 pm. The exhibit runs through March 24, 2013.
- Work is underway on a new photo exhibit for the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery. The AHC has partnered with MexicArte Museum to present "Austin's "Mexico:" A Forgotten Downtown Neighborhood." This exhibit will explore the vibrant Mexican community that sprang up around what is now Republic Square in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an online educational tool for elementary students (www.pebblego.com), a KXAN news story about the Warehouse District, and an exhibit at the TA Brown Elementary School.

Youth Services

ACYS is working with the City's Watershed department to celebrate Native Plants Week (October 14 – 20). Watershed is providing the Youth Services division with Native Plant Growing Guides and youth librarians at the locations will display these guides along with other library materials related to gardening, xeriscaping, and Texas plants.

ACYS librarian, Suzan Nyfeler, is gearing up for a large tour of 51 Regents High School seniors at the Faulk Central Library. Suzan will highlight the Library's offering of databases through a thorough training of these electronic resources and is enlisting help from the rest of the division.

The Division Manager of Youth Services has been invited by several other City departments to join in on the committee working on the Any Given Child initiative. This is a City of Austin and Austin Independent School District partnership. This committee will discuss possible roles of the City in the initiative and offer recommendations to the City Manager on the City's involvement based on existing or future programming aligned with current department

goals.

Central Library Services

Staffing

Lisa Hamilton is the new Managing Librarian in Central Library Services filling Rachel Cummin's vacancy. Lisa worked at APL since 2006 as a Reference Librarian and as Virtual Library Administrator from June 2009 to 2010. She started her new position October 8, 2012.

Outreach/Reference

Reference librarian, Betsey Blanche, created a display celebrating 30 years of "Banned Books." Recently challenged books include, Harry Potter, The Hunger Games, The Kite Runner, Leaves of Grass, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, On the Origin of the Species, Twilight and Brave New World

Service Changes and Improvements

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) – October 1, 2012 ILL customers were limited to 1 active transaction instead of 5. A letter was sent via email on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 notifying our ILL customers of this change. Very few complaints were received.

The State grant funding for the Austin Public Library's Interlibrary Loan service was drastically reduced in 2011. As a result, APL limited ILL services to books only and 5 items per library card. Since that time APL has been providing ILL service with no staff and no budget but can no longer maintain this service at the current level.

Requests are still limited to books only and there is no renewal. The Library hopes this reduces the cost and workload enough to make it sustainable. Offering only one active loan per customer means that a researcher can still request a critical resource that is not available in any other way.

E News: Customers can access everything from eBooks to newspapers for free with your Austin Public Library card. The Virtual Library is available to you 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Customers who visit our Overdrive site will see a new section with video recommendations. The video collection has about 1700 titles to choose from in a variety of topics. Our newest database, the Austin Business Journal is the source for local business news, research and events in the Austin area. If something happens in Austin, the Austin Business Journal knows

Branch Services

Branch Services is getting ready to interview for several new positions as part of the new City budget. Spicewood has interviewed and hired for their new Librarian III position.

The Howson Branch received a donation from the Howson Book Club in honor of their past president.

Ruiz is preparing to host popular mystery writer J. A. Jance in November, as she plans to be in town for the inaugural F1 race.

Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities – Humanities Texas

Gloria Espitia, Austin History Center, received financial assistance (\$815) from Humanities Texas to present "600 River Street: The Long Road to Completion," a panel discussion on the evolution of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center as it celebrates its fifth anniversary. Scholar, Dr. Tomás Ybarra-Frausto, former Associate Director, Creativity and Culture Rockefeller Foundation, now retired, delivered the lead presentation. The panel discussion included Cristina Balli, Executive Director of Texas Folklife, as the panel moderator and panelists Tomas Salas, Gus Garcia, Roen Salinas, and Catherine Vasquez-Revilla. The event took place the evening of September 26, 2012 at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. The program was documented by Channel 6, the City of Austin, access channel and is currently available for viewing at <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/channel-6>

Recycled Reads

September revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,225 (14,000 items) and over 4,100 people visited the store. Donations were received from approximately 240 people.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 220 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 20 pallets of discarded materials and Image Microsystems picked-up 2 pallets of media. Staff received 12 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing over 40,000 items.

Over 14 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. The fiscal year figures on recycling are: Recycled Reads saved 444 MTCO₂EQ by diverting 142.5 tons of books from landfills.

This Greenhouse Gas emission savings equals:

- CO₂ emissions from 79 passenger cars or
- CO₂ emissions from 45,156 gallons of gasoline consumed or
- CO₂ emissions from 5.3 tanker trucks' worth of gasoline or
- CO₂ emissions from the electricity use of 50 homes for one year or
- CO₂ emissions from the energy use of 35 homes for one year or
- Carbon sequestered by 10,328 tree seedlings grown for 10 years or
- Carbon sequestered annually by 86 acres of pine or fir forests or
- CO₂ emissions from 16,782 propane cylinders used for home barbecues or
- CO₂ emissions from burning 2.2 railcars' worth of coal or

Annual CO₂ emissions of 0.0001 coal fired power plants

MTCO₂EQ = Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent

Recycled Reads received funding from Austin Resource Recovery to purchase 2,500 tote bags with both

ARRs logos on them. Austin Resource Recovery also submitted an article on Recycled Reads to their Block Leaders' newsletter and designed door hangers (based on Recycled Reads bookmarks) to put on customers' doors.

AWP 3
 AYB 3
 AOK 2
 AMI 1

Volunteer Services

SEPTEMBER 2012 - STATISTICS
 Number of Volunteers 143
 SEPTEMBER - Volunteer hours 1406
 Volunteer Value* \$ 21.36
\$ 30,032.16

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

<http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries

September Incidents

48 Disturbing others using the Library
 19 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
 19 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
 15 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
 14 Violating Internet Policy
 12 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
 11 Disorderly conduct
 11 Using obscene language
 8 Leaving personal belongings unattended
 8 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
 6 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
 5 Sleeping in the Library
 5 Strong Odor
 5 Unintended use of restrooms
 4 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
 4 Entering unauthorized areas
 3 Destruction of Library property
 3 No hat policy
 2 Appropriate clothing is required
 2 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
 1 Bringing animals into the Library
 1 Child abuse
 1 Fighting
 1 Soliciting and panhandling
 1 Public Lewdness

230 Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE 48
 ARZ 19
 ALW 15
 ATB 14
 ASJ 10
 AUH 9
 ACB 8
 APH 7
 AMR 6
 ASE 6
 ACP 5
 ASR 5
 ATO 4
 AOQ 3
 AWK 3

