

Highlights

- The Leaf for a Leaf finale will be March 2, 2013 - 9 a.m. to 12 pm at Dick Nichols Park, 8011 Beckett Rd
- Recycled Reads celebrates its 4th Anniversary, March 2, 2013 - 12 pm to 6 pm
- Effective March 1, 2013, the maximum number of items that a customer may borrow is 50, excluding downloadables.
- The 2013 Mayor's Book Club will feature two novels: *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain and *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers. Details of events to follow.
- There are currently no upcoming City Council agenda items for APL scheduled for March.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The New Central Library remained on a fast schedule throughout the month of February. On the evening of February 4th, Christian Moeller's mid-design presentation of the project's signature artwork was by the Art In Public Places Panel. INTERA announced on February 7th, that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued a certificate of completion for the environmental remediation work at the former Seaholm substation site. INTERA is the local environmental consulting firm hired by the City of Austin to prepare the former Seaholm substation site in downtown for the New Central Library complex. The certificate means that the environmental conditions at the former Seaholm substation site are protective of public health and the environment, explained INTERA officials, who have spent the last three years working with Austin Energy and TCEQ on the investigative and remediation project. Now that the property has been cleared for site work to begin, the City will consider initiating fast track construction, a building method in which construction is begun on a portion of the work for which design is complete, while design on other portions of the work is underway. To that end, a planning effort is in progress with the Public Works and Library departments to move the groundbreaking ceremony for the New Central Library and the 2nd Street Bridge and Street Extension projects up to May. New Central Library consultants and involved City staff met on February 12th, 13th and 14th in an effort to resolve a number of engineering concerns facing the project, including location of the café's grease interceptor (grease trap), streets/utilities coordination, methods for achieving smoke exhaust make-up air, façade support, and lighting/mechanical-electrical-plumbing control systems coordination. On February 20th, consultants, staff and contractors working on the New Central Library Project met with Art In Public Places and Parks and Recreation staff to conduct a final review of Sharon Engelstein's artwork proposed for installation in Shoal Creek Park near the east entrance to the New Central Library. The project schedule for the New Central Library remains as follows:

April 2013 ~ Construction Cost Limitation approved by Council

May 2013 ~ Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted

June 2013 ~ Site Development Work begins

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

December 2013 ~ Construction begins

December 2015 ~ Construction completed

Spring 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

2012 Bond Development Process: The Library projects to be completed as part of this 2012 Bond Program in priority order:

- University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion
- Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade
- Milwood Branch Library Renovations
- Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Renovations
- Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements
- Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade
- Cepeda Branch Library Renovations
- Yarborough Branch Library Renovations
- Windsor Park Branch Library Renovations

Bond program implementation planning is being completed this month. A Bond Oversight Committee meeting is now scheduled for the morning of March 29th, in order to discuss and take action on the mid-FY2013 Proposed Bond Appropriation and Sale Schedule Amendment for the 2012 Bond program.

Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program Plan: Three pressing renovation projects, all funded by means of the 2012 Bond Program, figure prominently in the Library Department's Financial Year 2013-2014 CIP Work Plan:

- The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project will correct vehicular and pedestrian access safety hazards at this increasingly popular East Austin community library.
- The Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement & HVAC Upgrade Project will prevent further water penetration of the building envelope and restore interior climate control for this important South Austin library facility.
- The Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project will repair a failed sanitary sewer and replace worn finishes, furniture and equipment at this heavily used library serving

the Northwest quadrant of the City

The presently unfunded but critically needed RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project is proposed for inclusion in the CIP Work Plan of the Austin Public Library for Financial Year 2013-2014. This project will upgrade obsolete electromagnetic-based collection security and management equipment throughout the departmental inventory of properties to match the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology currently utilized at our two newest branches (North Village and Twin Oaks) and planned for the New Central Library. The Austin Public Library proposes to upgrade this essential equipment at its facilities to RFID incrementally, beginning with its busiest branch locations: Will Hampton at Oak Hill, Milwood, Spicewood Springs, Yarborough and Manchaca Road.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY 2013-2014 schedule is established as follows:

February 11 ~ CIP Plan Narratives and Planning Models Results due to the Capital Planning Office

March 6 ~ CIP Plan Pages and Bond Appropriation/Sale Schedules due to the Budget Office

Early April ~ City Manager to review CIP Plan & Bond Sale Schedule

April 18 ~ Financial Forecast Presentation to Council

June 25 ~ Planning Commission recommends FY14 CIP Plan

August 1 ~ Proposed Capital Budget presented to Council

September 9 – 11 ~ Budget Readings/Approval

Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit: The final fabrication work has been completed on this project, which involves installing a fresh air duct and mechanical ventilation fan for the building's chiller 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. At this time, fine tuning of the equipment programming is being performed for both the new chiller and new cooling towers in order to improve upon the 30% more energy efficient operation already achieved by means of this retrofit project. Scheduling of walk-throughs and sign-off for completion are expected to occur no later than the end of January. This project is now being closed out after successful completion of all punch list items during January. The entire process, from preliminary design to warranty phase, is deemed to have been an exemplary collaboration between two City departments, the Austin Public Library and Austin Energy, accomplishing necessary infrastructure renewal utilizing federal grant funds.

Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:

A revised scope of work has been 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 (APL). The project team, which includes representatives from the Communication Technology Management Department (CTM), 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. The Communications Technology Management Department (CTM) has recently informed the Austin Public Library (APL) that they are near to exhausting their spending authority under the master agreement with Schneider Electric. Spending estimates for project completion have been submitted by the various City departments so that CTM can decide which departments' projects can continue to progress. If the estimated spending plan needed to complete the APL's Exterior Security Camera Installation Project exceeds the master contract's remaining spending authority then there will be a project delay of approximately three (3) months while CTM secures additional Council authorization to purchase security monitoring equipment and programming software. However, the APL will continue to move forward, by working with a separate cabling contractor, in completely cabling its buildings that still require the installation of security cameras. It remains possible that the APL's Exterior Security Camera Installation Project may yet be completed before the Spring of 2013.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:

On February 12th, Austin Public Library and Contract Management Department (CMD) staff met to review the feasibility of employing a Job Order Contract (JOC) vendor as the method of construction delivery for this project. It was decided that the project remained a good match for the CMD managed JOC program that provides construction, repairs and maintenance services to City of Austin facilities via JOC vendors. The project's construction documents and drawings are now 90% complete, but the project manager has requested additional information from the design engineers needed to meet the Electronic Plan Review requirements of the Quality and Standards Management Division. A project construction schedule will be established and announced to both Library staff and customers as soon as proves possible.

Branch Libraries Photovoltaic System Installation Project:

This joint project, made possible by means of a State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) grant, has provided for the installation of rooftop solar panel arrays at the Carver, Spicewood Springs, Cepeda and Ruiz branch libraries. The only project items remaining to be addressed at these branches are the dash board screen installations within interior spaces, needed to display the energy production of the photovoltaic systems. The final step in completing this project is the installation of associated software, now scheduled for February 21st at all four locations, allowing for real time display of power generation.

Twin Oaks Branch Library Real-Time Controls for Rainwater Harvesting Project: This is a pilot project sponsored by the Watershed Protection Department to retrofit the rainwater harvesting system at the Twin Oaks Branch Library with Real Time Controls. The intent is to achieve better balance between the sometimes conflicting goals of storm water treatment and water conservation. In storm water treatment, storm water is expected to be discharged from cisterns to infiltrate the ground quickly so that cisterns are empty for the next storm. In water conservation, the water in cisterns is held as long as possible for regular use in irrigation. Real Time Controls are being proposed as a potential solution to this conflict. These controls are connected to weather stations and will automatically draw down the cistern contents by the amount of rain predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This approach will allow cisterns to be emptied for storm events while insuring a reservoir for irrigation purposes. The City of Austin Watershed Protection and Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) has teamed with Geosyntec to carry out this pilot study for evolving technology on a shared cost basis. Following installation, the new control system will be monitored for 24 months. Real Time software will allow information on the system to be displayed in the interior of the library for customer viewing. During the initial inspection of the Twin Oaks site, it was discovered that the existing rainwater harvesting system was not performing to design criteria and bio-filtration system improvements were needed. That work has now been scoped, priced and accepted. As a consequence, the final phase of the Real Time Controls retrofit will proceed and completion is anticipated by the end of March.

Austin History Center

Programming and Outreach

- The AHC held a neighborhood history program on Saturday, January 26. The presentations were based on the recently published histories, Austin's Rosewood Neighborhood and Austin's Pemberton Heights. Both books are part of the Arcadia Press "Images of America" series and include hundreds of illustrations, many from the collections at the Austin History Center. 28 people attended the program.
- The AHC had a booth at the City of Austin's Diversity Fair on January 30, with all three community archivists on hand to talk about their roles at the AHC in making sure that diverse communities are included in the archival collections at the AHC.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. Joel Payton Austin Pioneers Scrapbooks, the Dolly Maude Harris Fowler Papers, the Travis County Local Option Committee Campaign Records, the Jenny Clark Video Collection, and the John Ezelle Scrapbook. These collections include the The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC had a number of interesting new acquisitions in January. The AHC acquired a collection of letters and photographs from the Sievers/Schmidt families of Austin. The collection includes letters, school records from Anna

Schmidt, and hundreds of photographs. Researchers have already visited the AHC to view these materials. Other new acquisitions include a set of videos from the 1990s ACTV show "The Austin Coffee House," photographs about the Austin Brown Berets, and photographs of the Bhutanese/Nepali community in Austin.

Exhibits

- Interest continues to be strong for the current exhibit "Building a Community." African American Community Archivist Cynthia Evans gave two tours/presentations about the exhibit this month to over 100 visitors.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in 2 upcoming books: Questioning Architectural Judgment: The Problem of Codes in the United States and Spooky Schools, for public display at Willie G's Restaurant on Congress, for use on the city's bicycle history website, and for an upcoming exhibit at the Capitol Visitors Center.

Staff News

- The AHC recently hired Nicole Davis, formerly with the Harry Ransom Center, to serve as the AHC's Media Archivist. Nicole will be responsible for managing the Center's photograph, film, video and audio collections.

Branch Services

- AWP - Adult Programming: The Community Cinema film "Soul Food Junkies" attracted 27 citizens on the 15th. The Windsor Park Book Club had 8 readers at the meeting on the 8th discussing The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg. The Windsor Players have been suspended. Paul Baker's Cat Night included a screening of "Puss in Books: Adventures of a Library Cat" - 25 people enjoyed the special program. Staff hosted an additional film on the 22th - "Conversations: The Movie," over 30 people attended.
- AUH - AUH hosted an excellent traveling display centering on the Buffalo Soldiers. This display is produced by the Texas State Parks and Wildlife Department. The display consists of two mannequins dressed in post-Civil War garb. There are also three panels that outline the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and their contribution to the expansion of the United States westward.
- ACB - The Computer and Job Search Center reopened on January 14. Tim Weber, formerly with Recycled Reads, was hired to replace Michelle Lawson in the Program Specialist position. Tim got to work immediately: assisting users, teaching, helping with reports and setting up next month's schedule. Many regulars have expressed their contentment at having the BTOP Center back after a 1.5 month absence.

ACB received a generous \$1,000.00 check from the Executive Women in Texas Government. EWTG President Carolyn Fry sent a letter with the check, in which she thanked the Carver Branch staff for their "hospitality and customer service over the past year... Since the library is centrally located it makes hosting our events accessible to our members, many of whom work in or near downtown Austin".

AARP began their tax help service on January 31. Over 21 people received help the first day of the service. A large turn-out is anticipated this year because four sites have been closed due to a lack of volunteers.

Youth Services

At the AISD Summer Literacy Training Planning Meeting, ACYS Manager David Spradling and Children's Services Coordinator Sally Miculek met with stakeholders from Austin ISD, KLRU, the E3 Coalition, and other area organizations concerned with literacy. The group has decided to offer a train-the-trainer session on Saturday morning, April 13, for program planners at large summer camps in Austin, in order to encourage program organizers to integrate literacy components into their summer activities for children in Austin and Travis County. Sally and David will be serving on a subcommittee to develop a Resource Bag/Toolkit for participants, and Sally will serve on the Goal Setting subcommittee, charged with defining the intended outcomes of this training session, and intended outcomes for children in programs facilitated by participants in this training session.

Sally Miculek presented "Early Literacy Programs and Resources at the Austin Public Library" to the Austin Early Childhood Council at City Hall. Sally's presentation was a thorough look at how Youth Services provides children's services and the thought process behind the decisions made on staff offerings. Sally reported on our story time programs, outreach programming, and in-Library passive programs to a very attentive audience. The Council had a multitude of good questions that Sally answered.

Marion Rocco, Children's Services Librarian, Celia Holm, Children's Services Librarian, and Sally Miculek, Children's Services Coordinator, attended the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, WA. Marion began her term on the Association for Library Services to Children Batchelder Medal selection committee. She will be reading books for children published internationally and brought to the US and translated for an American Audience in the coming year. Sally began her term on the Association for Library Services to Children Sibert Medal selection committee, and will be reading informational books for children in the coming year. Each committee will select its winner in January, 2014, and the committees will present these prestigious awards at the ALA Annual Conference in June, 2014.

Recycled Reads

January revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$17,100 (18,000 items) and over 4,550 people visited the store. Donations were received from approximately 270 people. Over 45 boxes of weeded materials were received from the Westbank Public Library. A donation of over 60,000 books was received from the Book Exchange due to the South Austin store closing.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 185 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 24 pallets of discarded materials from the store and an additional 10 from the warehouse. Image Microsystems picked-up 4 pallets of media. Staff received 15 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 30 pallets of

materials representing over 58,000 items. Over 18 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

On January 12, Recycled Reads hosted the first annual RAVE (Rare, Art, Vintage, Ephemera) sale at the bookstore over 300 people attended.

The last week of January, Facility Services widened the back ramp and repaired the door threshold at Recycled Reads to facilitate donations and Goodwill and Image Microsystems pickup.

Volunteer Services

JANUARY 2013 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	131
JANUARY - Volunteer hours	1182.48
Volunteer Value*	\$ 21.79
	\$25,766.23

January Policy Violations

34	Disturbing others using the Library
21	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
13	Disorderly conduct
12	Using obscene language
11	Sleeping in the Library
10	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
9	Leaving personal belongings unattended
8	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
7	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
7	No hat policy
6	Violating Internet Policy
5	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
4	Entering unauthorized areas
4	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
3	Unintended use of restrooms
3	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
2	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
2	Indecent exposure
2	Soliciting and panhandling
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Strong Odor
2	Destruction of Library property
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
1	Smoking in the Library
1	Public Lewdness

173 Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	39
ATB	17
AWP	10
ALW	9
ACP	7
ACB	6
AMR	6
APH	5
AUH	5
AWK	5

ASR	4
ASJ	4
ATO	4
AYB	4
ANV	3
ARZ	3
ASE	3
AZW	2
AOK	1
AHO	1
AOQ	1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

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

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