

More Than Books

Highlights

- Try piloxing to get fit. Piloxing incorporates boxing, dance, and standing pilates principles. Led by WeViva. Terrazas Branch, Monday, August 1, 6:30 PM.
- Join us for *Marketing Your Product, Services and Company*, at the Ruiz Branch, Thursday, August 4, 2 PM. Taught by SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business.
- On August 7 the Faulk Central Library will host a presentation titled *Expanding Our Visual Literacy*. Presenter Julie Rodriguez is an experience designer and co-author of *Visualizing Financial Data*, a book about visualization techniques and design principles. 2 PM in the Faulk Central Library's second floor events area.
- The Howson Branch debuts its foreign film series with *Paris: Je T'aime*, Wednesday, August 10, 6:30 PM.
- *FanimeCon* is an after hours event celebrating fantasy anime and manga. University Hills Branch, Friday, August 12, 6:30-9:30 PM.
- Learn about *Bees, Honey and Your Health* with Cassandra Carico at Recycled Reads, Saturday, August 13, 2 PM.
- The Austin History Center will open its newest exhibit, *Looking Back: 50 Years After the UT Tower Shootings* on July 26. This tragic event continues to resonate among Austinites and have an impact on the city, and the exhibit explores why we as a community should remember the event and what we can learn from it.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: At the present time, subcontractor crews are busily working throughout the interior spaces of the New Central Library, up on the roof and exterior walls and across the entire site. Some of the construction activities include but are not limited to: stone flooring installation in the event center lobby and the cooking demonstration area; speakers and window shades going up in the special event center on the first floor; sanding and finishing of the mesquite floor in the art gallery on the second level is in progress while fire suppression sprinklers are being installed in the bookstore; terrazzo flooring and millwork is in the process of being placed on the third floor atrium level; wood flooring installation is ongoing in front of the elevators on the third and fourth floors; construction of the "wave" ceilings is underway in the teen area, and intumescent (fireproofing) paint is being applied to the third and fourth floor reading porches. Scrim and scrim lights are being installed outside of the fourth floor Grand Reading Room, while planting beds and guardrails are being constructed on the roof garden. Landscaping, sidewalks, pavers and bollards are being placed on the ground level alongside the installation of stonework at the Bike Corral and soffit panels at the Café. Despite all the progress being made on the project, the contractor has recently predicted that Substantial Completion of the building will not be achieved before November of 2016, based on their belief that the high rise facility's Life Safety elements, including the smoke evacuation system, will not be completed to the satisfaction of the Austin Fire Department before that time. Meanwhile, on June 16, Council authorized negotiation and execution of a

12-month contract with Java Connections, LLC DBA Laptops Anytime, to provide five 30-bay self-service kiosks for the New Central Library in an amount not to exceed \$337,915, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$33,665 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$413,245. This contract will provide an all-in-one automated laptop/tablet self-check-out station for customers of the New Central Library. At their following meeting on June 23, Council further authorized:

- An amendment to the contract with Ungerboeck Systems International, Inc., for event booking software and system services for an increase of \$95,877 for the first extension option, and to increase the remaining four extension options in an amount not to exceed \$28,177 per extension option, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,408,585. The original contract was awarded through a competitive process on February 26, 2015 for the purchase of event booking software, and this software has managed all aspects of booking and facilitating the services associated with events and event space for the Austin Convention Center Department (ACCD). The amendment authorized adding the Austin Public Library (APL) to the contract and to increase the contract amount to accommodate the need of the APL to provide a system to manage public spaces in the New Central Library, including but not limited to the 350-seat special event center, the 75-seat cooking demonstration area and the rooftop garden.
- Ratification of an amendment to the professional services agreement with NADAAA, Inc., for additional design services for the Seaholm Substation Wall Project in an amount not to exceed \$18,700, using existing funds in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Capital Budget of the Economic Development Department and authorizing an additional \$18,482.81, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$495,324.29. The Art in Public Places Program's Seaholm Substation Wall Project consists of screening and enclosing the City's downtown electrical substation located in the Seaholm District adjacent to the New Central Library. The wall is approximately 1,200 feet in length, with a height ranging from 12 to 15 feet. This work is part of the New Central Library and Related Improvements Project managed by the Public Works Department. Council's approval of this request for ratification provides authorization for the required additional design of the Seaholm Substation Wall. After many redesigns and value-engineering efforts requested by the City, including a funding shortfall in the original wall design of the Seaholm Substation Wall, deletion of some scope and a change in construction materials proved necessary. Redesign of the wall connections is required in order to use the already-built foundations with the newly selected wall materials and allow construction to proceed as scheduled.
- Negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Lake | Flato

Architects, Inc./Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, Incorporated, a Joint Venture for architectural services for the New Central Library in the amount of \$1,327,289, using additional funds in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget of the Austin Public Library and authorizing an additional \$1,300,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$12,154,700. Hensel Phelps Construction Company, the Construction Manager at Risk for the project, originally estimated that the construction would be complete in February 2016; however, unforeseen site conditions, weather delays, building code requirements and utility coordination issues have required the construction duration to be extended. The current substantial completion date is estimated to be in November of 2016. In order to continue the construction phase of this project, the amendment to the professional services agreement with Lake|Flato/Shepley Bulfinch Joint Venture was required. The amendment provides additional services and compensation for extended construction administration, including reviewing contractor submittals, addressing design related issues, clarifying and interpreting contract documents as necessary, assisting in evaluating issues that arise during the course of construction, facilitating progress meetings and creating a record set of drawings which depict changes that accrued during construction.

While construction of the project is progressing well, the presently anticipated Substantial Completion date of November of 2016 for the delivery of a finished building will ultimately move the opening date of the New Central Library to the Spring of 2017. In addition to the aforementioned request for design contract funding authorization, staff anticipates bringing forth a request for Council's approval of an increase in the construction cost limitation for the Hensel Phelps construction contract later this year as multiple project change orders and claims are addressed. The key dates remaining on the project schedule are:

- November 2016 – Building construction substantially completed
- April/May 2017 – Grand Opening Ceremony rescheduled

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: On Saturday, June 4, District 7 Council Member Leslie Pool welcomed the community to the newly remodeled Milwood Branch Library for a festive open house celebration. In anticipation of their neighborhood library reopening, area residents arrived early and en masse by foot, via bicycle and also filling the parking lot with vehicles by the time of the ribbon-cutting ceremony. During just the first two hours of the Open House party, it is estimated that over 800 citizens were in attendance. Our youngest customers were delighted by face painters, balloon artists and an outstanding puppet show, *The Selfish Gardner* performed by Youth Program staff to a packed meeting room. The facility improvements appreciated most by the attendees were:

- Fresh, new interiors marked by a welcoming entrance filled with controlled daylighting
- A circulation desk area reduced in size to allow for better queueing
- A complement of three, RFID self-check machines next to

the Holds Section giving customers the option to “grab and go” with their reserved materials

- Generous and varied seating situated in niches throughout the library
- Custom- made metal tables and counters with electrical power outlets for laptop use
- The option of checking out an Apple or Windows mobile device from a Laptop Anytime kiosk
- And finally, the window-filled wall separating the Children’s Area from the main reading room, requested by the neighborhood during the design charrette phase, proved to be successful not only as an acoustical barrier but likewise in creating a space our youngest customers could call their own, complete with new furnishings scaled to their size

Two elements of the Milwood Branch Library makeover remain to be finished at this time. Due to the delivery of a wrong part which had to be shipped back to the supplier, the installation of the Intelligent Book Return cannot be completed before the end of July. And, the Google Fiber construction crew has encountered widespread limestone bedrock during excavation which is delaying the completion of their on-site Google Maintenance Hut.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: The scope of work for this project has been value engineered to prevent Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act and City of Austin LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements to drive budgetary limitations to be exceeded. The scope of work has, as a consequence, been returned to its original engineering parameters: namely, a total roof replacement with asbestos abatement as necessary, combined with a complete retrofit of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment and automated controls. After its review of the 60% Complete Design documents, Library Facilities Services withheld approval due to a few concerns encountered in the drawings and specifications. A follow up meeting with the consultant engineers on July 13th succeeded in resolving any remaining issues and the necessary corrections are now being made to the design documents. A Commissioning Agent has been assigned to the project from the City of Austin rotation list, and that firm is currently composing their professional services proposal.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) has revised the final purchase offer for the property needed for this parking lot expansion project, but so far have been unable to hand deliver it to the owner, as his whereabouts are yet to be determined. The Special Commissioners hearing, therefore, has been rescheduled from July 13 to September 15 in order to continue the land acquisition process by eminent domain. The engineering consultants for the project are now expected to produce the Professional Engineering Report (PER) by July 8. Once received by the Library Facilities Services, the PER will be forwarded to ORES and the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department for their review. Art In Public Places (AIPP) personnel continue to move forward with their portion of the project. Artist Colin McIntyre has initiated design on an outdoor sculpture piece, with one of the goals being to reflect the character of the surrounding

neighborhoods and the diverse population served by the University Hills Branch Library in his work. The artist and his team will therefore be collaborating with the community as well as project representatives in the development of his art project. The Library Department will support the art installation by providing for the artwork's landscaping and lighting requirements through the project's design and construction contracts. The Library Department is currently awaiting further feedback from the artist regarding these elements of design.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library

Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: The Capital Contracting Office of the City of Austin has assigned Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR LLC.) to this project from their Job Order Contract Rotation List, and a pre-bid meeting was held on May 27 with contractor personnel, project consultants, and City of Austin staff from both the Library Facilities Services Division and the Capital Contracting Office in attendance. Due to inclement weather immediately before, during and after this meeting, a complete site inspection could not be conducted. The main scope of work for the project occurs below the building, in the foundation crawl space, but due to the amount of water and mud present, it was decided to wait for drier conditions before inspecting the area requiring repairs. Two follow-up site visits were made by the contractor during June, with access to the crawl space being provided by Library Maintenance personnel. On June 23, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a Job Order Assignment with KBR, LLC., one of the City's Facilities Improvement Job Order Contractors, for the renovation and improvements to the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Project for a total amount not to exceed \$700,000. To date, responses have been provided to all Requests for Information (RFIs) from the contractor, who is now compiling his Job Order Contract proposal for the project. Receipt of the Job Order Contract proposal is anticipated prior to the end of July. Meanwhile, Library Facilities Services has retained the services of a consultant architect/project manager who specializes in installing portable buildings on school campuses for the Austin Independent School District. On July 14, the architect/project manager provided access for Library staff to a portable building installed at Winn Elementary School that is very similar to the portable building planned for installation at Widen Elementary School to provide temporary library services while the Southeast Austin Branch Library is closed for foundation repairs. The Library Department is now awaiting receipt of an approved site development plan before moving forward with this portable building installation and setup.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade

Project: The Final Scope of Work (SOW) for this life safety improvement project has been determined. Responses have been formulated for all Requests for Information (RFIs), including major electrical issues such as the size of the main power distribution connection providing service to the Zaragoza Warehouse and the load capacities of the various sub-panels found within the building. The consultant engineers now believe their design and construction management proposal can be finalized and routed to the Library Department for review and acceptance prior to the end of July.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:

The Library Department has received the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department review of the 60% complete design documents. QMD comments have been

forwarded to the consultant architects and Commissioning Agent so that any corrections required may be rolled into the 90% complete design documents. Due to the construction estimate for the work exceeding \$300,000, the project will be required by City of Austin ordinance to achieve at least a Silver Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Certificate. The added cost of achieving LEED certification has necessitated the removal of some desired building elements from the scope of work, such as a vestibule at the front entrance and a moveable partition in the meeting room. Library Facilities Services is scheduled to meet with an Austin Energy coordinator soon to review the project and determine if any rebates are due to the Library Department for installing energy-efficient equipment. Library Facilities Services and the Capital Contracting Office are currently reviewing the schedule for advertising the project for bids, taking the contract award to Council for approval, and closing the branch library to allow construction to proceed. Since it is anticipated that the Austin Public Library's new bookmobile will be used to provide temporary library services to the area while the facility is closed for renovations, Facilities Services is moving forward now with the installation of data and electrical power outlets at the best location in the parking lot to set up and operate the bookmobile.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project:

A professional services proposal from the architecture firm of Limbacher Godfrey for this project was received on May 25, but will now be revised to include the design of a decorative fence mirroring the original wrought iron balconies of the historical building. The addition of a fence to protect the Austin History Center grounds has been made necessary by the vastly increased bus rider traffic being experienced at the Capital Metro station located adjacent to our property. Negotiation of the professional service agreement has been reopened to include this new scope of work. In another project development, an art conservator specializing in fresco preservation has been selected to restore the building's original loggia mural, a significant work of art done in the style of the Italian Renaissance. The project manager is currently working to have this contract award placed on an August Council Agenda for approval so that the work may begin in October, as carrying out this delicate, exterior restoration work during cooler Fall weather would be ideal. Security fencing will need to be carefully planned and placed during this art restoration project to allow egress for the building's occupants while insuring that the conservator's work can proceed unhampered by vandalism. The focus of the rest of the restoration project will be to redress building envelope concerns, such as reconditioning masonry and decorative wrought iron, before turning attention to the public interior spaces. Meanwhile, phase planning has been added to the Limbacher Godfrey scope of work to facilitate the increased presence of the Austin History Center in the Faulk Central Library building. An orderly migration and expansion of the Austin History Center archives into the Faulk Central Library building will be made possible by the relocation of Central Library staff and collections to the New Central Library in early 2017. Other project work of late includes acquiring compact shelving to allow for condensed storage of archival materials in the Faulk Central Library building. Library Facilities Services currently anticipates executing a professional services agreement with Limbacher Godfrey within 30-60 days and then issuing notice to proceed with design.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation

Repairs Project: The design/construction management proposal from the consultant engineers for the work of the project has been received and reviewed by the Library Department, and the necessary revisions have been made. The revised proposal is now being processed by the City of Austin Capital Contracting office to secure the services of the consultant engineers for the Library Department.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project:

The project's Final Scope of Work (SOW) has been established. Due to the extent of repairs needed at this facility, not only will the ramp be demolished and rebuilt, but the structural damage found at the foundation and exterior walls near the ramp will be redressed as well. The standing seam metal roof in this area of the building will also be repaired. Since the original professional services agreement with the consultant engineers only addressed the ramp being brought into compliance with Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), Library Facilities Services has requested a revised Professional Engineering Report (PER) from the consultants to include the structural and roofing repairs needed. Such a proposal is now being prepared by the consultant engineers for review and approval by Library Facilities Services.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

The project's architects, Stanley-Salaiz Joint Venture, have produced 30% Complete Design documents, and Library staff members have reviewed the floor plans in order to provide comments. The first construction cost estimate has likewise been reviewed and plans are in place to remove several renovation elements to an alternate bid list in order to better maintain the project within the limitations of the construction budget. When the construction bids are received and finalized, the Library will then know if it can afford to include the desired alternate bids in the contractor's scope of work. At this time, the project plan calls for an interiors upgrade with a revised furniture and shelving layout, compliance with the recently enhanced Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, renewing the landscaping, and refurbishing the exterior porch, lighting and sign. Correcting recently identified site accessibility concerns will need to be accomplished by means of a separate civil engineering project.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

On July 15, the Lawrence Group Architects provided 30% Complete Design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch. Once Library staff have finished their review, the entire 30% Complete Design package will be forwarded to the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department for their formal plan review process. The project's scope of work will include exterior improvements such as roof repairs over the staff entrance, restoring the lighting for the bronze sculpture at the building entrance and repainting of all stucco walls. In addition, the interior spaces will be refinished, refurbished and reconfigured to create a "like new" library experience for customers.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- June was a busy month for African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin. She was a speaker at 3 different

Juneteenth events/celebrations: the Austin Community College event on June 17, the Zion Church Juneteenth Festival, and the New Covenant Juneteenth Celebration. She also represented the AHC at the Carver Juneteenth Festival.

- The AHC recently completed its partnership work with SixSquare (formerly the African American Cultural Heritage District) in completing a series of short documentary films called *District Docs*. These films illustrate various aspects of the history of places and people in the district in a very creative way. The docs are available for viewing on YouTube.
- The AHC hosted a hugely successful program on Tuesday, June 21, *In the Shadow of the Dome: Slave Life in Austin*. Over 150 crammed into the AHC to hear Andres & Juanita Tijerina talk about their research into the Travis County Slave Narratives

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 3 collections, the Philip Creer Papers, the Virgie Mae Carrington Papers, and the Lou Parker Scrapbook. Staff also processed additions to and updated the finding aids for 4 existing collections. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC received many interesting donations in the last month. One large donation was the historic records of the Elgin-Butler Brick Company. This is one of the oldest businesses in Austin, and the Butler family donated the older records prior to the company's recent sale, including the original lease for the Butler Brick plant on the Zilker lands and the meeting minutes from the first Board of Director's meeting. Other significant acquisitions include a manuscript about the UT Tower shootings by Dr. Carol Renauld Gaffney called *A Study in Murder* and the architectural drawings of William Robert King, local architect from the 1970s through the 1990s. Included in the 48 sets of drawings were Martin Junior High, Travis Heights Elementary School and Rosewood Courts Modernization project. The AHC also received an interesting film documenting the 1958 Barton Springs flood that is now playing on the AHC's YouTube channel.

Exhibits:

- The AHC will open its newest exhibit, *Looking Back: 50 Years After the UT Tower Shootings* on July 26. This tragic event continues to resonate among Austinites and have an impact on the city, and the exhibit explores why we as a community should remember the event and what we can learn from it.

Publications & Reference

- Research was also conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the TCU Civil Rights in Black and Brown oral history project, an upcoming documentary film about Madalyn Murray O'Hair, an upcoming book about the Austin chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an exhibit at the Capitol Visitors Center, public display at the original Thundercloud Subs location, and for multiple news stories in the Austin American-Statesman.

Upcoming Events

- July 26, 6:30 PM, AHC. Opening of *Looking Back: 50 Years After the UT Tower Shooting* and book launch for

The Texas Tower Sniper.

- September 18. Austin Museum Day
- October 16, 2-6 PM, Scholz Garten. Austin Archives Bazaar

Central Library Services

The New Central Library at 710 W. César Chávez St. is scheduled to be completed in November 2016 and the Grand Opening Ceremony held Spring 2017. With this news, Central Library staff prepared to remain open through December and continued planning for the new library. On August 7 the Faulk Central Library will host a presentation titled *Expanding Our Visual Literacy*. Presenter Julie Rodriguez is an experience designer and co-author of *Visualizing Financial Data*, a book about visualization techniques and design principles. Ms. Rodriguez will discuss how to incorporate visual elements into datasets for more engaging content. The presentation begins at 2 PM in the Faulk Central Library's second floor events area.

Central Library Services staff met with leaders of APD's new "Host" program, which is a new approach to help address the growing homeless population, to discuss the increase in the homeless population using the Faulk Central Library during the day and sleeping around the building at night. "Host" is made up of police, mental health professionals, paramedics, and other community groups that canvas the downtown and West Campus area. They are usually outside and inside the Library on Friday mornings asking people what they need to get off the streets. They direct them to available services.

Branch Services

On June 4 the public marveled at the newly remodeled Milwood Branch, and 1186 arrived for the grand opening. Staff have received numerous comments about how well the building looks and how well everything was done. Staff received one positive comment online about how much they liked using the branch, and the patron thanked APL for being here for the past 34 years. The new laptop kiosk is a real attention getter and patrons are showing a lot of interest

University Hills Branch saw 131 customers attend its special afterhours *Independence Day* event. The event had a number of activities for kids and some great feedback from customers, many who came from other parts of town for the event.

Steve Reich, Pleasant Hill Branch Manager, gave a bilingual library tour for a class of 9 adults and their instructor from El Buen Samaritano. They then met in the conference room for a question & answer session, as the instructor had each student read in English their prepared questions. Several students were able to sign up for library cards afterward, and they also expressed interest in other APL programs such as Talk Time and Bilingual Storytime.

Youth Services

The Youth and Teen Summer Reading Programs are in full swing. Youth are completing their reading logs and enjoying all the great programming at APL. Libraries are hosting presenters and music such as Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre, Terrence Taps, Joe McDermott, and Crowe's Nest Farm – just to name a few! And there are plenty of special programs still

to come.

Recycled Reads

June revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,000. Over 4200 people visited the store, including 411 attending the 24 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 260 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 40 pallets of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 26 pallets of materials representing approximately 70,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 27 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 68,000 items were processed.

Recycled Reads is continuing the price per pound program with Thrift Books in Dallas. They pay 12 cents per pound on the books sent to them. They picked up 12 pallets.

We provided books for satellite sales at the Carver, Cepeda, Little Walnut, Faulk Central, North Village and Yarborough Branches.

Volunteer Services

June 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	257
Total Volunteer hours	2999.52
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.56
	\$ 70,668.69

Policy Violations

68	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
34	Disturbing others using the Library
33	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
23	Using obscene language
20	Disorderly conduct
19	Sleeping in the Library
19	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
10	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
10	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
10	Unintended use of restrooms
9	Destruction of Library property
8	Leaving personal belongings unattended
8	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
7	Strong odor
7	No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
6	Public Lewdness
6	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
5	Bringing animals into the Library
5	Indecent exposure
4	Violating Internet Policy
3	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
3	Fighting
3	Entering unauthorized areas
3	Voyeurism and peeping
3	Appropriate clothing is required

- 1 Smoking in the Library
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling

328 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	54
Twin Oaks	43
Little Walnut	39
Ruiz	16
Willie Mae Kirk	13
Windsor Park	14
Manchaca Rd	11
Pleasant Hill	11
Terrazas	10
Carver	8
North Village	7
Yarborough	7
Cepeda	6
Spicewood	6
History Center	5
Hampton	4
Howson	4
Milwood	3
Old Quarry	3
Southeast	3
St. John	3
University Hills	3

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit
<http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

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