

More Than Books

Highlights

- Join us for a hands-on clay experience! Each participant will learn to use stamps and tools to make their own unique piece of pottery. Cepeda Branch, Thursday, August 25, 2016, 6 PM.
- Watch and discuss *Gerrymandering*, the 2010 documentary that explores the problems caused by redistricting. Controversy & Conversation series. Terrazas Branch, Thursday, September 1, 2016, 7 PM. Presented in partnership with the University of Texas Humanities Institute's Difficult Dialogues program.
- Bring your friends and family to play classic and new games you may not have seen before at Family Board Game Night. Faulk Central Library, Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 5:30 PM.
- You're invited to take part in APL's *My Library Awareness Campaign Photo Shoot*. Share what your Library means to you and have your photo taken by professionals. Yarborough Branch, Saturday, September 10, 2016, 2-5 PM.
- The Austin History Center celebrates Austin Museum Day. Screening of "District Docs" and discussion with filmmaker, September 18, 2016, 2 PM.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Good headway continued to be made toward completing the New Central Library building throughout the month of August. Landscaping activities are now underway north of the new 2nd Street bridge, while storm water line construction and the cut and fill operations necessary to complete the Lance Armstrong Bikeway are in progress on the east and south sides of our building. Meanwhile, metal mesh panels and scrim are being fitted to the Bike Corral, waterproofing and insulating are being performed at the Café deck, and in the Special Event Forum, installation of the window shade system is nearing completion. Wood ceiling panels are being placed at the Cesar Chavez plaza, the installation of stone flooring continues in the Special Event Forum lobby and the Cooking Demonstration area, HVAC diffusers are going up in the Art Gallery, and the Third and Fourth Floor reading porches are being screened in at the same time the metal scrim and metal panels are being installed at these locations and at the east canopy. On the Second Floor, the walls of shipping and receiving area is being taped, floated and painted while the terrazzo floor in the lobby area is being polished and the mesquite flooring placed in the lobby area. Wave ceiling panels, fire sprinkler system components and lighting fixtures are in the process of being installed in the Teen Center while the soffit of the Craft Room is being framed and sheet-rocked in the Children's area on the Third Floor. On Level Four, state-of-the-art lighting fixtures are being installed in the Grand Reading Room. The construction of the glass railing system is nearly completed in the atrium on the top floor, Level 6, and the IPE decking is being placed in the roof garden. IPE is an exotic hardwood that is naturally resistant to rot and decay, is eight times harder than California Redwood, and is guaranteed for twenty years without

preservatives. In a related New Central Library project development, subcontractor bids to install the photovoltaic (solar panel) array on the New Central Library roof were due to the Construction Manager at Risk, Hensel Phelps, on August 16. As the building nears completion, commissioning procedures are moving to the top of the list of topics discussed at weekly construction progress meetings. Commissioning is an intensive quality assurance program that ensures that a new building operates initially as the owner intended and that building staff are prepared to operate and maintain its systems and equipment. In a similar process, involved staff from multiple Library divisions are now holding "mock event planning sessions" to better familiarize themselves with the capabilities of our new Ungerboeck event booking software. A conference call was conducted on August 15 with architects, City of Austin staff and the manufacturer of the cooking demonstration cart to complete the design of that essential piece of custom-made equipment. Finally, Security Coordination Meetings have started with contractor personnel and Library staff members to finalize the setup of such devices as security cameras, door hardware and card access equipment. The remaining project schedule is as follows:

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

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:

The scope of work for this project has been value engineered in order to avoid Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act and City of Austin LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements from driving the project budget to be exceeded. The scope of work has 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. The revised 60% Complete Design documents have been received from the consultants and are currently under review by the Library Department and the Quality Management Division (QMD) of the Public Works Department. The Commissioning Agent assigned to the project continues to compose their professional services proposal for the project at this time.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot

Expansion Project: The Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) has rendered a final purchase offer on the adjacent property required to carry out this parking lot expansion project. A Special Commissioners Hearing has now been scheduled for September 15 in order to continue the land acquisition process by eminent domain. The engineering consultants for the project have submitted their Professional Engineering Report (PER), and it has been forwarded for review by the Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) and the Quality Management Division (QMD) of the Public Works Department. 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: Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR LLC.), assigned to this project from the City's Job Order Contract Rotation List, has submitted their proposal to perform the work, but unfortunately, the cost of the proposal exceeds the consultant engineers' construction cost estimate by several hundred thousand dollars. Specifically, the consultant engineers' estimate of probable construction cost came to \$438,000 while the cost of KBR's proposal to perform the work adds up to \$747,000. The consultant engineers and Library Facilities Services personnel are currently reviewing KBR's proposal for accuracy. Meanwhile, Library Facilities Services has been approved for the Building Permit for the Austin Public Library Portable Building to be installed at Winn Elementary School campus. The Library Department has also requested and received lease proposals for a standard 24 feet by 64 feet portable building, with two restrooms and two end offices.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: The Final Scope of Work (SOW) for this life safety improvement project has been established, following the answering of all the consultants' Requests for Information (RFIs), including those dealing with 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. On August 5, the consultant engineers delivered their design and construction management proposal to the Library Department for review and correction prior to final acceptance.

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. These 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. The 90% complete design documents are currently expected to be submitted by the consultants to the Library Department by August 26. Once reviewed by Library staff, these documents will be forwarded to QMD for final design review before the creation of construction documents is initiated. 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. The Library Facilities Services project manager has recently met with an Austin Energy coordinator to review

the project. It was determined that the new ceiling insulation and possibly the new HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment specified for the renovation qualifies for rebates to the Library Department for installing energy-efficient building elements and equipment. Library Facilities Services and the Capital Contracting Office are presently 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: The professional services proposal from the architecture firm of Limbacher Godfrey for this project has been increased to include the design of a decorative fence in the style of the original wrought iron balconies on 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 now being experienced at the Capital Metro station located adjacent to our property. Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued to Limbacher Godfrey Architects within the next fourteen days. 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 October Council Agenda for approval so that the performance of this delicate, exterior restoration work may be carried out during cool Fall weather. 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 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.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project: The requisite professional services agreement has been successfully executed with the consultant engineers to design and manage the construction of this project. The project has now officially moved into the Design Phase of project development.

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. The revised professional services agreement with the consultant engineers has been successfully negotiated and is now being executed.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

On August 3, the project was presented by the Facilities Services project manager to the Allandale Neighborhood Association, and it was well received. Currently, the project's architects, Stanley-Salaiz Joint Venture, are putting the final touches on their 60% Complete Design documents. Due to construction cost limitations, plans are in place to remove several renovation elements to an alternate bid list in order to better maintain the project within the scope that the budget allows. 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. 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 power outlets at the best location in the parking lot to set up and operate the bookmobile.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Lawrence Group Architects have produced 30% Complete Design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch, and the Quality Management Division (QMD) of the Public Works Department has subsequently initiated their formal plan review process. On August 13, the project was presented to the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association by the Facilities Services project manager, and it was very well received. 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. 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 to set up and operate the bookmobile.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- The AHC began expanding its programming offerings to a younger crowd with the addition of summer camp offerings for 4th-8th graders. The AHC partnered with the YMCA and PARD to offer 2-hour history lessons/field trips for their summer camps. Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie, African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin, Exhibits Coordinator Steve Schwolert, and Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs designed lessons for 8 visits during July and August,

and over 100 kids learned more about Austin and how archives work. In addition, on July 1, Nie hosted the AARC Summer Camp for a visit to learn about Asian American history in Austin and Travis County

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Major George W. Littlefield Camp 59 Oakwood Cemetery Confederate Grave Documentation Project Records, the Jones and Simpson Families Papers, the Finch Family Papers, the Filming Austin's Lives Collection, and the W. E. Ketchum Drawings and Records. 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, including a DVD of Happy Jack (Jack Paff) who was a local embroiderer for 40 years interviewed by Townes van Zandt. This video has been digitized and added to the AHC's YouTube channel. The AHC also received personal materials of the late Lowell Lebermann, Jr., which included a master's thesis about his grandmother Virginia West Carrington Lebermann that was not in the collection.

Exhibits:

- The AHC opened its newest exhibit, "Looking Back: 50 Years After the UT Tower Shootings" on July 26. Monte Akers, Nathan Akers, and Dr. Roger Friedman, authors of the newest book about the event, *Tower Sniper*, spoke about their book and how and why the tragedy still resonates with Austin today. More than 100 people crowded into the AHC to hear the presentation and view the exhibit, and it continues to draw visitors daily.
- The AHC also created a Community Archivist mini-exhibit, set up in the space where Waterloo Press materials formerly lived. Items of interest from Mexican American, African American, and Asian American collections were included for display as well as explanatory text describing the program. This space can serve as mini-exhibit space for various short-term and "pop-up" types of exhibits in the future.

Publications & Reference

- Research was also conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming documentary films about Leslie Cochran, Mollie Ivins, the band "Big Boys," and high school football, the book *Glamour to Tragedy*, a 30-second television commercial for Leonard's Garage, a Fox 7 news story about the new ABIA South Terminal, and online news stories for Slate.com, Do512.com, and the Texas Tribune. It was also a particularly busy month for reference questions related to the UT Tower Shooting, with the 50th anniversary on August 1.

Upcoming Events

- September 18. Austin Museum Day. Screening of "District Docs" and discussion with filmmaker.
- October 16, 2-6 PM, Scholz Garten. Austin Archives Bazaar
- October 18, 6:30 PM. Presentation by filmmakers behind *The Tower*.
- October 25, 6:30 PM. Panel program with KUT/Texas

Standard about the UT Tower Shooting and Campus Carry Law. Co-sponsored by Austin Public Library Foundation.

- November 2, Sustainable Food Center. "A Taste of Black Austin."
- December 6, 6:30 PM. Book launch event for AHC's newest book, *Historic Austin Movie Houses*.

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 hosted a presentation titled *Expanding Our Visual Literacy*. Presenter Julie Rodriguez is an experienced designer and co-author of *Visualizing Financial Data*, a book about visualization techniques and design principles. Ms. Rodriguez discussed how to incorporate visual elements into datasets for more engaging content.

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

This August, Austin Public Library's very own puppet troupe, Literature Live! and Co., performed *The Puppet Olympics* at four branches of the Austin Public Library. Ellen Scott, Devo Carpenter and Teen Librarian, Gabriel Ransenberg, enjoyed

amusing a total of 330 audience members with gymnastics, weight lifting, tug-of-war and broad jump events, brought to you by puppet characters from Literature Live's past shows. Strega Nona, Rumpelstiltskin and Old Timer were just a few of the celebrities who competed in these timely events. Van, a loveable Muppet-type puppet manipulated by Gabriel in full view of the audience, was the commentator and, in between events, promoted Storytime, The Van Show, APL's Puppet Picks, and the New Central Library, where puppets will be a part of a permanent display. After two of the shows, we videotaped Van interviewing kids over the age of 7, asking questions about the Library. The footage came out great and will be used in some capacity to promote the Library.

The finale to the Youth Services' Teen Summer Reading Program, *Minecraft Madness*, was held on August 7 at Twin Oaks Branch Library. Youth Services welcomed 140 teens, younger siblings and parents for a two hour Minecraft filled event! The teens played in a LAN world, created their own in-real-life Minecraft swords and pickaxes, and made buttons and perler beads. The last hour of the event was dedicated to a Minecraft Showcase where teens were able to show off the Minecraft worlds they had created at home. One teen had been working on his world for over six months.

The Library provided an outreach to the Manos de Cristo-Back to School Event in July. This event reaches out to thousands of lower income and at-risk families. Families are scheduled to come and bring their children. While parents are receiving information, the children are presented with programming. This outreach is invaluable for APL because the majority of the attendees have never attended a Library program and are unaware of all the programming and free services available for the public. APL has attended this event for years and has provided a library information table to the families. The program consists of APL traditional storytime plus performance presentation elements such as flannels, songs, puppets, games, drum storytelling, rhythm clapping, etc.

Grants

The Austin Public Library will begin a grant funded project September 1, 2016, funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (2017). The \$25,000 grant was made from the competitive TexTreasures program to the Austin History Center. This funding will support the processing of the Dewey Mears Photography Collection of negatives. He was well-known for documenting mid-century modern architecture in Central Texas. The Austin History Center is home to the entire body of his work; nearly 100,000 negatives, contact proof prints and some finished enlargements. These will be cataloged and rehoused into archival sleeves and boxes over the course of the grant year making them much more accessible and available for use and study.

Recycled Reads

July revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,800. Over 4635 people visited the store, including 322 attending the 24 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 326 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 38 gaylords 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 65,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 24 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.

Ruiz	8
Cepeda	8
Pleasant Hill	6
Carver	5
St. John	5
Windsor Park	5
History Center	4
Manchaca Rd	4
Southeast	4
Howson	3
University Hills	3
Yarborough	3
Milwood	2
Hampton	1
Old Quarry	1
Recycled Reads	1

Volunteer Services

July 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	356
Total Volunteer hours	2916.80
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.56
	\$ 68,719.81

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

Brenda Branch,
Director of Libraries

Policy Violations

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

204 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	38
Little Walnut	32
Terrazas 13	
Twin Oaks	12
Spicewood	12
North Village	10
Willie Mae Kirk	10

