

More Than Books

Highlights

- Join us in celebrating our freedom to read at Austin Out Loud: This Party Is (Not) Censored: Banned Books Week. Friday, September 29, 2017, 6:30 PM, Old Quarry Branch.
- Come on down to hear stories from *The Broken Spoke: Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk*, with James White, Ben Rodgers, and Donna Miller. Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center.
- Learn about lacemaking and see a demonstration by the Austin Lacemakers Guild. Sunday, October 8, 2-5 PM, Recycled Reads Bookstore.
- It's time for books, stories and fun, with laughing skulls, lively music and mask-making amidst fluttering butterflies at this family literacy-based art program for all ages. Dia de los Muertos: Day of the Dead. Thursday, October 12, 4 PM, Twin Oaks Branch.
- Welcome Chilean singer/songwriter Ricardo Parra and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Thursday, October 12, 7 PM, St. John Branch, and Saturday, October 14, 2 PM, Cepeda Branch.
- If you're feeling stressed or need an outlet to express yourself creatively, come to Inktober and make Pocket Doodle Books and Ink Doodles. Art supplies provided. Monday, October 16, 5-7 PM, Yarbrough Branch.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The Grand Opening Celebration for the facility has been scheduled for Saturday, October 28, beginning at 10 AM. A Temporary Certificate to Occupy the New Central Library for full occupancy was issued to the project on September 1. Life Safety Testing of the building has been completed, and on August 31, the Austin Fire Department accepted the Final Report on how the life safety systems will control the flow of smoke in the building during a fire event. On September 1, Substantial Completion was granted for all the project's work, except the Photovoltaic System (PV), the roof garden guardrail, and the elevators. The City of Austin Building Inspector has informed the project management team that there is a Building Permit requirement for submittal of a final, as-built survey. As the project management team was previously unaware of this requirement, the consultant architects have been asked to investigate. City staff and consultant architects continue to support the contractor in identifying punch list items and verifying when deficiencies have been addressed. Missing brackets arrived on September 20, allowing the installation of library shelving to be completed, while the installation of furniture is proceeding on all levels. The Commissioning Authority, NV5 Technical Engineering and Consulting Services, continue to carry out functional testing of the building's systems. The Texas Accessibility Standards inspection on August 29 identified a number of construction items that do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. A Proposal Request was issued to correct the items that were not correct in the contract documents, along with a Field Order to address items that were correct in the contract documents but installed incorrectly by the contractor. On Saturday,

September 16, the Faulk Central Library was closed to the public so that staff could complete moving all collection items to the New Central Library.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: All of the comments from the Quality Management Division (QMD) regarding the 90% complete construction documents for this project have been answered by the consultants, vetted by the Library Department, and forwarded to QMD. The drawings and specifications are currently under review by QMD to verify their 100% complete construction document status. The project was tentatively scheduled to be advertised for bids on Monday, September 25, but it now appears that the bid advertisement date will need to be delayed for a month.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: It is currently anticipated that the 30% complete construction documents for this project will be submitted by HVJ Associates for review by Library Facilities Services on or about October 1, prior to the packet being forwarded to the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department. The project's consultants, HVJ Associates, are a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and provide a range of geotechnical, construction material, environmental and pavement engineering services. The project scope of work consists of the construction of a new, 25 space, asphalt parking lot expansion on the north side of the Library. Work is to include, but is not limited to demolition of existing structures and pavement, installation of erosion/sedimentation control and tree protection fencing, construction of asphalt/concrete parking area, construction of associated walkways, landscaping and lighting, and installation of parking lot signage. The site contains an existing monitoring well, and according to the civil engineers' recommendation, Library Facilities Services can seek to cap and abandon the well prior to construction if the action is approved by the City of Austin well monitoring authorities. The Watershed Protection Department will be contacted to coordinate the efforts to cap and abandon the well. Finally, The Art in Public Places work group of the Cultural Arts Department is currently overseeing the efforts of an artist to design a sculpture for the exterior of the library. It is believed that the final design of the sculpture will be approved by the Arts Commission in October.

Southeast Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: Notice to Proceed was given to the contractor on Monday, September 18, and the facility was closed to the public on that day so that the foundation repairs could proceed safely. Although a brief delay was encountered in acquiring security fencing for the site due to the need for such materials in hurricane-damaged areas of the state, construction activities were initiated for the project on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 19. The Austin Public Library will provide interim library services to the Dove Springs area while the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is closed for repairs through use of the department's bookmobile to provide access to collection items while also utilizing a room in the nearby Dove Springs Recreation Center

to provide computers for use by customers. Bookmobile service to the area will begin during the week of September 18, with the Dove Springs Recreation Center computer lab expected to be fully operational by the week of October 2. The Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project is expected to take six (6) months to complete.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade

Project: The Professional Engineering Report (PER) for this project has been completed. All of the engineering services required to complete the project have been placed under the auspices of the Stanley Consultants, the authors of the PER, now that Reed Fire Protection Engineering LLC has been added to the list of their approved sub-consultants. The Library Department anticipates receiving and approving of Stanley Consultants' proposal to perform the full scope of work shortly.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:

This project's 90% complete construction documents have been submitted to the Quality Management division (QMD)/Public Works Department for plan review. Library Facilities Services now anticipates receiving QMD's corrections and comments back in October. The project design consists of renovations and improvements to the existing Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill. The scope of work will include replacing the deteriorated modified bitumen roof and Kalwall skylights, upgrading plumbing fixtures, redressing low water pressure, modernizing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls, replacing the circulation desk and other worn furniture, making architectural modifications to ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and revising the furniture/shelving layout to the "Library of the Future" template. Scheduled meetings with the consultant architects, H + UO, and Library Facilities Services staff will continue to ensure that the construction document development schedule can be maintained in order to move into project solicitation and acquisition of a general contractor prior to the end of March, 2018.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior

Improvement Project: Library Facilities Services has determined that the schedule for restoration of the building's loggia fresco will need to be extended through October in hopes that cooler Fall weather will better meet the application tolerances of the paint and allow for proper adhesion to the ceiling surfaces. Progress on this art restoration subproject is being continuously made, particularly with outlining the lower portions of the two half-arches, the ribs of the arches at the west end of the loggias, as well as on three of the four arches in the central area. Work on the upper portions of the arches will follow after some adjustments are made to the art conservator's moveable platform. The dark-brown outlines of the fresco now being worked on are the last elements of the design to be restored that were painted free-hand by the original artists. The more intricate floral elements running along the edges of each vaulted section still remain to be restored using a stencil. This procedure must be a carefully planned process as the restoration of the three different colors of stenciled patterns must be exactly sequenced. With the onset of lower Fall temperatures, it is Library Department's hope that a more consistent pace can be achieved by the art conservator, leading to this delicate art restoration work being completed by the end of November.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation

Repairs Project: Comments from the Quality Management Division (QMD) regarding the 90% complete design documents for this project have been received and reviewed by Library Facilities Services prior to returning the design packet to the consultant engineers. Once all comments and corrections have been addressed, the packet will be submitted to QMD for the final review required to establish 100% complete status for the drawings and specifications.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project:

Comments on the consultant engineers' Quality Control Plan (QCP) and Professional Engineering Report (PER) have been received from Quality Management Division(QMD) of the Public Works Department and are now being reviewed by both the consultant engineers, the MWM Design Group, and Library Facilities Services.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Invitation for Bids (IFB) for this branch library renovation project was advertised to the local construction contractor pool on June 26, and a mandatory pre-bid conference was then conducted at the Yarborough Branch Library site on July 12, with seven potential bidders in attendance. However, only one (1) bid was received on the due date of August 3, and this bid was later declared non-compliant to Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) bidding requirements by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO). Subsequently, the Library Department and the CCO have worked collaboratively to determine if the City's Job Order Contract (JOC) program might not be an appropriate construction delivery method for the project. Drawings and specifications are now being reviewed and priced by the Job Order Contractor next up on the rotation list. A preliminary pre-bid meeting was held at the Yarborough Branch Library to provide the JOC an opportunity for a question and answer session and a site walkthrough. The Library Department anticipates receiving a formal proposal submission from the JOC by September 26 for review. The scope of the work includes updating the existing landscaping, upgrades to the exterior lighting, painting of the exterior porch and trim, updating interior finishes, adding architectural ceiling and wall elements in the Children's Area, meeting Americans with Disabilities/Texas Accessibility Standards requirements per 2012 standards, and installation of specific new plumbing fixtures as replacements. The contract includes sustainability requirements, and it is the intent of the Owner to work in partnership with the selected contractor in implementing sustainable construction practices to the greatest extent possible. The project is anticipated to require the Yarborough Branch Library to close in November so that it can be prepared for construction to start in December. That preparation includes but is not limited to moving all collection items to storage, followed by disassembling and removing all library shelving from the premises so that the refurbishing of the facility may be carried out. The renovations and reassembling/restocking of the library shelving are scheduled to be completed within six months. The Library Department will advertise the upcoming closure of the facility to the community so that Yarborough customers will know to use one of the nearby branch libraries, such as North Village or Old Quarry, while their neighborhood branch is undergoing its makeover.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Lawrence Group Architects are in the process of providing 90% complete construction drawings and specifications to Library Facilities Services in order that the documents may be submitted to the Quality Management Division for plan review in October. The project construction documents will detail the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch Library, and will include both interior and exterior improvements. The work will likewise include the selective demolition of existing carpet and base for reclamation as indicated, gypsum drywall assemblies, suspended ceilings and electrical work. New floor finishes and base, new suspended acoustical ceilings, surface preparation and painting, new lighting systems, plumbing upgrades, renewing the Portland cement exterior plaster and landscaping improvements are part of the work as well. Library Facilities Services has been advised by the Capital Contracting Office that the Job Order Contracting (JOC) program of the City of Austin may be utilized as the construction delivery method for this project. As a consequence, Alpha Building Corporation has been assigned to serve as the General Contractor for the project, and construction activities are expected to begin in February, 2018. Alpha Building Corporation is a premier general contractor headquartered in San Antonio, with local project offices across Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Tennessee.

Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project:

The proposal from the architectural consultant team of Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture to perform the design work required for the project was accepted by the Library Department and the Capital Contracting Office. A preliminary report exploring the existing condition of the branch library and its site, including architecture, structure, mechanical and landscaping features, will be conducted to determine the significant building and grounds issues requiring corrective actions. This preliminary report will allow the Library Department to prioritize and commit funding towards solving the most pressing needs of this nineteen year old community library. The Notice to Proceed with the project's design was issued to the consultant architects on June 15. On July 13, the project manager met with the consultant architects and their engineering sub-consultants to prioritize renovation needs, discuss building issues related to Americans with Disabilities/Texas Accessibility Standards requirements per 2012 standards, and to create a plan for moving forward with corrective actions. The consultant team has submitted several possible furniture/shelving layouts for the library, and these layouts are now under review. The City's standard process of determining the presence of asbestos, lead and/or mold has been initiated for the facility in order to identify any hazardous materials needing to be addressed during the design and construction phases of the project. In addition, some forensic investigation regarding possible water intrusion and building envelope integrity will be carried out after approval is granted by the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group of the City of Austin. The Schematic Design Phase is progressing well at this point in time, and the 30% complete Design documents are expected to be submitted to the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department for review during the week of September 25. This project has been deemed by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO) to be an ideal candidate for the Job Order Contract (JOC) construction delivery method.

Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement: Building Exterior Solutions (BES) have submitted their proposal to evaluate and assess current roof material conditions, create construction documents and oversee construction phase services for the roof replacement and waterproofing project at the Faulk Central Library building. Negotiations are now underway to establish the scope and costs for their professional services. Since Building Exterior services (BES) was established in 2008, they have become known for providing clients with innovative, comprehensive and effective building envelope solutions. With their extensive knowledge of building envelopes and their construction, it is believed that Building Exterior Solutions (BES) should prove able to determine our facility's existing building envelope problems and successfully develop a building envelope retrofit design for the project. The Faulk Central Library currently has a modified bitumen roofing system that covers a surface area of approximately 26,000 square feet. The building is a concrete structure with a concrete roof deck. Library Facilities Services has contacted the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group (ALMMG) of the City of Austin to assess and provide clearance approval regarding any significant amounts of asbestos and lead found within the existing roofing materials. An evaluation report from ALMMG is expected to be received by Library Facilities Services by October 15.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- Mike Miller gave a presentation about the AHC and its expansion to the Austin Woman's Club to about 60 members on August 3.
- On August 10 and 11 Nancy Toombs presented a lesson on the Treaty Oak to two groups from Dittmar Recreation Center for their summer camps. There were 43 students in attendance.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, the Dewey Mears Photographic Archive, the UT Dept. of Radio-Television-Film Student Papers, the Castlewood-Oak Valley Neighborhood Association Records, the Wayman Adams Papers, and the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus Records. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC recently acquired the records and archives of Ballet Austin. The collection consists of all the historical records about the operation of Ballet Austin, dating back to 1953, as well as its role with the Southwest Regional Ballet Association. Most of these materials were gathered by Velma Lee Guinn, a longtime member of their Board and unofficial historian.

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a novel set in 1900 Austin, television news stories on civil defense in Austin and Robert E. Lee Road, a documentary film about Public Access TV, and a KUT story about Austin's pools.

Exhibits

- On August 29, the AHC opened its newest exhibit, "Austin at Mid-Century: Photographs by Dewey Mears." This exhibit represents the culmination of a year-long grant funded project to process and catalog the Dewey Mears photography collection. The opening reception featured a partnership with the APL Night Crafters group, with attendees making mid-century modern inspired mobiles.

Around 150 people attended the opening event, and the exhibit will be up in the Holt Gallery until January 14, 2018.

Grants

- The AHC, through the Austin History Center Association, received a \$1600 grant from the Austin Foundation for Architecture to allow the AHC to continue working on the oral history project on Austin architects.

Upcoming Events

- October 17, 6:30 PM, AHC. The Broken Spoke: Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk, with James White, Ben Rodgers, and Donna Miller.
- October 20, 12 PM, AHC. 17th Annual Genealogy Lock-in (AHC programs part of a statewide virtual genealogy lock-in).
- October 27, 700 Lavaca. Travis County History Day.
- October 29, 1-4 PM, AHC. "Collecting Oral Histories" workshop (with AHCA).

Central Library Services

The time is finally here! Faulk Central Library is moving the collection of books and materials to the New Central Library in preparation for the anticipated Grand Opening ceremonies on Saturday, October 28 at 10 AM. The final day for services in the Faulk Central Library was Friday, September 15, 2017.

Branch Services

Artwork created by patients of the Austin State Hospital were brought over to Twin Oaks Branch to exhibit throughout the main area of the Library on the end caps.

Southeast Branch's Weekly Talk time had five instances with an attendance of 32 participants, and the five instances of their Weekly yoga classes had an attendance of 41 participants.

The APL's Bookmobile was present at a fundraising event offered by Mendez Middle School. It was reported that during this event, Mayor Steve Adler paid a visit to the bookmobile, with one of the APL Outreach Coordinators giving him a tour.

Spicewood Spring Branch's chess club had over 300 participants over the 4 Saturdays in August, and the two book clubs had 29 participants

Youth Programs

Potential new programs for the fall are a sign storytime with a volunteer who is going to ASL school and a music instruction class that is different than Music & Movement in that it teaches music theory.

During October, Austin Public Library's performance troupe, Literature LIVE, presents *Strega Nona*, from the book by Tomi dePaola. This hilarious tale features a wise old woman, a magic pasta pot and a young man who learns the hard way that sometimes there really can be too much of a good thing. This show is recommended for ages 3 and up.

We continue to collaborate on programs with the Contemporary Austin art museum and hope to create literature based art kits for use in APL branches.

The 2017 Summer Reading Program included storytimes; craft

programs for school-aged youth, teens, and families; book clubs; library tours; early-literacy trainings; scavenger hunts; special summer performances; and more. APL presented 1282 programs with 39,450 attendees.

Recycled Reads

August revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,300. Approximately 3,700 people visited the store, including 265 attending the 16 scheduled events. Donations were received from 300 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 125 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 30 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 25 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 28 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 70,000 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 6 pallets.

Recycled Reads provided books to APL branches for sales at Faulk Central Library, and the Howson, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Southeast, Cepeda, and Windsor Park Branches.

Volunteer Services

August 2017 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	235
Total Volunteer hours	1358.80
Total Value*	\$32,801.43

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

Volunteer Services welcomed seventeen new volunteers to APL this month.

Policy Violations

27	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
18	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
17	Disrupting use of Library services or property
15	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
14	Sleeping
12	Improper use of restrooms
7	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
6	Offensive gesture or display
5	Incite a breach of the peace
5	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
5	Strong odor
5	Entering a non-public area
4	Violating Internet Policy
3	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
2	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
2	Soliciting money or valuables
2	Perform a criminal act
1	Threaten Library property
1	Bringing animals into the Library

- 1 Appropriate clothing is required
 - 1 Leaving personal belongings unattended
 - 1 Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property
- 154 Total**

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	32
Pleasant Hill	19
Ruiz	15
Little Walnut	9
Cepeda	8
University Hills	8
Windsor Park	7
Carver	6
Milwood	6
Southeast	6
Terrazas	6
North Village	5
Spicewood	5
St. John	5
Old Quarry	4
Twin Oaks	4
Yarborough	4
History Center	3
Manchaca Rd	3
Hampton	2
Willie Mae Kirk	2
Howson	1
Recycled Reads	1

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

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