

More Than Books

Highlights

- **Legal Seminar: Contracts** is designed for the small business owner or anyone thinking of starting a small business. Saturday, July 14, 10:15 AM, Manchaca Road Branch.
- Bring your broken stuff and learn how to fix it! at the Fix-It Clinic. Saturday, July 14, 12-3 PM, Recycled Reads Bookstore.
- **Talk Green to Me: The State of Austin's Food System** will cover the City of Austin's commitment to strengthening and enhancing Austin's entire food system, while reducing the hidden environmental, economic, and health-related costs to our community. Monday, July 16, 12 Noon, Central Library Demonstration area.
- Learn Python from the ground up at Basics of Python Programming. Monday, July 16, 6:30 PM, Twin Oaks Branch.
- **Feltastic and Filmazing: Coco.** Hand-sew a small felt character while watching the movie Coco. For ages 8-12. Tuesday, July 17, 2 PM, University Hills Branch.
- Join us for a celebration of African culture, including Haitian-inspired dance, drum storytelling, and an Anansi shadow show. Echoes of Africa. For ages 5-10. Tuesday, July 17, 3:30 PM, Old Quarry Branch.
- **Why play ukulele? Because it is fun!** Ukulele 101. Ages 8 to 100. Wednesday, July 18, 7 PM, St. John Branch
- The door is locked and the clock is ticking . . . can you escape in time to save Austin? Library Escape Room: H2 Oh No! For adults. Saturday, July 21, 12 Noon to 8 PM, Ruiz Branch.
- **Rock Like a Boss.** Join We Rock Austin as we explore all the ways you can promote your band! For ages 13-18. Saturday, July 21, 2 PM. Cepeda Branch.

Facilities Services

2018 General Obligation Bond Election: On June 28, the City Council passed Resolution 20180628-027, directing the City Manager to draft an ordinance for Council's consideration and approval regarding the 2018 General Obligation Bond Election at its August 9 meeting. Resolution 201802628-027 includes the following seven bond propositions for the proposed November 2018 bond election:

- \$250,000,000 for affordable housing
- \$160,000 for transportation infrastructure
- \$149,000,000 for parks and recreation
- \$184,000,000 for flood mitigation and open space
- \$128,000,000 for libraries and cultural centers
- \$38,000,000 for public safety
- \$16,000,000 for health and human services

The proposition for libraries and cultural centers includes \$34,500,000 for libraries. \$20,000,000 is identified for infrastructure improvement projects at the Austin History center and various branch libraries, while the remaining \$14,500,000 is intended to provide for an Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Elevator Retrofit of the Faulk Library Building along with the renovation of two floors of the

building to serve as archival repository space.

New Central Library Project: The Austin Central Library has now been certified LEED Platinum. LEED, from the initial letters of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the popular, ecology-oriented program that sets standards used internationally for the design, construction and maintenance of environmentally sustainable buildings and infrastructure. Developed by the non-profit U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED concentrates its efforts on improving performances across five key areas of environmental and human health: energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, materials selection, sustainable site development and water savings. LEED also encourages innovation. There are four levels of LEED certification: certified, silver, gold and platinum. Platinum is the highest level of Green Building Certification.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade: Construction bids for this project were previously sought by the City of Austin, and one (1) bid was received from Lovejoy Construction of Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$830,000. The bid amount did fall within the project budget, but the proposal was rejected by the Department of Small and Minority Businesses (DSMBR) as they did not think the contractor exhibited sufficient good faith effort to secure bids from historically underutilized businesses. The Capital Contracting Office has directed the Library Department to resubmit the construction documents to the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department for further review. The need to resubmit the construction documents again for QMD review, comments and corrections will necessitate an amendment to the professional service agreement with the consultant engineers to cover the costs incurred for the additional design development process. The Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project will be re-advertised for construction contractor bids on Monday, July 23.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The project's primary scope of work consists of the construction of a new, 25 space, parking lot expansion on the north side of the branch library. The work will include but is not limited to the demolition of existing structures and pavement, installation of erosion/sedimentation control and tree protection fencing, construction of associated walkways, landscaping and lighting as well as the provision of parking lot signage. The site contains an existing, monitoring well, and Library Facilities Services is seeking to cap and abandon the well in place prior to construction, if this course of action is approved by the Austin Water Utility Department. The Library's consultant engineers, HVJ Associates, will resubmit their professional services proposal to include resolving the site's stringent storm water requirements to the satisfaction of the Watershed Protection Department. It is anticipated that HVJ will create 60% complete Construction Documents by August 28 and submit these plans to the Quality Management Division/Public Works Department for their review, comments and corrections. Following

their approval of the project drawings and specifications, the Watershed Protection Department will determine the appropriateness of moving forward with an alternate design proposed to meet the storm water treatment requirements. Due to the site plan requirements, the project plans and drawings must be submitted to the City's site plan review process for approval. This process takes approximately 6 to 8 months. This process will be initiated after the 100% complete Construction Documents (CDs) have been approved by the Quality Management Division. In consideration of the exacting design development requirements regarding runoff at this site situated on the banks of Little Walnut Creek, an important urban waterway, Library Facilities Services does not anticipate being in possession of approved 100% Complete Construction Documents until October of this year. If this schedule can be maintained, an Invitation for Bids (IFB) process for contractors will be conducted prior to the end of November, allowing completion of the parking lot construction project by the end of August, 2019.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: While a number of rain delays hampered the project's progress, the Southeast Branch Library reopened to the public as scheduled on Monday, July 9, at 10 AM. While the project has reached Substantial Completion, there remain a number of construction elements still needing to be completed. During the week of July 16, asphalt will be placed in the driveway by the book drop and the pavers in the walkway approaches to the building will be caulked. Landscape work, including the installation of irrigation lines, will continue until the top soil and sod have been placed. An Open House Celebration at the branch will be widely advertised to the community and conducted once the site has been put back to rights.

Zaragosa Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: The 90% Complete Design Documents/Drawings/Specifications have been received from the engineering consultants and now are undergoing review by Library Facilities Services personnel.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill: The project was re-advertised for bids on January 26, 2018. The scope of work to be bid will still 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. The rebid of the project resulted in seven bids received and far more competitive pricing. On Thursday, June 28, the City Council authorized award and execution of a construction contract with the responsive, low bidder – Harley Blackburn Holdings LLC dba HB Construction – for Renovation of the Will Hampton Library at Oak Hill in the amount of \$821,545 plus an \$82,154.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$903,699.50. Headquartered in Spicewood, Texas, HB Construction is a premier general contractor with 30 years' experience in the construction industry and is well known

for high standards of building quality and safety. The Will Hampton Branch Library is tentatively scheduled to close to the public on Friday, August 24, at 6 PM, so that all moveable property may be removed from the premises. Construction activities are anticipated to begin in earnest two months after the facility is closed and emptied, while the entire renovation project is expected to take approximately six months for completion.

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 November, 2018. Work continues to be delayed due to a medical ailment suffered by the art conservator. The art conservator has returned to work but the pace is much slower than anticipated. Once the art conservator fully recovers, the remaining loggia fresco restoration work should be finished in approximately sixty (60) days. Progress on this art restoration subproject is presently 75% complete, with the hardest tasks encountered being the resolution of the various paint palettes and sequencing the application of colors. The dark-brown outlines of the fresco just completed 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 are now being restored using a stencil. This procedure is a carefully planned process as the restoration of the three different colors of stenciled patterns must be exactly sequenced. Another stencil is being used to restore the fleur-de-lis due to the difficulties of painting on the stucco-like texture of the vaulted ceilings. On the first Thursday of every month, the Conservation Architect, Art Conservator and Library Department representatives meet at the site to record field notes and make recommendations for the path forward to completion. The 30% complete construction document package for the other building envelope and interior elements to be restored remains in progress after comments by the Quality Management Division. An exterior walls exploratory exercise was carried out February 5, 2018. The exploratory work was conducted with a forensic structural engineer and architect and the Library Department project manager to determine the extent of damage suffered by the exterior masonry from corroded metalwork attached to the building. Partial stone work in specific areas were removed to allow a scope to be inserted and view the structural integrity of this historic building. A final report has been received, verifying that areas at the exterior structural corners of the original structure, prior to the modification of infilling courtyard with a building addition, employed a different structural detail and technique than the rest of the building. Mapping of the structural columns from the original archival drawings delineate the areas likely to become more fragile with time so that a plan can be formulated for restoration. Coordination with the Capital Contract Office is underway to secure the best construction delivery method for the project, which the Library Department believes to be by means of competitive sealed proposals. Competitive sealed proposal is a procurement option allowing the award to be based upon an evaluation process using stated criteria to arrive at a contract that will be most advantageous to the City of Austin. In this instance, the award will be based upon a comparative evaluation and the quality factor sought is contractor

experience in working successfully on landmark buildings with significant historical, architectural or cultural meaning.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation

Repairs Project: A Pre-Construction Meeting was conducted at the site on July 17 and the Job Order Contractor, Jamail and Smith, were issued Notice to Proceed. A follow-up Pre-Construction will be held on August 2 for the subcontractors on the project. Construction completion is tentatively expected to be achieved in September, 2018.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp

Improvements Project: While the Professional Engineering Report (PER) was being conducted for this project, it was discovered that structural damage and deteriorated roof elements needed to be repaired at the storefront entrance to the facility where the accessible ramp is located. Due to these previously hidden conditions affecting the building structure and envelope, Facilities Services looked at enacting the needed repair work while relocating the new ramp to the Northwest corner of the facility where an ADA-compliant slope could be achieved. As the funding was not available to increase the scope of work, the original contract with the project's consultant engineers is now being restarted. Sufficient rotation list authority is now being sought to support awarding contract with the consultant engineers while some procedural issues with their preferred sub-consultants are being resolved.

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, 2017, 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 in the amount of \$300,000 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 has received a formal proposal submission from the JOC for the work at hand. 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 furniture procurement is still awaiting the finalization with the City's Purchasing Department for furniture acquisitions from Workplace Resource by the Library Department. A meeting has been scheduled for

Monday, July 23 to revisit all price increases from the last quote received and final adjustments will need be made by Library staff. The proposal from the JOC is still being negotiated and review. With that said, APL believes there will be an agreed upon contract completed in July, 2018. A declaration of closure is imminent in the next 30 – 60 days. The project will require the Yarborough Branch Library to close to the public so that the building may be prepared for construction and then undergo construction. The 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 remodel 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 Library closed on January 19, 2018 so that the collections, shelving, furniture and equipment may be removed from the building to make way for the construction project. The renovation work, now underway, includes 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. For the project, Library Facilities Services secured the construction services of Jamail & Smith Construction LP., through the Job Order Contracting Program. Jamail & Smith Construction LP., Jamil & Smith Construction, established in 1982, has been a major contributor to the Texas construction industry for 30 years. They were, in fact, the General Contractor responsible for building both the North Village Branch and Twin Oaks Branch libraries. Completion of all construction activities are anticipated to wrapped up prior to the end of September, 2018.

Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project: The architectural consultant team of Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture is performing the design work required for the project. A preliminary report exploring the existing condition of the branch library and its site, including architecture, structure, mechanical and landscaping features, was conducted to determine the significant building and grounds issues requiring corrective actions. This preliminary report allowed the Library Department to prioritize and commit funding towards solving the most pressing needs of this nineteen year old community library. Following the Notice to Proceed with the project's design being issued, 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 the most advantageous layout has been identified. 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 has been carried out following approval by the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group of the City of Austin. The Design Development Phase has progressed well, and the 100% complete Design documents have been approved and returned by the Quality Management Division (QMD) to Library Facilities Services with more comments. 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. A proposal meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, with the assigned Job Order Contractor, Jamail and Smith.

Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement: Building Exterior Solutions (BES), Engineering Consultants, have submitted the Faulk Central Library Roof Assessment Report, and provided a presentation of their findings to the Library Facilities Services Division. The report identifies materials, determine roof slope criteria, establish diagnostic results and verify roof design data for best roof construction practices. The John Henry Faulk building, a concrete structure with a concrete roof deck, currently has a modified bitumen roofing system covering a surface area of roughly 26,000 square feet, and the age and condition of the roof at this point in time necessitates its replacement. BES is in the process of carrying out Design Document Development and are expected to complete this phase of the work in July, 2018. If this schedule can be maintained, the process to produce 100% complete construction documents will be completed in September, allowing Facilities Services to move forward with invitation for bids (IFB) for the project in November.

Austin History Center Programs & Outreach

- Latinx Community Archivist Amanda Jasso gave welcoming remarks at a public meeting on June 6, hosted by the Waller Creek Conservancy. The program was part of a history project that the Waller Creek Conservancy launched in an effort to better understand the people, culture, and traditions that Waller Creek has been home to in the past. Preservation Austin was also there conducting oral histories and scanning documents.
- On June 8, Records Analyst Jenna Cooper spoke to the League of Women Voters of Texas about their organization's history and what materials the Austin History Center has in its collections that are related to their organization and its members
- AHC hosted a program and book event, *Courage, Charm, and Character: The Story of the First Ladies of Texas and the Historic Gown Collection* at Texas Women's University, by Martha Ann Hartzog for the Daughters of the American Revolution, on June 9. We had 40 attendees, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the presentation.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, the Red Wassenich Papers, the Greenwood Cemetery Association

Records, the Hendricks Family Papers, the Jennifer Kim Papers, and the Olyvia Green Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.

- The AHC recently acquired the papers of Virginia B. Wood, long-time food editor of the Austin Chronicle. Her cookbook collection was used as the inspiration for the Cookbook Café at the Central Library. Of particular interest in her archives are all the notes for the creation and publication of the Fonda San Miguel cookbook. The AHC also received a transfer from the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department of all the original photographs/information from the 2000 East Austin Historic Resources Survey.
- The AHC completed three oral history recordings and added these stories to the collection. As part of our ongoing project interviewing local architects led by Processing Archivist Molly Hults, we completed the John Nyfeler oral history interview. Asian American Community Archivist Ayshea Khan recorded 2 oral histories: Silk Club ATX Co-Founders Kristina Nguyen and Camille Park (Silk Club ATX is a queer feminist design collective for Asian American woman in Austin) and Susan Fifer: Filipino nurse who worked for Seton for over 35 years, President of both the Austin Filipino-American Association and Network of Asian American Organizations.

Exhibits

- Exhibits Coordinator Steve Schwolert and Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs installed an exhibit on the 4th floor of the Central Library featuring the paperweight collection of longtime AHC volunteer Al Bates.

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the upcoming UT Press book *Tejanos and Tejanas*, a story in *Life & Letters* magazine, an exhibit at the O. Henry Museum, and an upcoming episode of the KLRU series *Austin Revealed*. The episode is focused on the old Anderson High School.

Staff

- Texas State Library and Archives Commission invited Jenna Cooper and Digital Archivist Nikki Koehlert to convert their recent program "Manage Your Digital Archive" into a webinar to be made available to librarians across the state. They are tentatively planned to broadcast the webinar this fall.

Upcoming Programs

- July 31, 6:30 PM. Opening Reception for new exhibit, "Taking it to the Streets"
- August 18, PM, AHC. Author program with Chuck Parsons, author of new biography of Austin City Marshall Ben Thompson.
- September 23, 2-6 PM, AHC. Austin Museum Day
- October 28, -6 PM, Saengerrunde Hall. Austin Archives Bazaar.
- November 2, time TBD. 700 Lavaca. Travis County History Day

Central Library Services Programs

The Central Library hosted a variety of outstanding programs

in June. June 11 over 100 attendees enjoyed the Austin Symphony woodwind quintet's rendition of Latin American compositions. June 13 the 2018 Pulitzer Prize fiction winner Andrew Sean Greer discussed his work in conversation with Austin author Amanda Eyre Ward. The audience of 200 was treated to a poignant and humorous conversation about literature and its role in our lives. June 21 Bernadette Noll lead fifty attendees through a fix-it workshop to repurpose clothing items and provided guidance on how to use sewing machines and other tools to alter and improve clothing. Our recurring programs continue to attract attendees and are well-received. They include Practiquemos Espanol, Que Me Quentas, Graphic Novel Book Club, Romance Book Club, True Crime Book Club, YA for Adults Book Club, Board with Books, Adulting 101, and Talking Pictures.

New - We're holding a Y Not? YA for Adults bookclub on the porch at the Cookbook Café Thursday, July 19 from 7-8:30 PM. Val Dahlgren, Cookbook's General Manager was very receptive to the idea of holding bookclubs at the café.

New - A Seed Library is about to sprout at Central - Kate Abel, Jace Furches, Emma Pett and Office of Programs & Partnerships staff are currently in early discussion about ideas for seed programming and seed libraries. At this point, they've been talking about doing some seed-related programming to gauge community interest on this topic and working to create a seed library at Central. They are working with a newly formed outside organization- Central Texas Seed Library. If/when the seed library is ready to sprout, we offered to serve as liaisons between the seed library and the public, as well as between the seed library and staff.

New - APL After Dark, was held Friday, June 29, from 7-9 PM. APL invited its Social Media Ambassadors (#APLambassador) and Volunteers to get a sneak preview of a new event series that will open to the general public later in 2018.

APL After Dark is a chance to experience our Central Library downtown after normal operating hours, and enjoy adult drinks and music while taking in the amazing downtown Austin views from the Central Library's rooftop garden. Maggie Bond, Jennifer Connor, Cesar Garza, Stephanie Truax and others put the program together. APL After Dark, had a DJ and ELM ran the cash bar. The drinks and festivities were on the 6th floor roof garden. Tickets were available June 1 on Eventbrite, 100 tickets for ambassadors and 300 for volunteers, with all tickets were claimed by June 4. We received 58 overwhelmingly positive evaluations with many suggestions of what they'd like to see at future events. The next APL After Dark event will be for the general public.

Upcoming events:

- The Graphic Novel Book Club will discuss *Everything is Teeth* by Evie Wyld at the Central Library Cookbook Café on July 18 at 7 PM.
- Meet the Author event *The Cloven* with Brian Catling, Wednesday, July 18 from 7-8:30 PM.
- Tween Nerd Night - Ozobot Robotics - reserved for Tweens ages 8 - 12, Thursday, July 19, 6:30 PM in Creative Commons.
- Talk Green to Me programs—The State of Austin's Food System, July 16; The Central Library: a Deep Green Building Within a Green Neighborhood, July 23; and Local Action on Climate Change, July 30. The Central Library: a Deep Green Building within a green

Neighborhood will be presented by Lucia Athens, Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Austin and David Lake Founding Partner of Lake Flato Architects and Kathy Zarsky, the LEED Consultant for the Central Library.

- The Austin Symphony Children's Day Art Park has been a phenomenal success. It's been a summer tradition in Austin for over 40 years. Each program is different, but the setup is the same each performance. 10-10:30 AM is the instrument petting zoo, then the main performer at 10:30 AM, then different stories by Bernadette Nason at 11 AM, then a craft and the petting zoo again. We are proud to continue this tradition at the new Central Library.

Central Services

The Library is purchasing a new format called 4K. (Blu Ray resolution tops off at 1080p or roughly a thousand pixels per inch (dpi). The resolution for 4K is 3840 x 2160 as opposed to HD which is 1920 x 1080). In other words, 4K is something on the order of four times the resolution of Blu Ray, with better representation of true black.

Central By the Numbers

Parking net revenue for the month of May was ~\$39,128. Oct. 2017 to date was \$271,089.*

Special Events revenue was ~\$14,692. Oct. 2017 to date was 175,000.*

Recycled Reads Gift Shop revenue was ~\$16,934. Oct. 2017 to date was ~\$138,888.*

*These numbers are not from the official accounting record.

All revenue comes back to the Library.

Visitors 89,574

Total New Cardholders 1,377

Branch Services

The University of Texas School of Information and the Nursing School began using the computer lab at the Little Walnut Creek Branch to teach seniors about how to find credible health information on the Internet.

On June 23, Carver Branch hosted the annual AABF (African American Book Festival). It was another successful event for the community as well as the branch. A *Conversation with Evan Narcisse: The Rise of the Black Panther* garnered a large turn out. Staff had the opportunity to show people around the branch and share their upcoming programs. Guests felt welcomed. Many displays were up and ready to entice participants to check out books. Carver staff also tied in their annual book sale to the event - and by the end of the evening, books, dvds, music cds, and childrens books were sold out.

The Milwood Branch offered Digital Literacy Python Class on May 7. Eight people attended and they really want more classes - in fact, there was a customer who offered to teach Python for free just for fun as a volunteer. Staff have met with a volunteer interested in teaching the Python Coding Class beginning September 25.

At Howson Branch, months of planning and work culminated in the rollout of the Escape Room "H-2-Oh No!" which is presented as part of the Adult Summer Reading Program. Planning staff used the advice they received from a consultant who has previously done escape room programs. The dress

rehearsal was held this month and was attended by escape room volunteers who had been recruited from amongst Google employees specifically for this series of programs. It was very successful as far as the volunteers who participated in the dress rehearsal were concerned.

Manchaca Road Branch's Ukulele Club for Beginners program had quite a turnout, with 57 attendees

Twin Oaks Branch established a partnership with The Creative Arts Society with a 12-month long agreement to exhibit selected artists' artwork in our meeting spaces with option to cancel the agreement at any time by either party.

Recycled Reads Bookstore

May revenue for Recycled Reads Bookstore was approximately \$6,600. Approximately 2,200 people visited the store, including 111 attending the 8 scheduled events. Donations were received from 240 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 125 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 24 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 27 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 32 pallets of materials representing approximately 65,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 17 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeds from APL we processed over 62,000 items.

Recycled Reads provided books to APL branches for sales at the Central Library Gift Shop and the Little Walnut, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Southeast, Cepeda, Old Quarry, Howson, and University Hills Branches for onsite book sales.

We received the bi-annual Austin American-Statesman donation of books. They will be added to the collections at the Central Library.

Manager Mindy Reed, along with Natalie Betts from Austin Resource Recovery pitched at the Office of Sustainability "Shark Tank" panel for potential funding for a tool lending library beta test.

Volunteer Services

May 2018 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	184
Total Volunteer hours	1344.12
Total Value*	\$32,447.06

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

Policy Violations

18	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
18	Improper use of restrooms
17	Sleeping
16	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
14	Disrupting use of Library services or property
8	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
8	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
7	Entering a non-public area
7	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or

	resource
5	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
5	Leaving personal belongings unattended
3	Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying luggage
2	Incite a breach of the peace
2	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Strong odor
2	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
2	Perform a criminal act
1	Carry or display a weapon
1	Offensive gesture or display
1	Access sexually explicit material
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Violating internet policy

143 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Central	30
Ruiz	15
Terrazas	13
Little Walnut	10
North Village	9
Cepeda	8
St. John	7
History Center	6
Willie Mae Kirk	6
Pleasant Hill	5
Spicewood	7
Manchaca Road	4
Southeast	4
Twin Oaks	4
Hampton	3
Carver	2
Faulk	2
University Hills	2
Yarborough	2
Howson	1
Old Quarry	1

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

Roosevelt Weeks Director of Libraries