

# More Than Books

## Highlights

- Learn about the indigenous people of Mesoamerica - Aztecs, Mayan, and others. Have fun through stories, shadow show puppetry and arts and crafts. All ages youth welcome. Monday, November 19, 6:30 PM, Carver Branch.
- Find out what to expect when buying a home at the Money Matter\$ workshop presented by the Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas. Monday, November 26, 6 PM, Manchaca Road Branch.
- Enjoy the classic story of *The Nutcracker* through dance! Ballet Austin ballerinas will help children explore the story using movement and ballet-based activities and games. Open to ages 3-5. Preregistration required. Tuesday, November 27, 1 PM, Central Library.
- Sew Ready for the Holidays! Sewing Lab offers sewing machines and basic sewing supplies. Wednesday, November 28, 5-8 PM, Ruiz Branch.
- Havilah Tower performs all original acoustic music with her musical trio, including vocals, acoustic guitar, cello and djembe drums. Thursday, November 29, 6:30 PM, Old Quarry Branch.
- Alternative R&B singer Mélat will perform. Thursday, November 29, 7 PM, Central Library Special Event Center.
- Come and enjoy the world of Harry Potter at the Harry Potter Yule Ball. All ages welcome. Friday, November 30, 6:30 - 9 PM. Milwood Branch.
- Word, Excel & Powerpoint Presented by Austin Free-Net. Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 - 8 PM, St. John Branch.

## Facilities Services

**General Obligation Bond Election:** On November 6, Austin voters approved of all seven City of Austin bond propositions totaling more than \$925 million. Roughly 74% of voters approved of Proposition B, aimed at providing \$128 million in funding to improve the city's libraries, museums and cultural centers. During the next few months, the City Manager's Office will initiate the next steps for the implementation of the 2018 Bond Program. In order to insure that the bond program is delivered on-time and on-budget, our City Management will provide a roadmap for all staff who will be involved in the implementation of the various projects and programs. To that end, the efforts of involved staff have now turn to the development of an implementation structure for the entire bond program and discussions are in progress with the City Manager's Office regarding oversight and governance going forward. As the City of Austin has shifted to a strategic outcome focus, it is important that the implementation of this program align accordingly. Therefore, there may be some changes in the approach and a cross-departmental and coordinated effort will prove necessary to be successful. Communication and accountability will be a key focus. Currently, it is anticipated that the first appropriation for this bond program will be brought to Council in the first half of the new year. In the meantime, the Library Department will be discussing plans, priorities, coordination and communication with City Management, Public Works, Financial Services and other City departments to develop a detailed implementation

plan and determine the best path forward.

**New Central Library:** TIME Magazine has chosen Austin's New Central Library as one of the 2018 World's Greatest Places. To assemble their first annual list of new and newly relevant destinations worth experiencing right now, TIME solicited nominations across a variety of categories (such as museums, libraries, parks, restaurants and bars) from their editors and correspondents around the world, as well as dozens of industry experts. They then evaluated each one based on key factors, including quality, originality, innovation, sustainability and influence. The result is a list as diverse as the world it reflects, with 100 entries spanning six continents and 48 countries – highlighting libraries in Austin, Texas and Tianjin, China that are almost as wondrous as reading itself.

**Pleasant Hill Branch 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 then 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 necessitated 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 was re-bid on September 13, 2018. The lowest bid was Majestic Services, at an amount of \$667,777. The second lowest bidder was Lovejoy Construction, at \$686,740. These bids do not include the asbestos abatement work that will need to be performed on the existing roof while it is being deconstructed. The asbestos abatement on this project will be a separate cost for the Library Department, provided by a different contractor. Approval to negotiate and execute a contract for the roof replacement and HVAC upgrade with the apparent low bidder, Majestic Services, will be asked of City Council on December 13, 2018, with issuance of Notice to Proceed with the work anticipated by February 4, 2019.

**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, 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, provided this is acceptable to the Austin Water Utility Department. In an effort to expedite progress, the Library's previous consultant engineers were removed from

the project, and a new request for Civil Engineering Services was submitted to the Capital Contracting Office on August 6. The new civil engineering firm now assigned to the project is Stantec Consulting Services. Their proposal to perform the design and construction management work required was submitted to the Library Department on October 26, 2018, and has been routed to the Capital Contract Office to process the Notice to Proceed. Additionally, the Library's project manager is requesting that the proposal for professional services allows for development of 60% complete construction documents to begin prior to the end of December, 2018.

**Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:**

While a number of rain delays hampered the project's progress, Brown & Root completed all of the items on the punch list for the work required, and the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library successfully reopened to the public on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 10 AM. The Southeast Branch Library staff conducted a well-attended reopening celebration for stakeholders on October 12, 2018, from 5 - 7:30 PM. The project is now in the post-construction warranty phase.

**Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade**

**Project:** The 90% Complete Design Documents/Drawings/Specifications were received from the engineering consultants (Stanley Consultants) and reviewed by Library Facilities Services. But after review, and communicating with City of Austin Asbestos/Lead/Mold Management (ALMD), it was declined. Stanley Consultants were asked to submit an Official Letter clarifying that the Scope of Work was being changed to prevent any work being performed on the existing roof. This roof was installed on the building in 2006 and is still under warranty. The previous reroofing project and Americans with Disability Act construction documents for the Zaragoza Warehouse were recovered from Library Facilities Services archives and provided to the engineering consultants for reference. Stanley Engineers subsequently provided the requested letter, stating that, due to the type and quality of the roof which was installed on the building in 2006, they will be able to reduce the scope of work for this project – thus reducing the cost of responsive proposals anticipated during the upcoming bid process. Also, the scope of work needed to be altered that the Consultants had initially included on their 60% Submittal, as the static air vents were not shown to be enclosed, as they must be by building code. The work has now been redesigned with the required enclosure constructed inside the building and below the vents. Finally, a revision requested on the 60% complete design development submittal was not picked up in the 90% completed documents. That revision was essentially a miscalculation of the natural gas load, which needed to be recalculated to incorporate the addition of two heating units inadvertently left out of the design documents. The revised 90% complete documents have now been received and are currently under Austin Public Library review. In a late breaking development for the project, it has recently been communicated to the Library Department that, due to City of Austin policy and procedure changes regarding hazardous materials management, an updated, full Asbestos/Mold/Lead Survey will need to be performed on the Zaragoza Warehouse. This survey is now being ordered and will be conducted.

**Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:**

On August 24, the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill was closed to the public, so that the facility might be prepared for renovation. Construction activities began at the site on October 15, following the relocation of all moveable property, including the collection, from the premises. The renovation project is anticipated to take approximately eight (8) months to complete, and while the work is in progress, customers are encouraged to visit the other South Austin branches (including Manchaca Road, Pleasant Hill and Twin Oaks) to acquire library services. Bookmobile services will also be offered to the Oak Hill area from Dick Nichols Park during the closure of their neighborhood branch. The scope of work for this comprehensive renovation includes 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 in keeping with the "Library of the Future" template. 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. HB Construction, headquartered in Spicewood, Texas, 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.

**Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project:**

The Austin History Center originally opened in 1933 as the city's first permanent public library building, and the facility served as the central library until 1979 when library functions were moved to the newly constructed, adjacent building that became the John Henry Faulk Central Library. After a renovation project in 1983, Austin's original central library reopened as the Austin History Center, the city's permanent archival repository. The tracery fresco on the arched loggia ceiling was created by Austin's native son, Harold "Bubi" Jessen and well-known Swiss-American artist, Peter Allidi, and this fresco is generally regarded as the most celebrated tribute to the Italian Renaissance to be found on any structure in Austin. On October 6, 2016, the Austin City Council authorized negotiation and execution of a contract with Mark van Gelder dba Art Conservation Services of Austin to provide art preservation/restoration services for this historic ceiling mural at the Austin History Center. The Austin History Center's historic ceiling mural, while a singular artistic creation, was executed using materials which have aged poorly under the environmental conditions of the last 83 years. The true requirements for the restoration, as brought to light while the work progressed, turned out to be considerably more nuanced, involved and labor-intensive than was originally envisioned. In fact, the ceiling mural's original design has been revealed upon overall close inspection under magnification, to contain delicate details in many areas – quite unexpectedly, considering the rough texture of the stucco and the decoration's intended viewing distance overhead. Twelve different design colors, rather than the initially estimated six, were discovered due to many of

the painted elements having been worn down to a state of being virtually invisible until examined under magnification, contributing to significant changes in the nature and amount of restoration work required. As the work progressed, it was also revealed that the textured stucco surfaces underlying the decorative mural had aged in a problematically uneven and absorbent manner – necessitating that the restoration paints be applied multiple times. After the custom restoration paints were formulated and carefully matched to the mural's original colors, it was determined that a large portion of the repeating, linear designs had apparently been applied using a stencil technique. It then became necessary to research and create a functionally equivalent set of complex stencils, as well as to test and implement paint-stenciling methods that work sufficiently well for applying custom-made restoration paints to the roughly-textured stucco ceiling. Moreover, it became evident that it would be necessary to apply restoration paint to most of the plain yet weathered background areas surrounding and abutting each of the hand-painted and stenciled elements of the complex design. Originally, the background paint color was certainly applied overall, prior to adding the mural's design elements, but during the restoration process, the background areas had to be precisely and painstakingly painted in to fit around, between and into the gaps within the rest of the design, which, given the intricacy of most areas of decoration, increased the scope of the work by many times over that which was envisioned at the start of the project. Despite these and many other daunting challenges, the restoration of this significant and historically important work of art is now nearing completion. In the weeks to come, the surrounding surfaces of the loggia will be cleaned, a lighting fixture installed and the scaffolding removed in its entirety from the Ninth Street entrance to the Austin History Center. The date for a formal unveiling will then be established and advertised widely to the community in order that the restoration of this landmark artwork may be appropriately celebrated.

#### **Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation**

**Repairs Project:** The Quality Management Division retracted their approval for the 100% complete construction documents due to their need for additional information. The consultant (Unintech Consulting Engineers) had assumed that this was to be an Invitation for Bid (IFB) project, when in fact, it will be carried out with Job Order Contracting as the construction delivery method. The necessary revisions were made, and the project achieved 100% construction documents approved by the Quality Management Division. A Job Order Contractor (Jamail & Smith) was assigned to the project, and their proposal to perform the work was within the project budget. Submittals for the irrigation system needed to be revised and re-submitted, and were ultimately approved. A pre-construction meeting was held in early August, 2018, and work began September 20, 2018, with re-grading/slope work around the building. Prior to construction, all utilities, data (GAATN), etc., were marked as a precautionary measure. Due to constant weather delays, the irrigation system for the foundation was finally installed with a new back-flow preventer plus a shutoff for future maintenance/expansion needs. This work has been inspected and approved by the consultant. The expansion joint and the current materials on-site were also inspected and approved by the consultant engineer. However, additional materials are still needed at the site, and once those are received and approved, the first

phase of the expansion joint installation can begin. The project is currently judged to be at 60% completion of the construction phase.

#### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project:**

While the Preliminary 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 (MWM Designs) is now being restarted. Sufficient rotation list authority is currently being sought to support awarding contract with the consultant engineers while some procedural issues with their preferred sub-consultants are being resolved. It is hoped that unused spending authority can be taken from other consultants on the same rotation list to allow the expanded professional service agreement with the consultants on this project to be finalized.

#### **Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:**

The Library Department has a proposal in hand from Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC., the selected Job Order Contractor (JOC) to perform the work. The scope of the work for the project 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 Library Department to work in partnership with the selected contractor in implementing sustainable construction practices to the greatest extent possible. The furniture procurement needed for this renovation can move forward now as the City's Purchasing Department has finalized the purchase agreement for furniture acquisitions from Workplace Resources. However, this approval only applies to the staff furniture needed for the project. Recent purchasing policy changes now dictate that the acquisition of all public furniture must be bid out. The additional funding needed to allow the Job Order Contract to be executed is currently being negotiated with the other City departments slated to receive deferred maintenance appropriations in present Financial Year 2019. 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 will include 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 renovation construction activities, refurbishing the facility, and reassembling/restocking of the library shelving are scheduled to be completed within six months. The Library Department will widely 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:**

Construction has been completed and a Certificate of Occupancy was acquired prior to the end of October 2018. The requisite punch list walk-through of the building was carried out during August thru October and the punch-list has been approved by APL Project Team on November 7, 2018. The Project Team consist of the Project Coordinator, Project Architect (Lawrence Group Design), the General Manager and the Superintendent for the General Contractor (Jamail & Smith Construction), various Facilities Services staff members, the Safety Officer and Security Supervisor for the Library Department, and the Project Manager from the City of Austin Communication Technology Management Department. The renovation work included the selective demolition of existing carpet and base, 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 were part of the work as well. On Monday, November 5, 2018, Windsor Park Branch Library was reopened to the general public. On Friday, November 9 the Austin Public Library Launch team provided a Grand Opening Ceremony with Director of Libraries, Roosevelt Weeks and Facilities Process Manager, John Gillum, providing opening remarks and acknowledgments regarding the renovation project and its accomplishments. Refreshments and children's games were provided, as well as an opportunity for attending customers to suggest names for the sculpted bronze lions at the entrance to the library.

**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. All furniture has been funded, and is waiting for the project to start for manufacturer start dates. 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 project's Design Development Phase has now been completed, and the 100% Complete Design Documents were approved and returned by

the Quality Management Division (QMD) to Library Facilities Services, along with comments. Deemed by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO) to be an ideal candidate for the Job Order Contract (JOC) construction delivery method, the project has been assigned to Job Order Contractor, Jamail and Smith. Jamail and Smith have been on site, RFI's (Requests for Information) have been received and answered by the consultant architects, and a final proposal is expected to be received from the contractor prior to the end of November.

**Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement:** On Thursday, September 20, the Library Department, in liaison with the Capital Contracting Office, received approval from Council to use the competitive sealed proposal procurement method for solicitation of construction improvements for the Faulk Library Building Roof Replacement Project. Utilization of the competitive sealed proposal procurement approach will allow the Library Department to require bidders to submit other information in addition to rates (including experience, past performance and proposed personnel and methodology.) On August 16, Building Exterior Solutions (BES), Engineering Consultants, submitted 60% Complete Construction Documents to Library Facilities Services for the demolition and replacement of the entire 29,000 square feet roofing system at the Faulk Library Building. The Faulk Library Building, a concrete structure with a concrete roof deck, is currently topped with a twenty-two year old, modified bitumen roofing system. Currently, construction estimates to replace the aging roof range from \$900,000 to \$1,300,000. Following an "in-house" review and correction process, Library Facilities Services forwarded the 60% Complete Construction documents to the Quality Management Division (QMD), Public Works Department, for their review and comments. On November 13, 2018, the 90% Construction Documents were submitted by the consultant engineers to Facilities Services for review and will be promptly sent over to QMD for their review. It is hoped that the corrected submittal may be returned to the Library Department and its consultants by December 1, 2018.

**Austin Public Library Lawn/Plant Bed Care:** The Library Department has been experiencing less than desirable service for its grounds when it comes to lawn and plant bed care for many years. Complaints have come in weekly, at times daily. The Library has worked diligently to remedy this situation, and on October 1, 2018, a new contract was executed with Great Western Management Company. This new contract not only provides lawn and plant bed maintenance, but also irrigation system maintenance and repair. A marked improvement in the appearance of the library grounds is expected soon.

**Austin Public Library Tree Maintenance Project:** The Austin Public Library successfully secured a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Urban Forestry division of the Development Services Department (DSDUF), and formed a loose partnership with Urban Forestry to help maintain the urban forest located within the bounds of Library properties. The grant has been used to promote tree health by assessing and documenting Library tree assets and in performing initial pruning and maintenance. This much-needed upkeep procedure was performed at all 18 of our 21 locations with substantial tree populations. During this process, there were trees identified as invasive, dead and/or dangerous and which were then removed, with their stumps either treated or

ground down. Most of the grant money was quickly spent, and it was determined an additional \$75,000.00 would be needed to complete the pruning/maintenance portion of the project. DSDUF graciously granted the additional funding. As the project unfolds there will be opportunities for the public to help with the application of mulch around existing trees as well as educational and partnership opportunities for the public to participate in tree planting events. Funding for this project ended at the close of the previous Fiscal Year 2018, but new funding was applied for by the Library Department for upcoming Fiscal Year 2019. Happily, the Austin Public Library was granted another \$50,000.00 on October 17, 2018 to continue this very worthwhile project.

#### **Literature Live & Library Foundation Relocation**

**Project:** Due to space use changes now in progress, it has become necessary to pursue the relocation of the Literature Live puppeteers along with the management of the Austin Public Library Foundation, both currently housed at the Recycled Reads Bookstore, to a new home at the Faulk Library Building. The project is currently in the planning stages but moving rapidly. Space in the Faulk Library Building has been found for each group, and a workable floor plan for each is being put together. It is estimated that this relocation project will be completed by the end of December.

**Twin Oaks Branch Library Sail Shades Project:** Sail Shades, commonly called Sun Sails in some parts of the world, were requested by the Twin Oaks Branch staff to protect and shade users of the outdoor amphitheater at the site from the severe effects of the sun's heat and ultraviolet rays. Floating and curvaceous in appearance, the Sail Shades will make an attractive addition to the property and enhance the appeal of the outdoor amphitheater, allowing for more programming activities to take place at this amenity. The Job Order Contractor (JOC) assigned to this project, Brown & Root, has submitted their final proposal to perform the installation work in the amount of \$54,545. The Library Department has accepted and submitted the required funding affirmation form to the Capital Contracting Office to allow the project to move forward. The project manager is currently waiting to hear back from the Capital Contracting Office, following their receipt of all required documents, so that a projected start date may be established.

#### **Austin's Climate Resilience Action Plan:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Austin City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 20070215-023 in 2007, directing City management to create plans and programs to make Austin "the leading city in the nation in the effort to reduce the negative impacts of global warming." In 2011, Austin became the largest local government in the United States to subscribe to 100% renewable energy to power all City-owned buildings and facilities through Austin Energy's GreenChoice program. This achievement was recognized with a 2012 Green Power Leadership Award from the Environmental Protection Agency. In 2013 Austin was ranked 6th among the nation's 34 largest cities for energy efficiency by the American Council for and Energy Efficient Economy. In 2015 Mayor Steve Adler signed the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy as a response by the world's cities to address the climate challenge. The Global Covenant is a City Network alliance committed to climate leadership by building on the commitment of over 9,000 cities and local governments from six continents and 127 countries representing more than 770 million residents. The Global Covenant of Mayors support ambitious, locally relevant solutions, captured through strategic action plans that

provide a standard for measuring and reporting emissions, climate risk, and climate change mitigation efforts.

**CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN FRAMEWORK:** In its efforts to implement strategies that address the challenges of climate change the City's Office of Sustainability hosted a three day Climate Resilience Action Plan workshop with representatives from Participating Cities, C40 CITIES, and Ramboll Consulting Engineers. In addition to Austin, the Participating Cities in this workshop were Johannesburg, South Africa and Quito, Ecuador. C40 is a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change by sharing knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. C40 provided examples of sustainability initiatives and the logic for resilience action and implementation from Rotterdam and Copenhagen. Ramboll combines landscape architecture, hydrology and urban design to make cities more resilient, climate-adaptive, and livable. Ramboll's Consultants led discussions on measuring overall risk, and indicators for risk reduction.

All participants discussed framework, indicators, lessons learned, and case studies. Austin's Climate Resilience Action Plan provides an overview of climate projections for our City, an assessment of potential extreme weather impacts to City-owned assets and operations, and strategies to mitigate those impacts. City-owned assets and operations that are critical for overall resilience include 1) Utility Infrastructure needed to deliver energy, water, wastewater, and telecommunications utility services to the community; 2) Transportation Infrastructure, such as critical arterial roadways, that support the transportation and mobility of citizens; and 3) Community Facilities, including recreation and activity centers, libraries, and neighborhood centers that may be utilized as relief and assistance centers in the event of a disaster.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS:** Austin Public Libraries, along with Parks and Recreation and Austin Public Health, participated in identifying metric, outcomes and outputs for each asset in the City's Asset/Operation plan. The four key climate hazards that emerged as most critical for both short and long term planning for Austin are as follows: (1) Extreme Heat, (2) Drought, (3) Flooding and (4) Wildfire. All participants met to discuss Climate Hazards, Adaptation Actions and to refine a Final Indicator Matrix. We also met in three groups to go over Outcomes, Outcome Indicators, Output, Output Indicators and impacts of actions in the Asset and Operation plan. The following strategies and recommendations for Austin were identified through the climate resilience planning process:

- Strengthen Emergency Response: Ensure that emergency response plans incorporate possible climate changes that could impact the protection of staff, infrastructure, and facilities during emergencies and extreme weather events.
- Expand Staff Safety Plans: Incorporate climate risks into staff safety plans and procedures to provide a safe and healthy work environment for City staff.
- Evaluate and Upgrade Existing Facilities and Infrastructure: Determine facility and infrastructure upgrade needs and reinforce City assets with withstand climate impacts by providing utility redundancies, weatherized buildings, and making needed facility improvements.
- Future-Proof New Facilities and Infrastructure: Integrate climate change considerations into future infrastructure and capital improvements decision-making to create climate resilience co-benefits.

**NEXT STEPS:** Austin's Climate Resilience Action Plan outlines key strategies for operations, asset management, and long-range planning in response to actual and anticipated climate change. It covers the services managed by City departments and does not consider resilience strategies and actions for external stakeholders and the greater Austin Community. The Action Plan describes key strategies for the City's physical assets to be implemented by the departments responsible for maintaining them. The Office of Sustainability <http://austintexas.gov/climate> will continue to work with local, regional and global city networks as core partners and, staff across City departments to prioritize recommended actions and develop an implementation plan. The Office of Sustainability proposes the creation of a cross-departmental Resilience Leadership Team to coordinate and oversee departmental resilience actions moving forward. The Office of Sustainability will be responsible for tracking ongoing resilience planning efforts and providing updates to the Resilience Leadership Team and updates to Council.

### **Austin History Center Programming & Outreach**

- On October 6, Asian American Community Archivist Ayshea Khan represented the AHC at the Asian American Resource Center's 5-year Anniversary celebration.
- On October 7, AHC Manager Mike Miller presented "The Embattled Birth of Austin" at the Neill-Cochran House Museum as the kickoff to the 13th season of their "Modern Times" lecture series
- On October 13, the AHC hosted the "Asian American Voices of Resistance" panel discussion. Sixty people attended the event and many contributed to the community gallery section of the "Taking it to the Streets" exhibit.
- On October 18, the AHC, on behalf of the Archivists of Central Texas, accepted a City Proclamation celebrating October as National Archives Month.
- On October 19, the AHC participated in a statewide Genealogy Lock-in event. The AHC hosted two in-person workshops and livestreamed others from across the state.
- On October 21, the AHC prepared a small exhibit and tabled at the Thinkery 21 Halloween themed event.
- On October 23, the Community Archivists gave a lecture about the program at Texas Lutheran University for their Public History class.
- On October 23, the AHC hosted an author program with Lori Duran, author of a new book about the Travis Heights neighborhood.
- The Austin Archives Bazaar was held on October 28, with around 400 people exploring the services and treasures of all the Central Texas archival repositories. The AHC was a co-sponsor of the event. In addition to having a table, staffed by the Community Archivists, the AHC also staffed the Preservation Station, Digital Archives station, oral history booth, and the "Pin the photo on the Map" game.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 2 collections, the Elizabeth Hamilton Papers and the Brad Rockwell Papers. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).
- The AHC recently acquired a donation of records to create the Armenian Church of Austin Records (AR.2018.045). This initial donation includes many of the administrative records of the church. The AHC also acquired a collection of extensively annotated scrapbooks documenting the life

of the Hall and Maxwell families in Austin, Texas from the late 1800s through the 1970s. Included are photographs, memorabilia related to Austin businesses, schools and general daily life, certificates, newspaper clippings, etc.

### **Reference**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming PBS documentary about Reconstruction; television and radio news stories about AquaFest and the Texas Chainsaw Massacre; an ACC exhibit at the Highland Campus; multiple articles for the recent issue of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society Journal; and for Stephen Harrigan's upcoming Texas history book by UT Press. Recently published books that relied heavily on AHC resources include *The Cedar Choppers: Life on the Edge of Nothing* by Ken Roberts, *Ben Thompson: Portrait of a Gunfighter* by Tom Bicknell and Chuck Parsons, *Mass: A Sniper, a Father, and a Priest* by Jo Scott-Coe, and *Women in Civil War Texas: Diversity and Dissidence in the Trans-Mississippi* by Deborah Liles and Angela Boswell.

### **Upcoming Programs**

- December 11, 6:30 PM. Opening Reception for "Off the Rails: The Rise and Fall of Austin's Streetcar."

### **Central Library Services**

#### **Events**

October 28, 2018 marked Central's one year anniversary. The Central Library celebrated its 1st Birthday with an all day party for the Austin community. The Birthday Bash started at noon with the Minor Mishap Marching Band, a 25-piece renegade brass band, known for their black and yellow costumes and their fun loving exuberance parading around the outside of the library, joyously bursting through the doors and up the stairs dancing, playing and celebrating. Other activities included screen printing tee-shirts by the Industry Print Shop on the 6th floor; an Austin Classical Guitar concert by Victor Longoria on the rooftop garden; Youth Storytimes throughout the day, a Giant Birthday Cake made by Ellen Scott, a birthday cake contest judged by the CookBook Café's pastry chef, Mary Catherine Curren, A Texas Book Festival Youth Lounge, an Austin Symphony String Quartet in the Demo Area and birthday cupcakes. Branches were included in the celebration and provided cupcakes for the public.

Other musical events in October included the Austin Symphony's Chamber Ensemble performing a broad selection of pieces on October 24.

#### **Central Youth Services**

The Teen Team busily planned a repeat of our stress management program for finals week this fall and spring, and have shared planning notes with Reference and the Adult programming team for duplication in support of college students as well. Reference staff is working on a similar project for the University students who handle great stress during finals

The Teen Team put wheels in motion to hire two to four teen (15-18 year old) staff members starting in Summer 2019 to assist in the creation of programs for young people, and also shadowing library careers.

The Teen Team secured permission to hire teen DJs for our

Teen Central X West Street program for spring break, which will also involve providing a workforce-development training for our teen presenters to teach them to set up a PayPal account, create an invoice, and learn the basics of taxes for independent contractors.

Walking on Sunshine program 10/17/2018 – Children and families enjoyed singing, dancing, bubbles, and interacting socially on the children's reading porch as inclement weather and high water kept us from walking on the trail. Featured action songs encourage pre-literacy development like phonological awareness and gross motor skills.

### **Central By the Numbers**

Parking net revenue for the month of October was \$41,059 Oct. 2017 to date was \$441,151.\*  
Recycled Reads Gift Shop revenue was \$24,120. Oct. 2017 to date was \$235,912.\*

\*These numbers are not from the official accounting record. All revenue comes back to the Library.

Central hosted 56,702 customers in October; checked out 93,153 items with 49.5% checked out on self-check kiosks; had 9713 holds requested, had 10,978 computer sessions, processed 2,212 library card applications with 380 of those AISD Applications, answered 1,133 online reference and 10,212 in person and phone reference questions, and provided 44 adult and 58 youth programs, and had Total FAQ Views: 18,251 and 1,117 Total Library Guide Views and taught 8 Adult Computer classes

### **Branch Services**

Several Austin Public Library branches were Early Voting sites as well as Election Day sites. As reported in the news, the voting turnout was very high. For example, over 10,000 community members came through Howson to vote early.

The Milwood Branch offered Halloween Monster Mash, a program featuring crafting, costume contests for adults, children, and babies. Kids created spiders while adults created masks and bracelets using Halloween crafts. 125 customers were in attendance.

Twin Oaks Branch offered a college planning workshop providing families information on best websites that award thousands of dollars in merit aid.

Twin Oaks staff attended National Night Out at Pathways at Meadowbrook Apartments (COA Housing Authority). They promoted library programs and resources and provided a button making activity for the children. Afterwards, the staff toured the community complex and discussed forming a partnership to offer computer classes using the Google classroom.

Willie Mae Kirk Program Specialist, Chris Allen, offered computer instruction in resume building, basic Microsoft, Quickbooks, and how to market using social media. Also, at Willie Mae Kirk, APL's puppet troupe, Literature Live, presented Tales from the Grave with 40 people in attendance.

The Terrazas Branch continues with Safe Space, a group session and discussion on topics such as anger management, homelessness, and personal struggles. Managing Librarian Danny Walker continues to do an amazing job in offering the Wrap Around services as well as benefiting from partnerships.

Staff will soon be participating in Integral Care's Mental Health First Aid training.

The Old Quarry Branch continues with Talk Time, a casual conversation practice time, between English speakers and customers from China, Japan, Iraq, and Russia.

The St. John Branch continues with computer instruction. Introduction to Computers and Senior Computer Club offer basic computer instruction including how to set up email accounts, web searching, searching for jobs online, and other skills. St. John also offered five sessions of Yoga, in partnership with nonprofit Pure Action. This program promotes community building through exercise and meditation.

The University Hills Branch began offering the Escape Room, a program inviting customers to enter a world of mystery and suspense as they try to solve various puzzles and mental challenges in a prescribed amount of time. This program was offered on 10/20 and 10/27. Eighty (80) individuals participated. It will also be offered on Saturdays in November. The University Hill Branch hosted Ricardo Parra as he performed soulful ballads from various Spanish speaking countries.

Regional Branch Manager Patti Fowler recently met with APL's four Program Specialists. These are the individuals who will lead our efforts as we reach out to the community in the priorities of Digital Inclusion and Workforce and Economic Development. Eighty laptops have been purchased for this use. This initiative is in the beginning stages and will include multiple community engagements and partnerships. We are extremely excited about this opportunity as we embrace our communities in doing all we can do to ensure digital competence and workforce/economic development for everyone.

### **Recycled Reads Bookstore**

October revenue for Recycled Reads Bookstore was approximately \$11,000. Approximately 3,200 people visited the store, including 234 attending the 14 scheduled events. Donations were received from 200 people. More than 23 volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 37 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 19 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 30 pallets of materials representing approximately 65,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 14 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeds from APL we processed over 68,000 items.

Recycled Reads provided books to APL branches for sales at the Central Library Gift Shop and the Howson, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Southeast, Cepeda, and Manchaca Road Branches for onsite book sales.

## **Volunteer Services**

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Number of Volunteers	333
Total Volunteer hours	1399.03
Total Value*	\$33,772.58

\*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

## **Policy Violations**

23	Disrupting use of Library services or property
19	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
13	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
13	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
12	Sleeping
9	Offensive gesture or display
8	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
7	Strong odor
7	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
6	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
4	Entering a non-public area
4	Violating internet policy
3	Incite a breach of the peace
3	Improper use of restrooms
3	Perform a criminal act
2	Threaten library property
2	Access sexually explicit material
2	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
2	Smoking & tobacco use; burning materials
2	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
2	Leaving personal belongings unattended
2	Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying baggage
1	Carry or display a weapon
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Appropriate clothing is required
1	Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property

**152 Total**

## **Locations # of Incidents**

Central	14
Manchaca Road	7
Ruiz	7
Cepeda	5
Little Walnut	4
Terrazas	4
Twin Oaks	4
Pleasant Hill	3
Yarborough	3
North Village	2
St. John	2
University Hills	2
History Center	1
Howson	1
Faulk	1
Milwood	1
Southeast	1
Windsor Park	1

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

**Roosevelt Weeks**  
**Director of Libraries**