San Antonio Public Library Director's Report May 2016

Mission Branch Library 5th Anniversary- April 30, 2016

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Library Director Briefing to Councilman Lopez, District 6

Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with Councilman Lopez on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 to provide a status update on the under-construction Potranco Branch Library. The Library, funded through the 2012 Bond Program, is co-located with a YMCA and occupies approximately 5,900 sq. ft. within the shared-use facility. Construction is on schedule with the Library and YMCA scheduled to open in October 2016. Councilman Lopez did not raise concerns regarding the project.

Centennial tribute for former Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez

A centennial tribute and media event for the late Congressman Henry B Gonzalez took place on May 3, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. - what would have been his 100th birthday. Gene Rodriguez and former Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (Henry B. Gonzalez' son) lead an effort to honor Henry B. Gonzalez legacy on his 100th birthday.

Congressman Joaquin Castro, State Representative Roland Gutierrez, Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, Former Congressman Charlie Gonzalez, Library Board Chair Paul Stahl delivered remarks in honor of Henry B. Gonzalez' legacy.

The Library is also incorporating Henry B. Gonzalez' legacy as part of Library's system wide programing efforts for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Library Selected to Receive Digital Inclusion Fellow

The Nonprofit Technology Network is leveraging funding from Google Fiber to award Digital Inclusion Fellowship across the country. San Antonio Public Library is one of three awards in San Antonio (SAHA and Each One Teach One are the other two organizations). The Library's fellow will assist the Library to expand the Library's current efforts to provide digital literacy and public computer classes. The Fellow will develop a self-sustaining model to implement at the conclusion of the fellowship to support ongoing digital literary efforts by the Library.

The fellowship award includes a $59,836 for salary and benefit expenses for the Digital Inclusion Fellow. The Library Foundation will be matching $5,000 in programming related expenses. San Antonio is one of seven cities nationwide selected for the fellowship (Atlanta, Charlottes, Kansas, Portland, Salt Lake, San Francisco).

The Nonprofit Technology Network and Google Fiber are planning a public announcement for the fellowships on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Request for Council action to formally accept this aware is planned for May 12, 2016.

Former First Lady Laura Bush and daughter headline San Antonio Public Library Foundation and Los Campadres event

The San Antonio Public Library Foundation (SAPLF) and Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions, worked together to bring #1 *New York Times* bestselling authors, Laura Bush, former First Lady of the

United States, and her daughter, Jenna Bush Hager, contributing correspondent for NBC News' TODAY, to the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 for a luncheon and conversation featuring their new children's book, Our Great Big Backyard. The book will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and is a tribute to our National Parks.

The luncheon will include a conversation with Mrs. Bush and Jenna on their ardent advocacy of parks and libraries and will include a special reading by both authors. Proceeds will benefit SAPLF and Los Compadres, to help provide support of our libraries and the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

County Approves Agreement with San Antonio Public Library Foundation

Bexar County Commissioners Court approved a funding agreement on May 3, 2016 with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in the amount of $75,000 to support a traveling exhibit of forty (40) World War I framed posters from the Library's Texana Collection. This traveling exhibit is scheduled to travel to various cities in Europe in 2017.

MARKETING

The Marketing Department, as a collaborative team, has been engaged with marketing and event support for several initiatives: Mission Branch Library 5th anniversary (April 30); Holocaust Learn & Remember programs and open house (May 2); Henry B. Gonzalez Centennial press event (May 3); Parman Branch Library 5th Anniversary (May 7); Read to Red Carpet: A Mayor's Book Club Celebration (May 7), Small Business Week, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Summer Reading Programs. The team continues to work on visual and written content as well as design of the Library's new website, scheduled to be launched the first week of June. A comprehensive plan has been developed to market the new website and logo.

Marketing was awarded a *PR Xchange Award* from American Library Association for The Digital Library Community Project: Digital Library Kiosks in the category of materials promoting Collections, Services, or Resources -electronic, $15,000,000 plus budget category.

Overall, SAPL received **109** media mentions during the reporting period. The total value of broadcast coverage equals **$62,468.**

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 11,349 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,332 followers
3. Pinterest: 51 followers
4. Instagram: 956 followers
5. Youtube: 133 subscribers

DIGITAL SERVICES

Library Planning WiFi Hotspot Lending

The Library is currently working and coordinating with ITSD on the implementation of a pilot service initiative which will enable the Library Department to checkout Wi-Fi Hotspots at designated Library locations. This innovative pilot project was conceived to help address the needs of adults who may not have equitable access to the Internet. This initiative, which is aligned with the citywide goal of bridging the digital divide by expanding access to broadband, will allow adult learners to checkout mobile hotspots for home Internet access at the four Learn at SAPL locations (Westfall Branch Library, District 1; Carver Branch Library, District 2; Cortez Branch Library, District 4; and Bazan Branch Library, District 5).

LITTLE READ WAGON

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

The Little Read Wagon team presented one-time early literacy workshops at the following locations with Head Start or Pre-K programs: Ray Ellison Family Center, Armstrong, Elm Creek, Benavides, and Gilbert Elementary schools. In addition, the team offered one-time workshops to six Avance Parenting Program groups. A series of workshops concluded at Pre-K 4SA North on April 26.

Services to Teen Parents

Corinne Sanchez and Clair Larkin were busy presenting workshops to teen parents at the following locations: Seton Home, Casa Milagros, Navarro Academy, Memorial, Brackenridge, McCollum, Kennedy, Churchill, and Taft High Schools.

Outreach Story Time Programs

Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Huber, and Ms. Larkin continue to provide monthly story time visits to the following early childhood centers: Seton Home, Nurturing Hearts, Tynan Early Childhood Education Center, Healy Murphy, Navarro Learning Center, and Ella Austin Child Development Center. Ms. Huff presented a brief story time and brought a few reading tents and book kits to Sky Harbour Elementary. The school agreed to release children from class early so that they could participate in the program with their parents.

Workshops for Early Childhood Teachers

Julia Lazarin presented at Voices for Children's Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair on May 7 at Northeast Lakeview College. Teachers who attended her session made their own "Little Mouse" color and rhyme game.

Play & Learn

A Play & Learn series concluded at Acme Park on May 12. The new location had good attendance, with groups of parents from Center 4 New Communities' home-based Early Head Start program participating along with their parent educators. Colleagues from City of San Antonio Head Start visited on May 12 to offer Head Start information to parents. Easter Seals Early Childhood Intervention Public Outreach Coordinator Amy Chavez attended the April 28 program to answer questions about the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. A couple weeks before Ms. Chavez' visit, parents were offered the questionnaire designed for specific age ranges and given the opportunity to complete it at home. Ms. Chavez reported that a few parents requested further evaluation of their children due to developmental concerns.

A smaller version of Play & Learn was offered at the Losoya and Pearsall Child Development Centers. This mini-Play & Learn includes reading tents with several book kits for families to enjoy, play dough, and bubbles. Staff also shared information about the Library's Summer Reading Program and more. Ms. Lazarin arranged the programs as a means of serving centers that Little Read Wagon had not been able to visit for their November "Literacy" parent meetings. Several more centers will have Play & Learn programs before they close for the summer.

House of Neighborly Service requested that Little Read Wagon offer activities for their parenting program participants. Ms. Huff, Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Larkin met the parent educators and families at Joske Pavilion on May 11 and presented a duck-themed Play & Learn. While at the park, a group of Stroller Strides participants inquired about the program and Ms. Larkin was delighted to see a former Baby Time parent amongst the group. Summer Play & Learn and summer reading program flyers were distributed to everyone who was interested.

Community Events

Ms. Huber and Ms. Huff brought reading tents, bubbles, and craft activities to Parent Child Incorporated's (PCI) May 3 Renaissance Festival.

On April 23, Julia Lazarin provided library information and a children's activity at the United Way Kids Festival at Lockwood Park.

Professional Development

Little Read Wagon staff has been taking advantage of free professional development opportunities through Early Childhood Investigations Webinars. The webinars are archived so that staff may view them as their programming schedules allow. Webinars viewed during this reporting period include "The science of dual language learning for children birth through age five: Effective practices that improve outcomes," "Why Infant Mental Health Experts Say Sensitive Care & Play Trump Early Academics," and "Able Young Readers, Healthy Growing Bodies: Connecting early literacy to health."

Meanwhile, Ms. Sanchez presented "Early Literacy Outreach for Teen Parents: Engage and Inspire with ECRR 2.0." The May 12 webinar was presented at the request of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The 2016 Young Pegasus Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 1 at the Hermann Sons' Grand Lodge. The 90th edition of the Young Pegasus Anthology included fifty-seven poems by forty young poets. Graduating senior Katherine Mansfield, whose writing has been included in every Anthology for the past ten years, spoke briefly about how much being a Young Pegasus poet has meant to her. The Young Pegasus judging panel was quick to congratulate Katherine and encourage her to continue writing as she enters Stanford University this fall.

Preparations for the 2016 Mayor's Summer Reading Club and the associated summer programs ramped up significantly in late April and early May. Programming supplies were purchased and distributed, summer t-shirts were ordered and are in production, contracts with summer performers were finalized and promotional efforts continue in full swing. As always, children's staff anticipates a summer of engaging activities that will provide children with multiple opportunities for social interaction and out-of-school learning.

Children's Services Coordinator Viki Ash participated in a number of community events during this reporting period.

- Voices for Children's Early Childhood Resource Fair (April 16): Provided information on early literacy and distributed posters promoting the five early literacy practices (talking, singing, reading, writing, playing)
- United Way Kids' Festival in Lockwood Park (April 23): Provided logistical assistance throughout the day due to service on the event's Planning Committee. Along with Julia Lazarin (LRW), staffed the Library activity table.
- SAISD Parent & Family Liaison Professional Development Day (April 26): Spoke to the group regarding library services emphasizing the importance of reading over the summer months. Distributed Summer Reading Club bookmarks.
- SAISD Battle of the Bluebonnets (April 26): Represented SAPL at this district-wide competition. Members of the Children's Services' School Age Committee prepared the questions for this event.
- Reach Out & Read San Antonio Mini-Conference (May 6): Spoke to this group of pediatricians and health care clinicians regarding early literacy practices and acknowledging their efforts to get books into the hands of young children via well-baby/well-child check-ups.
- Voices for Children's Luncheon (May 9): Attended this fund-raising event at the Pearl Stables as a friend and guest of the organization.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Off-Site Service

Caroline Mossing (Teen Services Librarian I) participated in a Health Fair held at Fox Tech High School. Caroline spoke with teens and their parents about the services and resources the library offers for teens.

Project WORTH

Kathleen Fordyce (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) worked with Yvonne Herrera-Rendon from Project WORTH to plan the annual National Month to Prevent Teen Pregnancy event held at Central. The event took place on May 4 and was a great success. Teens took the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy quiz on the www.stayteen.org website, and then they had a blast participating in a scavenger hunt. Kathleen developed the scavenger hunt, which included finding items in the Teen Library that had slips of paper with information about teen pregnancy statistics and teen health. After the scavenger hunt, teens were treated to Jason's Deli sandwiches and snacks, courtesy of Project WORTH. Project WORTH also coordinated with other teen librarians/liaisons in the system to implement these events in other library locations.

Inspire U

Staff involved in the Inspire U Workplace Mentoring Program (part of SA2020), met with their "littles" for their regularly scheduled meeting in the Teen Library @ Central on April 25. Bigs and Littles had lunch together and enjoyed catching up with each other.

San Antonio Food Bank

As a requirement of the Kids Café afterschool snack program, a Teen Library staff member must attend a monthly nutrition lesson at the Food Bank and provide at least one nutrition lesson for the teens per month. Regina Almanza (Library Assistant) attended the lesson in May.

Workgroup Meeting

The Teen Services Librarian/Liaison meeting was held at the Teen Library @ Central on May 11.

Staffing

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) began working in the Teen Library @ Central at the beginning of May. Ciana hit the ground running, quickly establishing a great rapport with the teens in the Teen Library and assisting with nightly teen programming.

System-wide Support.

Adam Tutor (Library Services Specialist) has met with staff at several high schools and youth-serving organizations in the community to plan outreach visits and/or group visits to the library. Some of the places Adam has been in contact with include the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center, the YMCA, Providence High School and Fox Tech High School. Adam will also assist with teen programming during the summer at Johnston, Pan American and Las Palmas libraries.

The teen volunteers of Teen Library @ Central gathered on May 11 at the Teen Library. After a quick meeting of official business, such as learning of the new Library logo, Teen Library staff changes, and the upcoming Teen Summer Program, volunteers munched on Alamo Pizza, provided by the Volunteer Services department. The teens were thanked for their commitment to the Teen Library as well as all the jobs they undertake as volunteers. Volunteers who contributed more than 24 services hours in 2015 received a Certificate of Appreciation. Those present for the pizza party were much appreciative and eager to make summer a great one.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On May 2nd, the library launched the 2016 Holocaust: Learn & Remember program series, planned annually in partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Museum, San Antonio Public Library Foundation, and Sharkmatic Advertising. The launch event was hosted at the Museum, and Holocaust survivor Rose Sherman Williams shared her incredible story of experiencing war in Poland at age 12. Throughout the month of May, survivors, scholars, and authors will be speaking at many San Antonio Libraries, and the final event will be held at the Central Library on May 26th at 6:00PM. Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger will tell the story of discovering that his father was Nazi soldier, and how this inspired him to move to Israel to fight hate and serve in the Israel Defense Forces.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S

Early Literacy Programming

At Play & Learn and Toddler Time, led by Librarians Robin Alcorta, Julia Pouliot and Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin, children enjoyed an array of sensory learning experiences, with topics ranging from water science to communities to color exploration. In celebration of Fiesta week, toddlers grabbed instruments and paraded around the 3rd floor. They continued the royal treatment with dress up play in crowns and robes and a ride on a cardboard river float. The highlight of the month's programing was the special guest appearance by Central Reference Department Library Assistant Daniel Garcia, who visited the community helpers themed Play & Learn as "Dan the Mail Man," dressed as a postal carrier, and picked up letters the children created. The group was thrilled with the visit and asked about him for weeks afterward!

Family Fun Programming

Ms. Alcorta, Ms. Pouliot, Ms. Seglin and Children's Department Manager Kate Simpson facilitated creative learning experiences for children of all ages during Family Fun programming this month. Families gathered to design a glittering night parade float in honor of the final parade of Fiesta and explored world cultures in celebration of El Dia de los Niños with a collaborative art piece. Science concepts were enhanced with creative expression and sensory experiences. The water cycle was examined through stories and shaving cream raincloud experiments, paired with rain stick crafts and weather scene paintings. Measurement investigation involved charting how far children could jump and capacity guessing games. Experimental book stacking in a variety of ways enhanced children's understanding of physics, as did LEGO Club play using building blocks, Magnatiles, LEGOS, and unconventional materials like gumdrops and toothpicks.

Special Programming

Collection Development Librarian Nohemi Lopez Rosdahl and Children's Department Manager Kate Simpson worked together to present the final Bilingual Story Time of the season on Cinco de Mayo. Stories, crafts and activities centered on colors made for a bright, joyful bilingual celebration for all ages.

Ms. Pouliot spearheaded the Children's Department's presence at the Marvel Comics Chose Your Side event organized by the Central Reference Department. She invited families in attendance to create a superhero mask which they wore while posing for photos in the city skyline photo booth. These collaborations between the two departments create truly engaging family experiences at the Central Library.

Outreach & Tours

Ms. Pouliot appeared on the SA Live television program promoting the How Does Your Garden Grow? Play & Learn programs around the city. She demonstrated some of the fun activities that make up these innovative early literacy programs such as print-making with celery stalks and seed planting using pantry staples like dried beans. Ms. Pouliot boosted excitement for the upcoming Mayor's Summer Reading Club with descriptions of the summer fun planned at San Antonio Public Libraries and emphasized the importance of reading throughout the summer for school readiness in the fall.

Ms. Seglin forged new connections with schools in the Central Library area when she visited Herff Elementary School's Literacy Night and hosted a library tour for Gallardo Elementary School students. Ms. Seglin and Ms. Alcorta represented the Library at the UTSA Academy for Teacher Excellence End of Year Celebration Fair at the downtown campus. They shared information about library resources and the Mayor's Summer Reading Club, and engaged children with a spring butterfly craft. Their table proved popular with the 245 families in attendance.

Central Children's Department staff continued their monthly visits to Madison Square Child Development Center, Central Christian Church Childcare Center, Green Acres Child Care Center, San Antonio College Early Childhood Center and the Center for New Communities at San Antonio College.

TEENS

Happy Birthday Teen Library!

The Teen Library @ Central celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of the space with a birthday party during the after-school hours on May 12. There were balloons, tons of cupcakes and crafts for teens to create. Over 50 teens had a great time celebrating their space!

Weekly Programs

Mondays with JD Elizondo (Library Assistant): JD continued with Eclectic Electric programming during the reporting period. The ever-popular recording studio in the Teen Library is attracting more new teens, each with different musical styles. To accommodate this influx, JD is segmenting the recording time on Mondays so that everyone will have a chance to perform and record. In addition, JD and few of the teens are dividing the studio into virtual and performance sides so that bands that want to rehearse can do so at the same time the studio is being used for recording.

Tuesdays with Caroline Mossing (Librarian I): During the reporting period, Caroline hosted Science & Tech Tuesdays, and teens explored aviation and videography using the library's quadcopter and designed and crafted "stuffies" with light-up LED elements connected to power by conductive thread. Others designed 3D models to print and printed models found online.

Wednesdays with Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II): On Wednesdays, teens pick their favorite video or board game and engage in friendly competition with their peers. During the reporting period, teens have enjoyed playing the WiiU and PS4 games, as well as board games like Chess, Jenga and Apples to Apples. In addition, the Barrio Writers workshops for teens ran weekly through the reporting period. The program has attracted more and more teens as it has progressed.

Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): During this reporting period, teens engaged in self-guided activities, creative expression crafts, and celebrations. In a move worthy of nerdy crafters everywhere, teens attempted to make a Captain America shield cake, following along with a "Nerdy Nummies" YouTube video. Teens made red, white and blue cake layers, cut circle pieces out of them, and arranged them in alternating order to create a hidden US flag within the cake. While watching *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, teens concocted the popular drink from the Harry Potter movies: butterbeer, using cream, brown sugar, cream soda, and butter. Suffice it to say, teens deemed it delicious and found a little went a long way. They also learned an easy way to bump up the nutritional value of a dessert. Teens needed only to add 100% pureed canned pumpkin and a shake of cinnamon to a cake mix to create pumpkin cookies. Cinco de Mayo found teens creating Mexican-inspired dishes: enchiladas and watermelon aguas frescas. Teen volunteers took the lead in demonstrating their skills in creating these tasty dishes. Thursday, May 12, 2016, marked the one year anniversary opening of Teen Library @ Central. Celebrating in birthday fashion, teens snacked on colorful cupcakes, and participated in party crafts: teen-suggested activity, beadsprites, and buttons. Pictures of most of the Thursday teen programs can be found at http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary. Pictures and short videos of teens singing "Happy Birthday" to Teen Library, of movie nights and crafts can also be found at http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary.

Tours and Groups

A group of students from the Montessori School of San Antonio visited the Teen Library and received a tour. The students reserved the area for class research.

On April 30, a group of teachers participated in a Teach for America training workshop in the Teen Library @ Central. The group had reserved the area, and during the afternoon session teens involved in the program presented to the group.

REFERENCE

On May 8, Reference staff members Cynthia de Leon and Deedee Lu gave a Central Within Reach: Riverwalk Art Tour (the Tour was designed by Julia Selwyn) to 6 enthusiastic patrons. Ms. de Leon and Ms. Lu introduced patrons to the Marie Schwartz Art Resource Center and the Chihuly Fiesta Tower and shared their insights about the subtly interactive art on the museum reach of the Riverwalk, such as tile art, sculpture, and outsider art. The 2.5 mile tour lasts 2.5 hours. Patron feedback was extremely positive. These tours continue to be offered on select Sundays, weather permitting. Tours continue to fill up quickly to max capacity.

With the intention of promoting music literacy in our community, Reference Librarian Gamini Haluwana collaborated with several other SAPL staff members and formed a Ukulele club at Central Library that is open to the public. The first meeting was on May 10 and was a huge success. Twenty seven people attended with their ukuleles and the group learned a new song. The program was interactive, very engaging and attendees rated the program with the highest scores possible on their surveys.

SSVF (Social Services for Veterans Families), GI forum, continues to offer outreach to Central Library patrons. Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) is a program designed to assist very low-income veteran families and homeless non-veterans in obtaining permanent housing and employment. SSVF has expanded the number of outreach sessions offered at Central to three times a week due to success.

Library Assistant Daniel Gonzales presented a brief overview of library resources for adult education needs at the Huantes Learning Center to 14 adults. His presentation was focused on apps and database resources like homework help, academic searching, GED resources, and more.

Reference staff hosted a special event on May 1 in celebration of the release of *Captain America: Civil War*. The program was entitled “Pick Your Side: A Library Marvel Comics Event.” The program featured local Marvel Comics artist Freddy Lopez who is independent illustrator sanctioned to draw for Marvel. He taught attendees the basis of creating a comic book cover while attendees worked simultaneously at their tables, covering many basics such as outline, filling and coloring. He used Captain America and Iron Man as the examples and participants loved the interactive element to the program. The enthusiasm was strong and participants drew along with Freddy for over an hour and a half. There were also themed refreshments, an area to vote for your side of Captain American or Iron Man, a cosplay stage backdrop that looked like a cityscape, and a trivia game. The attendance of 80 people was almost entirely families.

In celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, Central Library hosted a program on Bharatanatyam: Classical Indian Dance. The 46 attendees loved the costumes, culture, music, and the artistic value portrayed in the dance.

A Japanese calligraphy program was held at Central Auditorium with Vice President of Cultural Activities of Japanese American Society of San Antonio Minako Miyamoto. This program was arranged by Diana Starrett and Patricia Rodriguez. Twelve people attended the program and expressed their gratitude for the presenter and the Central Library.

The Science-Fiction & Fantasy book group at Central met on May 11 and discussed *The Traitor Baru Cormorant* by Seth Dickinson. Although none of the group particularly liked the book, they agreed it was a good book for discussion groups providing lots of issues to discuss and debate.

Reference staff provided assistance to the Small Business Monday program by running the registration table and offering information about library services to the attendees.

A program on Severe Weather and Disaster Preparedness was offered to the community by the St. Bernard Project, a non-profit organization.

Reference staff has continued to find success with several ongoing programs including Brain Power, Zumba, Brighten Your Day: Coloring for Adults, Central Cinema and Technology Questions Answered, which brought in about 50 participants during this rating period.

Central Reference Assistant Manager Julia Selwyn attended the Mergent Innovation Summit in Charlotte, NC. It was an excellent opportunity to network with public librarians specializing in workforce development, small business, investor research, and economic development outreach. Attendees received training from Dunn & Bradstreet's Chief Data Analyst and examined business databases and resources.

TEXANA/GENEALOGY

Time Warner Cable News interviewed Sylvia Reyna about SAPL's Randy Bear Fiesta Medal Collection. The interview, which aired on television April 19 and is available online, also included different theories of how the practice of giving Fiesta medals began.

Texana/Genealogy hosted two genealogy groups, from Del Webb and Canyon Lake on April 20. The members were given a tour of the department and then spent several hours doing family history research.

On Sunday, April 24, Ms. Reyna led a "Local History" walking tour of historic buildings along the San Antonio River. The tour began in the Texana room and ended at the Kampmann Library Portal.

Matt De Waelsche led an evening class April 28 on "Using Census Records in Genealogy Research." He discussed the different types of census records and census substitutes that can be useful when researching family history.

Ms. Reyna created the photographic display for SAPL's celebration of the 100th anniversary of Henry B. Gonzalez's birth.

On May 3, Andy Crews presented an Internet class entitled, "An Overview of RootsMagic." This class described the features and functions of the RootsMagic genealogy software program.

On May 7th, Texana/Genealogy was again represented at the Seventh Annual "Paseo por el West Side" cultural celebration by Ms. Reyna who led a Beginning Genealogy class.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

On April 30, the Bazan branch hosted Healing through the Heartbreak Grief Workshop, presented by the San Antonio eye bank. The grief workshop was designed for cornea/eye donor families and was open to anyone who had experienced loss.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen wrapped up several outreach book clubs as the school year came to an end. Children in the book clubs received a certificate of participation and celebrated with refreshments.

Learn at SAPL Education Training Officer Emily Sauer Flores participated in the GED Testing Webinar for Texas Educators and Administrators on Thursday, April 21. The training highlighted the changes in exam scoring that have recently gone into effect.

English as a Second Language instruction continued to grow in popularity at the Bazan Branch Learn Center. A beginners group met on Tuesday mornings and an advanced group focusing on writing skills met on Saturday mornings. Many students who attended the Saturday session stayed for the ESL Book Club led by volunteer Daniel Gomez. The ESL Book Club members progressed to the stage 2 level of the Oxford Bookworms series.

Computer instruction was one of the branch's most-solicited services. Four computer learning groups met on a weekly basis, two in English and two in Spanish. Groups were led by volunteers Juan Serna, Rodrigo Monroy and Samuel Fuller.

Teen Time at Bazan concluded its spring session on May 12. Teen Time will be back for Summer Reading Program beginning June 1 with a new time and new day of the week: Wednesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Bazan thanked and shared well wishes with Teen Volunteer/Alamo Colleges work-study student Isabel Salazar whose last day was May 13.

BROOK HOLLOW

As of May 5, Brook Hollow welcomes Caroline Mossing (Teen Services Librarian II), who comes to the branch from the Central Teen Library. Caroline was in charge of technology programming at the Teen Library as a Librarian I, overseeing and maintaining the makerspace there and facilitating technology

programs at branch locations as needed. She also organized the San Antonio Mini Maker Faire at Central in 2015 and 2016, with attendance at each event exceeding 1,000.

On April 20, Brook Hollow hosted a discussion of the Mayor's Book Club selection, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Other books discussed this month by Brook Hollow book groups include *The Caller* by Karin Fossum, *Gunman's Rhapsody* by Robert B. Parker, and *The Girls of Atomic City: the Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II* by Denise Kiernan.

On May 4, Adult Services Librarian Tapley Trudell attended the Annual Installation Luncheon of the San Pedro Hills Women's Club. The Club is a longtime supporter of the Brook Hollow Library. A generous donation was presented to Ms. Trudell at the luncheon for the library's use.

On Tuesday, May 3, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera visited the Brook Hollow KinderCare Center. Ms. Barrera read stories about gardening and seeds to the two PreK classes at the Center. She also delivered two bags of books for the children and teachers to use in their classrooms to reinforce the classes' themes for the month of May.

On Tuesday, May 3, the branch hosted a How Does Your Garden Grow? Play and Learn program. Kids and adults had fun digging in dirt, planting seeds, making beautiful art prints with celery stalks and much more!

On Wednesday, May 4, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera visited Rhapsody Center Head Start. She told gardening stories, sang songs, and had fun with two bilingual and three English-only preschool classes.

On May 12, the branch hosted the citywide meeting of SAPL children's librarians as they prepared for the Summer Reading Program. The refreshments for the meeting were generously provided by the Friends of the Brook Hollow Library.

CARVER

Carver Branch's 1st Annual Pan African Festival, which celebrated the cultures of the African diaspora, attracted about 150 people. The day-long event was held on Saturday, May 7 and included singing, dancing, drumming and performances by area musicians and poets. The afternoon also included a fashion show featuring fabrics and attire that reflect African culture, a panel discussion exploring issues related to the diaspora, and a Capoeira demonstration.

On Saturday, May 14, the branch celebrated the birth of Malcolm X. San Antonio actor Aundar Martin portrayed the slain human rights activist in a one-man show that incorporated music and historic images to trace the life and legacy of the Muslim minister. The event attracted 40 people.

Teen Services Liaison Monty Holcomb hosted three Teen Time events with the Wii. He hosted three Chess Events, attracting new participants. Mr. Holcomb, who also serves as assistant branch manager, continued the Mayor's Book Club group at the District 2 Senior Center session and during this period facilitated three book club meetings.

Carver Library children's librarian Jodi Miller continues to do outreach. She had the last session of a 5th grade book club at Cameron Elementary on May 5th; Carver Friends were invited to attend since they'd provided three books for the students to use.

CODY

On April 19, Cody's *Play and Learn: How to Plant a Garden* was a huge success with approximately 80 in attendance. Their favorite station was planting seeds.

Tweens were busy in April with a variety of activities raning from ping pong to flower painting with forks and pencils, and challenging one another to dance freeze.

On April 19, teens learned how to make tissue and crepe paper flowers for *DIY Fiesta Crowns* and discussed Fiesta.

On April 19, Teen Librarian Kristin Yourdon spoke to 250 parents and students at Rudder Middle School's *Literacy Night*, promoting student resources available and summer reading. Kristin also assisted at the Mini Mini Con held at Wonderland Mall on May 14.

On April 26, teens worked together to learn new sewing stitches. They then used their new skills to make felt animals.

Country Home Child Care visited Cody Library for special story times with Children's Librarian Sheila Acosta, on April 20 and 27.

Earth Day was celebrated with an arts and crafts event for families on April 21. Children had great fun creating things out of recycled materials to use at home and at play.

Other branch events for children included the *Lego Club* on April 26 and the *Middle Readers Club* on April 27.

A special program to celebrate *Dia de Los Ninos, Dia de los Libros* was held on April 28 for Cody families. Sheila read books for the children and played songs for them to sing and dance to. They then participated in a craft commemorating diversity.

Sheila visited the pre-kinder classes at the Pineapple School on April 26.

On May 2, Tweens created flowers out of egg cartons and painted them to give to their mothers for Mother's Day.

On May 5, children made cards and flowers at a special Mother's Day arts and crafts program.

Several children attended the monthly *BYOD Minecraft Club* on May 4. Parents have requested that this be offered more than once a month for the summer.

The *Tween Book Club* met on May 10 to discuss the book *Life on Mars* by Jennifer Brown. Attendees selected one of the current Bluebonnet nominees for their next meeting.

Country Home Child Care visited for special story times on May 4 and May 11. In addition to stories, Sheila introduced some children's songs which were a hit with both groups.

The *Beginner Readers Club* met on May 11. After their book presentations, Sheila provided a word-building activity and supplies for each of them to create a personal bookmark.

On May 10, teens discovered how polymers work as they mixed up their own Galaxy Slime.

The Cody Library partnered with SA Youth Code Jam to teach free computer coding classes. The curriculum teaches basic computer coding concepts and promotes collaboration among students in order to create a final product.

The Cody community joined the gaming world in celebrating International Tabletop Day on April 30 by playing such games as Jenga XXL (cardboard blocks that can be stacked over 8 feet!) and Spiel des Jahres-winner *Colt Express*.

On May 10, the St. Bernard Project presented a a one-hour workshop on how homeowners can become better prepare for everyday risks and major disasters. The St. Bernard Project was founded in response to the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

As part of SAPL's *Holocaust: Learn and Remember* series of events, on May 12, Dr. Roger C. Barnes, Chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Incarnate Word, shared history, experience, and photography of the six major Nazi extermination camps operated in Poland.

On May 14, Stephen Baird, ACA Navigator with the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, presented information on the history of the Affordable Care Act and information concerning special enrollment opportunities outside of the usual enrollment period.

COLLINS GARDEN

In April, Collins Garden Library hosted a performance by Allyson Dawkins, principal violist with the San Antonio Symphony. Dawkins answered questions about music and the viola specifically, and raffled two free tickets for a symphony concert.

May 12, Library Assistant Carlos Loera visited Briscoe Elementary School to promote SAPL Summer Reading Program. Loera met with a Spanish-speaking parents group to promote summer activities and SAPL resources, including Webpage resources. Loera invited the group to visit the library and apply for a library card.

Mary Valdez and her beautiful golden retriever Foxie visit the library bi-weekly. Foxie is a trained therapy dog that helps kids become more comfortable with reading.

Trina Smith from Memorial Branch Library hosted Tuesday weekly Kids Time programs. Average attendance was 9 people.

The Teen program is holding steady, averaging 7-10 teens weekly. The teens are doing crafts and playing video games with great enthusiasm. The teen program is gaining momentum with several events having taken place in the teen space area.

The teen/children's programming hosts a Saturday matinee movie series for teens and children.

Collins Garden, in partnership with a community poetry group Voces Cosmicas, is presenting a series of writing workshops. The workshops are hosted by local poet/educator Fernando Esteban Flores.

CORTEZ

Family Fun Events

The Cortez Library hosted several Family Fun events including celebrations for El Dia de los Ninos/El Dias de los Libros. The community is catching on to this engaging event on Tuesdays at 4pm. Attendance ranges from 6 children attending to 14.

Storytime

Storytime has had some difficulty catching on at Cortez. The Wednesdays at 11am timeframe seldom sees participants. The Children's Librarian is ready for children when they are physically present in the library and offers impromptu sessions as needed.

Tween Time

Tweens know that Wednesdays at 4 p.m. is their time. Dodgeball continues to be a favorite! Video games are offered as well as favorite board games. This past month, play included a session of loteria, and a dare-double dare game of Bean Boozled jellybeans for National Jelly Bean Day.

Outreach Efforts

Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster visited the Palo Alto Elementary School to participate in a parent info session for those with students entering PreK – Kindergarten and Grade 1 to speak about resources that the library has to offer to support reading skills throughout the summer and in preparation for next year's school term.

Preparation and scheduling are in full swing for school visits to promote SAPL's green summer reading program. To date, Price Elementary, Carillo Elementary and Palo Alto Elementary are on the calendar for visits from Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster.

Scholastic Literacy Caravan

The Literacy Caravan visited Cortez on May 10th. Several families stopped in to enjoy the interactive activities and to select a free book. Thirty six children walked away with something new to read.

35th Anniversary Celebration

Through a generous donation from H-E-B, Cortez offered up a tasty 35th anniversary celebration! Performers included: Los Inocentes, Jorge y Nicole, and Optic Arrest. Children were offered face painting and the chance to create festive maracas to accompany the entertainers. The library was decorated with 1950s-style TV cutouts with information about Raoul A. Cortez' life and photos of staff and patrons with call out bubbles with quotes about what they liked best about Cortez library. The library was visited by District 4 Board Member Andrea Sanchez and District 4 Councilman Rey Saldaña. Predictions of severe weather may have hampered attendance, but those attending enjoyed plenty of refreshments and entertainment.

Teens Program

On April 28th, the teens planted their avocado seed in water as part of the "Green" theme for summer reading. The teens will monitor their seeds as they grow throughout the summer and take them home in August.

Adult Programs

Cortez Film Club

The Cortez Film Club presented Pink Floyd's *The Wall* on April 23rd and enticed 14 curious viewers to enjoy the trip into psychological horror via the cinema. This marks a 133% increase from the March 2016 Film Club attendance.

Adult Coloring

Adult Coloring @ Cortez kicked off with 5 willing colorists on May 2nd. The May 10th session offered in the main library area saw 10 participants relax with the adult coloring group.

Getting Crafty Program

The crafting program had four classes in this time frame, with attendance of 20. On April 18 and 25, the class made flowers out of felt material. For May, the class will be crocheting a hexagon afghan blanket.

Adult Outreach and Program Participation

Adult services Librarian Michelle Ricondo volunteered to assist with Small Business Monday on Monday, May 2nd at the Central Library as a registration volunteer. She worked in coordination with Café Commerce as a member of the Adult Services Committee.

Monster Meet

On May 14th, 15 loyal monster fans met for an afternoon discussion of mutants and their hijinks and a viewing of the film *Deadpool*. This is an 88% increase in attendance from the April meeting.

ENCINO

Encino's partnerships with community organizations remain strong. The Parks & Recreation Fitness in the Park classes are well-attended and receive continuous kudos from community members who enjoy the fun and free opportunities to get fit. The Farmers' Market, a program offered by the San Antonio Food Bank, has been a welcome outdoor activity. Neighborhood sellers have been added to the already robust group of vendors, and many have expressed gratitude for the opportunity to sell their goods close to home. Finally, the Encino Park Women's Club and HOA have invited the library to participate in their monthly newsletter, which is printed and mailed to 1,061 homes. Encino's first article will be featured in the May 15, 2016 edition.

Encino hosted early voting for Bexar County from April 25 – May 3 in one half of the meeting room. The flexible design of the space allows the judges to have a dedicated entrance for voting from the patio, and the other half of the meeting room is available for library and patron use. During voting and programming-heavy times, Encino reconfigures the Create space as a quiet study room to accommodate studying and working patrons who would otherwise be displaced. The Collaborate space is frequently used by entrepreneurs, study groups, federal investigators, HOA board members, and other community groups.

Adult Services Librarian Barbara Kwiatkowski organized a final event on April 20 in honor of the Mayor's Book Club: a discussion about the spring selection, *The Book Thief*. The group enthusiastically reviewed their favorite sections of the story, and Barbara drew comparisons between historical events and happenings in the story. All attendees requested future in-depth discussions about the Mayor's Book Club selections.

Encino hosted poet Vivian Kearney on May 9 as part of the Holocaust: Learn & Remember series. Her poetry reading, reflective of her family's experiences, was both emotional and thought-provoking. The appreciative audience enjoyed a question and answer session following the program. Encino will host a second program on May 23, Children in the Holocaust, featuring Maxine Cohen speaking on the experience of children in the Holocaust.

Barbara has continued to provide her popular offsite programming to seniors at two locations. The residents of Franklin Park Stone Oak, a memory care facility, enjoy Barbara's lively book talks and reading passages from new and timely titles. Barbara leaves a selection of library materials with the activity director at the end of each bi-weekly visit. Barbara also visits Emerald Oaks Retirement Community twice each month, where she provides individual and group e-reader tutoring, discussions of upcoming library events, and book talks about current and popular titles. The visits to Emerald Oaks have resulted in dozens of their mobile residents traveling to Encino for additional e-reader tutoring, to attend library programs, and to create new library cards.

Encino's teen patrons have truly taken ownership of the library's dedicated teen room, and they held a multitude of exciting events during the reporting period. Cooking projects are always popular, and the Sour Patch Grapes recipe was a huge hit. During a special edition of the Teen Anime Club, Encino's teens competed in A Minute to Win It competitions. They split into teams and competed through 9 one minute challenges for the most ultimate and delicious prizes: different flavored pocky sticks and kasugai gummies! The Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) is working to create dynamic programming for the entire summer, with a total of four teen programs being offered each week from June through August. The TLLC volunteers are also tasked with assisting librarians during programming for younger children.

Encino celebrated its 1st birthday on May 1, with cupcakes provided by the Friends of Encino. Visitors to the library on May 1 also participated in a collaborative art piece, which is displayed in the children's space.

Baby and Toddler Times have become the place to be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.! Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver leads the lively groups through active songs, fingerplays, stories, and parachute activities. Audience feedback is consistently positive. Nicki and library aide Chris Eubank attended Kinder Roundup at Bulverde Creek Elementary, where they spoke with over 30 families about library services and summer reading.

FOREST HILLS

National Poetry Month at Forest Hills was recognized on April 25 as Dr. Glenn Hughes of St Mary's University spoke on the topic of "Emily Dickinson and Spirituality."

On May 15, the San Antonio Rose Society presented a program on how to cultivate roses. Participants were given rose cuttings to take home and cultivate.

Assistant Manager Sandra Griffin was able to attend the National Association of Latino Arts and Culture on April 29 and 30. She made many valuable connections with members of the art communities and promoted the library as a place to offer arts programs for the public. Ms. Griffin participated in workshops where she gained important insight into building relationships with the art communities and connecting the public to their programs. Having Ms. Griffin attend this workshop conference was a good step to cultivating relationships with Latino organizations and identifying individuals to participate in SAPL programs and events.

Four Story Times and four Bilingual Story Times were presented during this time period. Topics included trees, tools, and various animals. Children listened to stories and rhymes, sang, danced and created projects. They also had opportunities to play together with a variety of building materials and puzzles.

Four Family Fun programs were held, including the special program, Family Measurement. Other events included building, birds and sea creatures.

Students from a second grade class visited the library on a Saturday with their teacher and parents. Children and their parents listened to stories, songs and rhymes. Some of the participants also registered for library cards.

Dia de los Ninos was held during this time period. It was well received by all, with a total of 83 children and their families participating. Everyone enjoyed the multicultural fun: Japanese storytelling and origami, Indian dancing, an acapella singing group and varied stories and crafts. The refreshments were a hit, too, with paletas being the favorite.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Adult

Great Northwest Assistant Branch Manager Cindy Moreno conducted her book & movie group at the Alicia Trevino Senior Center in May. The group discussed the book *Carol* by Patricia Highsmith. The group watched the movie after the discussion. There were 10 attendees.

The Great Northwest Thursday Book & Movie Group also met in May. Cindy moderated the group discussion.

Cindy Moreno has contacted Matthew Faulkner at the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio to coordinate a tour group scheduled for the seniors. The idea was brought about when the group discussed *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak in April's book discussion. The Alicia Treviño Senior Center will be providing transportation to 25 attendees from the center to the museum.

Library staff

Cindy Moreno reached out to Human Resources and scheduled a Deer Oaks presentation "Effective Budgeting" to library staff. Thirteen library staff attended. Additional staff showed interest in the presentation but were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Children's

Children's librarian Cari Raley held an ABC Graduation party for the children that were in participated in Story Time this year. The children were very excited to march around the library with their graduation hats and show off their ABC Journals that they had been working on all year. The total number of attendance for the day was 146.

The Homeschool History for the Middle School group had a Paper Parthenon Challenge to see whose Parthenon could hold up the most library books. It took a lot of trial and error, but in the end was victorious.

The library was asked to attend the Fisher Elementary School and speak about the summer happenings at the library to their parents. There were 47 in attendance.

Teens

Teen librarian Stephanie Vazquez hosted a Super Smash Bros Mini Tournament on May 7 where teens could compete for first and second place. Teens used Challonge.com to register players for a double elimination tournament and tracked their progress using the websites online bracket system. A teen volunteer created the game rules and stage list for players to abide by.

Ms. Vazquez visited the school library at Brennan High School on April 27 to provide a teen program to the students during their lunch period. The monthly program, which is held during lunch time, drew 300 participants. This popular event is in collaboration with the Brennan High School librarian Hugues Caby and is a way for the branch to reach out to teens in their environment.

On April 28, Ms. Vazquez attended the Volunteer Fair hosted by the Helping Hands Club at Communication Arts High School. Summer reading information and volunteer applications were given out to over 100 students interested in volunteering this summer.

In May, the teens celebrated Star Wars Day with Star Wars Craft Night. Teens created crafts inspired by the Star Wars movie including perler beads, cubee crafts, and buttons. Great Northwest Teens also had an Anime night at the library on May 9th. Teens were inspired to draw their own manga characters and make them into buttons and stickers to express their love of Anime and Manga.

The Great Northwest Teen Writer's Guild met on April 18th to celebrate National Poetry Month. Teens created black out poetry to display in the library. Teens with an interest in writing meet once a month to create and share their work with other teen writers.

Teen volunteers at Great Northwest Library worked together with the teen and children's librarians to help produce Puppet Shows for the Summer Reading Program. Teens volunteered after school once a week to create props that will be used for the summer reading programs.

Computer Tutoring is held at the Great Northwest Library every other Monday evening. The branch's very knowledgeable volunteer tutor Jacob provides basic computer instructions and answers computer and technology related questions.

Great Northwest Library celebrated Dia de los Niños on April 30 with a community event. The day included several representatives from different community organizations, a visit from the Scholastic Caravan, and Come & Go crafts for the whole family. The celebration concluded with a performance by Magik Theatre. The Magik Theatre performed a variation of the classic story *Three Little Pigs* that taught a lesson about diversity and forgiveness.

On April 20, Library Assistant Christine Martinez held a tortilla making class. Patrons learned how to make flour tortillas from scratch and got hands on experience rolling out tortilla dough. This popular event is a delicious way to share San Antonio's Hispanic culture with the community.

GUERRA

Circulation Attendants A. Abella Lazalde and Corinna Reed designed two book displays: one celebrating Cinco de Mayo and another for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Library Aide Iris Bobren presented a Yoga Basics Workshop to staff and patrons on May 13. The flag pole was installed during the reporting period.

Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented music and literature outreach programs at the Careplex Senior Daycare Center on April 20 and 27 and May 4 and 11.

Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard hosted a Tea Tasting program on May 6. The Thursday Evening Book Club met on May 12 to discuss *The Astronaut Wives Club* by Lilly Koppel.

During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four Toddler Times, four Story Times and eight Lego Club programs. On April 30 she presented a Kids

time program --- Dia de los Niños / Say Hello. On May 7, families enjoyed an all-day Come & Go craft where children and their grown-ups made Mother‘s day bouquets and cards. Children read to therapy dog Foxie on April 28 and May 12. Arlene attended a parent roundtable meeting hosted by Westwood Terrace elementary school on May 15. Here she promoted summer reading. She visited Greatest Gifts Daycare on May 15, where she read stories to three groups of children. On May 13, Arlene visited four elementary schools in the area – JB Passmore ES, Cable ES, Meadow Village ES and Mary Hull ES to promote Summer Reading 2016 –Green. She mounted a “green” display to usher in Summer Reading 2016.

Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson moderated the Spanish Book Club on April 28; the members discussed *La ladrona de libros* (*The Book Thief*) by Markus Zusak. He set up a display of books on herbs and assisted Donald Crites, Master Gardener, with a presentation on herbs on May 7. He recorded *El armadillo chismoso* (*Armadillo Tattletale*) by Helen Ketteman for the dial-a-story in Spanish on May 10.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on April 28 and May 12; at the May 12 program, a new teen from Japan joined the group. He enjoyed himself even though his English is limited. Mr. Mayberry participated in an outreach to Brennan High School with Stephanie Vazquez, Teen Librarian/Great Northwest, on April 27. The program included a Teen services video, information about upcoming workshops for college preparation and the opportunity for the students to play video games; over 150 students participated. The teens had Arts & Crafts on April 21 and Mother’s Day boxes on May 5.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl displayed Cesar Chavez biographies in support of the program at Bazan.

IGO

For the month of April, Children’s Librarian Nancy Rodriguez assisted the Tobin Branch by conducting Toddler Time and Story Time on Wednesday mornings. Mrs. Rodriguez presented a special story time program on Wednesday, April 27, as part of the San Antonio Public Library’s system wide Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros Celebration. Children were introduced to words used to say hello in a various languages using the children’s picture book, *Say Hello!* by Rachel Isadora. After the reading, guests were invited to create paper dolls representing their culture.

The Igo Branch hosted a special story time for the kindergarten classes from Helotes Elementary on Friday, April 29. Mrs. Rodriguez treated students, parents, and teachers to children’s story favorites such as the *Wide-Mouthed Frog* by Keith Faulkner, and *The Very Lazy Ladybug* by Isobel Finn. Additionally, several students were invited to help perform a puppet performance of the *Three Little Pigs* and reader’s theater storytelling of the *Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Following the story time, families were given bookmarks and information about San Antonio Public Library’s annual Mayor’s Summer Reading Club.

On Sunday, May 1, Mrs. Rodriguez joined Viki Ash, Coordinator of Children’s Services for San Antonio Public Library, and several other children’s librarians at Hermann & Sons for the library’s annual Young Pegasus Poetry Celebration. This event is an opportunity to meet and celebrate San Antonio’s talented young poets as they are presented with their poetry anthology and have the opportunity to share their original works with family and invited guests.

Lego Club on Tuesday, May 3, was all about Star Wars and getting kids and families ready for the branch's annual Star Wars Day on Saturday, May 7. Igo's Senior Circulation Attendant Joseph Gonzale invited attendees to build their favorite Star Wars character, robot, or vehicle. A special thank you goes out to the Friends of the Igo Branch for a recent purchase of Lego building plates, as well as to the Central Library Children's Department for donating Star Wars figures. The creations were amazing and visitors to the branch can see photos of Lego creation on the electronic display above the circulation desk at the Igo Branch.

On Friday, May 6, a special Family Fun event introduced STEM programming for school age children with a program entitled, Family Science: Measurement. Trying to capitalize on NISD's early release day for area elementary school students, the children's services librarian held the program at 12:30 p.m. Over forty students and their caregivers joined in activities which explored measuring length, height, weight, and capacity using standard and non-standard measurement, as well as make-it-yourself balances and scales. The activities for this program were developed by children's librarians as part of San Antonio Public Library's juvenile services STEM committee to integrate science, technology, engineering, and math into children's library programs.

The Children's Services Puppetry Committee consisting of Mrs. Rodriguez (Igo, Committee Chair), Gina Brudi (Las Palmas), and Randi Jones (Semmes), completed the committee's Summer Reading Club – Green Theme Puppet Presentation. Children's librarians across San Antonio Public Library will have the opportunity to select from a variety of puppet stories to present throughout the summer to enrich and entertain area children. Special thank you is extended to John Rodriguez, Assistant Director Information Technology Services Department, for building and donating two traveling puppet stages to the San Antonio Public Library's Children's Services Department for the project.

To recap this reporting period at the Igo Library, children's services staff presented 28 programs and served 1,349 children and their caregivers.

Teen Services

Teen Services Librarian Marco De Leon continued with his weekly teen programs and saw an increase in teen participation as the school year has come to its final month. The average attendance for the Teen Time (a.k.a. FNKY YES Time!) program was 24 teens. All other teen programs had in increase in attendance as well.

The teens at Igo are very receptive to the Cooking Class program. During this reporting period, Mr. De Leon was able to recruit a parent that had previously worked as a chef to do a cooking demonstration and instruct teens on the art of cooking. The focus during this month's presentation was German food; the teens thoroughly enjoyed plenty of Wienerschnitzel and went home with full and happy belly.

The Teen Library Leadership Council was quite active this reporting period making preparations for the upcoming Anime Fest. "Anime Fest! 2016" will be the last event the majority of the TLLC members will take part in as they will very soon be moving on to colleges and universities throughout the county. The TLLC did also take part in planning out the programs for this coming summer. Even though the majority of the TLLC will no longer be able to participate in teen programs once they graduate, they wanted to ensure they provided guidance and structure for future programming.

Adult Services

In connection with the Mayor's Book Club campaign, the Igo Genealogy Club viewed and discussed an Ancestry.com film, *Top Tips for Beginning Jewish Family History Research* on April 19.

Igo's new poetry club, PoeTree, had its inaugural meeting on May 2. The club invites poets of every level from beginner to published writer to join the group to share and discuss their poetry. Vivian Kearney, a Holocaust survivor and recent program presenter at Igo, assisted in the organization of the group.

The Igo Elderberries held its regular monthly meeting on May 5. In honor of Older Americans Month, a panel of Senior Center Directors spoke about the services and programs offered to seniors at their facilities, known as "Homes Away From Homes". The panel consisted of Yolanda Perez, DHS Senior Social Services Manager; CisTavi Brooks, Northeast Senior Center Manager; Jose Caban, Bob Ross Senior Center Manager, and Vessie Culver, Casa Helotes Senior Center Manager. A lively discussion was held afterwards on the possibility of establishing a comprehensive Senior Center in the northwest quadrant of Bexar County.

In recognition of Holocaust: Learn and Remember, Igo showed the movie *Life is Beautiful* on May 5 and hosted "The Final Solution: Nazi Extermination Camps in Poland" with Dr. Roger Barnes on May 9.

On May 7, Igo and 80 guests celebrated its second annual Star Wars Day with games, crafts, treats, and a movie. The guest speaker, Marselles Coe of Geekvengers, spoke about how the Star Wars fandom crosses generations and brings families together.

On May 12, Adult Services Librarian Ramona Lucius offered library card registration and service information at Babcock North's Community Fair.

Igo's three book clubs continued to meet throughout the reporting period. The Afternoon Book Club enjoyed a lively conversation regarding *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin. The Romance Readers Club discussed *Coincidence of Coconut Cake* by Amy Richert and the Mystery Club read Linda Castillo's *After the Storm.*

JOHNSTON

Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth presented 4 Baby Times, Story Times and Family Funs during this period. Story Time themes included Trains, Trucks, Mother's Day, and Tea Party.

Family Fun included a Dia de los Ninos program, Snap Electronic Circuits and LEGOs.

On Monday, April 18, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth recorded "Little Blue Truck" by Alice Schertle for Dial-a-Story.

On Thursday, May 5, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth visited the Southwest High School PCI, where she dropped off books and read to the babies and toddlers.

Library Aide Sarah Vinto won the staff book spine poetry contest. Her entry got the most likes on Facebook. In addition to her poetry skills, Ms. Vinton also made an awesome Spurs Appreciation Poster/Display for the branch.

The branch hosted Early Voting for municipal elections in late April. Voter turnout was fairly low for this election. Staff is hoping to see more voters turn out for the run-off elections, which are taking place in mid-May.

LANDA

In late April, Landa hosted the Symphony @ SAPL program with Dr. Stephanie Westney, a professor of music at UTSA. The program attracted over 40 children accompanied by a caregiver, and was a huge success. As part of her program, Dr. Stephanie not only introduced children to the violin, but also brought student instruments for the kids to try out themselves. Everyone had a great time, and several parents commented to Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas that the program was "fantastic!"

Ms. Salinas also continued with her weekly Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time programs. After her Baby Time program, several caregivers have expressed their appreciation for an early literacy program at the library geared towards those under age one. One caregiver even asked for a copy of all the songs and rhymes so that she could continue with them at home.

Little Explorers: A S.T.E.A.M. Story Time wrapped up in April with Ms. Salinas continuing to lead a session all about plants. During the last two weeks of the program children got to plant seeds, explore how rain clouds work, play with a variety of sensory items, and even pretend to run a garden store. The program continues to be very popular and garners a great deal of parent complements and interest.

The bimonthly Lego and Minecraft Builders Club continued at the Landa branch through April and May. This month in Lego Club one young man actually build a super tall tower to put on display. The Minecraft Club also continues to be popular at Landa with close to 15 kids attending the May program. For our last Minecraft challenge, the kids were encouraged to build their favorite thing and Ms. Salinas saw farms, underwater roller coasters, houses with secret entrances all being built. While Minecraft will take a hiatus in the summer, the Lego club will continue each week during June and July.

Ms. Salinas also visited the University Presbyterian Childcare Center for her monthly outreach to their classrooms. In the preschool classroom when Ms. Salinas arrived many of the children warmly greeted her with calls for another "silly story." One young boy even recalled the book she read to the class last month and told her how much she still loved the magic chicken with the pickle wand. When Ms. Salinas read three of the books she planned to share, she was begged by the kids for just one more story. With the teacher's permission she pulled out one more book for an encore performance. The visit was very successful, and while the monthly visits will pause for summer, Ms. Salinas plans to return in the fall.

St. David's Episcopal school also asked Ms. Salinas for a visit to do a story time for all their children at an assembly. Ms. Salinas read silly, interactive books that encouraged the kids to have fun. The kids were dancing and making scary faces and laughing up a storm.

In May, Ms. Salinas hosted the Spring Play & Learn program, How does my garden grow? outside on the Landa Library terrace. Many families participated in the program with their preschoolers, toddlers, and babies. The children got to paint with celery and bell peppers, plant flowers in their play dough, plant seeds, choose their favorite vegetable, go to the pretend farmers market, build with garden-themed Duplos, and dig in the sensory bin. There was even an infant area with shakers, garden books, and stuffed garden toys for the littlest attendees. Parents continually thanked Ms. Salinas for providing such a great program for their kids. Many also commented that they really enjoyed having the program outside and were inspired to try some of the activities at home.

Landa Teen Night continues with teen programming created by teens. Crafts continue to be of high interest. For craft night, the teens upcycled old books into Japanese paper boxes and collages, and for Mother's Day, teens created friendship bracelets. The group created a book club event and picked *The Alchemyst*, a young adult novel by Michael Scott.

Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta hosted Autumn Lotze from the St. Bernard's Parish Disaster Preparedness Project who presented a consumer information program on disaster preparedness. Ms. Lotze distributed very useful information about what to do to prepare for when the unexpected occurs. In early May, Dr. Michael Wargovich, a cancer-prevention researcher and professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center, gave a program on using diet to prevent cancer and other inflammatory diseases. The large turn-out indicated a strong interest in this topic.

Reader's Ink Book Club read and discussed *The Long Way Home* by Louise Penny, the tenth in the popular Inspector Armand Gamache series. The Mystery Book Club discussed Sharyn McCrumb's *The Devil Amongst the Lawyers* which is based on a true-life murder that took place in 1930s Virginia. Ked, one of the members, brought in some "show-and-tell" information about this murder case as he is from the area where the book is set.

Karen led her first full book discussion with her new outreach group at The Village at Incarnate Word, a retirement living facility. There were twelve residents and guests of The Village who thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing Mary Ann Shaffer's *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. Karen always adds a timely trivia information session with this month's relating a little about the history of Mother's Day.

Karen also assisted at the Small Business Week event at Central's Café Commerce, "Small Business Monday: Think Big, Start Small." Here she had an opportunity to assist with registration, provide information about the sessions, and meet both those who were providing resources to small business entrepreneurs and the entrepreneurs themselves. She was delighted to greet featured speaker and San Antonio entrepreneur Munirah Small who was Karen's library student assistant at Davis Middle School in the 1980s.

LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas was home to a "cardboard kid" this April; Samantha Gordano created and maintained a kid display in honor of National Child Abuse Awareness Month. The materials displayed experienced steady circulation.

The Gardening Play and Learn was a great success. Las Palmas hosted over 40 children and their caregivers, which included young friends from the YMCA early literacy classrooms next door to

the library. Everyone went home with their own bean seed in soil and artwork created with celery paintbrushes.

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi has continued her monthly visits to three Avance sites, Madonna, Good Samaritan and the YWCA, with book collections being provided to all classrooms.

Circulation Attendan Patricia Perez presented four Bilingual story times in the month of April. Preschoolers learned about art appreciation through reading *Snail trail: in search of a modern masterpiece*. Incorporating dual language color recognition principles, preschoolers created their own snail masterpiece to take home by crafting paper plate multicolor snails using paint dots.

Teen Services Librarian Connie Hejl coordinated with the Las Palmas Teen Leadership Council to create a table for National Pregnancy Prevention Month. The display included books on teen pregnancy and the council came up with their own slogan: "You are supposed to be changing the world…not changing diapers."

On April 20th, Library Assistant Anne Schuette hosted the Adult Book Club. They discussed Suzanne Chazin's 2014 book, *Land of Careful Shadows: a Jimmy Vega Mystery*. The author joined the group via Skype and a lively interchange took place. The group members asked many questions about Ms. Chazin's work with undocumented Latino immigrants in the upper-state New York area and how their stories influenced her fiction. The group was impressed with Ms. Chazin's ability to write Latin characters successfully. Ms. Chazin was impressed with the group's attention to detail. The group wants to read the second book in the Jimmy Vega series this fall and invite Ms. Chazin back to join the discussion.

Anne Schuette taught the 'Ask the Experts' Computer Help Thursday's class along with a volunteer tutor. The informal format is good because people feel free to bring any level of question. Some students return over several weeks, while some just attend one class, receive the answers they sought and do not return. The class size is small, which allows for individualized attention. All the attendees greatly appreciate the program.

Anne Schuette continued the program partnership with Academia América to bring the Citizenship Classes in both Spanish and English to the public. Attendance is up due to this presidential election year, the teachers say.

Fostering community engagement is at the forefront of library programming. Manager Mary Kay Rathke and Assistant Manager Samantha Gordano coordinated with Library Administration and Marketing to host a successful program April 25th with United Farm Workers' President Arturo Rodriguez, who spoke on 'Civic Engagement for Community Development.' Library Director Ramiro Salazar welcomed the audience and presented District 5 Council Member Shirley Gonzales, who then introduced the speaker. An audience of 25 people actively participated in the program and discussion afterwards, and enjoyed refreshments provided by the Friends of Las Palmas Library.

MAVERICK

Adult programs were well attended during the reporting period. The Ladies' Choice Book Club had 20 attendees at their meeting on April 30. Library Assistant Cynthia Huntimer had 6 attendees at her Adult Coloring Program on April 23. Librarian II Benjamin Longoria scheduled a performance by Guitar SA on May 14.

Spring children's programs are starting to wind down and summer reading planning is in full swing! Children's Librarian Amy Roberts scheduled visits at a few area schools in late May. In addition, she booked performers for the Summer Reading Kick-Off party on June 6 and for two Kids Times on June 20 and June 27. Many thanks to the Friends of the Maverick Library for financially supporting programming! The library is ready to Go Green! Ms. Roberts also assisted at the 90th Young Pegasus Poetry Ceremony on May 1.

Work continues on the Maverick Branch roof. The branch will be an Early Voting and Election Day site in mid-May.

McCRELESS

Children's programming is going full speed at McCreless Branch. Themes include humor, dinosaurs, colors and owls. Additionally, our Come & Go craft event is now every month, so May featured making a card for Mother's Day. Attendance is usually light, but it is increasing and will probably increase faster during the summer. Play & Learn's How Does Your Garden Grow? was also popular. The kids practiced planting seeds, building Duplo gardens and exploring a farmer's market display. Displays include books about basketball (Go, Spurs, Go!) and a display honoring the Holocaust.

Throughout the month of April, the young adult display exhibited Texas themed books to celebrate Fiesta. Titles displayed portrayed Texan themes, authors, and plots. The display was then updated to a Star Wars theme displaying various Star Wars books and graphic novels as a May the Fourth celebration. For the latter half of the month of May, one of McCreless Library teen volunteers helped the teen librarian design a fun and vibrant display that reads "End of School, Read Something Cool." As the end of the school year approaches, the library continues to encourage reading by placing recent young adult titles in the display area.

Programming at McCreless throughout April and May was educational and engaging. McCreless teens took part in a scavenger hunt which highlighted three major themes found in *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, the selected titled for the 2016 Spring Mayor's Book Club. Teens paired together to form three groups to tackle the themes of death, courage, and power of literacy. The hunt kept the teens busy hunting for books and answering trivia questions. The activity taught the teens how to locate books using the online catalog as well as study library records to then locate and identify the author and call number.

Early in the month of May, McCreless teen librarian liaison hosted a Star Wars Jeopardy game to celebrate May the Fourth. The program was well received by the teens and they requested a future Jeopardy game featuring another theme. Furthermore, McCreless library welcomed the staff from Project WORTH, the City of San Antonio's Metropolitan Health District, to host a teen activity to recognize the National Month to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

McCreless staff participated in the "Star Wars Day" by wearing t-shirts with various Star Wars characters and designs. Manager Cammie Brantley even put her hair into a Princess Leia braid for the occasion.

Voting kept the meeting room busy but the Branch still had Book Club on April 23 and May 14. The books discussed were "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" and "Someday, Someday, Maybe".

McCreless Friends met on May 9 and funded upcoming events and projects through the summer including the 50th Anniversary Event scheduled for August 14.

MEMORIAL

San Antonio Illustrator Robert Shelton presented drawings from scenes in classic Eastern European and Brazilian films created with black ink on white paper, exhibit continues through June 29.

Memorial Branch Library hosts early voting May 16-20 and Election Day Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

The following organizations utilized the meeting room at Memorial Branch Library: City of San Antonio Department of Human Services, St. Mary's University Outreach Department, Metro Health, UTSA Pain Management and the SAAF Mobil Unit. In addition, Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association, ACA Special Enrollment and Holocaust Remembrance used the facilities. A local accordion group, Conjunto Heritage Taller, performed at Memorial Branch Library and a 9-year-old accordion player stole the show.

Memorial Branch Library children enjoyed celebrating Dia de los Ninos/Day of the Dead by creating and decorating paper dolls, listening to stories and checking out books focused on Hispanic culture. Memorial Children also had a blast during Story Time, Come and Go Craft Time and Kids Time by listening to stories, music and making crafts about mustaches, frogs, nursery rhymes and activities from the 2016 Texas 2X2 Book List for ages 2 years old to 2nd grade. Memorial's Branch Manager Jeannette Davies represented San Antonio Public Library at the Westside YMCA Open House event.

Teens met at Memorial Branch Library on Teen Tuesdays to make crafts and play video games.

MISSION

Mission Library celebrated its 5 year anniversary on April 30. Director Ramiro Salazar, Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, and Board of Trustees Paul Stahl were present for the celebration and provided a few words. Friends of the Mission Library President Roberto Anguiano received citations for his dedicated service to the community and the library. A blessing was offered by the Native-American Intertribal Group and a commemorative piñata was hit by the Director, staff members, and visiting children. Activities were kicked off by a performance from the Brackenridge Theater Arts Group. The students performed a musical version of the Little Red Riding Hood. Later that afternoon, they also offered a workshop for kids interested in performance. As wood is a traditional gift for a fifth anniversary, Make SA offered a Día de los Niños wooden box craft. The DoSeum was also present. Water-balloon launching and a drone demonstration were also offered. The Vroom Van, Literacy Caravan, Animal Care Services, and the Parks and Rec Mobile Fit Unit were available for visits during the celebration. Crafts, cake, a bilingual story time, and a book sale also rounded out the afternoon festivities.

"If walls could talk", an exhibit featured in the library's foyer, also debuted on April 30. The interactive exhibit highlights collected audio stories and borrowed artifacts from the descendants of the first peoples living near and around Mission San Jose. The exhibit gives tribute to the Native American, Spanish and Mexican influences that shaped the area. Librarian Oscar Gonzalez recorded approximately eight hours of individuals recounting family histories. Tales were edited and are now presented in short 3-5 minute narratives that can be accessed through QR codes embedded in the decorative print that wraps

around the exhibit. Digital Services Library Assistant Sierra Mendez was instrumental in helping navigate the nearly year-long project.

Also to commemorate the library's fifth anniversary, on May 14, Librarian Oscar Gonzalez organized the Mission Anniversary Table Tennis Tournament. The tournament was open to beginners, intermediate and advanced players in the categories of singles and doubles. Trophies were awarded in four different categories to five players out of 57 total participants. This was the biggest crowd for a table tennis event for this branch.

Mission's Community Garden volunteers continue their DIY Program series. On May 12 a workshop was held related to repurposing household items for fall garden starter plants.

On April 27, Mission Library hosted the YMCA District Vice-President, providing a tour to 20 visiting YMCA representatives. Part of the event included a tour of the future YMCA site which will neighbor the library. On May 6 the National Parks Service had a Special Board Meeting in one of the meeting spaces.

Ongoing programs at Mission Library include table tennis for adults, Chess Club, Trivia night, Embroidery & Craft Group and Coloring for Adults. Continuing partnerships includes Fitness in the Park with yoga and cycle circuit classes. Mission Library was an early voting site from April 25 to May 3.

Teens at Mission had the opportunity to attend a presentation given by the Teen Advisory Council of the UT Teen Health initiative. Attendees received information on teen pregnancy prevention and making healthy life choices. Mission Library also hosted a financial aid workshop hosted by Alamo Colleges. Teens and families were given information on applying for financial aid. They were also offered the opportunity to fill out the FAFSA while at the event using the library's laptops. Mission's teen volunteers operated the button making table at the Mission anniversary event. Teens helped the public make 50 buttons at the event. Teen volunteers also assisted with the Mayor's Reading Club event at the Mission Marquee. The volunteers took photographs using the library's new green screen technology. Programs totaled 18 with 240 attending.

Things are winding down in the Children's Department in preparation for the summer reading program. Spring decorations are coming down and summer decorations are going up. Rayburn Elementary brought a group of parents for Toddler Time and a tour as a part of a grant provided to Harlandale ISD. Parents were impressed with the facility and programs. Several got library cards. Foxie the R.E.A.D. dog continues to visit and has a loyal following. Tween time is growing and new children are attending, making friends, and having fun.

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PAN AMERICAN

Throughout the 2015-2016 academic year, the Pan American Branch hosted a McCollum High School student enrolled in the School for Leadership and Public Service Career internship program. During the year the student gained invaluable experience in the workplace and learned more about the daily operations of a branch library. To conclude the program, a Mentor Recognition Banquet was held at the high school on May 4. Adult Services Librarian Cindy Pope represented the branch during the event. The branch staff was honored to be a part of the student's education and introduction to the workforce.

In an effort to raise community awareness about local health resources and services, the Pan American Branch hosted a Health and Wellness Fair on May 7th. Representatives from the San Antonio

Metropolitan Health District, Healthy Futures of Texas, University Health System, South Texas Dental and more were on site providing information. Staff from Texas Kidney Check also provided free health screenings that included glucose, blood pressure, and BMI.

Children's Librarian Gladis Martinez continued to hold weekly activities for children and families such as Lego Club, Come and Go Crafts, and bilingual story time. Due to community need, Ms. Martinez added a baby time program at the branch where babies experience the sounds and structure of language through rhythm, rhyme and repetition. Ms. Martinez also continued to engage with the service area by visiting local daycare centers, Head Starts, and elementary schools to share the joy of reading to youth in the community. Also in May, children took part in a Play and Learn called How Does Your Garden Grow?, an activity designed to engage kids with gardening and vegetables. There were a variety of stations that gave children the opportunity to explore and learn.

In an effort to be more engaged with the service area community, Branch Manager Nathaniel Laubner held an outreach event at the Lewis Chatham SAHA apartment complex. Mr. Laubner talked to residents about the San Antonio Public Library and signed people up for library cards. This new partnership will be a great way to share information about new library services and program.

For Holocaust Remembrance, Library Assistant Lisa Leandro held a viewing of the documentary "Into the Arms of Strangers" directed by Mark Jonathan Harris. This film told the heart-wrenching story of ten thousand Jewish and other children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia who were transported from Nazi-ruled lands to foster homes and hostels in Great Britain. The majority of these children, or Kinder as they came to be known, never saw their families again.

To commemorate Older Americans Month, Adult Services Librarian Cindy Pope attended the Seniors' Day in the Park at Carmago Park. The event was sponsored by the City of San Antonio Senior Services Division. The event drew a large crowd and Ms. Pope reported talking to many people about the San Antonio Public Library system. Additionally, attendees got to try their hand at the spinning wheel for a small prize.

PARMAN

Library Assistant Elissa Vura had a full class for DIY U Tofu! She taught students all about using tofu in cooking, and they made two dishes, grilled tofu planks and "chicken" salad substituting tofu for the chicken. Branch Manager Haley Holmes conducted a class on how to sew Zipper Pouches. Students learned how to easily add zippers to projects. Circulation Attendants Allison Villarreal and Joey Lackups held a class on Nail Art. Students were given the opportunity to practice lots of different patterns for painting their fingernails. Library Assistant Elissa Vura co-taught the first part of a class on creating a Mosaic Picture Frame with volunteer Darice Barnes. Students learned all about mosaics and completed the first part of the project which involved creating a design in tile on the frame. They will be back for the second part of the class where they will grout the frame.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance held a successful Family Science Time, which was planned by the STEM committee within the children's librarians. Ms. Vance is on the committee and came up with some of the experiments involving weight and balance.

Parman Library celebrated its 5th birthday on May 7 with activities all day. Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow led the way in planning the party and organizing volunteers. The day started with a ceremony with Councilman Krier, SAPL Board Member Loyce Ince, Assistant Director Dale McNeill, and Dan Parman. At

the end of the ceremony, Branch Manager Haley Holmes presented a video thanking Mr. Parman for his donation of the land and continued support of the Library. Patrons then enjoyed cake and numerous activities including button making, crazy hat craft, face painting, and balloons. Happy Tails brought exotic animals. Patrons also enjoyed a couple of food trucks, puppet shows put on by staff, Read to a Dog, an ensemble from Reagan High School, a robotics demonstration, and scrap books from each year the library has been open. A community art project was also started which involves tying recycled CDs to a large net hanging from the front of the building. When it's complete, the net will be lifted up so the CDs can sparkle in the sunlight. It was a fun-filled busy day.

Carrie Vance hosted a Toddler Dance Party on May 13th. Toddlers enjoyed dancing and snacks. The highlight of this dance was a surprise balloon drop at the end of the program. After the dance, 130 students from Wilderness Oak Elementary were waiting outside for a tour of the library. Ms. Vance told them all about Summer Reading and what the library has to offer.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

The "Dia de los Ninos / Dia de los Libros" was enjoyed by elementary-aged children and parents as they prepared posters featuring cutouts of kids with callouts of "Hello" in several languages. The annual event celebrates literacy and books for children all over the world.

The Spring Play and Learn event, How does your Garden Grow?, was a huge success as toddlers were fascinated with a variety of activities involving planting and growing plants, fruits, and vegetables. Parents were very involved as they accompanied their children through all the different stations. Children were delighted with their colorful, blooming plant as a going-away gift for "Mother's Day".

Parents and children visiting the library also participated in the recent Come and Go "Star Wars Day - May the 4th be with you!" Together, they made Yoda ears and proudly showed them off as they walked around the library.

The teen's Isshoni Anime Society continues to be a popular draw for teens at Pruitt Library. Teens also enjoy coming in during their lunch break on Thursdays and participating in a variety of activities involving crafts, gaming, 3D printing, and book club discussions.

The adult programming offers a variety of events such as the weekly Zumba classes

ESL classes take place twice a week. The monthly SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program) is especially popular. Patrons who attended this month were delighted to prepare colorful, flowered vases and Mother's Day cards. The monthy TGIF Book Club has been meeting monthly for the past seven years and is looking forward to continued meetings and discussions throughout the summer months.

For the sixth year, Pruitt Library hosted its Spring Rackspace Chess Tournament. The event was a big success with over thirty participants of all ages competing in children's, teens, and adults divisions. The Rackspace chess events will resume in June with Teen Chess and Family Chess Night.

The staff at Pruitt is looking forward to "Dylan Days" in the coming week, celebrating the life and contributions of music legend Bob Dylan.

SAN PEDRO

Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presented monthly story times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes), Monte Vista Montessori (two classes) and one class at Laurel Heights Weekday School. Fifteen books were also delivered to each child care class for their use during the month. She also presented a monthly story time to two groups of children (each group was a combination of two classes) at Respite Care, a child care facility for developmentally disabled children. Books were left for each of five classes.

In-house children's programming includes Baby Time on Monday mornings, the popular Mine craft Monday Club, and Kids Time on Wednesdays. Kids Time programming includes LEGO club on the first Wednesday of the month, STEM activities on two Wednesdays, and an outdoor activity on one of the Wednesdays, weather permitting. One of the STEM activities was to walk around San Pedro Park and collect items, which could not be growing or man-made, for the San Pedro Park collection. Once brought inside, the children discussed the similarities and differences among the different leaves, rocks, and stems they found. One of the items collected was a very small bit of ball moss that had fallen to the ground!

Ms. Dalton also facilitated ongoing monthly book clubs at Hawthorne Academy (4th and 5th grade clubs), Monte Vista Montessori (a combined club) and the 4th and 5th grade clubs at Cotton Elementary School. Additionally, Ms. Dalton delivers books on a monthly basis to four teachers from different schools on themes requested by the teachers.

On Sunday, April 24, Ms. Dalton facilitated a Family Program centered on diversity and Día de los Niños. The children learned how to say "hello" in several languages and then collaborated to make a board of children saying hello in these different languages.

On May 4, Ms. Dalton attended Councilman Treviño's 2nd annual "May the 4th be with you" event for middle-schoolers and their parents at the Scobee Planetarium on the San Antonio College campus. Many children of different ages attended and Ms. Dalton was able to speak to almost 130 attendees about the library and the Summer Reading Program.

Wilson Plunkett and Diane Backhus coordinated a Mayor's book club program on April 23.

Mr. Plunkett also coordinated a birding program on April 30. Tom and Patsy Inglet from Mitchell Lake Audubon Center were able to take advantage of the park to share their extensive knowledge of birding.

The Friends of the San Pedro Library held their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 3. The members approved additional purchases to support branch programming. The sales from the Book Nook continue, and the branch continues to receive high quality donations.

Carmen Roja coordinated Bharatanatyam: Classical Indian Dance program on May 14. The audience enjoyed the telling of story through dance.

SEMMES

On Saturday, April 23, Children's Librarian Randi Jones presented Growing Up Wild—Spider Web Wonders. Ms. Randi and several children had a ton of fun learning about different kinds of spiders and the webs that some of them weave. When the group took their hike into Comanche Lookout Park, they didn't see any spiders, but found that some spiders had spun some orb and sheet webs for the group to look at! The children looked at Ms. Randi's replicas of the scorpion, black widow and tarantula and also created their own spiders from material provided.

On Saturday, May 7, San Antonio Symphony violist Emily Freudigman played several pieces from the viola repertoire. She then answered audience questions about the instrument (what the viola and its bow are made of, how it's made, etc.) and about being a professional musician.

The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library have an upcoming book sale on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. Donations are already pouring into the branch for the sale. Friends President, Judy Wilson, has been very busy sorting through the donations and getting things ready for the big sale.

THOUSAND OAKS

In addition to regularly scheduled programs for children, a few special events took place during the past month. On April 25, Thousand Oaks had a Family Science program. Children and their families worked together to learn about measurement by doing fun activities. All the participants were very enthusiastic about the program. Thousand Oaks celebrated Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros on April 27 with a Come & Go Craft. The Symphony at SAPL program was May 14, and San Antonio Symphony violinist Eric Siu performed for children. Toddler Time and Story Time took place each Thursday morning, and themes included trains, cats, frogs and bugs. Lego Time was May 5, and the kids had a blast building! On May 7 and 8, children at the library could make a Mother's Day card at the Come & Go Craft table.

Thousand Oaks library hosted 4 Teen Time events. These events have drawn in several more home school teens. Teen Time is a good opportunity for those teens to socialize in a positive environment. The Henna tattoo program was an opportunity for those teens to be exposed to a practice from another culture while having fun drawing on them with Henna dye. The branch continues to serve as a positive environment for teens to come learn, socialize and be themselves.

Under the Wide and Starry Sky by Nancy Horan was the Thursday Book Club selection for the month of April. This story about Fanny, the wife of Robert Louis Stevenson, was an interesting read. Many of the ladies mentioned that they had read some of Stevenson's books in middle school. Discussion about the author as well as some of his nursery rhymes for children completed the dialogue. Strawberry shortcake and lemonade were served during the discussion.

Thousand Oaks North East Senior Center Book Club had 10 seniors participate this month. The group discussed the Mayor's Book Club selection, *The Book Thief*. There was a lot of discussion about the narrator, Death, and whether or not he was a sympathetic character. One member grew up in Crystal City, which housed internment camps during World War II. The group agreed that although the subject matter is difficult to read at times, it's an important part of literature, especially for young people who may not have learned about the Holocaust.

TOBIN AT OAKWELL

Special thanks go to Gladis Martinez from Pan American, Clair Larkin from Little Read Wagon, Nancy Rodriguez from Igo, and Leigh Bedford from McCreless, who have been preparing and hosting Toddler and Story Time on Wednesday's at Tobin branch. Children's programming has continued seamlessly as scheduled. Similarly, Tobin's Teen Librarian Karen Barton and Library Assistant Terry Verner alternate to play and sing at Baby Time each Friday to a growing number of parents and infants. Ms. Barton hosts regular weekly teen activities like board games, ping pong, Lego Club, and song poetry for National Poetry month.

Library Assistant Elvia Ramos presented a Play and Learn she developed and created on May 6 as parents, caregivers and children got to listen to *The Three Little Pigs* story. Ms. Ramos incorporates STEM themes with fun play and clever activities. Little Red Wagon was essential in adding materials and ideas for this event. Each weekend family fun is offered with crafts all day. Garden snakes, Fiesta crowns and fans, yarn art, animals made with hand prints for National Wildlife Week and cards for Mother's Day were some of the creations this time.

Over 25 adults came to hear special guests Clare Burch, Peter Licalzi, and Brenda Dominguez from the local publishing company Blue Star Coloring. The group shared how the company was formed and the popularity of adult coloring. All guests enjoyed coloring the special design sheets for the monthly program on April 26. The Interesting Book Group enjoyed having a lively discussion of *The Girl on the Train*, by Paula Hawkins for its May 4 meeting. In recent months, the group has seen attendance revive to larger numbers like several years ago.

Senior outreach with monthly visits to Northeast Service Center for trivia time continue and now an adult coloring time has been added to see how seniors enjoy this creative relaxation outlet. Ms. Barton attends Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center twice a month where teens gravitate to the activities and donated books Ms. Barton has provided. On May 10, Librarian Barton partnered with MacArthur High School's Librarian to make duct tape crafts with teens during lunch time and sign teens up for new SAPL cards. Ms. Ramos and Circulation Attendant April Martinez attended Regency Place's Kinder Round Up with many bilingual families in April sharing library services information and making a kids' craft.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation (SAPLF) partnered with several branches, including Tobin at Oakwell, for The Big Give on May 3. A table was set up and manned by SAPLF volunteers to request donations from visitors and patrons to aid SAPLF and ultimately SAPL.

All of the branch's personnel assisted with a major collection shift of the Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction genres. From this move, Juvenile Award, Express, paperback and media shelving areas all expanded to better meet customer demand. More fiction series are highlighted now along with non – fiction math and science materials. A wide assortment of topics rotate frequently with all staff contributing to displays like Autism Awareness, National Park Month, financial literacy, and National Pet month this period. Featuring all the same book cover colors has provided a diverse combination of titles both in the children's and adult areas for displays. Black and silver titles for the Spurs and "orange" you glad you are here" with orange book cover images are two recent displays.

WESTFALL

Westfall Branch Library's Learn Center hosted a Job Fair on April 27. Participants were able to meet with a variety of potential employers and hear speakers talk about job readiness skills. This was the second in a series of four Job Fairs that the Learn Centers are holding this year.

Branch Manager Sherrie Hardin opened a pop-up library for residents at Brookdale Senior Living. Ms. Hardin took a variety of books to Brookdale for residents to look over. They were able to check out their choices and can turn them back in next month when Ms. Hardin returns. Those who did not have a library card were able to receive one that day so they could check out books.

San Antonio Food Bank's Mobile Mercado Farmers Market was back in Westfall's parking lot. The new truck will be unveiled to the public later this month, so it will make its first appearance at Westfall in June.

VITA closed out the 2016 tax season on April 18. Westfall opened early a few days during the last week to allow VITA volunteers to extend their service hours. Volunteers with UT Health Science Center set up a table in the foyer and spoke with patrons about various medical screenings. The branch served as a polling place for Precincts 2058 and 2085 during the May 7 election.

Piano students who won the I Solo'd with SOLI competition presented a concert at the branch on May 7, accompanied by members of the SOLI Chamber Ensemble, which is the ensemble-in-residence at Trinity University. Concerts also were held at Musical Arts Center of San Antonio and Alamo Music Center.

Children's Librarian Imelda Merino met with more than 100 students at Franklin Elementary School.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

San Antonio Public Library
Fiscal Year-to-Date Comparisons
Apr 2016 (58.3% of FY Completed)

Performance Measures	FYTD 16	FYTD 15	% Chg	FY 16 Goal	% of Goal Achieved	FY 16 Status
Total Circulation	4,111,035	4,035,119	1.9%	7,455,000	55.1%	✓
- Physical Circulation	3,469,747	3,523,165	-1.5%	6,395,065	54.3%	✓
- Digital Circulation	641,288	511,954	25.3%	1,059,935	60.5%	✓
Visits	3,020,995	3,021,749	0.0%	5,493,000	55.0%	✓
Program Attendance	190,261	178,277	6.7%	350,890	54.2%	✓
- Adult's Program Attendance	36,802	27,736	32.7%	57,000	64.6%	✓
- Teen's Program Attendance	24,064	28,462	-15.5%	43,890	54.8%	◆
- Children's Program Attendance	129,395	122,079	6.0%	250,000	51.8%	✓
Hours of Computer/Wi-Fi Use	1,341,186	1,336,150	0.4%	2,410,000	55.7%	✓
Website and App Visits	1,880,643	1,925,869	-2.3%	3,658,000	51.4%	◆

Bexar County (Outside the City of San Antonio)			Customer Satisfaction*	
% of Circulation	FYTD 16	FYTD 15	2014	2012
Total Circulation	20.5%	19.3%	96%	94%
- Physical Circulation	19.3%	18.4%		
- Digital Circulation	27.0%	25.5%		

Goal Status ✓ = On Target ◆ = Monitor ⊖ = Not on Target

FY 16 Renovations/Closures: Collins Garden Oct 1 - Jan 12

FY 15 Renovations/Closures: Central May 15, Collins Garden Jun 22 - Sep 30

FY 15 Openings: Encino opened April 30

* From the Biennial City of San Antonio Community Survey

05/18/2016

San Antonio Public Library
April 2016 Usage

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Total Programs	Number of Programs Adult	Number of Programs Teen	Number of Programs Children's	Total Program Attendance	Attendance Adult Programs	Attendance Teen Programs	Attendance Children's Programs	Hours of Computer / Wi-Fi Use*	Computers - Hours of Use*	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,194	9,817	50	29	4	17	336	158	17	161	6,625	1,812	4,813
Brook Hollow	25,220	17,928	31	10	0	21	906	106	0	800	5,758	1,456	4,302
Carver	4,863	9,500	50	16	4	30	670	135	21	514	4,605	1,677	2,928
Central	26,803	60,399	202	23	57	122	6,397	943	1,444	4,010	41,695	12,241	29,454
Cody	34,980	22,794	50	9	5	36	1,563	98	333	1,132	7,467	1,672	5,795
Collins Garden	6,286	8,720	15	3	4	8	199	45	23	131	7,943	1,621	6,321
Cortez	6,280	10,378	88	68	4	16	664	208	44	412	4,462	1,562	2,901
Encino	19,082	11,452	97	32	13	52	1,753	393	154	1,206	3,687	465	3,222
Forest Hills	7,458	8,168	38	13	5	20	447	102	7	338	4,277	1,138	3,138
Great Northwest	30,761	17,665	27	8	5	14	1,345	204	255	886	6,628	1,804	4,824
Guerra	12,695	13,289	41	9	5	27	961	130	193	638	7,228	2,079	5,150
Igo	25,931	19,926	62	10	16	36	2,053	69	181	1,803	4,930	1,211	3,718
Johnston	10,965	8,564	36	5	10	21	337	16	45	276	5,748	1,532	4,216
Landa	10,669	11,126	35	6	4	25	969	61	10	898	2,222	674	1,548
Las Palmas	5,396	10,729	48	12	6	30	692	340	8	344	4,921	1,915	3,006
Maverick	24,352	12,818	30	6	4	20	896	104	19	773	6,534	2,247	4,287
McCreless	12,596	13,657	15	4	4	7	113	13	24	76	5,532	1,617	3,915
Memorial	5,864	9,838	29	8	4	17	266	100	31	135	5,684	1,904	3,780
Mission	12,036	22,315	71	29	18	24	1,112	302	240	570	9,778	2,476	7,302
Pan American	6,742	8,623	64	17	6	41	586	147	3	436	5,069	2,170	2,899
Parman	27,455	20,568	87	33	4	50	1,339	256	45	1,038	5,035	945	4,090
Pruitt	6,279	12,402	74	24	25	25	1,138	246	451	441	5,679	1,290	4,389
San Pedro	4,383	7,128	29	2	0	27	282	7	0	275	2,637	700	1,936
Semmes	24,249	18,521	44	5	6	33	951	16	32	903	6,179	2,015	4,165
Thousand Oaks	10,828	13,289	29	9	5	15	397	61	60	276	5,465	1,347	4,118
Tobin	18,002	17,282	46	12	6	28	863	80	94	689	5,542	1,645	3,897
Westfall	16,692	16,534	43	24	0	19	554	143	0	411	7,745	2,295	5,450
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,704	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	866	N/A	866
Interlibrary Loan Lending	861	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	77,893	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	93,361	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	**574,176**	**415,134**	**1,431**	**426**	**224**	**781**	**27,789**	**4,483**	**3,734**	**19,572**	**189,940**	**53,509**	**136,431**

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