



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report May 2019

San Antonio Public Library employees participated in the 2019 Battle of Flowers Parade during Fiesta Week. The SAPL team won 2nd place (Amusement category) in the parade.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Surendra Adhana, Deputy Consul General of India, based in Houston, visited Central Library on April 28, 2019 to present Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar with a donation of books in recognition of the 150th birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Deputy Consul General was accompanied by several members of the local Indian community. The Library coordinated this visit and gift with the International Relations Office of the City of San Antonio.



The San Antonio Public Library hosted an award ceremony honoring the 2019 Young Pegasus Poets on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Guadalupe Theatre. For more than 90 years, the San Antonio Public Library has celebrated the talents of the city's young writers with the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition. Open to poets 18 and under, the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition invites poets to submit their work, which is then reviewed by a panel of independent judges. Any poem submitted that is deemed worthy of publication is printed in the annual *Young Pegasus Anthology*. At the awards ceremony, poets of the selected poems receive an award certificate and a copy of the year's anthology in which their work appears. The selected poems are read aloud during the ceremony, either by the poets themselves or a member of the judging panel. Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill represented Library Administration and presented poets with certificates of achievement.



On May 8, 2019, Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with Councilman Clayton Perry in response to his request for usage statistics for branch libraries in City Council District 10. The usage for 2018 showed a flat or downward trend for usage; however, 2019 is reflecting an upward trend. Councilman Perry agreed to revisit the usage statistics at the end of Fiscal Year 2019.



The recently published biography "Spirit: The Life and Art of Jesse Trevino" was featured at the Central Library on May 14, 2019. Over two hundred attended were in attendance. Robert Rivard, Editor of the Rivard Report, moderated a discussion between author Anthony Head and San Antonio artist Jesse Trevino. Mayor Nirenberg delivered introductory remarks honoring Mr. Trevino. Copies of the book were available for purchase and signed by the author and artist. A reception honoring Trevino was held as part of the program in the Central Library Auditorium foyer which features a 36-foot mural of San Antonio during World War II by Jesse Trevino. The Familia Cortez provided refreshments and service for the reception.

Trevino's work is currently on display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum as part of the exhibit "Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art." Two of his works are also part of Central Library's permanent collection.



Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar accepted an invitation to join the Library Advisory Group for Grow with Google. The purpose of the advisory group is to help guide Google's ongoing engagement in the library space. Grow with Google's focus is workforce development and digital skills. Mr. Salazar attended an Advisory Meeting on May 9 and 10, 2019 in New York.



Ramiro S. Salazar, Library Director was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Local Government Hispanic Network (LGHN). The City of San Antonio has an organizational membership to LGHN. The Local Government Hispanic Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is the leading organization for the development of public service professionals at the local level. Ramiro's term begins May 2019.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

- The Express News featured SAPL locations as having the most popular polling sites in addition to having the shortest lines. Both Brook Hollow and Maverick broke records as top polling locations.
- The San Antonio Public Library's Fiesta medal won third Place under the Service Category for the Express News' Annual Fiesta Medal contest. Overall, there were over 250 medal entries.



- Marketing and Guerra Teen Services partnered in promoting the Master Chef Jr food demonstration which took place 4/4/19. This event featured the four SA based Jr. Chefs that appear on the show, MasterChef JR.! The event was a huge success, bringing in 73 attendees. The San Antonio Current also released an article promoting the event.



The design team created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support: monthly print newsletter; Next Wave Technology 3D event at Forest Hills materials; Ebru art class exhibit at Pruitt materials; Pride month materials; Children's Hospital of SA kiosk; Summer Reading materials; Digital Inclusion LEARN program package; SAPL materials for budget awareness; Digital Library rack card update; SAPL zine project quotes; signage and collaterals to support branch renovation projects; Susanne Thea Exhibit graphics (Central Library Gallery); Tobin 50th Anniversary materials; Jesse Treviño new book program materials; Central Garage Parking changes; and Census 2020 graphics.



The team worked on preparation for the Library Board of Trustees' ELLA Awards including rolling out of nominations; served as lead to promote SASpeakUp budget survey through Library channels and supported the PR & Budget Committees with efforts to engage a budget awareness plan; as well as began planning for the Tobin at Oakwell 50th Anniversary event in June. Additionally, the team has been extensively planning for and preparing for the promotion of the Summer Reading programs. Additionally, team members have been working on the procurement of the Customer Analytics and Digital Signage systems which will both help with raising the profile of the Library by sharing public information more readily.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL Facebook gained over 150 new fans.
- The Library's digital presence reached over 85,000 users.

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 17,535 fans
2. Twitter: 4,662 followers
3. Instagram: 3,565 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



April 20, Interim Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana announced the BiblioThon contest for library staff. The announcement kicked off a 4-week event intended to promote creation of curated lists of media in the new catalog discovery layer, BiblioCore.



Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson, On April 25, provided an orientation to the Library Marketing team about two tools in the new catalog -- Branded Accounts and Feature in Catalog -- that could support the Marketing team's efforts.



Mr. Spana, Ms. Masterson and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun attended the ILS project kickoff events on May 1 and May 2. The meetings brought together representatives from the library, ITSD, Finance and ILS vendor SirsiDynix to plan for the migration to the Symphony ILS.



Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess continued to expand the number of staff training in using the Library's LibGuide system. On May 9th she conducted training with three Children's Librarians. LibGuides provides staff curated subject guides to the Library's online patrons.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents—Two workshops were presented for Northside Independent School District's Title 1 Family Literacy Program at Burke Elementary and Fisher Elementary. Title 1 Family Literacy program participants attend English as a Second Language classes, parenting classes, and parent and child together activities. Little Read Wagon is invited once per year as a guest speaker.

A come-and-go workshop was offered at Somerset Early Childhood Center during their registration event. Bowden Elementary invited Little Read Wagon to present during their monthly Head Start parent meeting.



Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens—Early literacy Specialists Clair Larkin and Megan Cruz visited the following campuses: MacArthur, Academy of Creative Education, LEE, Holmes, Excel Academy, O'Connor, Stevens, and Southwest.

April 16 was the annual Bexar County Teen Summit. The event held at Northside Activity Center drew 108 young parents, many of whom greeted Little Read Wagon staff with hugs and exciting updates about their children.



Outreach Story Time Programs—Mary Grace Moreno, Megan Cruz, and Clair Larkin offered outreach story time programs at Little Sunshine Playhouse, Navarro Learning Center, Democracy Prep, and Country Home.



Play & Learn—The final Play & Learn of the spring was held at Jane Dubel Park on May 1. Parents expressed their appreciation for the variety of activities and the opportunity to enjoy them outdoors.



Reading Village—Julia Lazarin brought the Reading Village to Cardenas Early Childhood Education Center for their Mommy and Me event on May 7. The initial event was at the beginning of the school day, but Ms. Lazarin agreed to leave the tents set up and return in the afternoon to give more families the opportunity to enjoy reading together.



Workshops for Professionals—Ms. Larkin presented on books that encourage kindness and empathy for the VOICES for Children Early Childhood Training at St. Philip's College. Her assigned room was at capacity and VOICES CEO Kathy Fletcher, who chose to sit in on her session, offered lots of positive feedback. Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Moreno presented the final "Early Literacy Basics" workshop of the school year on May 4. Ms. Larkin, Ms. Cruz, and Ms. Huff presented the final "Why? Using non-fiction books in early childhood settings" workshop on May 11. The team will develop a new workshop for the 2019-20 school year.



Building Connections—Nelson Early Childhood Education Center invited Little Read Wagon to their Literacy Night. Ms. Lazarin joined Viki Ash (Coordinator of Children's Services) and Rozanna Bennett (Children's Librarian, McCreless Branch) for the United Way Kids Festival at Lockwood Park on April 27.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading 2019: Over the Moon—Reading logs, bookmarks, and registration tablets have been distributed to library locations. The certificate will be distributed later in May, and calendar blanks are in production. At the monthly Children's Services meeting, staff shared ideas for actively engaging children in summer reading and maintaining their energy throughout the summer.



Community Outreach—Viki Ash (Coordinator of Children's Services), Julia Lazarin (Library Services Specialist, Little Read Wagon), and Rozanna Bennett (Children's Librarian, McCreless) provided library information and an activity at the United Way Kids' Festival at Lockwood Park.



Young Pegasus Poetry Awards—On May 5 at the Guadalupe Theater, family and friends gathered to celebrate sixty-seven young poets and their eighty-nine poems. The event, orchestrated by Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) with support from Teen and Children's staff from multiple locations, drew a large crowd of poetry enthusiasts.



Retirement—Viki Ash retired from her long and accomplished career as a children's librarian. Her leadership as well as the joy and passion she brought to her work will be missed. Cresencia Huff (Library Services Lead, Early Childhood) is serving as interim coordinator.



Texas Library Association Annual Conference—Several Children's Librarians attended and were actively involved in the conference. At the May Children's Services meeting they shared briefly on their experiences as presenters, moderators, volunteers, and committee members.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Fiesta Youth Partnership— On May 4, Fiesta Youth hosted their annual LGBTQ prom for teens at Woodlawn Pointe Auditorium. This year's theme was the '90s, and over 200 teens attended in outfits ranging from traditional prom attire to '90s-inspired fashion. Teens enjoyed a variety of activities such as dancing to '90s music (as well as contemporary songs) and participating in dance and fashion contests. Teen Services hosted two activities at the prom: button making and Polaroid photos. Teens had a blast making '90s-themed buttons with templates including popular TV shows, artists and bands, electronics, toys, brands, and more. Polaroid photos were also a hit as teens relived the experience of taking photos without instantaneously seeing the outcome. A big thank you goes out to Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist), and Laura Herman (Teen Services Librarian, Igo) for helping make this event a success.



Off-Site Service—On February 27, Thrive Youth Center hosted their first “See One / Help One” community resource event. The event brought together many community organizations that provide assistance for the homeless community in San Antonio, with a focus on youth. Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central), and Georgina Salinas (Assistant Manager/Teen Services Librarian, Bazan) provided information on library services and upcoming summer programs, as well as brought the VROOM! Van to offer activities for teens and families to participate in during the event.

On April 24, Sarabia sorted books out from the San Antonio Housing Authority warehouse. In partnership with SAHA, on April 28 Sarabia and Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) handed out free books to the community at the Guadalupe center for Dia De Los Niños.

On April 30, Luther Burbank High School hosted their annual spring volunteer fair. Sarabia attended the event with information about how teens can volunteer at their local libraries. Ami also discussed summer reading and teen services with the high school students.

SAPL teen services are part of the Book Rich Environment Initiative in partnership with the San Antonio Housing Authority; Sarabia attended a board meeting during the reporting period to discuss 2019 BRE future planning of events.

In preparation for the SAPL summer reading program, Ami Sarabia met with Sara Sharp (Assistant Manager, Parks and Recreation) on May 10. They discussed teen outreach over the summer at various teen recreation centers.



The 2019 Young Pegasus Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 5 at the Guadalupe Theatre. Dale McNeill (Assistant Director) welcomed and introduced the distinguished guests at the ceremony and also presented certificates to each poet. Cresencia Huff (Interim Coordinator of Children's Services) recognized the Young Pegasus judges and Jennifer Velásquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) introduced the poets before they read their poems aloud to the audience. 67 young poets were selected for publication in this year's anthology, and the ceremony was livestreamed by NOWCastSA.



Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) helped represent the San Antonio Public Library during the Battle of Flowers Parade on April 26. Loaiza also participated in the Office of Historic Preservation's “Amazing Preservation Race” with fellow library staff, winning 4th place as the Dewey Decimators.



J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant) and Raquel Reyes (Circulation Supervisor, Central) interviewed Danish artist Susanne Thea who has the “Traveling with Hans Christian Anderson” exhibit in the Central Gallery for the San Antonio Public Library podcast. Elizondo has also been working with Teen Arts Fest artist Rachel Kamata and Marketing to get original Teen Art for this year’s Teen Arts Fest.



ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Several annual initiatives are in full swing during April and May. Programs are being held throughout the system for Fiesta, National Poetry Month, Vaisakhi, Asian Pacific Heritage Month, Digital Inclusion Month, and Older Americans Month. Adult Services librarians from throughout the system come together each year to provide a variety of programs for each of these topics.



The Adult Services Librarians enjoyed a presentation by Hannah Haseltine from the Texas Community Partner Program which is program that provides support to organizations that partner with Texas Health and Human Services. The Library serves a partner within this program providing public computers for individuals to apply for a variety of state benefits.



The Re-visionaries team led by Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes was awarded the City’s Manager’s Excellence Award for their work done in 2018. Ms. Holmes also gave a presentation about Operation Transformation and the Re-visionaries at the monthly City’s Department Head meeting in May. Several departments have since contacted the Library asking for more detailed information regarding the project.



The San Antonio Public Library Book Cart Drill Team was invited to march in the Battle of Flowers parade again. The group made up of staff from throughout the system was awarded 2nd place in the Amusements Division!



Ms. Holmes presented at the Texas Library Association Conference in Austin as part of a panel speaking about “Making Digital Inclusion a Priority in Your Community” along with Candelaria Mendoza from the City’s Office of Innovation and Munijah Jester with the San Antonio Housing Authority.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN



The Central Children's department is fully staffed now that Manager Kate Simpson has returned from maternity leave and Librarians Ashley Stubbs and Olivia Escovedo have joined the team. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin did an outstanding job keeping the department going as Interim Manager during the period of low staffing levels and is happy to be returning her full attention to programming efforts for the department.



Ms. Seglin presented the popular Toddler Time program in May, starting with a focus on gross motor skills and mindfulness with a yoga program. She led the children in a mindfulness exercise and demonstrated several simple yoga poses that got everyone stretching and relaxing. Families enjoyed the sensory experience of using paintbrushes to shape sand in a mini Zen garden. Toddler Time went in the opposite direction when dinosaurs were the theme. Children roared and stomped and delighted in the array of dramatic play opportunities including a cardboard volcano and cloth "dinosaur nest." Toddlers got in the celebratory spirit during Fiesta week with a sensory bin full of colorful confetti, royalty dress up play with capes, ribbons and crowns, and multicolored play dough. Children marched in a toddler parade while shaking tambourines and bells. In the final series of spring programs, Ms. Seglin donned a shark costume and took children on a trip under the sea! She used an empty plastic kiddie pool as the unique setting for play with plastic ocean animals. Children enjoyed the sensory experience of blue play dough and blue rice and pasta.



Ms. Seglin presented story times to students at Madison Square Child Development Center, where she read books to two classes and delivered bags of books in support of the school's curriculum. Ms. Escovedo accompanied her as part of her training. Ms. Seglin also selected an array of books and brought them for children to enjoy at the SA Youth Poplar Center's afterschool program. Finally, Ms. Seglin delivered carefully chosen books to the Discovery School for use in the classrooms there.



Ms. Stubbs created a cute book display celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week that proved very popular. Patrons and staff enjoyed the big taco-decorated sign that read "Taco 'bout a great teacher!"

TEENS

TEEN LIBRARY @ CENTRAL



Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant): J.D. continued to facilitate Eclectic Electric music programming in the Teen Library's recording studio. Teens are invited to play instruments for fun and/or for school practice and record their music if they wish.



Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager): The much-anticipated first official fighter from the "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Fighter Pass DLC" arrived. Joker (from the game "Persona 5") is the newest addition to the fighting gaming, and as expected, teens have wasted no time in learning how to perfect his fighting style. The arrival of Joker also brought a new stage (Mementos), which brings its own surprises for teens—depending on the music playing in the background, the stage's design changes

accordingly. Lastly, multiple new spirits from “Persona” are available in the World of Light mode of the game, which has given teens more content to unlock as they continue playing. Apart from video gaming, “Dungeons & Dragons” has experienced a resurgence of interest from teens; a new campaign has emerged, with one teen serving as the Dungeon Master for the other adventurous teens. Teens are still interested in exploring the roleplaying game “Munchkin Quest” and are working to coordinate a weekend to attempt playing the game for the first time.



Wednesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT): Ciana continued to facilitate technology programming in the lab in the Teen Library to assist teens with designing 3D models to print and finding printed models online. She also facilitated use of the Oculus Rift, a Virtual Reality headset loaded with games for teens.



Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teens who attend Thursday programs at Teen Library engage in activities that encourage peer-to-peer learning, hand-eye coordination, creative expression, and development and preparation of goings-on. Teens also enjoy having favorite movies play in the background to watch, comment on, sing along to and/or discuss plots and twists with fellow movie fans. Many of the programs involve teens prepping and making foods that require a skill or building something extraordinary out of an ordinary items, such as when teens took a simple bread dough shaped it as a turtle, topped it with a sweet coating and made turtle bread. Teens used various colors and patterns on the topping, so green, blue, and purple turtle shells dotted the table. The nutritional requirements for the San Antonio Food Bank took a Fiesta turn in April with teens getting a dose of fiber and ways to flavor popcorn with taco spices, a splash of lime and a sprinkle of cheese powder rather than dousing it in butter and salt. In May, teens had a brown rice tasting, then mixed it with beans, enchilada sauce, and low-fat cheese to create mini casseroles. As with many of the programs teens express an interest in a favorite movie, video game, or cartoon character, which lends itself nicely to making a night of doing crafts and snacks after that particular character. One such character with a new movie coming out, Detective Pikachu, made for a colorful program where teens made buttons, pins using Shrinky Dinks (a true Throwback Thursday retro craft), and using chocolates and candies to make accessories to place on a yellow ice cream cone to make a sweet Pikachu. After most food and craft and movie nights, teens request the use of video game systems (the Nintendo Switch remains the most popular) for friendly competition, or they choose from a variety of board games or sit and watch a movie or sign up to use one of our MACs for homework study or game play. By request too and with sufficient staff, teens use the studio to practice on instruments or use the Lab to play virtual reality games. Pictures from Thursday night programs (and awesome system-wide programs) can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> and Teen Library pictures can also be found at <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



Saturday Cooking Club with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): After viewing an online video, a teen suggested making a Japanese Rice Burger as the Cooking Club's latest selection. Teens had a hand in learning patience as they waited for sushi rice to cook. They learned ways to organize the remaining tasks to make sure everything was done close to the same time. They made sure to encourage others, and also those who finished first shared their tips with those who came after. The rice burger also incorporated flavors that some teens had never experienced, so with any leftovers teens were able to isolate them to taste their particular flavors, as they desired.

REFERENCE



Selected Reference staff attended meetings involving the new Symphony Integrated Library System (ILS) that will replace the current Millennium System. Millions of item and patron records need to be uploaded, tested, and re-configured. Staff will need training to use the new product. Reference staff will play a key part in instructing colleagues and training trainers.



In April, for National Poetry Month, one program hosted by Reference staff explored and celebrated poetry. At Slammin' in the Stacks attendees had the opportunity to drop some rhymes and listen to the words of a local poet. For another April program, Anecdotaly Yours, Reference staff worked in partnership with the Rape Crisis Center. Six storytellers shared stories of intervention related to witnessing sexual or relationship violence. Staff worked with presenters to create a reading list of applicable fiction and non-fiction works. Several attendees took away the reading list handout.



Reference staff hosted Vaisakhi: Cultural Event in April. Vaisakhi celebrates the Sikh New Year and is a spring harvest festival. Presented by the Gurudwara Sikh Center of San Antonio Event, attendees enjoyed a documentary film as well as a cultural dance. Demonstrations enjoyed by the audience included turban tying and writing names in Punjabi.



For a program in the DIY U series, staff presented How to Prepare Veggie Curries. Participants viewed a video demonstrating how to prepare curries using various vegetables. Attendees asked several questions and were happy to receive a recipe handout.



For the popular Central Cinema series, staff presented a screening of Aquaman. In this action-packed origin story of the half-human, half-Atlantean, Arthur Curry takes the journey of a life-time. Arthur Curry is forced to face who he really is and if he is worthy to be who he was born to be, a King of Atlantis. The audience was excited to see the latest DC epic; becoming immersed in the fast paced action, gasping during the fight scenes, but laughing at the Aquaman selfie scene. Attendees left eager for the next movie experience.



In a wonderful collaboration, the Reference Display Group created a distinctive Lobby Display for May. The Group used Japanese cherry blossoms as inspiration for Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Painstakingly crafted tissue paper "blossoms" were affixed to branches and sticks gathered from yards. The display highlights many authors of Asian Pacific heritage in both fiction and non-fiction genres.



LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On Saturday, April 27, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted *The Mestiz@ Complex: Poetry Writing Workshop with Edyka Chilomé*. This workshop that examined the contemporary and intersectional politics around Latinx identity. It drew 15 attendees.



On Saturday, May 14, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted an outreach table at the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center's annual *Paseo por el Westside*.



On Saturday, May 11, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted *Saving Nuestra Historia: Photograph Preservation*. The program was led by Reference Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Librarian Andrew Crews presented an "Introduction to Texana Resources" to the librarians at the downtown UTSA Campus on April 16. He discussed the different types of resources available to researchers, their format (book, microfilm, online) and where these resources can be found in our collection. The presentation was livestreamed to the John Peace Library on the main UTSA campus and recorded for reference by their staff members.



To culminate San Antonio's Fiesta, Rebeca Barrera, Scholastic's Director of Hispanic Initiative invited Librarian Sylvia Reyna to host a genealogical pedigree tree craft for "Fiesta Día de los Niños" hosted by the Avenida Guadalupe Association at Plaza Guadalupe on April 28. Children who visited the table traced pedigree trees as Reyna spoke to them about the significance of family history.



Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson taught a Digital Preservation Basics class at the Schaefer Library on April 20. This class provided basic guidance to individuals about preserving personal and family memories in digital form. Attendees learned about the fundamentals of digital preservation and discovered the Library's Memory Preservation Lab equipment that can be used for digitizing personal archive collections in multiple formats, including: audio cassettes, VHS cassettes, slides and photographic prints.



Ms. Reyna was again invited to participate in the 10th Annual Paseo por el Westside held on May 4. She led the presentation Resources in the Texana/Genealogy Collection. Reyna led another presentation titled: How to do Your House History, which offered tips on how to do research and where to find the resources that can help uncover the genealogy of a house. The 2019 theme was "Mi Barrio No Se Vende" (My Neighborhood is not for Sale). Additionally, she had a craft table set-up for children to make their own pedigree trees as she explained the importance of family history.



Ms. Reyna presented the House History class at the monthly meeting of the Schertz-Cibola Valley Area Genealogy Society held at the Schertz Library on May 7.



On May 11 Ms. Reyna hosted Part II of a walking tour of San Fernando Cemetery #1. The second half of the tour was previously postponed due to inclement weather. Reyna lead the excited group around the second half of the cemetery, pointing out notable historic San Antonio figures.



Ms. Reyna has begun volunteering on Thursday mornings at the Migrant Resource Center, helping to translate and coordinate services for the migrants moving on to their final destinations throughout the country.



Jacob Sherman, President of the Friends of Texana/Genealogy, selected 20 duplicate books left over from the recent Friends of Texana book sale to offer to the Paradise Genealogical Society in California whose library was destroyed in a forest fire last fall. Librarian Matt De Waelsche contacted an affiliate with the society in California to offer the selected titles.



Working with Mr. De Waelsche, volunteer John Boswell helped coordinate a donation of materials weeded from the Texana Collection to the National Museum of the Pacific War, Nimitz Education and Research Center & Archives in Fredericksburg, TX on May 8. The donated materials included approximately 3 linear feet of WWII era government booklets and small-format publications.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen and Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez from Las Palmas participated in the El Dia de los Ninos event hosted by Avenida Guadalupe Association on April 28. Both Ms. Sonnen and Ms. Perez enjoyed promoting library services and presented a colorful and festive hat craft that the children loved making.



Ms. Sonnen wound down in May another very successful year of Book Clubs with several elementary schools. The participants were presented with certificates of completion and celebrated with refreshments. This was also an opportunity to encourage the children to continue reading by joining the Summer Reading Program and attend the other programs at Bazan.



Teen librarian Georgina Salinas hosted Teen Hangout on Mondays and Wednesdays where teens enjoyed cutting out some of their favorite superheroes or fictional characters and turning them into buttons. To celebrate Poetry Month Georgina invited the Poetry on the Move VIA bus to park outside of the branch and welcome patrons to view the selected poetry winners poems and artwork.



Ms. Salinas accompanied Matthew Loaiza from Teen Services for an outreach event at San Pedro Park to promote summer reading for teens. Families visiting the booth engaged in button making while learning more about the San Antonio Public Library resources.



The Bazan branch held a reception for the "Los Courts" exhibit which will be on display at the branch through Sunday, May 26. The exhibit documents the history of the Alazan-Apache Courts, San Antonio's oldest and largest public housing development, and was developed and produced by the Esperanza



Peace & Justice Center and Westside Preservation Alliance. The reception was hosted by the Bazan branch friends group.



Training Officer Emily Flores introduced the Digital Inclusion Certificate Program curriculum to her fellow Training Officers at the Central Library on May 2. The Certificate Program, which is scheduled to start in late May, will offer a certification in the four area of basic computer skills, using social media and email, applying for job and profession job skills.



Training Officer Emily Flores met with Mabel Diaz of the Wash and Learn project on April 19 to discuss the digital inclusion landscape in San Antonio. The Wash and Learn project, which will provide basic computer instruction in a pop-up format, will begin operating in two area laundromats this month.



Emily Flores, along with Training Officers Michelle Rickman and Daniel Gomez and Volunteer Coordinator Veronica Anderson, participated in a digital skills “show and tell” organized by Clarissa Ramon, Government and Community Affairs Manager for Google Fiber. The meeting focused on the Digital Inclusion Certificate Program curriculum and opportunities to work together with the San Antonio Housing Authority and Wash and Learn on similar ventures.



Emily Flores and Monica Garza presented at the Region 20 Adult Education and Literacy Alamo Consortium’s meeting on May 8, presenting library resources and explaining the services provided by the Learn Center to which AEL Consortium members can refer their students.



The Bad Girls Romance at Bazan met in May and made plans for celebrating its two years anniversary at the branch this summer! The group, led by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, continued to explore all things romance and read their first “dark romance” novel which is a popular subgenre in romancelandia. The book, *Dark Night of Day* by T.M. Frazier, is the first book of the King series which is currently on book 11 of the saga.



In celebration of Fiesta and Earth Week the Bazan held an Up-Cycling craft program. The craft involved making mini piñatas out of recycled toilet paper rolls and tissue paper. Staff made the program a team effort by helping collect the recycled supplies.



The Alamo City Browncoats fan club's last Meet-N-Geek included several members from San Antonio's Quidditch group! The two groups hope to partner up down the road for both Pop-Con and a combined branch program. The Browncoats also confirmed their plan to continue meeting at Bazan for another year.



Kallie Cheves, Bazan's Contemporary Art Month artist, was nominated by the Carver Center and won third place at the 2019 Cammie Awards. We are proud to have hosted Ms. Cheves' art work and congratulate her.

BROOK HOLLOW



Early Literacy programs continue weekly at Brook Hollow Branch with Baby Time, Toddler Two, Toddler Time, and Story Time. Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas received a thank you note from one story time mother this month because her son made large social strides during the program. Mother and son attend story time regularly at Brook Hollow, but because her son is on the autism spectrum they

choose to stay towards the back of the group and a bit away from the other families. At a recent May story time, her son chose to not only participate in the opening rhyme game, but also to move from the back of the room to the center of the story carpet. He also chose to stay and play with the toys on the carpet near the other children. Mom cried, thanked, and hugged Ms. Salinas for offering programs that allow her family these moments.



In April, Brook Hollow branch hosted a Play & Learn program for children ages zero to five. There was no theme, but rather a variety of materials for them to interact with and create new ways to play on their own. Several parents commented positively on the different activities being something that could easily be recreated at home for their children to do.



In May, Ms. Salinas along with Library Aide Haly Leflore changed Brook Hollow's pretend play shop into a veterinary clinic. Stuffed animals, bandages, diagnostic equipment (stethoscope, thermometer, etc.) and x-rays line the shelves as children get to come in with their families and pretend to help their animal patients. One young girl approximately age three had such a good time with the vet clinic's stuffed cat that she tried to take her home by scanning her under the self-check machine! She was very disappointed when mom told her the cat had to stay at the library, but mom promised to bring her back soon.



For school-aged children afterschool, Brook Hollow continually offers Come & Go Crafts, Lego Time, and Tween Time weekly. Come & Go craft attendance has increased in the spring with several families meeting up each week to have a play date and craft time together. Tween Time also continues to be very popular. Their favorite program activities in the past month have included glitter stencil paintings and slime.



Read to a Dog took a short hiatus in April, but their first week back in May had over eighty people in attendance. Brook Hollow continues to be fortunate to have four therapy dogs come every week. The program's longevity and popularity has left a mark on the community because Ms. Salinas overheard two eleven year old children talking about how much they loved the Read to a Dog program and bonding over their favorite dog Sunny, the veteran of the group who has been coming to Brook Hollow for more than five years.



In April, Ms. Salinas hosted Brook Hollow's final spring Graphic Novel Book Club for Kids. After a fun icebreaker and book discussion, the children were able to create their own character out of a variety of materials including cardboard, foam, felt, paper, and more. One child in attendance made bracers as a wearable costume piece while others focused on accessories like swords and shields. As children crafted together they discussed their favorite graphic novels and recommended titles to each other to read. Due to the strong following for the program, Ms. Salinas has decided to continue the Graphic Novel Book Club for Kids through the summer months.



Ms. Salinas continues monthly outreach visits to both Kindercare and Rhapsody Head Start. Several of the outreach children have come in to Brook Hollow library and greeted Ms. Salinas with smiles and hugs as they introduce her to their parents. She also attended the Young Pegasus 93rd

Award Ceremony to assist. Great young poets shared their poetry with the audience, and Ms. Salinas was there to assist them down from the stage.



On May 8, Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez continued Brook Hollow's adult crafting series with Crepe Paper Flowers just in time for Mother's Day. Patrons were taught how to make different types of flowers with crepe paper, floral tape, and floral stems. Patrons left asking for another class. They are also looking forward to the wood burning craft in June.

CARVER



On May 4, Carver Library and the Friends of Carver Branch hosted the fourth annual Pan African Cultural festival which attracted hundreds of revelers once again celebrating the contributions of the African Diaspora. The day was a fascinating display of multiculturalism with members of several nations taking part in the anticipated lead-off event, the annual Pan African Conversation. This venue is an insightful, interactive panel discussion centering on news and current events. Participants included representatives of Cameroon, Barbados, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Other highlights included Afro-Brazilian martial arts by Capoeira Luanda San Antonio, and percussionists T-Bow Gonzales and Mwendo Drums. Plans are already underway for the fifth iteration.

The Friends of Carver Branch went on to host a very successful annual spring book sale which ran May 10-11.

Carver Branch welcomed Kenneth Stewart as assistant manager. Mr. Stewart holds an MLS from Drexel University. Previously, he served as a research librarian, archivist, and electronic records manager for the Air Force Medical Service History Office. He replaces Monty Holcomb who transferred to Parman Branch.



DL Grant, Carver Branch Manager, attended the District 2 Town Hall and Open House at the Walzem Family YMCA, on Walzem Road. The event was hosted by District 2 Councilman Art Hall and featured Michael Amezcua, chief appraiser of the Bexar Appraisal District as guest speaker.

CODY



Children participated in egg hunts during Baby Time and Toddler Time on April 15th and in Toddler, Two and Story Time on April 17th. Children searched for eggs in the meeting room and then received a prize when they returned the eggs.



Tweens participated in an Avengers-themed Escape Room on April 15th. Tweens had to solve clues to escape from the Avengers.



During a Come & Go Crafts program on April 18th, families gathered to paint paper egg cutouts with cotton swabs.



Tweens celebrated Fiesta during a Tween Time program on April 22nd. Tweens learned how to make paper flowers and played Mexican Train Dominoes.



Children also celebrated Fiesta during Kid's Time on April 24th. Children learned how to make papel picado and made their own clay Fiesta medals.



Tweens competed in STEM challenges on April 29th. Tweens tried to make the sturdiest boat out of aluminum foil, to build the tallest free-standing tower out of newspaper, to work as a team to build a cup pyramid without using their hands, and to make the longest paper chain using only one piece of paper. Tweens had to use their creativity and background science knowledge in their approaches to win each challenge.



A new Read to a Dog program started up on May 1st with a wonderful new team. Golden Retriever Mr. Beau Jangles was sweetly attentive as readers shared books with him.



During a Come & Go Crafts program on May 2nd children tried sponge painting. Children used their creativity to make their own designs on paper.



Tweens learned how to make their own edible flowers out of chewy candies during Tween Time on May 6th. Then they made pudding cups to complete their designs.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited the Locke Hill Elementary School on May 7th for the last meeting of the Writing Wizards Club. Yourdon distributed copies of the Literary Zine that the children put together over the course of the year. Students had a chance to read their work in front of the other members of the club and celebrate all of their hard work.



Children continued their virtual tour around the world during Kid's Time on May 8th. During this meeting children learned all about Denmark. Children decorated Viking helmets to honor Denmark's Scandinavian history, tossed a replica of Thor's hammer to honor Norse Mythology, made Mermaid slime to honor Hans Christian Andersen's writings, and competed in a Lego building challenge to celebrate the popular brick's country of origin.



Teen Gaming provides teens with opportunities to hang out after school and play video, board, and card games!



Teen Time, Cody's evening programming for teens, draws dedicated attendees interested in creating delicious food, playing games, and doing light crafts and art projects. Recently, teens have made ramen, mini banana splits, root beer floats, and mochi ice cream. They've also created blackout poetry using pages from old YA novels and colored pictures of favorite anime characters.



The Cody Chess Club continues to bring players and observers of all ages into the library each Tuesday for games and chess puzzles.



This month, the Adante book club had a lively discussion about James Lee Burke's *The Jealous Kind*.



Sunday's adult movie hour continues at our branch with the following films:

April 28 – *Always*

May 5 – *The Long Kiss Goodnight*

May 11 – *White Nights*



On May 8th, Cody welcomed Ms. Yandiry Mlakar from Superior Health Plan. Ms. Mlakar set up a Health and Wellness table and spoke to patrons about this important topic. The table exhibit was well received that she plans to join us for several more programs.



Adult Librarian welcomed “Chair Yoga” which was conducted by Ms. Cynthia De La Garza Parker.



In celebration of the citywide Digital Inclusion campaign, Cody provided a class on Medline.



Adult Services Librarian Marcella McGowan partnered with the Alamo Area Council of Governments which held a Legal Assistance Information Session.



Cody's Adult Librarian McGowan went to the Madison Estate Retirement home to discuss the latest book club selection, News of the World.



On May 9, Jim Denning was the evening featured “Meet the Author”. The turnout was outstanding and he also live-streamed Facebook questions.



On May 10, Nicole McLeod from Parks and Recreation came to the branch to present “How to Start a Native Plant Garden” which was well received. As a parting gift, 95% of the participants adapted a tree to take home.



The following STEM classes were led by Adult Services Librarian, Marcella McGowan on various topics:

April 15 – Universal Class

April 29 – Resume Creation

May 2 – How to Write a Resume and Market Your Skills - (led by) John Horton

COLLINS GARDEN

Adults



CGL hosts the following programs for adults on a continuous basis. Adult Coloring has a regular following of patrons who enjoy meeting at the library, relaxing and coloring various patterns. Coffee and a Movie feature Mexican classic and recent cinema releases popular among a core group of attendees. Volunteers Jamie Garcia hosts a photography series and patron Anthony Neira hosted a Purple Martin Bird house building program this month. CGL Assistant Manager Tasha Martinez offers weekly Tech-Tuesdays to help community residents answer technical questions about electronic devices. CGL hosted Bexar County Early Voting and Election days in April and May 2019. Patrons are pleased that early voting has returned to this location.

Children



LegoClub continues to be a popular program. Thirty-one participants attended 2 Lego programs. The Lego creations are displayed for public enjoyment in the reference area. Children's

Librarian, Gina Brudi, hosted four in-house Family Fun programs for the reporting period which included decorating cascarones and a Mother's Day craft. The Collins Garden Library Team is piloting a Tween Scene Program May 1, 8, 15, 29. Library Assistant Carlos Loera kicked off the series with a Spiderman movie; Children's Librarian Brudi hosted May 8 with the creation of marshmallow and toothpick towers and straws and connections. Assistant Manager Tasha Martienz hosts May 15 teaching tweens to make keychains and CGL Manager Jeannette Davies hosts May 29 with a Mad Science Program when CGL Tween Scene features a volcanic eruption.



CGL children's librarian attended an Easter Egg Event at Normoyle Community Center. She spoke to parents and children, 150 attendees, about summer programs at San Antonio Public Libraries. CGL hosted HEB's annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the library Friday, May 19 with more than 100 neighborhood residents in attendance.

Teens



Weekly Teen program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, averages 10 teens a week. Teens play Ping Pong, video games and do crafts.

Other



Collins Garden Library continues weekly Family Game Night with various board games and Ping Pong for all ages.

Manager Happenings



Outreach: Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies continues to work Ride for Reading San Antonio (RFRSA), a local bicycle club that delivers donated books to San Antonio's Title One Elementary Schools. RFRSA's last delivery for the year is at Espiraza Elementary School Friday, May 17. Guests are invited with sign-up to ride or meet at the school. See Facebook for further details.



CGL Manager continues to work with a new board of the Friends of Collins Garden Library hosting the next meeting Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm, at CGL.

CORTEZ



Cortez Branch has been selected as the main site for a new partnership called "Nature Smart Libraries" in cooperation with the Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative and the National League of Cities. The group is in the initial planning stages of what will be a long-term project to bring nature-based programs to under-served populations.



On May 1 Ms. Brantley participated in judging science fair projects for grades 3-5 at Palo Alto Elementary. There were over 100 boards showing a variety of experiments and it was an enjoyable diversion to see them all!



On April 25 the Branch welcomed Training Officer Daniel Gomez with a Fiesta-themed potluck.

Children's Programs



Toddler Time (Nicole Cubillas)—Toddlers and their caretakers heard songs and stories on the themes of fish, Mother Goose, and sending mail. They prepared relevant crafts, participated in dramatic play, and spent time digging through sensory bins, making music with soft rattles, writing with chalk and building with foam blocks.



Family Fun (Nicole Cubillas)—Cortez families heard stories on fish, rhythm, and sending mail. They collaborated on arts and crafts, and participated in relevant challenges and competitions.



Palo Alto 2nd grade visits (Nicole Cubillas)—Three second grade classes visited Cortez on April 18 to hear a story, and to participate in arts and crafts.



Palo Alto Pre-k visits (Nicole Cubillas)—Two pre-k classes visited Cortez on April 23 to hear a story, and to participate in arts and crafts.



Hidden Cove Elementary outreach (Nicole Cubillas and Tiffany Durham (Johnston Branch))—Children's librarians tabled at a Fiesta-themed literacy event on April 25 to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program with a book display and an easy craft and activity.



Palo Alto Pre-k visit (Nicole Cubillas)—One pre-k class visited Cortez on May 6 to hear a story.



Palo Alto 1st grade visits (Nicole Cubillas)—Three first grade classes visited Cortez on May 7 to hear a story, and to participate in arts and crafts.

Adult Programs



Adult Coloring and Cortez Older Adult Social Time (Madeline Vasquez)—Every Tuesday, staff member Madeline Vasquez leads the COAST program. This weekly community event features advanced coloring for adults, board games, puzzles and light refreshments.



Contemporary Art Month Exhibit (Nicole Poole)—Local artist Nicole Poole will be displaying her work for Contemporary Art Month from March 10-May 12. There are nine pieces on display throughout the building.



Getting Crafty Program (JoAnn Paredes)—The crafting class made edible bunny cars out of Twinkies, pretzels, bunny peeps, and mini Oreos. It was a fun and tasty craft. They also made stepping stones out of cement and colorful glass rocks. The current craft project is to make bowls out of cement and cloth doilies.



Quilter's Corner (Jo Ann Paredes)—The quilting class is going well. Everyone is working at their own pace and their own design. There were no classes for the month of May, but will they start up again in June.



Monster Meet (Madeline Vasquez)—A good-sized crowd was treated to the film “Splinter” on May 11. This popular monthly movie showing brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



Art Therapy (Madeline Vasquez)—On April 18 and May 9, Ms. Vasquez taught patrons how to make beautiful crafts out of simple supplies. April's program was Fiesta medals and May was Mother's Day paper flowers.



Star Wars: Phantom Menace Movie Showing (Brooke Mjolsness)— On May 4, Cortez hosted a movie showing for the *Phantom Menace* to celebrate its 20th anniversary as well as ‘May the fourth be with you’ day. Light refreshments were served.



Healthy Cooking Class (Vince Escobedo, Metro Health)—On April 25, Mr. Escobedo led the group in making egg, spinach and avocado on toast. Patrons helped prepare all the ingredients. After, Mr. Escobedo made the recipe and passed out free samples to all attendees.

Community Programs



Medicare 101 (Eliza Calpena)—On May 9, Mrs. Calpena from AARP/Medicare hosted an informative program about Medicare options, from who's eligible, how to enroll, insurance plans and more.



Cortez Chess Club—David Pacheco continues to lead our weekly chess club. He enthusiastically teaches attendees of all ages about chess.



LEARN Center Activities—Cortez Learn Center re-opened at the end of April. Daniel Gomez is the Center's new Training Officer.

First patron use occurred April 29. As of May 9, twelve patrons have used the Learn Center since it's re-opening.

Three patrons have used the Learn Center to submit applications and one has reported finding employment.

The Learn Centers have launched a new program that will help patrons develop their digital skills and increase their employment options. It consists of four different sets of courses that lead to Digital Training Certificates. One patron has started on a certificate track at Cortez.

Google Fiber has shown interest in supporting our Digital Training endeavor and may be collaborating with us in the near future.

ENCINO



Children's Librarian Ann Laird had the opportunity to attend the Texas Library Association Conference in Austin on April 18. She attended several interesting sessions including a panel of previous Bluebonnet Award winning authors, a session about working with homeschooling families, and a session about how some libraries have revamped their Summer reading programs.



Encino has hosted two special craft programs during this reporting period. At the Easter crafts program children had the opportunity to make paper egg wreaths, lollipop chicks in a basket, and a rabbit craft. The Mother's Day craft program featured a shrinky dink craft, a craft made with buttons, and a Mother's day card.



Children's Librarian Ann Laird read Say What? by Angela DiTerlizzi for Dial-A-Story on the week of April 22.



Tweens Create continues to be a popular program at Encino. Tweens Create experienced the largest attendance yet, with 17 kids, for a session about making bath bombs. Other projects the tweens recently enjoyed were making sour candy and making beaded shoelace bracelets.



Encino hosted Peter Rubins, a horn player, of the San Antonio Symphony on May 12. Our community always enjoys SAPL's partnership with the Symphony.



Teens this month took full advantage of the generous purchase of some new board games supplied with funds from the Foundation. The competition proved fierce with the introduction of board games Machi Koro and the Lords of Waterdeep and card game Gloom where the goal is to make your characters suffer untimely and gruesome deaths. (Encino Teens highly recommend this one!) Teens in our Teen Anime Club continued watching series from last month, while also starting a new anime set in a medieval world and filled with magic Teen Club saw many students studying for their AP exams while munching on candy for energy, and we were also treated to a screening of the classic Jim Henson puppet movie The Dark Crystal which was a suggestion made by a regular program attendee.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot traveled to Johnson High School for an April outreach to the library during lunch time. This visit she brought the first round of Teen Summer Reading outreach materials for the teens to take home with them. On May 4th, Ms. Pouliot joined fellow teen librarians to represent SAPL Teen Services at the annual Mini Mini Con event at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall. The team made anime and pop-culture themed buttons with attendees, and handed out flyers for many events including Encino's Cosplay Sundays series to take place later this summer.



As part of National Poetry Month, Encino hosted a Spoken Word Acoustic Lounge, where patrons and staff read poetry from a variety of sources; some written by the presenter, others as old or new favorites from authors such as Poe and Silverstein.



Encino continues to see demand for computer-classes by appointment, and staff technical help. Weekly attention from a tech-oriented volunteer has proven useful and popular, and appointments where staff members help patrons understand basic technology and address technical problems happen several times a month.



Labyrinths and Libraries board game campaign continues to be an intergenerational favorite at Encino Library. The final spring chapter draws a good crowd, and excitement high for the summer iteration, even with the move from Saturday afternoons to Wednesday evenings. Fitness and crafting programs, such as the Hand Bee, remain popular, and the monthly book club has an enthusiastic core

group. The San Antonio Needlework Guild offered a class on embroidery basics in April, which was well-attended, and will be repeated in May.

FOREST HILLS



Spare Parts provided materials and instruction for creating Fiesta Shoe Box Floats out of recycled materials. The finished products were very creative and some can still be viewed in the glass exhibit case at Forest Hills until the end of May.



The “I Pledge” Banner Exhibit with the words of renowned poet Naomi Shihab Nye were brought in for National Poetry Month 2019. They are on loan from Artpace till June 2019.



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was marked by a Make & Take Sushi Cups program featuring Chinatsu Oku of the UTSA The East Asia Institute. The program was very well attended as cooking demonstrations typically are.



On May 4, American Gateways presented a citizenship information session to offer information about the benefits, requirements and process of applying for citizenship. Attendees were introduced to the process of becoming a citizen. Questions were answered about who qualifies and who doesn't and why.



Fantastic Bunnies and How to Make Them Workshop for adults was held May 11. The class provided instruction on a wet felting technique was led by Amy Jones of the Fiber Artists of San Antonio (FASA).



Ms. Menchaca continues to host her regular programs. This past period she hosted Story Time, Kids Time, Lego Builders, and Bilingual Story Time. Ms. Menchaca is getting ready for Summer Reading and has started to talk to the patrons about the ending of the spring session and the beginning of summer programming.



During Kids Time on week, children focused on learning how to read a recipe and on fractions. They made play dough together by reading the recipe from start to finish, taking note of what ingredients were needed and what tools they would use to measure out ingredients. They discussed that usually measurements are fractions, and how fractions apply to our everyday life.



With the support of SAPL, Ms. Menchaca was able to attend the Texas Library Conference. She presented, along with Ms. Karen Braeuler and Ms. Cresencia Huff, a portion of the lecture “Enhance Spanish Communication and Cultural Competencies.” Braeuler, Huff, and Menchaca discussed what elements are needed in order to have a successful story time presentation.



As a committee member of the Tejas Star Reading List, Ms. Menchaca presented with the reading list with her fellow committee members. Ms. Menchaca spoke about *Sonadores* by Yuyi Morales and *Frida Kahlo Y Sus Animalitos* by Monica Brown. Ms. Menchaca spoke about why the books were selected for the list and what activities could be presented with the books to enhance the learning experience for children and adults.



The Zoo Play and Learn was very well attended. The attendance exceeded the previous attendance numbers for other Play and Learns. The children had a blast reading, singing, and playing. The children's area was converted into a zoo with various activities.



When Ms. Menchaca visited PCI Head Start at the beginning of May she read "There's A Bird on Your Head" and "A Big Guy Took My Ball" by Mo Willems. The children enjoyed the books very much and they also sang a song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." This is the last time Ms. Menchaca will visit PCI Head Start until the August.



Ms. Menchaca attended the Principal's Cafecito breakfast at Esparza Elementary to speak about what the library has to offer children, teens, and adults. Ms. Menchaca emphasized summer reading and the programs that will be available at Forest Hills.

GREAT NORTHWEST



The Great Northwest Branch Library was closed April 15 through May 5 for improvements. The branch has new carpet and flooring, upgraded furniture, and a new service desk. Staff took advantage of the closure to make changes to other areas of the library by adding more individual and group study spaces throughout the building.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest Library. Great Northwest Teens planned Teen Craft and Movie Nights for May. On May 6 teens planned a Harry Potter Movie Night and watched *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and made DIY wands.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on May 23 for an outreach event where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make buttons, and play games. On May 24 Ms. Vazquez visited the school library at Brennan High School where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards and make button crafts.

GUERRA



The VITA program which ended on April 15 provided assistance to 1,440 members of the community. The branch was polling place--1,342 persons voted early and 40, on election day. The Guerra Chess Club met on Fridays--April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach to the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays--April 17 and 24 and May 1 and 8. On May 10, he provided a computer class to two members of the community. He volunteered for two overnight shifts at the City Migrant Resource Center on Tuesday April 18 and Saturday, April 22.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an adult coloring program on April 20. She held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on May 3 for a discussion of *The Pope of Palm Beach* by Tim Dorsey.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented two toddler times, two story times, two Lego Clubs, two Little Builders Duplo Clubs, and three After School Arts and Crafts programs. On April 15, she invited families to participate in Easter Come & Go Crafts where they enjoyed decorating paper Easter eggs. She attended a Family Literacy Night at Westwood Terrace Elementary School on April 18 where she provided information to families about library services and the 2019 Summer Reading Program with a theme of Over the Moon. On April 23, Arlene invited families to celebrate Fiesta San Antonio by making fiesta crowns. On April 29, Arlene collaborated with Erika De Hoyes, Art Teacher at Cable Elementary School, to install a display of clay creations made by students. The items will remain on display until the end of the school year. On May 1, toddlers, preschoolers, and their grown-ups participated in a Spring Play and Learn event--the Zoo. On Friday April 10, Arlene visited the following locations to provide information on Summer Reading 2019: Cable Elementary School, J.B. Passmore Elementary School, Temple of Praise Early Childhood Center, and La Petite Academy.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson moderated Club de Lectura on April 25; the group discussed *El circo de la noche* (The Night Circus) by Erin Morgenstein. Stephen set up a display with books about dry climate flora at the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society's annual Fiesta San Antonio event. On April 30 Stephen recorded *¡Vamos Oso! (Bike on, Bear)* by Cynthea Liu for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. On May 3, he presented a trivia game emphasizing Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo at the Willie Cortez Senior Center.



Teen Liaison held Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on April 25, May 2 and 9. Guerra held a movie night on April 18 (Bumblebee) and refreshments were provided by the Guerra Friends



Circulation Attendant and Wellness Liaison Abella Lazalde-Jimenez tracked steps for all participating staff; the quarter's winner with the most steps was Library Aide Sabrina Cirilo. She recorded *Sembrando historias--pura belpré: bibliotecaria y narradora de cuentos (Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré)* by Anika Aldamuy Denise for Dial-A-Story in Spanish on April 15.



Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca continued to work on patron contested returns. She planned and presented Knit and Crochet programs on April 16 and 30.

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Children's Services



Children's Librarian Carrie Vance took Story Time outside on April 30 so the children could experience and explore wind and kites. 25 children enjoyed flying their Schaeffer kites along with exploring the wildflowers growing in the area. Parents appreciated the simplicity of the kite-making activity and have since reported making more kites at home along with many fond memories of the experience with their children.

Teen Services



This month at Teen Time the teens had the opportunity to build and paint birdhouses from a kit. They were also able to make magnets, crafts with perler beads and several poetry themed activities such as black-out poetry and haiku. The teens could also write haikus and stick them to the window in the teen space this month for National Poetry Month.



Fiesta Youth of San Antonio hosted a 90's themed LGBTQ prom on May 4 and the San Antonio Public Library Teen Services was there to make buttons and taking photos for the teens using an Instax camera so they could instantly get the photos.

Adult Services



On April 29, the second session of Introduction to Ukulele class was held and it was well received. 16 people attended.. Instructor Eric Lumpkin taught attendees the chords structure of three songs.



On May 1, Igo Mystery book club held their monthly book club by connecting with the author, Linda Castillo through Skype. The book "A gathering of secrets" was discussed followed by a Q&A session. 16 people attended.



On May 10, Igo library hosted a presentation on how to live inspired. Dr. Helen Pankowsky showed how to experience intuition and bioenergy to live an inspired life. 9 people attended and they had a lively discussion after the presentation.

Senior Services



German author, Barbara Ortwein, gave a presentation to the Igo Elderberries on April 30 on her 3 historical novels about the German immigration to the Texas Hill Country. Accompanying the talk was an exhibit with photos, maps, and other information about this topic.

JOHNSTON



During the reporting period, Johnston Library hosted Early Voting from April 22 to 30 to 1,025 voters and celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Month by honoring volunteers with Library Fiesta Medals. Both Branch Manager Monica Bustillo and Teen Librarian Raishell Williams attended Texas Library Association's Annual Conference in Austin during the week of April 15. Johnston hosted Library Assistant Christina Martinez from Great Northwest Library during the renovation period.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Jodi Picoult's A Spark of Light on April 17. Ms. Bustillo participated in the Library's book cart drill team entry in the Battle of the Flowers parade April 26.



Adult Services Librarian Cristine Mitchamore attended NeoGov training in order to assist with hiring decisions as necessary. Ms. Mitchamore's planned Monday Movie, Aquaman, on April 15. Ms. Mitchamore, with the assistance of Great Northwest's Library Assistant Christina Martinez, taught patrons how to create flower crowns and cascarones for Fiesta on April 19. Ms. Mitchamore helped plan and host a Star Wars and Free Comics Day on May 4 celebrating the cultural phenomena of Star Wars. Ms. Mitchamore organized lightsaber duels and droid races. Ms. Mitchamore set up a craft creating Star Wars paper lanterns. Ms. Mitchamore planned and hosted a performance of Classical Bharatanatyam Dance in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on May 11.



The Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham hosted three Toddler Times and three Story Times based on the colors of the rainbow using books, songs and crafts to explore and strengthen early literacy

skills. Johnston hosted a Play and Learn: Zoo Animals session full of center-based activities all involving reading, writing, singing, dancing and playing. Miss Tiffany hosted four Lego Clubs building, playing and creating unique Lego masterpieces. Victoria Liendo, Library Aide, has become an integral part of Toddler Time, Story Time, and Lego Club assisting Miss Tiffany in the preparation and implementation of these programs. Her expertise in children's literature and child development has been a tremendous advantage. On May 4, Free Comic Book Day, in conjunction with Teen and Adult Services Librarians, Miss Tiffany created a Be Your Own Superhero station, a Star Wars Come and Go Craft for patrons to make adorable paper plate Porgs, and manned the green screen for participants to take photos and drop them into their favorite Star Wars background. Miss Tiffany hosted a Come and Go Fun session making Mother's Day cards to show appreciation and gratitude for mothers. The outreach events attended by Miss Tiffany included parent presentations and family literacy events on Dia de los Ninos at local elementary schools Sky Harbour and Hidden Cove. Miss Tiffany also spoke with parents about the Summer Reading Program at Southwest High Head Start and at parent meeting Coffee with the Principal at Sun Valley Elementary. Miss Tiffany completed in-house trainings on how to create lists and spine labels in Millennium and attended Libguide Training.



Teen Librarian Raishell Williams attended the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Austin. The theme this year was "Transforming our libraries, ourselves". Mrs. Williams attended 16 sessions in 3 days bringing the ideas and practices back to the Johnston branch with hopes to implement the new training.



Mrs. Williams with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas and volunteer Deborah B. hosted three - teen programs for the time period April 15, 2019 – May 12, 2019; with Library Aide Mrs. Blancas and volunteer Deborah B. hosting Teen Programming on Wednesday April 17th while teen librarian Ms. Williams attended TLA.. During the Month of March Johnston teens focused on community and creativity.



Raishell attended two outreach assignments, Woodstone Elementary with teen librarian Ms. Garcia from Tobin at Oakwell library and Stacey Jr/Sr High School to promote SAPL's Summer Reading Program. Ms. Williams participated in one community event (Free Comic Book Day at Johnston Library), one webinar in association with Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and attended one teen meeting at Central library.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson taught a weekly class called Conversational Spanish, on Monday, April 15, 22, and 29. Participants learned interactive lessons about El tiempo pasado perfecto, (Perfect Past Tense), El tiempo pasado imperfecto (Imperfect Past Tense), y El presente del Subjuntivo (The Present Subjunctive.), respectively. She also served as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish), and she recorded a children's book for the week of April 22, El sueño de Chocolate (Chocolate's Dream) by Elizabeth Blasco and illustrated by Cha Coco.

LANDA

Children



Baby Time and Toddler Time continue to have high attendance. Children's librarian Robin Alcorta created some new toys for the program using recyclable materials. The new toys are a favorite of one little guy. He claimed all three toys, while other littles looked on with anticipation waiting for him to finish playing with them.



STEAM Time at Landa was quite fun this month. Children made artbots using snap circuits purchased through an Amazon gift card provided by the Friends of Landa. Children also played around with rock science. They made their own rock collection boxes, measured and tested rocks and minerals, and weighed rocks using a balance created with Legos.



The Tween graphic novel book club hosted on April 23 allowed tweens to explore coding using perler beads and a free online coding program.



Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley attended the annual Sunshine Cottage Family Summer Fun Fair with Library Aide Ella Mertz. The two staff members promoted the Library's Summer Reading Program, as well as ongoing programs and services. Landa is grateful to have been invited back for a third year to the Fair.



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta and Adult Librarian Karen Sebesta coordinated two Come and Go craft days: Fiesta and Mother's Day. Fiesta Come and Go Craft day was all about floats. Families could come in and design their own Fiesta float using a variety of boxes. The Mother's Day Come and Go Craft Day let families show their creative side for making someone special in their life a flower card.

Teen



Landa Teens continued to explore exciting new ideas this month in their weekly programming. Alongside Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley, the group held their monthly Cooking Club after a much debated, week-long vote, choosing a theme of Grilled Cheese Hacks. They demoed variants of the classic snack to each other, sharing skills and cultivating new ones. The group had their first Way Back Wednesday: Movie and Craft night with a screening of Bumblebee and competitive Lego building. During gaming night, Ms. Corley gave an impromptu training of SAPL's homework resources, sharing quick tutorials of Brainfuse to the teens using the time to study for upcoming finals. Because of the positive response, Ms. Corley planned to offer more one-on-one instruction to interested teens in the upcoming weeks.



Ms. Corley also attended Edison High School's annual Literacy Night, where she and Westfall Teen Librarian, Daniella Toll, shared SAPL teen program and homework resources to almost thirty teens and their teachers.



Landa's Teen Study Spot, provided three days per week after school, gave dedicated space for teens to study and socialize while Drop-In Volunteering continued to receive weekly attendance of teens interested in one-time volunteer opportunities. The Drop-In shifts have consistently been utilized by regular teen volunteers to meet their needs of flexible schedules.

Adult



Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta was invited back to St. David's School to do her story time for children ages two through five during the school's celebration of Children's Book Week. Her programs are filled with music which she accompanies on an electric keyboard. She particularly enjoys

these special events because, as she tells the children and teachers, she can share her favorite books such as Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, Move Over, Rover, and pop-up books such as Journey to the Moon.



The Reader's Ink and Landa Mystery Book groups continue to have good attendance. One special member is well-known Texas watercolorist Clay McGaughy who accompanies his wife, Patsy, to the event. He always shares his commentary from the artist's perspective.



The book club at The Village at the Incarnate Word has a steady membership of 6 or 7 members. This group is one of the many programs that meets at The Village. All programs are open to the public. At least one of the club's regulars is not an Village resident but participates actively in their varied program offerings.



Karen's other outreach, at the Kenwood Senior Center, did a mock-Faberge egg decorating craft in April, in observance of Easter. This group is enthusiastic and participants always enter asking "What are we making today?"

LAS PALMAS



On Monday, April 15th the Las Palmas Library celebrated Easter during Family Fun. Children and their families decorated plastic eggs with glitter, tissue paper, or paper cutouts. Children also created collages of hatching eggs, which did not only contain chickens, but anything the children could imagine, including dinosaurs and superheroes.



The Las Palmas Branch offered many crafts and activities to celebrate San Antonio's Fiesta. During Family Fun on April 22, families created mini-floats using small boxes. The branch provided boxes, craft paper, glue, die cut shapes, paint, markers, string, and lots of glitter. The Fiesta theme was continued for Story-Time on Tuesday, April 23. In addition to a fun Fiesta craft, children listened to stories on art and creativity. The book I Don't Draw, I Color! by Adam Lehrhaupt was read so that children could see that no matter what kind of float they produced, it should be fun to create.



For Family Fun on April 29 children played several board games and put together puzzles. Chutes and Ladders was the most popular board game of the day. Children really enjoyed putting together puzzles that had superheroes, especially the Avengers.



Family Fun on Monday May the 6th was all about building. The theme "Build with Us" encouraged children to create structures using a variety of building sets. The straws and connectors set was the most popular, followed in popularity by classic Tinkertoys. Children could also use a Crystal Climbers STEM kit and the youngest patrons built using Jumbo LEGOS.



On Tuesday May 7th, children participated in a Come & Go Craft. Children and their adults could create butterflies with craft sticks, coffee filters, and their imagination.



Teen Librarian Connie Hejl joined the Las Palmas Friends to promote the branch to people of all ages at Día De Los Niños held at Port San Antonio. The official Fiesta event featured games, vendors, music and more. The Friends gave out small prizes for children playing a beanbag toss game while Connie spoke to local teens about programs the library offers.



Connie Hejl and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos, along with several other volunteers, represented Teen Services at the May 4th San Japan Mini Mini Con. This free event featured cosplay and highlighted Japanese anime with vendors, a cosplay contest, and voice actor panels. SAPL volunteers helped teens make buttons and had a coloring area. They also promoted the upcoming summer reading program to the teens.



For National Poetry Month, Las Palmas held an open mic poetry reading on Saturday, April 13. The event was well attended and included 98 year old Jesus Rios Vidales, who regularly performs poetry events at the Esperanza Center. His works were inspirational and his themes focused on love.



On Friday, May 3, Ms. Davila, Librarian II and Elvia Ramos, Library Assistant participated in Urban Art Takeover at the Guadalupe Cultural Center. Ms. Davila and Ms. Ramos made recycle book crafts which were popular with all ages. After the event, several patrons called in to sign up for adult crafting activities.

MAVERICK



The Ladies Choice Book Club met on April 27. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group continued meeting on Sundays in May. The Maverick Writer's Group met on May 11 for its monthly meeting. The Woller Creek Home Association met on April 18. On April 19, Maverick Library hosted a Vaisakhi Dance Program. The professional dancers were dressed in colorful costumes and a provided a great performance.



Maverick celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on May 11 with a Classical Bharatanatyam dance performance. The Bharatanatyam dance featured classical Indian embodying music and story-telling based on the theme. Maverick also welcomed Ms. Chinatsu Oku of East Asia Institute – UTSA on May 11. Ms. Oku discussed and shared Japanese daily life and customs. Maverick hosted the Bexar County Elections Office for the Joint General, Special and Charter Elections during Early voting and Election Day. Maverick Librarians coordinated together making certain opening and closing operations flowed smoothly.



Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, attended the Texas Library Association Conference in Austin from April 15-18. Her 2x2 Committee presented a program and booktalked the 20 books for ages 2 to 2nd grade on the list. Ms. Roberts also attended many informative sessions such as middle grade books/authors, enhancing storytimes, and programming for tweens. She wishes to thank Maverick Library Assistant, Mary Lou Bleichwehl, and Brook Hollow Children's Librarian, Jasmin Salinas, for conducting her programs while she was at conference. Ms. Roberts attended EEO Training on May 7.



Librarian Amy Roberts also spent this time period preparing for the children's summer reading program. As of this writing, she had scheduled four schools to visit and talk about "Over the Moon", the theme for this summer. She has booked performers and created a summer reading calendar for Maverick's programs for kids. In addition, she created a bulletin board that will serve as promotion for "Over the Moon" and when kids finish their reading logs, they will be putting paper rockets with their names on it.



Librarian Amy Roberts continues to weed items from the children's collection and most recently, worked on the Juvenile Biographies.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated five Teen Time programs during the reporting period, assisted by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth. Maverick Teens choose to play board games more often than any other activity. However, most took advantage of the opportunity to plan and make a gift for Mother's Day on May 7. Afterward, they quickly resumed their ongoing Apples to Apples competition.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl coordinated with Marshall High School Librarian Pamela Walters to provide SAPL Outreach during their Spring Fling Fundraiser. Ms. Bleichwehl promoted the Summer Reading Program, the availability of live tutors on Brainfuse HelpNow and access to Advance Placement Practice Exams through the SAPL databases. The event took place in the courtyard of Marshall High School during all three lunch periods which gave Ms. Bleichwehl the opportunity to speak with hundreds students on May 3 as they gathered with friends at the outdoor picnic tables.

McCRELESS



The Children's librarian has a weekly Tween Time and Toddler Time program. Tween Time has been slow growing, but the department hopes it continues to grow and flourishes. On April 12, Children's librarian, Rozanna, hosted a Titanic program. She reached out to Premiere Exhibits who donated 40 boarding passes with a real person and their travel details on the back. The meeting room was laid out like a game board, at the beginning, the patron received a boarding pass, and they embarked on their journey. The game took them past building the ship, the class stories, life on the ship, past a real life iceberg to touch, then past the hitting the iceberg, getting onto lifeboats, then at the end were able to find their person and learn the history of what happened to the person. It was very well received! It was a very unique event.



McCreless teens decided on baking cupcakes and making doughnuts as their food crafts this reporting period. Due to early voting, teens met in the Teen Area for one night and had an Anime theme featuring *My Hero Academia*, Pocky and candy sushi. Teens went old school another night and played games like Labyrinth, Uno and Jenga.



The Mini-mini Con at Wonderland Mall is another place one could find Ms. DeBow. In addition to sharing about upcoming teen programs and summer reading, there was button-making, coloring and a much appreciated cosplay repair station.



Librarian DeBow worked the Young Pegasus Award Ceremony at the Guadalupe Theater. As her first time at this event, DeBow was impressed and touched by the variety of topics and issues addressed through the poems written by San Antonio youth and teens.



Teens at Highlands High School had the pleasure of having Librarian DeBow in the library during lunch one day. She invited teens to make a button and hear about the Teen Summer Reading program and other upcoming teen events and opportunities. She collected 4 library card applications and handed out 2 volunteer applications.



McCreless Walking Club meets the first and third Monday of each month. Patrons and staff meet twice a month for this healthy brisk walk at the Southside Lions East Park along the new Howard Peak Greenway trail. The walk is about 2.5 miles and takes about an hour. New participants enjoyed the outstanding weather and terrific scenery.



Scrapbooking and Art Journaling Class met on Saturday May 4th as part of the D.I.Y. U program. This class had a great turnout and patrons did a variety of scrapbooking and art journaling activities assisted by McCreless' staff. Activities included creating and assembling scrapbook pages along with alcohol ink paintings and free form collages and mixed media creations. This is a monthly program.



The Book Club at McCreless met May 11 to discuss *Dunbar* by Edward St. Aubyn. The discussion centered on how closely related this novel followed Shakespeare's King Lear. There was a beneficial discussion about being open to differing opinions about books in book clubs.



On April 15, the branch hosted a program called Quest for Thrones, in celebration of the beginning of the eighth and final season of the TV series Game of Thrones. Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales, with the assistance of many staff members, offered a variety of activities for fans of the show including button making, a dragon egg craft, green screen photos, and refreshments from the show (which were purchased with funds provided by the Friends of McCreless). LA Gonzales promoted this event through a variety of channels, which led to the event being featured in an article in the San Antonio Current. The event was well attended and those in attendance appreciated the opportunity to celebrate the show with their fellow fans.

MEMORIAL

Children's Services



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall completed her second semester of Spanish class at UNAM, courtesy of COSA's scholarship program.



Mrs. Deffendall contributed to the Children's Services Blog with a review of *Spy School*, by Stuart Gibbs



The Fourth of May was celebrated by Mrs. Deffendall's Star Wars Storytime and the screening of the movie: *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. Children attended dressed up in Star Wars attire.



The branch hosted "Symphony at SAPL", with trombonist Steve Peterson.



A bilingual class from Loma Park Elementary surprised Mrs. Deffendall by coming to explore the library and apply for library cards.

Teen Services



Teen liaison and circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa introduced "Cheesy Tuesday Nights" with a side of stitch poetry, blackout poetry and by utilizing these tools has been able to make

contact and engage more teens through video games, arts and cheesy food. Three separate groups from Memorial High School are coming in to the branch ready to congregate, partake in grilled cheese sandwiches, work together in video games and learn to make new friends during Teen Time and various days throughout the week.



The group has been garnering some attention from kids who are ready to start the weekend with building structures or hunting dragons in Minecraft. It started off with building an exact replica of the Memorial Branch in Minecraft and then learning that there is more in the realm than just building. The group has grown exponentially, from one teen the first couple of weeks to five regulars.



Mr. Sosa continues to maintain contact with the students of TolTech Academy and the industry partners who helped make the “Code Jammers” (the student group who created a video game to demonstrate the necessity for Rectify in the business world) a success. The group ensured their program Rectify was a success.



Michelangelo has also been collaborating with other staffers to help bring the annual events: Teen Arts Fest and the Rock the Plaza events to full fruition in the Fall of this year 2019.



Michelangelo attended the Teen Liaison and Librarian meeting, where he received and brought back to the branch materials and supplies for further programming for the Summer Reading Program.



Mr. Sosa will be collaborating with the Adult Services Librarian with bringing the Facebook Group for the branch to the public.



Mr. Sosa and Mrs. Deffendall have been planning and coordinating efforts about developing a Summer Tween Time program at the branch.

Adult Services



The branch celebrated Fiesta by making colorful confetti filled cascarones. Participants of all ages could dye or color their eggs, along with decorating them with stickers and stencils. Fourteen people joined the fun.



Another Fiesta event celebrated at the branch was the door decoration contest coordinated by Central library. The door was decorated with this year's current poster theme: accordions. Patrons complimented on the doors decoration and gladly provided input for next year's door decoration contest.



National Poetry Month was supported by the branch with a post-it poetry program. Patrons were invited to write a poem on a post-it note, and then post the poem on our display case. Five patrons participated.



Memorial continued hosting an art exhibit for Contemporary Art Month. The artist is Carlos Loera from Collins Garden branch library. His artwork was on display until May 12, and patrons appreciate his sharing his art work.

Branch Services



The branch served as an Early Voting polling place and Election Day voting site for Bexar County Elections. This was an election held to select the Mayor for the city of San Antonio and between San Antonio city council representatives.



UT Health Services provided an information table at the entrance to the branch. The topic of informational discussion was the warning signs of cancer and treatment available through different programs available through UT Health Services.



Library Assistant Rene Leija represented the branch at the Barrio Network meeting on April 25th



Mr. Leija screened the movie *Cinco de Mayo: La Batalla* in observance of Cinco de Mayo.



On May 6, Mr. Leija was interviewed by a student from St. Mary's University English department for a media project about culture in the Westside of San Antonio.



Branch manager Maria Gonzales visited with St. Jude Catholic Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church and Holy Family Catholic Church to promote current and upcoming branch programs.



Author of the month selected is Gary Soto American poet and novelist. He was raised in the farming communities of San Joaquin Valley, California. By his own claim, Mr. Soto was not a bright student. He didn't become interested in literature until he was in high school. It was in secondary schools that he was influenced by the works of Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Jules Verne, Robert Frost and Thornton Wilder. At the University of California Irvine, he was the first Mexican American to earn a M.F.A. Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Pablo Neruda influenced his writings in his higher education studies. Mr. Soto's work depicts children and adolescent lives' daily experiences as Chicanos.



Basic crochet class and jewelry making class continue to attract different ages and gender. Both classes are held on every Wednesday: crochet classes are in the morning and jewelry classes are during the afternoon every week. Due to this weeks' rainy day not many patrons were expected but the group surprised the branch by coming in and working on their creations.

MISSION



Mission was an early voting site for the recent election.



The Friends of Mission Library had their bi-annual book sale on Saturday, April 20th.

Teens



Summer is right around the corner and teens at Mission Branch are anticipating the programs in the coming months. Teens selected activities that they wanted to participate in during the summer,

creating their own schedule of events including movie nights, game nights, and a Super Smash Brothers tournament to finish the summer.



Teens enjoyed the spring weather this month by making their own ice cream in plastic baggies. The Teen K-Pop Club was in full swing this month, drawing in teens from several neighboring schools for an opportunity to sing along and learn dances to K-Pop videos.

PAN AMERICAN



The Pan American Branch Library hosted a Citizenship Information Session presented by American Gateways. The presentation provided information about benefits, requirements and the overall process for applying for citizenship.



The Pan American Library hosted a resume building workshop and online job seeking tips. This session was presented by Mr. John Horton. He provided valuable tips on making a resume more marketable.



Ms. Garza continued to support the Pokémon Champions group to grow. New Pokémon trainers were introduced to the group and were very eager to learn how to play the Pokémon trading card game.



Library Assistant Cassie Garza conducted a food demonstration with the teen group. Teens made melted chocolate caramel cracker treats. The teen group used a toaster oven to melt the chocolate and caramel pieces onto a cracker and once the chocolate was melted placed another cracker on top. The teens have made this treat before but absolutely love making them again and again.



The Pan American teen group played several popular video games during the regular teen time at Pan American library. Several of the teens love playing Just Dance and found videos of the Just Dance videos on YouTube and used that to dance along. The teen group step things into gear by playing each other multiple rounds of Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch.



Ms. Garza showed the teens how to make piñatas. The teen group was shown an alternative method to using papier-mâché. The method involved using cardboard and tissue paper. Teens drew out their designs on cardboard and cut it out. The cardboard pieces were held together with masking tape and tissue paper was glued on the cardboard pieces. Several of the teens are going to showcase their finished work in the Pan American teen area.



Legos Club continues to attract children to build and express themselves. This past month Valerie Shelley, the Children's Librarian, timed the children as they completed specific projects. The children liked the intensity it brought to the STEM activity. They completed more original and creative designs than in the recent past when timed.



Bugs took over Toddler Time in April and May. Children learned about various insects, their home environments and food they eat.



The Texas Story Time came to an end May 8, 2019. This collaborative was a pilot program with the Humanities Texas group. It involved the Humanities Texas, Pan American Branch Library and a local school, Columbia Heights Elementary School. All teams brought various elements to the table to assist parents and students to implement reading at home in different ways (playing, reading, singing/music, writing, and talking). Book selection was made from a bilingual list emphasizing latino environments. Books were available in Spanish, and English when available, and given to the family at the end of the evening event for the specific book. All but one participating families spoke Spanish at home. Columbia Heights ES was selected due to their STAAR scoring the school as low performing. Guest storytellers included the authors Carmen Tafolla, Xavier Garza and Xelena González.



Jessica Arriola from Metropolitan Health District met with Valerie to discuss some possible programs for the children. Alternating Monday evenings for programs was discussed. We talked about programs dealing with nutrition and health issues as well as some programs with on-site food preparation. Target audience for Jessica is low income, impoverished areas on the Southside of San Antonio.



Outreach continued for the migrant worker families enrolled at Child Development Institute. May 2, 2019 was the last story time for these children as the families are moving on to other areas. Plans were made to restart the story time and book borrowing program in the fall when the institute reopens for the school year.



Valerie attended a Parent Coffee meeting at Gilbert Elementary School and provided the parents with information about library programs and the Summer Reading Program, Over the Moon. She took a tour of the school library and met Ms. Garcia, the librarian, and Ms. Gamboa, the library assistant.



Adult Services Librarian Adrian Leal hosted adult coloring at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. Adrian returned to the senior center with a book full of intricate mandalas for people to color.



Pan American Branch continues to hold 3D printing demonstrations. On average, 10-15 patrons per day stop to watch and inquire about the 3D printer. Small key chains are printed to show the how the printer works and for patrons to have a small trinket to take home with them.

PARMAN



Like many of the branches in the San Antonio Public Library system, Parman had the special privilege of being selected as a polling site for early voting. This voting season saw a modest turnout and passed without incident no doubt thanks in part to Parman's flexible and efficient staff. Voting judges expressed their sincere appreciation regarding what they deemed as very pleasant interactions with the Parman staff. The library itself received several compliments from voters, most of whom had not visited the branch before, regarding how bright the building was and how friendly the staff was.



The Parman staff welcomed our new circulation attendant Maria Trevino who had previously been at Memorial Library. Maria quickly fit in with the team and has been very successful in becoming popular with many of our patrons on account of her excellent customer service skills and professionalism.

The Parman staff also welcomed our new library aide Alexandria Hamner, who is quickly adapting to the processes and routines of the SAPL system and the Parman library.



May the Fourth book displays swept across the Parman library celebrating all things STAR WARS. The adult display is annually prepared by Library Assistant Keith Kisser and this year he collaborated with children's librarian Katie Thonen to ensure each all areas of the Parman library had a collection of STAR WARS books, DVDs, and graphic novels to choose from. Even life-size Yoda strategically placed at the Circulation desk was offering his daily favorite books to visiting patrons. These displays most definitely put Parman in a galaxy far, far away.



Parman Café continues to deliver special presentations for the adult community. Cindy Ramos, a speech and language development assistant, came to the branch to share her knowledge on milestones to look for in speech development in young children. The tips about how to engage with your child to help build their communication skills through play and daily activities were highly regarded by the community.



To celebrate all things Fiesta Parman Café invited patrons to try a healthy spin on the much beloved taco. Jackfruit was the main ingredient for these spicy and scrumptious vegan tacos. Accompanied by a fresh made sweet mango salsa the smell of the dish that filled the air put library goers in the mood for Fiesta food.

POTRANCO



Paschal Booker, Circulation Attendant, moderated the Potranco Book Club (PBC). The May book selection was Luis Alberto Urrea's novel *The House of Broken Angels*, which, save for one exception, was lauded as the favorite book of all previous selections read. As expected, the discussion was quite animated and enthusiastic. One of the members, however, begged to differ, finding the book too raw and somewhat vulgar for her sensibilities. PBC welcomed and appreciated her contrary opinions. One of the hallmarks of the PBC is to encourage venturing out into new and unfamiliar narrative territory, while at the same time coming to an understanding of what kind of books feed our members' reading tastes.

At the end of the meeting, there was a discussion of the past two book selections with the merry contrarian; while she had been unable to join us, she had read both books, and was particularly fond of John Phillip Santos's memoir *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation*.

Our June reading selection is Jacqueline Woodson's *Brown Girl Dreaming*, which will be an interesting departure for the club, as the book is a memoir in verse and classified in the Juvenile book section. Members were open to this "twist," and are looking forward to the June meeting.



The Potranco Writers Group held its second and third meetings. The second meeting was an "impromptu" meeting one week after the inaugural meeting on April 11th, in order to allow members to read and respond to a screenplay by a member who was under some deadline pressures relating to a number of competitions she is entering.

Five writers attended our regularly scheduled Second Thursday meeting on May 11th, with two writers presenting work for review: the first writer shared a piece of flash fiction and the second writer offered two astonishing poems. Both writers received valuable appreciation and feedback, as the group is rapidly establishing the trust necessary for such an essential process to unfold.

The group has decided to meet twice-monthly, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, the better to accommodate the growing number of writers who wish to share their work.



On May 1, babies and their grownups enjoyed songs, rhymes and stories, followed by play and socializing time with Mr. Brian (temporarily assigned to Potranco from Semmes Branch).



On May 1, toddlers and their grownups enjoyed duck-themed songs and rhymes and participated in a felt board retelling of Duck Sock Hop by Jane Kohuth, illustrated by Jane Porter. Ms. Randi (temporarily assigned to Potranco from Semmes Branch) presented this program.



On May 1, preschoolers and their grownups enjoyed fish-themed songs and rhymes and The Three Little Fish and the Big, Bad Shark by Ken Geist, illustrated by Julia Gorton. Then, they learned a little about Children's Day in Japan (May 5) and made a paper Koinobori kite to fly. Ms. Randi (temporarily assigned to Potranco from Semmes Branch) presented this program.



Lisa Leandro, Abbey Jepson and Miranda O'Neill put together a Fiesta program for adults. Six attendees came even though this craft was not the easiest; patrons appreciated an adult only craft that allowed them personal time to decompress. Patrons got to have some "me" time and they enjoyed themselves.



Lisa Leandro created a series of daily programs for the May the 4th be with you. Tolkien Tuesday, Waffle Wednesday, and Teen Titans go to the Movies. Customers appreciated the daily programs.



Cindy Moreno, Assistant Branch Manager, met with the Alicia Trevino Senior Book & Movie Group to discuss *Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn. Some of the attendees were uncomfortable with the violence of the book but most agreed that the author wrote really well. Some stayed to watch the HBO series.



The second Tween Book group discussion was held in mid-April and moderated by Ms. Moreno. The book *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson was a hit with attendees.



There have been several welcoming staff changes during this time period. Oscar Gonzalez has returned to his branch and Morgan Yoshimura is the Interim Assistant Branch Manager. Randi Jones and Brian Douglass, Children's Librarians from Semmes, are temporarily at Potranco helping out while Semmes gets renovated. Paschal Booker was promoted to full time Circulation Attendant. Cindy Moreno is now officially transferred to Potranco as the Assistant Branch Manager.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Children



Pruitt Children's program has a new event this spring called Tales with Tails. It is a collaboration between the Roosevelt High School Science Club and Madison High School Dog Therapy Program. The event has really been growing in popularity, and will continue throughout the summer.

Youngsters have an opportunity to interact with the therapy dogs while listening to stories. This month's event featured a Mother's Day theme. Kids listened to different stories, and they prepared cards using cupcake liners, construction paper, and markers.



Children and families attending a recent Kids' Time event were thrilled to assist with the release of monarch butterflies into the Roosevelt Community Garden. Many patrons visiting the library previously were enthralled to witness the four states of metamorphosis until all thirty butterflies could be seen flying around the net habitat. Families also participated in a tour of the garden with its abundance of plants and vegetables.

Teens



The Lunchtime Chess For Teens programming allowed teens enrolled at RHS or available during the day (home schooled, charter school students, or otherwise available) an opportunity to play chess and meet other teens in the community who share their interest in the game.



In keeping with the tradition of Easter egg making, Pruitt Teens created and custom decorated hand-molded, egg pendants.



To acknowledge Earth Day, teen programming consisted of Earth Day crafting. Projects created bird feeders and other crafts commemorating love for planet Earth.



Teen leaders continued to attend events and provide feedback and suggestions for future programs and events. The close of April found Pruitt Teen Leaders working coordinating an end of school year Open Mic event scheduled to take place next month.

Adults



Adults enjoyed learning the Turkish art form Ebru, the art of paper marbling taught by Nihal Sonmez. There will be an exhibit of the beautiful paintings later in May. Ebru was also taught at SNAP to the delight of the participants. They are looking forward to seeing their work in the exhibit.



The Naturalized Citizenship classes are going strong. The participants were given "Future Voter" stickers in honor of the recent election.



Adults made poppers using toilet paper tubes and balloons and decorating them with scrapbook paper and tissue paper. Participants enjoyed filling the popper with confetti, anticipating popping them in celebration.



TGIF Adult Book Club are enjoying their reading selections. Next book is *The Balcony* by Jane Delury.

SAN PEDRO



Outreach Story Time Programs—Betsy Dalton presented monthly story times to children at Laurel Heights Methodist Weekday School. Although unable to present story time to her usual preschools and daycares (due to a slow healing injury), with the help of Library Aide Nick Salenga, who carried bags of books to and from her car, Ms. Dalton was able to deliver bags of books on topics requested by the teachers.



Kids Time Programs—The Wednesday LEGO Club continues to be the most popular in-house children's program at San Pedro.



Family Fun: Plan and Learn—Ms. Dalton hosted two Come and Go Programs during the week of Earth Day using recycled and reused materials to create the craft projects.



San Pedro Library staff Diana Starrett, Carmen Roja and Nick Salenga went to Park View Apartments and replenished their reading lounge with donations.



San Pedro Library hosted two Birding experts, Tom & Patsy Inglet, docents with Mitchell Lake Audubon Center. They taught participants how to identify birds by their beak, by their color, by the sound they make, by their size, and silhouette. In San Pedro Park, the Inglets shared their binoculars and participants located and identified five different kinds of birds.



The Branch has partnered with CASA (a neighborhood organization) with a display encouraging customers to volunteer and “be the difference in a child’s life.”

SCHAEFER



Weekly children's programs have continued to have strong number through the spring. Children who attended Toddler Time and Story Time during the past month heard stories and sang songs about bunnies, chickens, cats and pizza. Baby Time is nearing the completion of its first year as a program that Schaefer offers. There is a dedicated group of parents who have brought their babies since last summer and now many of them are already walking and some have become big siblings during the year! LEGO Time participants continue to be incredibly creative each week. They enjoy having their creations displayed in the library.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser visited the Evelyn King Headstart on April 18 and on May 9. She reads to kids in two classrooms, the pre-k students and the toddlers.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On April 16, Robot Science Time featured 3D printer demonstrations. Children were also challenged to create mini golf courses using masking tape and cups. Participants could then try out the different golf courses created by other kids. On April 30, Science Tme explored the Schaefer gardens during an interactive nature hike. Children completed a nature scavenger hunt and created leaf prints using fresh leaves and markers.



Teen Time included several activities such as making slime, a movie night, and a “Minute to Win It” game night.



The Craft and Creation Club made cards for elderly clients of the District 2 Senior Center on April 20th. Librarian, Cindy Cruz, took the cards to the center where they were appreciated by the staff and regulars.



Teen volunteers were treated to a pizza party on April 29th. Volunteers received certificates, Schaefer tote bags, and Schaefer Fiesta medals. Volunteers also participated in fun ice breaker games. The Schaefer Friends’ Group generously donated the tote bags, Fiesta medals, as well as a voucher for a free item from the Friends’ book cart.



During the reporting period Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, visited STEM Early College H.S. and assisted teens with a button making and weaving craft. She also assisted other Teen Services librarians at an outreach at the Mini Mini Con. It was estimated that 4000 people attended this event. Cindy helped event goers make buttons and talked to them about the upcoming summer reading program.



Schaefer Library’s Fortnite Sunday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron, has stayed the course and is still a popular program for kids/teens! On Sundays from 4:00-5:00, anyone 13 and older can come and play one of the most popular games in the world at Schaefer Library. Kids 12 and under are allowed to play with parent’s permission. We’ve had this program for ten months now and we still maintain a solid group of attendees with new patrons coming in every so often!



Beginning on February 21st, and continuing every other Thursday - Schaefer Library has hosted the patron requested Pokemon Time. School age patrons gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to share their love of Pokemon and enjoy Pokemon related activities.



Monday evenings at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 1800 to 1930 hours children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer’s Community Flex Space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason M. Tournament Style Chess Sets provided by a generous donation from our friends at Dollar General.



Every other Thursday afternoon, Schaefer hosts the Kid’s Gaming Program. School age children gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Wii U, and Nintendo Switch games in an environment which promotes teamwork, friendly competition, and social interaction. Library Assistant Mason M offers instruction and mediation.



Two Saturdays each month at Schaefer Branch Library, Patrons gather for Zumba! Zumba Instructor, Angelica Guzman, leads an hour long session of enthusiastic dancercise to a lively soundtrack. Patrons shed stress and calories in the air conditioned comfort of the Mays Family Community Flex Space.



On April 28th, patrons gathered at Schaefer Library’s H-E-B Collaborate Room to slay a dragon in a cooperative storytelling experience! For three hours, patrons battled the forces of a young black dragon through characters they have developed and designed. The battle looked grim at times, but the patrons were ultimately successful. They sailed home with their pirate allies – and a cargo hold full of dragon treasure!



Yoga in the Park continues every Friday at the Schaefer Library. Patrons are supplied with yoga mats to use during the class and program attendance has been growing with each class.



Our monthly Zumba program continues in the flex space at Schaefer. Classes are held twice a month and are led by a certified Zumba instructor.



On Wednesday, April 17, the Schaefer Library hosted speaker Sandie Clause. She presented a talk about essential oils to attendees. Following the discussion, attendees were able to ask questions about the oils.



The Schaefer Library hosted the Texana department on Saturday, April 20. Texana Manager Heather Ferguson and Librarian Matt Dewaelsche presented a program on digital preservation. Attendees were able to view the digital preservation lab equipment for transferring older media to a digital format.



The Adult Night Crafters program was held on Wednesday, April 24, and led by Librarian Maria Adams. This month, adult crafters made paper dahlias, and everyone went home with a completed flower to display.



On Saturday, May 11, Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosted a DIY U workshop: Build Your Own Terrarium. The program was a success with nineteen patrons building their own terrarium to take home with them.

SEMMEs



Children's Librarian, Randi Jones, visited Crestview Elementary school on Thursday, April 18th. She attended their annual Bilingual Family Literacy Night. She shared information about library resources with both parents and their children. She was able to talk to about 65 people.



The Thursday Build-It! Program continues to be very popular with Semmes customers. At the last event in April, 11 children and their adults came to build with Legos, as well as with the straws and connectors.



Mary Pena, Circulation Attendant, put on a Fiesta Crafts night on Thursday, April 18th. She had a nice turnout and patrons enjoyed making sombreros, floral Fiesta wreaths, decorative donkeys and colorful fans.



Early voting for the May Municipal election began on Monday, April 22nd and finished on Tuesday, April 30th. During that time, 3602 people turned out to vote at Semmes.



On May 1st, the Semmes library closed for renovations. So far, various work crews have been very busy with many projects. The old Circulation Desk has been removed, the red walls are now a calming shade of blue, the parking lot and parking islands are undergoing improvements and the installation of the new carpet has begun. Staff members have been providing holds pick-up to customers during the

closure. Patrons are excited to see the changes to their branch, and are looking forward to the re-opening on Tuesday, May 28th.

THOUSAND OAKS



This month, Thousand Oaks Children's department focused on gearing up for our Over the Moon-- Summer Reading program. Preparation has begun for our Summer Kickoff Party on June 1, featuring four individual activities, snacks and of course, signing children up for SRP! Additionally, we are preparing materials for all three Children's programs for summer --Kids Time, Story Time and Toddler Time.



Our theme for April 18 Toddler and Story Times was Colors. Children and their adults enjoyed stories, theme related music and movement and rhymes. The activities included mixing colors with water, chalk painting on black paper and play dough.

The theme for April 25 was Shapes. Children and their caregivers listened to stories and rhymes and also played a beanbag game together and learned a special song about recognizing shapes. The related activities included a sensory bin activity digging for shapes, shape tracing with blocks, and dramatic play with a homemade puppet theatre.

May 2 Toddler Time and Story Time theme was Animal Homes. We had several families visiting due to the Semmes library closure and there were over 30 people for each program. Activities included a craft creating a nest from a paper bag and coloring eggs and a bird. Children and families also enjoyed a visual song/photo activity about recognizing animal homes.



The branch hosted a zoo-themed Play and Learn on May 9. Children and their adults enjoyed stories, music and themed activities. Attendees enjoyed the following activities: washing zoo animals, play dough, zoo collaborative poster, making zoo animal habitats, spelling animal names, feeding the seals activity.



Lea Ann McDonald, our Children's Librarian, presented all of the Summer Reading materials—reading logs, bookmarks, registration forms and an overview of the sign up procedures for children at the staff meeting.

Ms. McDonald also volunteered to assist at the annual Young Pegasus event and spoke to staff about the event, its 93 year history, and the opportunity for children to experience the competition and be published.



The Thousand Oaks Teens did a variety of activities this month. They played video games, listened to music, made tissue paper flowers to celebrate Fiesta, watched The Little Mermaid, and played Connect 4. Snacks were plentiful and everyone had a good time.



The Thursday Book Group's selection for April was Barbara Kingsolver's Unsheltered. The book is the story of two families and their experience with their old, dilapidated home. The story interweaves the past and present to explore the human capacity for resiliency and compassion in times of great upheaval. Thatcher is intrigued by the writings of Charles Darwin and isn't allowed to discuss Mr. Darwin's work in his classroom. In the parallel story, Willa has to take on caring for her father-in-law, recently widowed son, and activist daughter all while trying to find a way to deal with her home's foundation

problems. The book created quite a discussion among club members with some really enjoying the story and others finding fault in the characters and subject matter. Healthy refreshments were provided.



April's selection for the North East Senior Center Book Club was *Poison*, by John Lescroart. The story about a single mother wrongly accused of murder drew mixed reviews from the group. While some readers disliked the sparse writing style and easily solved murder, others enjoyed the scenery and characters. One reader enjoyed the book so much that she read two other novels in the series. The group requested librarian Theresa Garza select more involved mysteries for next time.



The branch hosted Saturday afternoon screenings of movies in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, to help patrons be prepared for the release of *Avengers Endgame* on April 26. Patrons were able to catch up on *Avengers Infinity War* and *Dr Strange*.



American Gateways hosted an information session on April 22 about the benefits, requirements, and process of applying for US Citizenship. This was part of a series of sessions offered throughout the system to prepare prospective citizens for the COSA hosted Mega Application Session on May 11.



Crafty Adults attended another successful Sunday Crafternoon session on April 28. Patrons built their own wooded bird feeder to hang in their yards, with help from librarian Theresa Garza and two of Thousand Oaks' Teen Volunteers.



On May 4, Thousand Oaks served as a General Election polling place for the Mayoral and City Council elections, for precincts 4096 and 4099. Staff is anticipating a runoff election in June.



In partnership with the US Bone and Joint Initiative, and as part of Older Americans Month (May), the branch hosted an information session on osteoporosis and bone health on May 6. Guest speaker David Salgado, PT at Northeast Baptist Hospital, informed attendees on preventative measures and warning signs.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



The branch hosted Early Voting April 22 – 30 with very good turnout. Tobin at Oakwell had 3,210 voters for Early Voting and Election Day on May 4. The branch was the sixth busiest library branch for voting this election.



Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler, was a co-presenter with Ana Menchaca from Forest Hills and Interim Children's Coordinator, Cresencia Huff, at Texas Library Association's Annual Conference in Austin on April 15. The topic for the presentation was services to Spanish speaking patrons. Presenters from Houston Public Library and Austin Public Library also served on the panel.



Ms. Braeuler continues with sizeable crowds at the nearly 40 programs she plans or hosts each month. On April 19, Teen Librarian, Karah Garcia, helped read stories and host Tobin's monthly Bilingual Story Time with Ms. Braeuler.



Ms. Braeuler attended Southwest Preparatory School's Community Fair on April 25. She shared information on library services including upcoming Summer Reading and special programs.



San Antonio Gamers partner with the branch to have Dungeon and Dragons gaming each Thursday evening. Participants age range from middle school to college students as all gamers are avid about this role playing game. The group has grown considerably since its inception a couple of years ago.



Assistant Manager, Rhonda Woolhouse, shared Star Wars Trivia and gave away free books and key chains as part of "May the 4th Be With You" day on May 4.



Adult programs continue with a variety of offerings. The Interesting Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month. On May 1, their selection to discuss was George Saunders' *Lincoln on the Bardo*. The book has an interesting supernatural twist on President Lincoln during the Civil War.



A new book club has started meeting on Sunday afternoons and their latest title is Jonathan Franzen's *The Corrections*. Winner of the National Book Award, this is a story of an American family "in an age of easy fixes".



Ms. Woolhouse reached out to adults and seniors at Los Patios' Community Fair on April 25 to offer volunteer opportunities and share library program and special events coming up in the near future.



Ms. Garcia has been the lead for teen programs and After School Fun Time during the month of April. April saw an impressive total of twelve programs with 775 teens attending, partially due to the SA Food Bank snacks served after school Monday through Friday.



Ms. Garcia collaborated with Raishell Williams, Teen Librarian from Johnston branch, to host a table at Woodstone Elementary's Family Health and Resource Night on May 2. The two shared summer reading and free summer lunch program flyers and gave away free comics. Attendees created clever buttons to take home during the event also.

WESTFALL



In April and May, the Westfall Branch Library provided a variety of programs and services to the community. There were weekly programs for all ages and a wide range of topics. In addition to many events hosted at the branch, the staff was also able to offer off site services as well as outreach.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian, Imelda Merino, visited daycares in the service areas and brought the children a variety of books to read. Additionally, Ms. Merino held weekly children's programs such as story time, kids and toddler times. The programs consisted of some stories and fun activities to wrap up the day.



On Saturday, April 27th, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino and volunteer Nathan Lott hosted a Fiesta Music Family Fun event. Using an idea that Nathan Lott had provided, children had fun making their own simple maracas using spoons and pinto beans. Stories about different kinds of music were also shared..



On Saturday May 11th, Westfall hosted a “I SOL'D with SOLI” contest winner performance. The event gave students an opportunity to perform with a SOLI musician at a concert in the community. Patrons and staff enjoyed a mini piano concert on the public floor at the branch.



On Fridays, the Westfall Branch continued to host students from the One for Autism Academy located in the neighborhood. The students visited the branch to check out library books as well as participate in an activity. Teen Librarian, Daniella Toll has been working with the students since the beginning of the school year.



Teen Librarian, Daniella Toll continued to host math tutoring on Saturdays from 1-3pm at Westfall. Three 10th and 11th grade volunteers from Health Careers help mostly middle school students with math up to algebra II. Additionally, the branch has Teen Time every Wednesday from 5-7pm, where young adults participated in fun activities and games.



Ms. Toll reported that the Westfall teens requested to have a Fiesta themed program in April. The teen time Fiesta/Easter celebration events included painting cascarones, an outdoor scavenger hunt and egg hunt. Teens' favorite part of the day was the scavenger hunt. Completing in two teams, they ran along gleefully solving clues and finding hints along the outdoor course, trying to beat the other team to the end.



The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the “Stranger than Fiction” and “Third Thursday” book clubs. Books read this month included Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott and Today Will be Different by Maria Semple. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



In May, the Westfall LEARN Center ESL (English as a second language) program grew by leaps and bounds thanks to a group of incredible volunteers. A new Conversation Club was added on Wednesday nights led by former teacher Jason Stern. The evening gathering gave students more personal attention, while catering to busy schedules. Current high school teacher Caresa Medellin continued her dedicated Saturday morning tutoring, providing a rare free 1-on-1 opportunity for students to learn with a native speaker. Texas State doctoral candidate and former ESL teacher HeeJae Chung continued to teach on Saturday afternoons every other week, bringing her much-appreciated expertise and energy into the classroom. Finally, ESL teacher and teaching certification candidate Matthew Alonzo began assisting, and will soon begin his own tutoring sessions on the weekends. LEARN at Westfall is lucky to have these specialized volunteers, and branch staff is very grateful for their willingness to share their gifts with the community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

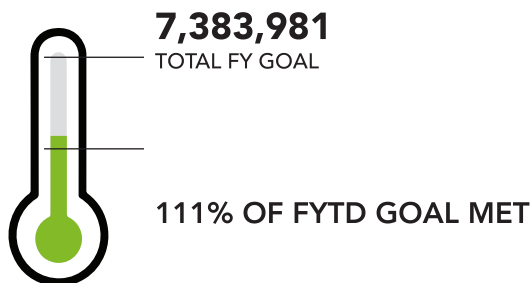
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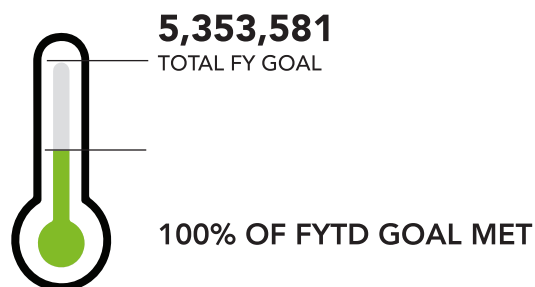
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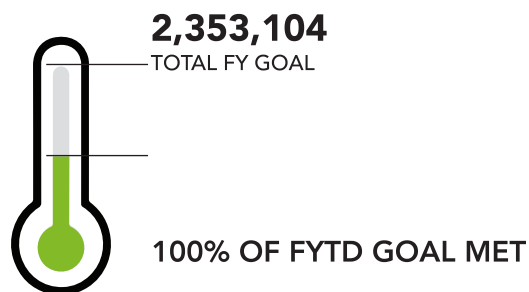
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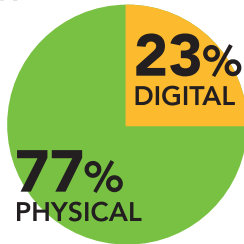
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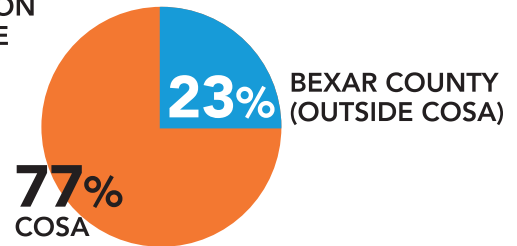
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2019

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2019



1,411,587
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

622,589
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

884,648
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

879,996
FACEBOOK
REACH

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2019



202,052
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

40,867
ADULT PROGRAMS

38,851
TEEN PROGRAMS

122,334
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

APRIL MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



MasterChef Junior at Guerra



Mission City Film Festival

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Apr 2019 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	3,761	9,655	5,711	1,400	4,311
Brook Hollow	23,568	24,162	5,721	1,226	4,495
Carver	3,992	7,519	3,532	1,457	2,075
Central	23,364	50,016	39,406	11,228	28,178
Cody	29,610	24,115	7,148	1,445	5,703
Collins Garden	5,000	6,311	3,710	1,474	2,236
Cortez	5,320	8,313	3,925	1,181	2,744
Encino	14,213	12,936	4,788	432	4,356
Forest Hills	6,156	7,572	3,788	918	2,870
Great Northwest	11,800	12,189	3,645	920	2,725
Guerra	9,187	11,856	5,972	1,662	4,310
Igo	26,982	26,430	7,935	1,190	6,745
Johnston	9,425	9,935	3,711	1,247	2,464
Landa	11,302	11,520	2,486	690	1,796
Las Palmas	4,592	10,922	4,154	1,448	2,706
Maverick	23,390	15,470	5,073	1,470	3,603
McCreless	8,894	16,992	4,837	1,524	3,313
Memorial	5,822	9,472	4,682	1,121	3,562
Mission	10,549	17,605	7,062	1,667	5,395
Pan American	5,068	11,445	3,184	1,274	1,910
Parman	24,115	28,036	5,126	726	4,400
Potranco	16,218	13,002	13,303	925	12,378
Pruitt	5,828	16,381	3,378	956	2,422
San Pedro	4,005	5,588	2,259	607	1,652
Schaefer	7,544	10,370	5,172	939	4,233
Semmes	20,659	15,806	6,779	1,755	5,023
Thousand Oaks	8,473	10,654	4,763	1,030	3,733
Tobin	16,229	19,405	4,345	1,397	2,949
Westfall	13,576	15,052	7,032	2,315	4,716
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,256	400	N/A	400
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,065	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	106,312	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	150,082	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	616,101	439,985	183,026	45,623	137,403

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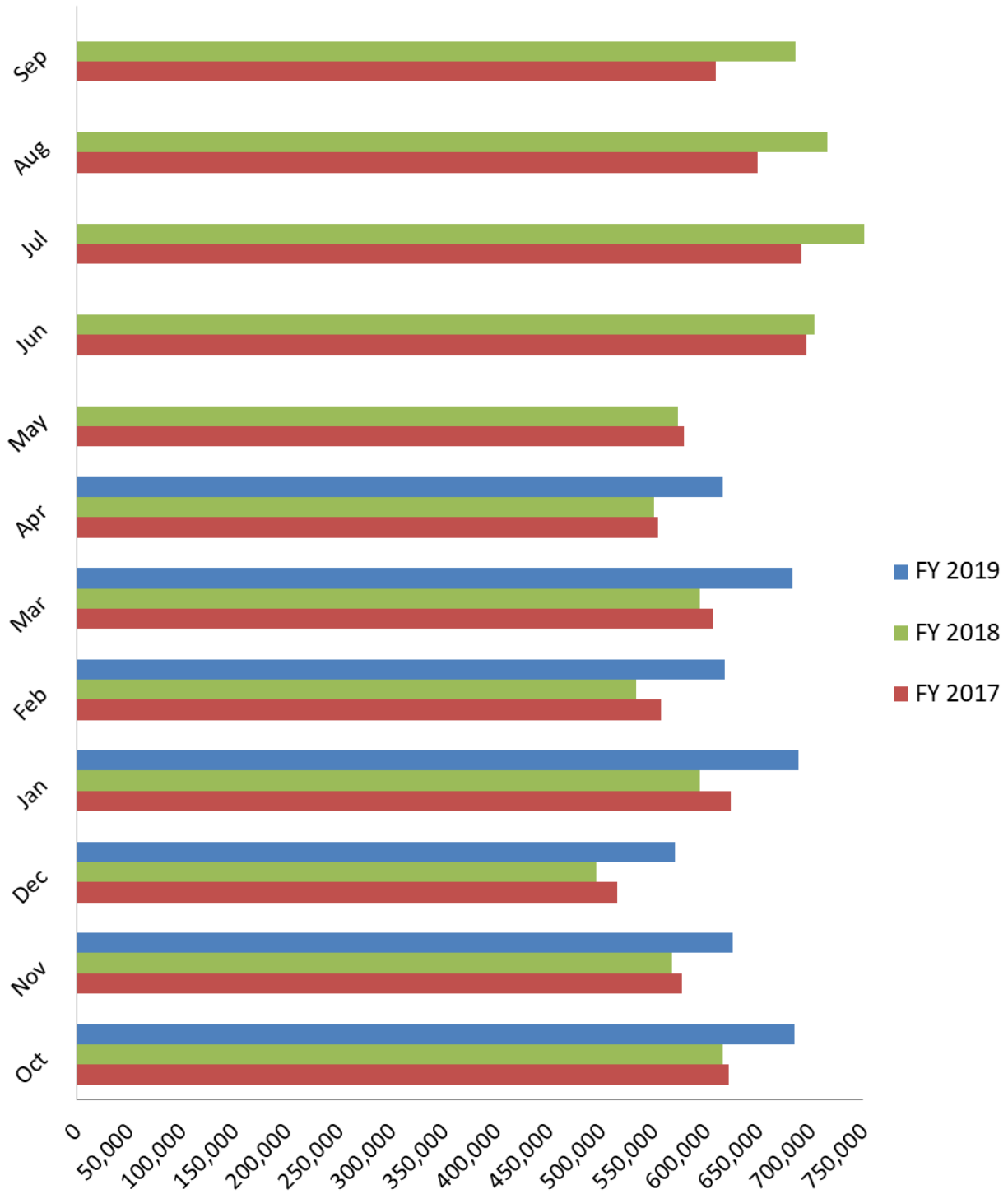
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Apr 2019 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	55	22	12	21	409	137	103	169
Brook Hollow	57	8	4	45	1,533	69	12	1,452
Carver	28	12	4	12	589	216	35	338
Central	107	10	80	17	4,146	141	3,652	353
Cody	47	9	13	25	744	47	164	533
Collins Garden	24	5	3	16	807	79	26	702
Cortez	37	21	3	13	825	429	1	395
Encino	75	26	10	39	1,017	132	52	833
Forest Hills	29	10	1	18	435	81	14	340
Great Northwest	20	7	6	7	905	57	478	370
Guerra	43	14	5	24	1,173	264	127	782
Igo	61	24	10	27	1,662	242	76	1,344
Johnston	34	11	6	17	513	82	130	301
Landa	61	6	25	30	1,018	63	74	881
Las Palmas	30	10	5	15	330	76	82	172
Maverick	40	11	5	24	852	106	74	672
McCreless	29	6	5	18	666	62	51	553
Memorial	38	15	9	14	535	112	88	335
Mission	57	28	15	14	612	291	81	240
Pan American	37	13	6	18	527	219	62	246
Parman	80	28	7	45	1,929	429	18	1,482
Potranco	18	9	3	6	153	51	32	70
Pruitt	62	19	20	23	789	172	150	467
San Pedro	5	2	0	3	11	8	0	3
Schaefer	57	10	12	35	977	48	98	831
Semmes	61	16	6	39	936	183	65	688
Thousand Oaks	29	12	4	13	337	56	22	259
Tobin	64	10	14	41	1,934	89	838	1,007
Westfall	42	10	11	21	495	66	154	275
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	62	0	0	62	1,651	0	0	1,651
TOTAL	1,386	383	304	699	28,510	4,007	6,759	17,744

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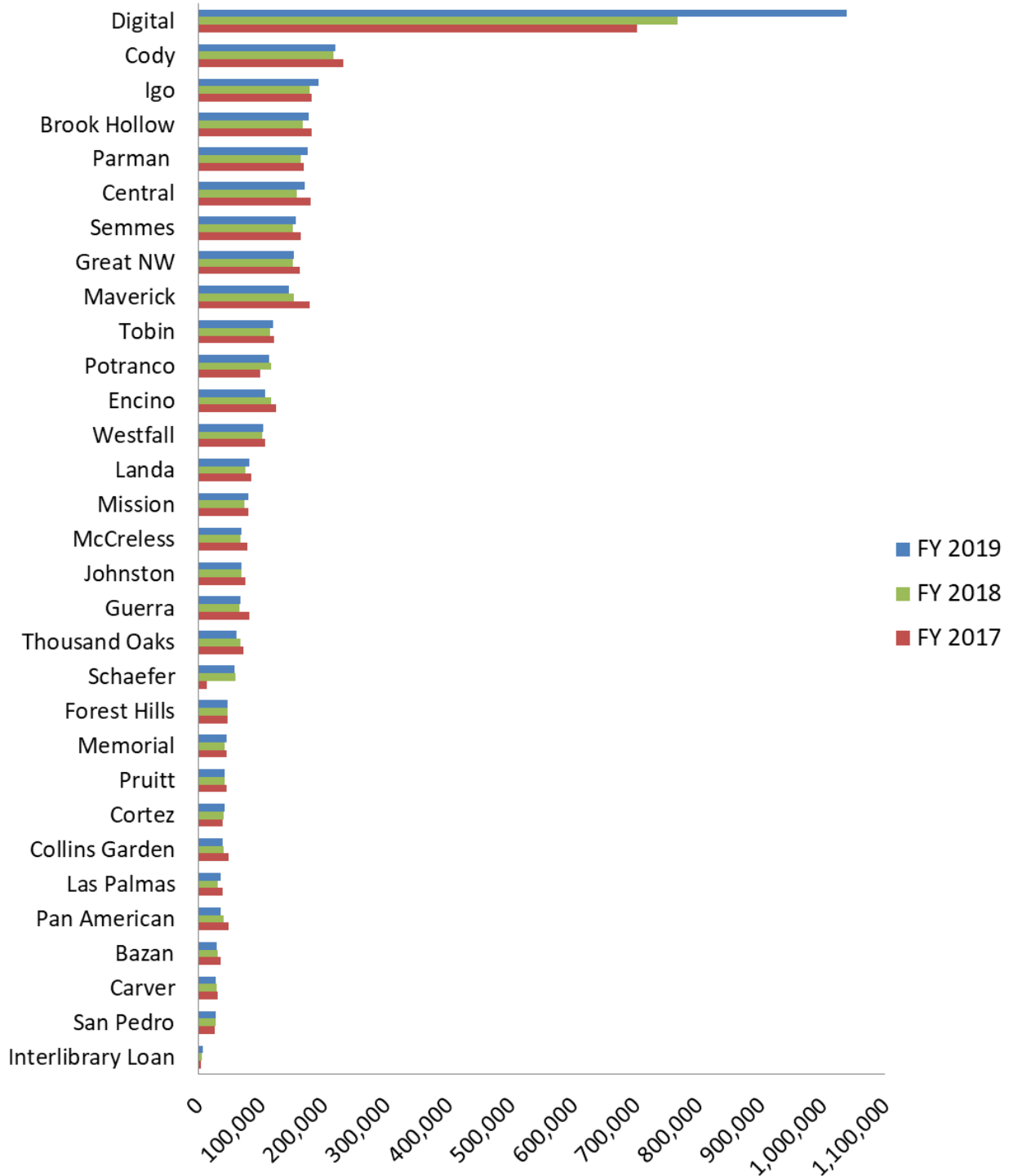
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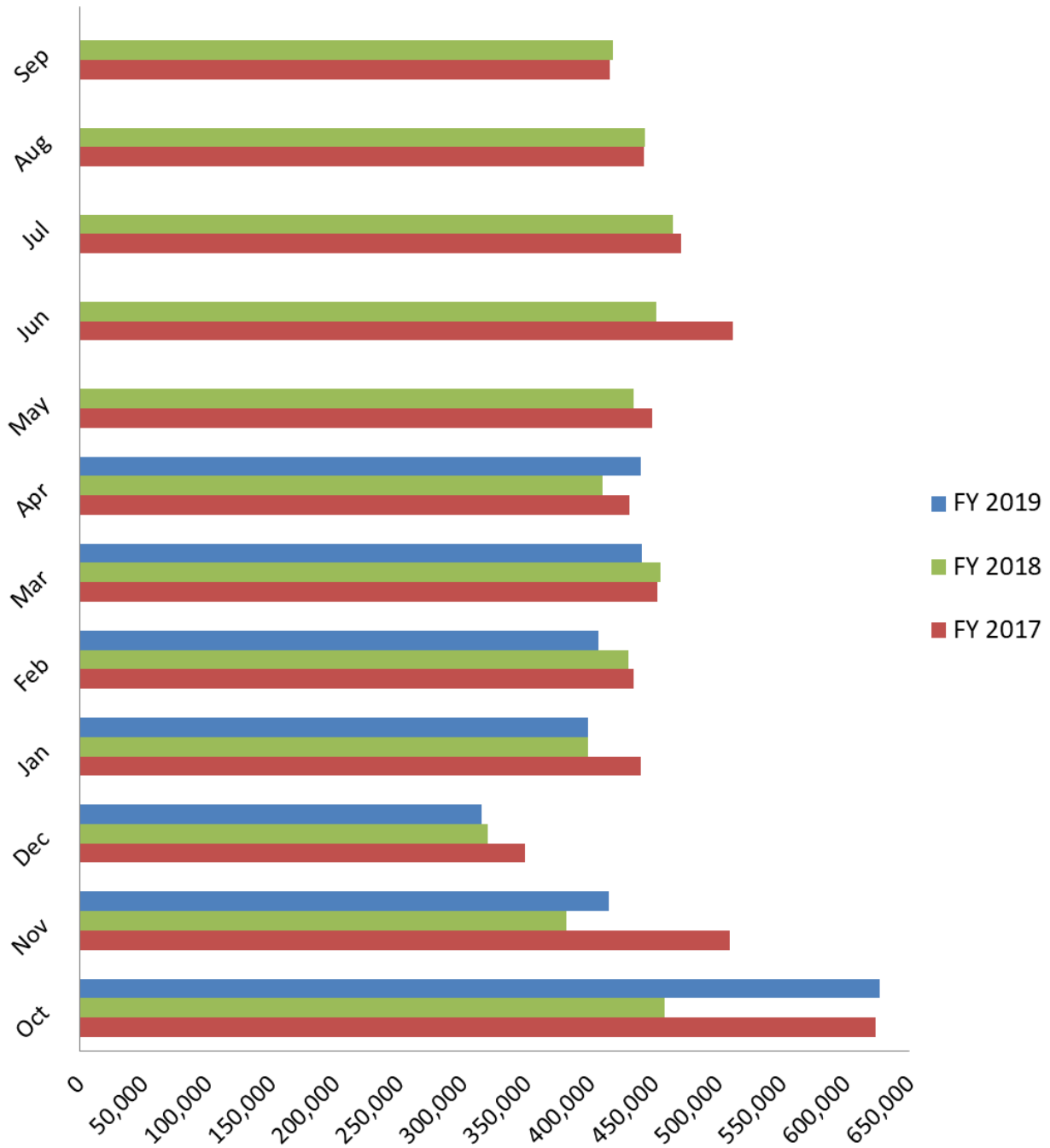
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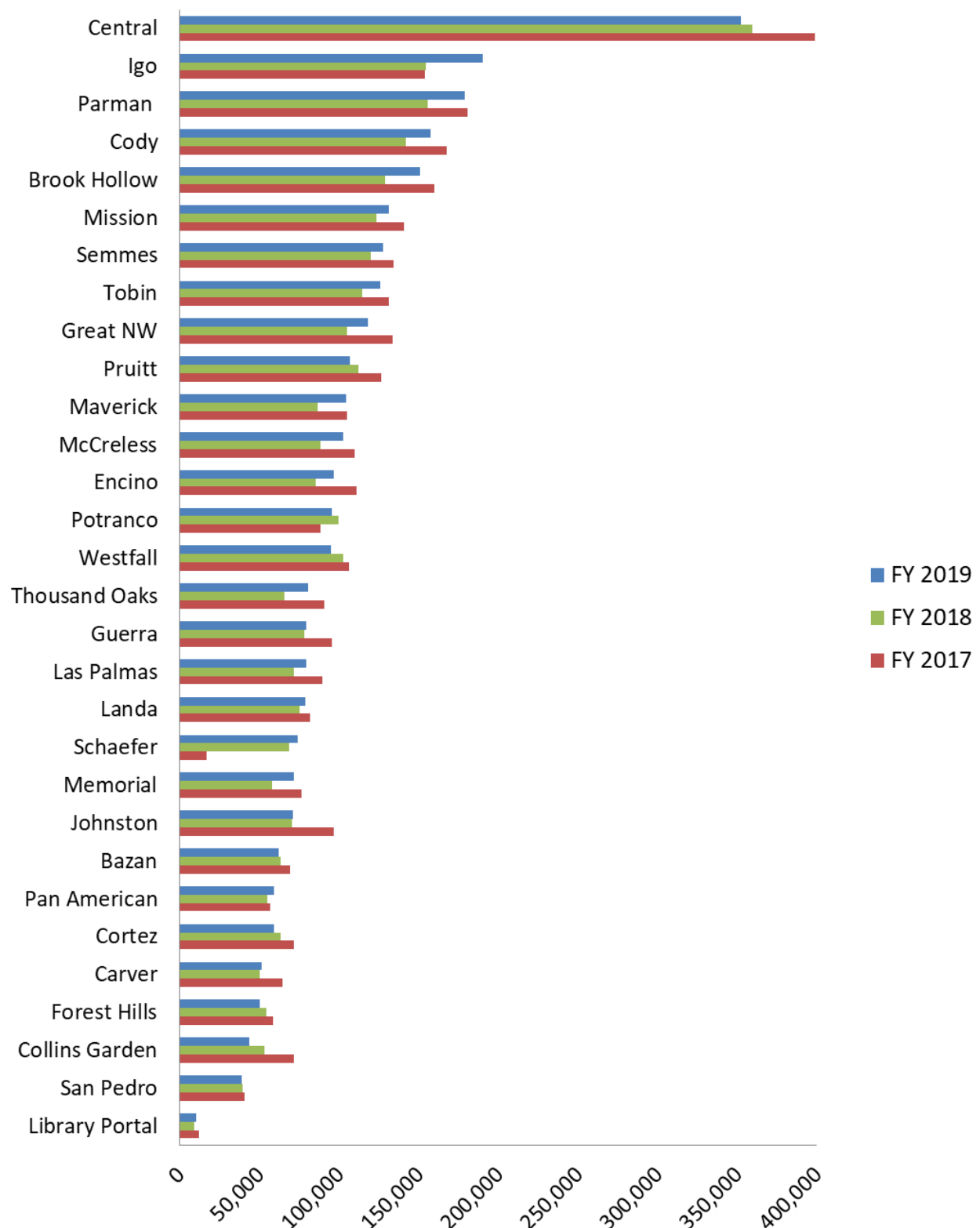
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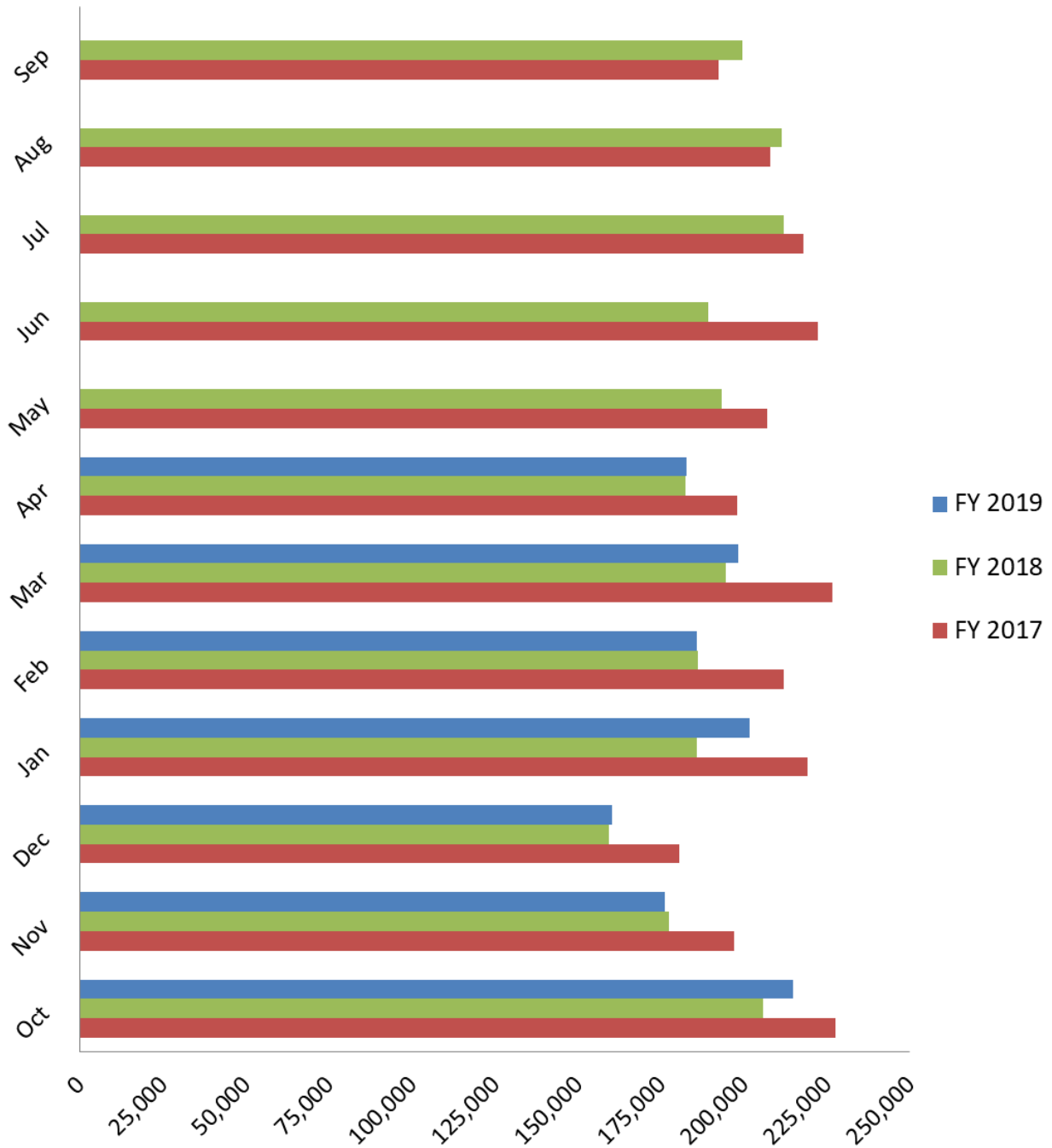
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



* Combined measure of Public Computers Hours of Use and Wi-Fi Hours of Use

* Beginning December 12, 2018 - unlimited time on public computers when no one is waiting

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