



San Antonio Public Library
Director's Report July / August 2015

Teens using a Mondopad, Encino Branch Library

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Meeting with Leadership from the Monte Vista Historical Association

During the July 22 Library Board of Trustees meeting, the Library Board directed staff to meet with the Monte Vista Historical Association regarding their proposal for the utilization of space at the Landa Branch Library to support their activities. Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with designated representatives for the Monte Vista Historical Association regarding the agreement with the Library to use space within the Landa Branch Library.

Meeting with Councilman Nirenberg

Library Director Ramiro Salazar and Digital Services Coordinator Ignacio Albarracin met with Councilman Nirenberg and his Chief of Staff T.J. Mayes, which was an opportunity to articulate the Library's important role in the area of Digital Literacy and Bridging the Digital Divide by facilitating access to broadband and public computers. As part of the conversation, Councilman Nirenberg inquired about budget requests for FY2016. He was informed that the Library has indeed submitted a list of library technology projects for FY2016 totaling close to \$1 million for the City Manager's consideration.

Library Invited to Present in Urban Libraries Conference (ULC) Webinar

The San Antonio Public Library was invited to present the Library's participation in the Edge Initiative on a ULC webinar on July 22. The Library will highlight successes with the Edge Initiative. By way of background, in May 2014 the San Antonio Public Library was selected to participate in The Edge Initiative, which was then a new program funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and led by the Urban Libraries Council.

The Edge Initiative is a nationally recognized leadership and management tool that helps libraries assess and align their digital and technology services with community priorities. The aim of the program is to strengthen public access technology services and help public libraries better serve their communities.

Library Participating in Best Practices Study in the area of Bilingual Reference Services

Dr. Maria Hasler-Barker, Assistant Professor of Spanish, at Sam Houston University observed bilingual reference services at Central Library and Mission Branch Libraries from August 4 to August 6. Dr. Barker has received grant funding to observe the reference and circulation desks at several libraries from different systems. She was seeking to learn from the San Antonio Public Library and others about bilingual reference. Her findings will be compiled and evaluated to create best practices. These best practices will be shared with Library Science Professors to better prepare future librarians for bilingual reference service.

Library awarded Latino Americans: 500 Years of History Grant

The San Antonio Public Library has been awarded a competitive *Latino Americans: 500 Years of History* grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association. As part of the grant, the Library will provide public programming – such as public film screenings, discussion groups, oral history initiatives, local history exhibitions, multi-media projects or performances – about Latino history and culture. The library will also screen episodes from the six-part documentary film “Latino Americans,” created for PBS. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day.

Library's Back-to-School Campaign

The Library Department has implemented a back-to-school campaign to promote the resources and services the Library has available for students. Along with this campaign is the upcoming Library Card Sign-up in September. This is a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all. The San Antonio Public Library team will be working hard on campaign to promote card sign-up that includes: outreach to area schools, participation in outreach events, social media posts, radio, print and online advertisements and more.

Library's Digital Circulation on the Rise

Digital circulation continues to increase for the San Antonio Public Library. Digital circulation in a week in July was the highest ever- up 49 percent from the same week in July in 2014.

The five highest circulating digital items in the last week were:

- 1) *OK! Magazine* - eMagazine
- 2) *Catch 22* - eBook
- 3) *Ana of California* - eBook
- 4) *The Wall Street Journal* - eNewspaper
- 5) *The Girl on the Train* - eBook

REFERENCE

Reference staff wraps up the summer and transitions to the fall with programs that entertain and edify.

Pannaga Prasad organized a program entitled "Indian Dance for Health & Fitness." The first presentation at Cortez Branch Library on July 21 had great audience participation. Rhonda Davila hosted the presentation at the Memorial Branch Library on August 11. These presentations have been made possible through a grant from Bill Haus Arts (BHA), Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) and the Kaveri Natya Yoga organization. The third and fourth Indian Dance programs will be presented at the San Pedro Library on August 20 and at the Central Library on August 25.

On July 18, Ms. Prasad along with Paula Davis and Pat Rodriguez organized and hosted "Scholarship/Leadership 101" at the Central Library. Attendees appreciated the presenter's ability to answer questions based on a specific situation. Ms. Prasad, Ms. Rodriguez and Blanca Hernandez organized a second Scholarship program on August 1. The speaker provided up-to-date and relevant information on a wide variety of available scholarships.

Ms. Prasad, assisted by Pam Billings, presented another "Explore Vegetarian Recipe" class on August 9. In this class, participants learned how to make Mango Lassi; they received handouts and enjoyed demonstrational video clips and ingredient samples.

On July 29, Tricia Masterson and Dan Garcia visited the Humana Guidance Center at Las Palmas Shopping Center to provide a presentation on digital library and library services to the guidance center's attendees.

Texana/Genealogy's "African American Funeral Program Collection" was featured in a KENS-5 television news story, which aired July 17 and starred Archivist Matt De Waelsche discussing the history of this one-of-a-kind (and still growing) genealogy resource.

Andy Crews conducted two classes on using the genealogy database "HeritageQuest Online:" July 18 at Encino Library and July 22 for the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Attendees were thrilled to learn they could access this site from their home computers. On August 4, Mr. Crews led a class at Central on "Using Family Bible Records" in family history research.

On August 15, Mr. De Waelsche conducted a class at Encino Library on "Genealogy Resources on the Internet" and discussed not only the best ways the Internet can supplement a genealogist's research, but also what types of sites should be avoided.

MARKETING

The marketing department participated in events related to Summer Reading during the reporting period. Also, the department provided outreach at several back-to-school events, continued the promotion of the SASpeak Up campaign, and assisted in the preparation for the budget presentations.

Graphic Design

The graphic designers continued their work on materials for Comic Con, Back to School, Learn Centers, Texana, Low Vision, Young Pegasus, Collins Gardens, District 6 and Schaefer. The graphic work also included signage for the restrooms, check-out and information desks at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. Additionally, the work during the reported period included materials the Staff Awards, Digital Wallpaper and support materials for the Budget Presentations.

Public Relations

Public Information Officer Marcie Hernandez assisted in the filming of Cover to Cover for TVSA. Hernandez helped facilitate a partnership with The Playhouse San Antonio, to include live performances at branch locations, free ticket giveaways, and Library outreach at Playhouse events. Also, Hernandez provided outreach at the District 1 back-to-school event on August 8. She added a link to SAPL's OverDrive service on the Facebook page. In her continual media communications work, Hernandez produced and distributed press releases about: The Illustrator Series, the new hours at LEARN and the End of Summer Party at the Teen Library at Central. Also, she produced and distributed Press Releases for Branch programs at: Brook Hollow, Carver, Landa, Parman, Forest Hills, Cortez, Westfall, Great Northwest, and Maverick.

SAPL received 113 media mentions during the reporting period. Also, the total value of broadcast coverage equal \$50,897.

Public Information Officer Arturo Gallardo submitted an article in Spanish about the Latino Collection to the AMEP newsletter. Gallardo also wrote an article, featured on the mysapl blog, concerning a donation in favor of the LEGO programs. Also, he continues the ongoing production of articles for eConnections (August and September), the content for SAPLings (Sept. - Oct.), email blasts of this Weekend at SAPL, and the production of the News & Events newsletter for the department. Additionally, Gallardo performed outreach at the back-to-school event for District 19.

Marketing

Marketing Specialist Karla Vasquez has represented the Library at various events:

On July 14, Vasquez set up a table with information about Digital Library and Summer Reading, and gave away Digital Library bags for the Movies by Moonlight at Travis Park – she also continued the Instagram Challenge to help the page reach 1,000 followers.

On July 25, Vasquez set up table at Lockwood Park – handed out Digital Library bags – and had a craft activity for kids for an EPN Summer Learning Event.

On August 1, Vasquez handed out over 1,000 Digital Library bags with information on homework help, Digital Library and other various library services at the Freeman Coliseum for the Cox Media Group Back to School Expo.

On August 8, Vasquez handed out over 800 Digital Library bags with all various library information, played a game with the kids for a chance to win a Digital Library Water Bottle and also handed out pencils at District 1 back-to-school event at Edison.

August 11, she attended the Bat Loco Bash and handed out 150 Digital Library bags with various types of library information.

Social Media

The social media efforts have yielded the following results: Facebook has 9,132 likes, Twitter has 2,815 followers and Instagram has 589 followers, Pinterest has 46 followers, and YouTube 118 subscribers.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Children's Summer Reading programming came to a close with *SummerFest* celebrations at branches across the city during the final week of July and first week of August. Cookies for these parties were provided again this year by a generous donation from Whataburger. Funding from the Friends provided drinks for the 2000+ who attended the events.

Due to two promotions, one retirement and two separations, there are a number of vacancies in children's librarians across the system. Work is currently underway to hire staff to fill the vacant positions for children's librarians at Cortez, Forest Hills, Landa, Pan American and Central Children's Departments. While these vacancies pose a challenge as the fall programming session gets underway, they also provide the library with opportunities to bring on dynamic and forward-thinking librarians to join our current team members in moving children's services forward.

Children's Coordinator Viki Ash enjoyed a busy month of outreach including visits to: Briscoe Elementary School to interact with over 100 students participating in COSA Parks & Recreation's Summer Youth Program, Clear Springs Elementary School to provide stories and library information to almost 300 students attending summer school, Ella Austin and Guadalupe Community Centers to work with approximately 35 students participating in San Antonio Youth Literacy's Summer Reading Camp.

Additionally, Ash was one of three panelists featured on Texas Public Radio's "The Source" on August 4. Host David Martin Davies led the group in a discussion of the new, posthumously published Dr. Seuss book *What Pet Will You Get?* Claudia Maceo from The Twig, San Antonio's independent book store and Burgin Streetman from Trinity University Press were the other panel members.

On August 5, Ash joined Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Velasquez in making a brief presentation to the City Council during their B session. The presentation highlighted both the intent and the outcomes of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. The presentation was well received with more than one Council member remarking on the richness and variety of library offerings for teens and children during the summer months.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Teen Summer Reading Program

The 2015 Teen Summer Reading Program came to a close on July 31. Teen Services is happy to report this year's registration increased 17 percent from last year! Teens received a prize drawing card for each book they read and each library activity in which they participated in June and July. Every prize drawing card teens turned in earned them a chance to win a grand prize. Four winners were selected at random and won one of these prizes: a GoPro camera, a WiiU set, a Nintendo 3DS and a 3Doodler set of 3D pens with filament variety packs. The winning teens registered for the program at Great Northwest, Mission, Tobin and Pan American Libraries. Many thanks to the SAPLF for providing the funds for the prizes!

Each year, the Teen Summer Reading Program ends with an epic party to celebrate the teens that participated. This year the End-of-Summer Celebration took place in the Teen Library @ Central. Teens from Central and several branch library locations enjoyed pizza, music, gaming and ping pong on Saturday, August 8.

Partnerships

Hands on Banking

The Wells Fargo money skills program for teens came to a conclusion on August 5 with a pizza party for the participants. Teens that attended all of the workshops were eligible to win an iPad. The drawing for the iPad was held during the party, and the winning teen, Eli, was super excited to win the prize. Teen Services thanks Rachel Goolsby from Wells Fargo for offering this fun and educational program for teens and the SAPLF for providing the prize.

Public Relations for Teen Programming

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) visited the SA Live set to film a spot regarding teen crafts. During the taping, Regina made an emoji clay figurine with hosts Jeff and Fiona. The visit highlighted the many different types of ways that teens can get creative at their library and how each library location has a dedicated weekly teen time. Many thanks to Stephanie Vazquez (Teen Services Librarian, Great Northwest) for providing some imaginative and creative crafts teens made.

The teen-planned, and suggested, Japanese July month at the Teen Library was highlighted in the media. Time Warner Cable News filmed a Japanese July craft (<http://www.twcnews.com/tx/san-antonio/news/2015/07/9/teens-celebrate-japanese-july-at-san-antonio-library.html>) and interviewed Teen Library volunteer Markell Eagle Winterle about Japan, its culture and how it was celebrated at the Library. A reporter from La Prensa (http://www.laprensasa.com/326_entretenimiento-entertainment/3220252_san-antonio-teen-library-celebrates-japanese-culture.html) interviewed Regina regarding why teens found Japan, Japanese culture, and manga so intriguing.

Professional Development

Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II, Teen Library @ Central) has been invited by the Texas State Library to participate on a panel at the upcoming TLA convention (Houston in April 2016). She was sought out to speak about Teen Services' longstanding partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank and the USDA's Summer Food Service Program. In addition, The Texas State Library also plans to offer a webinar about how libraries can begin participating in the USDA Summer Food Service Program, and Kathleen will participate in the webinar by sharing SAPL's experience with the program.

System-wide Support

JD Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) took his Eclectic Electric music program on the road during the reporting period. He brought guitars to Bazan Library for their teen time on July 22 to teach teens how to play.

CENTRAL LIBRARY TEENS

Weekly Programs

Mondays with JD Elizondo (Library Assistant): Elizondo facilitated Eclectic Electric music programming during the reporting period. Elizondo assists in the music recording teens create by showing them how to record, using the equipment in the studio. Elizondo has been adding more kinetic programming to summer Mondays, particularly ping pong games, to get teens moving. Elizondo makes sure to get input from the teens in planning Monday programs.

Tuesdays with Caroline Mossing (Librarian I): During the reporting period, Mossing hosted Science & Tech Tuesdays. Teens participated in Maker Camp, an online summer program created by Google and *Make: magazine*. Along with other campers around the world, teens explored music, engineering, alternative energy, flight, and electronics. At the Teen Library, teens flew a quadcopter, compensating for wind speed, made s'mores with DIY solar ovens, created geometric shapes with Strawbees, tinkered with line following robots, soldered blinking robot pins, and created origami hats, complete with shining LEDs.

Wednesdays with Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II): On Wednesdays, teens pick their favorite video or board game and engage in friendly competition with their peers. During the reporting period, teens have enjoyed playing the WiiU games, as well as board games like Chess, Jenga and Clue. Teens asked to have a Wii Smash Bros. Brawl tournament and they got their wish – the tournament was held on August 5. Teens have also asked to play Just Dance and ping pong, both of which gets them moving and is a fun way to exercise.

Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teens wrapped up the teen-suggested Japanese July Thursdays with some Japanese inspired crafts, games and foods. Using rice flour and water, teens made dough, shaped it, put it on skewers and dipped it in a sweet soy sauce mixture for a dish called dango. Afterwards, they played a truly cute sushi card game. Wanting to challenge themselves, teens made ramen from scratch. They made the dough, pressed it through a pasta machine, boiled it and added a mixture of vegetables and broth for a very hands-on dish. Teens commented proudly on how they never thought they could make their own noodles. Celebrating a very popular manga and anime, Dragon Ball Z, teens made buttons and French fry boxes that looked like one of the characters from the books. They also decorated and made cake pops using chocolates, sprinkles, and candy eyes. After

hearing of the death of Nintendo president Satoru Iwata, many teens commented on how Teen Library should honor his life. Teens set up a Nintendo day where they made bead sprites of their favorite Nintendo characters, Rice Krispies treats shaped like popular Nintendo icon Kirby, and played old school and modern Nintendo consoles, the GameCube and the WiiU. A banner was also set out so teens could write out thoughts and other inspirations regarding Mr. Iwata's legacy. After Thursday programs have concluded, in a non-competitive environment, teens played video games. Pictures from Thursday programs as well as other Teen Library and system-wide programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>. Some nights, photos and mini-videos are also posted to Teen Library's Instagram account: <https://instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.

Tours and Groups

On July 23, a group of students participating in a program at San Anto Cultural Arts received a tour of the Teen Library from Kathleen Fordyce. Kathleen also gave an impromptu tour of the Teen Library to a group of teens visiting from Brazil on July 28. On July 30, a group of military librarians came to visit the San Antonio Public Library, and Caroline Mossing was happy to give them a tour of the Teen Library, with a special focus on the Lab, the Teen Library makerspace. The librarians discussed some challenges and goals of makerspace programming as well as how to go about creating a makerspace within the library, including the planning process and popular tools and resources.

CHILDREN'S

The Central Children's Department wrapped up the summer programming this month with celebrations large and small and continued to inspire children to sign up and complete the Mayor's Summer Reading Club before school began.

At the *SummerFest* party, 115 children and parents enjoyed the blowout event celebrating reading and summer fun. The superhero themed event featured a variety of superhero crafts, as well as a dress up station where children could decorate their own cape and mask to wear in a 'Save the City' photo op. The families enjoyed refreshments courtesy of Whataburger and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. Many children used the party as an opportunity to turn in their Summer Reading logs and receive their prize books and certificates to much applause and fanfare by staff and parents.

The last Kids Time programs of the season saw Librarian II Kate Simpson continuing the summer's focus on various kinds of heroes. On one occasion, folk heroes who helped save the environment, like America's Johnny Appleseed and Mama Miti of Kenya, were celebrated with stories and activities. Children examined a variety of seed specimens and practiced sorting them by different criteria. The families worked together to make apple orchards from paper bags and construction paper. Another Kids Time program highlighted animal heroes such as therapy and rescue dogs. During this experience, families joined together for an uproarious dog breed guessing game and shared in a range of doggie crafts and activities such as a pretend veterinary care station for dog puppets. LEGO Club was a resounding success all summer long, with attendance numbers reaching their peak by the end of the summer session. Librarian I Jasmin Salinas continued to engage young children and their caregivers in interactive stories, songs and play in the last Toddler Time programs of the summer. The large group of regularly attending families delighted in the variety of diverse sensory and imaginative experiences she presented them each week.

Participation in the Mayor's Summer Reading Club by area schools and child care centers helped strengthen the connections with the Central Library Children's Department. The Eastside Promise

Neighborhood Kinder Camp was made up of five and six year olds who will be entering Kindergarten this fall. The group came to the Central Library for a special visit to celebrate their Summer Reading accomplishments. Ms. Simpson shared ocean themed stories with the children before they worked together to create a collaborative undersea art piece. The children also spent time enjoying the picture book collection with their caregivers. Ms. Salinas hosted a summer story time for children from the Green Acres Child Care Center in which the group got up and stretched with a fun song about an elevator, and listened to silly stories. Ms. Salinas invited ten summer camp kids from Central Christian Child Care Center over to the library to celebrate their successful completion of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. The kids listened to several fun stories including one about the zoo in anticipation of their upcoming field trip and sang songs together. Each child received a prize book, a certificate and a round of applause in honor of their hard work.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

Little Read Wagon has been busy receiving workshop requests for the coming school year. Workshops are already scheduled into April 2016.

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Teen Parents

Corinne Sanchez, Xelena Gonzalez, and Liliana Ornelas began delivering the early literacy kits developed for use by teen parents and their children. The kit delivery is part of a workshop presentation in which the parents have the opportunity to explore the materials while hearing from Little Read Wagon staff about the kit use and connection to early literacy development.

Little Read Wagon staff is already receiving requests for workshops for teen parents for the coming school year.

Staff Development

Julia Lazarin and Cresencia Huff attended portions of the online Birth to Three Institute. The institute included a series of webinars broadcast July 21, 22, and 23. Webinar topics included supporting executive functioning, responsive caregiving, and family goal-setting.

Youth Outreach Story Time

Little Read Wagon staff is encouraging participation in Summer Reading at youth outreach story time sites. Classrooms that complete the reading log will receive a certificate, book voucher and explanatory letter for each child to take home.

Play & Learn

The second round of Play & Learn programs at Woodlawn Community Room and Walker Ranch Parks concluded July 28 and 30. The programs at both locations were very well-attended especially with the addition of a couple Meetups who chose to make Play & Learn their group activity. Play & Learn at busy park locations such as Walker Ranch and Woodlawn parks has provided an opportunity to invite new families to participate. Preliminary planning and scheduling for the next year has been completed with the selection of a few new park venues that will allow the program to serve families in more areas of San Antonio.

Community Events

Little Read Wagon staff represented the Library at several back to school events. Ms. Huff joined Viki Ash and Rachael Barrera (Brook Hollow) at the Back-to-School Bash at the DoSeum on August 4. Ms. Huff and Ms. Lazarin were accompanied by Leslie Elsasser (Thousand Oaks) at Rosedale Park for KLRN's Back-to-School Tour on August 6. Then, on August 7, the Back-to-School Tour continued at Woodlawn Park with Ms. Huff, Ms. Ornelas and Nancy Rodriguez (Igo). Finally, Jane Miller (Mission) and Ms. Huff participated in the back to school event at Abundant Life Church. At each event children were invited to decorate a craft stick, which was carefully added to a large sheet of foam board. The result was four panels of brightly colored and uniquely embellished craft sticks arranged in a pattern reminiscent of a patchwork quilt. Parents were happy to learn more about Live Homework Help and other library services while their children worked on their designs.

Workshops for Early Childhood Teachers

Ms. Gonzalez presented a break-out session at the Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair on August 8 at Northwest Vista. The session was even more crowded than usual due to the cancellation of other sessions.

With a new school year comes a new workshop topic! The Little Read Wagon team is developing a new workshop for the 2015-16 school year. Meanwhile, one more "Music and More Early Literacy Moves" workshop is scheduled for August 19.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club at the Bazan Branch Library was well attended with the Kids Time, LEGO's, and Come & Go Crafts activities drawing a good number of participants. The staff did a wonderful job of signing up Adults, Teens, and Children for the programs and exceeded numbers from the previous years in all three categories. The staff will be looking forward to next summer.

Bazan completed the Teen portion of the Summer Reading Program on a successful note. Teen registration increased significantly - up nearly 200 percent. Teen participation and attendance in weekly Teen Time events also increased and led to recruitment of new teen volunteers.

Bazan will resume the weekly Teen Time on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. during the fall session.

The Bazan Branch Library hosted a visit from the SNAP mobile clinic on July 21. SNAP provided free and low cost spaying or neutering services for cats and dogs through Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, Inc.

The mobile outreach clinic from Metro Health Department visited the branch on July 30. Metro Health provided information on healthy living and disease prevention for at risk individuals.

During the months of July and August, the Learn Center welcomed a large number of new customers, as word-of-mouth recommendations in the community continued to grow (community outreach played a role as well, though to a lesser degree). The majority of Learn patrons during this time period sought ESL instruction and the diversity of the patrons in these groups was notable, with a learning community

comprised of adults from Mexico, Central America, South America, Africa and Asia. There was also a major interest in the financial counseling provided by Resource Specialist Deborah Romo.

On July 16, Mrs. Sauer met with Mr. Rajaguru from San Antonio Tamil Sangam Group to discuss the availability of ESL group learning experiences and the services provided by the Learn Center that could best respond to the needs of the local Tamil community. Along with Liz Huber from the Central Library, Mrs. Sauer participated in Community Fair at Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center on July 17. Attendees expressed great interest in the services offered by the Learn Centers, especially with respect to GED preparation.

During the first week of August, and thanks to a 100% scholarship provided by the organization, Mrs. Sauer attended the annual Literacy Texas Conference in San Marcos. She participated in various workshops, but the most (immediately) useful sessions were directed by Marcie Smith of the Intercambio Uniting Communities organization in Colorado. Mrs. Sauer earned a Director's Training Certificate for attending a minimum of five workshops providing professional development that examines administrative and governance principles and supports organizational best practices.

BROOK HOLLOW

Children's Services

Brook Hollow Branch Library hosted 4 special events during the month of July:

Spikey Mikey had two performances at the branch on July 14, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. He was a huge draw as always and we reached room capacity at both performances. In all, 262 people attended his magic shows at Brook Hollow.

Tambo Rhythms drum circle was a very successful program. Thirty-two people attended at 11 am on July 17 and everyone stayed until the end, an entire hour. Mr. Ochoa, the owner and an occupational therapist, uses drums to help young children learn vital life skills, such as impulse control, following directions, and using their creativity in constructive ways. The children also learned how to work together as a group. The program was generously funded by the Friends of the Brook Hollow Library.

SummerFest at Brook Hollow was a great success, as well. With the addition of a generous donation of \$500 from the Library Foundation, the branch was able to add a far more "party feel" to the event with balloons, a sheet cake, and party favor bags which included a sample of our homemade play dough and the recipe. The party included an old-fashioned popcorn machine, and children were able to decorate their popcorn bags before they took it to the machine where they were served popcorn. Participants created super hero masks and played with homemade play dough. A staff member, Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes, entertained the children by making balloon animals for them, which they were able to take home.

In addition to *SummerFest*, the Foundation donation helped pay for items to make the Summer's final Baby Time and Toddler Time special. The branch used some of the donation to purchase several new toys and puzzles for the babies and toddlers and used them to create a more "Play and Learn" program feel to the last event.

Teen Services

A core group of teens continues to attend Teen Time and take advantage of the variety of things to do. A screening of the classic “The Princess Bride” was shown and they interactively participated by saying memorable lines of the movie. An anime show, “The Devil is a Part-Timer” was fun to watch. Playing board games are very popular as well, with refreshments provided by the Brook Hollow Friends of the Library.

Adult Services

On August 15, Librarian Tapley Trudell held a 1 hour orientation for new library card holders and anyone interested in learning more about using the library. The program included a presentation on the wide range of services offered by SAPL, a lesson in searching the online catalog for library materials, and a detailed tutorial on accessing library accounts online.

As part of Brook Hollow’s adult summer reading offerings, and in keeping with this year’s theme of “Every Hero Has a Story,” last year’s superhero blockbuster, “Guardians of the Galaxy,” was screened on July 18. Popcorn and beverages were provided by the Brook Hollow Friends of the Library.

Programming

The Tech Tuesday weekly program continues to be popular with patron, allowing them to drop in and get immediate help from staff to learn about our digital collections.

A series of Diabetes Self -Management Classes were offered for 6 classes and was well attended. This was partnership with City’s Metro Health department.

The San Antonio Storytellers Association resumed their monthly presentations at Brook Hollow on August 5.

Therapy Dogs Inc. once again came to Brook Hollow. Beginning July 3 the Therapy Dogs that come to Brook Hollow became part of “Read to a Therapy Dog” day, where children can spend time reading out loud to the dogs without feeling any pressure. The program lasted 6 weeks. We look forward to hosting them again during the school year, beginning August 28.

The Friend of Brook Hollow Library have been hosting on-going book sale via a book cart continues to be very popular with the branch’s patrons.

CARVER

Carver Branch Library hosted drummer T-Bow Gonzales on July 16 with 18 participants in the audience.

The branch’s summer lunch program drew to a close in August, as students prepared to head back to school. Children’s Librarian Jodi Miller and Branch Manager DL Grant have declared it a success. They hope to offer the program again next summer. The San Antonio Food Bank is an excellent community partner.

Mr. Grant represented San Antonio Public Library at the 9th Annual Conference of African American Librarians in St. Louis, August 4 – 8. His presentation, which highlighted the needs for libraries to closely work with friends groups and community partners, attracted a large audience of delegates seeking to establish such support organizations in their own communities. Jeanne Johnson, Learn @ SAPL Adult

Basic Education instructor, was a co-presenter at the Tex-BEST Workforce Literacy Summit 2015 held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Aug. 11-13.

Assistant Branch Manager Monty Holcomb organized a chess tournament that attracted nearly 30 enthusiasts. The event also attracted the attention of local media who captured the fun.

The Friends of Carver Branch met on Saturday, August 15, to discuss plans for their fall book sale. The two-day event is scheduled for October 23-24, 2015.

CODY

Children's Librarian Sheila Acosta hosted three Come-and-Go Craft on Tuesdays in July, seeing large crowds of 80+ people. On July 21, local pianist and composer Jeremy Koontz entertained families with soothing lullabies. He's quickly becoming a favorite attraction. Families enjoyed beating the heat with these indoor activities.

School-aged children from Kids Campus Daycare visited Cody Branch Library for one of their field trips on July 15. Acosta entertained the children with a story time, concluding with a quick tour of the children's area and resources.

Nine children and their parents attended the Beginner Readers Club program on July 15. The young readers performed a Readers' Theatre of various "Elephant and Piggie" books, by Mo Willems.

Afterwards they shared books they had read on their own with others. Sheila also introduced some word building games, and had parents pair up with their children to play the games. Snacks were served at the end.

On July 15, several families took advantage of getting out of the heat by watching "The Lego Movie."

On July 16, *Spikey Mikey* performed his magic for over 170 people, the largest summer crowd for Cody's Kids Time programs. Many families waited in line to take pictures with Spikey Mikey after the show.

On July 20, tweens partnered up to build robots with a variety of recyclable and craft materials. The kids worked diligently to create the "perfect robot." Each of the ten created robots were given names and exhibited in the library, where they were judged by a third party. Prizes were awarded for various categories.

On July 21, Acosta visited the Chabad Gan Gani camp for summer outreach. Two groups of pre-schoolers received vouchers from Acosta for completing the Summer Reading program.

On July 22, several families dropped in to play tabletop games and/or work on floor puzzles.

On July 23, over 130 parents and children attended the *Illusions by Blake* program. Before the show Magician Blake mingled among the children in the library sharing simple card tricks. After his show, many children checked out magic books.

On July 23, the Tween Book Club gathered to talk about their latest selection, "Eggs" by Jerry Spinelli.

Tweens tested their ramp building skills at Tween Time on July 27. The tweens used sliced water noodles and other materials to build ramps and test them out for competition. Each designed ramps for either speed, weight or fluidity. This was one of their favorite summer time activities.

Cody wrapped up its movie days with a showing of "Rio 2" on July 29.

On July 30, Acosta presented the preschoolers of the Pineapple School their vouchers for completing the Summer Reading Program.

Superhooper Luna demonstrated her talents with various hula hoops for Cody's *SummerFest* on July 30. After demonstrating some basic rules and practices, *Luna* invited the children to come up and try their skills at hooping. Acosta then had various age groups that included 3 to 5, 6 to 8, and the 9 to 12 year olds compete in hula hoop contests. Parents also had an opportunity to compete. *Luna* selected the top three hoopers from each category, who were awarded with their own hula hoop. Also on hand to meet and greet the children were several Superheroes affiliated with *Heroes with a Heart*. *Spiderman*, *Black Widow* and others participated in the hooping activities. In addition to the hula hoops, children were able to participate in other activities and create their own superheroes out of lunchbags. Snacks were served to all in attendance. It was a fun afternoon for all.

Library Student Intern Anita Shaw continued to host successful Lego Club on Fridays. Each week kids joined into teams to build the best creation based on a selected theme. The last Lego Club of the Summer on July 31 focused on superheroes. Final pieces were placed on display in the library.

Teens planned several great programs for this reporting period. On July 14 teens participated in Cosplay, making superhero masks out of felt and decorating t-shirts with markers, glitter, jewels, and sequins. Some teens even learned how to make a cute tote bag out of the t-shirt.

On July 21, teens decorated Japanese paper lanterns with paint, variously colored tissue paper, and sequins. Teens exhibited a variety of creativity in their lanterns. Some made jelly fish, others designed the lanterns to look like their favorite characters, and some decorated their lanterns with Japanese cherry blossom trees.

Another Teen Library Leadership Council meeting was held on July 28 to lay out the programs for August. Teens selected unique programs that will be new. Teen Time in August should be a lot of fun.

On August 4, teens turned to science by conducting edible science experiments. Teens wanted to see if a Solar Oven made out of a pizza box and aluminum foil would cook s'mores better and faster than a Mason jar. Teens made predictions at the beginning of the experiment and were eager to see which method produce the best s'mores. In the end, teens found that the Solar Ovens worked a lot better than the Mason jar. Teens further concluded that either method produced tasty s'mores.

On August 11, teens decorated ceramic mugs with paint markers, using either stencils or drawing images freehand.

All of Cody's regularly scheduled book clubs met for lively discussions in July and August. Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana and Library Assistant Kimberly Ammerman continued to keep the Adante Living Center stocked with titles for their book discussion groups.

COLLINS GARDEN

The renovation project at the Collins Branch Library is progressing on schedule. The demolition is complete and the contractor is beginning on the re-building of the front entry area.

CORTEZ

Cortez Branch Library staff said a fond farewell to Children's Librarian Connie Hejl as she moves on to working with the teens at Las Palmas Branch Library. The branch welcomes Leigh Bedford, who is taking over Children's services while Collins Garden Branch Library is closed for improvements.

The branch had several exciting summer programs. On July 21, over 100 people enjoyed a performance by magician *Spikey Mikey*, followed by a performance and interactive demonstration of *Bharathanatyam*, a classical Indian Dance, by *Kaveri Natya Yoga Center Dance Group*. Children celebrated everybody's favorite anti-hero Greg Heffley at the Cortez Branch Library *SummerFest*. Kids created their own Wimpy Kid diaries and played board games while enjoying snacks. 75 attendees at the San Japan Anime Convention were treated to a reading of Japanese Folktales by Ms. Hejl.

The branch is grateful for the help of the Cortez Friends of the Library and San Antonio Public Library staff for assisting at the District 4 Back-to-School Immunization, Back Pack and School Supply Fair on August 15. The Friends sold over 400 books to support programming at the branch and SAPL staff provided a dinosaur craft and resource table for attendees of the fair.

As Cortez continues celebrating summer, students continue to submit reading logs for free books and a certificate from the Mayor. Children enrolled in local summer activities sponsored by San Antonio Park & Recreation are also visiting the library, proudly bringing their completed logs. Their parents are grateful to visit the library, enjoy the air conditioning and use the computers while the kids have fun looking at picture books and learn that the library is so much more than a place to do homework. It is hoped this enthusiasm will carry over into the new school year. On Wednesdays, Story Time takes place at 11:00 a.m. and Game Time at 3:30 p.m. until the full fall programming schedule begins at the end of August.

Adult Librarian Michelle Ricondo unveiled the Art @ Your Library/Arte en Su Biblioteca community art installment in the newly designated Cortez Gallery Space. The exhibit launched with artwork created by the members of The Cortez Crafting Group. Due to overwhelmingly positive responses to the exhibit, it has continued and now features Art Happens – a Cortez Staff Art Exhibit.

A joint effort to celebrate the popular Summer Reading Program book challenge title "Paper Towns" by John Green, as well as launch the Cortez Staff Art Exhibit, culminated in an audience of 15 curious art lovers who spent the evening discussing the finer points of the book with Ms. Ricondo, as well as giving the staff art an outlet for exposure.

The Cortez Film Club, led by Ms. Ricondo, gathered for the viewing of the "Iranian New Wave Vampire Western" mash-up film "A Girl Walk Home Alone at Night." The noir-style film with English sub-titles was enjoyed by 8 enthusiastic film lovers and a discussion of the film being brilliant, too artsy or pretentiously nuanced followed.

On July 30, the branch hosted the program Sixth Sense Paranormal Group —The Return. Jeff Sullivan, director of the *Sixth Sense Paranormal Group* made a return visit to the Cortez Library to share the group's latest paranormal investigation evidence. 15 attendees kept the conversation and Q&A session lively.

Recycling was the theme of the Cortez Crafting Group's first August meet-up. 6 attendees took old pet feed bags and reworked them into shopping bags, with several of the attendees enjoying the theme enough to take home leftover bags and keep the craft going. The Crafting Group is now working with a new challenging format – cake decorating with buttercream icing. The group is considering pottery for a future project.

The branch had 121 teens sign up for the summer reading program and two teen participants read over 100 books each. Teen Time continues to offer a place for teens to hang out with friends, play video games, and grab some snacks at its regular time at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Monster Meet with Madeline Vasquez had 18 people in attendance for a showing and discussion of the horror flick *It Follows*. Join the group on the second Saturday of the month for Zombie survival tips, monster movies and games, horror book discussions, and special guests.

The Once Upon a Crime Book Club is reading "If I Can't Have You" by Gregg Olsen.

The English as a Second Language continues weekly on Saturday mornings with loyal attendees.

ENCINO

Kids Time, Lego Club, Come & Go Crafts, and Story Times roared through July with great attendance and participation from the community. Librarian Robin Alcorta demonstrated efforts to support sustainability by utilizing cardboard boxes, packaging and paper towel tubes for the majority of Kids Time projects. The popularity of Saturdays' Come & Go crafts has inspired the addition of a Thursday afternoon crafting time for the fall months.

To close out the popular summer season, Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver and Librarian Robin Alcorta created stations and activities for an interactive *SummerFest* full of adventures, heroic acts and fun. Children leaped over tall buildings, crawled through flaming hoops, dodged snakes, tossed bean bags through targets, and walked a plank surrounded by lava to rescue a stuffed bunny. Outdoor activities included bubble exploration, snacks and chalk drawings on Encino Branch Library's generous patio.

Teen Librarian Matthew Loaiza represented the library at San Japan, where SAPL's space hosted over 350 attendees each day. Many of Encino's regular Teen Time attendees traveled to the event. Loaiza and the Teen Time attendees worked together to plan dynamic programming for the fall, with activities including gaming, crafts, and anime.

As a finale to the summer writing workshop series, Librarian Barbara Kwiatkowski hosted a reception with local authors Jodi Hahn, Jolene Navarro, Sasha Summers and Teri Wilson on July 29. The authors fielded questions and discussed their personal experiences with starting their publishing careers, and the evening ended with refreshments and fun photographs. Kwiatkowski visited the Encino Park Community Center to discuss library services, adult events, and the adult summer reading program. Her presentation resulted in several new Friends members and 20 additional adults registered for summer reading.

As part of SAPL's Illustrator Series, Encino hosted illustrator *Juan Carlos Ramos* for a presentation, reception and ongoing exhibition. Over 20 adults attended the reception on August 8, and the artist graciously donated and autographed prints of his work for each attendee. Ramos' work will be exhibited throughout the library through September. Encino provided adults with a day of artistic expression on August 15 when the library hosted *Van Gogh To You*, a mobile professional paint studio. 44 adult attendees followed artists through creating their own versions of Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night*.

Encino's drive thru remains a positive experience for patrons and staff members alike. In average, 39 vehicles utilize this service option each day and feedback from patrons indicates a higher number of holds being placed due to the convenience of drive thru pickup. The community has embraced the flexible spaces at Encino, with homeowner's associations, fundraising groups, crafting clubs, and other groups reserving Collaborate and the meeting rooms. Encino's hallway counter has been transformed into a quiet study area, and the front lounge area bustles with the repositioning of café tables to the space.

FOREST HILLS

Forest Hills Branch Library hosts several groups, experiencing a few changes this summer. The Qi Gong class teacher starts school soon and the classes will come to an end in August. Project Linus, a group that creates homemade blankets for traumatized or seriously ill children, takes a break in August and returns in September. The San Antonio Screenwriters Guild will start meeting twice a month at Forest Hills. The Mah Jongg group goes from being students to playing regularly at the Library. The Ladies Chit Chat Club met and worked on a "Christmas in July" craft project. The Contrarian Book Group has morphed into the "Opposing View Points Book Club" and The Needlework Guild members continue to come in once a month to Forest Hills.

Three highly anticipated programs/events came to the branch in July and August. On Saturday, July 18, the McNay Art Museum offered an all-ages art workshop using recycled material and then on July 19 they sent buses that picked up Forest Hills patrons and shuttled them to the Museum and back. Fifty patrons took advantage of the free pickup and delivery on the McNay shuttle buses and the free admission to the Museum. There was a lot of positive feedback from patrons and the McNay and the Museum has offered to do it again in October!

Due to the big response received for the ASRP program, "In Cold Blood," the branch did it again with "In Cold Blood 2" with Deputy Chief George Saidler! He is the homicide detective who was mentioned several times in the first presentation. Deputy Chief Saidler's program brought out Fox News and the program was featured in the evening news. The Meeting Room was packed patrons interested in the topic of "true crime" and "cold cases" in San Antonio.

Finally, the "Illustrator Series" has started with an exhibit at Forest Hills with the images of Ray "Tattooed Boy" Scarborough. Five artists and six programs are scheduled in support of SAPL's participation in the annual Alamo City Comic Con at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, September 11-13, 2015. The "Illustrator Series" showcases local artists working in the graphic novel, comic book, Si-Fi and fantasy genres. Coincidentally, the artist exhibiting at Forest Hills went to the school next door and used to visit the Library as a child.

Sadly, the Forest Hills Library Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley is leaving Forest Hills, SAPL and San Antonio. She is moving to Forth Worth to be with family.

GREAT NORTHWEST

The Great Northwest Branch Library continued to host Hula Dance classes for seniors in July. In addition, iParent SA, a program hosted by The Children's Shelter, continued through the end of July.

While the end of Summer Reading Program has seen a decrease in library patronage, an increase in Vital Record sales has brought in many parents as they seek to register their children for school.

The final program of the Fun @ Great Northwest Series had a large number of attendees. Library Aide Sarah Vinton shared her knowledge of origami with all ages. The group made origami boxes and learned about origami techniques.

Children's Services

Great Northwest Branch Library has had over 2,000 children sign up for the summer reading this year and we have given over 600 books in prizes. The library had a total of 38 programs for Early Literacy this summer with a total of 3,077 in attendance. There were a total of 16 school age programs with a total attendance of 3,267.

The Library had a Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Party funded by the FRIENDS of the library which celebrated all of the work they did to make the summer such a wonderful success. They provided lunch and hosted games and prizes for everyone in attendance.

The aquarium has an exciting new look. Black gravel and large rocks have been added to accommodate the growing koi and fantail goldfish. It has been a very popular place to visit.

Teen Services

During Teen Summer Reading Great Northwest Branch Library has a Teens Create maker space program on Monday afternoons. Teens can create different crafts every week, learn some easy techniques to make jewelry, or just learn something new.

A Teen Summer Reading book club will be meeting during the summer to discuss popular Young Adult fiction authors. The July book club met to discuss "Eleanor and Park" by Rainbow Rowen.

Great Northwest Branch Library has a Teen Video Gaming program every Wednesday afternoon where teens can bring their own controllers and games and play the Wii U and Play Station 3. During this period, four events were held on Wednesday afternoon. Teens interested in gaming played games with each other and exchanged techniques and other pieces of useful gaming information in a fun environment.

Great Northwest Branch Library had a knitting 101: how to knit for beginners' class. Adults and teens learned the basics of knitting and how to get started. The library provided knitting needles and yarn for the students to practice their skills.

The Great Northwest Branch Library also hosted a Super Smash Bros Video Game Tournament where teens could compete for prizes donated by our Friends of the Great Northwest Library Group. The first,

second, and third place winners received gift cards and a door prize drawing was done throughout the day. News crews from Univision and Fox News dropped by the event and interviewed several very enthusiastic teens about why they visited the event.

GUERRA

On August 12, the Guerra Branch Library hosted a *Remember the River Presentation* and three replacement self-check devices were installed.

Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented literature and music outreach programs at the Careplex Adult Day Center on July 15, 22, 29 and August 5 and 12. He provided computer classes on July 15 and 17. Joseph Heller's "Catch-22" was the theme of his Adult Summer Program activity; the film was screened on July 21 and the book was discussed on July 28. He attended COLS on July 23 and the branch managers meeting on August 6.

Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard moderated the Clube do Livro (Portuguese language book club) on August 15. The group discussed "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Christina Henriquez. The Thursday Evening Club met on August 13 to discuss "The Monument Men" by Robert Edsel. Cristiane also planned and designed a display for books on Summer Cold Treats.

During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented fourteen in-house programs--three Toddler Times, three Story Times, three movie times, and three Kids Times. Children got the opportunity to read to *Foxie and Chiko* during two Read to a Dog programs on July 23 and August 6. On July 29, Children's Summer Reading programs came to an end with the presentation of the *Monkey and the Crocodile by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre at SummerFest*. Richardson visited seven daycare centers in the community, collected the classroom reading logs, and presented the children with certificates and book vouchers. In preparation for the start of the new school term, she installed a book and media display--Surviving School. The display highlighted items on writing reports, study tips, communicating confidently and avoiding plagiarism.

Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson recorded *Harry, el Perrito Sucio* by Gene Zion on July 13. On July 19, he prepared a display on trickster books with a tie-in to the *Eulenspiegel Puppet Show* on July 29. He moderated the Spanish book club, Club de Lectura on July 31; the group discussed "La Lenta Muerte" *de Luciana B.* by Guillermo Martinez. He provided reference and circulation assistance to Landa Library on August 1. Jackson and volunteer Jonathan Davis assisted Edward Mayberry with the August 6 teen program.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on July 23 and August 6. The teens had a balloon craft on July 16; Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl assisted with the activity. Pokemon Monopoly was the main attraction on June 30. The teens discovered different uses for duct tape on August 13, creating coin pouches and flowers; Library Aide Celicia De Los Santos helped with this activity.

Circulation Attendant Allison Fink designed and installed two back-to-school displays.

IGO

Children's Services

Summer at Igo Branch Library has been an exciting time, filled with fun, learning and new experiences. For the final two weeks of summer programming, July 12-July 31, Igo Children's Services and staff presented over 30 programs serving over 1970 children and their caregivers.

San Antonio Fire Department Station 34, led by Captain Wagner, made two special appearances at Igo during the reporting period to represent local fire heroes. On July 15, the branch hosted a Fire Heroes Program, but Station 34 was called away before the program began so that they could respond to house fire! Amazingly they later returned to visit with the guests who waited to see a fire ladder vehicle up close and personal. Due to the emergency exit during their first visit, they returned again on July 29! Station 34 provided children and their caregivers with fire safety information. All guests were invited to explore the fire ladder vehicle and see fire fighters in their fire gear. Station 34 and SAFD should especially be noted for their help during the summer, as they provided assistance during four programs at Igo.

The Friday Come & Go Craft continued to provide passive programming opportunities that brought families into the branch on Friday. The Super Hero Paper Bag Puppet proved to be the most popular craft of the summer!

The Igo LEGO Club, which typically meets once per month during the school year, met weekly during the summer. The popularity of this program and continued support from nearby families was incredible! Attendance averaged between 40-50 children plus 20-30 caregivers. During the summer, the LEGO Club was led by Senior Circulation Attendant Joseph Gonzales who would post pictures of children's creations on the branch TV. Children were extremely excited to see their works of art displayed for all to see!

Another special guest to the Igo Branch Library was *Tom Kinsey*, a local naturalist and former educator with the Witte Museum, who visited Tween Time twice to discuss two different topics: "Who Eats Who" and "Texas Invasive Species." Tweens were able to get up close and personal with snakes, rats and roaches and learned about species classifications and other supporting science concepts.

The end of the Summer Reading Program for children was celebrated with two special events – *Eulenspiegel Puppets* and *SummerFest Celebration*. *Eulenspiegel Puppets* presented *The Monkey and the Crocodile* to a delighted crowd of over 200. Guests were able to see how making friends can add fun to everyday ordinary activities. Igo's *SummerFest* celebration followed the puppet show. Over 270 guests were invited to stay for crafts and treats and were also invited to help decorate a banner to send to the fire heroes at Station 34 to thank them for their efforts this summer in making the hero theme come alive.

All of the amazing programs provided at Igo could not have happened without the new teen and adult volunteers who lent a helping hand during events and program preparations. The Friends of the Igo Library provided a great deal of program support, as well.

Teen Services

Teen Services Librarian Marco De Leon continued with the summer cultural programs in partnership with the Silver & Black Give Back organization where the teens, as decided by the Igo Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC), would choose a culture and create an art-based program to honor said culture. The art craft programming included: Russian Fabrege eggs, Mexican tin foil art, African warrior masks and Maasai necklaces, Middle Eastern carpet making, and Japanese and Chinese paper art.

On August 13, the TLLC presented the art that they created over the summer in a celebration called *Team Up Day* which was created in participation with the Silver & Black Give Back organization. Representatives from the San Antonio Spurs, the Silver & Black Give Back, the San Antonio Stars, and previous Team Up Challenge participants attended the event that featured all the art created during the summer programming and also featuring original art created by TLLC members during the summer. Approximately 97 attendees were treated to a variety of cultural foods (Indian, Pan-Asian, Latin) that further cemented the multi-cultural theme of the event.

As a special treat for the attendees, and once again bringing in the cultural aspect of the event, the *Kaveri Natya Yoga Group* performed traditional Indian dances for those in attendance. The performance, which included the backstory and history of traditional Indian dances, was a perfect way to end a celebration dedicated to the summer's multi-cultural programming.

Mr. De Leon also decided to move the Anime Club's meet time and day to Thursdays and to make the programming a weekly program instead of a monthly program. Every week has seen an increase in attendance and it is hoped that the Anime Club will become one of the highly featured programs in the SAPL system.

Finally, Mr. De Leon recruited 3 volunteers from the TLLC to work with him in San Japan, one of the most renowned anime conventions in the state. Mr. De Leon was able to reach out to approximately 245 teens during San Japan.

Adult Services

On July 21, the Afternoon Book Club discussed "Me Before You," while on August 5, the Mystery Book Club discussed "I Am Pilgrim." The Mystery Club has also elected to hold an "interactive mystery" on October 31 in celebration of National Mystery Month. The club will set up a room full of clues, suspects and witnesses that patrons will be invited to examine in order to solve a crime. The crime will be based on one described in a classic novel and patrons will be asked to identify the novel. The Romance Readers Book Club met and welcomed several new members. The Monday Nights Film Fights series continued with showings of "The Avengers" and "Hunger Games: Mockingjay." August 15 was Elvis Day at Igo, with attendees watching *Elvis on Tour*, playing "Name That Elvis," making hound-dog puppets and teddy-bear masks, and doing their best Elvis imitations. Professional imitator *Michael McMullen* sang Elvis songs and delighted the crowd with gifts of leis.

Lastly, the American Association of Retired Persons offered in partnership with Igo Library two tablet learning courses for seniors as part of their AARP Tek Workshops. There were two sessions: *Fraud Protection and Online Safety*. Over 50 adults attended the workshops.

The Igo Elderberries held its annual "*Maintain the Brain*" and *Ice Cream Social* on August 6. A special birthday celebration was included this year for an Elderberry who just turned 99. She attributes her wonderful health and long life to "working in a job she enjoys."

JOHNSTON

During the reporting period, the Johnston Branch Library welcomed Branch Manager Marcia Spaulding. She attended orientation at Central Library the week of July 13 and began at Johnston the week of July 20.

Johnston continued having a good audience turnout for its Baby Time, Story Time, Tween Time and Kids Time. Story Time themes were “Pigs,” “Apples,” and “Royalty.” The tweens built with LEGOs, learned about super villains, and watched a movie. Kids Time themes were “Fairy Tale Heroes,” and “Tall Tale Heroes.”

The *SummerFest* was held on July 29. The *Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre* had a performance that entertained the audience. After the show, refreshments were served.

Adult Services Librarian Monica Bustillo oversaw the following programs:

On July 15, she facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Gillian Flynn’s “Dark Places.”

July 16, Bustillo attended the first in a series of Adult Services Planning meetings with Coordinator of Services to Adults Dianna Morganti. The following meetings were July 30 and August 13.

July 20, Bustillo presented information about library services and upcoming events to the Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association.

July 31, Bustillo continued the Friday Family Film series with a screening of Disney’s “Big Hero 6.”

August 3 and 10, Bustillo helped organize a Low Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program event in partnership with the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

August 14, Bustillo organized the last Yoda, Yoga and You event with the organization *Yoga Day*. During the reporting period, Bustillo created a Summer Reads display.

Johnston Branch Library Teens had plenty to do each week this summer at Teen Time. Library Aide Sheridan Richardson and Library Assistant Megan Stanley held the following teen programs:

July 16: Video Game Day

July 23: A camp-in that encouraged teens to unplug with s’mores and visiting around a lantern

July 30: Movie day showing “Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part I”

August 6: Pizza Making

August 13: Snap Circuits

LANDA

Children’s Services

Readers continue to turn in their logs! The shelves in the children’s area are lined with superhero stars with the names of the summer reading finishers. Families had a blast at the Landa Branch Library’s *SummerFest Party* on July 27 which featured crafts, games and hand-on activities.

During the August break from the weekly programming schedule, Landa hosted two Come & Go Craft programs on August 7 and 14. For the events Librarian Clair Larkin set up a maker space station with craft supplies and encouraged kids to come up with their own inspired creations.

Adult Services

The two monthly adult book groups—Reader’s Ink and the Seniors Mystery Book Club closed out their July meetings with “McCall-Smith’s Double Comfort Safari” and Margaret Truman’s last book, “Murder

Inside the Beltway.” Both book clubs are taking the month of August off and will return in September. Reader’s Ink is moving its meeting time from the first Saturday of the month to the second Thursday of each month. The Seniors Mystery Book Club will continue to meet the fourth Thursday of each month.

Landa’s Monday evening Adult Summer Reading programs got into full swing with an informative presentation by Joan Cunningham, PhD, on the epidemiology of breast cancer. Dr. Cunningham is a well-known expert in the field and is much in demand to present programs at seminars throughout the nation. She is one of Landa’s regular customers and a member of the Seniors Mystery Book Club. The following week, Jane Cavazos, the librarian at SAISD’s Burbank High School, gave a PowerPoint program on the Battle of Gettysburg. Her session included many little-known facts and vignettes about the people and geography of this famous battle.

Teen Services

Melissa Carroll is pleased to return as a Teen Liaison. Teens at Landa continue their summertime fun at the Wednesday teen group, Cool Teens Club. Regular attendees were joined by a few new friends this month and met up to play computer games, board games, and to relax before the school year. On Wednesday, August 12, the teens created Zen tangles, patterned doodles for focus and creativity. The Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) also met to brainstorm ideas for fall programming. The TLLC worked on ideas for Teen Read Week, International Game Day, and Banned Books Weeks.

LAS PALMAS

Citizenship classes continue to gain attendance at the Las Palmas Branch Library and computer classes also see a steady number of participants.

Bilingual Story Time celebrated the end of Summer Reading. Children listened to superhero stories and decorated masks. In the month of July, Library Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez presented five Bilingual Story Times. Parents expressed appreciation for Ms. Perez’s program. Their children are entering school for the first time and parents felt that the program has helped prepare their children.

Las Palmas Teen Time attendance continues to increase. On July 30, twenty-five teens from the YWCA attended Teen Time. Teens enjoyed making collages, watching a movie and each teen received a book courtesy of HEB. Thank you to Library Assistant Carlos Loera and Library Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez for collaboratively presenting Las Palmas Teen Time. A total of five programs were presented in July.

In July, over 100 children and adults enjoyed the puppet presentation of *The Monkey and the Crocodile*. Kids Time and Lego Club programs were very popular this summer and Ms. Brudi continues her visits to Avance, Madonna, and Good Samaritan early literacy centers with story times and outreach collections. In August, Ms. Brudi attended the Jirah House’s Back to School Bash prompting library services to the community.

MAVERICK

Summer Reading activities in July were very well attended at the Maverick Branch Library! On July 15, 92 patrons attended *Spikey Mikey* the Magician’s program. A puppet show focusing on *Elephant and*

Piggie and the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* was performed for 40 patrons. Thanks to Raina Oster, Daniella Toll, Laura Lopez, Cetta-Dae Poore, Eraani Perez and Brittany Gates for assisting with the show. The Lego Time, led by Children's Librarian Amy Roberts averaged 59 people for the 4 programs. At the end of summer party, *SummerFest*, 106 kids and patrons were entertained by paleontologist, Dinosaur George. Thank you to the Friends of the Maverick Library for funding this particular program! As of August 10, 958 children registered for Summer Reading and 311 children claimed their prizes.

Adult programming was also had great attendance during this time period. The crochet class, taught by Librarian I Pat King and Library Assistant Lucy Villa had 3 attendees on July 25 and 6 attendees on August 8. In addition, Ms. Villa continued to have 12-17 kids at her Tuesday Teen Times! The Ladies Choice Book Club continues to grow, with 16 members attending on July 25.

In other news, Ms. King was assigned to be the new Maverick Volunteer Coordinator in early August. The Friends of the Maverick Library are also accepting donations for the book sale on September 19 and 20.

McCRELESS

From July 12- August 15, the McCreless Branch Library hosted four Wednesday night teen times and two Saturday movie events. On August 8, the *Beethoven Dance Band* performed to a packed house at McCreless. Forty two people were in attendance.

Three Story Times were held during this time period. Children heard stories about whales, sharks and octopuses and learned about the animals' special characteristics and adaptations. The kids made paper models of each of the sea creatures, having lots of fun designing and playing with their creations.

Three Kids Time programs were also held. During the program "Kids are Heroes," children made colorful, sparkly picture frames to give to the residents of Southwest Nursing and Rehab.

During another program, *Spikey Mikey* performed with a huge attendance - 126 people enjoyed the magic and fun.

SummerFest was a big hit too. Fifty McCreless family members attended the party. Children made superhero masks and cuffs and learned a little about physics as they took the Superhero marble escape and water control challenges.

Summer Reading numbers are ahead of last year both in registration and in program attendance. Branch Manager Cammie Brantley hosted two sessions of the Adult Book Club during this reporting period with attendees enjoying and commenting on "A Man Called Ove" and "Dear Daughter."

MEMORIAL

Children and their caregivers at Memorial Branch Library enjoyed Family Fun programs including *Origami* taught by our own Circulation Attendant Adam Capelo, and *Sketchbook Art Journaling* with St. Mary's University's Brian Zampier. Families had a blast as they celebrated the end of the summer reading program at *SummerFest*, with crafts, music, books, games, Legos and yummy treats. Kids Time was well

attended by our school-age patrons as they participated in science and theme-based hero activities such as “Fire Fighters,” “Dynamite Dogs” and “Every Child is a Hero.” Movie Time was thoroughly enjoyed by kids of all ages as they viewed family-friendly movies.

The Memorial Branch Library participated in the 7th Annual Health and Wellness Fair, hosted by State Senator José Menéndez at the Neighborhood Place on Saturday Sept. 14, 2015. Library staff at the event made 500 contacts, promoting library services to children, teen and adults. A fun craft was also shared with children and library card sign up was promoted.

Memorial featured an exhibit of handmade quilts by *Ruth Felty* in August. The patterns on the quilts were based on Hawaiian themes, with tropical flowers and other Hawaiian symbols native to the land. Customers were taken by the skill and expertise of her work. Mrs. Felty is a long-time San Antonio quilter and educator.

As part of the Adult Summer Reading Program, the movie the “Lovely Bones” was shown to compliment the book selected for Memorial. The film was shown on Thursday, July 23, with a good turnout for the screening.

Memorial hosted a TexShare class on Tuesday, August 4. The class was taught by Library Assistant Andrea Silva and Circulation Supervisor Laura Villarreal. SAPL employees who attended appreciated the information shared with them and the ease in getting to the branch for training.

On Friday, August 7 another very successful Summer Lunch program provided by The Food Bank and hosted by Memorial branch ended. Over 800 meals were served over a 9 week period to children between 1-18 years old.

Memorial welcomed the *Indian Dance for Health & Fitness* program organized by Librarian Pannaga Prasad of Central Library on Thursday, August 11. Patrons were mesmerized by the beauty of the dance and the fantastic Indian music. The event was well attended by approximately 33 customers.

MISSION

Table Tennis continues to be an adult draw to Mission Branch Library. Given the program's success the Friends of the Mission Library were instrumental in helping the library gain two more table tennis tables. An adult table tennis tournament is planned at the end of August.

Medicare Open Enrollment, Yoga, Circuit-cycling, embroidery and crafting were also offered to adults at Mission.

Teens at Mission were able to utilize new STEM equipment during Teen Time purchased by the Friends Group. Teens created music with the Makey Makey circuit board kit and also created small, reactive robots with the Cubelets robotics kit. Teens also participated in low-tech crafting when they made homemade ice cream, duct tape wallets, and painted candle holders.

Teen Librarian Cynthia Cruz provided assistance at the San Japan Anime convention. Ms. Cruz joined staff from Teen Services to help out at SAPL's Manga reading room.

The End of Summer Teen Party provided teens with a variety of activities for party-goers to participate in. Teens had the choice of playing ping pong and video games indoors or to play volleyball or badminton in the library's courtyard. The highlight of the party was the drawing for gift cards that the Mission Friends group provided. Three lucky Mission teens received gift cards to Game Stop and McDonald's. Pizza and refreshments were also provided at the party.

During the latter part of July and into August, children are still being encouraged to sign up for the Summer Reading Program and to remember to claim their new book upon completion. *SummerFest*, on July 27 was a huge success with around 120 children and adults attending.

Foxie, our visiting R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dog) grows in popularity every time she's here. Immediately following *SummerFest*, 25 children and adults enjoyed reading to *Foxie*. Happily, *Foxie* is going to continue coming to Mission following an August break.

Since Kids Time has ended, Mission children are invited to play with Legos and Playdough in the same time slot and are enjoying one more fun activity to wrap up their summer.

On August 1, Branch Manager Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and Teen Librarian Cynthia Cruz participated in the 12th annual Mancha Family Back-to-School Backpack giveaway. The event provides backpacks and school supplies to approximately 600 disadvantaged children. The event provided the opportunity for the librarians to informally survey the community related to library services. Approximately, 150 families participated. Participants stated that they enjoyed the library and appreciated the variety of books. For many, computers were considered a highly regarded and necessary resource.

On August 15, Elma Nieto-Rodriguez also provided outreach at the Texas A&M Colonias Program Back-to-School event. Students enjoyed a Cubelets robotics demonstration. Parents were asked about their library use. Many expressed being regulars at the McCreless and Mission libraries.

PAN AMERICAN

The Pan American Branch Library continued to provide both educational and recreational services to the South Side community. During the July and August the branch hosted fitness classes such as Gentle Stretch Yoga and Tai Chi Easy, which have proven to be very popular with patrons. Additionally, the branch offered quilting classes on Thursday mornings for beginners and all skill levels.

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club continued in full swing at the Pan American Branch Library. Children, Teens and Adults have started returning reading logs to claim their prizes. One lucky teen at Pan American won a 3D ink pen. Children's Services Librarian Carol Collins also visited area daycares to promote the Summer Reading Program.

During the summer the Pan American Branch Library offered fun and creative activities for teens in the community. In July, teen programs included games such as "A Minute to Win It" where participants competed against the clock to complete an activity in under a minute. Teens also learned about geocaching and made paracord bracelets. In honor of National S'mores Day, Teen Liaison Angel Olivarez told ghost stories and urban legends while the teens made s'mores.

PARMAN

The DIY U Summer Art Series continued at the Parman Branch Library with Miniature Book Jewelry and Tiny Sweater Monsters taught by Manager Haley Holmes. Library Assistant Elissa Vura taught the Art of Zentangle and Handmade Greeting Cards. Participants are enjoying the classes so much, eight o'clock comes much too quickly. Staff is now planning the fall schedule of DIY U classes with many new subjects including fly fishing, green cleaning, and upcycled t-shirts.

Summer Reading activities concluded with the *Eulenspiegel Puppets* in July and Parman's *SummerFest* on July 30. Families made superhero masks and wrist cuffs, played in an outside bubble station, enjoyed a water bead sensory experience, among other activities. Staff received many positive comments from participants.

Parman customers enjoyed riding a bus provided by the McNay Museum to the McNay's annual Family Day. Parman Branch Library has participated in the event for over 3 years, and customers love the convenience of the shuttle service.

The Friends of the Parman Library held their annual Staff Appreciation Dinner in August. Staff enjoyed dinner provided by the Friends and everyone participated in playing a game and made a craft. Manager Haley Holmes presented awards to the Parman staff. Staff also made gifts for the Friends, miniature book jewelry. The Friends were very excited by the gift this year.

On August 11, the Alamo Area Woodcarvers presented the Parman Library with a thank you gift. Assistant Director Dale McNeill and Public Services Administrator Kate Gray were in attendance along with about 20 members of the AAWC. Twenty-one of their carvers created a quilt made up of 52 carved tiles, reflecting their diversity of style. The quilt will be displayed in the first quiet room so it can be viewed from inside and outside of the library. Both the Express News and Time Warner News did pieces on the event.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Children enjoyed hearing stories about a variety of heroes, from animal heroes, tall tale heroes, and fairy tale heroes at the Pruitt Branch Library. "Three Ninja Pigs by Corey Schwartz and Superworm" written by Julia Donaldson were especially entertaining. The children showed their creativity while constructing different homes using straws, toothpicks and marshmallows, and LEGOs, then discussing which house would be the strongest. Performer *Spikey Mikey*, once again, was a big hit with the children and parents as he combined amazing magic tricks and comedy and stressed the importance of reading and taking part in the Summer Reading Program. The branch hosted *SummerFest* on August 1 with over 100 participants attending. Parents and children enjoyed making superhero crafts together including, shields, bookmarks, and a hero flying through the sky. The face painter and puppet show were also great additions to the celebration.

The branch continues to host the monthly Family Circle Book Club. Tweens and a parent read their first *steampunk* novel, "Etiquette & Espionage" by Gail Carriger. Mothers and daughters continue to enjoy the experience of shared reading, interesting discussions, and listening to the variety of viewpoints.

On August 5, the Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz visited Windcrest area's WIC Center where she met with over fifty parents and discussed the importance of early literacy with their children. Parents were given calendars and invited to attend Baby Time and Toddler Times offered at libraries throughout the city.

Kidzville Learning Academy visited the library on August 10. Thirty-four 3 and 4 year-old children were treated to a story about policemen as superheroes, and they constructed a superhero craft. Mrs. Saenz took them on a tour of the library, and the children received raving compliments from patrons for their awesome behavior. Before departing, the children were handed their free books and certificate signed by the mayor for completing their Summer Reading. Plans were discussed for a future visit or outreach to the school.

The Pruitt Teen Summer Reading Program was a success. The branch increased teen sign up from last year's 203 to this year's 306 teens for the SAPL Teen Summer Reading Program. The prize list of the Wii U personal gaming system, GoPro Camera, 3D Doodler Pen, and the 3DS XL personal gaming system really helped improve the likelihood of teens to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Teens enjoyed superhero-themed movies with popcorn and sodas. They watched "The Avengers, Captain America: The Winter Soldier," and "The Dark Knight." The teens created some unique t-shirts with rubbing alcohol and sharpies which gave their t-shirts a controlled tie-dyed effect, they also made use of the button maker to create one-of-a-kind superhero souvenirs, and using withdrawn damaged and grubby graphic novels and comic books and duct tape they made personalized wallets. Thursday's Teen Chess ended after the *RackSpace Chess Tournament*, which many of the teens participated and won trophies. The FSA and Joven teen interns were a joy to have help at the branch. They helped out with a big portion of the children's programming and were very instrumental during Family LEGO Camp week. They learned valuable job skills as well as learned how to love their local library and all of its resources. The teens enjoyed their summer, as did the teen librarian, Rae Downen. 73 percent, or 224, of the 306 registered teens completed the requirements for teen Summer Reading.

Adults were able to create their own spa materials and soap at four weekend workshop events. Participants created soaps with the guidance of library patron, Rachel Bailey. Librarians Mary Jane McClendon and Rae Downen led workshops to help patrons make bath bombs, bath salts, body lotion bars, and lip balms. This is the second time the library has provided this program. Patrons enjoyed making the products and visiting with fellow library patrons.

SAN PEDRO

Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presented monthly Story Times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes), Study Hall Learning Center (two classes), and Monte Vista Montessori (two classes). Fifteen books were also delivered to each child care class for their use during the month. In addition, a bag of books for elementary students was delivered to each group for the older students who are at the centers during the summer months. She also presented a monthly story time to two groups of children (each group was a combination of two classes) at Respite Care, a child care facility for developmentally disabled children. Books were left for each of five classes. In addition, she presents a special bimonthly story time at the library for some of the children who live at Respite Care's shelter facility.

The new summer programs have been successful at attracting children who have not normally come to the San Pedro Branch Library. Monday Minecraft Club, Crazy 8's Math Club for Kindergarten through 3rd grade on Tuesdays, Kids Time for Kindergarten through 5th grade with an emphasis on science experiments on Wednesdays, Beginning Readers Club and LEGO Club on Thursdays have all been popular. For example, 27 different children came to Minecraft Monday; and only two had visited San Pedro before. In addition, Manager Diane Backhus and Library Assistant Carmen Roja have been presenting a special Story Time at the San Pedro Park Pool two or three afternoons a week, which has also been popular. The library has been asked by the Parks and Recreation Department to bring the program back again next summer! Mrs. Backhus and Ms. Roja both found the program to be very rewarding. The end of summer programming was celebrated at *SummerFest* on July 26.

Summer Reading Program registrations for the children at San Pedro are at a record high at 1593! Only Central and Great Northwest have more registrations! Adult Summer Reading registrations are at 32. Carmen Roja was very active with the Teen Summer Reading Program. There were 31 teens registered, and they turned in a total of 69 entries for the prize drawing.

Wilson Plunkett and Carmen Roja visited Laurel Apartments (321 W. Laurel), College Park Apartments (2011 N. Flores), and the Parkview San Antonio Housing Authority apartments (114 Hickman) as part of Adult programming outreach. They spoke to the managers at each site and with the Case Manager at Parkview. Mr. Plunkett will be attending the SAHA Partner's Meeting in early September and will speak briefly about the San Pedro Springs Branch Library and meet the SAHA Case Managers.

Library staff also attended training classes. On July 29, M. Dalton attended a Webinar entitled "The Physics of Ramps: What Kids Learn Playing with Ramps." Diane Backhus and Carmen Roja attended "How to help the public with Legal Questions," an informative class led by Mike Martinez from St. Mary's Law School.

SEMMESES

Local attorney Robert Dittman presented a program about the benefits of using Ham Radio on July 18, 2015. Attendees were treated to a demonstration of some ham radio equipment and were given lots of information about how ham radio can be used when there are no cell phones available or there has been a power outage.

The second meeting of the Semmes LEGO Club took place on July 21, 2015. 28 children and 14 adults came out to explore their creativity with LEGO Bricks! Staff appreciates the Friends of the Semmes Branch Library who have generously provided the LEGOs for the club.

Local birding experts, *Tom and Patsy Inglet*, presented "Birding in the Park" at the Semmes Branch Library on July 25, 2015. The group met in the meeting room to talk about bird watching in general, then adjourned to the walking trails in Comanche Lookout Park to put their birding skills to the test. The program was very well received and staff hopes to have the Inglet's back in the fall for another program.

Children's Librarian Randi Jones was busy the last week of July! She hosted *SummerFest* on July 29, 2015. All of the children that had participated in the Summer Reading Program were invited out to enjoy fun games, stories and snacks. The next day, on July 30, 2015, Semmes patrons were treated to the *Eulenspiegel Puppet Show*. The meeting room was filled to capacity for both showings!

C/T Church on O'Connor Road held a back-to-school event on August 1, 2015. Library Assistant Julie Ernst attended and promoted Library Services to about 95 people. She answered questions about story times, library cards and digital resources.

THOUSAND OAKS

Summer Reading continued to be enriching and fun and the Thousand Oaks Branch Library even saw new faces each week! The meeting room windows filled with paper stars as children eagerly turned in their reading logs and received their books! Kids Time activities were a hit and the children really enjoyed the scavenger hunt to find the gingerbread man and the obstacle course they created with pool noodles and marbles. Toddler and Story Times were well attended and provided children with the opportunity to explore their scientific side by building kites and driving small toy cars on a track constructed out of tape. LEGO Time remained a popular program at Thousand Oaks this month, encouraging children to develop their spatial and fine motor skills. Additionally, Come and Go crafts were offered on Fridays allowing children to exhibit their artistic abilities with projects such as coloring paper lizards and gluing tissue paper to paper whales. The branch had a successful turnout for *SummerFest* on July 29. More than 150 people attended where they created superhero crafts, including cuffs and masks, participated in an obstacle course, received balloons, played several games, and enjoyed snacks!

Thousand Oaks teens have been enjoying their Teen Time with crafts, cooking and a movie. On July 26, the teens put their 3D sculpting talents to the test with the 3D Doodlers. On August 5, the teens chose to spend their time watching a dance movie, a few of them also danced along. At the end of the movie, the entries for the Teen Summer Reading contest were used for a drawing. The Friends of the Library group purchased a \$25 Academy Gift Card that was given as the prize. On August 9, the teens made and enjoyed some candy sushi. The sushi was made with Rice Krispies, Fruit Roll-Ups and a variety of other candy.

The Thursday Afternoon Book Group enjoyed the interesting conversation that was sparked by the historical fiction novel, "The Painted Girls" by Cathy Marie Buchanan. The group discussion was led by circulation attendant Brenda Ramos. The group enjoyed talking about 19th century Paris, in particular the working class.

Record breaking Vital Record sales continued at Thousand Oaks. July and August have been the busiest months so far. August saw our very own personal sales record broken three times in one week. Thousand Oaks staff continues to work determinedly to meet the end of summer demand.

TOBIN AT OAKWELL

Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell welcomed Karen Barton as the branch's new teen librarian. Ms. Barton is returning to San Antonio from St. Louis and graduating from the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign. Sadly, staff said goodbye to Library Aide Alma Trevino after her short tenure at Tobin Library.

Summer Reading programming came to a close with a lively *SummerFest* on July 25. Over 150 people came for face painting, balloon art, hero power snacks and a special performance by the *Bluebonnet*

Scottish Country Dancers. Kids, adults and some staff danced away to the festive tunes. In addition, many kids explored the games and activities onboard the *Scholastic Literacy Van* and then received a free book for their efforts.

Adult Summer Reading continues to be one of the highest enrollment rates of SAPL system wide. Adults are just as happy to get a free book as the kids are. Teen participation this summer has been very popular as well. One of Tobin's teens, Maya Kim, was lucky enough to win one of the teen prizes – a Wii.

Changes continue throughout the branch not only with the collection but also with work spaces. Adult nonfiction has been weeded and shifted, while the Español Collection has been relocated to one of the branch's bright green walls. Patrons have provided positive feedback as they appreciate how much easier searching the entire Spanish collection is now.

Thanks to IT support and Maintenance personnel, the reference and check out stations have swapped sides as you enter the building. This adjustment enables reference staff to assist computer users quicker and monitor the teen room more closely. Circulation duties run smoother with this modification as return materials and the workroom are more convenient.

WESTFALL

More than 300 children and adults have attended Westfall Branch Library's Kids Time events this summer. Animals from *Happy Tails* were the most popular offering. Trainers brought a lemur, a spiny shelled tortoise, a hedgehog, a snake and a very large African porcupine.

Westfall staff members have registered from than 1,000 children, teens and adults for the Summer Reading Program.

Teen Tuesdays have allowed local teenagers to learn how to play an electric guitar, to make *Cubees* and to create *FrankenBeanies* (a new stuffed animal made from parts of other stuffed animals.)

Manager Sherrie Hardin spoke at the July meeting of the Dellview Area Neighborhood Association. Ms. Hardin talked about the branch's Learn Center and urged adults to sign up for Summer Reading Program.

Westfall is partnering with BCFS Health and Human Services to offer free parenting classes that focus on problematic behavior parents have to deal with on a daily basis. The classes use *Parenting Wisely*, an evidence based curriculum that is video based.

Department of Human Services Social Worker Lindsay Minarovic has started offering financial counseling in the Learn Center. Ms. Minarovic is a certified financial empowerment counselor.

The Pride Center used Westfall's meeting room to hold *Safe Zone Training*.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

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Fiscal Year-to-Date Comparisons
Jul 2015 (83.3% of FY Completed)

Performance Measures	FYTD 15	FYTD 14	% Chg	FY 15 Goal	% of Goal Achieved	FY 15 Status
Total Circulation	6,060,851	5,931,365	2.2%	7,313,500	82.9%	✓
- Physical Circulation	5,289,643	5,400,134	-2.0%	6,471,500	81.7%	◊
- Digital Circulation	771,208	531,231	45.2%	842,000	91.6%	✓
Visits	4,520,343	4,466,752	1.2%	5,390,000	83.9%	✓
Program Attendance	303,253	275,564	10.0%	302,450	100.3%	✓
- Adult's Program Attendance	45,421	43,396	4.7%	39,000	116.5%	✓
- Teen's Program Attendance	35,883	35,163	2.0%	43,450	82.6%	✓
- Children's Program Attendance	221,949	204,843	8.4%	219,000	101.3%	✓
Hours of Computer/Wi-Fi Use	1,954,844	1,790,488	9.2%	2,202,000	88.8%	✓
Website and App Visits	2,916,826	2,973,079	-1.9%	3,400,000	85.8%	✓
Bexar County (Outside the City of San Antonio)			Customer Satisfaction*			
% of Circulation	FYTD 15	FYTD 14	2014	2012		
Total Circulation	19.7%	19.0%				
- Physical Circulation	18.9%	18.4%	96%	94%		
- Digital Circulation	25.5%	24.8%				

Goal Status ✓ = On Target ◊ = Monitor ⛔ = Not on Target

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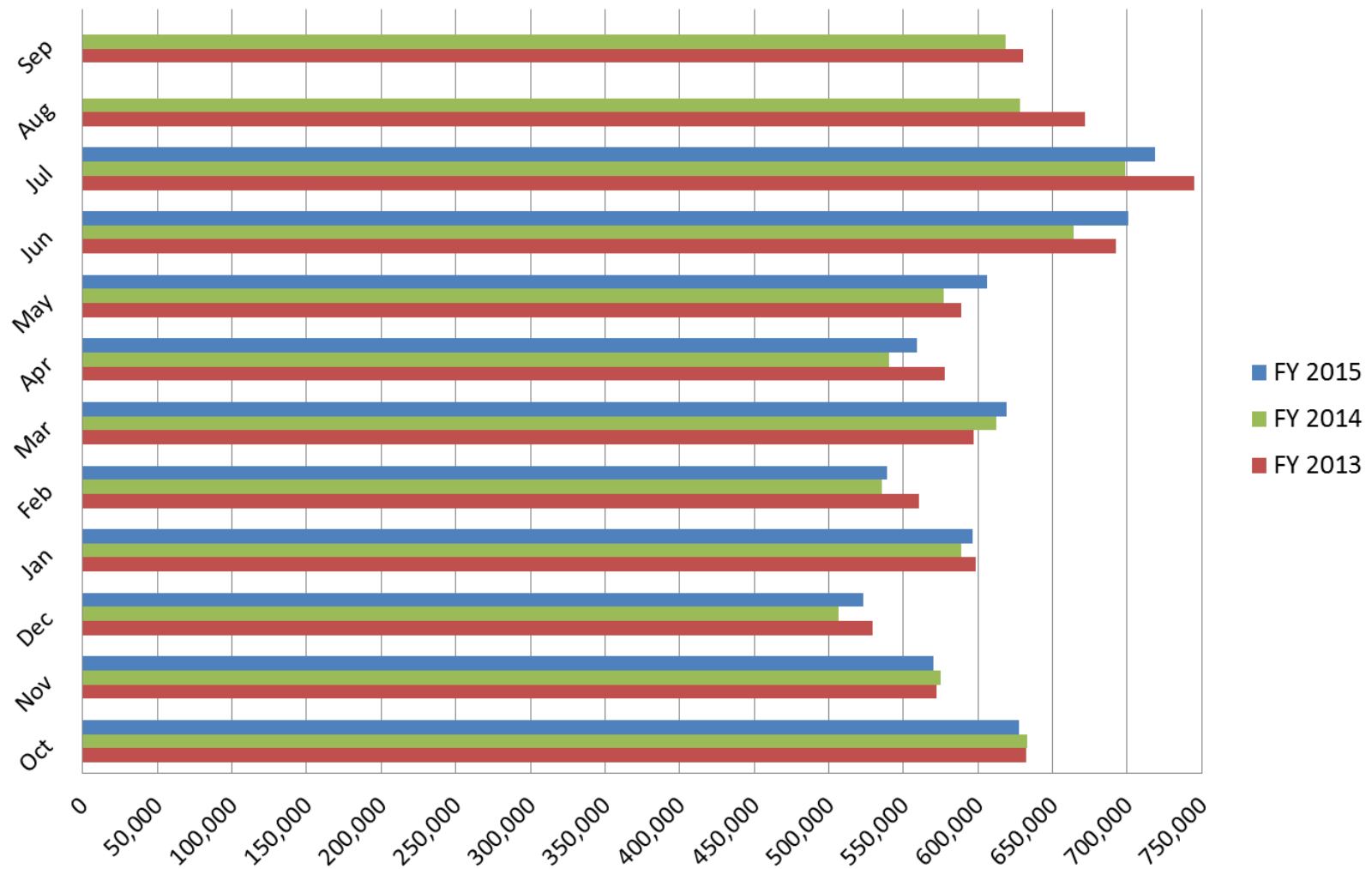
July 2015 Usage

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Hours of Computer / Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	6,914	12,242	28	6	5	17	383	140	35	208	7,469	2,319	5,150
Brook Hollow	30,706	19,250	48	13	4	31	1,428	77	9	1,342	5,992	1,626	4,366
Carver	6,002	12,313	45	11	5	29	515	90	28	397	6,243	2,309	3,934
Central	35,687	70,190	190	30	68	92	3,989	689	785	2,515	54,641	16,012	38,629
Cody	43,583	24,658	69	10	4	55	2,974	86	16	2,872	6,052	1,584	4,468
Collins Garden	88	0	8	0	0	8	112	0	0	112	920	0	920
Cortez	9,464	16,850	115	83	5	27	903	211	24	668	6,402	2,235	4,167
Encino	31,254	20,657	67	23	10	34	2,060	563	361	1,136	3,684	677	3,007
Forest Hills	9,709	9,309	40	17	5	18	556	137	32	387	3,726	1,311	2,415
Great Northwest	41,569	25,983	49	17	8	24	3,456	225	105	3,126	8,289	2,282	6,007
Guerra	16,228	13,841	40	12	5	23	922	154	24	744	7,425	2,182	5,244
Igo	34,797	28,180	80	16	17	47	3,252	250	150	2,852	5,925	1,824	4,101
Johnston	13,630	13,622	28	4	5	19	614	102	55	457	6,779	1,861	4,918
Landa	13,492	12,018	37	2	8	27	1,055	14	53	988	2,437	935	1,502
Las Palmas	9,387	16,825	40	8	5	27	512	52	48	412	8,073	2,257	5,817
Maverick	34,288	17,414	45	9	8	28	1,632	130	54	1,448	6,916	2,541	4,375
McCreless	17,185	18,898	18	3	5	10	467	19	30	418	7,828	1,859	5,969
Memorial	8,262	12,141	42	3	4	35	837	61	24	752	8,218	2,272	5,946
Mission	16,068	25,275	57	20	11	26	1,253	221	212	820	13,072	3,821	9,251
Pan American	10,611	13,123	54	17	4	33	579	171	9	399	7,137	2,480	4,657
Parman	38,049	27,889	80	25	4	51	1,935	425	52	1,458	5,492	909	4,583
Pruitt	8,020	11,550	84	29	22	33	1,887	761	300	826	3,941	1,674	2,268
San Pedro	5,280	7,896	47	3	0	44	490	5	0	485	3,024	716	2,308
Semmes	30,530	23,161	59	5	7	47	1,476	34	50	1,392	7,912	2,702	5,210
Thousand Oaks	14,211	19,882	38	6	4	28	1,121	32	25	1,064	5,227	1,496	3,731
Tobin	22,769	19,056	29	8	4	17	692	33	0	659	5,419	1,780	3,638
Westfall	21,626	17,654	30	11	4	15	700	177	22	501	8,821	2,282	6,538
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	2,193	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	2,366	N/A	2,366
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,203	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	96,468	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	91,712	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	718,792	512,070	1,467	391	231	845	35,800	4,859	2,503	28,438	219,432	63,946	155,486

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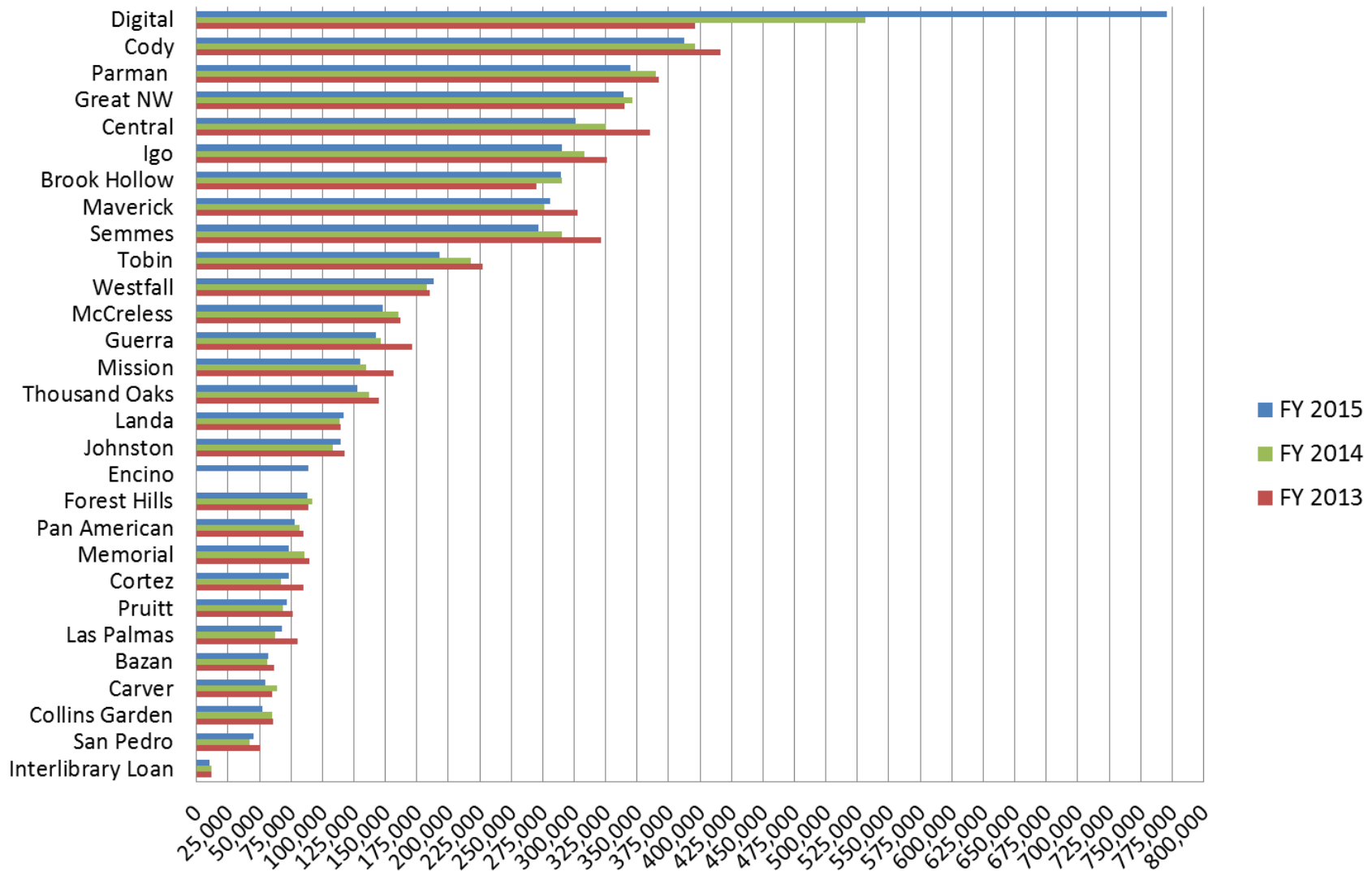
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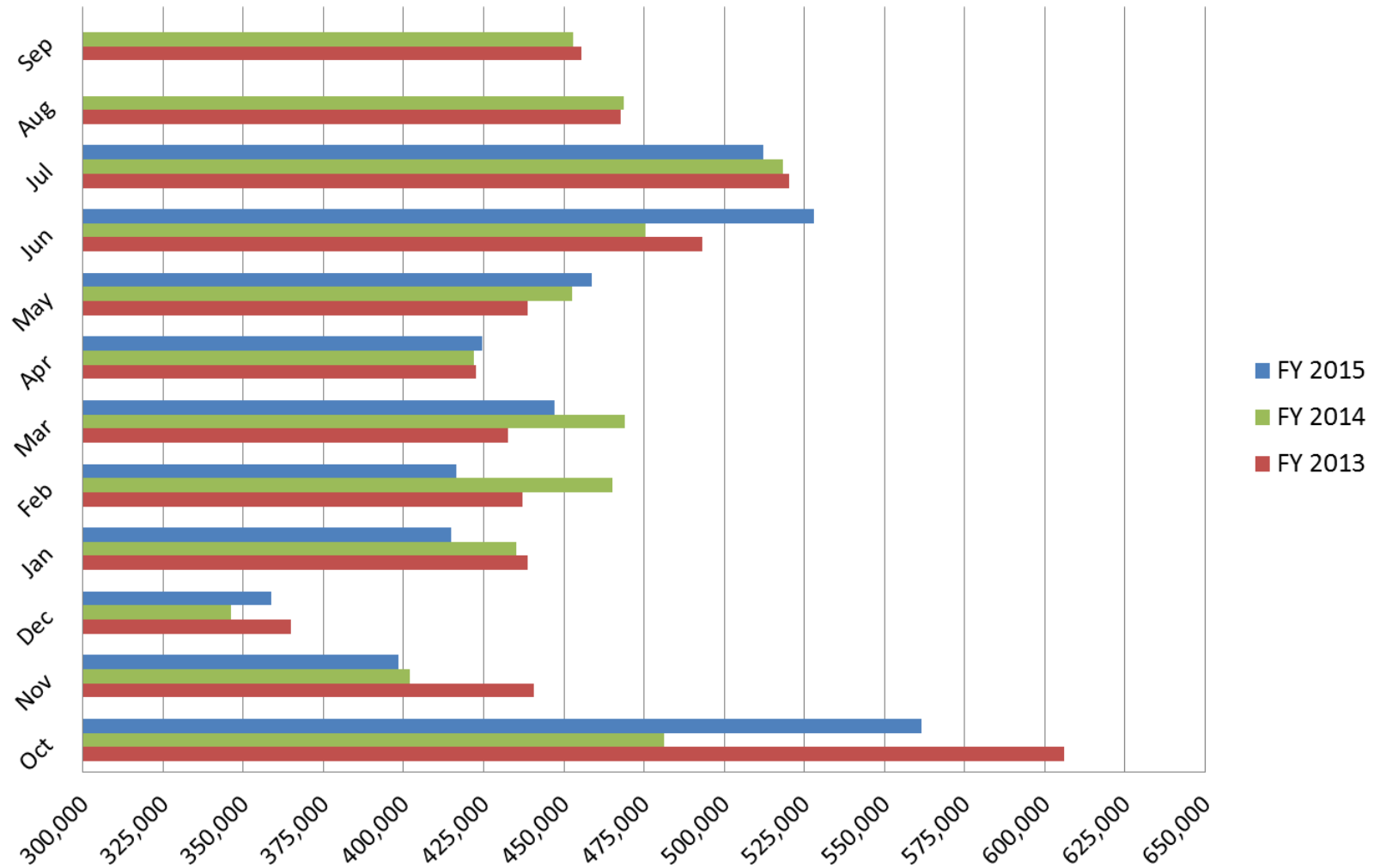
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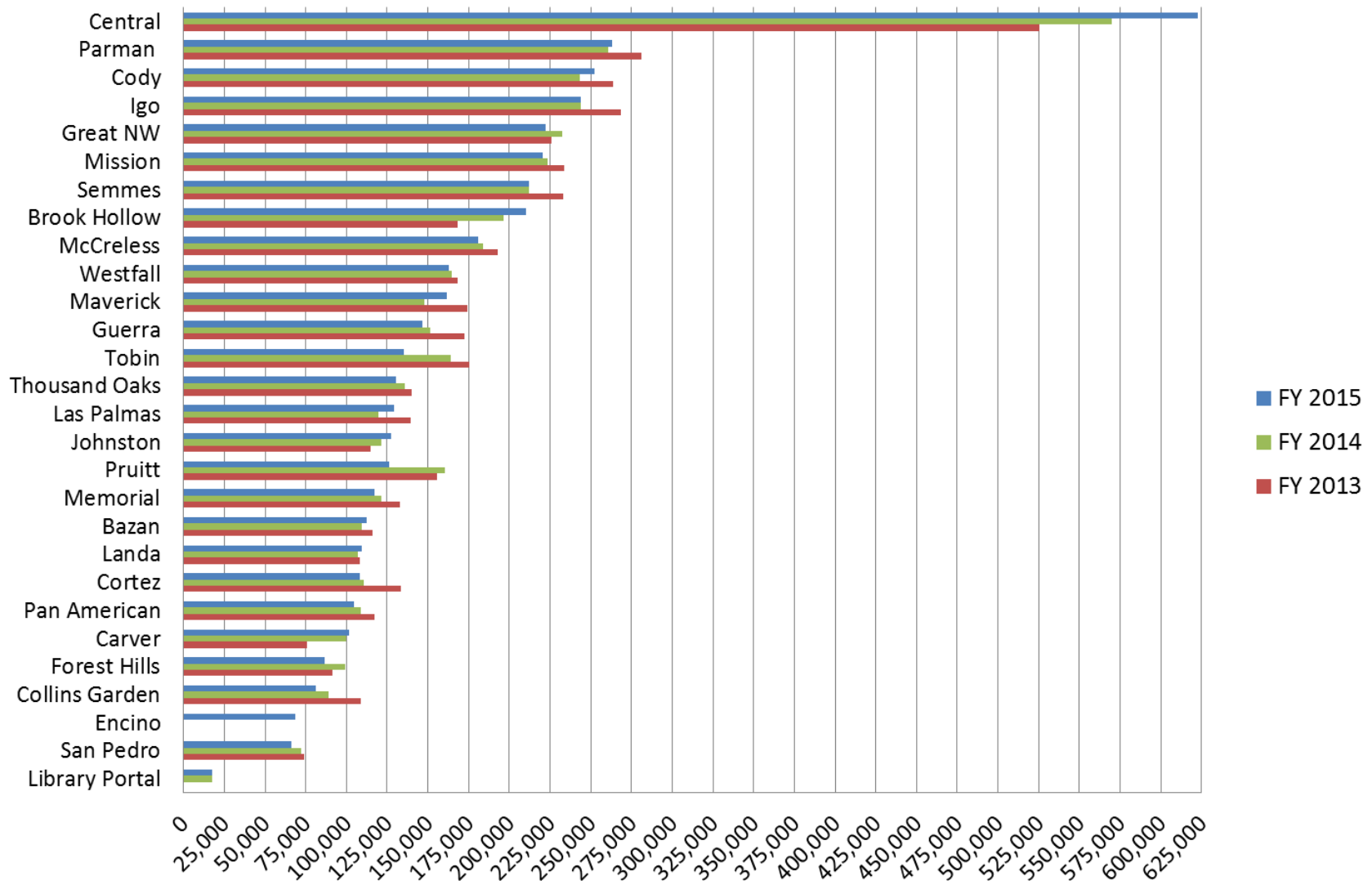
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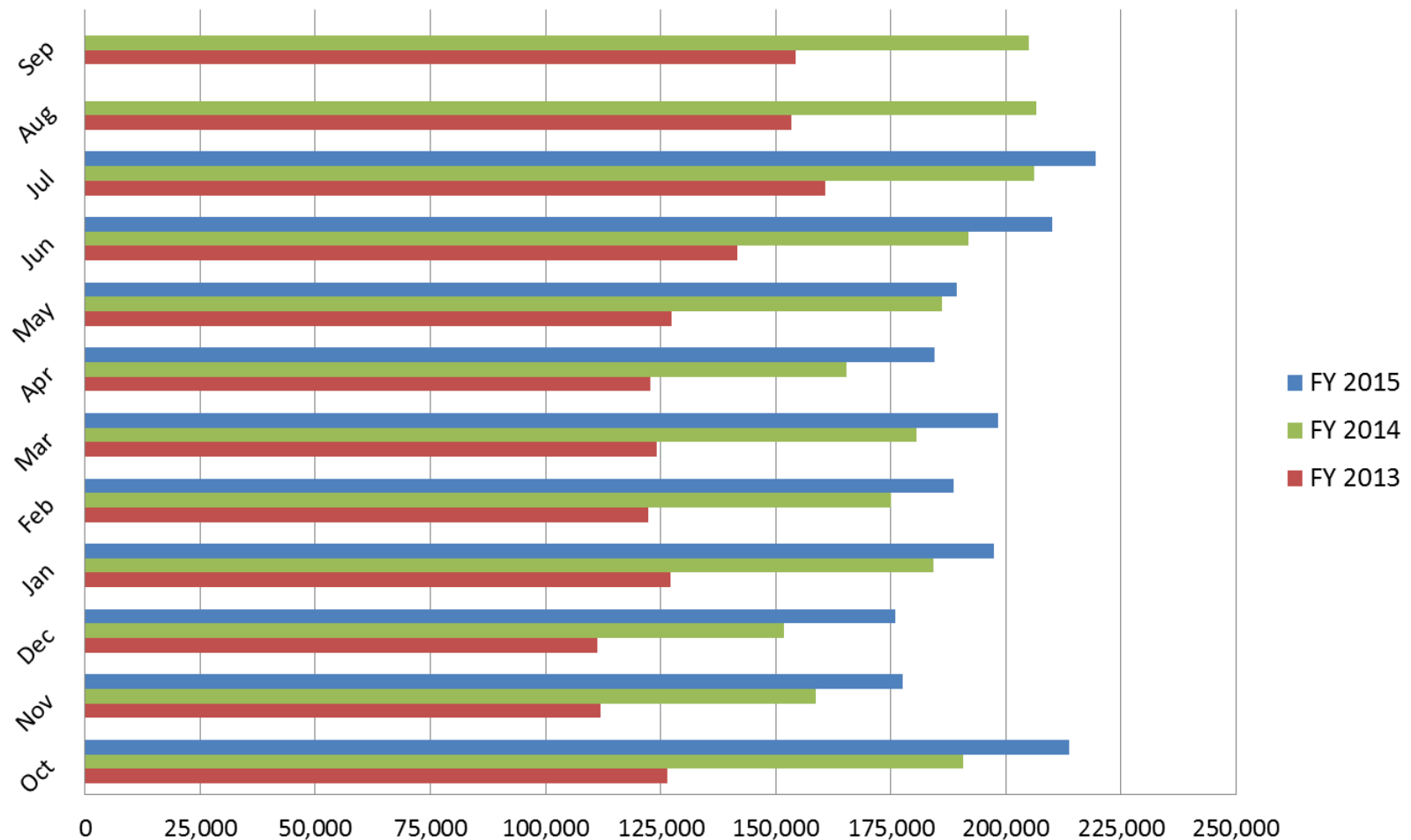
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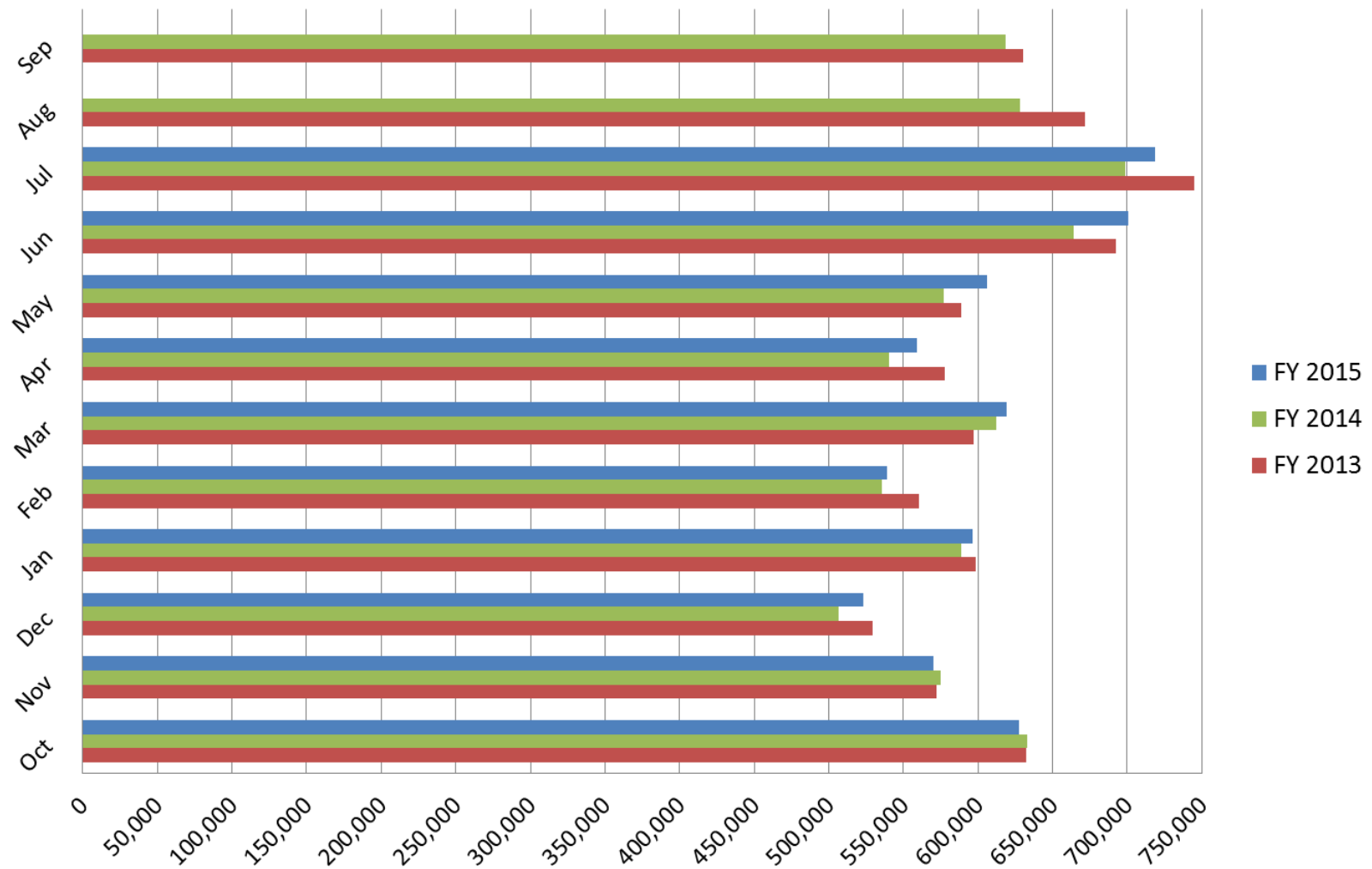
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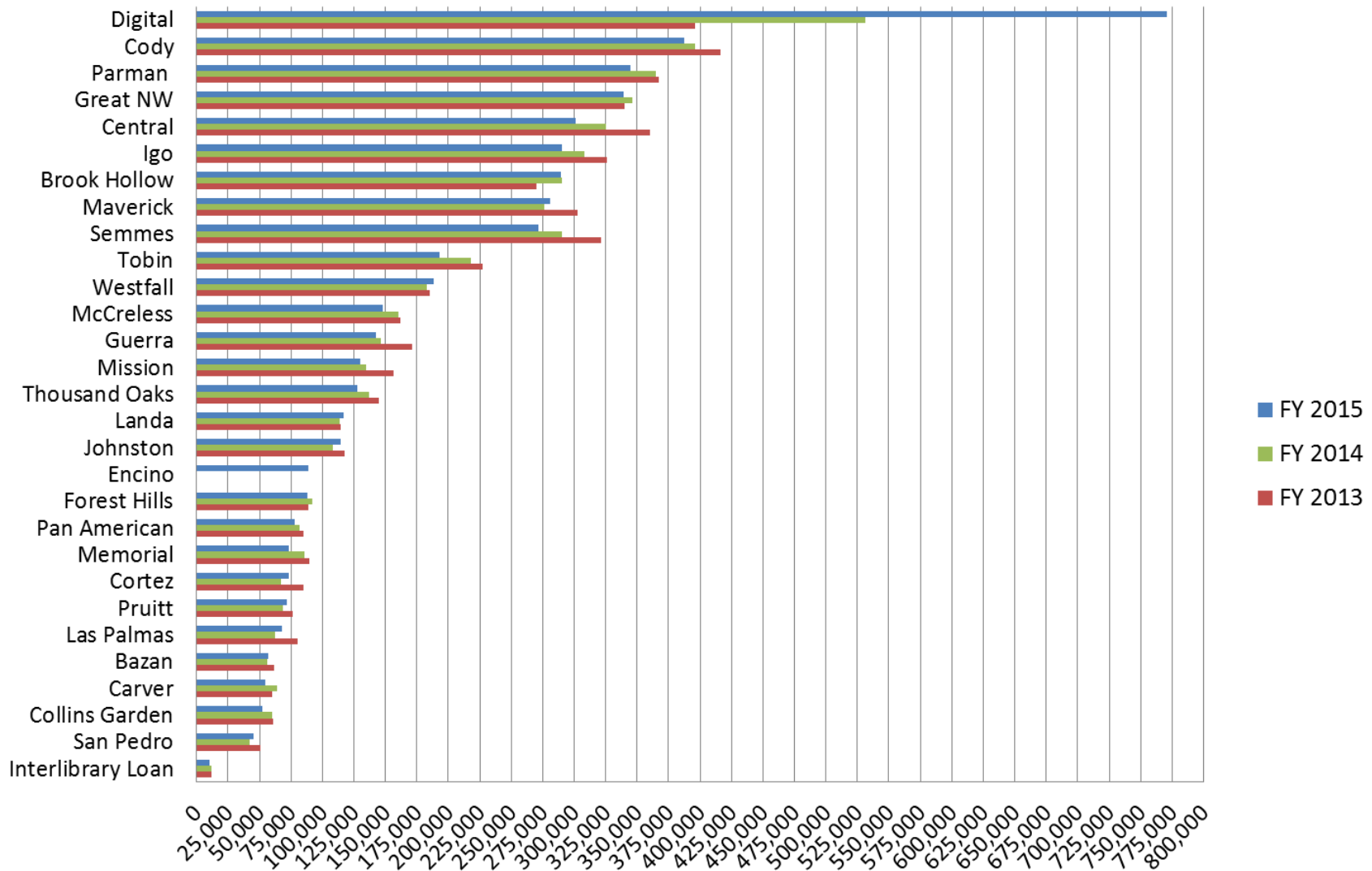
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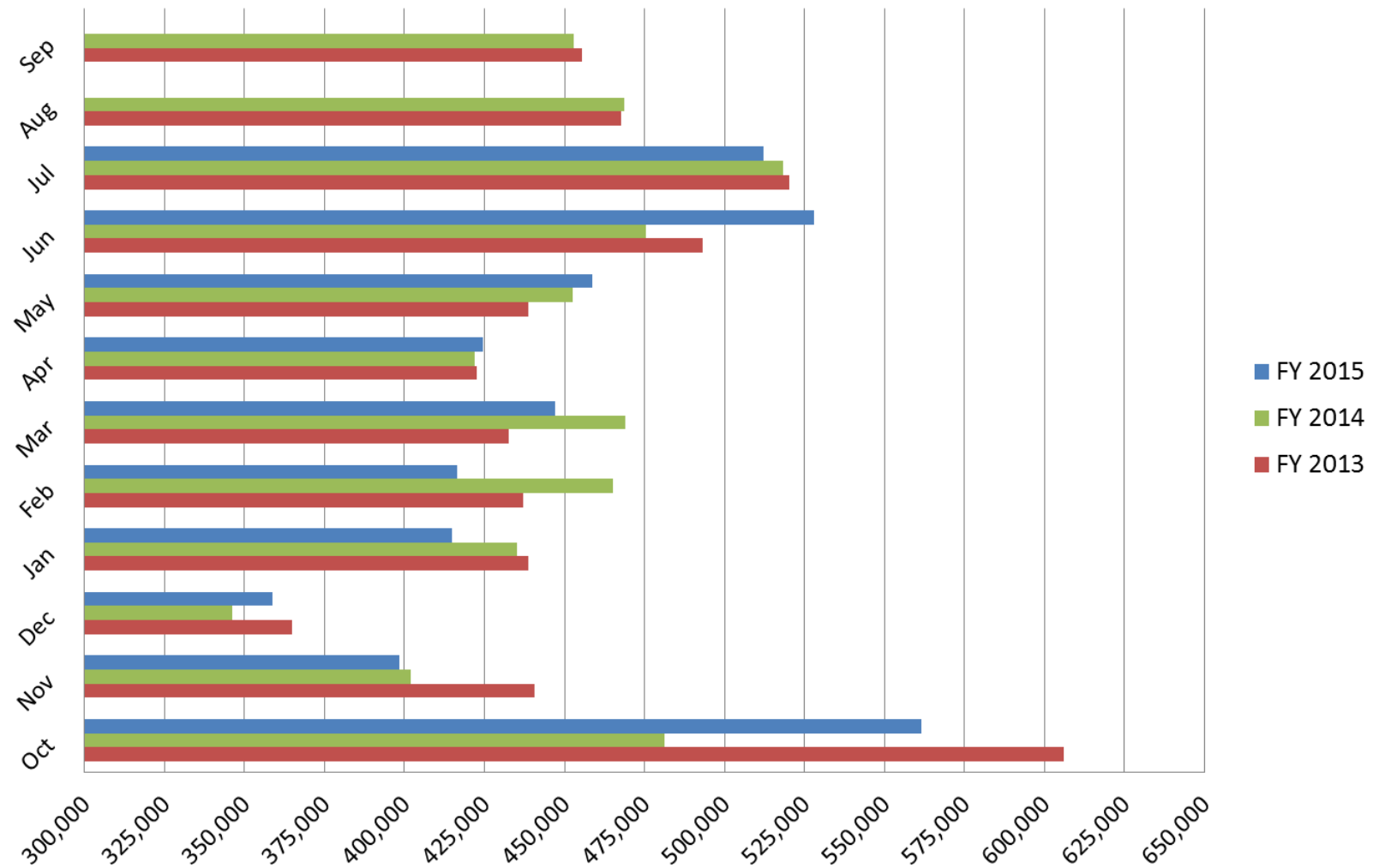
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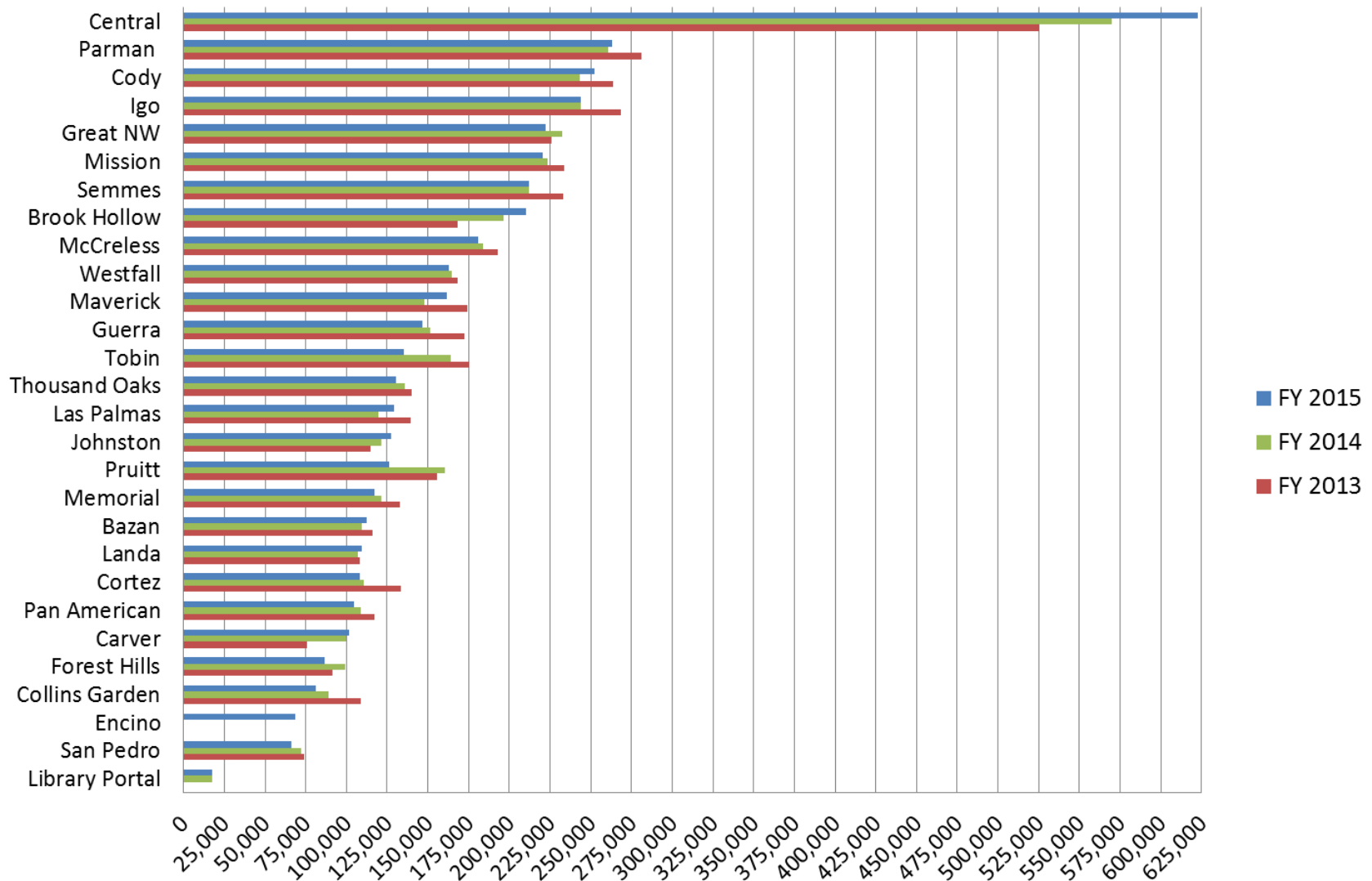
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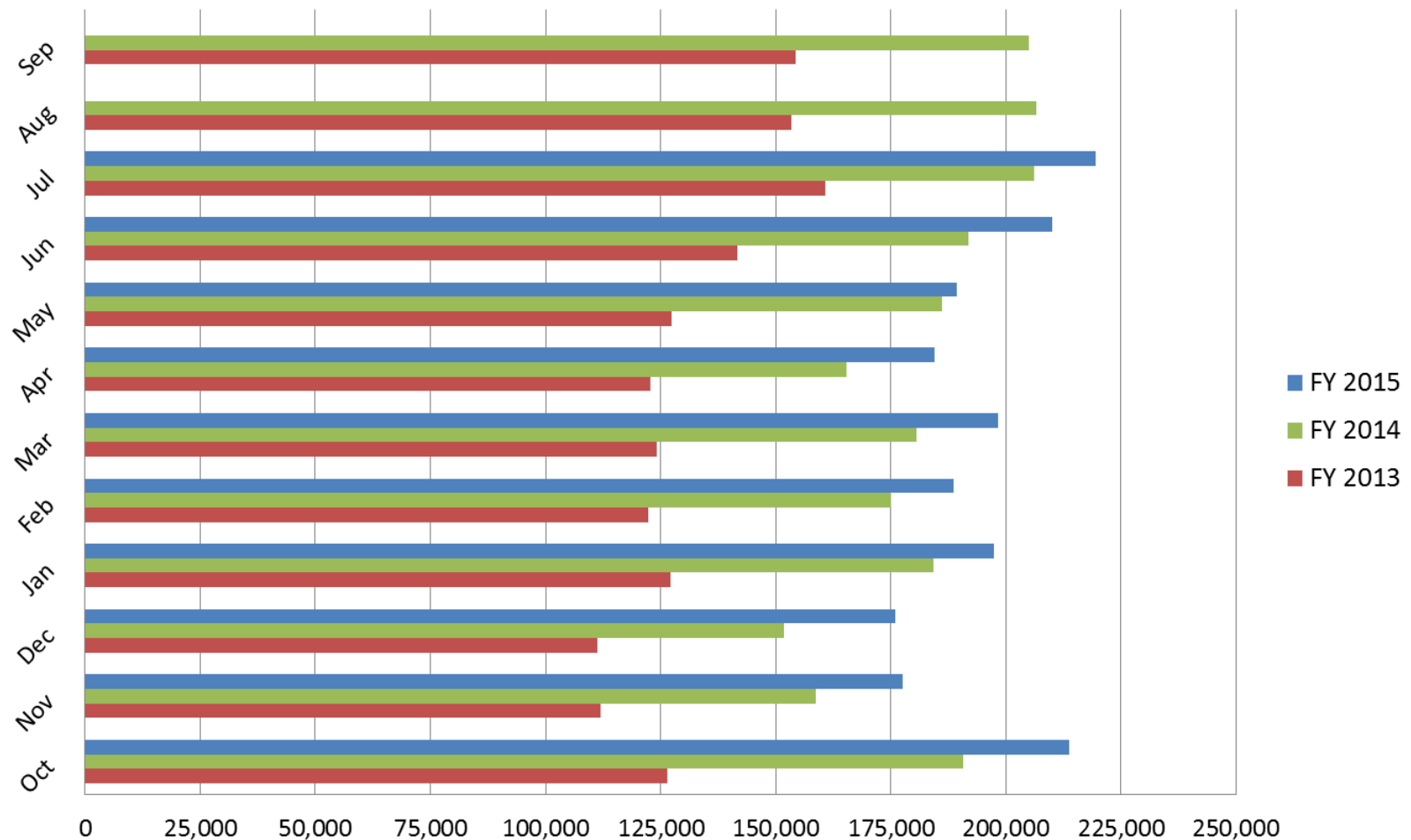
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