



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report October 2015

Central Library Auditorium, San Antonio Mini Maker Faire 2015

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Reception for Latino Collection and Resource Center

The San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Latino Leadership for the Library (L3) Committee and the San Antonio Public Library unveiled plans for the new Latino Collection and Resource Center at the Central Library on Wednesday, October 14. This project is being initiated in partnership with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and the Latino Leadership for the Library (L3) Committee. The event was well attended and the audience heard from Councilman Roberto Treviño, State Poet Laureate Carmen Tafolla, local author John Philip Santos and local scholar and author Dr. Tomas Ybarra y Frausto.

Library invited to participate in District 6 National Night Out Tour

Councilman Ray Lopez invited the Library to join his tour on National Night Out (October 6) of District 6 Neighborhoods. Library Services Administrator Candelaria Mendoza joined Councilman Lopez's tour and provided information to residents regarding the future Potranco Branch Library, located within a YMCA, as well as information about Library services and resources.

Launch of Mayor's Book Club

Mayor Taylor and the San Antonio Public Library launched the Mayor's Book Club on Friday, October 9, featuring the "Boy Kings of Texas," a book by Domingo Martinez. The event took place at Central Library and included a brief program. Copies of the book are available throughout the Library system and as an eBook.

Delegation from Seattle visits Central Library

The San Antonio Public Library hosted the Director of the Seattle Public Library Marcellus Turner and his administrative team, as well as their President of the Board of Trustees, as part of a site visit to San Antonio to gather information about San Antonio Public Library's efforts in the areas of digital services, collection development, building projects, and age-based services.

The purpose of the site visit by the Seattle Public Library team was to learn from the San Antonio Public Library staff our strategies in the area of: community responsive programs; digital services; marketing to and serving children, teens and millennials; investments in network infrastructure; collaborative meeting room technology with telepresence capabilities; online Library card registration; selection trends and the continued growth in our digital collection.

The San Antonio Public Library is building a reputation as a national leader in early childhood literacy, teen services, and digital services. SAPL's innovative approach to patron services has been recognized by the American Library Association, the Urban Libraries Council, the Library Journal and others.

FY2016 Meet the Mayor's scheduled at branch libraries

The Library will once again serve as the venue for Mayor Taylor's Meet the Mayor events in FY2016. Mayor Taylor has scheduled one event per City Council District to meet with constituents one-on-one. All events are scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m. and will take place in the meeting room unless otherwise noted. The locations are as follows:

October 27, 2015 – Cody, Quiet Room (D8)
January 27, 2016 – McCreless (D3)
February 16, 2016 – Tobin at Oakwell, Quiet Room or Teen Room (D10)
March 15, 2016 – Collins Gardens (D5)
April 19, 2016 – Great Northwest (D6)
May 17, 2016 – Carver (D2)
June 21, 2016 – Johnston (D4)
July 19, 2016 – Brook Hollow (D9)
August 16, 2016 – Maverick (D7)
September 20, 2016 – Westfall (D1)

Meeting with District 3 Councilwoman Rebeca Viagran

Library Director Ramiro Salazar was joined by Tracey Bennett, President and CEO Of the Library Foundation and Katy Flato, Director of the San Antonio Book Festival, for a follow-up visit with Councilwoman Viagran regarding her inquiry for opportunities to bring the San Antonio Book Festival to the Mission Drive-in Plaza. It was agreed that that Library Department would work with the Department for Culture and Creative Development to plan a literary event/program in mid-March 2016 as a way to create anticipation for the San Antonio Book Festival which is scheduled for April 2, 2016.

New public copy, print scanning and faxing system

The Library is in the process of implementing the new public printing, copying, scanning and faxing system in October per the approved project plan and service contract. The first step visible to the public has been the user testing at the Semmes Branch Library. The small dedicated children's computer area has been converted to the new system and customer volunteers have helped the staff test the new services and system. The main computer area at the Semmes Branch (20 computers) provides uninterrupted service on the current Documentation system and customers have been directed to the main computer area if they do not wish to try the new system. Signage was placed on site in advance of the testing period, which started on October 2, for approximately one week. Staff has been available during the entire testing period for questions and customer support.

Library hosts first San Antonio Mini Maker Faire at Central Library

On October 17, 2015 (11 am - 4 pm), the Central Library hosted a San Antonio Mini Maker Faire. The San Antonio Mini Maker Faire brought San Antonio into the global Maker movement, joining more than 150 cities from Tokyo to Milwaukee in celebrating our local creative culture. More than thirty (30) San Antonio area makers, from handweavers to hackers and robot engineers, showed off their work for the community through performances, hands-on activities, interactive exhibits, and workshops. San Antonio Public Library's Teen Services coordinated this all-ages event.

Libraries as venues for SAWS Rapid Response Event

Three Library Branches served as venues for SAWS Rapid Response events, which were held in response to concerns about SAWS water bills in some areas. The schedule is below:

Encino Branch Library, Thursday, October 1, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Library opens at 10 a.m. for regular services)

Oakwell Branch Library, Saturday, October 3, 8 a.m. – noon (Library opens at 10 a.m. for regular services)

Cody Branch Library, Saturday, October 3, 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Library staff accepts Invitation to present at Public Library Association Conference

Corinne Sanchez and Xelena Gonzalez, two members of the Library's Little Read Wagon team, presented a program entitled *Early Literacy Outreach for Teen Parents: Engage and Inspire with Every Child Read to Read 2.0* at the American Library Association Conference held in San Francisco in June. Their program was so well received that they have been invited to present the program again at the Public Library Association (PLA) Conference scheduled for April 2016 in Denver, Colorado. Sanchez will be representing San Antonio Public Library and will be the presenter at the conference. PLA is sponsoring her trip to deliver the presentation. Every Child Ready to Read is a national early literacy initiative.

Library staff delivers presentation during Library Journal Virtual Conference

The San Antonio Public Library continues to be sought-after to deliver presentations regarding service innovations. On October 14, Ignacio Albarracin, Digital Services Coordinator, was featured as presenter during a digital conference, *The Digital Shift*. The conference was billed as a resource to *explore how libraries connect communities like no other institution*. Albarracin presented on the Library's digital kiosk initiative at the San Antonio International Airport. The presentation was well received.

REFERENCE

On September 21, Reference staff members were pleased to welcome Ashlee Chavez as the new Manager of Reference. Ms. Chavez was the Manager of the Igo Branch Library and serves on several system-wide committees, including Adult Summer Reading, the Staffing Study Phase II, and the Konica Minolta Public Printing Project.

On September 12, Cristine Mitchamore and on September 13, Tricia Masterson represented the Library at the Alamo City Comic Con. There was great fun for visitors and participants alike. Ms. Masterson enjoyed having pictures taken with favorite costumed heroes and superheroes. To celebrate the event, SAPL staff helped visitors make superhero-themed bookmarks, armbands, and masks.

Diana Starrett hosted the annual *Knit Out and Crochet Too!* on September 19. Entire families, including children and older adults, participated in this very popular craft.

Ms. Mitchamore participated in 'TalkBack Night' at the San Pedro Playhouse on September 24. After the performance of "Of Mice and Men," she joined the cast on stage to answer questions about the play, the book, and the differences between them.

The Reference Training Team (Dan Garcia, Maria Hernandez, Adolph Lopez, Tricia Masterson, Julia Selwyn) partnered with Vista Volunteer Molly McKenna to create and present a 'Connect to Tech' weekend on September 26 - 27. Attendees met in the Connect Training Room for several technology-related classes including Internet and Email Basics, Internet Safety, and Social Media.

On October 2, Pannaga Prasad and Sally Bauer attended the 11th Annual Health Literacy Conference at the La Quinta Medical Center. Health professionals discussed the role of health literacy in health outcomes and discussed the issue of health disparities in the community. The Library can be a valuable partner in meeting community needs in this area.

The Institute of Texan Cultures held a *Discover Your Roots Day* on September 13 and invited Texana Librarian Sylvia Reyna to participate in guiding visitors through the process of researching their family tree.

The Office of Historic Preservation asked SAPL's Texana Department to participate in their 7th annual *Historic Homeowners Fair*, held on September 19 at The Pearl. Ms. Reyna showcased the resources available to help people research the history and architecture of their homes. This is the sixth year SAPL has been asked to participate in the fair.

Matt De Waelsche presented *Preserving Family Treasures*, at Encino Branch Library on September 19, providing tips on how to ensure family heirlooms remain intact for generations to come.

On Sunday, September 20, Andy Crews guided the DIY students at Parman Branch Library through the use of HeritageQuest, a genealogy database similar to Ancestry that can be used remotely by SAPL cardholders.

Texana hosted two very well-attended programs honoring *Hispanic Heritage Month*. Ms. Reyna invited local artist Joe Lopez to speak about his experiences growing up in a *barrio* on the edge of Alamo

Heights. His September 22 presentation, *La Noche del Gallo*, discussed the cultural and ethnic influence of the times and how his experiences shaped the colorful and vibrant art he is known for today. On September 26, *La Historia del los Canarios en Tejas - The History of Canarians in Texas*, was hosted by Mr. De Waelsche and presented by Hector Pacheco, President of the Canary Islands Descendants Association of San Antonio. Mr. Pacheco discussed the history and impact of Canary Islanders in Texas from the 18th and 19th centuries to the present day.

Deborah Countess conducted the class *Useful Genealogy Tools: WorldCat & Interlibrary Loan*, on October 6. She focused on how using these databases could increase a researcher's access to the number of genealogy resources available, all without having to leave San Antonio.

Ms. Countess addressed patrons at Guerra Branch Library on October 16 about the basics of doing genealogy research. She introduced different strategies and methods for putting together a family tree and showed how the SAPL genealogy databases could help uncover the past.

DIGITAL SERVICES

MARKETING

The marketing department has participated in the planning and production of the Mayor's Book Club, the reception for the Latino Collection & Resource Center and of the first *San Antonio Mini Maker Faire* in San Antonio during the reporting period. Also, the department continued has promoted events for *Hispanic Heritage Month*.

Graphic Design

The graphic designers continued their work on materials for Mayor's Book Club, *Native American Heritage Month*, Low Vision, Otherness, Poetry Pueblo, Arts & Letters Wards, Jack Gantos and Sofia Segovia – in Spanish. The graphic work also included materials for events, including the Mini Maker Faire, Latino Collection event, Engineering Day, Potranco YMCA/SAPL facility, ads for the Rivard Report, Schaefer fundraising invitation, Strategic Plan booklet and info sheet.

Public Relations

Public Information Officer Marcie Hernandez booked and facilitated News 4 WOAI's segment *Where's Cleto?* at Brook Hollow Branch Library that aired on Friday, September 25. Also, Hernandez Booked and facilitated a segment on SA Live (KSAT 12) on Tuesday, September 29 to promote *Hispanic Heritage Month* children's crafts at SAPL.

Hernandez Participated in the planning of the fall 2015 Mayor's Book Club press launch on Friday, October 9. La Prensa, News 4 WOAI/Fox 29, WOAI AM Radio and the Business Journal attended. Also, she participated in outreach at the *grand opening* of Yanaguana Park on Sunday, October 4 with the Coordinator of Children's Services Viki Ash. Hernandez also attended Social Media Marketing Training on October 5 – 6. Additionally, she participated in the planning and production of the Latino Collection & Resource Center Reception on Wednesday, October 14 and the planning and production of the San Antonio Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, October 17. Also, she participated in outreach at the Magik Theater's Educator Night on Friday, October 16.

In her continual media communications work, Hernandez produced and distributed press releases about: Hispanic Heritage Month, Mayor's Book Club, San Antonio Mini Maker Faire, Seattle Public Library Visit, World Octopus Day. Also, she produced and distributed Press Releases for branch programs at: Central, Carver, Forest Hills and Memorial.

SAPL received **109** media mentions during the reporting period. Also, the total value of broadcast coverage equal **\$69,688**.

Public Information Officer Arturo Gallardo wrote an article in Spanish about the Jobs & Small Business Center for the AMEP newsletter and worked on other translation work to support the production of marketing materials. Also, Gallardo continues the ongoing production of articles for eConnections (November), email blasts of this Weekend at SAPL, and the production of the News & Events newsletter for the department. Additionally, Gallardo participated in the production of the Latino Collection & Resource Center Reception and provided support to the AMEP event at Central. Also, he performed outreach at the Magik Theatre and Playhouse.

Social Media

The social media efforts during the reporting period have yielded the following results: Facebook has 9,750 likes, Twitter has 2,963 followers and Instagram has 661 followers, Pinterest has 45 followers, and YouTube 122 subscribers.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On Sunday, September 27 over 100 children's book enthusiasts enjoyed an engaging and informative presentation by Author/Illustrator Yuyi Morales. Ms. Morales is a five-time winner of the Pura Belpre Award for Illustration and a two-time recipient of the Tomas Rivera Award. Her picture book "Viva Frida" received a 2015 Caldecott Honor citation as one of the most distinguished contributions to American literature for children. Ms. Morales did an outstanding job of entertaining both the children and adults in the audience while also insightfully outlining her immigrant experience and sharing the rich cultural and artistic traditions of Mexico. Following her presentation, she interacted with many audience members while autographing copies of her books. Special thanks to The Twig Bookstore for handling book sales as well as the San Antonio Public Library Foundation for their support of her visit.

The next children's author on the schedule for a visit to SAPL is Newbery Medalist Jack Gantos. Mr. Gantos will make two presentations on Tuesday, November 3. At 10:00 am he will speak to an audience of third and fourth graders; at 6:00 pm he presents to the general public. In addition to winning the Newbery Award in 2012 for "Dead End in Norvelt," Mr. Gantos has been a National Book Award finalist and the winner of the Printz award for his YA memoir "A Hole in My Life."

School Readiness continues to be a vital element of the Library's strategic plan. On October 8, Mica Clark-Peterek from the COSA Head Start office visited the monthly children's meeting to provide additional insights and information on how Head Start defines School Readiness. Ms. Clark-Peterek defined school readiness in three ways:

- a child's readiness to learn in school
- a family's readiness to support the child's learning and school success
- the school's readiness to help a child learn

As part of her presentation, Ms. Clark-Peterek invited the librarians to identify ways in which SAPL supports school readiness in all three of these realms. Her invitation led to a spirited discussion and a much greater understanding of what the library does and can do to promote school readiness.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Off-Site Service

Teen Services staff presented to hundreds of students at several school visits during the reporting period. During school visits, staff show students a video created by teen library volunteers, discuss resources available through the SAPL, such as Live Homework Help from Tutor.com and test prep from Learning Express Library, and give out library cards.

On September 23, Library Assistant/Teen Liaison Victoria Tijerina (Memorial), Teen Library Assistant Manager Kathleen Fordyce (Central), and Teen Services Librarian I Caroline Mossing (Central) spent the day at Memorial High School presenting to students.

On September 30, Fordyce and Library Assistant/Teen Liaison Lucy Villa (Maverick) spoke with students at Marshall High School and signed them up for library cards. On October 2, Fordyce, Teen Services Librarian I Marco De Leon (Igo), Teen Services Librarian I Kristin Yourdon (Cody), and Librarian I/Teen Liaison Steven Barrera (Thousand Oaks) spoke to students at Health Careers High School and gave several presentations.

Partnerships

Inspire U

Staff involved in the Inspire U Workplace Mentoring Program (part of SA2020), met with their “Littles” for their first meeting of the school year in the Teen Library @ Central on September 28. Bigs and Littles had lunch together and enjoyed catching up with each other after a long break during the summer.

San Antonio Food Bank

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

Professional Development

The regularly scheduled Teen Services Librarian/Teen Liaison meeting was held in the Teen Library at Central on October 14.

Kathleen Fordyce attended one of the City’s SET (Supervisor Excellence Training) classes during the reporting period.

Programming

Teen Services Librarian I Caroline Mossing (Central) organized the first annual San Antonio Mini Maker Faire, which took place on October 17 from 11-4 at the Central Library (Auditorium and Plaza). The Faire featured exhibits by more than thirty local Makers, as well as three free hands-on workshops and two live musical performances. Teen Makers ran exhibits focused on robotics, 3D printing, and computer programming, as well as one showcasing Teen Services at SAPL. Attendance at this event exceeded

1,000. Exhibits, workshops, and performances included hands-on weaving demonstrations, competitive FRC-league robots (built by high school robotics teams), a Raspberry Pi-powered photobooth, amplified viola and cello with a homemade robotic drummer, paper marbling, an electric water purification system, and an open-source 3D printed humanoid robot. This event came together with help from many others in the library system, especially the Marketing team and Public Information Officer Marcie Hernandez, Teen Services Librarian I Karen Barton (Tobin @ Oakwell), and Coordinator of Teen Services Jennifer Velasquez. Librarian III Ashlee Chavez (Central Reference) and Librarian III Kate Simpson (Central Children's Services) and their teams really helped to get the word out about this event. Special thanks go to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation for generously sponsoring this event.

Library Assistant JD Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) arranged for teens from Fox Tech High School and the Henry Ford Academy to be present for the Mayor's Book Club kick-off on October 9.

Other items

Teen Library Assistant Manager Kathleen Fordyce (Central), Teen Services Librarian Caroline Mossing (Central), and Teen Services Librarian Marco De Leon (Igo) served on an interview panel to select a candidate for the part-time position of library assistant in the Teen Library at Central. Interviews were held on October 7.

CENTRAL LIBRARY TEENS

Mondays with JD Elizondo (Library Assistant): JD continued Eclectic Electric music programming, with teen planning and development of the annual Haunted House comprising the bulk of the "Eclectic" component. On three occasions in September, classes from the Henry Ford Academy visited the Teen Library to participate in a design challenge for the haunted house. While the teens are taking charge of the design, make up, acting, and construction of the haunted house, Elizondo is helping to facilitate by creating music for the haunted house via the recording software in the Teen Studio.

Tuesdays with Caroline Mossing (Librarian I): During the reporting period, Mossing hosted Science & Tech Tuesdays. Teens worked on some long-term projects this month, including a charlieplexed LED cube for the upcoming San Antonio Mini Maker Faire. As always, 3D printing was a popular activity, and some teens designed personalized items to print while others modified existing models to their specifications. A group of teens from a nearby high school have begun the process of creating a Coding Club at the Teen Library, with the ultimate goal of building a smartphone application.

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 Apples to Apples. Library Assistant Victoria Tijerina also facilitates craft activities some Wednesday evenings.

Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Culture, holidays, and creativity ranked on high on Thursday night teen times at Teen Library. In honor of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, teens attempted various Latin American-inspired teens replicated *amate*-style paintings by using India ink, recycled thin cardboard,

markers and paint. The following week, teens attempted the popular Latin American dessert, the *tres leches* cake. Teens used the microwave to bake cakes in a mug, and then doused their mini-cake with a mixture of the *tres leches* in different forms: evaporated, cream, and condensed. The results were amazingly tasty. Some teens requested that they attempt to make *chocoflan*, a layered chocolate cake and flan dessert. It was an intense preparation, and teens felt the process worth it after tasting. Thursdays in October offer teens Halloween-themed crafts, foods, and decorations. Teens used wire, paper, pom poms, and glue to make giant and mini-spiders. Using glass jars, sand, moss, and fake spiders, teens created a graveyard terrarium. They also shaped and baked polymer clay into headstones and pumpkins for a creepy effect. Teens also used chocolate ice cream, crushed cookies, and candy pumpkins to create a graveyard they could eat. Teens created edible eyeballs with flavored gelatins. 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 October 9, Teen Library staff provided tours of the Central Library to two school groups, Fox Tech High School and the Henry Ford Academy. Students also received catalog and database instruction.

CHILDREN'S

The Central Children's Department saw several personnel changes this month with several vacancies filled and much-deserved promotions. Julia Pouliot joined the team as a Children's Librarian I and has already become an integral and valued staff member. She moved from Florida to take the position and her positive, adventurous spirit has set her on course to becoming an exceptional Children's Librarian. The Central Children's Department was also excited for Shannon Seglin, formerly the Children's Librarian I at the Semmes Branch Library, to join the team when she was promoted to Children's Librarian II at Central. Her expertise and programming savvy has already shown her to be a highly capable Assistant Manager and she is truly an asset to the department. The Children's Department was happy to see Children's Librarian I Jasmin Salinas promoted to Children's Librarian II as well, though sadly it takes her away to the Landa Branch Library. She constantly seeks out professional development opportunities and recently completed an intensive online bilingual story time training course. Her exceptional talents will serve her new location well, though the Central Children's Department will sorely miss her, as evident by the farewell celebration and handmade gift the team crafted for her.

Children's programming at the Central Library continued to delight families with engaging learning experiences. Ms. Salinas wrapped up her tenure at Central with exuberant Toddler Time programs for the families that have to come to treasure her time here. During her final programs, toddlers and caregivers sang fun songs, jumped and wiggled, played with a giant, colorful parachute and enjoyed an eclectic selection of her favorite books. Kids dressed up as veterinarians to help heal puppet friends, crawled through tunnels filled with paper hay, and built ramps and bridges for cars and trucks during free play time. They also got to get their hands dirty with bird seed play dough and sensory bins. Ms. Salinas also presented the *Star Wars Reads Family Fun* celebration. She shared a book written by an astronaut and led the group in a raucous Star Wars guessing game in which they discussed their favorite characters. The families then worked together to create their own R2D2 inspired droid and added to a collaborative chalk art space scene.

Nohemi Lopez Rosdahl, Collection Development Librarian, presented her popular Bilingual Story Time on alternating Tuesday evenings. Her gentle and patient style made learning the Spanish words for colors a pleasure for the children in attendance. Later they created vibrant watercolor masterpieces while practicing the Spanish words they had learned. Ms. Lopez Rosdahl celebrated *Hispanic Heritage Month* with a variety of bilingual stories and a *papel picado* craft in another well received program.

Cresencia Huff, Little Read Wagon Librarian, conducted the last Play & Learn programs of the season at the Central Library. Each program saw an increasingly large audience, which is a testament to the popularity of this program and her skill at delivering it. The Central Children's Department enjoyed hosting this program and is indebted to its sister department for helping to share the programming load during a time of short staffing. By working together, they were able to ensure that the families who visit the Central Library could continue to enjoy a variety of enriching programs.

Children's Department Manager Kate Simpson wrapped up her many years of presenting Family Fun programs this month as she trained Ms. Pouliot to take the helm of this longstanding Saturday program. During one of the last three Family Funs, Ms. Simpson celebrated *Hispanic Heritage Month* with some of her favorite picture books from the Latino Collection, accompanied by a *papel picado* craft. For another program, the focus was on the food of the Fiesta city and the children enjoyed making play dough pan dulce. Finally, Ms. Simpson presented a Family Fun in conjunction with the Maker Faire event, where children heard inspiring stories about inventors and craftspeople and then forged their own imaginative creations from recycled materials.

The Children's Department continued to develop relationships with local schools and organizations this month. The department's connection to neighboring San Antonio College was enhanced by a visit from their Early Childhood Education class, who met here with their professor to examine the picture book collection as part of their coursework. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez presented a Halloween preschool story time to the SAC Early Childhood Center and delivered a bounty of spooky books for the teachers to share with the children this month. Ms. Salinas also delivered books to the Central Christian Daycare Center, as part of the department's long standing relationship with the school. Ms. Simpson was thrilled to attend the kickoff celebration for the COSA Early Head Start program and the luncheon celebrating the SAREads organization this month. Finally, the department provided a special tour of the Central Library for a group of parents from the PreK4SA South campus, in a continuing effort to strengthen the bond between the SAPL and the vital COSA PreK4SA program.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

This year Little Read Wagon staff will offer a series of three workshops at the large Head Start and Pre-K 4 SA centers: "Big Dreams," "Going Places," and "Sounds Like Fun." Each workshop shows parents and caregivers how to use the five practices of talking, singing, reading, writing and playing to prepare their children to learn how to read. Participants have the opportunity to make multiple tools or props to use with their children. Little Read Wagon has completed a series at the Tynan Early Childhood Center (ECE), has offered two of three workshops at the Burleson ECE, and will begin a series at the Carvajal ECE on October 21. Other sites will be served throughout the school year. Prior to each series, Little Read Wagon staff and a librarian from the branch location closest to the school offer a family activity at dismissal time. Jodi Miller (Carver) and Gina Brudi (Las Palmas) joined Little Read Wagon to kick off the programs at Tynan, Burleson and Carvajal.

In addition to the series of workshops, Little Read Wagon is offering one-time visits to smaller sites. During the reporting period visits were made to Medio Creek and Glenoaks elementary schools. Many more campuses are on the schedule for the rest of the year.

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Teen Parents

Little Read Wagon's teen parent team has also been busy visiting local high school campuses. The workshops, offered either during a parenting class in which the students are enrolled or as part of a special session the campus social worker arranges, also offer a make-and-take activity along with library and early literacy information. Campuses visited during this reporting period are: Marshall, Cooper, Burbank, John Jay, San Antonio Can, MacArthur, Jefferson and South San high schools.

Staff Development

All of the Little Read Wagon team joined the Children's Librarians at their monthly meeting on October 8 and participated in training on School Readiness presented by Mica Clark-Peterek of City of San Antonio Head Start. The entire team also attended a refresher course on proper lifting techniques offered by Risk Management staff.

Youth Outreach Story Time

With the school year now in full session, Story Time resumed at Navarro Early Childhood Center and continued at House of Neighborly Service, Ella Austin, Healy Murphy and Nurturing Hearts.

Play & Learn

A new Play & Learn series began at Millers Pond Park on October 15. The series was preceded by several Pop-Up Story Time visits. A small group of six children and five adults participated in the first program. Little Read Wagon hopes that more families from the neighborhood will join the fun.

Workshops for Early Childhood Teachers

The first "Smart Arts: Enhancing early literacy through creativity" workshop was held October 3 at Pre-K 4 SA South. The training room was just the right size for the group and the workshop content was very enthusiastically received. Most of the participants had never been to a Pre-K 4 SA center, so the director, Belinda Gonzalez, very graciously offered them a tour at the conclusion of the workshop. The January 23 workshop already has a waiting list, and the February 20 workshop will soon be full.

Community Events

Little Read Wagon presented three early literacy programs at Northside Independent School District's Storyfest, held October 10 at Stevens High School. Approximately 500 people attended the event which included author workshops, a book fair, and a book distribution. Families with young children who attended the Little Read Wagon presentations enjoyed a story time, salt writing, and making their own fold-up mailboxes and streamer sticks.

Little Read Wagon hosted the Jardín de Lectura (Reading Garden) at Univisión's Second Annual Education Fair held October 17 at San Antonio College. The Reading Garden featured several Univision personalities who read books from the San Antonio Public Library collection to groups of children and their parents. Children also had the opportunity to play with play dough and draw with the local stars. The event was expected to have more than 2,000 people in attendance.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

In celebration of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, the Bazan Branch Library hosted the program entitled *Curandero Secrets* on October 10. The program was well attended by many who came to listen and learn from herbalist Don Jacinto Madrigal who spoke about the plants he grows and their traditional uses in herbal remedies.

Bazan received an invitation to attend KIPP Academy's San Antonio's Reading Night on September 30. Library Assistant & Teen Liaison Jennifer Martinez attended the event and spoke to students and families about Teen, Children's, and LEARN@SAPL services at Bazan. Ms. Martinez will be collaborating with the KIPP librarian to further introduce SAPL services to students and families during the regular school year and summer.

During the months of September and October, a record number of community members took advantage of the Bazan Learn Center's offerings. Scheduled learning sessions continued to draw a large number of attendees. Three volunteers led weekly learning sessions and garnered rave reviews from patrons. On October 7, Teach for America alumnus Rodrigo Monroy began leading an ESL group on Wednesday evenings. Mr. Monroy possesses a background in teaching and bilingual education, having taught in both San Antonio and Mexico.

Learn Training Officer Emily Sauer met with Mark Sanchez, Adult Education Specialist for SAISD, on October 1 to discuss the Library's agreement with ESC 20 that allows students to receive credit for time spent working in the Learn Center. As a result of the meeting, Mrs. Sauer and Mr. Sanchez agreed upon strategies to promote the option among students.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen had several special activities going on in October. On October 8, she had a Come & Go Craft activity to celebrate *World Octopus Day* where children made and decorated different kinds of octopuses. On October 10, she had another Come & Go Craft to celebrate *Star Wars Reads Day*. The children enjoyed both activities. Ms. Sonnen was invited to La Trinidad United Methodist Church on October 6 to celebrate *National Night Out*. She talked to thirty adults and six children and gave out lots of material explaining library services for children, teens and adults.

BROOK HOLLOW

In October, the Children's Department had a record-breaking attendance at Play and Learn. One hundred and thirty people attended the clothing themed event. Children and their caregivers made a watercolor and salt craft, played with water floral beads, and participated in many other activities that encourage reading, playing, writing, talking, and singing.

On October 8, Brook Hollow Branch Library celebrated *World Octopus Day* with an octopus-themed Come and Go craft.

Brook Hollow is once again offering American Sign Language classes for all ages on Sundays at 3 p.m. These classes are taught by MacArthur High School honors students. This is the third school year that Brook Hollow has hosted American Sign Language classes, and they continue to be very popular.

The Brook Hollow Friends of the Library group held their annual book sale on Saturday, October 10, and successfully raised over \$2,000 to support the library.

On October 14, Brook Hollow held a program on reducing the effects of stress in your life. The presentation was based on the book "How to Beat the Stress and Get More Out of Life" by Murray Oxman.

Brook Hollow hosted seven book discussions this month. Titles discussed included "Writing Jane Austen" by Elizabeth Aston, "Testimony" by Anita Shreve, and "The Hound of the Baskervilles" by Arthur Conan Doyle.

CARVER

Children's Librarian Jodi Miller continued to assist Landa Branch with their Baby Time and Toddler Times on Tuesday mornings. She weeded the juvenile Dr. Seuss and poetry collections from information provided by Central Library's Children's Department. On September 25, she was a delegate to the 17th Annual Congress on Children held at the Whitley Theological Center.

Assistant Manager and Teen Services Liaison Monty Holcomb hosted five Teen Time events with the Wii at the Carver Branch Library. Mr. Holcomb also hosted five Chess Events and is pleased that a mother and her three children now seem to enthusiastic regulars. Mr. Holcomb also continued the Mayor's Book Club group at the District 2 Senior Center session and during this period facilitated five book club meetings. In addition, he ran the library booth at the Artisan during the *National Night Out* event. As arranged by Mr. Holcomb, the library also featured two Relaxation Therapy events, both of which had satisfactory turnouts.

Branch Manager DL Grant was SAPL's representative for *National Night Out* sponsored by Sam Houston High and Davis at Davis Middle schools.

On Saturday, October 10, the branch hosted City Councilman Alan E. Warrick's District 2 *Neighborhood President's Meeting*.

CODY

Tweens were excited about using the iPads to play the Minecraft for Tween Time on September 14. Boys and girls partnered up to play the challenging game.

Rawlinson Middle School Librarian Ms. Delarosa invited Children's Librarian Sheila Acosta to provide information on the *Young Pegasus* contest on September 15. Ms. Delarosa is encouraging as many students as possible to enter the annual poetry contest. Acosta was invited to come back to the campus to collaborate on tween programming.

Acosta visited two classes at the Pineapple School on September 15, where she read stories about the fall season and the stars. The pre-school children had been studying the galaxy.

Eighty people attended *National Play-Doh Day Family Fun Event* on September 16 at the Cody Branch Library. Parents thanked the library for hosting family-fun-events like this one. Ms. Acosta reported that both children and parents really enjoyed the event.

The Chabad Gan-Gani Day Care invited Sheila back for another year. On her visit, September 17, she met with three different classes and read a variety of stories for each age group.

Students, along with some of their teachers, from the CHILD Montessori School visited Cody on September 17. Acosta provided the school group with a library orientation which included a tour and a demonstration on how to access the library catalog.

A patron donated a box of seashells to the library and Acosta invited the tweens to create sea creatures out of the shells for Tween Time on September 21. The array of friendly sea creatures were exhibited in the display case for patrons to enjoy.

Acosta visited Discovery Day Care on September 22, and provided a Baby Time and Story Time for two groups, in addition to their monthly book bundle.

LEGO enthusiasts were on hand for LEGO Club on September 22. Students formed teams to create "Favorite Movie Scenes." Their creative handiworks were displayed in the New Books area.

Acosta addressed the kinder and first grade classes at Colonies North Elementary on September 24 for *Library Card Sign-Up Month*. In addition to library card information, Sheila highlighted the children's events and family fun events scheduled at the Cody Branch Library.

Fourth and fifth grade students from CHILD Montessori School visited Cody Branch Library on September 24. Sheila provided a scavenger hunt so they could learn about the various resources. Acosta said they were most excited about using their library cards to check out the books they found during the scavenger hunt.

Tweens had an opportunity to play Frisbee golf for Tween Time on September 28. It was the boys versus the girls, and the competition continued with a couple of rounds of *Dance Freeze*, which is one of their favorite activities.

The Tween Book Club met on September 30 to discuss their selection, *The Awesome Almost 100% True Adventures of Matt & Craz*. Not all of the tweens liked the book, which made for a great discussion.

On October 1 and on October 15, children were able to turn rocks into their favorite animals at *Rocky Pals* program, which is always a popular event. All materials were provided by the instructor Frank Ramirez.

About 25 children attended the monthly DUPLO Day on October 2. Toddlers and preschoolers used the soft blocks, puzzle mats, giant DUPLOs, and an assortment of stacking toys to explore their creative sides.

Ghosts were the order of the day Tween Time on October 5. Each tween created 2-3 ghosts to be used to decorate the juvenile fiction area. In addition to the ghosts, tweens had an opportunity to create objects with LEGOs.

Acosta visited Kids Campus and Chabad Gan-Gani Daycares on October 6 and October 8 respectively. Pumpkins made out of scrapbooking papers were created during Tween Time on October 12. After the pumpkins, tweens were anxious to challenge one another to a game of *Smart Mouth*.

Cody's Beginner Readers Club (BRC) was held on October 14. Eight children and their parents were in attendance. After sharing some of their favorite books, the BRC members participated in a site word crossword puzzle on bats, and a bingo game on animals.

The annual program *Bats! Bats! Bats!* was presented by Bracken Bat Cave staff on October 17. Both adults and children were enthused to learn about the Mexican free-tailed bats and other types of bats. Bat crafts followed the presentation. Library Assistant Deborah Bender awarded bat door prizes to attendees.

During this past month teens watched a scary movie, created Dream Catchers, made edible haunted houses, and pumpkin spice pretzels. Teen Leaders hosted another Teen Library Leadership Council to plan activities for October. All selected programs celebrate Halloween.

One particularly successful program had teens creating laser obstacle course using a laser pointer, three small mirrors, and a solar light. The teens worked together to problem-solve and modify the provided instructions to make it work properly. The teens set up the course and then had to figure out how to line up the mirrors and angle them just right, so that the laser showed up in the right spot. They also had to change the rules of the game when they found that the solar light did not turn off when the laser hit the panel. They did a great job working together to set up the course. They had even more fun navigating through the course once it was ready.

Teen Librarian Kristin Yourdon brought out craft supplies on a Thursday afternoon to have teens help decorate the Teen space for Halloween with crepe paper black roses and hanging paper bats.

Yourdon also had the opportunity to visit two organizations to promote library services. On October 2, Yourdon, along with other SAPL teen librarians presented information about library services to the freshman class at Health Careers High School. On October 6, she assisted with a SAPL informational table at the University of Texas at San Antonio *National Night Out* event.

On September 26, Cody hosted the San Antonio Cervenceros, a local nonprofit organization that promotes homebrewing through education, outreach and community-building. Attendees expressed appreciation for the event, especially on the educational aspect of the program.

On October 3, the San Antonio Water System held a Rapid Response event at Cody to address customer concerns over recent, high water bills. Over 160 SAWS customers were seen in one-on-one sessions that day. While attendance was high and stressed the resources of the library, careful planning and coordination between SAWS and library staff ensured that the event ran smoothly.

On October 10 and 11, the Friends of the Cody Library conducted their semi-annual book sale.

COLLINS GARDEN

Collins Garden staff members are working together to plan the Collins Garden Grand re-opening on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Personnel are eagerly awaiting permission to report and begin setting up the building.

CORTEZ

Children and adults alike enjoyed special crafts and displays on September 19 for *Talk Like a Pirate Day*. *National Play-Doh Day* was a hit during Family Fun and was repeated due to popularity. Children watched play dough made from simple household ingredients – salt, flour, water, oil, and food coloring. On Wednesdays, Story Time takes place at 11:00 a.m. and Game Time at 3:30 p.m. The first Tuesday of the month is Movie and Game Night at 6 p.m., and Family Fun is on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Thanks to a news report on television, the Citizenship Class with Academia América was reintroduced to a new audience and welcomed new students to the program. The class continues on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., followed by an ESL class with Training Officer Melody Vega.

The Cortez Film Club with adult librarian Michelle Ricondo met up for an insightful and contemplative film viewing of *Waking Life* by Richard Linklater. Of the 8 attendees present, half were new members.

In celebration of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, Cortez Branch Library hosted Yerbero Don Jacinto Madrigal at the bilingual event, *Curandero Secrets*. He told stories of how herbs can heal and answered questions from the audience of 17 adults.

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation department celebrated *80 Years of Dance* with a dance program at the branch. The program was standing room only to see the young participants in the program perform dances celebrating *Hispanic Heritage Month* and classic dances from different eras.

On October 10, the branch celebrated *Star Wars Reads Day* which was a great success! *The Sith Shadow Council* of Texas was invited to demonstrate their dueling skills and answer questions about all things *Star Wars*. *The Star Wars Book Display* was bare by the end of the program and 15 happy patrons enjoyed the program.

For the month of August, the Cortez Gettin' Crafty Crafters Group learned how to decorate cakes with buttercream frosting. This proved to be much harder than the fondant classes. However, in the end the ladies were very happy with their finished product and are excited for the next cake decorating classes. In September, the group is working on clay pot birdfeeders and birdbaths and Halloween candle holders.

For September, the Cortez Gettin' Crafty Crafters Group has started out with crafts for the fall. The group made clay pot bird feeders/baths that turned out to be beautiful and colorful. Next, they covered vases with colored Epsom salt to give great color when the candle is burning. They also decorated used wine glasses and turned them into pumpkins, mummies, Frankenstein, and other Halloween characters. The crafting group grows and participants continue to inspire and amaze each other with the end results of their projects.

Teen Time at Cortez has changed a bit – the teens are no longer just playing video games; they are now creating crafts. For *Hispanic Heritage Month*, they made traditional Makech beetle pins, which left them asking for more crafts. Next up was creating sand art necklaces and ornaments out of melted colored

beads. Over seventy teens attended in September, and some may have recognized Teen Liaison Jo Ann Paredes at South San High School during an outreach event.

Monster Meet with Madeline Vasquez saw 15 attendees show up to watch the movie *The Babadook* and learn about urban legends that were turned into movies. The next Monster Meet will be a special program as the members meet downtown for a ghost tour. Join the group on the second Saturday of the month for monster survival tips, monster movies and games, horror book discussions, and special guests.

The Once Upon a Crime Book Club is reading "The Zoo" by James Patterson.

ENCINO

Tween Time has been a welcomed addition to children's programming at the Encino Branch Library. Tweens have enjoyed coding on the Mondopads, constructing a motor, and crafting during the reporting period. Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver also added a Come & Go Craft on Thursday afternoons, allowing Encino's juvenile patrons to enjoy an additional crafting opportunity. Librarian Robin Alcorta has continued Kids Time into the fall months, much to the delight of the school age children. Their activities have included duct tape journals and paper sling shots.

In collaboration with the regular teen program attendees, Teen Librarian Matthew Loaiza added Anime Club, Gaming Day and a Teen Book Club to the mix of programming offered at Encino for 13-18 year olds. Encino's teens worked together to create mixed media canvas art to decorate the Teen Space at the first Teen Time of the fall, and they practiced their cooking skills by making and decorating cake pops. Encino Branch Library hosted the Teen Services Meeting on September 9, where Loaiza proudly gave a tour of the unique features of the branch.

Adult Summer Reading came to a close at Encino with Librarian Barbara Kwiatkowski hosting a program that combined the best of Downton Abbey and Game of Thrones. Downton Dragon Thrones was held on September 12. Attendees spent the afternoon bowling down the shows' villains, posing with the iron throne, and interacting with trivia questions. Refreshments for the popular event included high tea and Sansa's lemon cakes, and the positive patron feedback reflects the enjoyable afternoon.

Many of Encino's patrons have shown interest in eBooks, eAudiobooks, electronic periodicals, and downloadable music. Patrons can receive personalized assistance with their devices at either the circulation or reference desk. To ensure that patrons continue receiving incredible customer service with downloadables, two new employees were sent to Basic OverDrive Training during the reporting period.

Encino's marketplace area has been rearranged to showcase the Young Adult Express Collection, a selection of materials for tween (ages 9-13) readers, and an enhanced Juvenile Express Collection.

Several illustrations by Juan Carlos Ramos are featured in the front lounge area and Children's Space. Patrons have enjoyed the changes and complimented the library on "always having something new." Encino's Collaborate space is growing in popularity as area small business owners and non-profit organizations learn about its benefits and unique features. Collaborate was checked out 31 times during the reporting period. Another of Encino's unique features, the drive thru window, remains a pleasant experience with close to 40 patrons serviced each day.

FOREST HILLS

A new monthly program joined the Forest Hills lineup in the month of September. The Urban Sketching and Drawing group will meet every last Saturday of every month, from 10 a.m. to noon. Artists of all levels are encouraged to bring personal art projects and socialize with a group of creative people.

The Forest Hills Branch Library started the new fiscal year with a number of exciting programs. On October 3, patrons were invited to take part in the *Chalk-It-Up Warm-Up* to practice their chalk wielding skills on the library's sidewalks for the annual *Chalk It Up* event hosted by ArtPace. Inside the library, *Hispanic Heritage Month* was celebrated with *Fiesta Más Linda*. Musical guests Los Inocentes, Dancers from the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Competition Winner provided entertainment, while the Spare Parts organization assisted in *Hispanic Heritage Month* crafts and the Bexar Area Agency on Aging assisted with Medicare Enrollment information.

October also brought a number of staffing changes to the branch. Branch Manager Mary Naylor returned from an extended leave on October 8. Collins Garden Branch Manager Pamela Longoria held the interim position in her absence. The team also welcomed Children's Librarian Kathleen Brown on October 12. Mrs. Brown is an experienced librarian and brings a wealth of knowledge and talent to the team. She is looking forward to developing relationships with area schools and pursuing a bilingual Story Time at Forest Hills.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Building improvements that include new sliding doors, a flag pole, and improved signage continued through October at the Great Northwest Branch Library. Customers expressed their excitement about the new doors to staff and enjoy the convenience they offer.

Partnerships continued with the Children's Shelter through a program called iParent. In addition, the NISD program called Precious Minds continued to offer classes at the branch.

Adults Services

Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno hosted the Book discussion for both the branch and at the Alicia Trevino Senior Center. The book that was discussed was *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen. Customers stayed to watch the movie as well.

With the help of Human Resources staff, Cindy Moreno scheduled a visit from Deer Oaks Facilitator Calleen Friedel who presented the training *Maintaining Respect and Civility* for Staff on September 23. Staff members who attended appreciated the presentation. Some staff members commented after the training that they felt the environment change for the better.

An event in honor of *Grandparents Day* was held on September 13. Families created memory boxes and enjoyed their time together. 33 people participated in the event.

Moreno also scheduled Ms. Friedel to present *Managing Difficult People* to Library employees on October 14. A variety of library staff attended, specifically those that supervise employees.

A new program is being offered to adults 50 and older on every other Sunday at Great Northwest. Six attendees enjoyed coffee, chit chat and coloring art.

A variety of Halloween Displays are decorating the branch. Creative staff members Christine Martinez, Monica Trejo, Stephanie Vazquez, Patricia Martinez, Jose Jimenez, and Sarah Vinton all either helped or created a Halloween display.

Children's Services

Children's programs continue to draw large numbers of participants and we are excited to be serving so many families! Story Times that focus on early literacy for toddlers are especially popular. Children's Librarian Cari Raley created a variety of learning activities for those participating in the weekly events that create learning opportunities for children and their families.

The Drama Team is currently meeting in preparation for the Enchanted Library program planned for November. Team members are busy writing their skits, practicing the performance, and building their memorization skills.

Teens Services

Teen programs at Great Northwest included an Adventure Time Evening. Teens enjoyed making crafts inspired by the show including Cubeecraft characters and face masks.

Teens celebrated *Hispanic Heritage Month* with several different events that celebrated Hispanic Culture. Teens made different foods including fruit cups and corn cups; they recreated art from Hispanic artist, and made Makech Jewelry during the Teens Create Maker Space.

On October 3, the Great Northwest Branch Library hosted a Super Smash Bros Mini Tournament where teens could compete for first and second place. Teens used Challonge.com to register players for a double elimination tournament and tracked their progress using the websites online bracket system. A teen volunteer created the game rules and stage list for players to abide by and also officiated the event.

The Great Northwest Branch Library had a Doctor Who Night where they celebrated their love of the show. Teens had the opportunity to make Cubeecrafts inspired by the show and duct tape bow ties. Teens hosted a Fall Movie Night for all ages. Teens showed the movie Ghostbusters and had several activities available. Attendees were able to make their own slime, a marshmallow man mask, and tiny marshmallow figurines.

Great Northwest Library hosted a *Tortilla Making* class for *Hispanic Heritage Month*. Teens and their parents were invited to learn how to make tortillas and had fun rolling out dough together.

GUERRA

The Guerra Branch Library hosted weekly *Diabetes Self-Management Classes* Tuesday afternoons – September 13, 20, and 27 and October 6 and 13. The Guerra Friends held their fall book sale on October 2, 3, and 4. Debbie Countess from Texana taught *Genealogy Class for Beginners* on October 16.

Branch Manager Dexter Katzman planned and presented three computer classes on September 22, 23, and 24. He continued his Wednesday literature and outreach programs to the Careplex Senior Center on

September 16, 23, and 30 – attendance total was 76. He represented the branch at the *National Night Program* at Cable Westwood Elementary School on October 6.

Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard hosted the Thursday Evening Club on October 8 for a discussion of “Frankenstein” by Dean Koontz. On October 9, she held her *Coffee and a Film Program* for a screening of the horror classic “The Wolf Man.” She moderated the Clube do Livro (Portuguese language book club) on October 10; the group discussed the movie *Lula, o Filho do Brasil* (*Lula, Son of Brazil*).

Children’s Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented 20 in-house programs – five Toddler Times, five Story Times, five LEGO Clubs, and five Come and Go crafts. Themes included *Talk Like a Pirate Day*, *Hispanic Heritage*, *World Octopus Day*, *Star Wars Reads Day*, and *Welcome Fall*. School age children read to therapy dogs *Foxie* and *Chico* on September 17, October 7 and October 15. On September 18, she visited Marbach Christian Church Daycare and presented story times to a group of 55 children and their caregivers. On September 25, she visited Lil’ Dragon Den Daycare and presented Story Times to two groups of children and their caregiver; total attendance was 33. On October 13, Richardson attended a tailgate celebration at Meadow Village Elementary School where students rotated through various creative and fun stations in the parking lot with truck tailgates down. Richardson shared information about library resources and programs, distributed library card application forms, and shared a *Create your own Droid* craft with the children.

Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson recorded a Dial-a-Story: “Los Tres Cerditos y el Lobo no tan Feroz” (The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf) by Mark Teague on September 21. He held his Club de Lectura (Spanish language book club) on September 24; the group discussed “Pedro Páramo” by Juan Rulfo on September 24.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions for the teens on September 17 and 24 and October 8 and 15. The teens helped set up for the book sale on October 1. He held an eBook training session on September 25. Edward represented the branch and SAPL at the *National Night Out* event on October 6, speaking with 20 members of the community.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl created materials for the branch display TV highlighting *Happy Cat Month* and worked with Circulation Assistant Allison Fink to display Allison’s “Staff Picks.” She assisted Children’s Librarian Arlene Richardson’s *National Play-Doh Day* activity.

IGO

Children’s Services

The Children’s Services Department at the Igo Branch Library continues to enjoy very vigorous attendance at all five weekly early literacy programs, as well as LEGO Club, Tween Time, Read to a Dog, and Come and Go Crafts for school age children. The children’s service staff also added a couple of special Family Fun events to the fall schedule.

On Wednesday, September 16, area families were invited to participate in *National Play-Doh Day*. Homemade Play-Do, dough rollers and shape cutters, as well as other craft materials, were available for children of all ages to express their artist talents during the hour-long session. To celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month*, the weekly Come and Go Craft on October 2 was to create a *Señor Calavera* (skull) art

mask representative of customary “sugar skulls” often seen in traditional *Día de Los Muertos festivities*. In addition to the Come and Go Craft, the Igo Library was pleased to provide the opportunity for patrons to enjoy the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department's performance event entitled *80 Years of Dance*. Claudia Rubio and her talented dance troop treated guests to a live presentation of ballet, ballet folklórico, flamenco, and jazz. The library is always pleased to offer library guests the unique opportunity to experience fine arts by local young talents. Bravo to all for bring this cultural program to patrons of all ages!

Lastly, the Igo Branch Library continues its commitment to area education partners by hosting story times for community early childcare facilities and elementary schools. In September, kindergarteners and teachers from the Suburban School enjoyed a variety of children's favorites and had the opportunity to explore the library during their public library field trip. For this reporting period, Children's Librarian Nancy Rodriguez, with the assistance of library staff, presented twenty programs serving approximately 2,100 children and their caregivers.

Teen Services

Teen programs were offered at Igo four times each week: Teen DIY, a craftmaking program, met every Monday evening; Home School Hangout met on Tuesday afternoons; FNKY YES Time met on Wednesdays; and OTAKU Anime Club met on Thursday afternoons. Gamers had the opportunity to match wits and skills in a Super Smash Brothers tournament on October 10. Mr. De Leon represented Igo at an outreach event at Health Careers High School on October 2.

Adult Services

October 3 was Beatles Day at Igo. For youngsters there were games and crafts; for adults there were a movie, John Lennon's *Imagine*, and a talk by UTSA music professor Drew Stephen. For everyone, there was a hair-shaking contest.

The Afternoon Book Club met on September 15 to discuss JoJo Mayes' "Me Before You," while at the same time, the Genealogy Club learned how to use Family Tree Maker software from T. Scott Atkinson of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. On October 7, the Mystery Club discussed Jo Nesbo's "The Bat" and finalized plans for an Interactive Mystery to take place on Halloween. Club members have chosen a classic mystery, from which they will create a "crime scene" for patrons to examine. Guests who correctly solve the crime and guess which novel the scene was derived from will win a prize. Preparations are underway for a book signing on November 7 by John Igo, for whom the branch was named. Mr. Igo will be signing copies of his new book "A Stone for Plot Four."

A reception was held on September 14 in honor of artist Joe Harjo, whose photographs are on display in the lobby. On September 19, writer Jolene Navarro presented a class on *Writing Emotion*.

Grandparents Day was celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 13. Forty-three people of all ages enjoyed a panel commemorating their grandparents through poetry and memories, a Children's Reading Corner for stories about grandparents, a slide show of grandparents, and various craft activities.

On September 14, a series of hula dance classes for the 50+ began with 17 participants. These classes continued on September 21 with 12 attending, September 28 with 11 attending, and will conclude on October 5.

On October 1, the Elderberries had Dr. M. Kathryn Brown, UTSA Anthropology Professor, present her research and field studies of the Mayan culture. This included the new technology to find archaeological sites in the Maya Lowlands, as well as her recent research at Xunantunich, Belize – 24 people attended.

JOHNSTON

The Johnston Branch Library hosted the organization Mi Familia Vota for *National Voter Registration Day* on September 22. Their representative staffed a table for about two hours and encouraged customers to register to vote.

On October 6, Johnston participated in *National Night Out*. Three neighborhood events were attended by Branch Manager Marcia Spaulding, Adult Librarian Monica Garza and Library Assistant Megan Stanley. Respectively they attended the events at Springvale, Valley Hi North/Blue Skies of Texas, and Amber Creek. All three neighborhoods totaled about 200 participants.

During this period's story times, children were treated to stories and activities on the themes of dinosaurs, lizards, snakes, turtles, and autumn.

Family Fun time featured play dough, LEGOs and other building activities, snakes, *World Octopus Day*, and *Hispanic Heritage*.

On September 23, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth went to Harmony School of Excellence to promote the Young Pegasus poetry contest. She spoke to almost 300 students there.

On September 24, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth gave a small homeschool group a tour of the Johnston facility, and told them about the poetry contest.

On October 8, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth went to Life Church Child Development Center to read stories to a class of kindergarten students.

On October 14, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Harmony School of Excellence.

Wednesday night Teen Time at Johnston has garnered much more attention and attendance has doubled this past month. The teens enjoy hanging out in their own space playing video games, making art, and eating snacks.

Library Assistant Megan Stanley has transformed the homework help program for teens on Monday nights into a Career/College Prep Night for all ages. She has helped one high school senior apply for 3 colleges and he will be a first generation college student next year. Stanley also assisted an adult new to the workforce in the basics of Microsoft Office to help her transition to her new job. Attendance for the Monday night program has been low, but we are increasing our advertising efforts and those who have come have greatly benefited!

The Johnston teens have expressed interest in bringing the Anime Club back to life, so Ms. Stanley has been meeting with teens to pick out a good day and time to start this back up.

Displays were a Scary Movie display to make it easier for those patrons in search of some thrills and chills to locate some good picks.

Adult Services Librarian Monica Garza Bustillo accomplished the following tasks:

On September 16, Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Paula Hawkins's *Girl on the Train*. Several Athena Book Club members have started a Facebook page to promote more discussion.

On September 21, she organized a sky viewing event titled *Come Meet the Stars*, with the San Antonio Astronomical Association.

On September 22, she attended the Meadow Village Neighborhood Association Meeting.

On September 26, Bustillo hosted a large *Batman Day* celebration for over 85 patrons including *Batman*, *Cat Woman* and the *Joker*.

On September 29, she presented library information at the Springvale Neighborhood Association meeting.

On October 3, she presented the newly released *Avengers Age of Ultron* film.

On October 17, Bustillo organized a *Pumpkin Carving and Decorating* event.

Displays were *Banned Books Week* with a display of challenged material and Halloween.

LANDA

Teen Time continues to meet weekly on Wednesday nights at the Landa Branch Library. Teen volunteers J.C. and Sophia have been busy each Wednesday preparing for *The Clash of the Titles* competition in observance of *Teen Read Week*. This "guess the quote source" contest will take place on Wednesday, October 21. The teens have also been busy creating book-themed decorations for the teen area. On October 3 the Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) had their monthly meeting and they continued their hard work organizing for The Clash of the Titles competition. The TLLC also started planning an event for the upcoming *International Games Day* on November 21.

Children's Services is fortunate to have Jodi Miller from Carver assist with Landa's popular children's programming during the time the branch has been without a full-time children's librarian. Miller has taken the Tuesday morning Baby Time and Toddler Time. Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta has been covering the Thursday morning Story Time. Parents, caregivers, and children are all appreciative of their work and are looking forward to the arrival of new Children's Services librarian Jasmin Salinas – who is already planning exciting new events!

Adult programming is well under way for the fall with both reading clubs in high gear. This past month, Reader's Ink read the award-winning and provocative "House of the Spirits" by Isabel Allende. The Seniors' Mystery Book Club read "An instance of the Fingerpost" by Iain Pears, a lengthy, complex novel that all members agreed was worth the turn of events in the last two dozen pages of the book.

Landa is fortunate to have a corps of good and faithful volunteers. The branch has recently added adult volunteers Wayne Witt and Penny Lockhart. There is a volunteer on hand to assist with pulling router, packing crates and doing assorted other tasks almost every day.

LAS PALMAS

In early September, Las Palmas Branch Library concluded its two summer semester courses in partnership with **Academia América** for citizenship application and test assistance. One class is given in Spanish and the other is in English. Since public interest increased during initial sessions, a fall semester was scheduled for both classes. Sessions began on October 9.

In mid-September, the Las Palmas Adult Book Club discussed “Last to Die” by Tess Gerritsen. The club is growing and new people inquire frequently.

On Saturday, September 19, Las Palmas presented information on Senior Services and the Free Taxi Rides for Military Veterans programs from the Alamo Area Council of Governments, Bexar County Agency on Aging.

For *Hispanic Heritage Month*, Las Palmas enjoyed presenting a workshop on making *Papel Picado* decorative art. A Las Palmas area patron instructed and brought many *nature*, *abstract* and *Day of the Dead* themed patterns for guests to create. Twenty-six patrons participated. The presenter gave a history behind the craft not only from the Latin American countries, but from Asian and European locations as well. The instructor will return December 5 to lead a *Papel Picado* Christmas Tree ornament program.

Adults got a lot out of the return of Habitat for Humanity to Las Palmas on October 5. Twenty people attended. Seven people filled out and submitted the applications to the representative that day. Seven others took the application home to complete and turn in later. Since the Monday afternoon time slot seemed successful, Habitat for Humanity was booked for 6-month intervals at the same day and time.

The Teens decorated pumpkins. Two of our volunteers have formed a Teen Leadership Council and decorated a display for Halloween. Bilingual Story Times continue to be enjoyed at Las Palmas. Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez collaborated with Our Lady of The Lake University on September 26 at an outreach event with OLLU Library and Barnes & Noble at La Cantera. Ms. Perez read children’s stories in Spanish and spoke with customers about obtaining library cards and library services offered. Children’s Librarian Gina Brudi provided enthusiastic outreach efforts at multiple child-care facilities. Ms. Brudi also represented the library at the YWCA’s National Night Out event.

MAVERICK

Many activities and programs occurred at Maverick Branch Library during the reporting period. The Friends of Maverick Library had a successful book sale on September 19 and 20, earning over \$2,000! Also, on September 19, Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo, from the Central Teen department treated 22 patrons to an electric guitar performance.

The Literacy Caravan visited Maverick on September 21! There were 122 caregivers and children that boarded the van to do literacy-based activities and each child received a free book to take home. LEGO Time has continued to thrive on Monday afternoons with an average of 30 people each week.

On September 26, staff members planned an afternoon of fun for *Batman Day*. Over 63 patrons enjoyed decorating and eating Batman cookies, creating Batman origami, coloring Batman pictures and watching the movie, "Batman Begins." Thank you to Library Aide Raina Oster, Circulation Attendant Elise Garcia, Library Aide Cetta-Dae Poore, Children's Librarian Amy Roberts, and Library Aide Daniella Toll for assisting with this event.

Adult programs were very well attended during the reporting period. A patent program on October 10 had 17 attendees. The Ladies Choice Book Club continues to have an average of 14 attending the program.

The branch said goodbye to Library Aide Cetta-Dae Poore in late September. Recently, Library Aide Rebekah Delgado received a promotion as part-time circulation attendant here at Maverick.

McCRELESS

Five Story Times were presented at the McCreless Branch Library during this time period. Opposites and colors were the themes during these five programs. Children listened to stories, sang songs, acted out rhymes and played together with a variety of building blocks, puzzles and other items. They also created art projects, including painting an apple tree, a working truck, a frog pond, a butterfly and a bird puppet.

Five Family Fun programs were also held: a construction workshop, a crafting party, fall leaf rubbings, *World Octopus Day* and the *Hispanic Heritage* celebration.

Eight people enjoyed the October 10 showing of "Gremlins."

15 people read to *Chesney* for the Read to a Dog program on October 15.

Branch Manager Cammie Brantley attended the *National Night Out* event at Highland Hills Elementary. She shared information about library services with 72 of the approximately 300 visitors. It was the first time the school had hosted an event and the PTA President felt it went very well.

On October 17, Brantley met with the Adult Book Club for a discussion of "Bless Me, Ultima" as a tie-in with *Hispanic Heritage Month* activities.

McCreless Branch Library hosted a total of 6 teen programs with an attendance total of 50. The library continues to host their weekly Teen Time program and has added a new monthly program titled *Pictures With Words Are Nice!* Teen Time continues to bring teens together to spend time playing various board games and video games. *Pictures With Words Are Nice!* is a program requested by the local teens that centers on comic books, graphic novels, and manga. This is a one hour program in which characterization, plot, narration, writing, and artwork are discussed.

MEMORIAL

Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila attended the City's *Employee Appreciation Day* at Sea World on Saturday, October 3, Davila celebrated her 15 years with the City.

For *Hispanic Heritage Month*, Memorial Branch Library held a poetry event entitled *Voces Cósmicas* on Saturday, October 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event was well attended by thirty-five patrons. Amigos, Memorial's Friends group, funded a reception for the group. The majority of the poets were published authors – Fernando Esteban Flores, Ed Cody, Jacinto Jesús Cardona, Andrea Greimel and Victoria Garcia-Zapata Klein. Other poets included: Juan Antonio Meza, Intreago Flores and Eddie Vega. The event was arranged by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, who did an excellent job coordinating the readings and setting up the program.

For the Halloween season, Memorial hosted *Sixth Sense Paranormal* on the evening of Thursday, October 15. The group presented findings from their investigative work throughout San Antonio. Many of the attendees were interested in learning about local ghostly phenomenon, which accounted for an audience of twenty-seven people. The program content also dispelled some urban legends and presented historical facts that many people were curious about, such as the popular story of the school children at the railroad tracks on the Southside of San Antonio. The presentation included video, photos and sound recordings. At the end of the program, founder Jeff Sullivan opened up the presentation to the attendees' supernatural experiences. Some told of their ghostly encounters and belief in the world beyond. In the spirit of Halloween, this event is held annually at Memorial and has been very popular with customers for many years.

Our Story Time, Kids Time, and Come & Go friends enjoyed celebrating *National Play-Doh Day* by listening to books, singing songs, and creating amazing masterpieces. Many of our school-aged friends had a wonderful time reading to Chiko, the Cocker Spaniel, during our Family Fun, Read to a Dog program.

Many children celebrated *National Library Card Sign-Up Month* by creating and decorating their own library cards, one to take home, and the other to display in Memorial's Children's Area. The children of Memorial also enjoyed building awesome structures for our LEGO/DUPLOs Club. More than seventy-five people attended Memorial Library's celebration of *National Night Out*, where kids decorated wearable, paper plate hats.

Memorial's Children's Librarian Trina Smith was invited to be a guest speaker at Martin Elementary School to discuss the library's services, resources, and programs during the school's monthly Parent Meeting. She was also invited to *Literacy Night* at Madison Elementary School to promote our library services.

The families of Memorial participated in the national literacy awareness program *Star Wars Read Day* where children were encouraged to read and listen to books, make crafts, and discuss all things related to *Star Wars*.

Memorial's juvenile customers celebrated *Hispanic Heritage Month* by checking out books and making crafts such as *calaveras*, paper plate skulls, and *papel picado* – a tissue paper cutting art.

At the end of September Memorial Teens were excited about making cute and geeky art with perler beads. They turned their creations into key chains, jewelry and backpack accessories. Memorial Teen Liaison Victoria Tijerina did an outreach at Memorial High School with the help of Central Teen Librarians.

They demonstrated online resources such as Tutor.com and Learning Express to the teens. They registered over 200 teens for library cards.

At Memorial Teen Time, teens chose some Halloween themed activities for the month of October and started the spooky fun with Halloween themed marshmallow pops. They dipped the marshmallows in colored chocolate and created jack-o-lanterns, cats, and Frankenstein's monster. The first Tuesday in October was *National Night Out* and teens helped set up for the event. On October the 13 teens from the local Boys and Girls club came to hang out at teen time and painted Halloween masks and played with an up-cycled art spinner.

MISSION

As part of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, a screening was held of the documentary "Foreigners in the Own Land" on September 17 and 20. On September 26, Mission Branch Library had a Presidio History Program with artifacts and costumes of the era. Patrons enjoyed this hands-on event. On October 1, a screening of the film *César Chávez* was held.

On September 26 AARP had a well-attended workshop for seniors.

Mission Branch Library had a successful *National Night Out* program in the Courtyard. On October 6, there was a night of neighbors, food and entertainment. A Native American Ceremony was provided for those who attended. Three neighborhood associations participated. Many comments conveyed appreciation to the library for hosting this type of event.

Continuing programs include Table Tennis for adults. This program continues to be one of the libraries most popular adult programs and has received an enthusiastic following. The Cult and Classics Movies program featured *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, a favorite. Trivia Game Night and the Chess Club were also offered to visiting families.

Mission Branch Library continues its partnership with Parks and Recreation. Yoga and Circuit Cycling are offered every Saturday afternoon.

Teens at Mission Branch Library had the opportunity to participate in all sorts of library related fun for the reporting period. Young adults were able to make *Hispanic Heritage Month* crafts, sing karaoke, and to work on a service project for kids from their community. Mission teens participated in completing their service project on September 15 for the St. Peter's – St. Joseph's Children's Home. Teens donated crafts they made to be shared with the foster children of the home. In addition, teens enjoyed a *Stars Wars Reads Day* Party on October 10 where they enjoyed games, Star Wars trivia, an eating challenge and a Star Wars cake.

Children continue to enjoy Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Discovery Time. Discovery Time offered four to six year olds learning opportunities with sorting and magnetism.

PAN AMERICAN

The Pan American Branch Library continued to provide both educational and recreational services to the South Side community. To celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month* the branch hosted two programs of value to the community. *How to Plan a Quinceañera* was held on September 20 which offered patrons tips and advice from a local expert. Additionally, the branch hosted a *Curandero* who educated attendees on the health benefits of herbs and traditional medicine.

Adult Services Librarian Cindy Pope held a *geocaching program* in partnership with the Texas Geocaching Association on October 10. The representatives hid 4 caches/treasures throughout the branch to be found. Attendees enjoyed finding the caches and being outdoors in the sunshine. Ms. Pope also held a monthly adult craft night and a weekly coloring session for adults.

On October 6, Branch Manager Nathaniel Laubner along with representatives from the Mission Branch Library attended the Harlandale *National Night Out* at the Harlandale Memorial Stadium. Attendees that stopped by the SAPL table got a chance to spin the wheel for a small prize as well as learn more about the San Antonio Public Library System.

Teen Liaison Angela Olivarez held a variety of fun and interactive activities for the teens at the Pan American Branch Library. The young adults played games such as monopoly but made new rules to make things interesting. Some teens even brought in their own games and challenged others to *Dungeons and Dragons*. The teens were also shown how to make *paracord bracelets* and buttons displaying their favorite picture or quote.

PARMAN

The fall session of DIY U continued with many classes offered on a variety of topics at the Parman Branch Library. Children's Librarian Carrie Vance brought the Alamo Area Fly Fishers in for a class. With the help of Circulation Attendant Melissa Moser and Library Aide Allison Villarreal, Ms. Vance also taught *Exploring with Preschoolers*. Parents of preschoolers learned several projects to do at home with their children and practiced making toys that can be duplicated at home to aide in early childhood development. Andy Crews from the Library's Texana/Genealogy Department visited Parman to teach *Exploring Heritage Quest Online*. Branch Manager Haley Holmes held classes in Tie-Dye and jewelry making. Participants made a *Day of the Dead* themed necklace. The Alamo Area Woodcarvers again offered an intermediate woodcarving class. Participants carved a *Santa* this time. Ms. Vance brought in an outside presenter for an Intro to Geocaching course. One of the most popular classes of the month included *Honduras Style Cooking*. Library Aide Evelyn Cabrera and Circulation Attendant Carmen Zarate did a professional level cooking demonstration for participants. Lastly, Library Assistant Elissa Vura did a session on *T-shirt Upcycling*, which received many compliments. Students were amazed at how simple it is to take an old t-shirt and to use braiding and cutting techniques to make it new again.

Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow conducted two full days of outreach at Lopez Middle School, talking to every student in the school. Along with Parman staff, she created 300 new library cards. She also conducted outreach at the Academy for Creative Education.

National Night Out was held at Parman Branch Library. The Friends of the Library served hotdogs and other refreshments to patrons who came out to hear the School of Rock perform. Lawn games were also provided including a giant version of Twister spray painted on the lawn.

For *Hispanic Heritage Month*, Cortez Branch Library Manager Cate Prazak set up a documentary screening for “Stolen Education” at Parman. Director Rodolfo Luna spoke to a crowd of over 50 people after the film. The program was very well received.

Library Assistant Eva Banda and Library Aide Allison Villarreal set up a table at the Paint the Parkway Pink 5K. They spoke to about 75 people about the library and provided a kids craft.

Parman’s Annual Spooky Walk and Halloween Carnival will be held on October 29 starting at 6 p.m. Several new features will be added this year including a cakewalk and food trucks. Planning is well underway, and all staff is involved in the creation of the event.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Children visiting the Pruitt Branch Library recently enjoyed a wide variety of programs. They had the opportunity to celebrate *National Play-Doh Day* by making their own colorful *Play-Doh* from scratch. Once they got the mixture just right, they molded the dough into different dinosaurs and also added plants, trees, and shrubs to complete their scene. To commemorate the San Antonio Botanical Garden’s latest exhibition, *Big Garden, Little Me*, children at Pruitt eagerly listened to Glenda Millard’s “Isabella’s Garden” and had a great time creating colorful paintings featuring colorful “fork” flowers. Recognizing *Hispanic Heritage Month*, children made beautiful *papel picado* banners from colorful tissue paper and were treated to a reading of “Round is a Tortilla: a book of shapes.” The SPARK science program at Pruitt got off to a great start this school year. Two additional high school science teachers wanted to get in on the action, sharing their expertise, and formed a new tween SPARK program. They provided instruction on the topic of “flight” and tweens constructed homemade boomerangs which they took outside for some flight practice. Children, tweens, and parents always look forward to some fun and exciting experiments during SPARK events.

The teens at the Pruitt Branch Library have been busy. One of the perks of being a Roosevelt student at the Pruitt branch are library fieldtrips. Twenty teen volunteers and 5 adult chaperones attended the Texas Teen Book Festival on Saturday, September 26. They enjoyed buying books and meeting the authors when they got their books signed. They attended author panels and asked questions of the authors and enjoyed literary banter. The event heightened their love for reading books and the importance of the library as a leading force protecting their right to read, especially meeting authors of color and those writing about LGBT issues. During *Banned Books Week*, ninety-one teens participated in a read-out and signed the pledge to be life-long readers and to never ban books and to fight for the freedom to read. When Teen Librarian Rae Downen brought the *Banned Books Week* display out to the courtyard during the student lunches, the teens were in complete shock to find that some of their books for required reading were on the display. Great dialogue was exchanged between the teens and the librarian, but also teachers entered the discussion and by doing so further helped the cause against banning books.

Pruitt librarians participated in Roosevelt High School’s popular *National Night Out* event. They spoke to over 500 children, teens, and parents, informing them about all the great happenings and available resources at the San Antonio Public Libraries. This is among the largest *National Night Out* events throughout the city.

The SNAP, Special Needs Adult Program, at Pruitt featured a celebration of *Hispanic Heritage Month* with some lively playing of the popular game of *Ioteria*. Attendees to this event always look forward to their

library visits for a chance to make crafts, participate in games, and meet new acquaintances. The adult zumba classes continue to be popular at Pruitt with participants always coming back for some fun, dancing and exercise.

SAN PEDRO

The new summer programs at San Pedro Branch Library were successful at attracting children who have not normally come to the library. With that in mind, the popular Monday Minecraft Club is continuing throughout the school year. There have generally been around 10-15 children attending and often not the same children from week to week. This is the same pattern that occurred in the summer and provides a good mix of children each time. Kids Time is on Wednesday (with the first Wednesday of the month being the very popular LEGO Club) and Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton has started a children's chess club on Thursdays, which also has attracted students to the library.

Ms. 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. 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.

National Play-Doh Day was celebrated on September 16. The children enjoyed squishing and squashing homemade play dough!

Ms. Dalton attended two training classes; one provided by Pre-K4SA on early mathematics for preschoolers and the *Voices for Children* event.

On September 29, a new 5th grade book club met at the library. The book selected to read for next month is "Dying to Meet You" by Klate Klimo.

On September 30, Ms. Dalton represented SAPL at the Hawthorne Academy Family Literacy Night. On October 6, she did the same at the Alta Vista Neighborhood Night Out event. Several of the children she spoke with at these events are now coming to children's programs at San Pedro.

World Octopus Day was celebrated on October 8. The children watched octopuses in action on the iPad and made an octopus to take home.

Star Wars Reads Day was held on October 10. The children and their families enjoyed many Star Wars related activities, crafts, and books.

San Pedro Branch Library was chosen as the site for the Proclamation of October as *Dyslexia Awareness Month*. Library patron Tricia Cantwell worked with city officials on this project. Approximately 20 people attended the reading of the Proclamation by District 8 Councilman Ron Nirenberg.

Branch Manager Diane Backhus and Circulation Attendant Ana Sandoval represented San Pedro at the *National Night Out* event for the Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood. Since Ms. Sandoval is a resident of the neighborhood, she was able to share information with many people she knows.

Branch Manager Diane Backhus is pleased to announce the formation of a branch Friends of the Library Group. Interested members met with “umbrella” Friends of the Library officers Karen Matson and Nancy Gandara on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Officers were elected, and the group discussed the bylaws. The next step will be having the bylaws approved by the Friends Board in November. There will be a lot of great things coming!

Diane Backhus submitted an informational story to the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association Newsletter for November’s issue.

SEMMESES

The LEGO Club that started this summer is still going strong at the Semmes Branch Library. In September, 32 children and adults attended the monthly program. Staff is thankful for the Semmes Friends group which provided the initial supply of LEGO bricks for the club. The Semmes Foundation has also recently agreed to purchase more bricks, to make the LEGO Club even better.

On September 16, Children’s Librarians Randi Jones and Shannon Seglin, hosted a *National Play-Doh Day* program at the branch. Jones and Seglin made several types of homemade play dough and invited children to use their imaginations to create. 29 people attended the program. The leftover play dough was then used by the Tweens who entertained themselves with making “pizzas” and other pretend food items.

In late September and early October, Semmes Branch Library served as a pilot site for the new Computer/Print management system: Pharos. Semmes staff members assisted in testing the new system. Semmes was the first location to offer this new service to the public. So far, things have gone fairly smoothly. Patrons like having more options, such as color printing and copying.

In October, Shannon Seglin, Children’s Librarian I, was promoted to Children’s Librarian II at Central. Indarani Phillip, Library Aide, completed her Nursing degree and passed her NCLEX. She resigned from the branch to start her new career. Staff members will miss both Shannon and Indy and wish them the best in their new positions.

THOUSAND OAKS

During the past month, many fun children’s activities have taken place at Thousand Oaks Branch Library. Toddler Time and Story Time themes have included autumn, monsters, bikes, camping and octopuses! To celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month* a *Calaveras Come and Go Craft* was offered for kids on October 2. Thousand Oaks celebrated *Octopus Day* on October 8 with an Octopus Story Time and an Octopus Come and Go Craft. LEGO Time was October 6 and a number of new kids joined the building fun! Come and Go Crafts are also offered each Friday! Children’s Librarian Leslie Elsasser presented three ocean-themed programs during her monthly outreach to a daycare on October 14.

Thousand Oaks hosted several Teen Time events. On September 23, the teens made Makeches, which are bedazzled beetles. It’s a craft that originated in the Yucatán. This program was planned as a part of *Hispanic Heritage Month*. On September 30, the teens helped decorate 3D letters that read “Teens.” Letters using papier-mâché were created and then decorated with pictures from withdrawn

graphic novels using the decoupage technique. These letters have gone up in the newly redecorated Teen Space. On the October 7, the teens painted Halloween pictures to hang in their teen area. We also hosted a game night and bead crafts. Teen Liaison Steven Barrera, along with other teen library staff, conducted outreaches at the Health Careers High School and at Valencia HOA National Night Out.

On September 17, the Thousand Oaks Book Club had an interesting discussion about the book, "Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark" and the "Spending of a Great American Fortune" by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell Jr. All of the participants were delighted with the book and several commented that they had never realized Ms. Clark was the heiress to such a huge fortune. One member even stated that she would love to tour the Bellosguardo Mansion in Santa Barbara, California, where virtually everything in the home dates back to the 1950's. All the ladies tuned in with similar sentiments. The conversation ended and was followed by delicious refreshments served by Circulation Attendant Brenda Ramos.

Thousand Oaks is proud to welcome the new Branch Manager Troy Lawrence. He was most recently the lead librarian at the partnership library with North East Independent School District, the Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School. He has been a librarian since 2001 and has completed his twenty-fifth year of teaching. Jasmine Gonzalez is also new to the branch. She is the new part time circulation attendant. Gonzalez is currently a student at Northwest Vista studying chemistry.

TOBIN AT OAKWELL

Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse helped plan and coordinate a very successful presence at the Alamo City Comic Con. During the four day event in September, over 44,000 people of all ages stopped by the San Antonio Public Library's booth. Visitors could make a craft, enjoy story time, browse a good book or just hang out in the reading lounge.

On September 16, there was lots of squishing and squashing with over three hundred visitors joining in the fun for *National Play-Doh Day* at Tobin at Oakwell Branch Library. Teen Librarian Karen Barton had a book related Play-Doh contest between teens for the most original creations. Children's Librarian Elvira Sanchez Kisser helped this event happen along with *World Octopus Day* and a special craft on October 7. *Star Wars Read Day* had lots of kids attend to read and test their knowledge on Jedi and Star Wars facts and trivia.

Ms. Sanchez Kisser impressively organizes monthly visits from George Gervin Academy each month where the school buses classes of elementary students to visit the branch and check out books. This endeavor requires help from several staff members as 120 – 220 kids visit the library for one hour over five days. Ms. Sanchez Kisser's Baby time has seen exponential growth on Friday mornings as word has spread about this fun time with rhythm and rhyme for newborns and their caregivers.

Tobin Library at Oakwell Friends' Board met on September 15 where Manager Tracey Knouse presented a wrap up of programs with photos from the past year. The Friends also hosted an evening of readings by authors, Margy Bernstein and N.B. Miller, with musical accompaniment by Craig Anderson on September 22.

Highlighted materials this month include National Geographic DVD's of all subject matters, *Elephant Appreciation Day*, grimm and horror, *Orange you glad for good books?*, *Breast Cancer Awareness*, and *Snoopy and Charles M. Schulze* items in anticipation of the November new movie release.

Library Assistant Elvia Ramos attended Stonebrook Manor at Broadway on September 21 and shared some challenging memory activities with seniors at the monthly outreach visit. Librarian K. Barton visited The Academy of Creative Education on October 5 with Parman's Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow. Together they shared information on library and teen services with the students. Librarian R. Woolhouse and Assistant E. Ramos, helped with *National Night Out* in October at MacArthur Park with the homeowner's organization annual event.

WESTFALL

Three staff members of the Westfall Branch Library participated in area *National Night Out* events. Manager Sherrie Hardin set up a table at Dellview Park where Dellview Area Neighborhood Association hosted their activities. Hardin talked to people about library services and issued new library cards. Assistant Manager Jernell Williams attended an event at CityView Apartments on Jackson Keller and also issued new library cards. Children's Librarian Imelda Merino talked with children and parents at the Colonial Hills Elementary School.

Imelda also talked about library services at two Read 3 events at the HEB on Fredericksburg Road. She also hosted activities to celebrate *National Play-Doh Day* and *Octopus Day*.

Westfall's Learn Center celebrated its first birthday with cupcakes and punch. Training officers and DHS staff from SAPL's other Learn Centers stopped by to offer well wishes.

Hardin started an adult coloring program on Wednesday afternoons. The first session attracted 27 people. Average attendance at subsequent sessions has been 15. Meditative, soothing music plays in the background as the grown-ups use colored pencils, felt tip markers or gel pens to color intricate designs. At times hot herbal tea and iced mango tea has been served.

Williams provided tours to ESL students from SAISD and facilitated two meetings of the Third Thursday Book Discussion Group as well as substituting with the Stranger Than Fiction Book Group.

Beethoven Dance Band performed rock 'n' roll oldies on October 14. The performance was funded by Friends of Westfall Library. The Friends also held a book sale in October and raised approximately \$600.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

San Antonio Public Library
Fiscal Year-to-Date Comparisons
Sep 2015 (100% of FY Completed)

Performance Measures	FYTD 15	FYTD 14	% Chg	FY 15 Goal	% of Goal Achieved	FY 15 Status
Total Circulation	7,377,060	7,177,889	2.8%	7,313,500	100.9%	✓
- Physical Circulation	6,427,246	6,504,281	-1.2%	6,471,500	99.3%	◊
- Digital Circulation	949,814	673,608	41.0%	842,000	112.8%	✓
Visits	5,474,125	5,388,369	1.6%	5,390,000	101.6%	✓
Program Attendance	371,156	316,665	17.2%	302,450	122.7%	✓
- Adult's Program Attendance	78,834	43,396	81.7%	39,000	202.1%	✓
- Teen's Program Attendance	43,672	42,166	3.6%	43,450	100.5%	✓
- Children's Program Attendance	248,650	231,103	7.6%	219,000	113.5%	✓
Hours of Computer/Wi-Fi Use	2,380,982	2,201,941	8.1%	2,202,000	108.1%	✓
Website and App Visits	3,586,665	3,565,804	0.6%	3,400,000	105.5%	✓
Bexar County (Outside the City of San Antonio)			Customer Satisfaction*			
% of Circulation	FYTD 15	FYTD 14	2014	2012		
Total Circulation	19.8%	19.0%				
- Physical Circulation	19.0%	18.4%	96%	94%		
- Digital Circulation	25.7%	24.8%				

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

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

FY 15 Openings: Encino opened April 30

FY 14 Renovation/Closures: Cortez Jun 9-29, Westfall Jul 28-Aug 3, Tobin Aug 4-31, Carver Sep 2-28

* From the Biennial City of San Antonio Community Survey

San Antonio Public Library

September 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	5,981	10,822	34	17	5	12	337	165	37	135	6,913	2,240	4,674
Brook Hollow	27,607	18,634	47	13	3	31	1,044	131	0	913	6,247	1,623	4,624
Carver	5,563	9,842	52	17	5	30	704	117	29	558	5,679	2,228	3,451
Central	31,503	64,133	151	21	63	67	3,355	760	780	1,815	49,168	14,822	34,345
Cody	41,318	24,230	49	6	5	38	1,568	62	60	1,446	7,355	1,639	5,716
Collins Garden	30	0	9	0	0	9	128	0	0	128	908	0	908
Cortez	7,895	12,644	113	93	6	14	486	272	97	117	5,893	2,218	3,676
Encino	24,143	15,311	75	20	11	44	1,529	473	84	972	3,818	540	3,277
Forest Hills	9,123	8,584	10	10	0	0	66	66	0	0	3,599	1,265	2,334
Great Northwest	36,241	21,087	36	11	6	19	1,929	122	75	1,732	7,760	2,068	5,692
Guerra	15,347	14,634	40	12	4	24	755	151	17	587	8,385	2,352	6,033
Igo	30,416	21,812	67	11	20	36	2,272	155	223	1,894	5,572	1,562	4,010
Johnston	12,779	13,157	33	7	7	19	853	263	34	556	5,863	1,693	4,170
Landa	12,179	11,887	25	4	6	15	606	49	17	540	2,238	967	1,271
Las Palmas	8,068	14,713	47	7	11	29	2,612	58	2,175	379	7,191	2,193	4,998
Maverick	29,471	15,682	36	9	9	18	1,084	94	78	912	6,974	2,509	4,465
McCreless	14,182	16,851	18	2	5	11	214	12	47	155	7,868	1,928	5,940
Memorial	7,719	11,714	80	4	5	71	425	68	44	313	7,767	1,937	5,830
Mission	15,402	21,311	59	23	9	27	1,067	312	211	544	11,371	3,378	7,993
Pan American	9,831	11,356	28	23	4	1	207	187	12	8	5,736	2,155	3,581
Parman	31,698	23,536	111	27	29	55	2,377	278	911	1,188	5,395	961	4,434
Pruitt	7,078	20,264	55	12	21	22	972	80	415	477	5,240	1,553	3,687
San Pedro	4,332	5,766	23	0	0	23	655	0	0	655	3,151	662	2,488
Semmes	27,953	20,913	50	3	8	39	1,266	13	45	1,208	7,837	2,572	5,265
Thousand Oaks	12,534	16,063	22	1	4	17	265	6	21	238	5,218	1,363	3,855
Tobin	20,784	18,258	53	14	8	31	23,813	22,562	111	1,140	5,977	1,899	4,078
Westfall	18,444	16,112	36	20	4	12	292	106	0	186	7,708	2,327	5,381
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,622	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	2,077	N/A	2,077
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,093	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	89,264	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	88,060	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	646,038	460,938	1,358	387	258	713	50,881	26,562	5,523	18,796	208,912	60,654	148,258

Circulation includes Digital (Freegal, OneClick, Overdrive) and NEISD materials to SAPL patrons at Pruitt

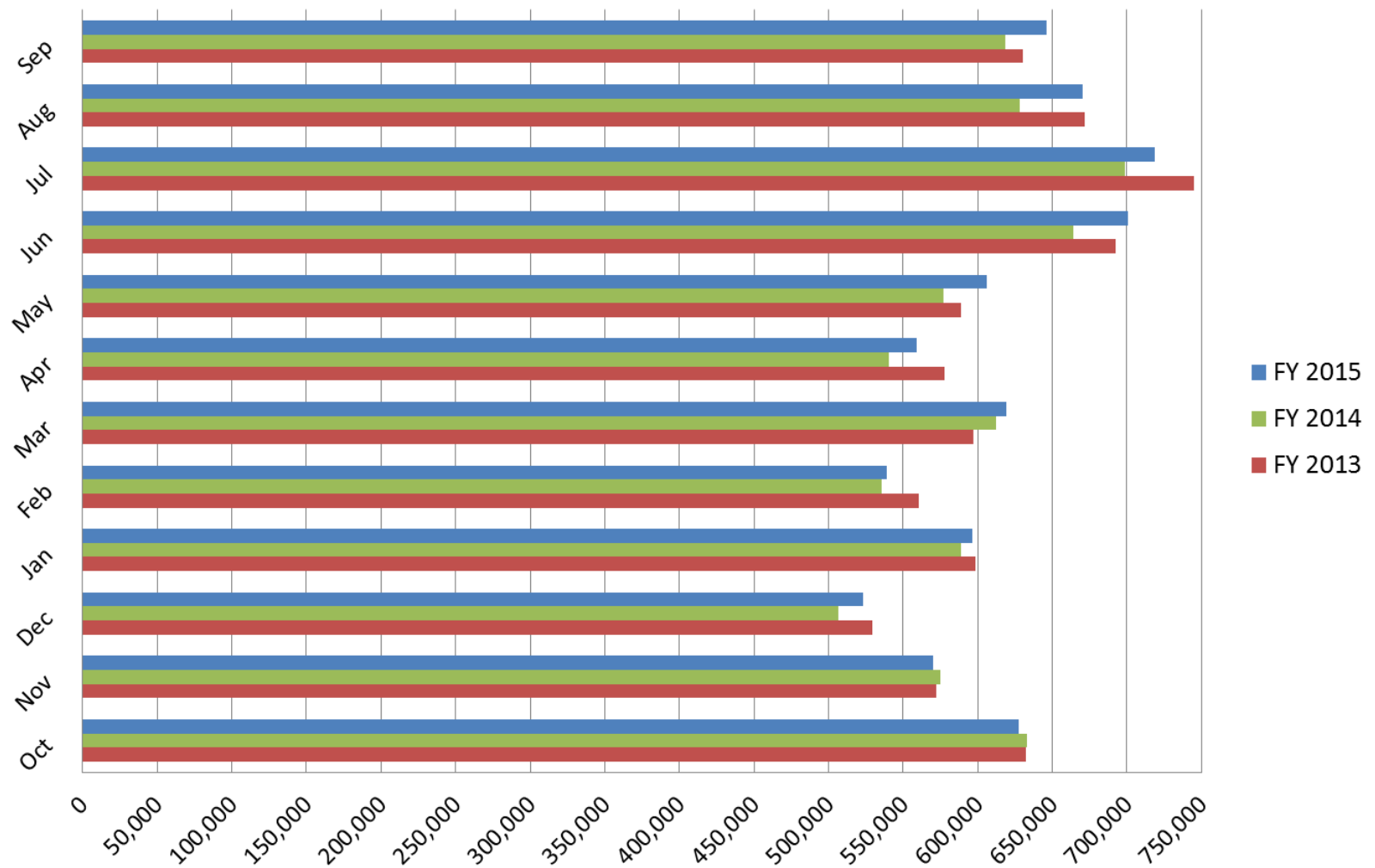
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Bazan	69,200	134,962	392	152	45	195	6,110	3,703	404	2,003	83,907	24,836	59,071
Brook Hollow	346,383	246,956	509	151	43	315	12,912	1,515	75	11,322	70,103	18,102	52,001
Carver	65,798	124,297	535	170	67	298	8,233	2,046	864	5,323	63,985	25,341	38,644
Central	364,829	756,090	2,724	315	1,079	1,330	58,464	11,453	15,600	31,411	578,864	181,795	397,069
Cody	472,367	300,120	601	89	55	457	23,961	1,170	897	21,894	80,003	19,630	60,372
Collins Garden	52,653	80,989	187	38	0	149	1,965	161	0	1,804	41,852	12,615	29,237
Cortez	88,900	137,075	1,119	772	52	295	9,470	2,438	488	6,544	66,852	23,561	43,291
Encino	140,815	102,405	321	114	48	159	12,574	5,312	636	6,626	18,577	3,097	15,480
Forest Hills	106,488	103,693	488	142	36	310	9,160	1,530	161	7,469	47,550	15,530	32,020
Great Northwest	411,244	267,069	434	119	70	245	21,939	1,598	1,164	19,177	89,006	25,968	63,038
Guerra	173,819	176,360	392	106	54	232	7,445	1,034	767	5,644	86,808	26,860	59,948
Igo	352,461	288,824	706	162	152	392	28,202	2,568	4,641	20,993	65,273	18,857	46,417
Johnston	139,781	154,987	338	63	53	222	9,435	1,386	887	7,162	75,663	19,148	56,515
Landa	141,338	132,091	444	75	130	239	9,862	749	1,048	8,065	25,698	10,552	15,146
Las Palmas	83,948	160,721	451	46	69	336	6,941	379	2,628	3,934	81,490	25,204	56,286
Maverick	341,573	192,548	390	69	83	238	13,169	1,427	512	11,230	78,967	27,664	51,303
McCreless	178,135	216,494	200	37	41	122	3,846	332	367	3,147	78,764	23,639	55,125
Memorial	88,095	139,944	356	64	36	256	5,754	1,028	326	4,400	79,386	23,947	55,439
Mission	159,496	263,179	702	275	142	285	12,810	2,924	3,634	6,252	126,737	40,297	86,440
Pan American	98,130	128,095	623	202	50	371	9,979	2,412	189	7,378	69,843	27,454	42,389
Parman	412,478	311,822	921	293	84	544	21,948	3,777	1,679	16,492	58,640	10,917	47,723
Pruitt	87,064	160,893	811	211	229	371	14,452	3,197	4,154	7,101	63,393	18,099	45,294
San Pedro	54,009	79,824	339	46	0	293	5,666	263	0	5,403	29,910	8,166	21,744
Semmes	327,248	254,680	584	48	77	459	13,700	467	522	12,711	86,449	30,643	55,806
Thousand Oaks	153,762	167,580	328	79	44	205	5,296	544	271	4,481	65,995	16,165	49,830
Tobin	235,018	175,580	429	135	63	231	32,159	23,503	1,521	7,135	63,384	21,940	41,444
Westfall	226,128	196,010	470	269	18	183	5,636	1,918	237	3,481	91,631	27,340	64,290
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	20,837	7	0	0	7	68	0	0	68	12,252	N/A	12,252
Interlibrary Loan Lending	12,249	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	1,043,837	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	949,814	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	7,377,060	5,474,125	15,799	4,242	2,820	8,737	371,156	78,834	43,672	248,650	2,380,982	727,368	1,653,614

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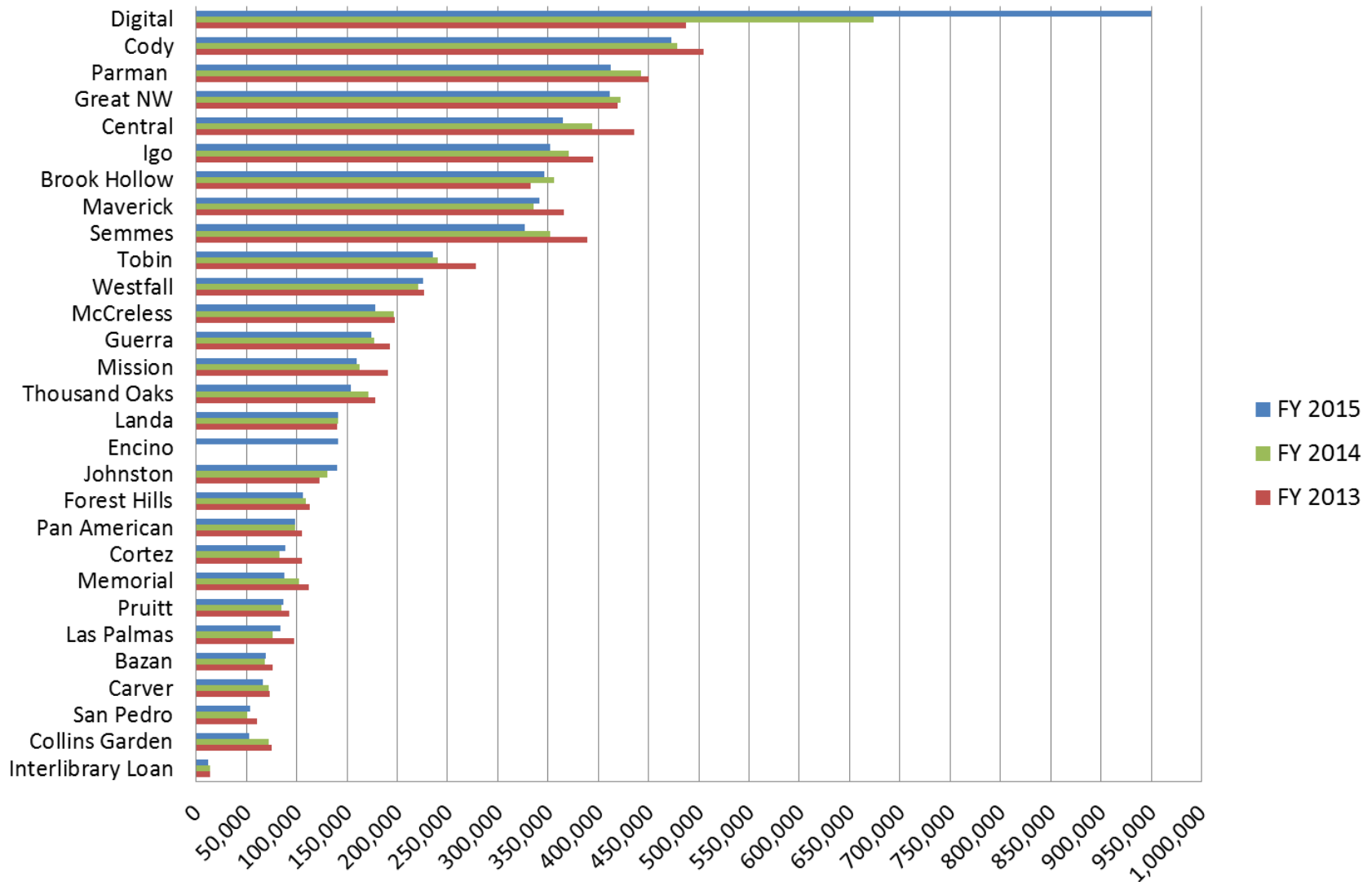
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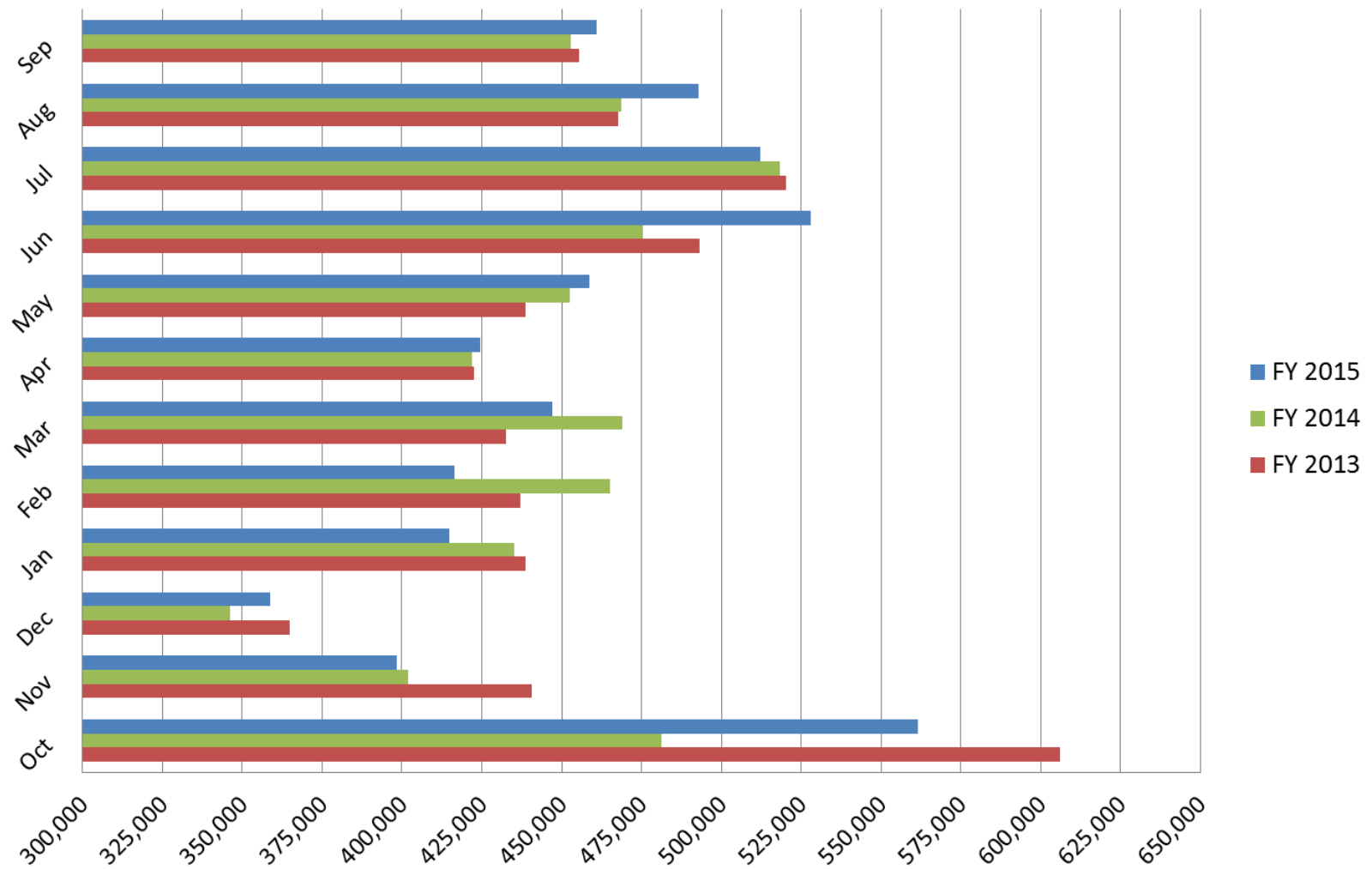
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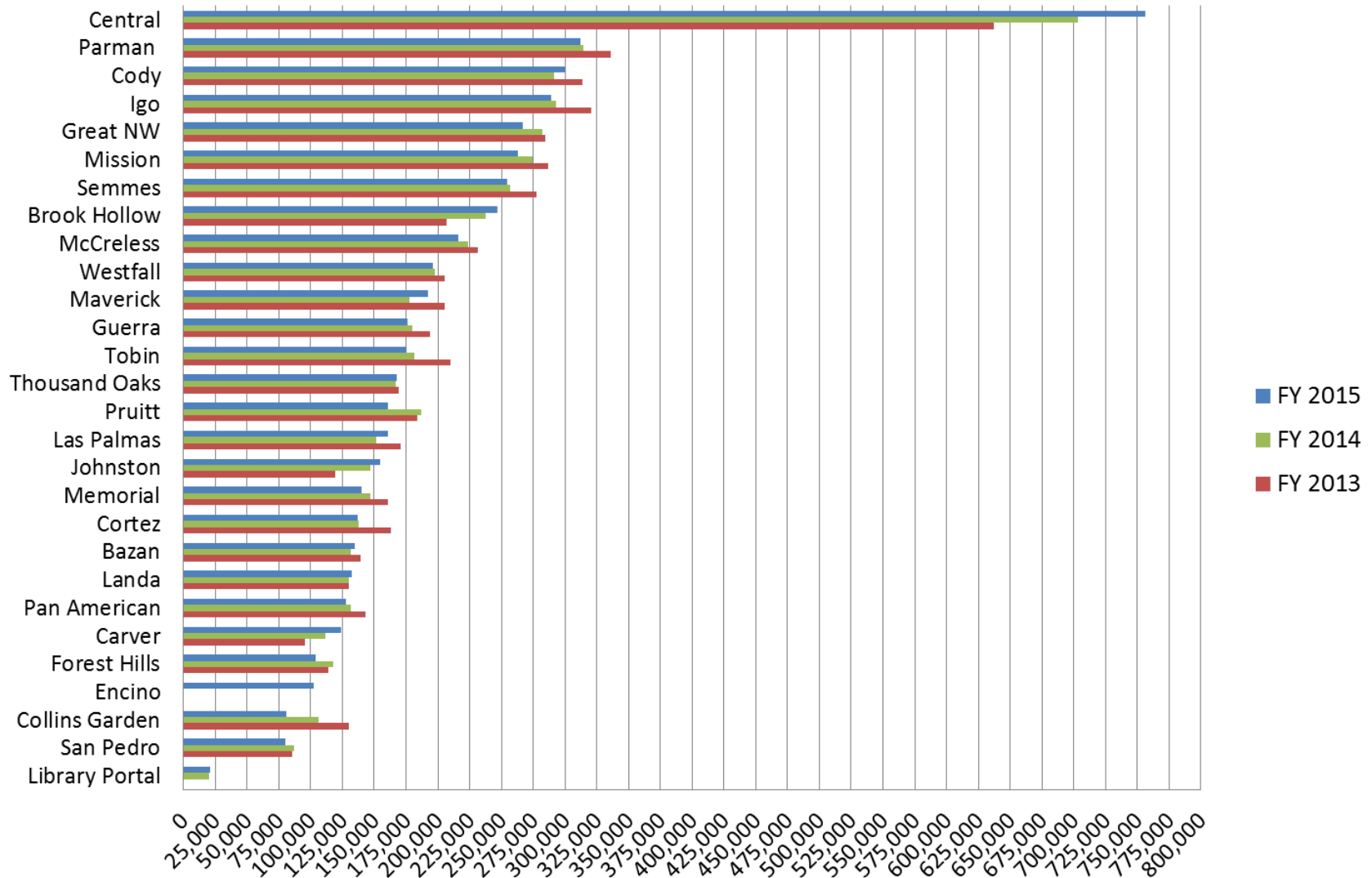
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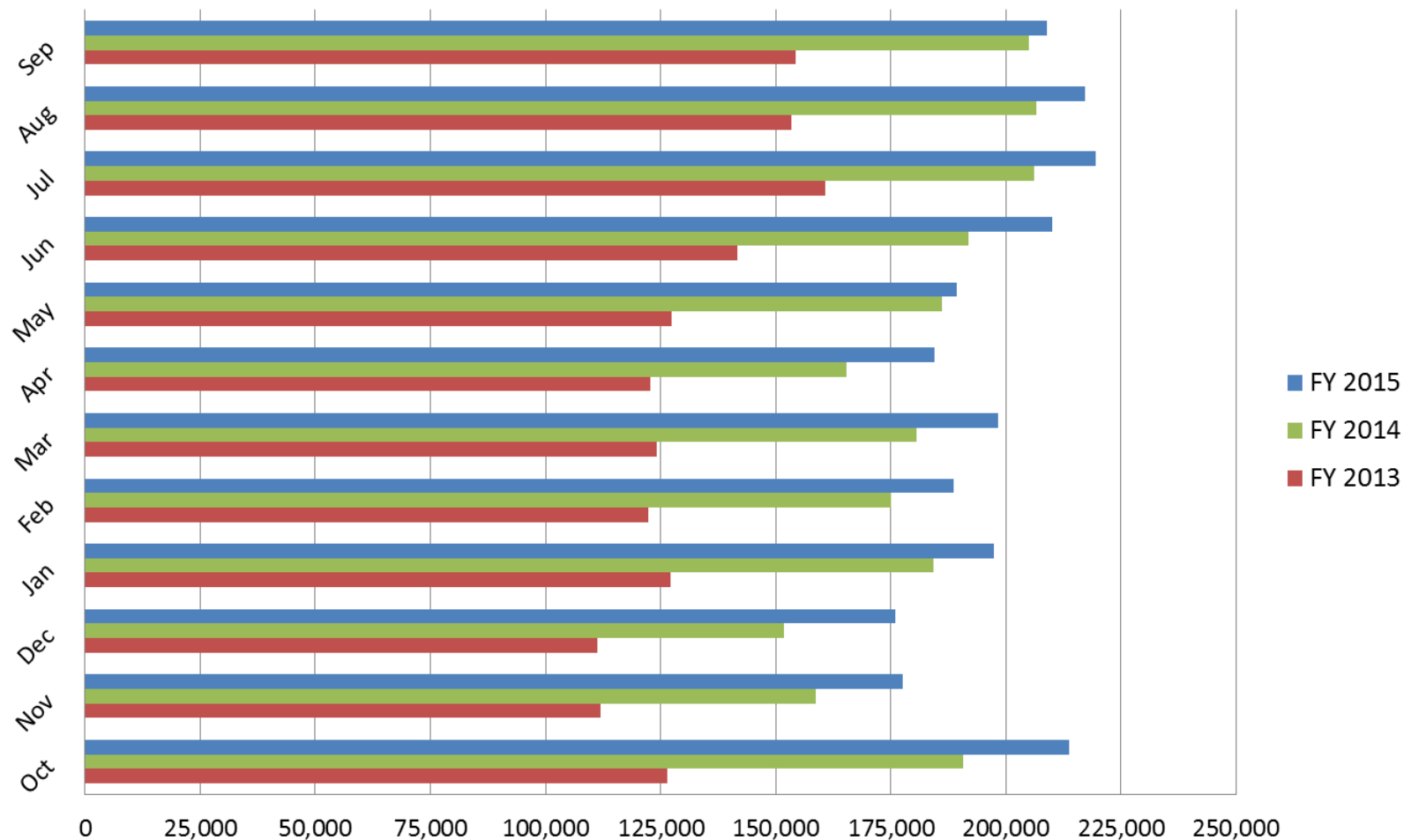
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