



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report February 2017

The Holocaust: Learn & Remember- Remarks by Holocaust
Survivor Hannah Pankowsky

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Grand Opening of Schaefer Branch Library Planned: In coordination with TCI and the Library Board of Trustees, the Library is planning a Grand Opening Celebration for Saturday, March 25, 2017. Councilman Warrick has this date in his calendar and Library Director Ramiro Salazar is scheduled to meet with the Councilman on February 1, 2017 to discuss the Grand Opening Celebration.

Walk with the Mayor : Gathering Point at Semmes Branch Library : The Semmes Branch Library is designated as the gathering place for the next Walk with the Mayor activity planned for Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 8 – 9 a.m., before the library opens. The Library has also reached out to the Parks Department regarding this event as the walk is planned for the adjacent Comanche Lookout Park. The Library's normal hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Library Featured Speaker for SA Chamber Workshop – The Library accepted an invitation from the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to provide a workshop regarding library resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs to Chamber members. Library Staff will lead the workshop and educate attendees on the use of free library databases to perform market research, review and compile community demographics and other Library services. The workshop is scheduled for March 22, 2017.

Library Extends Invitation to Bexar County representative to Serve as Advisory Member for High Profile Contract:

The Library, in coordination with Finance Department, is preparing for a 'high profile' contract for a media content vendor for the library system. Laura Cole, BiblioTech Administrator has accepted an invitation from the Library to serve as an Advisory member from the Community for this high profile contract review committee. This media contract includes the purchase audiobooks, DVDs, Blu-Ray, music CDs, as well as the processing and cataloging of these items. The new contract is planned for 5 years including 2 years of optional renewal and \$12.5 million over the contract term. Council Action is expected in Summer 2017.

San Antonio Book Festival Author Lineup Announcement On February 9, 2017, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation will host an author lineup announcement for the 5th annual San Antonio Book Festival. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Central Library (2nd floor). That evening, a special reception to celebrate the announcement of the author lineup for the 5th annual San Antonio Book Festival is planned for Club Giraud. This private reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor and City Manager were invited to attend both events and Mayor is unable to attend. The City Manager's participation is pending.

Digital Inclusion Event: The 80/20 Foundation pledged \$100,000 for ConnectHome and other digital inclusion efforts in San Antonio. They reached out to the Digital Inclusion Fellows from San Antonio Housing Authority and San Antonio Public Library to organize a digital inclusion event. It will be a one-day Digital Inclusion Summit on March 1, 2017 and Mayor Taylor has accepted an invitation to attend and deliver remarks to kick-off the event. The summit, free and open to the public, will showcase data, best practices and lessons learned from San Antonio and other cities in the area of digital inclusion. Targeted audiences include providers in the digital arena (within San Antonio as well as other cities), funders, and volunteers. The summit is funded through a gift in the amount of \$25,000 from the 80/20 Foundation (who wishes to remain anonymous) to the San Antonio Housing Authority as well as support from the Federal Bank Reserve of Dallas. The Central Library has been designated as the venue for the day-long summit. Partnering organizations include: Google Fiber, Nonprofit Technology Network, Goodwill Industries of San Antonio, Federal Bank Reserve of Dallas, and National Digital Inclusion Alliance.

The Library Department once again participated in SA Works Job Shadow Day. The Library hosted 22 Political Science students from Fox Tech High School. The program provides a meaningful learning opportunity by connecting the students to a variety of work experiences. The Library was one of 108 employers hosting nearly 3000 students.

Library Board to Receive Briefing on Google Fiber Hut Placements at Library Locations: The San Antonio Public Library Board will receive an update on the Google Fiber Hut placement planned for the Johnston Branch Library and the Igo Branch Library during the January 25, 2017 regular Board Meeting. In August 2015, the Library Board of Trustees received a presentation by ITSD and approved the placement of the Google Fiber Huts. With recent public information about the structures, the Library Board is interested in an update from TCI. The Library will coordinate with TCI regarding the update.

Library Board Meeting: The Library Board of Trustees will meet in a regular scheduled meeting on January 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library. The Library Board is expected to address the following items:

- Placement of a memorial piece on the ground of the Carver Branch Library acknowledging a Library advocate and donor
- Adoption of the Library Board of Trustees' 2017 Work Plan
- Revisions to the Library Board's Naming of Locations, other than Central Library, policy
- Receive progress report regarding the installation of Google Fiber Huts at two library locations (Johnston and Igo Branches)

German Consul General to Mount Exhibit at Central Library: Ricarda Redeker, German Consul General based in Houston, Texas is mounting a photo exhibit in the Central Library Gallery to run from February 9, 2017 – March 16, 2017. The exhibit, "On a Personal Note..." is a compilation of four different subject themes that captures Ms. Redeker's unique perspective and stylistic approach to travel photography. The

themes include: Berlin- Germany, White Sands, Ghost Forests and Water & Ice. An exhibit opening reception is planned for February 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

MARKETING



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize and staff several events during the reporting period including: The Holocaust: Learn & Remember signature events *Remarks from Holocaust Survivor Hannah Pankowsky* and *Tijuana Jews with Director Isaac Artenstein* as well as Black History Month events, Latin Grammy award-winning children's musician 1-2-3 Andrés; the opening of "On a personal note..." by Houston-based artist Ricarda Redeker and the San Antonio Book Festival 2017 author lineup announcement. The team is also working extensively on the logistics and promotional plan for the grand opening of the Schaefer Branch Library on Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m.



Top media hits for the past month include - A recommended reading list for Black History Month created by the Coordinator of Children's Services Viki Ash was featured on KSAT 12 & SA Live; an interview with Viki Ash and a San Antonio Symphony violist aired on News 4 WOAI to promote the Symphony at SAPL Program; La Prensa published a story about the Potranco Branch Library "60 day follow up"; 1-2-3 Andrés performed live on SA Live on KSAT 12 to promote his program at Central Library; Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes and Mayor's Book Club pick author Jan Jarboe Russell appeared on News 4 WOAI to promote the Mayor's Book Club; Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes and Public Information Officer Marcie Hernandez were interviewed on San Antonio Solutions, KTSA radio's public affairs show; *The Rivard Report* featured an article about our The Holocaust: Learn & Remember program with survivor Hannah Pankowsky.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: 2017 Fiesta medals, Black History Month materials, and Women's History Month materials. They have also been working on Schaefer kiosk wraps, Potranco wraps and designs for dispensing materials, Teen Tech Week materials, Mini-Maker Faire marketing and a redesign of the former Library Champions Awards now called The Ella Awards.



The team is working on a strategic plan for social media that will be shared with the PR Committee as a review before presenting it to the Board. The process involves researching other organizations, libraries and marketing tactics to boost social media content and presence.

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 12,934 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,546 followers
3. Pinterest: 76 followers
4. Instagram: 1,547 followers
5. Youtube: 150 subscribers
6. Snapchat: 27 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



On February 5, 2017, Digital Services began sending out email notices to patrons to remind them to update their library cards within the next 90 days in order to ensure continuous Library service. Approximately 1,500 hundred notices are now going out each week.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

The Little Read Wagon team completed a week-long parent workshop series followed by after-school activities at the Pre-K 4SA South and West locations. Family Specialists at both sites were very pleased by the number of parents who chose to stay and read with their children after school. Although some families returned every day, each day also brought new families with parents who do not frequently participate in school activities. The staff at the West center was so excited by the response that they are going to continue a weekly after-school reading time with blanket forts. Eventually, with the help of a volunteer who can sew, the center will have teepees like those used by Little Read Wagon.

One-time Every Child Ready to Read workshops were presented at Head Start Lackland Village, Hawthorne Academy, Dellview Elementary, Southwest Elementary, Royal Ridge Elementary, Hidden Cove Elementary, Big Country Elementary, John Glenn, and Indian Creek Elementary. Cresencia Huff presented a session at the annual Parent Conference of Parent Child Incorporated (PCI), a major provider of Early Head Start and Head Start services in Bexar County. Parents made binoculars out of cardboard tubes and were encouraged to momentarily take on their children's perspective of the world.



Services to Teen Parents

Clair Larkin served teen parents at the following high schools: Marshall (two visits), Holmes, Stevens, and Healy Murphy. At the conclusion of class, one student at Healy Murphy declared, "I want to do what you do, miss!"

Elizabeth Huber presented a teen parent workshop at South San Antonio High School. Ms. Huber is looking forward to visiting with the group three more times over the next month.



Outreach Story Time Programs

Monthly outreach story time programs were offered at the following child development centers: Healy Murphy, Tynan, Nurturing Hearts, Navarro, and Ella Austin.



Play & Learn

Due to staffing issues, the Play & Learn series scheduled to begin in January was postponed. As always, the Parks and Recreation Department staff was very supportive of the scheduling adjustment. Little Read Wagon has received many inquiries about Play & Learn and is looking forward to offering an abbreviated series at Woodlawn Lake Park Island House February 14, 21, and 28.



Community Events

Pre-K 4SA is hosting open house events at each of their centers. Due to a scheduling conflict, it was not possible to attend the event at the East center, but Ms. Huff delivered a display board and informational materials to the site the day before the event. Pre-K 4SA staff set up and monitored the display in an effort to make parents aware of the partnership with the Library. Ms. Huber was able to represent the Library at the South center's event on February 7. Ms. Huff will attend another open house at the North center in March and again the display will be monitored by Pre-K 4SA staff at the West event.



Professional Development

Ms. Huff and Elvia Franco attended the workshop “STEAM in Preschool Storytime” presented by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission at Central Library. In addition to the great ideas shared by the presenter, the full-day workshop provided an opportunity to interact with children’s services providers from San Antonio and surrounding areas. Ms. Huff also attended the Birth through 3rd Action Network Meeting hosted by P-16 Initiatives at Café College. Representatives from other agencies that serve children birth-third grade shared their work. The attendees then met in small groups to brainstorm more ways to work together in the effort to support San Antonio’s children.



Little Read Wagon welcomed another group of early childhood professionals to the “Reading from the Heart” teacher workshop on January 21. Whataburger again provided breakfast for the group. The team was happy to be back in their usual training space, the auditorium.



Little Read Wagon is happy to welcome two new team mates: Elvia Franco and Candace Ramirez. The two have already made contributions to the team by assisting at the Pre-K 4SA West events and preparing materials for various programs.

CHILDREN’S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Children’s staff has been busy with winter programming this past month. Across the system sixteen “Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day” programs were held in late January and early February saw Valentine’s Day Parties hosted at twenty-two locations. The library’s partnership with the San Antonio Symphony, now in its third year, continues throughout the spring. To date however, fifteen library locations have welcomed symphony musicians to perform. Performances have included a wide variety of instruments including violins, violas, cellos, horns and even a bassoon and a harp. Although these symphony musicians come to the libraries to share their talents with children, adults make up almost half of the 545 attendees that have enjoyed the programs so far.



The Central Library hosted Latin Grammy Award Winner 1-2-3 Andrés on Saturday, January 28. This high-energy, bilingual musical afternoon was enjoyed by a crowd of just over 250 children and their grown-ups all of whom eagerly sang, danced, jumped and jiggled along with Andres (on guitar, clarinet and saxophone) and Jorge (on drums). Funding for the performance was provided by the William Morris Endowment.



On Wednesday, February 1, the Central Library played host to a “STEAM in Preschool Programming” workshop presented by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Speaker Kim Lehman shared her experience and expertise in science, technology, engineering, art and math with children’s librarians from across South Texas including a number of SAPL’s children’s staff. While many of Kim’s ideas are already a part of SAPL’s on-going early literacy programming, she provided new insights into the importance of STEAM programming and injected new energy and enthusiasm into the group.



Children’s Coordinator Viki Ash traveled to Atlanta in January to participate in the American Library Association’s Midwinter Conference. Viki is currently serving on the 2018 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award Committee which recognizes an author or illustrator whose work has made a significant and lasting contribution to American literature for children. While in Atlanta, Viki served as the moderator for a panel discussion on collaboration in the creation of children’s picture books. Serving on the panel were

Caldecott Award-Winning illustrators Kevin Henkes and Erin Stead along with Laura Dronzek and Philip Stead. On the local front, Viki continues to participate in the United Way Children's Issues Council, the Pre-K – Grade 3 coalition of P-16+ of Greater Bexar County, and the advisory board of Reach Out and Read.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor established a partnership with Davis Middle School that will bring gaming systems as well as a youth development program to 13-14 year olds at the institution. The partnership continued on January 24 with a group of teens, who participated in an exercise in honor of the art of service. Each individual researched a service organization of their choice, and learned about the opportunities for community service within each one of them. The character development created a positive rapport between Adam and the students, and the afternoon was balanced with game time for the teens who actively participated.



Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor continued the partnership forged with the Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center, and will be visiting the teen boys in transition of the court system. He is working diligently to provide a conversation on how to transform a violent or negative path into a nonviolent and positive one through writing. Utilizing powerful figures like Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela, he has been able to open up the teens to expression around difficult subjects, and helped imagine a brighter path for their life once they leave. On January 30, the teens wrote letters to their future self, which they received upon their departure.



Adam has also engaged with Krier Probation Center in creating a Teen Book Club, as well as designing a program that will help students phasing out of the probation center's program to enter society a healthy and active citizen. The partnership will focus on the book club for two months, and in the third month, Adam will focus on how to utilize library resources, get students their library cards, and offer them a tour of their local library branch. The leaders at both institutions are very excited for the potential this partnership has, and the impact this can have on their students both inside their programs and on the outside. The first official date has been set for the book club, and the first session will take place later in February.



Through a partnership built with the school librarian, Adam Tutor spent two days in January reaching a significant cross-section of the 7th and 8th grade students at Highlands Middle School, in order to bring more attention to the resources available in the Teen Library @ Central, the nearby Bazan Library branch, as well as highlight the great collections available at their own school library. An active approach was taken to engage with the students, where they were asked "What's your favorite character from a book you've read, or that's been read to you?", and then called upon to perform a dramatic improvisation with those characters. The students got quite engaged and it helped bring the books to life, and provided a solid backdrop for showing the opportunities available through teen programming in the different library branches.



Visiting Edison High School for Literacy Night for parents and teens on February 8, Adam Tutor signed students up for library cards and presented information on SAPL's teen programming. A great rapport was created with other library partners and staff at Edison, laying the foundation for future efforts at the high school.



Literacy & Lotería Night was a great success at Page Middle School on February 9, and Adam Tutor shared a presentation on the many resources offered through the library system with a SAPL library card, highlighting especially the efforts that parents and teens would work together on (e.g. homework help and Overdrive resources). The Teen Outreach Video brought dimension to the presentation, and some new recruits were made for the teen programming at the Teen Library @ Central.



Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor began his work in supporting the Mission Library Teen Time as the former Teen Services Librarian moved into her new position at Schaefer Library. Transitions are a critical time, as teens are very sensitive to a change in personnel, as they become attached to their Teen Services Librarian. The transition was made successfully as Adam developed a rapport alongside the former Teen Services Librarian in her final day, interacting with over 20 teens and receiving their confidence. Carrying forward, Adam was able to bring unique arts and crafts, as well as gain the trust of the teens through one of their favorite activities – video game time. A warm and friendly environment was created.



Staff involved in the Inspire U Workplace Mentoring Program (part of SA2020) met with their “littles” for lunch in the Teen Library @ Central on January 30. The Littles are now seniors at Edison High School, and staff have assisted them with advice about college, applying for college, and encouraging them to think about their future.



Teen Services partnered with DreamSA for the kick off of DreamSA at the Central Library on January 25. DreamSA is an initiative from Project WORTH that features a mobile app for teens to learn all about community programs available for them to help them reach their full potential. Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) served as a liaison for the event, assisting student guests and ambassadors in the Central Auditorium, Gallery and Teen Library.



During the SA Book Festival press conference on February 9, Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) served as a liaison for students from Jefferson High School and their English teacher Joe Jiménez. Mr. Jiménez is a YA author of *Bloodline* and will appear at the upcoming SA Book Festival.



Thirty students from Fox Tech High School were treated to breakfast at the Central Library, and then learned about different library jobs/careers as they visited several departments in the library. They got to see the “behind the scenes” aspects of library work. The students then divided up for breakout sessions: the students in the medical program received a health information presentation by Lily Perez (Librarian I, Central Reference). The students in the law/political science program received a presentation on how to spot fake news by Ashlee Chavez (Central Reference Manager). At the end of the day, the students enjoyed pizza and hanging out in the Teen Library. Teen Library staff would like to thank Roberta Sparks and Jennifer Velasquez for coordinating this successful visit, Lily and Ashlee for presenting to the students, and all the staff at the Central Library that told the students about their jobs and why they work at the library.



Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) and the Teen Arts Fest committee met during the reporting period to continue planning the Teen Arts Fest at the Central Library on May 6, 2017. J.D. chairs the committee, and the members are: Teen Service Librarians Stephanie Vazquez (Great Northwest Library) and Julia Pouliot (Encino Library), Library Assistants Nichole Garza (Johnston Library), Sara Ramirez (Schaefer Library), Adolph Lopez (Central Reference), Ciana Flores (Teen Library @ Central), and Marketing Specialist Regina Villalobos-Perez.



The Teen Librarians and Teen Liaisons held their regular meeting in the Teen Library at Central on February 8. Workgroups met together and worked on several upcoming Teen Services initiatives, including Teen Summer Reading, Teen Tech Week, and Mini Maker Faire.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The Holocaust Learn & Remember series of programs included two featured events. Holocaust survivor Hannah Pankowsky presented to a standing room only crowd at the Central Library on January 26th. She spoke of her experiences fleeing Poland and how her family eventually immigrated to Mexico. A question and answer period followed her presentation. Hearing the first-hand account of a Holocaust survivor was clearly moving to many who stayed to speak with Hannah. *The Rivard Report* published "Holocaust Lectures Teach Us to 'Learn and Remember'" on 2/6/17. Film maker Isaac Arstenstein traveled from Arizona to screen his documentary *Tijuana Jews* in the Central Auditorium on January 31st. Mr. Arstenstein took questions from the audience after the film and also gave a short preview of his next documentary.



Another well attended Holocaust Learn & Remember program included the screening of "An Unknown Country: The Jewish Exiles of Ecuador" at the Central Library. Local holocaust survivor Eva Balcazar answered questions following the screening. She too immigrated through Ecuador and was familiar with many of the people featured in the film. Three branches that have the Mondopad technology held a simultaneous web conference on February 8th. Ninety-four year old Holocaust survivor David Bayer spoke from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum about his experiences fleeing the Nazis and subsequent immigration to Panama.



Haley Holmes, Coordinator of Services to Adults, attended the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education (TALAE) annual conference in San Antonio. She and three of the LEARN @ SAPL training officers were given scholarships by the Texas State Library to attend.



Ms. Holmes and Marcie Hernandez from the Marketing department were interviewed on Cox Radio about upcoming Black History Month and Mayor's Book Club events. Ms. Holmes was also interviewed alongside Jan Jarboe Russell, author of the Mayor's Book Club selection "The Train to Crystal City", by Mix 96.1 and WOAI Radio. Ms. Jarboe Russell and Ms. Holmes were interviewed live on News 4 WOAI by anchor Randy Beamer.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S



The *Play & Learn* and *Toddler Time* programs, presented by Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin, were very well attended this month, demonstrating their enduring popularity with families of young children. An example of this was a parent's story about her daughter emulating "Miss Shannon" at home, singing the familiar songs and rhymes from *Toddler Time* and instructing her mother to listen while she pretended to read stories to her. Manager Kate Simpson presented the programs once in Ms. Seglin's absence, using her well-planned fantasy theme to create a magical experience complete with a blanket

fort castle, regal dress up clothes, dragon puppets and magical shadow play with a projector. Ms. Seglin put her own spin on the system-wide *Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day* program by incorporating exploration of the five senses into the program. She developed activities like bubble wrap “roads” which popped when children rolled toy cars over them and the unique sensory experience of manipulating playdough using bubble wrapped rolling pins. Early literacy fun continued with dinosaur stories, excavation of dinosaur toys from “dirt” (coffee grounds playdough), and imaginative play with dinosaur puppets and oversized eggs. In celebration of the *San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo* kicking off, Ms. Seglin crafted farm animal programs during which toddlers played with a menagerie of farm animal puppets, and cared for chickens and roosters in a pretend play chicken coop while gathering plastic eggs from the nests. February fun was rounded out with Valentine’s Day programs centered on the color red. Ms. Seglin shared stories about hugs and kisses and children made a heart craft to take home.



The highlight of family programming this month was the electrifying performance by Latin Grammy Winner 1-2-3 Andrés, made possible through the generosity of the William Morris Endowment. Well over 100 families joined in the bilingual musical fun, learning the geography of the Americas all while dancing and singing in the positive, uplifting environment created by 1-2-3 Andrés. He took time to pose for pictures afterwards with his legion of new San Antonio fans.



Ms. Seglin and Ms. Simpson presented *Family Fun* programs to families with children of a wide range of ages. Ms. Seglin played off the idea of sizes while celebrating books and stories one Saturday in which she read oversized books, and then lead the group in crafting their own mini-books to take home and fill with stories or musings. One week she focused on the idea of peace, reading stories that illustrated this concept of kindness and tolerance. The children then explored the watercolor medium, painting peace signs onto paper plates. She encouraged the families to reflect upon the books they shared and identify examples of what peace meant to each of them, and contribute their thoughts to a collaborative collage of peaceful messages. Puppets were the theme one week, when Ms. Simpson read stories from pop-up books, featuring characters that appeared to talk or yawn due to their lift-the-flap construction. Afterwards, children made their own paper hand puppets and played with the department’s collection of plush puppets against a projected backdrop. Ms. Simpson used Valentine’s Day as an inspiration to feature classic children’s books with the theme “Books We Love.” An array of popular picture books was displayed and the families chose their favorites for sharing during story time. Afterwards, parents and children worked together to make Valentine’s cards for their loved ones and helped decorate the oversized story room tree with paper spring flowers and green heart “leaves.” Ms. Simpson also contributed to the *Dial A Story* program this month, reading *Marvelous Cornelius* by Phil Bildner.



The Central Children’s Dept. hosted several tours for young children this month. Ms. Simpson spent time with 2 groups of preschoolers from Respite Care of San Antonio when they visited the Central Library for stories, book browsing and collaborative art activities. Ms. Seglin introduced kindergarteners from the Suburban School to the Library one fun-filled morning, as they enjoyed a special story time and crafting session, followed by an exploration of the juvenile collection. Children’s Dept. Librarians partnered with Martha Loewen, Interim Reference Dept. Manager, to lead a group of docents from the McNay Art Museum on a tour of the art and architecture of the Central Library. Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin shared their unique expertise in connecting children to the art on display with the group.



Ms. Seglin visited the Advanced Learning Academy’s Parents’ Breakfast and presented library services for children and adults to the group. She also delighted the children at Madison Square Child Development Center with songs and books about animals this month.



Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez created an eye-catching display celebrating the *San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo* in which she highlighted a wide array of selections from the juvenile non-fiction collection – from farm animals to charro traditions to biographies of western heritage figures.



Ms. Seglin visited the Schaefer Branch Library with the *SAPL Mentorship Program* group and got a behind the scenes tour of the new location, set to open in March.



Ms. Simpson attended an all day workshop presented by the Texas State Library where she learned actionable plans and tips for incorporating STEAM concepts into preschool library programming. She also participated in a meeting of the Birth Through 3rd group coordinated by the *P16 Plus Council of Greater Bexar County*, at which educators and administrators from a variety of institutions discussed best practices and brainstormed ideas for tackling issues facing the San Antonio educational community.

TEENS



Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant): During the reporting period, J.D. facilitated Eclectic Electric music programming. In addition to the music and video gaming aspects of the programming, J.D. facilitated kinetic programming via ping pong games. Teens got their exercise and got to engage in some friendly competition.



Tuesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT): During the reporting period, Ciana hosted Science & Tech Tuesdays, during which teens designed 3D models to print and printed models found online. On February 7, students in a Robotics program at Travis Early College High School gave a presentation to other teens in the Teen Library about robotics and their winning robots from a competition. On the same day, a couple of girls from Providence High School used the green screen in the Teen Library to make a commercial for a class.



Wednesdays with Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II): On Wednesdays, teens pick their favorite video or board game and engage in friendly competition with their peers. During the reporting period, teens have enjoyed playing the WiiU and PS4 games, as well as board games like Chess, Jenga and Apples to Apples.



Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Thursdays in January, teens celebrated holidays and engaged in creative, tasty, and instructive programs that they suggested and planned. Teens asked to bake a cake they could frost. Using a quick and easy recipe, teens gathered ingredients, waited for the cakes to cool, made frosting and frosted the cakes using piping bags and tips that created decorative borders and flowers. Teens then used nail polish, Mod-Podge, and papers to decorate paper boxes. To celebrate Chinese New Year, teens made fried rice, fulfilling a nutritional component by using brown rice, carrots, green onions and peas. They also drew and colored pictures on Shrinky Dinks paper using Sharpies, baking them and creating one of a kind trinkets for keychains. For a fun trick, teens used gelatin and soda to fill a soda bottle to create a gelatin shaped like a soda bottle. The results, while amazingly imaginative, were not entirely tasty, prompting teens to suggest ideas for tweaking the recipe. For a pre-Valentine's Day night, teens made an "egg in a heart," a dish where they cut out a heart shape from a slice of bread, toasted it in the electric skillet, and then placed a cracked egg in the heart cut out. Teens also used paper, brads, clothespins and cardboard to create cute heart grabbers. During craft and snack making sessions, teens watched movies. Afterwards when 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>.



For a Saturday afternoon craft, teens watched movies while creating roses shaped out of candy. Soaking Jolly Ranchers candies in hot water softened them enough for teens to use their gloved hands to shape the candies into petals, wrapping them around a lollipop stick. The technique took some time for some teens to master, but the try was worth it, since even if they couldn't shape a rose, any failed attempt was still sweet. Literally.



On January 25, a group of 8th graders that participated in the DreamSA kickoff event at the Central Library received a tour of the Teen Library and enjoyed hanging out in the area. On January 31, a group of students from Legacy Christian Academy reserved the computers in the Teen Library for catalog/database instruction and research. On February 9, Coordinator of Teen Services Jennifer Velásquez provided an architecturally focused tour of the Central Library for students in an architecture program at Stevens High School. On February 9, a group of students from Jefferson High School received a tour of the Central Library and the Teen Library, as well as catalog and database instruction. Two community centers brought groups of teens to the Teen Library to use computers and participate in teen library programming. Groups of teens from the the George Gervin Center, Roy Maas, the Juvenile Detention Center, and the Selena Center made regular visits during the reporting period.

REFERENCE



The Reference Department's Safety & Security Team created and conducted a 'Central Safety Survey' and results (over 100 pages of data) from 56 respondents have been compiled and analyzed. The survey categories include 'Perceived Safety by Area'; 'Least Safe Places'; and, 'Solutions and Ideas for Consideration'.



Reference staff presented "Sully", the story behind the "miracle on the Hudson" for Central Cinema on January 15. Few knew that as Captain Sullenberger was being hailed as a hero for safely landing an aircraft in the Hudson River, he was also under an investigation that could have destroyed his reputation and career.



On January 24 Ashlee Chavez and Launch SA hosted a free public seminar for inventors, entrepreneurs, legal professionals, and others. Experts from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office presented topics such as an overview of patents, trademarks, and copyrights; and, information on conducting searches through the USPTO database. Reference staff, James Laferla presented information on selecting an invention promoter and how to avoid scams. A final panel discussion included contributions from Deedee Lu and Gamini Haluwana.



Pannaga Prasad and Blanca Hernandez hosted a program called, "Experience Valentine's Heart Henna/Mehndi Art on Your Hand" on February 3 in the Central Library Auditorium. While waiting to receive a henna hand decoration, attendees enjoyed a cup of tea and a video on the art of henna.



On February 7 Cristine Mitchamore and Martha Loewen represented the Library for the City's New Employee Experience (NEE II) at the PreK4SA East Training Center. In forty-five minutes Ms.

Mitchamore and Ms. Loewen highlighted Library services and programs to eighty-eight new City employees.



Ms. Mitchamore hosted the Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Group on February 8. “Emperor’s Knife” by Mazarkis Williams.

TEXANA/GENEALOGY



Congratulations to Sylvia Reyna for spear-heading SAPL’s participation in this year’s, Martin Luther King, Jr. March. Thanks also go out to fellow employees and marchers: Elizabeth Huber, Crescencia Huff, Laura Villanueva, Heidi Novotny, Adam Spana, Christina Salas and Russell Hendrix.



Deborah Countess led a genealogy class at Maverick Library on January 25 entitled, “Genealogy 101: Our Family Tree” where she spoke about research strategies and historical records most helpful to those just starting out.



Ms. Reyna was invited to speak at the Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society’s February 4th monthly meeting. She presented a virtual tour of the Texana collection highlighting the treasures and resources available to researchers.



Matt De Waelsche conducted a genealogy class February 7 on “Using the American Ancestors Database.” Participants were shown the types of New England records available on this database and how that information can answer questions about their family’s history.



On Saturday, February 11, Mr. De Waelsche presented a class entitled, “Family Treasures and How to Preserve Them.” Basic tips on how to clean and store family textiles, photos and paper documents were discussed.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The Bazan Branch was one of seven San Antonio Public libraries hosting the VITA free tax preparation service which started January 17. The popular service saw many people lining up an hour or more before opening to have their taxes prepared and filed for free.



Training Officer Emily Flores was awarded a scholarship from the Texas State Library and Archives to attend the February 2017 Annual Conference of the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education.



Mrs. Flores attended the Libraries and Literacy Workshop organized by the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning at Texas A&M University. Participants received a digital literacy toolkit which will be extremely useful for Learn Center programming.



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen continued in-house programs as well as book clubs with seven groups at four different elementary schools. On February 1, Miss Sonnen attended the workshop *STEAM in Preschool* where she received many ideas on how to incorporate math and science into her programs.



Library Assistant Enedina Prater participated in the SAPL mentor program and reported that the experience has been both informative and empowering in helping her pursue her career goal of becoming a Librarian. Her mentor, Shannon Seglin, provided her the opportunity to observe toddler and story time which sparked Mrs. Prater's interest in Children's Librarianship.

BROOK HOLLOW



Each month Brook Hollow hosts a variety of literary events for book lovers. On January 28, the *La Tertulia* Spanish Language book club met to discuss the book *Otra Vez Adiós* by Carlos Alberto Montaner. *La Tertulia* is one of Brook Hollow's longest running book clubs and regularly attracts an audience of sixteen to twenty attendees. The San Antonio Storytellers met on February 1 to share ideas and keep the tradition of oral storytelling alive. Other events during the reporting period included: the Book Lovers Book Swap and Gab Session as well as the Mystery, Thursday Afternoon, Historical Fiction and Wednesday Evening book groups.



On February 1, Branch Manager Heidi Novotny attended the monthly meeting of the San Pedro Hills Women's Club. At the meeting Ms. Novotny listened to a presentation by UT Health Science Professor Dr. Joel Michalek on the effects of Agent Orange on soldiers who served during the Vietnam War. After the speaker Ms. Novotny gave a brief presentation on upcoming library programs and answered questions about library services.



Teen Time programs and Teen Library Leadership Council meetings continued at the branch this month. The Teen Library Leadership Council takes an active role in planning each Teen Time. Teens at Teen Time played games, made slime successfully (after one unsuccessful attempt), and manufactured buttons.



On Thursday, January 26, the library celebrated Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day with a Come and Go Craft for families. Children made a snowman collage and then used a piece of bubble wrap to print "snow" onto their creations. Relief printing is a style of art that many of the participants had not experienced before. Of course, we didn't forget about the fun of POPPING bubble wrap. Each participant received their own extra piece of bubble wrap just to pop!



On February 1, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera attended a training provided by the Texas State Library at the Central Library about incorporating STEAM into library story times. Presenter Kim Lehman shared with participants ways to use story materials to support the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines for science, technology, engineering, art, and math.



On Tuesday, February 7, the branch hosted a Valentine's Day themed Play and Learn, with a large turnout of over 82 participants. Children and their adults played in the "flower shop" and decorated a

sticky wall with all sorts of materials. The children experienced ice painting, salt writing, story retellings, homemade “foam” squishing, and many other activities that support the five early literacy practices of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.



On February 8, Children’s Librarian Rachael Barrera visited 5 classrooms at Rhapsody Head Start for her monthly outreach. Ms. Barrera presented a story time at each of the classrooms and delivered 10 books per classroom to support their curriculum for the month.



On February 10 at 11 am, Brook Hollow Branch Library threw a Sweetheart Dance Party for our youngest patrons. Seventy patrons enjoyed the music and danced along to some of our favorite kids’ dance tunes. The children got to shake shakers, sway with scarves, and play with the 20 foot parachute that the Friends of the Brook Hollow Library gifted the branch in 2015. The branch’s Friends group supplied the party with decorations, balloons, refreshments, and a party cake that added a festive flair to the party.



On Saturday, February 11, the branch hosted a Symphony at SAPL event. San Antonio Symphony horn player Peter Rubins shared his talents and his love of music with children and adults of all ages. Children and families enjoyed listening to classical music and learning all about the French horn.

CARVER



Carver Branch’s Lemonade Day Celebration & Forum on February 11 drew visitors to the branch from all over the city, according to responses following the event. A massive audience turned out to listen to a panel of woman experts discussing issues of empowerment for African American women. The program was inspired by Beyonce’s groundbreaking *Lemonade* album which spoke to women’s strength over adversity. The panel was led by UTSA professor Kinitra Brooks and included community activist La Juana Chambers and artist Andrea “Vocab” Sanderson. The keynote speaker was Candice M. Benbow, a Rutgers University professor and PhD student at Princeton Theological Seminary. She explained that she conceived of the lemonade syllabus while working her own way through adversity, including the loss of her mother. She received the blessing of Queen Bey herself and expanded the project. The audience was urged to get library cards and check out material listed in the syllabus. Many took advantage of the invitation. Before leaving, Benbow announced her involvement with *Elle Magazine* and Solange Knowles to create a syllabus aimed at teens and girls after teachers and school librarians expressed a need for reading fare they could share with the younger demographic. The syllabus is inspired by Knowles’ album, *A Seat at the Table*, Benbow said.



Carver boosted its circulation for January, surpassing its circulation challenge by a percentage, according to estimates. It’s Little Big Read selection *Coming of Age in Mississippi* by the late civil rights activist Anne Moody enjoyed brisk circulation across the system. A January 31st book discussion of the autobiography drew fans eager to explore the many topics and themes explored by Moody.



On the heels of its DreamWeek celebration, the Branch presented a Teen Summit in partnership with Rising Stars S.A. The surprise guest was Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar who offered encouragement to teens in the community. More than a hundred people jammed the Prudence Curry meeting room to celebrate teens and listen to community advocates discuss issues related to their well-being.



Kicking off Black History Month, the branch showcased the work of San Antonio artist Glen Franklin whose exhibit *300 Years of Blackness* attracted friends and art lovers alike to his Jan. 29th reception. In January, Carver's Learn Center reported 160 one-on-one sessions; 130 users said Instructor Jeanne Johnson helped them meet short-term goals they had set for themselves. Ms. Johnson also shared the experience of a Learn patron who relocated here from California and desperately needed work. Ms. Johnson discussed interview techniques as well as dressing for the job you want. Days later, the woman returned announcing a job offer from United Health. In addition, she received \$1 extra an hour for possessing bi-lingual speaking skills.

CODY



The *Tween STEM Club* is a new addition to the children's programs at Cody. During the first program on January 23rd, entitled *The Science of Slime*, tweens had the chance to learn about non-Newtonian fluids during a hands-on demonstration. Tweens look forward to this monthly addition to the Tween Time schedule.



During another program tweens viewed some famous self-portraits of various mediums and then made their own self-portraits with magazine clippings, watercolor paints, and markers. At the end of the program, tweens showed off their creations to others in the group.



On February 6, tweens competed in teams in a trivia contest with categories such as Books, Weird Facts, History, Science, and Math. At the end, tweens added up their scores to tabulate the winner. Though there was a winning team, the knowledge and skill displayed by all of the players was truly impressive.



Children celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday during a *Come & Go* craft program on January 19 by making hands across the earth pictures and writing down one of their dreams. Children and parents talked about some of their dreams while they made the crafts.



The *Lego Club* resumed on January 24 with children building Lego pieces based on the theme of Dreams.



Children celebrated Valentine's Day during a *Family Fun* program on February 9. During this program children read some Valentine's Day stories, played games, and made some crafts.



The *Beginner Reader's Club* resumed on February 8, during which readers read a book together and then were treated to a performance of a popular Mo Willems book by two tweens. Afterwards, the beginner readers wrote secret messages in white crayon on white paper hearts in celebration of Valentine's Day. When the heart is colored with marker, the message appears.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez met with the Librarian and Go Center College Readiness staff at Clark High School on February 7th. Ms. Vazquez provided informational materials on library resources available for students and scheduled a future outreach event.



Cody Library Teens participated in planning many of the teen programs. During the D.I.Y. Teen program they learned how to make light bulb aquariums. On January 24 teens held a Retro Gaming Day and teens had the opportunity to try out a variety of retro video games. They also created pixel art and Skittle art projects. During the Creative Cooking class on January 31 teens learned an easy recipe for Galaxy Donuts and made a homemade glaze to create some delicious treats. On February 7 teens experimented with resistance watercolor painting and learned how to make homemade brownie treats in a mug.



Cody staff partnered again with the staff of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to provide tax filing help for the community.



On January 18, Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana attended the monthly meeting of the book club at Adante Senior Living where the group discussed *The Affair* by Lee Child.

COLLINS GARDEN



Medicare early enrollment & ACA open enrollment assistance was provided via a partnership with WellMed and The Sisters of Charity.



Coffee/Movie for Seniors Citizens: Featured movie once a month from the Golden Age of Mexican Cinema. Eight members of the Las Palmas Book Club attended January 27 and plan to participate on a regular basis.



Dog Handler Mary Valdez and Certified Therapy Dog Golden Retriever Foxie visit the library twice a month to help kids become comfortable with reading. Approximately 20 children and parents attend each time.



During Tuesday Teen Times, hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera, 7-10 teens attend a week. During this time period, teens made Valentine's Day decorations for the branch and worked on the Blind Date with a Book project.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi continues her early literacy outreach by reading to 570 children in 16 classrooms at Knox and Kelly Education Centers. Lego Club continues to draw family with creative creations. On January 28, Family Fun celebrated Chinese New Year with stories, videos on the holiday with kids making Chinese fire-breathing dragons. Collins Garden Library celebrated Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day on January 25 with children using bubble wrap to make creative artwork and, of course, popping bubble wrap. The branch hosted a special Family Fun on February 11 with stories celebrating St. Valentines' Day. Respite Care San Antonio preschool children visited the Collins Garden Library February 8, listened to a story time and made a craft.



Collins Garden Library hosts a monthly matinee movie series for teens and children averaging an attendance of 20.



Thomas Bales the Manager of Organizing Strategy with Leadership for Educational Equity and nearly 40 teachers met at Collins Garden Library in February. The teachers strategized avenues of student approach and other topic to improve schools in San Antonio.



Collins Garden Library hosted Meet the Mayor January 26. Staff worked with the mayor's staff to assure room set-up and encouraged patrons to meet Mayor Ivy Taylor. Ms. Taylor posed for pictures with the staff following her visit with the public.



Friends of Collins Garden Library's Blind Date with a Book is a successful in-house and outreach at the neighborhood Viva Vegeria Restaurant. It began January, 28 and continues through February 14. This innovative idea was generated by the Branch Manager and a book shelper. Blind Date with a Book featured at Collins Garden Library is an idea library patrons and the CG Friends Group both are excited about and has been a fun fundraiser for the Friends. The SAPL Friends plan to include a write-up about it in their newsletter.



Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies attended Friends of Collins Garden Library meeting Tuesday, January 24, The productive meeting included scheduling for upcoming meetings February 21, March 21, and May 16 at 6 p.m. in the Collins Garden Library Conference Room. CG Friends Group approved Spending/Donation Plan for the branch. The plan was then submitted to PSA/Dir for final approval. The Friends Board agreed to meetings through May, 2017; coordinating efforts for event or display acknowledging the SAPL Book Festival & or National Library Week in April; establishing a calendar of events including two books sales for the year; and reviewing the request for ordering books from the Book Cellar for the upcoming sales. The Friends also want to put together a presentation to make at PTA meetings and other community meetings to encourage Friends memberships.



Davies continues to coordinate with Mark Loiselle/Larry Davalos, superintendent of Fanunnelly Contractors, re: work on the interior of Collins Garden Library. Cement was poured at the front entrance Thursday, January 26 and library patrons used the D5 entrance for four days until the cement was OK to walk on.



The Branch Manager completed/submitted the TriCen Committee proposal to Candelaria Mendoza, attended the Wellness Committee meeting, committed to arranging a Zumba event at Collins Garden Park behind the Library for SAPL Staff, and agreed to help staff member Mary Naylor with healthy cooking classes.



In the area of professional development, the manager attended January UMAST event and increased involvement with the TX Library Association, District 10, via discussions with past-president Sarah Schmidt.



The manager and Circulation Attendant Jessica Salas were interviewed by UTSA Nursing Students regarding the library's impact on the demographics of the community. Any opportunity to talk about the benefits Collins Garden Library is free public relations straight from the source.



Assistant Branch Manager Jerry Madrigal represented the Collins Garden Library at the January LLC meeting and branch manager's meetings this month.

CORTEZ



Cortez Branch welcomes back Training Officer Melody Ayala from her maternity leave and wants to recognize those who filled in during her absence with special thanks going to Emma Hernandez.



The Branch was enlivened thanks to the Leadership of Michelle Ricondo and the participation of all the staff in making personal collages for a display.



Things continue to move, change, and grow at Cortez and Jo Ann Paredes made a striking display to designate the new Teen area. This adds to the efforts of Madeline Vasquez who made beautiful backing art for the juvenile non-fiction.



The Friends of Cortez held a Book Sale on Saturday February 11 with contributions going to assist with Library programs.



Story Time continues on Mondays at 10 a.m. Three sessions were held during the reporting period with themes such as making pies, musical instruments and Groundhog Day. Attendance has waned but this seems to be offset by higher attendance in other programs.



Baby Time follows the Story Time program on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. Three sessions have been held with a program of rhymes, songs and time for books and toys. Seventeen babies and 19 parents and caregivers attended.



Family Fun sessions were held on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Three sessions were offered during the reporting period featuring a LEGO play day as well as crafts and stories about music and groundhogs on other sessions. Attendance has picked up with 30 children and 8 adults attending.



Tweens continue to seek out the library on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Video games are always offered and a craft or cooking activity has proven to be popular as well. Tweens enjoyed bubble wrap appreciation day, a straws and connectors building day, making fudge on National Candy Making Day and an introduction to artist Jean-Michel Basquiat to mark Black History Month. Four sessions were held with attendance at 42 and 2 adults.



Offered on Saturdays from 2 – 4 p.m., Come and Go Crafts is growing a following at Cortez. This passive program has been offered four times during the reporting period. Cortez is thankful to have Marisa Torres as a volunteer helper on Saturdays to help oversee the activity. Twenty five children and three adults have participated in the program.



Twice each month, Mary Valdez brings her golden retriever Foxie to the Cortez library. Mary teaches children how to approach a dog for the first time and then helps them get comfortable reading stories to Foxie. They make new friends each time they visit.



Violinist Laura Scalzo brought her unique talents to 9 children and 14 adults on Saturday, February 4 as part of the Symphony at SAPL program.



Mini Movie Day is an animated movie day for young children and their families. "Storks" was enjoyed by 8 children and 3 adults.



Over 250 students and their parents enjoyed constructing all sorts of objects and structures with straws and connectors at outreach visits to Collier Elementary School and H. W. Schulze Elementary School – STEM Nights. Kathy Armbruster also offered SAPL branch maps, LEARN Center information, Learning Express bookmarks and Homework Help flyers.



The Teen program met four times this reporting period with an attendance of 93. Teens had a movie day, a 3D hand art project, video game day and yarn heart craft day. Each week the teens are recruiting more new teens to join in which is awesome for the Cortez Teen Program.



The Holocaust: Learn & Remember – El testimonio de sobreviviente Rose Sherman Williams – January 21 Ms. Williams decided at the beginning of the program to speak in English as much of the audience was either bilingual or spoke little Spanish. Her harrowing story of her experience in Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen enthralled the audience of 12 people. Several members of the audience were also participants in the Saturday morning ESL class at Cortez. The class instructor from ESL said that her students loved this program and found it very interesting. She would enjoy other cooperative efforts where we have a Spanish speaker or program on days she has ESL.



The Holocaust: Learn & Remember – Live Streaming Event – Holocaust Survivor - David Bayer - February 8. Mr. Bayer spoke about his experience as a young man in the Holocaust and his relocation to Panama and then his eventual move to the United States. This was the first live stream teleconference at Cortez and 8 patrons were in attendance for this interesting event.



The Adult Coloring and Cortez Writers Groups continue to engage small but lively group meetings. The adult coloring group hosted 5 enthusiastic people and the writers group brought in the stories of 4 hopeful novelists.



Thirty crafting participants created crocheted candy heart boxes and Valentine's Day canvases. There were 3 class meetings.



On February 11, 13 horror fans got together to see *Sleepy Hollow* with Johnny Depp. Monster Meet is a program developed and coordinated by Circulation attendant, Madeline Vasquez, who brings her love of the horror genre to the community at Cortez.



The Cortez Film Club paid homage to Carrie Fisher with their offering of the classic 1980 film *The Blues Brothers*, with 9 film buffs in attendance.



The Roadrunner Diabetes Screening and Education Project began a 6 week program of free screenings and diabetes prevention education at Cortez to be offered every Tuesday until March 14. The first program, held on February 7, attracted 1 attendee and the UTSA health ambassadors performing the lessons will do more outreach in the community to garner further interest.



Cortez Library partnered with the San Antonio Metro Health's Healthy Neighborhoods Project to showcase healthy eating options to the Cortez community. Vicente Escobedo offered an easy to prepare, healthy menu option of chicken and vegetable quesadillas to the 5 attendees.

ENCINO



Encino's Hand Bee, held each Wednesday from 12:30-3 p.m., has seen increased attendance and consistently positive feedback over the past month. Participants enjoy conversation and snacks while working on their own crochet, knitting, quilting, and tatting projects. Several participants recently collaborated on an anniversary quilt which was presented to residents of an area senior center. Saturday morning boot camp, circuit training, and martial arts classes continue to be popular outcomes of Encino's partnership with Fitness in the Park. Classes will take a brief break in early March due to relocation of the instructor, but Fitness in the Park is working to find new instructors for the library.



The Friends of Encino held a re-invigoration meeting on January 29, and officers were elected. Special thanks to FOSAPL's Nancy Gandra, Kim Cauthon, and Linda Cheatum for providing the foundation for this important meeting. Encino looks forward to working with a fruitful Friends group.



Children's programming is in full swing! Encino Library hosted violinist Stephanie Teply Westney of the San Antonio Symphony on January 28. Over 60 people attended the program, and Mrs. Westney entertained the audience with identifiable musical scores and answered inquiries from the younger participants. Attendees lauded the partnership between SAPL and the Symphony, and many indicated an interest in attending additional performances. Story Time, Baby Time, Toddler Time, Read to a Dog, and Lego Club continue to draw enthusiastic crowds. Children's librarian Nicki Weaver extended her story time prowess to two outreach venues, Country Kids Academy and Primrose Stone Oak. Nicki provides a program for two preschool groups at each location twice a month. Children's Librarian Ashley Stubbs hosted an event just for tweens commemorating Black History Month: The Jazz Beat. Attendees enjoyed a craft, history lesson, and music sampling of various types of jazz.



Teen Services Librarian Julia Pouliot hosts Teen Anime Club each Monday and Teen Club each Wednesday, both 5:30-7:30 p.m. Both programs are seeing a steady rise in attendance, and the teens are working with Julia to develop future programming plans. Teen Anime Club has recently featured a K-pop lesson, painting, snacks (of course!), and origami in addition to the usual anime viewing. Teen Club has featured a variety of activities, including Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart gaming, cooking projects, and perler bead crafts.



Julia Pouliot, who serves as the branch volunteer liaison, has developed a full schedule of volunteers to assist with various branch activities and programs. Two regular volunteers recently expressed gratitude for Julia's efficient and organized methods of handling volunteer schedules, tasks, and supplies.

FOREST HILLS



The Volunteer Tax Assistance Program opened to the public on January 18. The first few days of service were quiet, but as the days progressed so did the length of the lines of individuals waiting to have their taxes prepared. With this influx of individuals came a number of new patrons requesting library cards. Staff have been busy assisting these new patrons with the variety of services offered by the library.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor hosted Digital Library training at the Dorris Griffin Senior Center the morning of January 18. Following the training, Mrs. Naylor hosted a Poetry Reading, which was a new

type of event for the center. Participants brought original writings as well as traditional poems such as *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou and *If* by Rudyard Kipling to share with each other. This was one of the most successful outreaches to the senior center as a large number of new participants were eager to join. The seniors asked to expand the meeting time from a monthly visit to a weekly meeting.



The Mobile Mercado made another successful stop at the Forest Hills Branch the afternoon of January 18. Patrons enjoyed food samples prepared by the onboard chef and purchased fresh produce at affordable prices.



On exhibit now at Forest Hills, Veronica Castillo's exhibit "I Thank the Universe" opened and a public reception was held the evening of January 18. The large "Trees of Life" have generated many positive comments from patrons. The artist's masterpieces are a labor of love as the art of this handmade craft has been passed down through the generations in her family. The exhibit is truly a sight to see and the staff of Forest Hills encourages everyone to come out to see it in person before it moves on in March. The contact for this exhibit was made by Adult Librarian Sandra Griffin over 2 years ago. Although it has taken some time to secure the exhibit, it was certainly worth the wait.



On January 23 the City of San Antonio Solid Waste Department held a community information meeting regarding the new organic materials bins.



On January 28, the Friends of the Forest Hills Library met for an organizational meeting. Officers were elected and the group voted on by-laws. The group was pleasantly surprised by a visit from Chair of the San Antonio Public Library Board, Paul Stahl, as he shared very interesting information regarding the proposed refresh of Forest Hills Branch that will be included in the upcoming Bond election.



Children's Librarian Gladis Martinez has made success of her first month at the Forest Hills Branch. Attendance at Children's Programs has increased dramatically as a neighborhood child care facility has made a weekly visit to participate. Regular patrons have returned and new faces are seen every week. Bilingual Story Time is offered on a bi-weekly basis. After-school Family Time and Come and Go craft are also offered on a weekly basis. Ms. Martinez also made outreach visits to the Children Summit Learning Center and the Head Start center. She attended the Colby Glass Literacy Night on February 7.



The San Antonio Needlework Guild offered a Valentine's Day Craft for children on February 7.



Artpace visited Forest Hills Branch on February 11 for their monthly art class for school aged children.

GREAT NORTHWEST



The Great Northwest Branch Library hosted the Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library book sale on January 21. Hundreds of patrons visited the branch to check out the books and media on sale. The branch is grateful for the Friends of the Library's support, as the funds from book sales benefit the branch's programs and activities.



A new monthly program has begun – *New Scholars of Texas Seminar* is a place to have thought-provoking discussions using the Socratic method of dialogue. The first installment at Great Northwest Library was on January 25 and featured a lively discussion of the presidential oath, the electoral college,

and the role of pop culture in everyday life. This semester's topic is the constitution of the United States. Teens and adults interested in participated are welcome to join at any time – the next program is February 22 at 6 p.m.



Mobile Mercado, the San Antonio Food Bank's food truck, visited the branch on January 24. The Mobile Mercado provides fresh fruits, vegetables, prepared foods, and cooking demonstrations.



The Essential Oils 101 course is back! The theme of the next few programs is *New Year, New You* and focuses on transforming your life to be healthier and more productive in the new year.



The ABC Explorers (Family Fun) had fun in Egypt and Kenya this month. The children learned about cartouches, pyramids, acacia trees and camel libraries! They also had a Valentine's Party and made their own special valentines to share.



Happy Tails (Toddler Two) enjoyed several weeks of animals: penguins, polar bears, pups and pigs which had curly tails, furry tails, feathered tails and happy tails. They ended the report period with a fun Valentine's Party.



The children of Great Northwest Library had the pleasure of hearing violinist Karen Stiles from the San Antonio Symphony. She played several songs on her violin for the children. Karen also allowed the children ask any questions they wanted. They learned that her violin was very old (made in the 1700s) and that she practices all the time. The children loved to ask questions.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Brennan High School on January 18 to provide a teen program to the students during their lunch period. This popular event is in collaboration with the Brennan High School Librarian Hugues Caby and is a way for the branch to reach out to teens in their environment.



The Great Northwest Library Teens learned an easy recipe for Galaxy Donuts at the *Yummy and Creative Cooking* class on January 23. Teens used fried biscuit dough and made a homemade glaze to create some delicious Galaxy Donuts while they watched a movie. On January 28 and 30 teens experimented with resistance watercolor painting at the *No Experience Needed Art* class for teens. On February 6 teens celebrated Valentine's Day during *Teen Chocolate Valentine Craft Night*. Teens watched a movie and made different chocolate treats as well as origami hearts, paper kaleidoscopes, and perler bead heart magnets.



The Great Northwest Library hosted a Super Smash Bros Mini Tournament on January 28 where teens could compete for first place. Teens used Challonge.com to register players for a double elimination tournament and tracked their progress using the websites online bracket system. Teens also created the game rules and stage list for players to abide by.



Computer Tutoring is held at the Great Northwest Library. A very knowledgeable volunteer tutor provides basic computer instructions and answers computer and technology related questions.



During the spring semester, Great Northwest Library hosts work study student Mr. Howard from Alamo College. While at Great Northwest, he gains work experience and learns about library services with hands on experience serving the public.

GUERRA



Guerra staff welcomed Leslie Tolentino, formerly a library Volunteer, as our new Library Aide. The VITA program provided tax assistance to 350 members within the service area.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on January 18 and 25 and February 1 and 8. He represented the branch and SAPL at the monthly meeting of the Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association on February 7 and provided information about VITA, elections, and library programs. He provided two computer classes, one in English and one in Spanish, February 3.



Assistant Branch Manager Ben Longoria, on loan from Maverick, attended the Adult Services Meeting on January 19. In January and February, he prepared for and conducted interviews for Full Time Circulation Attendant vacancies at Cortez and Johnston. He worked with Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl to design and install a Black History Month display. He facilitated the English language book club on February 9.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four toddler times, four story times, and four Lego Clubs. School age children read to Foxie on January 19 and February 2 during the bi-weekly Read to a dog program. On February 5, Arlene presented a Valentine's Day Come & Go craft program--children and their grown-ups decorated Valentine's Day cards. On January 24 and 25, Arlene attended two webinars presented by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. On February 3, she visited Angelic Smiles daycare and presented story times to 48 toddlers and their caregivers. On February 9, Arlene attended the monthly Children's Librarians meeting at the Carver library. At this meeting she presented a preview of the Spring Play & Learn program to the team. Arlene installed a black history month display highlighting inspiration quotes penned by African American leaders.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson, on loan to Las Palmas, moderated Club de Lectura (Spanish language book club) on January 26. The participants discussed the true story of the Uruguayan survivors of an airplane crash in the Andes in 1972. On February 3, Stephen conducted a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry conducted game sessions on January 12, 19, and 26 and February 9. The teens watched the movie *Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles* on February 2 and had refreshments supplied by the Friends of the Guerra Library.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated the Staff Picks Display with help from Ben Longoria. Circulation Attendant Abella Lazalde-Jimenez selected works by Nicholas Sparks for January and February. Mary Lou facilitated the Guerra Knits & Crochets Program on January 17, 22, 24, and 31 and February 5 (Library Aide Roxanne Menchaca filling in) and February 7.



Circulation Attendant Allison Fink designed and installed a Post-Apocalypse display in January.

IGO



Carolyn Bradley continues to fill in for Igo's story time events. She has done a fantastic job.



On February 11th, Igo hosted the Rodeo Roundup that ran concurrent to the Friends book sale. The event featured a chow line, horse shoes, sack races, wanted poster photos, and a petting zoo. Nearly 500 people attended.



Teen Services Librarian Marco De Leon brought back the much requested Teen Cooking Class with great success with 14 teens participating in the January class and 17 participating in the February class. The Teen Game Night program on Mondays saw an increase as well and a teen craft class is already on schedule for late February.



New members for the OTAKU Anime Club have been added and the group is looking to recruit more teens into the program.



On February 11, the majority of the Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) participated in the 2nd Annual Rodeo Roundup where they served refreshments, assisted with the children's craft tables, and helped to supervise the Petting Zoo.



On January 17, Scott Atkinson of the San Antonio Historical and Genealogical Society gave the Genealogy Club a demonstration of Roots Magic software.



On January 21, 23, and 28, the Parks Department presented *Walk this Way*, a fitness program.



On January 27, as part of the Mayor's Book Club activities, patrons viewed and discussed a TED Talk, *Why I Still Love a Country that Once Betrayed Me*, by actor George Takei about his family's internment in a World War II camp.



On January 30, as part of the Holocaust: Learn and Remember activities, patrons viewed the documentary *No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story*.



On February 1, the Mystery Club discussed Jeff Abbott's *Adrenaline*.



On February 4, library aide Valeria Guzman taught parents and grandparents how to make "Crafts in a Bag" for Valentine's Day and children's birthdays.



On February 6, the PoeTree Club met at Igo. This club welcomes new members who are interested in reading and/or writing poetry.



On February 12, the Igo Coloring Club for Adults was joined by four new members who enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of conversation and intricate coloring patterns.



On February 21, The Afternoon Book Club will meet to discuss P. Parmar's *Vanessa and Her Sister*.



On February 26, the KC Club at Igo (Knitting/Crocheting) will meet to discuss charitable KC projects for 2017.



The Beginner Hatha Yoga classes continued on January 20 and 27 and February 3.



The Elderberries program on February 2 featured Paul Noack, past president of the Texas Chapter of the Great Western Cattle Trail Association, giving a Power Point presentation entitled "Coastal Cowboys and Cattle Trails". Kitty Fisher, who rode the Great Western Cattle Trail from Texas to Kansas when in her 70's, also related some of her experiences.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Library has hosted several meeting for homeowners associations including the Liberty Village HOA, Heathers Cove HOA and the Stablewood HOA. The Food Bank's Mobile Mercado made a surprise weekend visit on January 21 to accommodate the absence of the truck out for maintenance on the previously planned January 23 visit. Several displays were created and maintained by all staff member including: Holocaust, Black History Month and Valentine's Day.



The City of San Antonio Economic Development Department organized a Vendor Orientation presentation on January 25 that drew businesses from all over the city.



Adult Services Librarian and Interim Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney on January 18. Ms. Bustillo attended the Library Leadership Team meeting on January 26. On January 31 Ms. Bustillo presented library programs and events to the Springvale Neighborhood Association. Ms. Bustillo attended the Branch Managers meeting at Pan American Library on February 2.



Ms. Bustillo attended the TechSoup webinar: You Can Do I.T! How to Empower Library Staff with Basic Tech Management Skills on February 8. On February 10 Ms. Bustillo attended the Local Arrangement Committee meeting for the Texas Library Associations upcoming annual conference. Ms. Bustillo is Co-Chair of the health events.



Ms. Bustillo organized a film screening of *The Last Day* on January 28 in recognition of the Holocaust Learn and Remember series of programs. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Friday Oscar Film Series every Friday in February which showcases Oscar nominated films including *Star Trek Beyond*, *Zootopia*, *Kubo and the Two Strings* and *Suicide Squad*.



Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth continues her weekly Baby Time, Story Time and Family Time every Tuesday. The themes for story times during this period included "Mice," "Pigs," "Rabbits," and "Sheep." The themes for Family Fun included "Electronic snap circuits," "Pigs," "LEGOs", and "Sheep."



On February 1, Ms. Wrigglesworth attended a STEAM workshop at the Central Library, where participants learned how to incorporate simple math and science concepts into library programs.

On February 2, Ms. Wigglesworth visited the PCI at Southwest High School to leave books and read to the children.



Library Assistant Nicole Garza continues impacting the large community of Teens at Johnston Library. January ended with teens focusing on retro gaming art. Teens followed templates to create pixel art on January 18. Several of the completed masterpieces are showcased in the teen area. Ms. Garza helped facilitate an outreach at Brennan High school with Stephanie Vazquez which informed four different grade levels what SAPL has to offer teens on January 18. On January 25 the teens brought their own gaming systems to challenge each other's video game expertise.

February Teen programs focused on destressing. Teens created their own stress balls and had extra to share with their friends and family on February 1. The stress balls were made using balloons and a secret slime recipe. The teen anime and manga club is still going strong every other Saturday including January 21 and February 4. The core members of the group are planning on developing their own anime, manga and cosplay convention here at Johnston. The group is in the brainstorming phase and each have an abundance of information to share.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson moderated Club de Lectura "Café con Libro", a book club in Spanish, on January 9. The participants discussed a historical fiction novel, *Perla* by Carolina de Robertis.

LANDA



As January rounded out, the Landa branch continued its weekly early literacy programming for young children: Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time. In the biweekly Baby Times, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas continues to share songs in other languages with the parents and babies. Currently, Landa's Baby Time groups are learning a song in Spanish and one in American Sign Language to share new words, sounds, and literacy tools with the youngest of patrons. Toddler Time also continues to be a fun program that focuses on animal sounds with the addition of new puppet friends and colors as the children play an opening game with Landa's children's librarian to search for an elusive snowball hiding under colorful mittens. One of the highlights of Story Time at Landa in January has been the love of books exhibited by the children that attend. After a program filled with stories, singing, and dancing, the children will often ask Ms. Salinas to read them even more stories from her stack rather than play with the toys put out for them to enjoy.



Starting in February on Fridays, Ms. Salinas also added some new programs for children ages 2 to 5 years old. First, Ms. Salinas with the assistance of Library Assistant Rebekah Corley hosted a Music and Movement program that focused on rhyme, rhythm, coordination, listening to directions, and large motor development skills like jumping. Then, Ms. Salinas and Ms. Corley delivered a Pajama Party Story Time filled with bedtime songs, stories, and rhymes. At the end, the children enjoyed a fun craft, a dark and sparkly fort, and bubbles as they had a chance to play at the end of the program. Four families that attended mentioned to Ms. Corley their thanks and praise for the fun-filled pajama story time at Landa.



Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas and Library Assistant Rebekah Corley also created a building challenge night for Tween Time. In January, Ms. Salinas and Ms. Corley divided the tweens in to two groups and challenged them to a balloon tower building contest. The tweens dove into the project with one group winning by an inch! However, the fun didn't really begin until after the towers were completed when during the cleanup portion of the program the balloons were taken outside to pop.

Tweens along with Ms. Salinas and Ms. Corley stomped, sat, squished, and popped all the balloons making cleanup an extra fun part of the evening. Tween Time in February focused on sugar! Ms. Salinas created a candy sushi station for the kids to create their own edible masterpieces. Ms. Corley setup a marshmallow pop decorating station that allowed the kids to add eyes, hair, and faces with edible markers onto marshmallows. The thirteen tweens that attended, a Landa record, enjoyed the sugar craze and made some fantastic creations.



On Friday, February 10, Ms. Salinas also turned the meeting room into a craft zone and allowed kids to make anything they wanted around the Valentine's Day theme. Supplies of all kinds were put out from paper hearts to construction paper, pipe cleaners, craft sticks, and markers. Kids were then given the instructions to be creative. Everyone made something different with most families spending over 20 minutes in the craft room creating. Hats, wands, cards, and puppets emerged from the room in the hands of their creators. Parents and children enjoyed having the chance to relax and enjoy the unstructured process of making art!



Lego and Minecraft clubs continued in January and February with fun challenges that included building statues of their favorite characters. The Minecraft kids built towering statues of Harry Potter, Spongebob Squarepants, and I-Ballistic Squid. The Lego Club kids made Luke and Leia Skywalker and Batman. In the last Minecraft club, kids built towers to the sky and one of the youngest to attend actually began planning and building his own city. At four years old, he created a city with places to work, live, and eat. He also added an art museum, a hospital, a cemetery, and a library. He talked with Ms. Salinas about the layout of his city, describing the building materials he was using; including their strengths and weaknesses. It was a great example of how Lego Club and Minecraft Club focus on "talking" as a literacy skill for kids.



In February, Ms. Salinas also visited the University Presbyterian Child Care Center for her monthly story time visit. In the youngest classroom, the children shouted out animal sounds along with Ms. Salinas while the toddler classroom practiced their counting. The kids in the preschool class once again requested silly stories and laughed along with Ms. Salinas as she read stories about a hungry snake and a silly looking cat.



Also in February, Ms. Corley and Manager Kiyanna Stephens visited Roger Elementary School for their parent's literacy event. They signed up families for library cards and talked up children's programs offered at Landa Library. The big hit of the evening were Magnet Tiles for the kids to build and play with while their parents filled in library applications! Ms. Corley reported that over 100 people stopped by their table to learn more about library services.



Landa Library Teens continued into the New Year with strong enthusiasm and leadership! Facilitated by Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley, teens implemented a variety of programs for themselves and peers ranging from classic movie nights, designing their teen space, and even learning to make balloon animals. An especially successful event was a teen implemented class on homemade slime! This one brought all involved in a challenging collaboration of science, art, and messy hands.



The group also collaborated with Ms. Corley on their goals and ideas for upcoming Teen Nights! Planning is in progress for future Cooking Club meetings, events incorporating learning about various world cultures, and Teen Tech Week projects.



Homework Hangout, Landa's program for dedicated independent study, continued to be a valuable resource for middle and high school aged students. Facilitated by Ms. Corley and Landa

Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas, this service continued to receive positive feedback from students and parents alike.



Landa Adult Programming has two on-site book clubs that meet monthly. Reader's Ink Book Club was started by retired SAPL librarian Randolph Blakeman several years ago and continues with on-going as well as new members. This month the group read Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*, an inspirational account from interviews with World War II survivors. The Landa Mystery Book Club continues to grow with fourteen in attendance this month. Their selection was James Lee Burke's thriller set in Montana, *In the Moon of Red Ponies*. Burke is a book club favorite.



Landa hosted Howie Nestel who told "Uncle Gene's Story" as part of SAPL's Holocaust: Learn and Remember events. There was a good-sized audience to hear this very inspirational speaker talk about his beloved uncle and share his remembrances of life in a concentration camp during World War II. Shirley Morrison was back once again for a marathon DIY beading class. Participants were all enthusiastic and are asking for another session.



Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta took her outreach book club to The Village at the Incarnate Word which meets the first Wednesday of every month. Their selection this month was John Kralik's *365 Thank Yous*, a memoir about a man's life change that was initiated by writing thank you notes to people throughout the year. The group enjoyed this selection and would recommend it to other book groups. The Kenwood Senior Center celebrated an early Valentine's Day (since the next visit falls after February 14) by creating Valentines and doing some very intricate adult coloring sheets. Karen also brought them some interesting facts about the celebration of Valentine's Day.



And saving the best for last, SAPL and the Landa Staff welcomed Landa's new manager Kiyanna Stephens in early February. She is young, dynamic, and has a broad vision for Landa and the community. Welcome, Kiyanna!

LAS PALMAS



Attendance at Juvenile programming increased significantly. Patricia Perez continues to present Family Fun on Monday evenings, and Bilingual story Time on Tuesday.



Branch Manager Diane Backhus represented San Antonio Public Library at the re-opening ceremony for Lake Elmendorf Park on Saturday, January 21. There was a great crowd, and the community really is enjoying this fabulous park, as the weather was absolutely perfect!



Mrs. Backhus also met with the Las Palmas Library Friends. Together they discussed plans for the year. They plan to continue to support children's, teen and adult programming.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson spoke at the Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association meeting on January 16. During his speech he used a PowerPoint presentation which focused on Johnston library, its history and services. He serves this neighborhood association as newsletter editor and block captain. Mr. Jackson attended the adult services meeting on January 19.



On January 18, the Las Palmas Book Club discussed *The Coincidence of Coconut* by Amy Reichert and *Funny Girl* by Nick Hornby. One of the founding members informed the facilitator that this is year 15 of the book club. This month's meeting included ten members.



Teen Librarian Connie Hejl continues presenting successful teen programming on Wednesday afternoons with video games and board games. She is working with Teen Services to efforts to create a teen space within the library.



The branch also sadly reports that Samantha Gordano, Librarian II, has reported to her new library location at the Schaefer Branch. Staff and patrons will miss her friendly, wonderful customer service. Ms. Gordano was the recipient of the City Managers Customer Excellence Award.

MAVERICK



Maverick staff hosted a number of interesting programs given by outside presenters, including a meeting of the "Deep Thinkers" group and "Beyond Challenge", as well as providing space for two HOA's. On January 25, Debbie Countess from Central presented a popular genealogy class that was well attended.



On January 21, Maverick had 62 people in attendance at our program featuring a San Antonio Symphony musician! The bassoonist, Sharon Kuster, proved to be a great entertainer and the audience learned a lot about her instrument and her journey as a 34-year member of the symphony!



Ms. Roberts attended a "STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) in Preschool Storytime" workshop at Central Library on February 1. She learned about activities that will lend themselves into her preschool story times. The workshop was sponsored by the Texas State Library.



During this time period, Ms. Roberts began weeding the Juvenile Fiction for overflow duplicates and also based on condition of the books. She also met with the Fall Play & Learn committee on February 9 to help plan the early literacy program.

McCRELESS



Presently McCreless does not have a children's librarian (either permanent or assistance from another branch). Thus Librarian I Ana Menchaca has graciously agreed to take over children's programming at McCreless until a new children's librarian is hired. Children's programs that occurred this month were weekly story time and Lego time (which now have consistent attendance each week) as well as Come and Go crafts on two Saturdays.



Teen Time attendance has improved dramatically. At the beginning of January no one took part in Teen Time, participation slowly improved throughout January. During the first week of February Teen Time had eleven participants, and nine participants the 2nd week.



On January 23, Community First offered a free Bicycle Safety and Repair Workshop. Five people attended and really enjoyed the hands-on presentation. The presenter covered topics ranging from registering your new bike, basic repairs and riding in city traffic.



On February 2, McCreless hosted a second visit by the Mobile Mercado program from the San Antonio Food Bank. A last minute schedule change in this visit required asking for staffing assistance (provided by Sara Ramirez, Library Assistant from the Schaefer branch). The program again saw significant attendance, with 43 adults and five children stopping by the Mercado.



On February 7, ten people attended the MCC Book Club's lively discussion of *Room* by Emma Donoghue.



Librarian Ana Menchaca prepared book displays for Black History Month for children and young adults. She also did a Valentine's Day Love/Hate display for young adults.



The Adult Services staff at McCreless have also been busy shifting and moving the fiction and reference collections to make the areas more inviting and user-friendly.

MEMORIAL



Ms Gonzales attended a Networking Meeting at the Guadalupe Cultural Center.



Ms Deffendal has provided Toddler and story times at Thousand Oaks Library.



Ms Deffendall has provided literacy outreach to World of Knowledge Early Learning Center and Happy Child Childcare Center.



Ms Deffendall assisted with hosting Symphony at SAPL with harpist Rachel Ferris.



Memorial Branch Library hosted an information table from the UT Medicine Cancer Therapy & Research Center (CTRC) on Jan. 18th. The center offers wellness support programs for the public.



Memorial Branch Library hosted the Mobile Mercado Food Truck on Jan 19. The food truck services offered the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables to residents in the Memorial neighborhood and visitors. Patrons appreciate the affordability of the foods and saving a trip to the grocery store.



Memorial Branch Library continually hosts the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition workshops. The workshops draw in approximately 9 to 12 people each month. The workshops serve to cut the feral cat population.



Memorial Branch Library has held enrollment events for the Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA). In partnership with the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, Memorial offered services on the

following dates: January 12-13, 15, 26- 28. Memorial and Central were the only locations to offer the service in January 2017. The enrollment events drew in from ten to twelve people each date.



Memorial branch library screened the film, *Race: the Jesse Owens Story* on Feb. 5. The licensed film is a biographical drama based on the true events of Olympian track star, Jesse Owens (1913-1980). His journey includes contending with racism in the U.S. and abroad, Nazi propaganda, and later achieving justice.

MISSION



Toddler Times and Baby Times continue to grow. On January 25, 62 toddlers and adults participated in the weekly program. They enjoyed a wonderful story time and a fun craft. On January 29, National Bubble Wrap Appreciation day, a small but enthusiastic group of children got their creative juices going as they created art masterpieces using paint and bubble wrap.



Lego Club Mondays and Read to a Dog programs have loyal attendees and new ones, too. Also, more children and their families are joining in the fun monthly Trivia night, Jeopardy style, competition.



Teens at Mission Library enjoyed a weekly Teen Time program with Adam Tutor from Teen Library with fun activities and games.



Mission Library had a well-attended Holocaust Learn and Remember program in January. The Mission Library Community Garden is becoming very popular. There was a very successful program on vermicomposting held on Saturday February 5 where participants were able to transfer worms to the garden area soil. Lastly, there have been people volunteering every Saturday for gardening activities.

PAN AMERICAN



Starting in the New Year, the Pan American Branch Library began offering weekly E-Device clinics on Wednesdays by appointment. Library staff were available to answer questions and help patrons with their mobile devices such as smart phones, tablets, and laptops. Assistance was primarily with SAPL downloadable content from Overdrive e-books. Staff were available to assist with different operating systems such as iOS and Android.



Pan American hosted teen time every Wednesday night, where teens got the opportunity to partake in a variety of crafts and activities. Teen time is an opportunity for young adults to get together after school or in the evening. During the program, teens get to pick from a variety of activities from games to anime or just hanging out with their peers. It's not always fun and games though, some of the activities require teens to use their brains to solve problem or work as a team to accomplish a goal.



The monthly writer's group at Pan American continues to be a success. Attendees can share ideas and inspiration as well as get tips on the writing process. The group members are dedicated to their craft and welcome input from their peers. In addition to the writer's club, the branch also offers a Lego Club for

the children. Not to leave out the parents and other adults, Pan American started weekly game nights in January.



On Saturday February 11, San Antonio Symphony harpist Rachel Ferris was at Pan American to play some songs and also explained how her instrument works. Ms. Ferris shared her story behind becoming a harpist with families at the branch. The beautiful sound of the harp filled the entire branch and all enjoyed the special treat of classical music on a Saturday afternoon at the library.



Foxie the READ dog along with her handler Mary visited Pan American twice during the reporting period. The children and staff always enjoy seeing Foxie. The READ program helps children build their reading confidence as well as how to safely approach a dog. Foxie loves to be read to and of course all the attention from the kids and adults.



Finally, Pan American branch staff welcomed Rhonda Woolhouse, Librarian II, from the Tobin at Oakwell Library. Rhonda is temporally assigned to Pan American to help while some vacancies are filled. Rhonda brings to the branch an energetic attitude and professional experience from working a variety of positions at SAPL throughout her career. The branch staff is excited for her to join the team.

PARMAN



In the reporting period Children (and parents) explored creative expressions in Story Times at Parman. Children's Librarian Carrie Vance has been encouraging parents to take a hands-off approach when working with their children and their art projects. In January, the children explored making authentic art from shredded paper, beads, water colors and even instant coffee. The use of instant coffee as a paint was a huge hit with the children, and a surprise for all due to the high sheen of the paintings when they dried.



Ms. Vance also coordinated a tour with one of the Mothers of Preschoolers groups in the area. Twenty four children and their grownups arrived for a short story time that opened the library world up for many of the grownups in attendance – 14 of the 16 adults in attendance had never been to the library before. Two of the attendees asked to arrange tours for other groups they work with.



Library tutoring coordinated by the teen librarian Ms. Marisa DeBow is being appreciated by students and parents in the Stone Oak community. Time Out @ Teen Time continues to be the perfect place to decompress. This month teens had the opportunity to make conductive gloves, yarn octopuses, fun buttons and strawberry crepes. Cooking is still the most popular activity and sweet and savory fondues were the hit of the month. Additionally, a quartet of student musicians from Reagan High School entertained patrons one Saturday afternoon with a selection of entertaining, classical tunes.



Two staff members, Carrie Vance and Eva Banda, attended two 3-hour training sessions with Pre-K for SA "The Pedagogy of Plenty".



Adult services brought back the popular Paper crafting and Scrapbooking Club. During the first meeting this year, attendees had an opportunity to work on their own paper projects – card making and scrapbooking.



DIY-U is up and running. In a program presented by Carmen Zarate patrons created fun, easy, heart-themed crafts by upcycling the most basic of household items.

POTRANCO



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta and bilingual Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes did outreach at Harmony School of Excellence in January to promote services and register families for cards. Dozens of cards were confirmed or reactivated for SAPL.



Children's Tuesday afternoon program Read With Dog has kicked off with strong success at Potranco Branch Library. PAWS volunteer dog Miracle and her handler Marta have engaged with many community kids. What makes Miracle and Marta so unique is that they both understand Spanish! Marta was able to encourage a Spanish speaking child to read a book in Español to Miracle. Parents left inspired saying they think Miracle could help them teach their children a second language.



Teen Librarian Daniella Toll has started outreach with Stevens High School and Luna Middle School. Toll spoke to the kids about library cards and services.



Teen Librarian Daniella Toll met with partners at the YMCA to gain feedback regarding which sports and fitness magazines she might add the Potranco collection.



To engage teen attendees, Librarian Daniella Toll surveyed patrons who suggested the idea to have rice balls at Manga club. The following week Toll provided steamed rice for the program and the teens who attended were very excited about making their own rice balls.



Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza have teamed up to design a weekly craft and DIY program for Tuesday nights, Doesday! During the January/February programming sessions Vura and Loaiza held two classes, Collage Making and Paper Flowers. Doesday! is proving to be a well-attended program for adults. Vura has started making samples to display of upcoming crafts. This is a successful tool for creating interest in the program.



Library Assistant Elissa Vura has brought strong editing skills she developed during a time with another industry to the Potranco team. She has helped tweak and design signage, memos and general communication. Vura ensures Potranco branch Library always has its grammar correct.



In January, Branch Manager Cindy Pope hosted a tour for Marmon Mok architect Briant A. Harkiewicz and representatives from Bulverde Public Library. The Director at Bulverde Public Library is considering upgrades similar to the features at Potranco Branch Library. The Team at Potranco was happy to oblige with a tour, sharing success stories, and answering questions.



Potranco Branch Manager Cindy Pope attended a meeting between Frost Bank executives, YMCA officials and SAPL Administration the first week of February to discuss the benefits of co-locations. Frost representative Cathy Garison, SVP of Staff Development brought a small team of inquisitive folks for a Q&A about the partnership. District VP Doug Desbien from Mays Family YMCA at Potranco and Public Services Administrator Cheryl Sheehan were quoted as agreeing that the partnership was a

natural fit; and that when any organization has their community as a number one priority- they will find success with each other.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



During the month of January, the Family Circle Book Club discussed Neil Gaiman's award-winning fantasy novel, *The Graveyard Book*. Everyone enjoyed reading the popular book filled with adventure, magic, and many exciting twists and turns. Children's librarian Cynthia Saenz was pleased to welcome some new tweens joining the club.



Kids had a fun-filled Kids' Time as they celebrated Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day with a reading of *Snowmen at Night*, followed by a craft where they created a snowman scene and used white paint brushed over bubble wrap to create an interesting snow effect. The event culminated with a "Bubble Wrap Walk" involving kids "popping" bubbles as they walked across the bubble wrap-covered floor. It was great to see kids of all ages joining in on the fun!



The San Antonio Symphony event was a big hit at Pruitt Library. Violinist Ms. Anastasia Parker entertained the crowd with her amazing music and talk of her experiences as a musician and member of the symphony. One young girl remarked, "The music was so beautiful. I could feel it in my heart!" Perhaps Ms. Parker inspired some of the children to pursue their musical interests.



Children visiting the library recently had the opportunity to take part in a rodeo-themed painting activity. They certainly got into the reading of *The Gingerbread Cowboy* as they repeated the dialogue, "You can't catch me. I'm the Gingerbread Man!" Afterwards, the librarian handed out paints, paper, and paintbrushes, and kids followed along as Ms. Saenz demonstrated how to paint a nature scene complete with horses and cactus plants. The parents were happy to take home a memento of the special occasion. Kids and parents are looking forward to the upcoming Valentine Party.



Monday Teen Chess, Mindful Mondays for Teens, Tuesday Teen Anime, Wednesday Teen Time, Thursday Teen Lunchtime Wii U, Thursday Teen Chess, and Friday Teen Dungeons & Dragons are all up and running with teen volunteers helping at each event.



The Teen Library Leadership Committee met and planned the next few months of teen activities and petitioned Pruitt librarians for an opportunity to attend Library Palooza 2017 at Brandeis High School. The teens gave a variety of justifications including: getting to meet authors and other teen library and reading enthusiasts; promoting literature, a love of reading, libraries and librarians; and the ability to "use knowledge gained from reading in real life situations and learn new information that you didn't have before in personal situations." Teens attending Library Palooza will receive a copy of Lauren Oliver's new flip novel *Replica* that the author will sign at the event.



Teen librarian Rae Downen attended the Texas Computer Education Association's annual conference in February. The convention supports teachers and librarians who are interested in learning about and improving STEAM programs. Attending the conference allowed time for networking with other librarians and library media specialists and provided new and necessary tools to support technology-rich library programming for teens.



The branch hosted Holocaust survivor Rose Sherman Williams as part of the Holocaust Learn & Remember series in January. She spoke to a room full of patrons who were eager to learn about her life

experiences. There were tears, smiles and hugs, and Ms. Williams was gracious to pose for photos with a number of patrons. It was an event not soon to be forgotten by those in attendance.



Mobile Mercado visited Pruitt for the second time in early February. Patrons were pleased with the fresh produce, pre-made culinary selections, and low prices. The Pruitt branch looks forward to hosting this healthy food truck again in March.

SAN PEDRO



The staff at San Pedro had a busy January and February report period, with a Presidential Inauguration Day Event, Bubble Wrap Day, Lego Day, Symphony @ SAPL, and Valentine's Day Activity. Staff appreciates all the support from Gamini Haluwana, Sylvia Reyna, Viki Ash and Elma Nieto-Rodriguez. Wilson Plunkett continues to serve as Librarian-in charge, and is "holding down the fort." Carmen Roja created various book displays, which were really popular – Let's Rodeo, Graphic Novels, Black History (juvenile readers) and Black History (easy readers), National Tooth Fairy Day, and Love (Valentine's Day).

SEMMES



The Mobile Mercado visited the branch on Tuesday, January 17th. This mobile food truck from the San Antonio Food Bank allows customers to purchase healthy foods and to learn about healthy eating.



As part of the Walk with the Mayor program, District 10 Councilman Mike Gallagher and Mayor Ivy Taylor met District 10 residents at the branch on Saturday, January 28 to walk the trails in Comanche Lookout Park. Although the morning was chilly, many residents came out to walk with Mayor Taylor.



The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library held a book sale on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. Many people came out and bought books from the sale. Semmes staff truly appreciates all the Friends do for the branch.



Children's Librarian Randi Jones had a Valentine's Day party on Saturday, February 11. It was very successful with over 50 people attending. Partygoers enjoyed making valentine cards and listening to special valentine stories.

THOUSAND OAKS



Children have been exploring titles on current and past 2x2 lists prepared by the Children's Round Table 2x2 Committee. This list is comprised of 20 titles selected from over 600 published during the past calendar year. The titles are selected based on appropriateness and appeal to children from the age of 2 through 2nd grade. The new list is published each January. Branch Manager Troy Lawrence has been filling in until the newly selected librarian starts. Children have been enjoying a play time at the end of Story Time.



Teens at Thousand Oaks enjoy planning the activities for their weekly two hour Teen Time on Wednesdays. Hosted by Librarian Theresa Ybarra, Teens explored culinary adventures with Ramen noodles and created string art using wood, nails, and string. Teens practiced strategy, design, and teamwork in a paper fight that used recycled magazines for their arsenals and meeting room tables for barricades. Teens celebrated Valentine's Day with cupcakes and several "minute to win it" type games.



The Northeast Senior Center Book Club started the year with a discussion of *The Girls of Atomic City*, by Denise Kiernan. Facilitated by Theresa Ybarra, the group discussed life in 1940's America, the mindset of the employees and residents of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the implications of their work on the atomic bomb. Issues were raised regarding the patriotism of the workers and whether or not such a secretive project could successfully take place today. Readers appreciated the well-researched historical account of the time.



The selection for the Thousand Oaks Thursday Book Club in January was *Delicious* by Ruth Reichl. Several of the readers had positive comments about the book and even one daring participant went home and baked a delicious gingerbread. She then shared her homemade treat with the Thousand Oaks Library staff. The heirloom gingerbread recipe was mentioned in the novel and its rich spices included fresh grated ginger, cardamom and black peppercorns. A rousing time was had by all, and tea and cookies were consumed by the enthusiastic crowd.



Adult Services Librarian Steven Barrera coordinated with Work Force Solutions to host a Job Fair at Thousand Oaks on January 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. Eleven companies sent representatives to provide information to job seekers. Other activities included mock interviews, resume building tips, and sign up for Work in Texas which is the Texas Workforce Commission's job search database. Seventy attendees signed in for the fair. Assistance from the Learn Centers, Marketing, and the Adult Services Coordinator helped to make this a success.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Tobin Library welcomed new Teen Librarian Megan Coker in January. Ms. Coker comes from South Carolina with a strong background in digital and technical areas as well as museum, art and youth group experience. Ms. Coker's first week at the branch she hosted tween time where kids built and created structures with straws and connectors. In February tweens enjoyed balloon art and getting to know the new librarian.



Ms. Coker has solicited ideas utilizing Answer Garden online, QR codes, posting a feedback sheet at the teen room entrance and by talking with teen patrons. Ms. Coker's new programs have proven to be very successful with 20 teens participating each Thursday afternoon in the latest sessions. The theme for February highlights art activities like designing honest cards, painting with oils and pastels, making duct tape wallets and button making.



Frequent patron Keri Cook has been applying on the branch's public computers for full time positions for the past year. Ms. Cook is a single mom who has been working part time retail and food chain jobs when this month, she was successfully hired as a teacher's assistant at Garner Middle School with Northeast Independent School District. In addition, Ms. Cook plans to attend college now that she has a regular work schedule to further her education and career.



Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler's programs are quite popular and have strong attendance each week at Toddler, Story and Baby Times. Some working parents requested a weekend baby session so on February 4, the first Saturday Baby Time was held with good turnout. Later that afternoon, Ms. Braeuler helped host Symphony at SAPL with violist Allyson Dawkins performing and sharing information about her viola. Library Assistant Elvia Ramos related the come and go weekend craft to music with shakers being made out of decorated paper plates with beans inside. Ms. Braeuler coordinated a visit of George Gervin Academy students to Tobin at Oakwell with 100 students coming for a story time visit the week of February 6 – 10.



The reference team regularly helps visitors with e-reader, computer and technical questions on a walk-in basis. For those patrons that want to schedule an appointment, a mutually convenient time is arranged to ensure everyone knows how to download the library's digital selections and contribute to the circulation goal.



Voices De La Luna, a local poetry group of all ages, has begun holding sessions at the branch. On February 5, Executive Director Carla Pineda helped present their Youth Poetry Awards to a sizeable crowd. Reference personnel attend NE Senior Center once each month to present to a small group that enjoys coloring. Adult coloring is still offered the first Tuesday each month for some creative time while enjoying tea and snacks.



The Drama Death and Daring Book Group attendance has grown to 25 attendees while delving into *Socrates Seminar*, *Book 1 of Herodotus* in January. The group mainly is focusing on Greek and Egyptian history with classic titles. This book group now alternates their meetings each month between Tobin at Oakwell Library and the San Antonio Museum of Art. Similarly, The Tobin Writers Group has grown to a viable group averaging 18 attendees at their twice monthly writing meetings. The Interesting Book Group reads mainly fiction selections, with the latest title in February, *The Past* by Tessa Hadley.



Tobin's community was very supportive in donating soup for the branch's "Soup"er Bowl Drive" in honor of the annual Super Bowl. Soup and other cookbooks with sports items were featured on the main entry display. Forty pounds of soup and dry goods were collected in two weeks. Manager Tracey Knouse delivered the donations to the San Antonio Food Bank where she learned that 40 pounds of canned goods equates to 31 full meals for hungry folks in San Antonio.

WESTFALL



Westfall's VITA sessions have been filling up very quickly and volunteers have been assisting as many as 50 taxpayers each session. Volunteers are at Westfall every day except Tuesday and Thursday through mid-April to assist taxpayers who make less than \$60,000 annually.



Learn Center Training Officer Michelle Dangler Rickman assisted with the job fair at Thousand Oaks Branch Library and is preparing for Westfall's job fair, which will be February 25. Michelle also attended the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education at La Cantera Resort and Spa February 2 - 4. More than 1,000 school administrators, educators, students and other professionals from around the state were in attendance. Michelle also participated in a webinar on trauma informed services and how libraries should be involved. The webinar discussed the effects of trauma on society and how libraries are directly impacted by the trauma. According to presenter Elissa Hardy, finding awareness of

the effects of trauma on our community leads to more compassion and allows us to dive into our own problem solving skills more effectively.



Westfall's teens have been busy with lots of activities. They held a camp-out in the meeting room by turning off the lights, watching spooky movies and making s'mores. But they had to use a toaster oven instead of a campfire. Teen Librarian Megan Stanley took about 70 books to students at Jefferson High School's book group. The topic was End of the World, so the books were apocalyptic in theme.



Manager Sherrie Hardin took lots of fiction written in Russian to Madonna Apartments, a San Antonio Housing Authority neighborhood. A number of residents there are Russian immigrants and they prefer reading in their native language. Ms. Hardin also facilitated the Third Thursday Book Discussion Group's talk of *Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford* by former Secret Service agent Clint Hill with Lisa McCubbin. She also secured books and prepared questions for the Stranger Than Fiction book group which discussed *The Fire This Time* by Jesmyn Ward.



Children's Librarian Imelda Merino visited Wilson Elementary School to talk about library services.



The Mobile Mercado Farmers Market is at Westfall the first Tuesday of each month. The truck is a combination mini-grocery store and a food truck. Seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables are available and there are cooking demonstrations and food samples.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

JANUARY 2017

Presented below are key indicators that align with the Library's Strategic Plan.

FY 2017

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



2,338,139 ↓ 1%
ITEMS
BORROWED



7,340,000
TOTAL FY GOAL

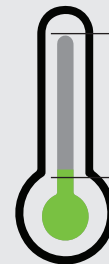
FYTD GOAL

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



1,922,007 ↑ 16%
VISITS



5,710,000
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL

Visits increase from 2016 presidential election voting

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS

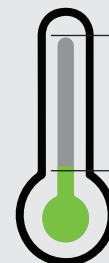


201,534
COMPUTER
HOURS



623,642
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

825,176 ↑ 9%
TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE



2,450,000
TOTAL FY GOAL

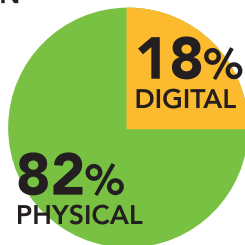
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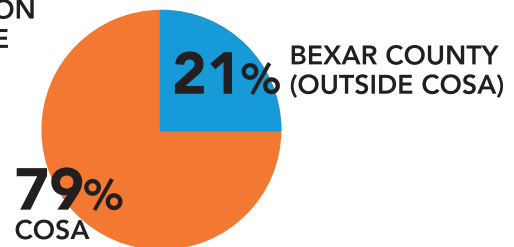
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



999,816

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VISITS

223,210

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APP SESSIONS

696,066

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VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



114,169

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

32,213

ADULT PROGRAMS

19,764

TEEN PROGRAMS

62,192

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

DREAM WEEK PROGRAMS

TREES OF LIFE EXHIBIT
AT FOREST HILLS
CARVER'S LITTLE BIG
READ COMING OF AGE
IN MISSISSIPPI

HOLOCAUST: LEARN AND
REMEMBER – MORNING
OF REMEMBRANCE
MLK LECTURE AT CARVER
MLK MARCH



DREAMWEEK
SAN ANTONIO, TX

150

ATTENDEES



Carver Branch Library's Little Big Read of "Coming of Age in Mississippi" during DreamWeek, February 2017

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January 2017 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,827	10,038	7,394	2,153	9,151
Brook Hollow	27,049	19,495	4,647	1,389	5,444
Carver	5,013	9,965	4,930	1,812	5,527
Central	28,793	58,962	41,395	11,979	47,378
Cody	37,163	21,475	5,652	1,435	7,024
Collins Garden	7,834	9,384	5,357	1,906	6,913
Cortez	6,020	10,841	4,182	1,551	6,583
Encino	19,539	12,560	3,534	343	3,007
Forest Hills	7,545	8,266	3,129	1,179	4,268
Great Northwest	27,523	17,109	5,175	1,604	6,026
Guerra	12,694	10,666	5,311	1,887	6,162
Igo	28,114	18,799	5,336	1,135	7,038
Johnston	11,267	13,527	5,403	1,525	6,801
Landa	13,111	12,232	1,958	675	2,452
Las Palmas	6,115	12,178	5,332	1,963	5,869
Maverick	25,151	12,157	4,959	1,991	6,295
McCreless	12,371	14,738	4,806	1,628	6,281
Memorial	7,404	9,399	5,315	1,729	6,959
Mission	13,065	20,854	7,947	2,695	10,839
Pan American	7,441	8,833	3,938	1,660	4,804
Parman	28,782	24,021	4,308	706	5,370
Potranco	18,911	15,666	8,667	767	12,107
Pruitt	6,871	19,128	4,919	1,376	5,286
San Pedro	3,996	6,446	2,684	623	2,825
Schaefer	0	0	0	0	211
Semmes	26,224	19,122	5,732	2,278	7,784
Thousand Oaks	10,650	11,430	5,735	1,206	6,248
Tobin	19,060	16,325	4,628	1,768	5,533
Westfall	16,878	15,363	7,113	2,285	8,468
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,296	1,366	N/A	724
Interlibrary Loan Lending	658	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	72,804	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	109,665	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	623,538	440,275	180,853	53,249	219,378

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

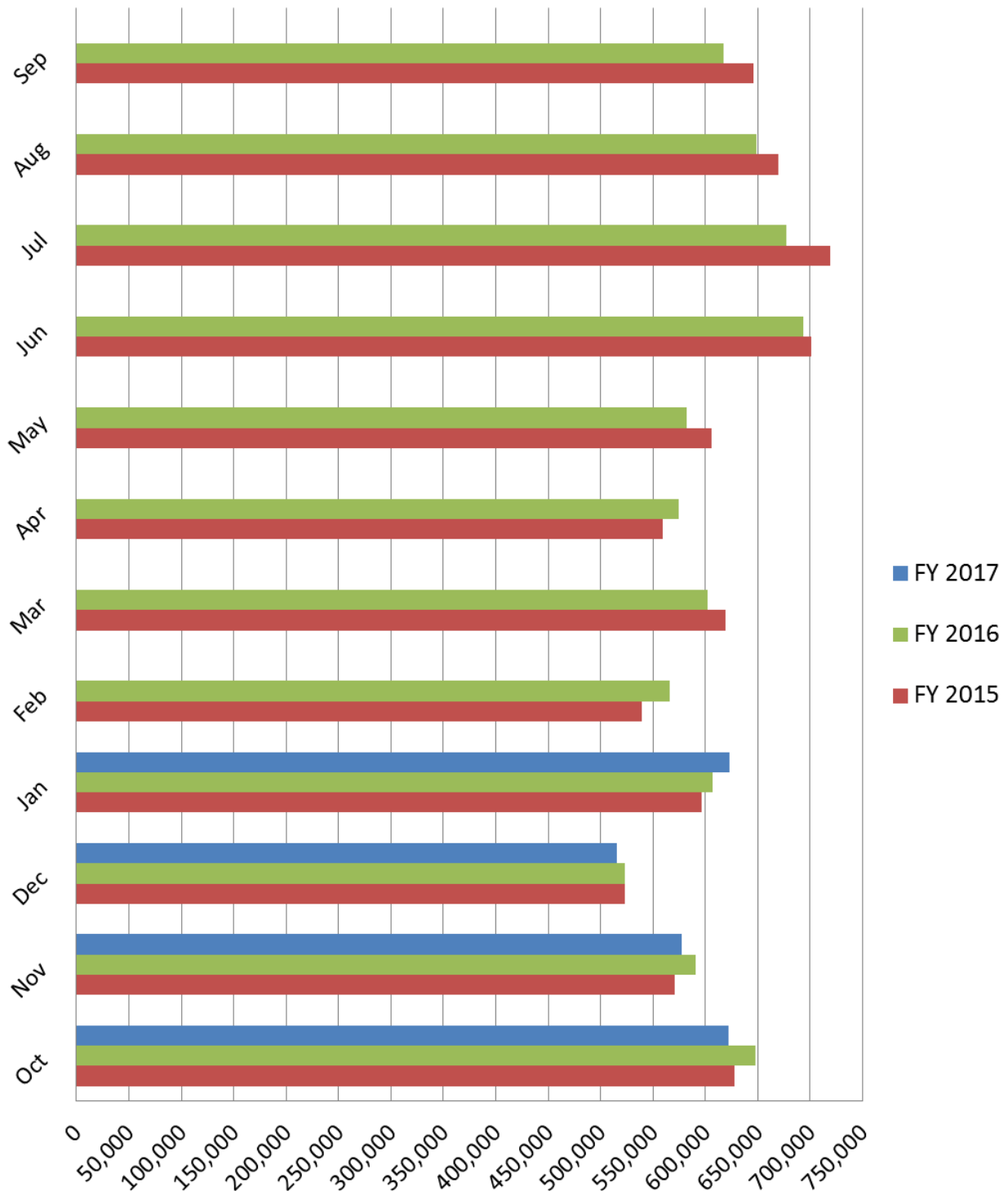
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January 2017 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	40	15	3	22	309	141	12	156
Brook Hollow	46	7	8	31	942	84	38	820
Carver	59	21	9	29	809	444	110	255
Central	126	17	77	32	2,432	630	765	1,037
Cody	29	6	5	18	705	64	50	591
Collins Garden	37	5	5	27	623	56	31	536
Cortez	87	60	4	23	601	163	83	355
Encino	56	19	8	29	1,151	152	32	967
Forest Hills	24	5	0	19	276	42	0	234
Great Northwest	29	12	7	10	1,237	146	187	904
Guerra	35	14	4	17	529	189	41	299
Igo	59	18	16	25	1,363	168	184	1,011
Johnston	30	6	8	16	542	71	218	253
Landa	59	6	17	36	1,024	59	46	919
Las Palmas	22	8	5	9	172	73	26	73
Maverick	17	3	0	14	613	27	0	586
McCreless	13	3	4	6	128	59	8	61
Memorial	40	11	2	27	407	103	16	288
Mission	61	26	9	26	854	311	104	439
Pan American	28	17	4	7	155	112	20	23
Parman	79	18	8	53	1,360	186	106	1,068
Potranco	27	5	9	13	538	35	17	486
Pruitt	61	14	28	19	944	206	403	335
San Pedro	2	0	0	2	15	0	0	15
Schaefer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Semmes	36	3	3	30	763	14	52	697
Thousand Oaks	17	3	5	9	251	82	57	112
Tobin	54	19	4	31	873	108	44	721
Westfall	27	5	4	18	262	89	37	136
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	51	0	0	51	1,249	0	0	1,249
TOTAL	1,251	346	256	649	21,127	3,814	2,687	14,626

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Circulation



Location Closures

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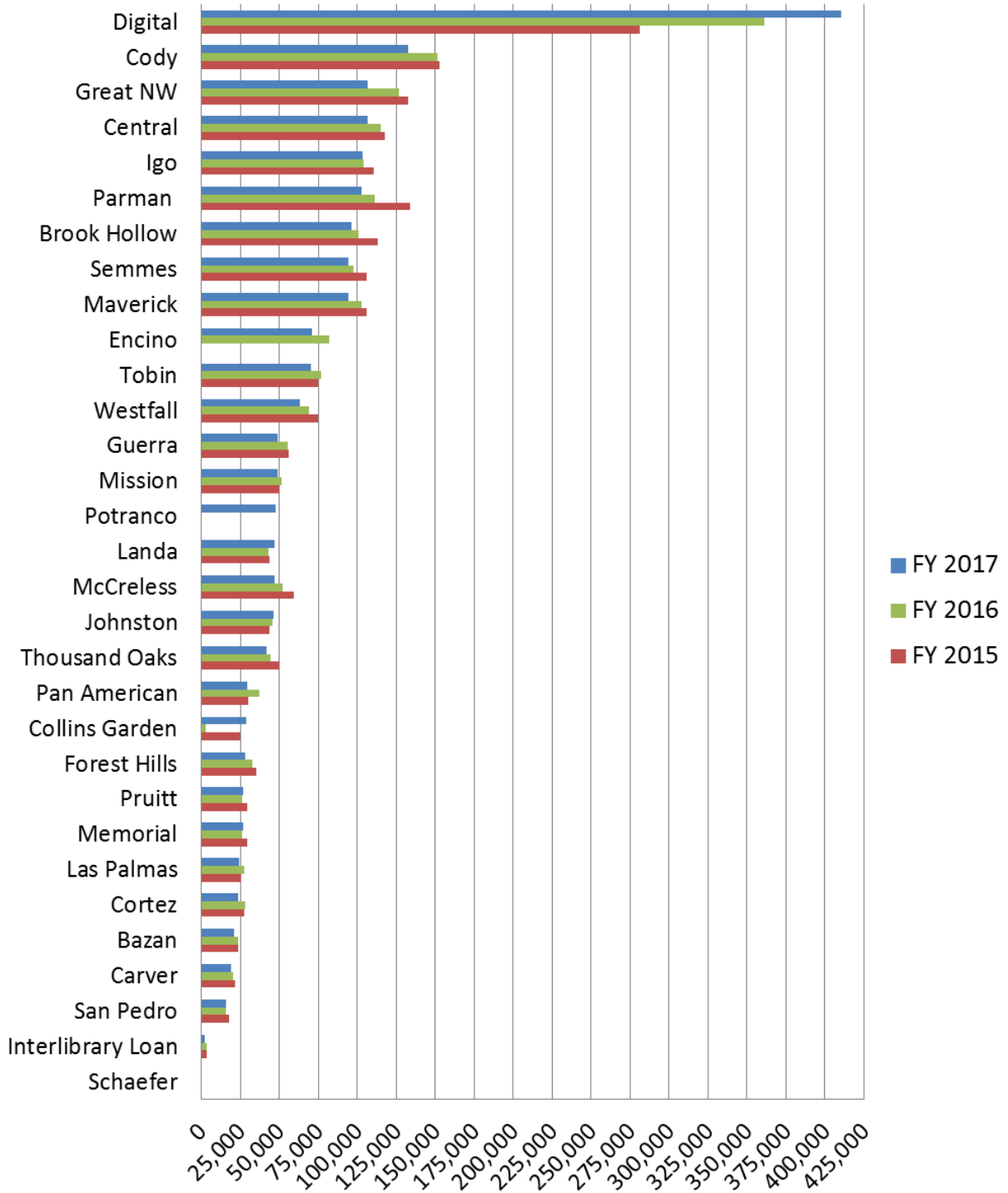
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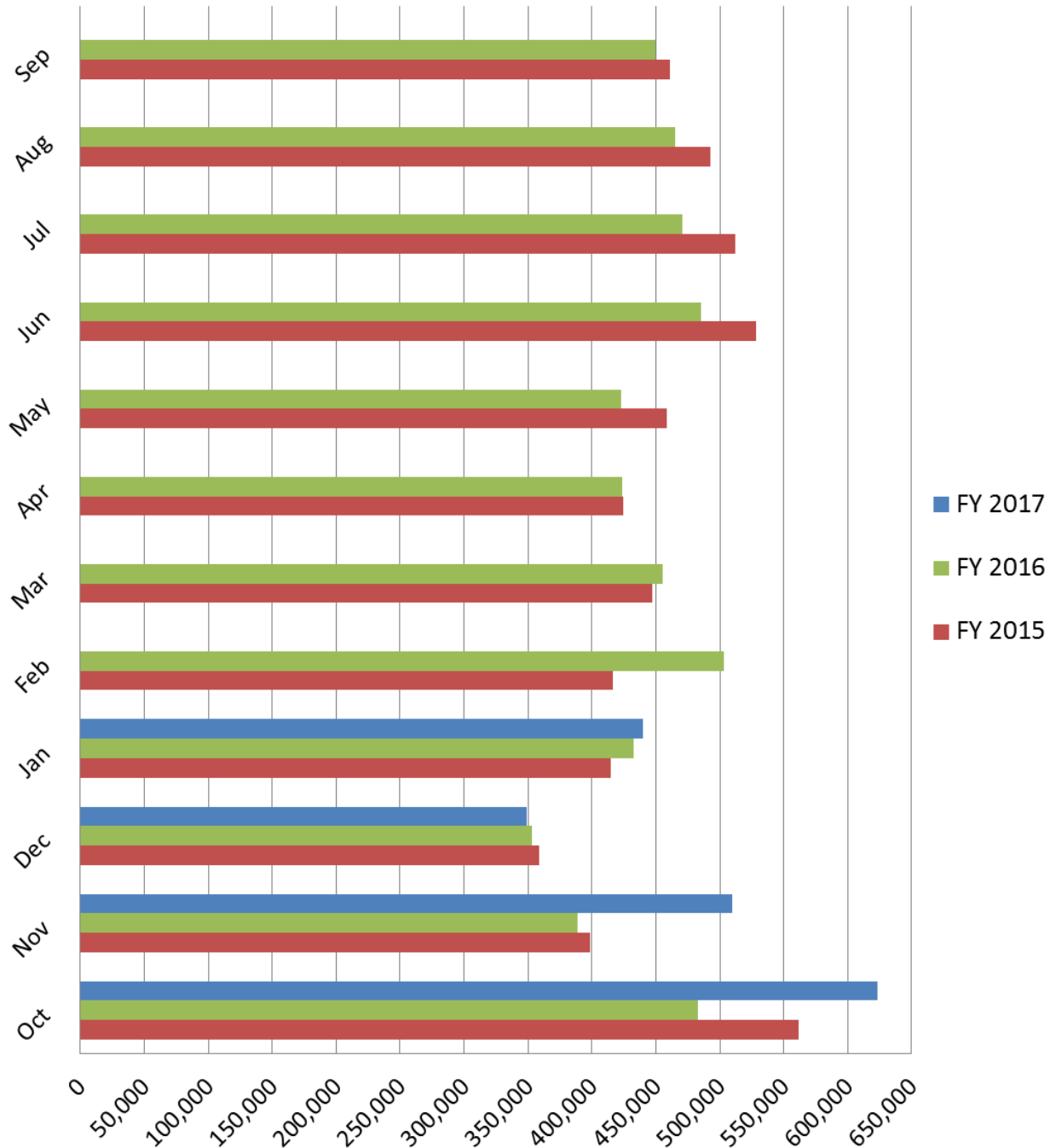
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Visits



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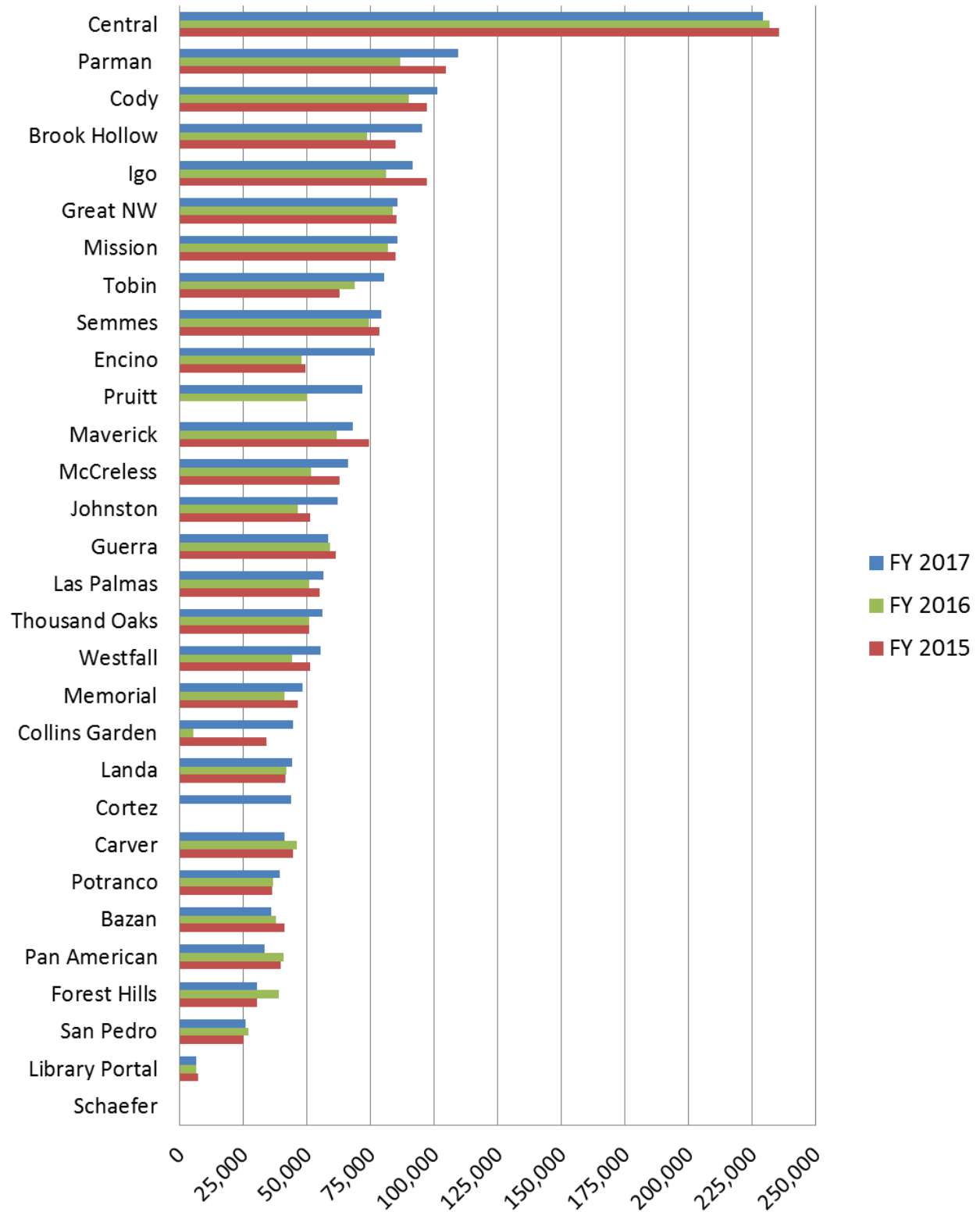
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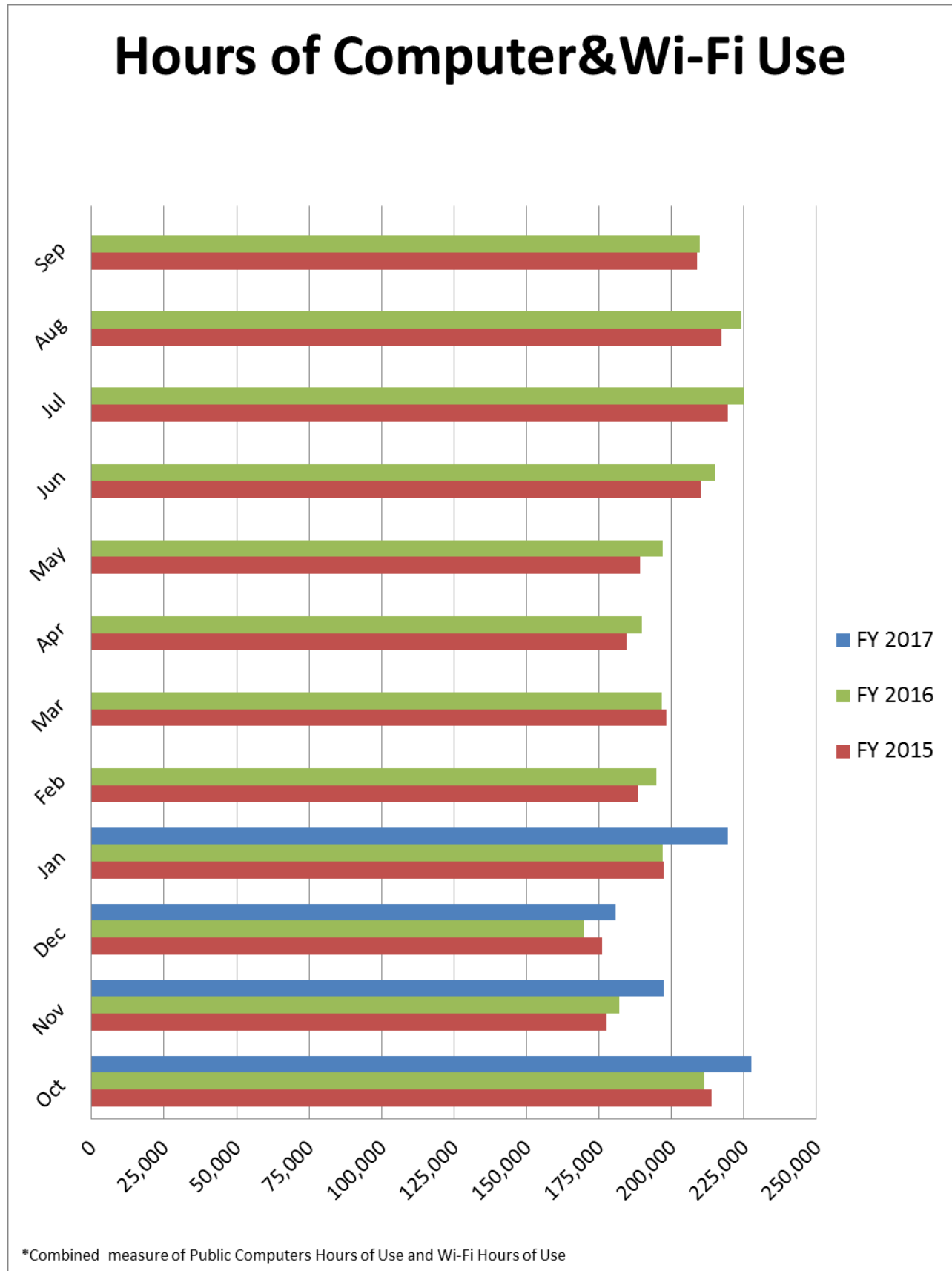
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