



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report April 2017

Schaefer Branch Library Grand Opening March 25, 2017

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Local land developer Dan Parman passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2017. Mr. Parman donated land where the Parman Branch Library at Stone Oak (2011) was built. The Staff at the Parman Branch Library have established a tribute to Mr. Parman to acknowledge and honor his legacy. Councilman Krier and City Management have been notified about Mr. Parman's passing. Ramiro Salazar and Immediate Past Board Chair Jean Brady will be attending the service for Mr. Parman on April 13, 2017 at the Southwest School of Art.



The celebration for the Grand Opening of the Schaefer Branch Library was Saturday, March 25, 2017. The program included remarks from Mayor Taylor, Councilman Warrick, Assistant City Manager Lori Houston, Library Director Ramiro Salazar, TCI Director Mike Frisbie, site donor Sam Schaefer among others. The community participated in family friendly activities throughout the Branch Library. On its first day the door count was 1,471, 833 circulation of books and materials and 195 Library Cards issued. The Schaefer Branch Library is located in City Council District 2 at 6322 US Highway 87 East.



San Antonio hosted the Texas Library Association Conference from April 19 to the 22, 2017. The conference titled "*Own Your Profession*" will provide hundreds of opportunities for professional development, networking, research and committee work. The conference is one of the largest library state conferences in the country with approximately 7,000 in attendance and several San Antonio Public Library staff are participating as presenters for the conference to share innovations, best practices, and lessons learned. Ignacio Albarracin, Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, and Monica Bustillo are also involved in local arrangements for the conference. San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor delivered welcoming remarks during the General Opening Session on Thursday April 20, 2017.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar was invited to deliver a presentation during a seminar organized by Abdul Hameed Shoman Public Library which is part of Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, a nonprofit Cultural organization located in Amman / Jordan. Mr. Salazar will join the session entitled "Libraries as an engine of change" to share insights into the practices and advancements of the San Antonio Public Library. The one-day session includes Jordanian and Arab Librarians (nearly 100 persons) in addition to a public evening forum. Former American Library Association President Sari Feldman is a prior presenter to this Seminar.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar represented the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in Berlin, Germany at The Kennedys Museum for an Opening Reception in honor of an exhibit of the San Antonio Public Library's World War I Lithographics, *The Winds and Words of War*. The San Antonio Public Library Foundation was instrumental in curating and organizing the exhibit and securing funding from Bexar County for the international tour of the World War I Lithographics.



The Central Library was designated as the site for the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) following the severe weather emergency (tornado) in early March 2017. The Center opened on Monday, March 6, 2017 and is expected to close on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 4 p.m.



Potranco Branch Library has been selected for the **Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award** recognizing a project that exemplifies the highest levels of achievement, professional standards, and inspiration to other libraries. In addition, Library nominated the Schaefer Family who has been selected for the **Benefactor Award** recognizing substantial donations such as land, buildings, stocks, cash, and collections by individuals, institutions, and foundations. Library Staff will attend the TLA 2017 Annual Conference in San Antonio where the awards will be announced.



The Potranco Branch Library (District 6) has been selected to receive an **Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation** Award from the Alliance for Innovation. Awards will be announced at the 2017 Transforming Local Government Conference (TLG) being held in Tulsa, OK April 19-21. The Library is in coordination with the Office of Innovation regarding this award.

Innovation Awards were chosen from the 30+ applications received by a multi-member Selection Committee consisting of City and County Managers, Innovation Officers, and Academic representatives from across the US. The Selection Committee looks for those local governments that have shown their dedication to stretching and improving the boundaries of day-to-day government operations and practices, implementing creative business processes, and improving the civic health of the community.

The Potranco Branch Library, co-located with a YMCA, opened on November 7, 2017 and is a public/private partnership with the YMCA and COSA (Library and Parks and Recreation).



Construction for the Latino Collection and Resource Center (6,000 square feet) on the first floor of the Central Library began on April 10, 2017. The construction is expected to be completed Summer 2017. The Library and the contractor are taking appropriate steps to avoid and minimize construction impact on Library patrons and customers. The Job Order Contract for the construction (\$270,739.17) was approved by City Council on February 23, 2017. The project is funded in large part by donations from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.



May 6, 2017 was the final day to register to vote for the May 2107 General Election and the San Antonio Public Library is making available voter registration cards for those wishing to register to vote. By Texas Statute, all Public Libraries in Texas are authorized Voter Registration Agencies and the San Antonio Public Library continues to promote this service in our community.



On Saturday, April 8, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation hosted the 5th annual San Antonio Book Festival on the grounds of the Central Library and the Southwest School of Art. The San Antonio Public Library Foundation is estimating an attendance of approximately 20,000 during the day-long event which featured over 100 local, regional and national authors. Children, teens and adults of all ages enjoyed panel discussions, author readings, book signings, cooking demonstrations and more.

MARKETING



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize and staff several events during the reporting period including: Texas Women of Influence, the Schaefer Branch Library Grand Opening, and

San Antonio Mini Maker Faire. Members of the Marketing Team also participated in the San Antonio Book Festival.



Top media hits for the past month include - KABB and News 4 WOAI reported on the dedication of the Kingdom for Kids playground at Schaefer Branch Library; Teen Librarian and Assistant Branch Manager Caroline Mossing was interviewed on News 4 WOAI to promote the San Antonio Mini Maker Faire on Saturday; Spectrum News, Business Journal, Rivard Report and San Antonio Current covered the Schaefer Branch Library Grand Opening; KSAT 12 morning show SA Live taped a segment with designer Anthony Ryan Auld about his upcoming exhibit at Central Library opening next Wednesday, April 19th.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: security camera signage, Digital Inclusion Month, May the 4th Be With You, system-wide computer signage, May newsletter, Aspergers Syndrome: From Diagnosis to Independence, Bernadette Stannis caretaker presentation at Carver, Anthony Ryan Auld materials, TLA conference materials, Young Pegasus Anthology, Summer Reading Program materials, construction signage materials for Tobin and Mission Libraries, and Texana Brochures.



The team is working on communications plan for the Potranco Branch Library LibBox and Holds Lockers and for the upcoming closure of Landa Branch Library for renovations. They are also learning a new social media management tool to better maintain our social media presence as well as engaging new streamlined strategies for content on all platforms.

Social Media fun facts for the month:

78% of our fans on Facebook are female

#kids is the most popular hashtag used with @mysapl

Our most liked Instagram post was a photo of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation staff at the Book Festival

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 13,174 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,666 followers
3. Pinterest: 86 followers
4. Instagram: 1,761 followers
6. Snapchat: 42 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



Tricia Masterson worked with the staff of the new Schaefer Branch Library to ensure that the new laptop check out kiosks and other digital assets were ready for the grand opening on March 25, 2017.



In April of 2017, the Kampmann Library Portal expanded the content offered at the Portal with the inclusion of a variety of magazines.



During spring break, the Kampmann Library Portal served as the host for the Briscoe Western Art Museum's "Build the West" LEGO program. This very popular program allowed kids of all ages to create stop motion animated movies using a western themed LEGO sets.



On April 13, 2017, Sarah Carolan taught a staff class on how to use the Library's LibGuide system.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

Little Read Wagon (LRW) presented early literacy workshops at the following locations: Linton Head Start, Madison Elementary, Fenwick Head Start, Carvajal Head Start, John Glenn Elementary, Hopkins Elementary, Arnold Head Start, Boone Elementary, and Kriewald Elementary. LRW also offered a week-long series of workshops and parent-child activities at Pre-K Pre-K 4SA East.

For several years Little Read Wagon has only visited campuses with pre-k or Head Start programs. In the Northeast Independent School District (NEISD), pre-k eligible students are bused to regional campuses. As a result, many Northeast ISD campuses were not served by LRW. Thanks to a new partnership between the NEISD Pre-K Family Support Worker and Family Specialists at the campuses that do not have pre-k on site, LRW now has the opportunity to present workshops to pre-k parents at their home campuses. This makes the workshops easier for parents to attend, since they do not have to travel to the regional campus. This month, Coker Elementary hosted one of these workshops, and several more campuses are scheduled in late April and May.



Services to Teen Parents

LRW offered workshops for teen parents at these high schools: South San, O'Connor, Harlandale, Edison, Jefferson, Tejeda, McCollum, Stevens, Taft, Edgewood, Kennedy, Memorial, Jay, and Navarro. While learning about early literacy, students at the high schools continue to enjoy making toys and other items to use with their babies.



Outreach Story Time Programs

During spring break LRW offered "Pop-Up Story Time" at four parks: Heritage Duck Pond, Jane Dubel, Alderete, and Southside Lions. Outreach story time was also offered at Nurturing Hearts. Due to the busy workshop schedule and spring break, outreach story time was not offered at the other usual sites. However, this service will resume later this spring.



Play & Learn

Also during spring break LRW presented one-time Play & Learn programs at Woodlawn Lake Park and Walker Ranch Park. These special events were well-attended by those who planned to be there as well as families that just happened to be enjoying the parks. Two new series of Play & Learn programs began at Alderete and Jane Dubel parks.

The Alderete Park series is 6:00-7:00 p.m., making the program available to parents who work or are in school during the day. LRW discovered on the first occasion that a Zumba class is offered in the same space immediately afterward. While this presents a challenge in cleaning up quickly, it also is an opportunity to invite parents to come early and bring their children to participate. The second event was on a very rainy day, when the Zumba class was cancelled, and only two families attended.



Community Events

This month has been very busy with community events. Cresencia Huff partnered with Kathy Armbruster (Cortez) at the De Paul Children's Center Family Fair. LRW has also been invited to several Head Start Recruitment Fairs and additional Pre-K 4SA open house events.

Ms. Huff and Elizabeth Huber brought the LRW van to Siclovía, where they handed out streamers, library bags, and lots of pencils. Ms. Huff and Hope Sonnen (Bazan) were at the Ogden Elementary Literacy Night, and Julia Lazarin represented the Library at the Carvajal Early Childhood Center Health Fair.

Ms. Lazarin also presented to a group of parents and children at the San Antonio Independent School District Special Education Resource Fair on April 1.



Professional Development

All LRW primary drivers are required to attend Employee Drug and Alcohol Training. To date, three out of the four employees required to attend have completed the training. The fourth individual will attend in June.

Ms. Huber and Ms. Huff attended and presented a session at the annual National Latino Children's Literature Conference, held at the downtown campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio. The conference program included authors such as Carmen Tafolla, Duncan Tonatuih, and conference co-chair Jaime Naidoo.

Clair Larkin and Ms. Huff, with the assistance of Candace Rivera, presented at the annual conference of the San Antonio Association for the Education of Young Children. The session was full, and participants made sensory bottles to go along with their choice of bilingual books: *Amo Sol, Te Amo Luna / I Love You Sun, I Love You Moon*, or *Where is the Green Sheep? / ¿Dónde está la oveja verde?*.

Ms. Huff presented a one-hour workshop for teachers at the Kelly Child Development Center. LRW is invited each year to present a workshop during nap time. Nap time trainings allow early childhood teachers to receive the training hours required to continue to work in the center, without having to leave the site.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Young Pegasus. The venue for the 2017 Young Pegasus Awards Ceremony has been changed due to a scheduling conflict at the Hermann Sons Grand Lodge. This year's ceremony will be held at the Jo Long Theatre, Carver Cultural Community Center at 226 N. Hackberry. The 2017 Anthology will be dedicated to the memory of John Igo who served on the Young Pegasus judging panel from 1995 through 1999 and was a well-respected member of San Antonio's Literary Community. The 2017 Anthology contains 58 poems from 45 young poets.

On March 30, Children's Coordinator Viki Ash attended VIA's "Poetry in Motion" event. During the month of April, VIA features short poems on its internal bus cards allowing bus riders to participate in National Poetry Month during their commutes. VIA hosts an adult poetry competition for these bus cards with SAPL providing an additional ten poems selected from the previous year's Young Pegasus Anthology. Several of the 2016 Young Pegasus poets were in attendance and had the opportunity to read their poems to the assembled group of poetry lovers.



Mayor's Summer Reading. Since 2012, SAPL has used Evanced Summer Reader software to manage summer reading. Changes in the Evanced system along with an expiration of the contractual agreement led the library to investigate other options for Summer Reading management software. With the help of ITSD, Purchasing and SAPL's own Digital Services Department, a new vendor has been selected with City Council approval now pending. Provided all goes well with that approval, SAPL will work with ReadSquared to manage registration, provide on-line reading logs and track completion. Viki Ash will work closely with ReadSquared staff as well as COSA technology staff to make sure the system is in place and fully functional in time for SAPL's Summer Reading Kickoff on June 1.



Professional Development. Dr. Sara Sherwood provided a valuable workshop to SAPL's children's staff on Thursday, April 13 during the monthly children's meeting. Dr Sherwood is an Associate Professor in the Education Department of Trinity University. She shared her extensive knowledge of how children learn to read providing a wonderful mix of reinforcement for what children's staff members are already doing along with new strategies for assisting young readers and their parents.



Children's Librarian Vacancies. Although considerable time and effort have been expended, SAPL continues to carry three vacant children's librarian positions. Numerous interviews have taken place, promising candidates have been identified and job offers have been made. Unfortunately, the positions remain unfilled. The posting for Librarian II, Children's Services will remain open through the upcoming Texas Library Association Conference in hopes of further expanding the applicant pool. The goal is to fill the positions this spring in anticipation of the busy summer months ahead. Many thanks to Carolyn Bradley, Ana Menchaca and Patricia Perez who provide children's programs while these vacancies continue.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Off-Site Service. In his efforts to continue planning and preparing for the third annual Teen Arts Fest coming up in May, Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) performed several outreach visits to schools and youth-serving organizations in the community. J.D. visited the Southwest School of Art where he addressed teacher Katie Pell's teen art classes. He also spoke to local artist Alex Rubio's students in the Blue Star MOSAIC student artist program. J.D. visited teacher Terry Ybanez's art classes at Brackenridge High School and spoke to students in the school library at both Brackenridge and St. Anthony High Schools. He also spoke with visual art, film and creative writing students at Northeast School for the Arts (NESA), and addressed all the teen students at Say Sí in a large round up circle in the gallery. Library Assistant Ciana Flores (Teen Library @ Central) performed several outreach visits with J.D. to promote local art sponsorship for Teen Arts Fest as well.

Building on a partnership begun by Westfall Library, Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor will be working closely with the Jefferson High School librarian and her book club. The goal is to create excitement surrounding the San Antonio Book Festival, and to create a more direct engagement with their initiative, Geektown.



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 with a group of teens who participated in an exercise in honor of National Poetry Month, reading poetry and then challenging the students to compose their own poem. 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.



Adam continued the relationship forged with Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center, and visited 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. Recently Adam has helped create a space for positive debate and open reflection, bringing in current events from sports, the arts, and social justice in order to imagine a brighter path for their life once they leave.



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 teens chose the book *After Tupac & D Foster*, a book about the issues facing young black girls in the mid-90s NYC ghetto. Over the course of the book club, the teens

demonstrated openness and a thoughtful attention to dialogue that progressed their ideas. Sharing stories from their personal lives, as inspired by the book's lessons and the words of Tupac, the teens learned a great deal about one another and ways to transform their fears and tendencies into positive life choices upon exiting the program. They will soon receive their library cards and visit the Central Library to conclude the club's first full run.



System-wide Support. Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor continued his work in supporting the Memorial Library Teen Time. He 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, wherein the teens and Adam bonded, that persisted throughout the course of their interaction.



Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) assisted the SAPL book cart drill team for ALA by recording Circulation Attendant Gina Peachey (Central Library) in the Teen Library recording studio, performing a literary themed version of Lady Gaga's *Born this Way*, with lyrics rewritten by Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes.



San Antonio Food Bank. As a requirement of the Kids Café afterschool snack program, a Teen Library staff member must attend a monthly nutrition lesson at the Food Bank and provide at least one nutrition lesson for the teens per month. Library Assistant Regina Almanza attends the lessons and incorporates what she learns into her weekly teen library programming on Thursdays.



Mini Maker Faire. Teen Services Librarian II Caroline Mossing (Brook Hollow Library) and Marketing Specialist Regina Villalobos-Perez, with assistance from community partners including the DoSeum and local makers Mark Barnett and Mike Perez, developed, planned and presented the Library's annual Mini Maker Faire at the Central Library. The event was a great success, with over 1,200 people attending. Makers came from various academic concentrations, from arts to engineering to music, and even soap-making. The age range of makers was particularly impressive this year – elementary school makers demonstrated structure play, several high school robotics teams showed off their creations, and college-aged and older experts and hobbyists shared their projects.



Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor helped to share information about Teen Services with teens and families at the Mini Maker Faire, while distributing free teen fiction books to those who were interested. Teen Services Librarians Marisa DeBow (Parman), Meg Coker (Tobin), Megan Stanley (Westfall), and Library Assistant Rebekah Corley (Landa) provided invaluable assistance on the day of the event; coordinating volunteers, assisting makers, and making the event a success. Central Circulation Attendant Guadalupe Salinas and Semmes Manager Jamie Flowers also helped with a minor cash register crisis. The event was certainly a team effort!



San Antonio Book Festival. In support of this city-wide endeavor, Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor supported his fellow Teen Services staff at manning a table in front of the VROOM van outside where information was shared with hundreds of teens and families throughout the course of the day. Teen Services also hosted an Open Mic Poetry Slam, presenting a vast array of library books filled with poetry for teens to read out loud, and also an art space for teens to write their own poems. The activity produced a strong level of engagement with Teen Services, and certainly won over dozens of teens to take part in the life of the library.



Inside the Central Library, the Teen Library partnered with Barrio Writers, a writing workshop for teens ages 13-18. The workshop was hosted by writer and Barrio Writers Program Director Leticia Urieta, and it is aimed at empowering teens through creative writing, higher education, and cultural arts. In

addition, a group of students from Taft High School attended the Book Festival and visited the Teen Library for several hours, using the computers and craft materials.



Teen Arts Fest. 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.



Professional Development. The Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons met for their regularly scheduled meeting in the Teen Library @ Central on April 12. Teen Summer Program materials were distributed and Project WORTH staff provided a training session for the group on Dream SA and how to help teens build developmental assets.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Jan Jarboe Russell, author of the Mayor's Book Club Spring selection *The Train to Crystal City*, spoke to an audience at the Central Library on March 16th. The presentation was also live streamed by NowCastSA and is archived at nowcastsa.com. The audience was very engaged in the program, asking many questions at the end of Ms. Jarboe's talk. Barnes & Noble was on hand to sell copies of the book, and audience members enjoyed meeting Ms. Jarboe and having her sign their copies after the program. Many other programs were held throughout the Library system surrounding this thought-provoking work by a San Antonio author.



The 5th annual Texas Women of Influence panel discussion took place at the Central Library in honor of Women's History Month. Panelists included Janet Grojean, VP for Development with Texas Public Library, Veronica Esparza, owner of Absolutely Delicious Catering, Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, CEO of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, and Tracy Watts, Partner at The MightyGroup. The moderator, Iris Dimmick, Managing Editor of the Rivard Report, asked the group questions about their experiences in their respective fields as women. Catering was provided by Veronica Esparza, which was a great touch to the evening.



Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes attended the Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, VA at the end of March. She came back with many new ideas and is looking forward to implementing them. She also attended the Urban Librarian Conference held at the Brooklyn Public Library in May where she presented a conference session titled, “Zombies, ComicCon, and Tattoos: Bringing Pop to the Library”. Session attendees were very impressed with all of the great pop culture programming the San Antonio Public Library is doing and were inspired to take many of the ideas to their library systems.



An innovative upcoming gallery exhibit at the Central Library is receiving a lot of attention. *Project Runway* participant and San Antonio resident Anthony Ryan Auld will be unveiling garments inspired by four San Antonio artists whose works will also be exhibited. To advertise the event, Ms. Holmes visited Anthony Ryan at his shop in the Stone Oak area and created a short video which was posted to SAPL’s Facebook page.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN’S



Early Childhood Programming. Spring ushered in engaging *Toddler Time* and *Play & Learn* programs led by Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin. She highlighted insects and presented an array of bug puppets, toys, and science specimens for children to examine after stories and rhymes. Lambs made for a cozy theme, when Ms. Seglin read bedtime stories and presented sensory experiences of soft cotton ball “sheep” and real wool sweaters, and bedtime imaginative play of tucking baby dolls into bed. The homey theme continued with programs focused on clothes and dressing up. Toddlers delighted in the overflowing dress up box full of hats and costumes, and parents enjoyed teaching their young children how to wash clothes in the “laundry room,” complete with a cardboard box washing machine and clothesline. Ms. Seglin also presented the system-wide *Brown Bear, Brown Bear Play & Learn* programming initiative to families at Central. In addition to the learning activities that made up the programming kit, Ms. Seglin added some of her own imaginative ideas such as cinnamon-scented play dough and leading the group in singing “Happy Birthday” to Brown Bear.



Ms. Seglin continued to bring her innovative ideas to early childhood programming this month when she initiated a *Play & Learn* and *Toddler Time* mailing list and parenting information area. Each week, she displayed a variety of books and information brochures about a diverse array of parenting topics in a dedicated area in the Story Room. There she also set up an email signup sheet and began sending weekly newsletters highlighting upcoming story time themes, special event information, and book recommendations. This new service for parents has gotten rave reviews and the books she recommended have been flying off the shelves.



Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez planned and presented a musical themed *Play & Learn*. She read stories that introduced children to orchestra instruments, and led the group in raucous music making as toddlers played an array of instruments, from drums and cymbals to guiros and bells. Families worked together to fill oversized sheet music with colorful paper notes, in a collaborative mural of Ms. Fernandez’s design. Manager Kate Simpson presented the music theme during *Toddler Time*, incorporating bilingual songs and a delightfully messy shaving cream and paint sensory activity.



Family Programming. Ms. Simpson presented spring-themed programs for all ages in April during *Family Fun*. Children recreated the vibrant, flowering meadows from storybooks using brightly colored tissue paper to make collages. Afterwards, they engaged in gardening imaginative play with silk

flowers and oversized insect toys. April Fool's Day was celebrated with trickster tales and a mask making activity. Once they donned their masks and various hats and capes from the dress up box, children became unrecognizable! These disguises made for many photos, to the delight of parents. Ms. Seglin organized a STEM focused *Family Fun* in conjunction with the *Mini Maker Faire* at Central Library. Children were given engineering challenges and built LEGO and DUPLO structures after listening to construction-themed stories. Spring *Family Fun* programs capped off with an examination of eggs in the animal world. Ms. Simpson read stories about hatching babies of all kinds – chicks, alligators, and even dinosaurs. She then led the group in a scientific investigation of chicken eggs, as they made observations and conjectures about raw, cooked, and cascarón eggs!



System-wide Contributions. Central Children's Department staff participated in the San Antonio Public Library booth at the *San Antonio Book Festival* in April. They shared information about library services and programs with thousands of people who stopped by to take a picture using photo props, color the collaborative mandala, or spin the prize wheel for library treats. The Children's Department was also excited to have two author venues on the third floor. The increased traffic garnered by these events allowed staff to share the range of educational opportunities available in the children's area, encouraging many people to return with their families.

TEENS



Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant). During the reporting period, J.D. facilitated Eclectic Electric music programming. Teens continue to record their music in the studio and there has been an increasing number of teens using the studio for school-related projects.



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.



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). With celebration, creative expression, teamwork, craft, and skill, teens made Thursday nights at Teen Library a place where they could let their teen selves shine. One teen starring in his new role as new Teen Library volunteer suggested making something special for St. Patrick's Day: rainbow Jell-O. While the end result varied from the pictured recipe, teens were able to change course and their results looked (and tasted) just as good. Afterwards, continuing with new crafts in celebration of National Craft Month, teens used some major hand-eye coordination to practice making wire sculptures. Using 20 gauge colored craft wire and jewelry pliers, teens created mini-items. Another new craft introduced in March was quilling. This craft found teens using thin strips of paper they rolled, shaped, and glued together to create a scene or figure. Fulfilling a nutritional requirement set by the Food Bank, teens tried a recipe culled from the Internet to recreate the Wendy's Frosty dessert. While the Internet lied, teens took turns creating healthier versions of a frosty, chocolatey dessert using banana, cocoa powder, and almond milk to greatly reduce unnecessary calories from sugar and fillers often found in fast food items. The last new craft introduced in March was a DIY concrete magnet session which teens did not even get to, as it followed a mini-cooking session featuring the teen suggested and crowd favorite, Nutella. Teens rolled out a slice of bread, spread some Nutella on it, placed bananas on top, toasted in the electric skillet, and then sprinkled it with some confectioner's sugar. To start April, one teen requested a previous Thursday night program that he participated in when Teen Library was still on the first floor. Remembering the time spent down there reminded him of the time

he once made funnel cakes in a library. So, with a nod to the past, teens made the batter, put it in bottles, and drizzled the mix in hot oil. Another teen who takes culinary classes at his high school took the lead in teaching others the finesse of turning an item while it is in hot oil. Each funnel cake was quite cute. With the upcoming Easter holiday, one teen was inspired to make something she found online called “pretzel bunny butts,” presenting staff with the instructions and ingredients list. It was a moment that can make staff realize the spirit of the Teen Library, and the comfort and familiarity that teens appreciate enough to take the lead in programming they want to attend. Afterwards, teens used cotton balls, hairspray and glue to create fluffy bunnies. Thursday nights have also become movie nights as well. Teens stayed and watched movies and also, after Thursday programs have concluded, in a non-competitive environment, teens played video games. Pictures from Thursday programs as well as other Teen Library and system-wide programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>. Some nights, photos and mini-videos are also posted to Teen Library’s Instagram account: <https://instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



Tours and Groups. During the week of March 13-17, groups of students from Travis Early College reserved space in the Teen Library to study and do research. On March 28, 100 students from Kipp University Prep High School visited the Teen Library for tours and catalog/database instruction to do their research. The Kipp UPrep groups returned on March 30 to continue their homework research. On March 31, a group of students from Montessori School of San Antonio visited the Teen Library to receive library cards and use the computers for research. Also on March 31, a group of seniors from the Kipp UPrep yearbook class used computers and reserved the area for lunch.



Several 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



On March 18, Lily Perez facilitated a SCORE Workshop titled “Efficient Digital Marketing.” This digital marketing training was designed to take advantage of the fact that 82 percent of smartphone users utilize search engines to find a local business. Attendees learned how to reach more local consumers online and how to influence customer buying decisions.



Reference staff Pannaga Prasad and Rhonda Woolhouse from Tobin @ Oakwell organized a program entitled “Henna Tattoos” presented at the Tobin @ Oakwell Branch on March 18. Attendees enjoyed the presentation; out of thirty people, twenty-two got tattoos!



On March 22, Reference Manager Ashlee Chavez delivered a presentation to the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Chavez spoke about library services that are useful to small businesses and to business owners. These services include two important electronic resources that can be accessed for free with a San Antonio Public Library card. After the presentation, several members asked for further information on using the Reference USA database. One hotel marketing professional requested the Library provide this presentation at a regional conference. A similar presentation was delivered by Librarian Gamini Haluwana on March 14 in cooperation with Lift fund and Launch SA. Mr. Haluwana’s presentation focused on doing community demographic and market research for competing small businesses.



Ms. Perez and Bettina Hernandez represented the Library at the Hemisfair New Streets Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 22. The Ceremony celebrated the end of construction on the new streets at Hemisfair.



Ms. Perez and Ms. Hernandez hosted a new film series “Thursday Lights, Camera, Action!” on March 30 and April 13. Attendees received small bags of popcorn to enjoy during the movie on March 30 and, at both presentations, received information on the Library’s film resources, including how to access the Overdrive video collection.



“Don’t Be An April Fool: Learn How to Spot Fake News”, a program presented by Cynthia de Leon and Sara Severn on April 1 (April Fool’s Day) was a great success. Attendees were engaged and participated fully in all hands-on activities. Topics included learning how to spot news hoaxes and how to determine the veracity of breaking news stories. A lively discussion followed the presentation.



From April 3 – 6, Ms. Perez attended the 39th Annual PTRC (Patent and Trademark Resource Center) Conference in Alexandria, VA. The conference was very informative with keynote speakers who discussed topics such as the “Basics of IP Protections”; “Common Grounds of Refusal of Patent Applications”; and “Trademark Applications Forms & Process”.



Ms. Prasad offered “Prep Yourself to Score High on the College Admission Test” on April 9. Attendees were introduced to online practice tests for the ACT and SAT available from the Learning Express database.



Cristine Mitchamore hosted the Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book group on April 12. There was vigorous debate among participants on the value of fantasy as opposed to more realistic works. However, participants did agree that the selection, “The Way of Kings” by Brandon Sanderson, required quite a time commitment.

TEXANA/GENEALOGY



On March 19 and April 9, Sylvia Reyna led a group through downtown on the “Central Within Reach: River Walk History Tour”. This very popular tour examines the history and architecture of notable buildings visible from the river as you leave the Central Library and walk towards the Kampmann Library Portal on W. Market Street.



In observance of Women’s History Month, Texana hosted a genealogy class on Sunday, March 26, entitled “Her Story: Finding Your Female Ancestors”. Led by staff member Deborah Countess, the program examined resources and strategies for uncovering these often hidden branches of our family tree.



In preparation for Fiesta 2017, Ms. Reyna curated a Fiesta Medal display in Texana’s main display case showing off select medals from SAPL’s collection. On April 9, in conjunction with the display, Ms. Reyna invited Ret. Lt. Col. Leon Childers, the head of FiestaMedals.com, to talk about the history behind San Antonio’s medal madness.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The sound of classical music filled the air at the Bazan branch when Mr. Eric Gratz, San Antonio Symphony violinist, visited and played for children and adults on March 25. The performance was very much enjoyed by all in attendance. Children’s Librarian Hope Sonnen continued outreach book clubs at

several local elementary schools and also visited early childhood agencies to share stories and books. On April 12, Ms. Sonnen attended the Ogden Elementary School Family Literacy Night where she spoke to parents and children about Bazan programs and other library services.



Tweens at Bazan enjoyed working on a Fiesta shoe box float for entry in the system-wide contest. Library Assistant and Tween Time facilitator Enedina Prater reported that the opportunity to work together on the project helped teach cooperation which was beneficial for the group. The tweens also enjoyed having upcycling as a focus of their programming which has imparted to them the value of making good use of limited resources.



Cesar Chavez Day was celebrated at the Bazan branch by showing the 2014 biopic relating his life story. A book selection documenting his work as a labor leader and civil rights activist was also displayed along with coloring pages portraying Chavez for young customers.



A new program called Chess Hour started at Bazan in April. The program, which welcomes players of all ages and skill levels, will meet every Saturday and is being led by high school senior and library volunteer Anthony Garriga.



Training Officer Emily Flores participated in the Lanier High School Barrio Network Meeting on March 23 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. The organization works to strengthen neighborhood and community bonds and integrate and promote services on the West Side.



On April 2, Mrs. Flores participated in El Bari Community Health Fair at the Muslim Children Education and Civic Center. The El Bari Community Health Center is a free, mosque-based health clinic that serves all members of the San Antonio community. The event had a turnout of more than 500 people, including the Mayor and City Councilperson, despite the rainy weather.

BROOK HOLLOW



On Tuesday, March 14 and Tuesday April 11, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera visited the Heimer Rd. KinderCare for her monthly outreach visits. She presented story times for two prekindergarten classrooms and delivered curriculum-supporting books to four classrooms.



On Tuesday, March 21, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera presented the first of her monthly STEM story times. The math skill that the group focused on was one-to-one correspondence. Children had an opportunity after the program to explore several math-based activities with their caregivers. The program was well-attended and well-received by the community.



On Tuesday, April 4, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera presented a Play and Learn program in honor of the 50th anniversary of Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle's book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*.



On April 12, 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.



During the reporting period, teens at Brook Hollow learned new skills and chose activities for their peers to try. Teens bonded over games, navigating challenging scenarios in video games and

creating narratives to accompany their game of Gloom. To celebrate National Poetry Month, teens used pages from damaged books to create their own blackout poetry, which they shared with each other and then left behind to decorate the branch's teen area. The most popular program this reporting period was sushi-making. Teens learned new cooking skills and created delicious (and healthy) fruit and veggie rolls. Some teens chose to consume their creations during program time, but most chose to take at least part of their roll home with them to show off their sushi-rolling prowess.



On April 8, The Brook Hollow Friends held a birthday party to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the group's founding. At the party, library patrons enjoyed meeting the Brook Hollow Friends and learning more about their work to support the library.

CARVER



The Friends of Carver Library and the branch celebrated the launch of Carolyn Orange's new book *What Would My Class Look like if I believed in Myself More?* Forty guests attended. Strong traffic was attracted by the Friends' two-day spring book sale, held March 31 and April 1, 2017. President Shirley Coleman said sales were very good.



Carver Manager DL Grant, Jr. represented the branch at the 6th Annual Pride of the East Side Block Party, April 1 at Sam Houston High School. He connected with dozens of families promoting SAPL services and getting the word out about activities at Learn Centers.



Assistant Manager Monty Holcomb hosted four chess events, continued the Mayor's Book Club group at the District 2 Senior Center, and facilitated four book club meetings. Mr. Holcomb also hosted four regular Teen Time events with the Wii. In addition to the usual Wii games, a special teen program was coordinated with the East SA Teen club in which the teens were encouraged by mentors to think about their future and to do well in school. Mr. Holcomb also met with a representative with the Family Service Association to begin arranging to have several teen volunteers work with Carver during the summer.



During spring break, Children's Librarian Jodi Miller welcomed Blaine Eaton of the South Texas Herpetology Association to the branch. Mr. Eaton offered children a lecture on the snakes of Texas. Also that week, percussionist T-Bow Gonzales performed a drum concert.

CODY



The Tween group had many opportunities to have fun learning experiences during this reporting period. Tweens competed in a Saint Patrick's Day Trivia contest on March 13. Tweens displayed their knowledge of the holiday's history and Irish culture during the game.



The *Tween STEM Club* met for a program on "Coding a Lego Maze". Tweens learned some of the fundamental concepts of computer coding as they created a maze out of Lego pieces and then created the right sequence and type of code to get a Lego character to traverse their maze. Once they were done creating the code, tweens chose a friend to follow their code and see if it would get the Lego character through the maze.



On April 3, tweens also learned some important STEM skills as they baked and decorated Easter Egg Cake pops. Tweens read and followed the directions, measured the ingredients using the appropriate tools, and worked together to complete the task.



Tweens celebrated National Poetry Month on April 10. During the program the tweens made Edible Teacups and read some of their favorite children's poems while they ate. Tweens also completed "Poetry Mad Libs" and had a "Silly Haiku Contest".



Librarian Kristin Yourdon had the opportunity to connect with various preschool groups in the area during this reporting period. Kristin read to the children during a visit to the Chabad Center's Gan Gani Preschool on March 21, and held a story time for the Islamic Center Preschool on March 29 and the Country Home Learning Center Preschool group on April 5 at the library.



A couple of *Come & Go Craft* programs were held during this reporting period. On March 16, children made pom-pom rainbows and paper chain rainbows during a Saint Patrick's Day craft program. On April 11, children decorated eggs with paint, markers, and stickers during an Easter craft program.



The *Middle Reader* and the *Beginner Reader* clubs met this reporting period. The children in the clubs read together, reinforced some skills as they played sight word games, and made some word matching crafts.



Children celebrated the 50th anniversary of the *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See* book during a *Play and Learn* program on March 31. This well-attended program helped children reinforce fine and gross motor skills, as well as reinforced their knowledge of colors, matching, sorting, and working together. Parents and children had a great time playing and learning together!



The *Lego Club* met on March 28, and children worked in teams to create a Lego scene of their dream park.



Families got together on April 6 for a Poetry Month *Family Fun* program. Kristin designed games, crafts, and activities to go along with six different poems. A favorite activity of the group was making rain sticks based on the Langston Hughes poem "April Rain Song". Children used their rain sticks to make the sound of rain as the "April Rain Song" poem was read.



During spring break, Cody Teens held a Pixel Art program on March 14 in the teen area of the library. Pixel Art is an easy and creative way for teens to take ownership of their library by displaying the art they created.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens to create and develop afterschool teen programs once a week that interest and engage teens. Cody Teens were interested in creative cooking and also helped develop a variety of arts and crafts activities for teen programs. On March 21, teens had the opportunity to experiment with a recipe for a fast and easy cheesecake dessert, make comic book magnets, and compete against other teens playing video games.



Teens celebrated National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day and learned to make grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwiches during a *Creative Cooking* program on March 28. *Creative Cooking* empowers teens to learn a new skill, experiment with food, and have fun with cooking.



On April 4, Cody Teens held a *Poe Poetry and Pancakes* program to observe National Poetry Month. Teens had the opportunity to make Poe Poetry magnets using quotes from Edgar Allan Poe poetry. Teens also experimented with a new recipe to make funfetti pancakes to celebrate.



On March 15, Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana attended the monthly meeting of the book club at Adante Senior Living, where the group discussed *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.



On March 26, *Thinnai: Tamil Language Book Club* had its inaugural meeting at Cody. Members of the Tamil-speaking community of San Antonio had approached Adam about hosting a regular book club and he was eager to accommodate them. The group will meet monthly on the last Sunday of every month.



On March 27, work began on replacing the roof of the Cody Library. The project is anticipated to last one month.



New library aide Mari Castellano started work at Cody on March 27.



All of the public PCs and most of the staff PCs were upgraded on April 6.

COLLINS GARDEN



The entire Collins Garden Library Team successfully increased circulation in March by 7.7 percentage points above the targeted goal of 6,740, resulting in 7,262 circulated library materials. The increase is attributed to children's and community outreach efforts, staff material recommendations, and topic displays at the branch level.



Adult Programming. Collins Garden Library hosted a basic photography class featuring Macro photography. The Instructor Jaime Garcia, a professional photographer and educator, led the discussion and demonstrated photography techniques using backgrounds, filters, and other effects for use with a mobile phone or a digital camera.



Coffee and a Movie is increasingly popular as community citizens enjoy a featured movie once a month from the Golden Age of Mexican Cinema. Members of the Las Palmas Library Book Club attend regularly. Attendance is approximately 12 people each week.



Family Programming. Collins Garden Library marked Cesar Chavez Day with a Cesar Chavez Movie and a poetry event featuring Voces Cosmicas, while children made paper craft baskets of colorful fruits and vegetables.



Two chess sets in the library's public areas are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves. An average of 10 players uses the sets daily.



The library had a nice turnout for the Symphony at SAPL program on April 1. Steve Zeserman spoke thoughtfully about fine art and how it enriches individuals and communities. Zeserman let members of the audience play his double bass. Families from the community and from other areas of San Antonio attended the program. Fifteen children and 13 adults attended.



Children's Programming. Collins Garden Library Children's Librarian Ms. Gina Brudi presented Family Fun, Lego Club, and outreach to area literacy centers Knox Early Literacy Center and Kelly Field Development Center.



Brown Bear, Brown Bear Play & Learn March 14 was a success at Collins Garden Library with 25 children and 14 adults attending. A three-year-old brought her own copy of *Brown, Bear, Brown Bear*. Brudi set-up a variety of stations to help pre-school children improve their motor skills and the kids loved it! Kudos to Gina for a great idea and coordinating with a neighborhood daycare that brought a van load of young students.



Mary Valdez and her Golden retriever Foxie continue to help kids become comfortable with reading. Valdez's bi-weekly visits attract an average of 20 people. In addition, Collins Garden Library hosted a Spring Break movie for teens and children. Thirty people attended.



Teens. Tuesday Teen Times hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera is holding steady, averaging 7-10 teens a week who make crafts, explore video gaming, and enjoy movies. Teens created a Fiesta Shoebox Float and added live music!



Collins Garden Library acknowledged St. Patrick's Day inside and outside the branch with a Luck of the Irish Friends book sale at Viva Vegeria restaurant. They also celebrated April's National Library Week and National Poetry Month by offering patrons poems, displays and library discussions.



Branch Manager Jeannette Davies continues to work with the Friends of Collins Garden Library to purchase items for the branch via the Friends Spending Plan. This includes contracts and preparations for Summer Reading Program performers. The Friends scheduled a Cinco De Mayo event, and a Used Book Sale in October 2017.



Branch Manager Jeannette Davies attended the Adult Programming Meeting at Central Library in March, the Branch Manager's Meeting at Great Northwest in April, and is participating in the SAPL/TLA Book Cart Drill Team. She plans to attend TLA's April conference. Ms. Davies is serving in the capacity of TLA District 10 Chair-Elect. She also attended the San Antonio Book Festival with guests from Las Vegas, who were impressed with the festival, especially the Cooking Tent with demos, chefs, and cookbooks.



The Branch Manager also worked on training/reviewing LIC procedures with the Children's Librarian and Library Assistant including emergency protocol, safe inventory, and an evacuation drill.



The Children's librarian is working on ordering new books from Collection Development; eliminating duplication. Circulation staff also created a Fiesta display.



Staff is engaging with patrons for future programming ideas. Two elementary school girls watching *Cake Boss* expressed interest in baking a large Halloween cake and hosting a party with games. A Local chef and the neighborhood H-E-B expressed interest in participating.



The Branch Manager continues to work with SAPL/City Facilities and a contractor to resolve lingering building issues.



Collins Garden Library Team is working together, in partnership with PSA Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, to identify library branch Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT). The next step is to identify, discuss, and develop plan of action to address.



The team is also working on enforcing library rules for students. Staff is in talks to form a Tween Group through a partnership with the neighborhood community church and H-E-B.



The Branch Manager is also coordinating a visit with SAPL Board of Trustee representing District 5.

CORTEZ



Book Club anyone? Cammie is surveying patrons to learn if there is interest in forming a book club.



The SAPL Fiesta Shoebox Float competition is alive and well at Cortez! Three of the program groups took the challenge – the Tweens, the COAST group and the Adult Coloring Group. Our local Friends will decide which float to submit to the system -wide challenge.



On April 3, the Cortez Team celebrated National Rainbow Day by wearing bright colors and posing for a picture with the Reading Rainbow as a background. Staff took advantage of an additional team-building event by creating Fiesta medals from crafts leftover from a public event.



Story Time continues on Mondays at 10 a.m. Five sessions were held during the reporting period with themes such as St. Patrick's Day, spring stories, a celebration of colors, rainbows (for National Rainbow Day) and a fun day of animal stories. Attendance has waned but this seems to be offset by higher attendance in other programs. Sixteen children and 10 adults attended.



Baby Time follows the Story Time program on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. Five sessions have been held with a program of rhymes, rhythm instruments, songs, and time for books and playing with blocks. Twenty eight babies and 28 parents and caregivers attended.



Family Fun sessions are usually held on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Five Monday sessions were offered during the reporting period as well as two special sessions during Spring Break. Sessions included LEGO play, playdough play, games and puzzles as well as story sessions on the spring holidays and craft activities. Attendance was 51 children and 14 adults.



Tween Time has the regular Wednesday at 4 p.m. slot at Cortez. Video games are always on offer and a craft or cooking activity has proven to be popular as well. Tweens took a week off for spring break and came back to a game of passing objects to the left and right according to a story and helping to make an entry for the SAPL Fiesta Shoebox Float. National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day was celebrated with a tasty treat! Five sessions were held with attendance at 18.



Come and Go Crafts is usually offered on Saturdays from 2 – 4 p.m., but during this reporting period one more session was offered on a Friday during spring break. This passive program has been offered 6 times during the reporting period. Cortez is thankful to have Marisa and Emily as volunteer helpers on

Saturdays to help oversee the activity. Thirty three children and six 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.



Mini Movie Day is an animated movie day for young children and their families. *My neighbor Totoro* was enjoyed by five children and three adults.



Kathy Armbruster attended an outreach visit at Kindred Elementary School on March 22. She offered SAPL branch maps, LEARN Center information, Learning Express bookmarks and Homework Help flyers to Kindred Elementary students and their families.



Accompanying Crescencia Huff of Little Read Wagon, Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster spoke with neighborhood families about programs at Cortez at DePaul Children's Center on March 28. Branch calendars, bookmarks and branch location maps were available to all.



Kathy recorded Dial-a-Story for SAPL on April 10.



The Teen program met four times during this reporting period with an attendance of 84. The teens enjoyed video games, board games, and just having a place to hang out with their classmates. Lately, the teens have taken interest in playing a card game called "Cards against Humanity" which seems to bring them a lot fun. Each week the teen program has new visitors. Some teens come to see what it's all about, while others tend to keep coming back.



The Adult Coloring and Cortez Writers' groups continue to engage small but lively group meetings. The adult coloring group hosted a total of 20 enthusiastic people and the writers' group brought in the stories of six hopeful novelists over the course of three meetings. The adult coloring group took on the SAPL challenge of creating a Fiesta Shoebox Float for consideration in our in-house competition!

ENCINO



Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver is enthusiastically building an audience for First Friday Art, where children ages 8-12 enjoyed art projects such as ink printing and watercolor tissue paper shadow boxes. Nicki has also seen attendance increase at Baby Time and Toddler Time, and both Story Time programs have steady groups of followers. Flannel Fridays, a preschool program added by Librarian Ashley Stubbs, is gaining popularity on Friday mornings.



While most adult programming at Encino has taken a pause until a new Adult Services Librarian joins the team, Branch Manager Keri Moczygemba has continued the Encino Hand Bee. Numbers have certainly grown for the Hand Bee, with up to 17 adults working in collaboration or individually on projects on Wednesday afternoons. Keri also partnered with local Paleo Nutritionist and Natural Health Practitioner Beverly Meyer to host a series of health talks from April – June. The first in the series, The Gluten Free Paleo Diet, was held on April 10. Attendees received information about dietary guidelines,

the gluten-free lifestyle, and how to make paleo meal choices. The next in the series is Good Fats for Weight and Energy on May 8 at 6:30 p.m.



Encino's librarians are sharing library resources with the community. Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver hosts bi-monthly storytimes at Country Kids Academy and Primrose Stone Oak. Each visit includes stories, songs, and fingerplays for multiple preschool classrooms. Branch Manager Keri Moczygemba represented SAPL at the NEISD Stronger Together Wellness Fair, where she interacted with over 100 children, parents, and educators. The outreach resulted in invitations to two future school events as well as a request for classroom presentations about summer reading. As a testament to the positive reinforcement of attending community events, many families stopped by just to voice their love of the library and support for future endeavors.



Encino's Collaborate space has seen increased use over the past month with 45 separate reservations during the reporting period. Use of the space includes distance tutoring in advanced mathematics, HOA Board Meetings, group projects, interviews via Skype, college admissions meetings via Skype, and entrepreneur-client meetings. Approximately half of the reservations included use of the collaborative technology in the space. The Create space has been transformed into a Quiet Space to meet community needs for a tranquil space. Up to six people can simultaneously use the space for uninterrupted studying, job searching, and reading, and the change has received rave reviews from patrons.



The Friends of Encino held their quarterly meeting on April 9. Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver attended and updated the Friends on happenings with the branch and summer reading plans. The entire Encino team was treated to a pizza luncheon treat in honor of National Library Workers day on April 11.



Encino teens have had an entertaining start to their spring with new projects, snacks, and things to do. Both Anime Club on Monday nights and Teen Club on Wednesday nights have seen growth in their numbers with new teens coming to join in the fun.



Anime club continues its exploration into the world of Anime with new shows and special treats from Japan. Julia Pouliot, Encino's teen librarian, made it a point to visit an Asian Grocery during her travels in order to bring back Japanese candy for the teens to try. Anime club has also seen teens stepping up to make suggestions on what we should watch, giving elevator speeches for their top anime picks, and working as a group to make the final decisions on our weekly Anime viewing.



Wednesday's teen club has had higher attendance over the past month, with teens coming to hang out after school and socialize in the teen room. Teens have bonded over the music in the movie *Moana*, laughed as they watched their shrink dink creations shrink in the toaster oven, and played lots of board and card games brought in from their own collections.



Teen club featured one special edition program this month as we participated in the Fiesta @ Your Library program and made a fiesta float. A group effort resulted in an awesome space themed float covered in sparkles and dotted with different planets from our solar system.



Finally, Encino teens had the privilege over the past two meetings of Teen Club to use the Teen Services Oculus Rift system. As the beta testers for the branch roll out of this engaging piece of technology, teens have been giving their feedback on the different ways to use the virtual reality headset and what applications we should be using to support it. We have had so much fun getting to watch our fellow teens use the device as we project its view onto the Mondopad for all to see. The Teens at Encino and Julia want to thank Jennifer Velasquez and Teen Services for letting us use the Oculus Rift!

FOREST HILLS



A robust schedule of activities kept children busy at Forest Hills. On March 13, Ronald McDonald visited the library to encourage children to read. Lego Club met every other week. Children and their parents had a fun time creating designs with Lego blocks. Their creations are on display for all to see in the Children's Area. Weekly Story Time continues to be a popular offering with the preschool crowd. Children's Librarian Gladis Martinez makes unique connections with the children and their parents, teaching new songs and activities on a regular basis. Currently the program rotates a Bilingual story time every other week.



The Mobile Mercado visited the branch on March 30. Patrons enjoy the access to fresh fruits and vegetables. This month the mobile grocery van brought fresh oranges, broccoli, and other food staples. The onboard chef prepared samples of salad to share. Also on March 30, the branch celebrated Cesar Chavez's birthday with a birthday cake prepared by the staff of San Antonio Food Bank.



The Chic Chat Club met on March 16 for their weekly craft club. The March craft was a repurposed Altoid tin which was covered in washi tape and sealed with Krylon. The participants enjoyed making this craft and planning how they would use their boxes. Some uses include a travel sewing kit, or a first aid kit. The Mah Jong Group continues to meet on Monday afternoons. The group has grown as new participants have learned how to play.



VITA wrapped up their annual tax preparation service on April 15. The service was extremely popular and kept the branch full on a regular basis. The VITA program brings so many new faces into the library. Staff is hopeful that these new faces will become regulars as they were able to experience what the library has to offer during their visit.

GREAT NORTHWEST



This month, children and their caregivers enjoyed hunting for treat-filled eggs during the Great Northwest Library Egg Hunt on April 12. The ABC Club reached the end of the alphabet this month and the Toddler Two Animal Tails program continues to explore different animals as well as work on their matching skills.



Sometimes, special things happen. There were a couple of families at Great Northwest Library this month who shared their stories. One mother told staff that a year ago, her then two-year old son was not responding to people. She had heard that this library programs might help encourage him to engage with others. He recently began speaking to library staff and has started participating in the programs. They look forward to their library time and visit several times a week. Another story is about a boy and his dad, shared by his grandmother. The boy and his father started coming to Story Time last September and they really enjoyed the time together. The father had to leave for a work trip and planned for his son to stay with his grandmother. What they didn't realize was how meaningful the library experience had become to the little boy. Because of that, the grandmother flew in to stay with the little boy at his house so they could go to the library and not miss any programs. He was so very proud to have the opportunity to show his grandmother his library and what he does in the programs every week.



Representatives from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) visited to share information and answer questions about the Weatherization Assistance Program.



The San Antonio Food Bank's food truck, the Mobile Mercado, visited the branch on the second Saturday of the month in April.



The Essential Oils 101: New Year, New You class continues with tips on developing healthy habits for the New Year.



Cindy Moreno, Adult Services Librarian, moderated a book and movie discussion at the Alicia Trevino Senior Center. Nine attendees discussed the book *The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith and enjoyed the movie.



The Great Northwest Library held a Teen Volunteer Information Session on March 13 to inform teens about volunteer opportunities at the library. Teens learned about the different roles of teen volunteers and the value they add to the library and to teen programming. Library Assistant Christina Martinez instructed participants on the volunteer requirements and application process.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to develop programs that interest and engage teens at Great Northwest Library. During spring break, teens held a Beast Tea Party movie night on March 13. Teens tasted a variety of teas, created their own tea party menu of treats, and crafted *Beauty and the Beast* themed party favors.



Great Northwest Teens held Anime Night on March 13 and April 10 where they made paper crafts, rainbow grilled cheese, and noodles. Teens meet monthly to engage in a variety of activities and interact with other teens who share their interest in Anime and Manga culture.



On March 15, teens continued the monthly video game program they created and developed. During the competition, teens can compete against other teens who share a common interest in gaming. Teens developed the video game competition rules and track their progress using an online bracket system.



The Teen Writer's Guild met on March 20 where they repurposed old comic books to make crafts. Teens with a shared interest in writing and books meet monthly to engage in a variety of activities and interact with other teens.



On March 27, Great Northwest teens celebrated National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day by learning some new recipes during the Creative Cooking program. Creative Cooking empowers teens to learn a new skill and experiment and have fun with cooking. Teens learned to make grilled peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and jelly-filled donuts with peanut butter glaze.



On April 3, Great Northwest teens held Craft Night where they had the opportunity to create arts and crafts projects. Teens were interested in learning to make stress balls due to their stressful school testing period. Teens used homemade slime science to make the stress balls and they also enjoyed making dessert nachos and watching a movie.



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

GUERRA



VITA continued to provide assistance to members of the public; capacity was reached quickly each day, usually about ten minutes after opening.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on March 15 and 22 and April 5 and 12. He presented computer classes on March 15 and 22.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams attended the Adult Services Meeting on March 16. She facilitated the English Language Book Club on April 13 and the Guerra Knits & Crochets Program on April 4, 9, and 11. She worked with Library Aide Roxanne Menchaca to design and install the April Staff Picks Display.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four toddler times and four story times. On March 15 she hosted a spring Play & Learn --- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* in honor of the 50th anniversary of this children's literary classic. School age children read to Foxie on March 16, March 30 and April 13 during the bi-weekly Read to a Dog program. On March 18, families welcomed spring with a Come & Go craft program where children and their grown-ups decorated with construction paper cut out images of spring. Arlene continued her weekly outreach to childcare centers in the community and visited Marbach Church Childcare on March 24 and Lil Dragon Den Childcare on April 7 where she presented toddler story times. On March 29, Arlene participated in a one hour long Texas Library and Archives Commission Webinar --- *The inclusive library: providing excellent customer service to library patrons with disabilities*. She designed and installed a Juvenile Poetry Month display highlighting poetry books for children and poetry writing activities. On April 13, she attended her monthly children's librarians meeting at Central library.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson, still helping out at Las Palmas, returned to Guerra and moderated the Club de Lectura, a book club in Spanish, on March 30. The participants discussed *El Cadaver en la Biblioteca (A Body in the Library)* by Agatha Christie.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on March 16, 23, and 30 and April 6. The teens had an arts and craft session on April 13 and made stress balls out of homemade slime.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated the Staff Picks Display and Circulation Attendant Rebecca Hernandez displayed materials about unexplained phenomena.

IGO



Children's Librarian Allison Michalek has continued to oversee Igo's five weekly children's programs and is making sure the branch is ready for summer reading.



Teen Services Librarian Marco Deleon was promoted and has moved to Mission Library as Adult Services Librarian II. In his absence, Igo's Branch Manager has been hosting Teen night every Wednesday to keep the Teen program at Igo alive.



On March 20 and April 3, the PoeTree Club met at Igo. This club welcomes new members who are interested in reading and/or writing poetry.



On March 21, genealogist Frank Faulkner talked to the Igo Genealogy Club about researching burial records and the meanings behind graveyard symbols.



On April 5, the Mystery Book Club discussed Robert Galbraith's *The Silkworm*. The club, under the efforts of volunteer Glenda Shipley, has grown to 17 members.



On April 6, Adult Services Librarian Ramona Lucius represented Igo at the Babcock North Community Fair.



On April 10, in conjunction with the Mayor's Book Club, Heidi Gurke Donald, founder of the German-American Internee Coalition and author of *We Were Not the Enemy*, spoke by Skype to an Igo audience. Ms. Donald and her family, who were living in Costa Rica at the start of World War II, were falsely accused of plotting against the US government. The government of Costa Rica deported the Gurkes to the United States, where they were imprisoned in the Crystal City internment camp.



On April 15, the Sikh Center introduced Igo patrons to Vaisakhi, a religious and cultural festival.



The Igo Elderberries held its monthly program on April 6. Patsy Light, author of *Capturing Nature: The Concrete Art of Dionicio Rodriguez*, gave an informative presentation on this important San Antonio folk artist.



Beginner Hatha Yoga classes for the 50+ continued on March 17, 24, and 31, as well as on April 7.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Library has been busy welcoming in new groups of users including the Pokemon Champions group every other Sunday, the IDEA school who is opening a new campus nearby in the fall, and the Blue Skies of Texas (formerly Air Force Village) shuttle every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. On April 8, Johnston staff organized a Fiesta @ Your Library event for 35 patrons who made shoebox floats and cascarones. Displays made during this reporting time included the Cesar Chavez March, Poetry Month, Fiesta, the San Antonio Book Festival, Selena Day and Crocheting.



On April 13, Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth and Library Assistant Nicole Garza attended the LibGuide training at Central Library.



The San Antonio Food Bank Mobile Mercado visited on March 27 where over 25 patrons visited and purchased fresh fruits and vegetables.



Adult Services Librarian and Interim Branch Manager Monica Garza Bustillo facilitated the book discussion of the March title selection *Soulmates* by Jessica Grose. On March 17, Ms. Bustillo organized the screening of *Doctor Strange* with the help of Library Aide Victoria Liendo. The Mayor's Book Club programming concluded at Johnston on April 3. On April 14, Ms. Bustillo hosted the Gurudwara Sikh Center of San Antonio's Vaisakhi Festival: Bhangra dance and documentary film.



Ms. Bustillo attended the Adult Services Meeting at Central Library on March 16, an amended meeting of managers at Central on March 23, and the Branch Managers Meeting at Great Northwest on April 6. On March 16, Ms. Bustillo attended the School Library Journal webinar “Information Literacy in the Age of Fake News”.



On March 20, Ms. Bustillo attended the Blue Skies of Texas/Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association meeting and on March 28 she attended the Springvale Neighborhood Association meeting.



Ms. Wrigglesworth’s Story time themes included St. Patrick’s Day, bath time, bedtime, and Easter. Family Fun activities included St. Patrick’s Day, LEGOs, and bath time. Despite heavy rain, nine people showed up for the Easter story time. On March 21, babies and pre-school children enjoyed the *Brown Bear* Play & Learn activities. On April 6, Ms. Wrigglesworth visited the PCI on the Southwest High School campus where she read to very young toddlers. Included were stories about colors, and a *Brown Bear*, *Brown Bear* flannel board.



Library Assistant Nicole Garza visited with over 300 Brennan High School students on April 12. Ms. Garza facilitated the Library’s participation in Teen Tech Week in March. LED Throwies was the highlight for Teen Tech Week 2017. The Johnston teen group learned how to put together the LED throwies as well as learned the basics to circuitry. The group also used the materials to experiment on their own and create other LED creations.



During March and April the Johnston teen group learned how to make several different types of slime. The science demo incorporated reading, math, and science skills to create the ideal type of slime. Once the slime was made the Johnston teen group placed some of their slime creations into a balloon to make their very own and sturdy stress balls. April showcased Johnston teens’ newly developed interest in food demos. The Johnston teen group created a list of delicious foods they were interested in learning how to make. During March and April, Johnston teens learned how to make waffles, mini corndogs and Rolo cracker snacks.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson moderated the Club de Lectura “Café con Libro”, book club in Spanish. They discussed *La Cabana* by William Young on March 13 and *La Habitación* by Jonas Karlsson on April 11. Ms. Jackson also recorded a short story for the program Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story) on March 20.

LANDA



In mid-March, Landa offered additional programming for Spring Break that included a second two-hour Lego club and two days of come & go crafts. The Juvenile Fiction room had every book shelf and the fireplace mantel covered in Lego creations inspired by tree-house and rocket ship challenges.



Landa staff also organized passive programming for kids that dropped into the library during Spring Break. The most popular passive program was one suggested by Library Assistant Rebekah Corley, “artist trading cards”. Artist trading cards allowed kids to take a small piece of paper and draw a picture. Then they had the option to leave their card for someone else, take someone else’s card, or take their own work of art. Several kids participated, decorating one of Landa’s book shelves with kid-created artwork.



Regular children's programming continued in March at Landa Library with two Baby Times, a Toddler Time, and a Story Time offered weekly. Each week, Ms. Salinas adds new songs, rhymes, and STEM elements like counting and shapes to continue to foster early literacy skills. Toddler Time attendance increased dramatically in April as young children come to sing, move, and read together.



During Landa's weekly Baby Time, Ms. Salinas, has added two foreign language songs to increase phonetic awareness, background knowledge building skills, and cultural sharing. Currently *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* in Mandarin Chinese is led by two of Landa Library's moms that attend Baby Time. Ms. Salinas also leads a song in French. These two languages follow songs in Spanish and American Sign Language that Ms. Salinas led in Baby Time for winter programming. The parents had requested more language songs be included in Baby Time and have expressed their appreciation for their inclusion.



Tween Time continues to also be an energetic and engaging program for 9 to 12 year olds with many kids coming back twice a month to participate. One parent told Ms. Salinas that every Tuesday her twin daughters have another commitment, but that they love Tween Time so much that she allows them to skip their class once a month to come and join in the fun. In March, Library Assistant Rebekah Corely led a no-sew activity where kids got to make their own t-shirt pillows. Then in April, Ms. Salinas led a Tween Time that focused on several fun, minute-to-win-it challenges. Ms. Corely assisted Ms. Salinas in leading the kids in challenges that made them stack pennies, transfer ping pong balls from one container to another with no hands, stack plastic cups into a tower, keep multiple balloons in the air, and suck up M&Ms with a straw to move them to a plate. At the end of the program, the kids convinced Ms. Corely and Ms. Salinas to play musical chairs.



Once a month, Ms. Salinas also continues to lead a Music and Movement program on Friday mornings that focuses on gross motor (or large motor) development. Each Music and Movement program leads off with stretching and coordination exercises, continues with counting and rhythm work, includes an action oriented story, and ends with directional songs with props like shaker eggs and scarves. Attendance and feedback for the new program continues to be very positive, with parents asking for more Friday morning early literacy programs.



In April, the Lego Club challenge was to build a zoo--either a real life replica or an intergalactic example of a zoo. While most kids that attended built houses and rocket ships, four kids worked together to create an amazing example of an intergalactic zoo, complete with a water tank for the mermaid. It was a great example of teamwork and new friendships growing.



Also in April, Landa Library celebrated National Library week with multiple passive programs, a special library themed Story Time, a library themed Minecraft Club, an additional Toddler Time, and a library/book themed Come & Go craft. To engage our patrons in National Library week, Landa Library set up a "Vote for your favorite character" opportunity for the children and their parents to do. They also had a chance to write down what they loved about Landa Library, with answers ranging from "the chairs" to "the playground and books" to "the community" to "the friendly staff" and "story time"! Also, kids had a chance to make their own comic book strip as part of the passive programming.



Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas also visited the University Presbyterian Childcare Center in late March and early April to provide each of their classrooms with an engaging story time. She served all the kids at the center in three story time sessions that were geared towards children ages 1 to 5 years old.



Ms. Salinas also continues to highlight various aspects of the children's collection; creating a Women's History month display that was very popular for both older and younger children and a poetry-inspired display for younger children in April.



Ms. Salinas, working in conjunction with Library Assistant Rebekah Corely, finished a project to weed non-circulating and damaged Juvenile Biography books. In all, she weeded close to 60 books from the collection, creating a fresher looking collection and adding display space to feature new and popular biographies. She is also currently undertaking a collection development project to weed out-of-date, non-circulating, and damaged Juvenile non-fiction books to create more display space to feature new books, library services to tweens like Homework Help, and upcoming programs for tweens.



The monthly Reader's Ink and Mystery Book clubs continue to meet and attract new members. This month, Reader's Ink read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*—a popular title that is set during months immediately following World War II. The Mystery Book Club read Michael Connelly's *Gods of Guilt*.



Landa hosted a very special Women's History Month program: *Women in the Food Industry: Past, Present, and Trending—A Panel Discussion*. Guest panelists were Di-Anna Arias, Vice-President of Don Strange Catering; Elizabeth Johnson, instructor in Latin cuisine and owner of Pharm Table Restaurant; Liz Pearson, Landa customer and nationally-known food writer and recipe developer and Jennifer Michaelis, Director of Innovation at C. H. Guenther & Son (Pioneer Flour products). It was a great evening, with a positive and enthusiastic audience.



Landa partnered with the Alamo Area Poets of Texas for an afternoon of open mic poetry reading in observance of National Poetry Month. This is the second year that Landa has hosted this event through AAP member and Landa patron Don Mathis.



Sara Reid, Bicycle Safety Instructor, held a free bike safety program for all ages. She is very knowledgeable in both laws affecting cyclists and motorists as well as an expert in the maintenance of bicycles.



Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta also has two outreach programs. Members of the Book Club at the Village at Incarnate Word noted that April marks one year since this book club began. This month they read Philippa Gregory's *The Other Boleyn Girl*, an historical novel set in the time of Henry VIII. The Kenwood Community Center Outreach observed St. Patrick's Day with St. Patrick's-themed adult coloring sheets and craft.



Landa Volunteer Kyra White has received national recognition by the National Center for Women and Educational Technology with a \$225 cash award and a "loot bag" filled with additional gifts. In addition, Kyra is headed for Houston as part of a student robotics team of international finalists. She is a junior at Incarnate Word High School.

LAS PALMAS



Patricia Perez continued leading children's programming. The children enjoyed a variety of themes during the month. A special event was held on Wednesday, March 15 during Spring Break. The Friends of Las Palmas Library hosted Donnabelle and the Jolly Joeys that afternoon. There was music, face painting and balloons. Even the parents had a great time. Forty-seven patrons attended.



The Las Palmas Book Club read and discussed the book *Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.



Stephen Jackson recorded a Spanish language Dial-a Story, *El Sr. Mil Puas (Mr. Prickles)* by Kara Lareau.



Teen Librarian Connie Hejl continued leading teen time during this report period. She also partnered with the Friends of the Library for a Fiesta Medal making program for teens and adults. The audience really enjoyed making them “bling”.



Las Palmas welcomed new staff member Elvia Ramos, full –time Library Assistant on April 15.

MAVERICK



On Tuesday, March 14, five readers attended the Lady Mav’s Book Club and 11 readers participated in the Ladies’ Choice Book Club on Saturday, March 25. Four customers attended the Lady Mav’s Book Club on Tuesday, April 11.



On Wednesday, March 22, Maverick Library featured a movie to remember and celebrate the legacy of Cesar Chavez.



Maverick staff welcomed Kathryn Camacho as the newest part-time library aide during the middle of March. Maverick also welcomed Mary Lou Bleichwehl as the new full-time Library Assistant on April 3.



The Friends of the Maverick Library held its Spring Book Sale during the first weekend of April. The community supported the successful book sale.



Sagewood Homeowners Association held a meeting on Thursday, April 13.



Children’s programs and events proved to be great fun for all during the reporting period. On March 14, Children’s Librarian Amy Roberts was interviewed by a kindergarten student as part of a community helper’s homework assignment for Howsman Elementary. The Spring Play & Learn program, focusing on the 50th anniversary of *Brown Bear, Brown, Bear* by Bill Martin Jr., was well attended on April 10 with 92 participants. On April 13, Ms. Roberts and the fall Play & Learn committee met to prepare materials for their “Food” theme. Another successful *Piggie and Gerald* puppet show, craft and a movie related to the topic of the play took place on April 15. Ms. Roberts, Circulation Attendant Elise Garcia, and Library Aides Laura Lopez and Katy Camacho all participated in the preparation and production of this successful afternoon. The Lego Club was very well attended and averaged between 35-65 children and adults during the reporting period.

McCRELESS



The McCreless branch hosted four Lego Time programs with an average attendance of 10 children and three adults.



The branch also hosted Fiesta @ Your Library in which the community worked together to build a shoebox float for Fiesta 2017 with an attendance of nine children and eight adults.



Librarian Menchaca hosted the *Brown Bear Play and Learn* for children who visited McCreless on Saturday, March 18. Several children and adults enjoyed the various activities that were available during this Play and Learn. Parents who attended the event were also very grateful and asked when McCreless would host another event like the *Brown Bear Play and Learn*.



Circulation attendant Monica Suarez and aide Joshua Wylie created 3D bulletin boards for the children's areas that show spring time weather. They created papier-mâché clouds, and several patrons have commented on "how cool" the display looks.



Librarian Menchaca organized several activities for teens to enjoy during the weekly Teen Time, including painting, button making, and playing video games. The teens were provided with paint and canvas paper, and painted while listening to music and singing. Some of the art that was made by the teens is on the bulletin board in the Teen Area. The teens were very pleased with the buttons they created, thanks to the button maker provided by Teen Services. They asked to do this activity again the future with the smaller button maker.



Librarian Menchaca has also begun a partnership with Jeff Davis Middle School, which should run until the end of the school year. Every Thursday she is going to assist ESL students with learning how to read in English. She is taking juvenile graphic novels to the school. The middle schoolers enjoy reading them because the amount of text is not overwhelming. Furthermore, they have a visual support to assist them with their reading comprehension.



A poetry display in the Teen Area to celebrate National Poetry Month was created by Librarian Menchaca. She created the display using Young Adult fiction novels that are written in verse.



McCreless Adult Services offered the following programs during this period: Mayor's Book Club discussion on *The Train to Crystal City*, a biographical film on Cesar Chavez, Movie Time with a showing of *Star Wars : The Force Awakens*.



Together With DL Grant from Carver Library, Librarian Menchaca attended the City Year Block Party at Sam Houston High School. They had the opportunity to speak with a lot of teens and adults regarding the library and the wealth of resources available to them. Thanks to the marketing department, they were able to pass out tote bags, and pencils that change color, which were very popular.

MEMORIAL



Branch Manager Maria Gonzales met with Memorial Friends/Amigos to discuss fiscal procedures for expenditures.




Ms. Gonzales attended the Branch Managers Meeting at Great Northwest Branch Library.





Ms. Gonzales continued with the SWOT workshop training during the Managers Meeting.


 Ms. Gonzales attended the Proposed Bond Program 2017 Academy public presentation meeting organized by Friends/Amigos and the Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association.


 Ms. Gonzales served on interview committees to select Librarian candidates.


 Ms. Gonzales attended a meeting with Memorial High School faculty to discuss a partnership between faculty and the Memorial Library to better serve the community.


 Ms. Gonzales assisted Friends of Memorial Branch Library/Amigos with hosting a staff luncheon in honor of National Library Week.


 Memorial Branch Library is currently hosting sculpture art from the Art Department of St. Mary's University.

 Rhonda Davila has started a new program at Memorial. The new program is Sunday Movies at Memorial and the library screened *Florence Foster Jenkins* at the first program. The event is slowly generating more attendance.


 Ms. Davila is assisting with an ongoing event, the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition workshops on Sundays. On Feb. 26, approximately six to eight patrons attended the class, which was also held in Spanish.


 Christine Deffendall continues with outreach to provide literacy programs at schools and daycare centers. These outreach efforts continue to bring approximately 60 families in contact with SAPL resources each week.


 Ms. Deffendall participated in Read Across America events at both Madison Elementary and Fenwick Elementary, engaging with 80 children and 45 adults.

 Ms Deffendall was a featured participant at the Loma Park Elementary School Career Day, speaking to 84 children and 5 adults.

MISSION

 For this period, the Mobile Mercado was at Mission Library two times promoting healthy foods and giving out samples and recipes to the public.

 Entry work has been completed and there is now access to the Mission Library Community Garden and the playground from the Balthasar Courtyard. Patrons had asked for this accommodation in the past and now can reach these areas easily.

 Mission Library participated in the Mission Marquee Plaza Farmers and Artisan Market events on March 18 and April 15 promoting library services and providing STEM related and fun activities for the public.



Mission Library continues to provide activities for Teens that include weekly Teen Time and Video Game Club.



Story Times at Mission have been very well attended. Toddler Time attendance has ranged from 42 to 52 children and adults. Baby Time averages around 10 to 15. New children have been discovering Tween Time and the offering of activities has increased, now including cooking, crafts, movies and games.



The children's department has been receiving a great assortment of new books from Collection Development. Various displays have been used and the new books are circulating very well.

PAN AMERICAN



In partnership with the City Council Office, Pan American Branch hosted a "Coffee with Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran". Many residents from District 3 attended to discuss a variety of issues of importance to them. The Council staff was also on hand to answer any questions that residents may have had. The proposed 2017 bond issue was also discussed, which included many San Antonio Public Library specific projects. A total of 51 citizens attended the program to have a chance to talk with Councilwoman Viagran. Council staff also commented on how helpful the branch employees were and Ms. Viagran thanked everyone for hosting the event at Pan American.



To coincide with the Academy Awards, the Branch hosted an adult movie night where patrons got the chance to pick which Oscar nominated movie to watch. Library patrons had a choice between *Arrival* or *Moonlight*. Since our community tends to enjoy science fiction and technology, *Arrival* was viewed. The movie dealt with many serious issues such as death and dying, alien contact, time travel and world peace.



Pan American Branch began hosting teen time on Monday nights instead of Wednesday nights. 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 problems or work as a team to accomplish a goal.



This spring the branch started holding twice a month chess instruction for patrons. The classes are taught by a community resident volunteering with the library. The class attendance has been small but that allows for more one-on-one instruction. Additionally, the instructor donated two chess boards for the students to use as well as for the branch to have for future use.



The Friends of the Pan American Branch met on March 22 to discuss a variety of topics. One topic of discussion in particular was the Youth Summer Garden camp program. For the second year in a row, the branch Friends will be sponsoring this workshop for children in partnership with the Texas Agri Life Extension Office. Additionally, the Friends will be purchasing two gift cards from area retailers to support branch programs. Additionally, the branch hosted the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library on Saturday March 18 to discuss the new funds expenditure procedures put in place by SAPL Administration.



Foxie the READ dog and her handler Mary continued to visit Pan American 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 all the attention from the kids and adults.



Finally, the Pan American staff welcomed Sherrie Hardin as the interim branch manager while Nathan Laubner transferred to the Westfall Branch as the interim manager at that location. Ms. Hardin brings many years of experience to the branch, which will bring new experiences. While the transfers are for an undetermined amount of time, both Ms. Hardin and Mr. Laubner will from time to time be at their respective branches to assist with programming.

PARMAN



Parman Library staff and the community are mourning the death of their namesake, Mr. Dan Parman, who passed away on April 9. Mr. Parman was beloved by all who knew him and his work. The branch has created a memorial for Mr. Parman. Patrons and staff can view a memorial video, and write memories, condolences, and stories about Mr. Parman and the library he helped create in the book provided. Mr. Parman's family remains in the thoughts and prayers of the staff and community.



On March 18, Friends of the Parman Library held a meeting in which they discussed new fiscal rules and requirements. A date for the upcoming book sale was established and meetings were moved from the 3rd to 2nd Saturday of the month. The branch manager attended the meeting.



Parman Library is thrilled to welcome Gamini Haluwana as the new Assistant Manager! With ten years of experience at Central Library in the Reference Department and bookmobile Gamini makes a great addition to the team. He has acclimated quickly to the tasks of Assistant Manager and brings a lot of positivity and wisdom to the branch. Welcome, Gamini!



On April 1, Parman library hosted Peter Rubins from San Antonio Symphony to perform on the French horn. Mr. Rubins played several classical pieces and explained how French horn is played. The audience was mesmerized by his presentation. He very patiently answered everyone's questions which included handling the instrument to feel how it felt. At the end he played any request from the audience. The "Batman" theme was the most popular one. This was a very successful program and introduction to classical music.



On April 5th, Parman's part-time Children's Librarian Katie Robinson created a spaceship and mission control for the Transformation Station! The goal of this Transformation Station is to get kids interested in space, space travel, and the science and math that go along with it. Kids are enjoying playing in and around the spaceship or manning mission control, and taking turns "sending each other to space". This interactive space and rocketry display has proven to be extremely popular with kids of all ages. This Transformation Station is also serving to stir up excitement for Katie's new STEM-themed Discovery Time, which will start in June. We all are very impressed with Katie's work.

POTRANCO



On March 31, Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta designed and delivered a story time specifically for children with autism at Westwood Terrace. Alcorta's outreach had a Dinosaur theme and included a dinosaur egg craft. The first book was a stunning pop-up book which appealed to visual sensory stimulation. The next two stories were participatory books on dinosaurs. Soon after the event, Alcorta was contacted by Westwood Terrace teaching faculty to let her know that the kids enjoyed the craft a great deal. Teachers and children received Alcorta with open arms and look forward to her return. The teachers have offered to make their Promethean technology available to her. Promethean is an interactive whiteboard.



On April 15, Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta designed an egg decorating event for Potranco's Saturday Family Fun hour. Attendees used watercolor paints to color eggs. Patrons were engaged by also creating a springtime scene using the Mondo pad's paint option.



On April 8, Tween Librarian Kassandra Vela- Loaiza and Teen Librarian Daniella Toll joined forces to bring Kite Making to the older children of the Potranco community. Several kids gathered and used newspaper, BBQ skewers, masking tape and string. Although there was not much wind on the day of the program, the children had fun decorating their kites and trying to fly them.



Responding to a patron's suggestion for programs geared towards deaf adults, Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza reached out to the Director of Deaf Services at the River City Group in order to brainstorm and collaborate on possible ways to bring such programming to the Potranco Branch Library. In the coming months, the River City Group will begin to host a monthly ASL and Deaf Culture class for the community. Loaiza also spoke with the Program Coordinator at the Lakeside Care Center, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center next to the Potranco Branch Library about visiting the center to provide library services to residents, as well as hosting the residents at the library. Loaiza expects to start outreach with the center in April.



Potranco circulation team members worked diligently to train themselves and each other on the new Potranco LibBox. Processes continue to be written that allow the team to pick up where others have left off. The goal of a process is to have continuous interaction with patrons and the LibBox as we introduce the equipment to the community. The Team believes concentrated attention to users understanding of the LibBox will help highlight the benefits of the technology early on.



The Potranco Circulation team worked together in shifts with Potranco Tech Liaison Matthew Loaiza sorting items and filling LibBox dispenser



On March 30, the Potranco Facility was able to install additional desk furniture to meet the popular demand of the Quiet room.



Potranco Library Assistant Elissa Vura played a key role in developing the team's first process flow chart with Visio software. This unique tool is a diagramming and graphics flowchart application. Knowing that flowcharts are far better embraced than instructions in list format, the Potranco Branch Manager Cindy Pope has been provided Visio for use in developing processes for the LibBox and Laptops Anytime dispensary equipment. The Potranco team will pioneer this technology for possible future purchases. Having Visio is a great tool for the team to streamline processes and identify any obstacles needing to be removed.



Two team members from Potranco volunteered for the SAPL Book Cart Drill Team “Lil’ Book Monsters”. Potranco Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes helped brainstorm and create costume samples. Vura and Reyes have brought the drill team excitement to the Potranco crew and it has had very positive effects on and already high morale.



Eight year SAPL veteran and Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes has made a positive impact to the Potranco programming librarians. Her vibrant attitude and approachability works well with kids as well as adults. Reyes is often observed pitching in to set up and cleanup for and helping manage young attendees. Reyes was chosen to be the official Potranco photographer and has been awarded the responsibility of ensuring we have a pictorial history of events and successes for the SAPL Potranco Flickr page.



Potranco Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Circulation Attendant Edith “Michelle” Cisneros completed Employee New Hire Training.



Potranco Assistant Branch Manager and Adult Librarian Matthew Loaiza completed LibGuide training on April 13.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



During Kids’ Time, the focus was on sea life. Attendees listened to the amazing book *Ocean Animals from Head to Toe*, by Stacey Roderick. The kids were thrilled as they tried guessing the identity of animals introduced with an image of a unique body part. They learned some fascinating facts about each animal. Afterwards, the children created their own “ocean scene” posters complete with sand and painted animals such as octopuses, starfish, and jellyfish.



Children’s Librarian Cynthia Saenz visited neighboring Windcrest Day School and led four groups of three and four-year-olds through songs and a reading of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?* This year marks the 50th anniversary of the popular title written by Bill Martin, Jr.



The spring Play & Learn event was a big hit with toddlers and caregivers. The event centered on the 50th anniversary of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?* Attendees enjoyed a variety of interactive activities. The most popular were the fishing pond complete with fishing rods and the playdough center. Participants are looking forward to some exciting events planned for the summer.



This month has brought a wave of excitement to teen patrons in anticipation of the summer job season. The branch has handed out over 200 Family Services Association and Joven teen summer internship applications to students from Roosevelt High School and surrounding campuses. Teen Librarian Rae Downen met with Jenn Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services), Adam Tutor (Teen Outreach Specialist), and Marcie Hernandez (Public Information Officer) about the upcoming Smarter Summer Teen Career Exploration Fair to be held in May.



Teen Librarian Rae Downen was nominated by Roosevelt High School senior Amanda S. as the educator who most influenced her educational career. Ms. Downen was honored to be a proud representative of both SAPL and NEISD at the Summa Cum Laude Reception.



The mini Fiesta shoebox float theme of “Blazing Trails” fit perfectly with the high school’s namesake Theodore Roosevelt who was the original trail blazing Rough Rider. The teens felt that Teddy needed a Fiesta royalty cape and designed it with the National Parks Service arrowhead emblem decorated with gemstones. This fun activity turned into a mini history lesson for some of the teens because they did not know about President Roosevelt’s ties with the Alamo City and his visits both before and after being elected president.



The branch celebrated the life of Cesar Chavez in late March with a book and media display as well as a screening of the film *Cesar Chavez* with adults and teens. Many of the display items were checked out by patrons wanting to learn more about Chavez’s role as a labor leader and civil rights activist.



Special Needs Adult Programming (SNAP) explored bluebonnets this month. Librarian Dee Dee Davenport shared a bluebonnet legend and videos while patrons created beautiful tissue paper bluebonnets. The group welcomed three first-time visitors and everyone enjoyed socializing and sharing a crafting experience together.

SAN PEDRO



The staff at San Pedro had a busy February and March reporting period and staff appreciates all the support from Gamini Haluwana, Sylvia Reyna, and Elma Nieto-Rodriguez. Wilson Plunkett continued to serve as Librarian-in charge.



Children’s Librarian Betsy Dalton is back and in charge. The kids are glad; their parents are overjoyed!



During Spring break, board games and jigsaw puzzles were put out for the kids.



Carmen Roja’s popular book displays for March/April include– National Poetry Month (both adult and juvenile readers), and National Craft Month (both adult and juvenile readers). Dr. Seuss and spring displays continue.

SCHAEFER



On March 22, Schaefer Branch Library hosted a preview party for donors and founders which included the ribbon cutting of the playground. Attendants were given a commemorative medal and a preview of the building. Twenty Sinclair Elementary students, who participate in P.A.L.S, were the first lucky kids to tryout the playground equipment.



The Schaefer Branch Library had its grand opening on March 25th. Over 1,400 people attended the festivities. Patrons were given a *passport* to the library; where they had to visit different stops at the library such as the teen space, collaborate room, laptop kiosk, and the community flex space. Participants were rewarded with a Schaefer Branch Fiesta medal.



On March 14, Samantha Gordano, Sheridan Richardson, and Shaira Agcoaili visited the District 2 Senior Center to talk about everything that the Schaefer Branch will have to offer them and get feedback on what they would like to see. Sixty two seniors asked questions and gave information to staff about what they were looking for. Regular monthly outreach from the branch began April 11 and staff is currently working to bring relevant programs into the library that the seniors can be transported to.



Beginning on Monday April 3, Schaefer patrons gathered for the weekly Chess Club. From 6 - 7:30 p.m., children and adults played friendly games of chess. Patrons solved chess puzzles, discussed historic chess matches, and learned the basics of strategy from Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Chess materials were generously provided by Librarian Monty Holcomb of the Carver Branch Library.



On April 4, 18 members of the local Schaefer community came together to participate in creating the branch's float for the Fiesta competition throughout the system. Patrons also enjoyed making their own floats to take home.



On April 9, the Schaefer branch hosted its first monthly installment of the adult coloring lounge. Featuring a mellow coffee house vibe, many locals came by to take a break. A local professional artist who has been working with the Schaefer branch even came by and gave some tips on how to do in-depth shading with colored pencils!



The grand opening of the branch brought several teens and youth from the community into the open and expansive teen space. Volunteers welcomed these newcomers in and offered them the chance to make duct tape bow ties and buttons to celebrate the opening. Several hundred visited the space and participated in the craft. District 2 Councilman Warrick even stopped by to see teens wearing his trademark bow tie in homage to him.



Teen Council has found a solid group of regulars who have shown their enthusiasm for their new space by decorating it and giving it their stamp of approval. Council teens created Papel Picado banners for Fiesta and hung them throughout the teen space. Teen Council members have also completed a library orientation and tour and were eager to complete a scavenger hunt to test their knowledge!



Outreach at STEM Early College High School continues with Teen Service Librarian Cindy Cruz bringing crafting and button making to their afterschool program. One teen remarked to Cindy, "Thank you for bringing all of this to us." The relationship with the STEM High School is a strong partnership for Schaefer with Cindy providing a monthly program to the teens and the STEM Communities in School coordinator helping out Cindy in Schaefer's teen space on the grand opening. Partnerships with local schools are a priority for teen services. East Central High School has begun to bring Special Education students from their Life Skills class to gain job skills for the future. Cindy is also working closely with Legacy Middle School in the East Central district and has been invited to have an information table at their Family Fun Night.



Children's programming at Schaefer is off to a strong start. The spring programs will continue weekly through May and include Come & Go Crafts on Mondays, Toddler Time and Story Time on Tuesdays,

Lego Time on Wednesdays and Tween Time on Thursdays. Kids and their parents have expressed their appreciation for the Schaefer Library opening in the area and for the programs being offered.



The Schaefer library kicked off Tween Time, a weekly STEAM-based program facilitated by Library Assistant Sara Ramirez. Every Thursday from 4 – 5 p.m., tweens participate in various engineering design challenges. Tweens crafted their own straw rockets, catapults, and miniature parachutes. Each program also includes a fun and relaxing arts and crafts project.



The Schaefer Library hosted its very first field trip! The Salem Sayers Baptist Academy second grade class visited the Schaefer Library on April 7. The kids enjoyed a library tour, story time, and had lots of fun exploring the children's area and playground.

SEMMESES



Semmes staff bid farewell to Librarian II Beth Schorlemer at a retirement luncheon on March 14. Ms. Schorlemer is retiring after twenty years of service at the San Antonio Public Library. Ms. Schorlemer has worked at several locations during her time at SAPL, including Central and Brook Hollow. She will be missed at the branch.



In March, new art was installed in the Semmes satellite gallery by Alex Rubio and the Blue Star Arts Complex. The works were done by students in Blue Star's MOSAIC arts program. Both staff and library customers are enjoying the new works of art.



With assistance from Oscar Gonzalez and DL Grant, Branch Manager Jamie Flowers conducted interviews for a new Children's Librarian I during the month of March. The team selected a candidate and staff hopes the new person will be able to start soon.



The Semmes meeting room has been the spot for many HOA meetings during the months of March and April. It seems that the branch is a popular location to hold annual meeting for these groups.



On April 15, Circulation Attendant Mary Pena and Library Aide Stephanie Ortegon hosted a Fiesta Float program. Participants assisted in creating a shoe box float for the branch. There was also a come and go craft area with other Fiesta crafts for patrons to make and take home. The float turned out great and everyone had an enjoyable time putting it together.

THOUSAND OAKS



Ann Laird, Children's Librarian, has started planning summer reading programs, including selecting a kickoff event date of June 3. On March 15, the branch hosted a Spring Break Family Movie. *Moana* was shown and popcorn was served. On April 11 the branch hosted a Kids Time featuring four easy Easter crafts.



Teens at Thousand Oaks celebrated Spring Break March 13-17 with daily activities at the library. Teens requested a Hawaiian theme for the week and Librarian Theresa Ybarra lined up a series of the teens' favorite activities, including perler beads, cooking, and movie night, ending the week with a Polynesian dance class with guest instructor Niu Fruean. Teens were excited to have a place to go during

the break from school, with one teen expressing how happy she was to be able to come to the library every day.



Teens have developed leadership, planning, and decision making skills by selecting activities for the group to do each week. Creative activities this month included making custom T-shirts, balloon animals, and creating slime. On April 5, Teens participated in Cardboard Kids, a child abuse prevention campaign, by decorating a cardboard kid to display at the branch.



The Wonder by Emma Donoghue was the Thursday Book Group's selection for March. In Emma Donoghue's latest masterpiece, an English nurse is brought to a small Irish village to observe what appears to be a miracle—a girl said to have survived without food for months. The nurse soon finds herself fighting to save the child's life. This is the first time Branch Manager Troy Lawrence has lead this group of readers.



Adult Services Librarian Steven Barrera met with the North East Senior Center's book group to discuss *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. The members enjoyed this historical fiction novel about a young woman raised by her father and a native tribe. Her unusual upbringing made for an interesting life of flying.



Library Assistant Lucy Villa has started a beginning crochet class at the library. It is starting off slowly with a few students. The anticipation is for the group to grow as summer approaches and the income tax season draws to a close.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



A very large crowd came to Meet the Mayor at the Tobin at Oakwell Branch on March 23. Ms. Taylor took selfie pictures with 20 different teens and then spoke to them individually in groups of two to three. The Mayor's Book Club Title *The train to Crystal City* by local author Jan Jarboe Russell inspired the live chat SKYPE interview with historian John Schmitz on April 4. Mr. Schmitz' family was imprisoned in the Crystal City internment camp during World War II. This program was sponsored by the San Antonio Library Foundation and Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.



Thanks to the generosity of Tobin at Oakwell Friends of the Library, Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse hosted a unique program on March 18 about Henna/Mehndi tattoo art. Guests were able to learn about this ancient art and get a free exquisite decoration on their hand by a professional Henna artist.



Many families, kids, and caregivers enjoyed the daily come and go crafts March 13 – 17 during spring break. Themes utilized creative art and counting materials to make the activity both fun and educational. Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler, reference staff, and Library Aide Kathleen Marascio prepared a sample craft with both visual and simple instructions for kids to follow for each day. Come and go crafts continue with very good attendance each weekend with the craft relating to a topic featured with books on display in the juvenile area. These displays are to not only encourage reading and check out of materials but learning about something related to their craft. Ms. Braeuler's toddler, story and baby time and Lego programs continue to grow with sizeable and lively crowds.



Branch Manager Tracey Knouse's participation in SAPL's mentor pilot program ended with a final meeting in March. Each mentee gave a presentation on their project during the program. Ms. Knouse's mentee, Circulation Attendant Robert Barba from Great Northwest Branch, shared his journey

of starting college for the first time. Mr. Barba shared his apprehension and how overwhelmed he was, at times taking tests and classes to pass at certain levels to begin his college career. With encouragement and resources, Mr. Barba's commitment was fulfilled when he was accepted and started at Northwest Vista College in March.



Librarian Megan Coker started an anime/manga group from tween and teen suggestions. The first meeting was held on March 22 where 26 kids came up with the name "Tobin Tofu" while they enjoyed candy sushi. The group also decided on meeting twice a month on Friday afternoons. Ms. Coker initiated a passive program from a teen suggestion about Martin Handford's series of books – *Where's Waldo?* A colorful paper Waldo is hidden in the collection and encourages kids to search the library to locate him. Upon finding the character, they bring the book where Waldo was found and receive a piece of candy at the reference desk. Sometimes six teens will be searching the entire library hunting for Waldo. This passive programming helps kids learn the different genres, where materials are located, and keeps them occupied during the busy after school time slot.



On March 30, teens had a great time measuring contents and creating magnetic slime. The teens were given small magnets to observe the magnetic pull. Other unique programs this period were perler bead art and blackout poetry for National Poetry Month. A similar black out poetry art program was hosted by Ms. Coker with tweens on April 4. Librarian Coker is piloting a texting platform "Remind" to communicate with teens to share ideas for programming as well as remind them of upcoming events.



Professor David Hunter Saussy continues hosting a discussion of classic materials with the Drama, Death and Daring book club. The group held a Socratic seminar on Greek Freedom with Books V-VI of Herodotus on March 16 with nearly 20 attendees. The Voices De La Luna poetry group hosts a smaller group of dedicated and blooming poets. Tobin's Writers' Group regularly meets twice a month while they share and delve into each other's progress on writing and research. This group averages 15-20 writers each month with fervent input from all.



Library Assistant Terry Verner visited Northeast Service Center for seniors for an extended coloring session with detailed art sheets supplied by the branch. Ms. Coker worked the day at Central on March 25 to help with the popular Maker Faire crowd. Similarly, Librarian Coker aided with the Book Festival on April 8 for a half day in the teen area.



The team sadly said goodbye to longtime Library Assistant Elvia Ramos, who transferred internally to Pan American Branch to be closer to her home. Staff were treated to some special treats by Ms. Knouse on April 12 and then all experimented and played for an hour before opening with the Wii game *Mario Kart* as part of National Library Week.

WESTFALL



Westfall Learn Center Training Officer Michelle Rickman joined other SAPL training officers at the 2017 Commission on Adult Basic Education conference in Orlando, Florida. The theme was *Adult Education: Today's Magic for Tomorrow's Dreams!*



Michelle and DHS family support supervisor Mayra Elizondo also participated in the Convoy of Hope at the Alamodome. Dozens of community organizations came together to offer free groceries, health screenings, job services, family portraits, haircuts, prayer and activities for children.



During the month of March, 107 people attended classes in the Learn Center, including English as a Second Language, Beginning Computer, Internet 101, GED information and Password Management.



Two visitors from the Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library at the University of North Texas Health Science Center and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region stopped by to visit Westfall's Learn Center.



Visitors to Westfall have been able to get information on a variety of topics, thanks to various organizations that have set up tables in the foyer. Those include Quitxt, a smoking cessation program; Dellview Area Neighborhood Association; Alamo Area Council of Government weatherization program; and the San Antonio Food Bank's Mobile Mercado. VITA has been very busy this year – filling up as soon as the doors open.



One new service being offered at Westfall is Read to a Dog. Children are able to gain confidence in their reading skills by reading to Angel the therapy dog. Children's Librarian Imelda has started leading a book club at Wilson Elementary School and she also met with members of Head Start at Cotton Elementary School.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

MARCH 2017

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

FY 2017

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



3,502,573 ↓ 1%
ITEMS
BORROWED



7,340,000
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



2,809,485 ↑ 7%
VISITS



5,710,000
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS

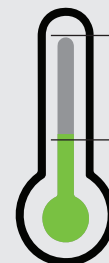


302,724
COMPUTER
HOURS



961,517
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

1,264,241 ↑ 9%
TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE



2,450,000
TOTAL FY GOAL

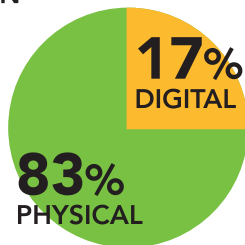
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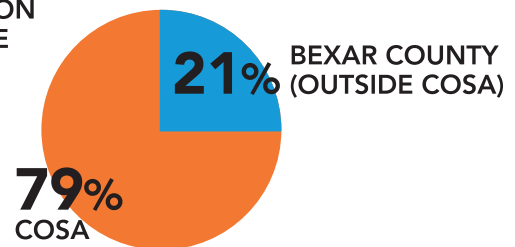
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



1,491,102

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VISITS

345,821

MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

966,371

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VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



164,697

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

41,142

ADULT PROGRAMS

27,266

TEEN PROGRAMS

96,289

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

SAN ANTONIO MINI MAKER FAIRE

**San Antonio Mini
Maker Faire®**

1,250
ATTENDEES

Now in its third year, the San Antonio Mini Maker Faire took place on Saturday, March 25 at the Central Library with over **1,250 attendees**. Produced by Teen Services and sponsored by the San Antonio Library Foundation, it featured an array of hands-on activities from crochet to robotics and coding. The event promotes the fun of making and learning across the generations.



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March 2017 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,394	11,347	9,552	2,314	7,238
Brook Hollow	26,447	19,367	5,465	1,375	4,089
Carver	4,544	8,898	5,489	1,822	3,667
Central	27,034	59,018	47,310	11,207	36,102
Cody	34,533	22,744	8,243	1,420	6,823
Collins Garden	7,262	9,227	9,819	1,813	8,007
Cortez	5,775	11,541	4,725	1,396	3,330
Encino	19,905	14,061	4,289	433	3,856
Forest Hills	6,881	9,837	4,658	1,207	3,451
Great Northwest	26,133	17,564	7,031	1,602	5,429
Guerra	11,837	12,464	7,208	1,786	5,423
Igo	28,506	22,633	7,607	1,265	6,341
Johnston	10,664	11,399	5,945	1,513	4,432
Landa	13,771	13,788	2,793	804	1,989
Las Palmas	5,311	11,671	5,647	1,905	3,742
Maverick	24,869	12,817	6,951	2,198	4,753
McCreless	11,519	13,725	6,028	1,329	4,699
Memorial	6,532	9,129	5,973	1,610	4,362
Mission	11,142	19,588	8,056	2,113	5,943
Pan American	6,998	8,705	4,777	1,784	2,993
Parman	28,713	24,037	5,421	935	4,486
Potranco	18,773	16,016	13,537	611	12,925
Pruitt	6,170	16,180	4,688	1,253	3,435
San Pedro	3,837	4,770	3,391	684	2,707
Schaefer	3,172	4,005	1,611	94	1,517
Semmes	24,827	20,185	7,459	1,948	5,511
Thousand Oaks	10,837	11,124	7,936	1,290	6,646
Tobin	18,611	17,646	5,336	1,699	3,637
Westfall	15,813	16,759	9,256	2,426	6,831
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	2,597	629	N/A	629
Interlibrary Loan Lending	684	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	80,350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	100,176	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	607,020	452,842	226,831	51,839	174,992

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

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March 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	52	20	5	27	341	160	20	161
Brook Hollow	51	7	10	34	1,031	78	40	913
Carver	70	29	7	34	866	319	60	487
Central	158	21	100	37	3,347	274	2,010	1,063
Cody	41	7	4	30	1,009	94	36	879
Collins Garden	40	6	4	30	615	103	28	484
Cortez	115	78	4	33	685	213	71	401
Encino	62	13	9	40	1,453	122	49	1,282
Forest Hills	34	12	0	22	282	77	0	205
Great Northwest	31	10	6	15	1,498	88	27	1,383
Guerra	34	10	5	19	706	215	31	460
Igo	60	20	12	28	1,505	196	120	1,189
Johnston	30	8	10	12	415	161	93	161
Landa	60	2	15	43	1,143	54	64	1,025
Las Palmas	29	12	5	12	370	116	11	243
Maverick	24	2	0	22	788	3	0	785
McCreless	23	6	7	10	276	63	82	131
Memorial	42	9	2	31	549	89	7	453
Mission	58	26	8	24	1,027	545	96	386
Pan American	21	12	5	4	147	102	0	45
Parman	87	23	10	54	1,799	298	80	1,421
Potranco	38	9	11	18	502	51	18	433
Pruitt	62	15	23	24	1,181	141	289	751
San Pedro	1	0	0	1	10	0	0	10
Schaefer	26	9	5	12	2,070	1,255	415	400
Semmes	40	3	3	34	1,029	11	66	952
Thousand Oaks	26	4	10	12	317	55	103	159
Tobin	52	10	10	32	1,145	132	204	809
Westfall	54	19	6	29	489	139	44	306
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	53	N/A	N/A	53	1,366	N/A	N/A	1,366
TOTAL	1,473	402	296	775	27,961	5,154	4,064	18,743

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Circulation



Location Closures

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FY 16: Collins Garden Oct 1-Jan 12

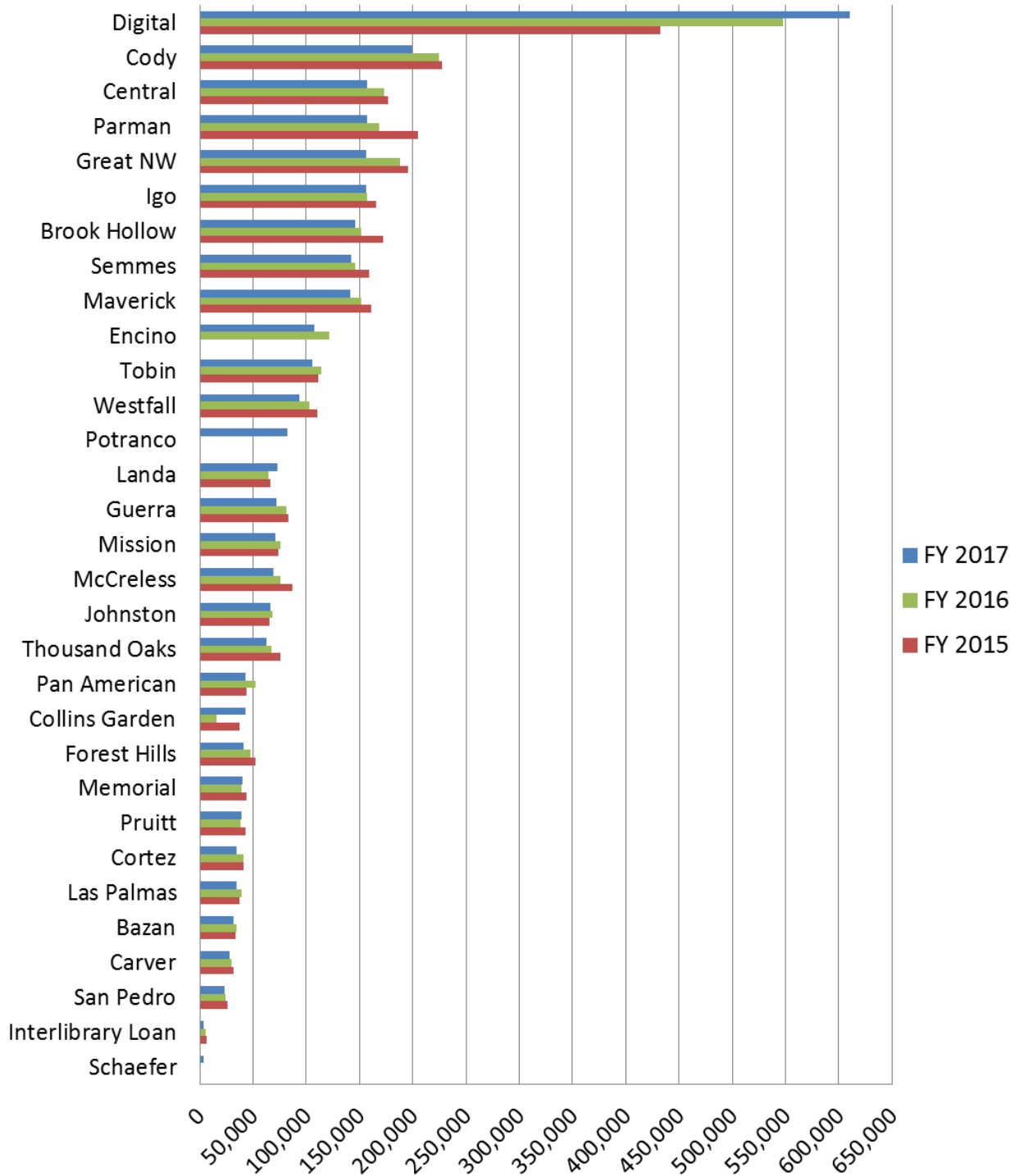
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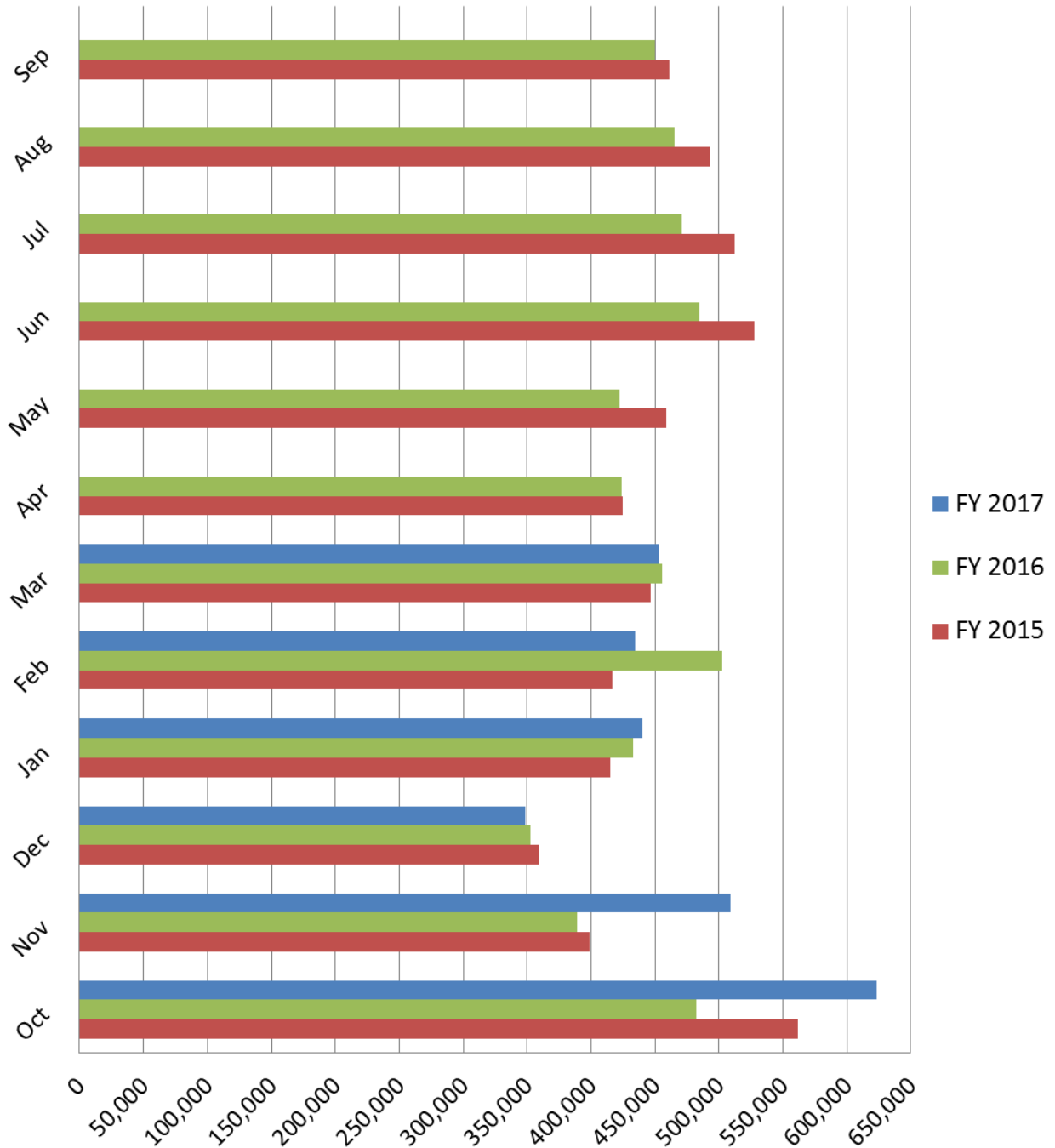
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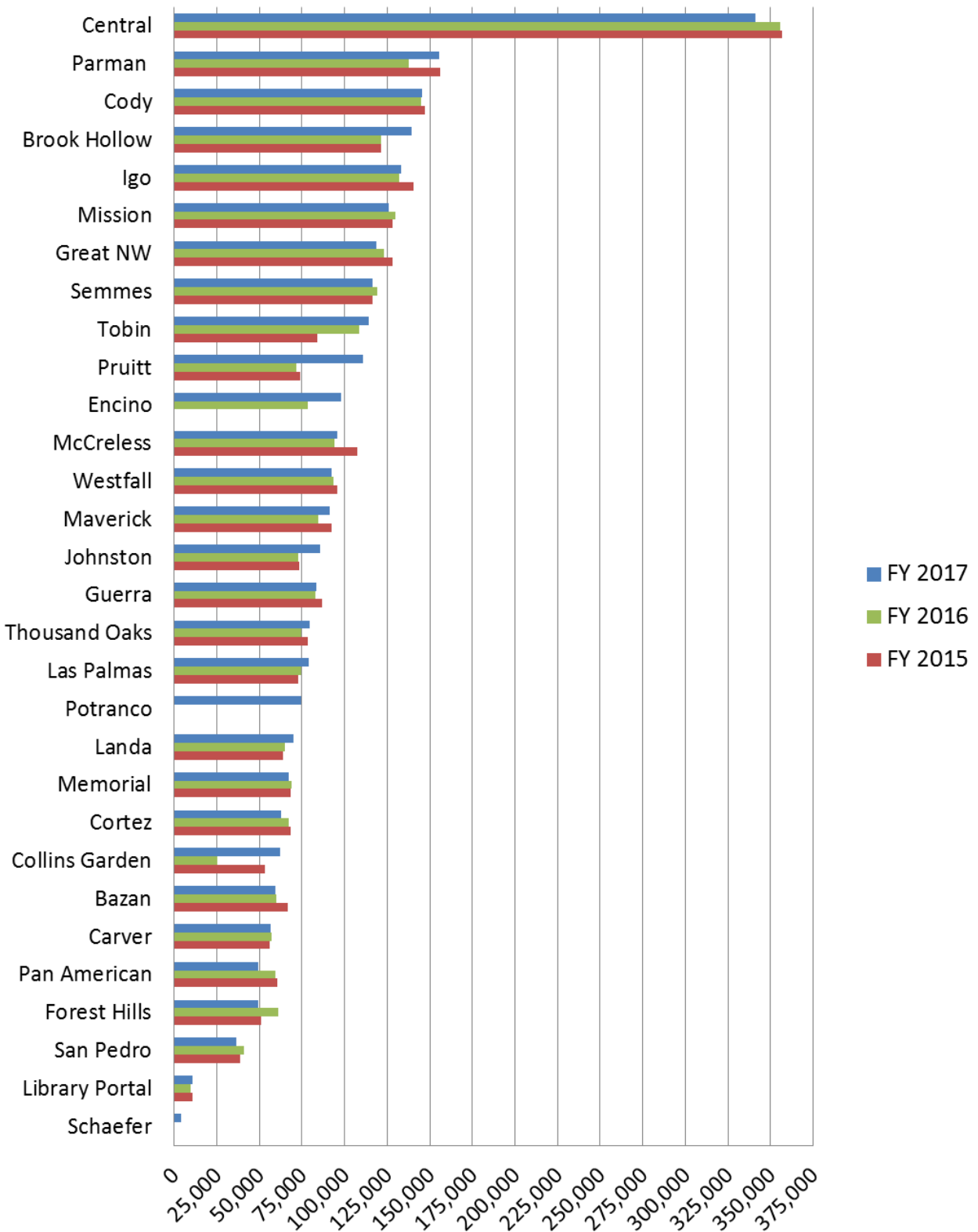
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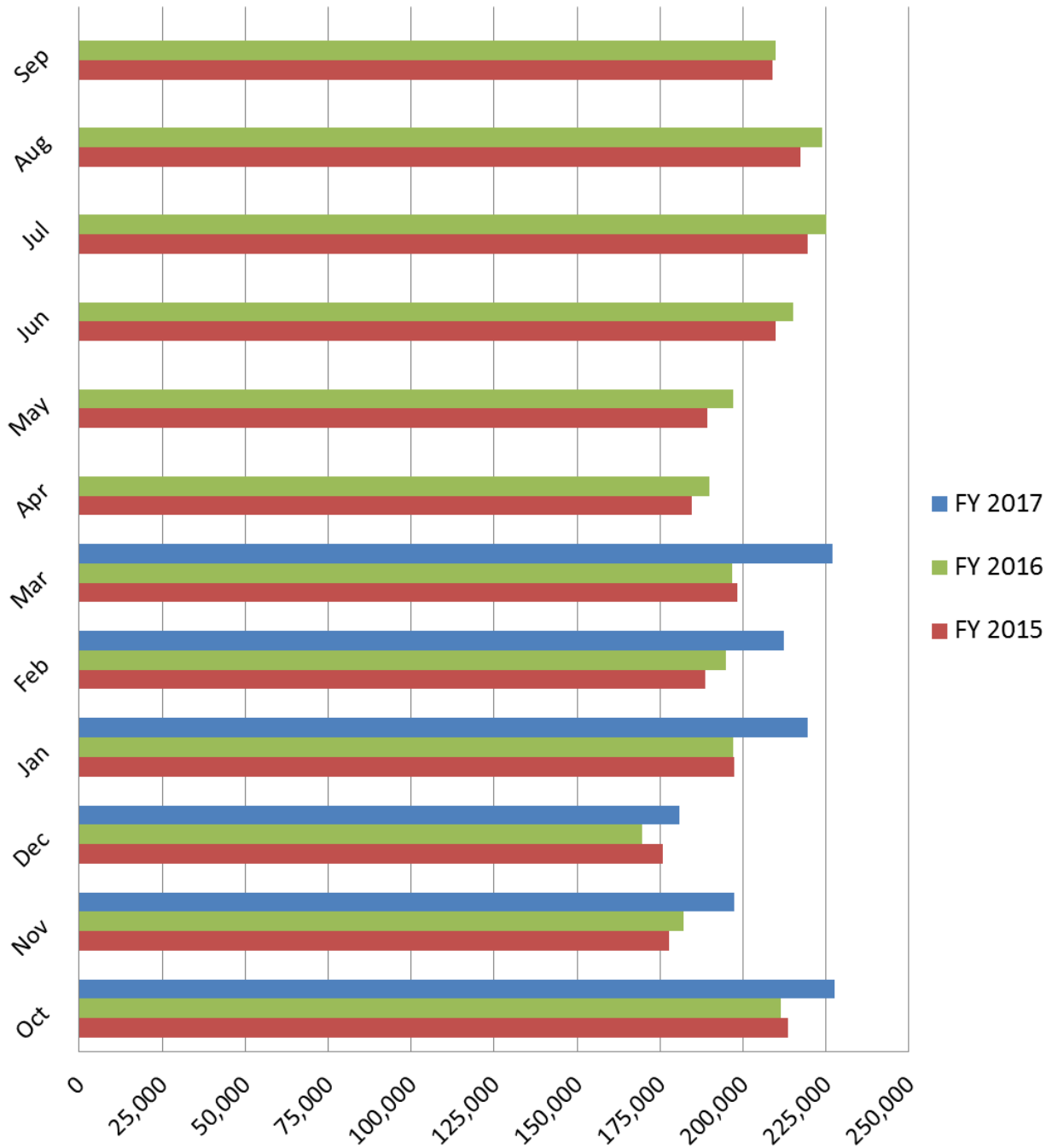
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

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