



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report May 2017

Teen Arts Fest May 6, 2017

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Seventeen (17) Library locations served as Early Voting Sites for the May 2017 Joint General, Special Charter and Bond Election. Early voting began on Monday, April 24, 2017 and ran through May 2, 2017. On Election Day, May 6, 2017, thirteen (13) Library locations will serve as Election Day polling sites. The same sites will serve as voting sites for the Run-off Election. Library voting sites consistently rank among the top voting sites which demonstrate the role the Library plays as community centers and helping make community connections.



Councilman Lopez recognized the Library for winning two awards, the Texas Library Association's **Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award** and the Alliance for Innovation's **Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award**, for the Potranco Branch Library during the May 4, 2017 City Council Meeting as a point of personal privilege.

The San Antonio Public Library was selected to receive the **Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award from the Texas Library Association** for the Potranco Branch Library. This award recognizes a project that exemplifies the highest levels of achievement, professional standards, and inspiration to other libraries. Library Staff attended the TLA 2017 Annual Conference in San Antonio where the award was announced.

The Potranco Branch Library was selected to receive an **Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award** from the Alliance for Innovation. Award was announced at the 2017 Transforming Local Government Conference (TLG) being held in Tulsa, OK April 19-21. 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.



Beginning Thursday, May 11 Central Library became one of three organizations City-wide to serve as a coordinated entry hub for SAMMinistries. From 9 am – 1 pm on Thursdays assistance to homeless individuals and families seeking long-term housing will be available at the Central Library (second floor). SAMMinistries staff will greet and work in consultation with customers. Interested customers may complete an assessment with the SAMMinistries staff so they identify next steps in obtaining housing. The Library's goal is to provide more on-site referral services to address the needs of San Antonians and help forecast community needs in the future. This project was made possible through a collaboration of the San Antonio Public Library, SAMMinistries and SARAH (South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless). The other two organizations serving as coordinated entry hubs for Bexar County are the American GI Forum and Haven for Hope.



The Landa Branch Library, a historic building, is scheduled to undergo external and internal improvements. All work has been planned and designed through a professional architectural firm specializing in historic buildings. A Certificate of Appropriateness has been approved by the Office of Historic Preservation for this project. The Library Department is collaborating with TCI for the execution of this project. The construction contract is expected to go to City Council for action on June 1, 2017. To accomplish this project scope, a temporary closure of the Landa Branch Library, which has been approved by the Library Board of Trustees, is necessary from June 5, 2017 through September 20, 2017. Ramiro Salazar has briefed Councilman Trevino regarding the renovation and planned temporary closure. In addition to meeting with stakeholders of the Landa Branch Library, such as the Landa Gardens Conservancy and the Mote Vista Historical Association, a communication plan to notify the community about the planned closure and provide information for nearby locations has been developed.



May is Digital Inclusion Month and the San Antonio Public Library is piloting new digital literacy programs in the following topics throughout the Library system:

- Computer Basics
- Internet Basics & Cyber Security
- Email Basics
- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Resume Writing
- Online Job Search
- Beginners Web Development

The classes are designed to provide students as much personalized attention as needed from the instructors. Related to this, through grant support from Capital One, the San Antonio Public Library has partnered with the San Antonio Housing Authority to pilot an “Earn-A-Device” program. Beginning in May, San Antonio residents will qualify for a free refurbished device provided by the Library (via a gift through the Library Foundation) and SAHA by attending seven (7) digital literacy classes at either the San Antonio Public Library or the San Antonio Housing Authority while supplies last.



The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees launched the ELLA Awards honor individuals or organizations who have demonstrated *Excellence in Library Leadership and Advocacy* (ELLA). After a call for nomination, 12 recipients have been selected by the Library Board to receive an ELLA Award and will be celebrated during “A Toast on the Terrace” ceremony on Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at the Central Library. This Each winner will receive an award presented by the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees. A small reception will follow.



Mayor Ivy Taylor will join Library staff Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to kick-off the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program. This media event is geared to not only to announce the start of the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program, but to also promote it City wide so as to encourage students to participate. The program is aimed at keeping readers engaged while out of school and also includes a program for adults to model positive reading habits to children. The whole family can take part of the Library’s Reading Program.

MARKETING



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize and staff several events during the reporting period including: The Threads That Bind Us, Aspergers101 May program of the Summer Series, May the Fourth Be With You, Teen Arts Fest and more. More than 20,000 viewed the Aspergers101 program via WOAI, SAPL and Aspergers101 social media pages. Approximately 350 attended the May the Fourth Be With You Program which promoted literacy and awareness of Children’s and Teens services.



Top media hits for the past month include - - KSAT 12 morning show SA Live aired a segment with Anthony Ryan Auld about his exhibit at Central Library; *Express News* published an article about Library employee Eric Pena and his plans to go back to school thanks to a new City of San Antonio program called Upgrade; Kens 5, Fox News, and News 4 WOAI all featured the Vaisakhi Festival at Johnston Branch Library; a quote from Ramiro about the library projects in the proposed bond was featured in an article about the 2017-2022 Bond on mysa.com and on in a front page story in the *Express News*; PR Manager Caitlin Cowart represented the Library on Fox News and News 4 morning shows to promote the Aspergers101 summer series at Central Library.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: LEARN job fair materials, Summer Reading materials, June newsletter, Digital Library Wallpaper update, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month materials, bond-related materials, May the 4th materials, Teens Smarter Fair, ELLA Awards, and a new library user guide.



The team is working on a communications plan for the Potranco Branch Library LibBox and Holds Lockers and for the upcoming closure of Landa Branch Library for renovations.

Social Media fun facts for the month:

#mysapl was used 189 times on Instagram during the reporting period

Mysapl Facebook videos received over 4,000 views during the reporting period

Our most liked tweet of the reporting period was Wowbrary's "new books this week" post

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 13,310 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,690 followers
3. Pinterest: 90 followers
4. Instagram: 1,816 followers
6. Snapchat: 51 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



On April 30 and May 9, Digital Services worked with Innovative Interfaces to update the Library's ILS software (Millennium). The April 30 update created increased record space in the system, while the May 9 update brought the Library's Millennium software up to the latest version.



On May 1, Digital Services said goodbye to Ignacio Albarracin, the Digital Library Services Manager. Mr. Albarracin accepted a position as the Public Service Manager of the Prince George Public Library in British Columbia, Canada.



Tricia Masterson, during the final week of April and the first week of May, worked with ITSD, Pharos, and other Library staff to roll out the pilot program for faxing and scanning at the Library. Central Library (2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors) now have multifunction devices that allow patrons to either fax or scan documents for \$0.20 a page.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Workshops for parents were presented at Larkspur Elementary, Kelly Child Development Center, MOPS Castle Hills Church, Herff Elementary, and Linton Elementary. The Avance Parenting program invited Little Read Wagon to speak to their six parenting classes the week of May 8. Julia Lazarin returned to the Knox Early Childhood Development Center to set up reading tents on May 11 and present a morning and afternoon parent workshop on May 12.



Little Read Wagon offered a special Play & Learn for the Navarro Academy families as part of a health fair hosted by La Trinidad Methodist Church, located across the street from the Academy. Students

were able to bring their children from the campus child care center to receive immunizations, health information, lots of fun prizes, and lunch. In between all the activities, students brought their babies to the Play & Learn area where they could enjoy blocks, painting, play dough, or simple “tummy time” on the rug.



The Bexar County Teen Parent Conference was held on April 21. Little Read Wagon had a table and distributed “Babies Need Words” posters along with library information and sidewalk chalk. Make and take workshops were presented at the following high schools: Jefferson, Healy Murphy (two visits), Taft (two visits), Jay, Memorial (two visits), Edison, Kennedy, and Navarro Academy.



Outreach story time continued at the following early childhood centers: Tynan, Nurturing Hearts, Navarro, Healy Murphy.



Little Read Wagon concluded the Play & Learn series at Alderete and Jane Dubel parks. Families were eager to get information about summer reading, the next Play & Learn locations, and the play dough recipes used at the programs.



House of Neighborly Service again invited Little Read Wagon to offer Play & Learn for their home-based parenting program as well as their Kids’ Place child care center. Several families took advantage of the opportunity to play and socialize.



Many schools and agencies are offering resource fairs in preparation for the summer. Little Read Wagon was at Five Palms Head Start, Price Head Start, Pre-K 4SA South open house for new enrollees, Inman Christian Center, Knox Early Childhood Development Center, and Come Play with Pre-K 4SA at Mission County Park.



Clair Larkin and Cresencia Huff attended the Texas Library Association annual conference April 19-22. Ms. Huff and Viki Ash presented a session about the San Antonio Public Library’s Play & Learn program. Approximately 80 librarians from Texas and surrounding states attended the session.



Elizabeth Huber and Ms. Huff assisted with the Young Pegasus Awards ceremony on May 7 at the Carver Community Cultural Center.

CHILDREN’S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The 2017 Young Pegasus Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 7 at the Carver Community Cultural Center. This venue proved to be an excellent choice. Forty three of this year’s forty five poets were in attendance with their families and friends. Although YP judge Jay Brandon was ready to step in for any nervous young poets, his services were not needed as all the poets in attendance stepped onto the stage and up to the microphone to read their own work. Although the Carver waived the fee for using the facility, expenses for security and for a technician came into play. Regardless of these costs, the venue lent a feel of importance to the proceedings and will certainly be considered as the 2018 YP ceremony is planned.



Special thanks to the many members of the children’s staff who worked the event and similar thanks to Board Chair Paul Stahl and Assistant Director Dale McNeil who assisted in welcoming the crowd and distributing award certificates.



With summer just a few short weeks away, plans for this year’s Reading Program continue at a brisk pace. Work with ReadSquared has begun and staff continues to be optimistic that the online registration and tracking programs will be fully functional by June 1. Through the work of the Library

Foundation and the SAPL Marketing Department 2017 sponsors include Whataburger, VIA Metropolitan and Culligan Water Systems. SAPL welcomes these sponsors along with the continuing support of the Foundation and the Friends. Four summer performers are on tap this year, two for each location. These include: Mad Science, Spikey Mikey, TamboRhythms and Sandbanks Shadow Factory. Further details regarding SR can be found at <http://guides.mysapl.org/summerreading>.



Children's Services Coordinator, Viki Ash, participated in a number of community events during this reporting period, including: Kids Day in the Park on April 22 at Rosedale Park; United Way's Children's Festival on April 29 at Lockwood Park; Parent Meeting at Burleson Early Childhood Center (Edgewood ISD) on May 10.



Viki joined Little Read Wagon manager Cresencia Huff in presenting a session on SAPL's Play & Learn programming at the Texas Library Association Conference on April 20 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The session was well attended, with approximately 80 librarians in the audience. Based on the five early literacy practices, SAPL's Play & Learn programs provide parents and caregivers opportunities to engage with their children in talking, singing, reading, writing and playing.



Viki is also serving on the 2018 Laura Ingalls Wilder Committee. This committee awards the Wilder Medal to an author or illustrator whose work has made a lasting and substantial contribution to children's literature. Previous award winners include Laura Ingalls Wilder (for whom the award is named), Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Tomie DePaola, James Marshall, E.B. White, Virginia Hamilton and Maurice Sendak. The work of the committee culminates with the announcement of the 2018 Wilder Medalist in January 2018 at the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



To promote the third annual Teen Arts Fest on May 6, Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo (Teen Library @ Central) performed several outreach visits to schools and youth-serving organizations in the community. The outreach included: Northeast School of the Arts, Providence Catholic School, Henry Ford Academy, Brackenridge High School, East Central High School, Incarnate Word High School, St. Anthony Catholic School, Southwest School of Art, Artpace, Say Sí, and Mosaic. Library Assistant (PT) Ciana Flores (Teen Library @ Central) performed some of these outreach visits with J.D.



On April 20, J.D. and Teen Library @ Central Manager Kathleen Fordyce were invited to participate in Fox Tech High School's Health Fair. Kathleen and J.D. spoke with teens about the services and resources the Library offers for teens and distributed promotional materials, including Teen Arts Fest flyers and pencils.



Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor represented Teen Services in the P20 Summit at UTSA's downtown campus on May 6, an event that was open to the public and focused primarily on providing middle and high school students and parents with resources for college and career readiness. Adam shared information on the Library's Teen Services programs and particularly highlighted the 2017 Teen Summer Program.



Adam visited the Anne Frank Inspire Academy on May 11 and connected over 40 students from the Academy's high school with resources for Teen Services. He also got each one signed up for a library card.



Adam participated in the Early STEM High School's Resource and Summer Fair on May 11, sharing information on the summer programs for teens.



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 he 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. At the conclusion of the book, Adam offered a presentation to the teens on how to utilize the library's resources, provided them with library cards, and helped them understand the value of teen programming at the Library for their reintroduction into high school. A week later, the teens took a rare field trip to the Teen Library at Central, a unique experience for them as they only leave their facility for home visits and very rarely interact with other teens during their probation period. The outing proved incredibly successful and showed the Center's teens happily and creatively interacting with library patrons. The teens expressed great feedback to their supervisors, who will use this model for future partnership interactions.



Teen Library @ Central Manager Kathleen Fordyce participated in a podcast produced by Central Reference staff. She was interviewed about the Teen Library and Teen Services, including teen programming in the Teen Library, the space itself, major events hosted by Teen Services and the upcoming Teen Summer Program.



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 several Fiesta-based activities and a poetry-reading session. A warm and friendly environment was created, wherein the teens and Adam created a bond that persisted throughout the course of their interaction.



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.



Teen Library @ Central Manager Kathleen Fordyce worked with Yvonne Herrera-Rendon from the City's Metropolitan Health's initiative ProjectWORTH to plan the annual National Month to Prevent Teen Pregnancy event held in the Teen Library at Central. The event took place on May 3 and was a great success. Teens took the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy quiz on www.stayteen.org, and then they had a great time participating in a Jeopardy game developed by ProjectWORTH staff. After the program, teens were treated to Jason's Deli sandwiches and snacks, courtesy of ProjectWORTH. ProjectWORTH also coordinated with other teen librarians/liaisons in the system to implement these events in other library locations.



The 3rd Annual Teen Arts Fest took place at the Central library on May 6. This initiative showcases visual art, poetry, dance, music and film—all created by teens—and is produced in partnership with NESAs, Providence High School, Henry Ford Academy, Brackenridge High School, East Central High School, Incarnate Word High School, St. Anthony Catholic High School, the Southwest School of Art, ArtPace, Say Si!, The Am Project, DreamSA and Mosaic.



A staff committee lead by J.D. Elizondo produced the event, and teen volunteers assisted with planning and conducting the activities that took place on the first and second floors of the Central Library. Approximately 800 people attended the event which featured live painting, tie-die, DJ music mixing,

Folklorico and K-Pop dance workshops, short film screenings, an art competition, an art themed escape room, spoken word poetry and musical performances – all presented by teens. Teen Arts Fest is sponsored by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, with support this year from Herweck's Art Supplies and Jerry's Art-o-rama.



The Teen Library participated in Star Wars Day on May 4th with a demonstration of virtual reality using Oculus Rift and featured Star Wars content, allowing users to experience movie sets and space flight simulations in virtual reality. Teen Services also provided a 3D printer demonstration, crafts and a movie showing of *Rogue One*. Teens in the Teen Library were startled by a surprise visit by Darth Vader. Lord Vader mingled with teens as they played a Star Wars video game and created tiny Darth Vader key-chain crafts.



Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Velasquez was invited to present a session for the TLA Conference. On April 21, Jennifer presented an hour-long interactive workshop on strategies for fostering teen participation in library teen programming. The group of 90+ attendees had positive feedback about the session – and many stayed after the session to talk with Jennifer about teen services at their respective locations – with some attendees even bringing along copies of Jennifer's book for her to sign.



Teen Library @ Central Manager Kathleen Fordyce was also invited to present at TLA this year. She participated on the *Teen Volunteers in Your Library: 3 Models for Success* panel on April 21 to discuss how SAPL partners with community organizations to have paid teen summer interns each year. The discussion included how the partnership works, why have teen interns, what types of duties they can do, and the benefits to both the library and the teen intern from participating.



The Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons met for their regularly scheduled meeting in the Teen Library @ Central on May 10.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The opening reception for the Gallery exhibit *The Threads that Bind Us* took place at Central on April 19. Project Runway participant and San Antonio resident Anthony Ryan Auld unveiled garments inspired by four San Antonio artists whose works are also being exhibited. The collaborative project was the brain child of Forest Hills Librarian Sandra Griffin. The five artists spoke about their pieces in the Auditorium and then moved to the reception held in the Gallery complete with a DJ and hors d'oeuvres. The exhibit will remain in the Gallery through mid-June.



The Library is collaborating with Aspergers101 and its founder Jennifer Allen to bring a series of presentations and panel discussions to the public. A press conference was held at the Central Library to kick off the series. The second Tuesday of each month, Jennifer Allen will be leading a presentation on a different topic at the Central Library. In addition, the presentations are available to watch from home at news4sa.com. The broadcast is being streamed each month at the following locations: Cody, Cortez, Guerra, Parman, Mission, and Potranco so that there are a variety of ways for the public to take part in the series.



The Adult Services Librarians are preparing for Summer Reading. This year they are taking a different approach for adult patrons and calling the program the "Adult Summer Experience." Participants will be able to get entries for a variety of prizes by reading or listening to books, by attending library programs, and by doing good in the community. The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

have graciously agreed to provide donated books as prizes to adults who finish four activities. The age based coordinators have also been working together to get every location a green screen so that all summer reading finishers can take a commemorative photo.



Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes presented a poster at TLA. She spoke with many conference attendees about her topic, *Engaging Employees and Keeping them Engaged*. Ms. Holmes also coordinated SAPL's Book Cart Drill Team which competed at the Lila Cockrell Theatre. The team was made up of enthusiastic employees from across the system including Landa Branch Manager Kiyanna Stephens, Collins Garden Branch Manager Jeannette Davies, Public Services Administrator Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, Bazan Branch Library Assistant Enedina Prater, Landa Children's Librarian Karen Sebesta, Potranco Library's Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes. The group did an awesome job representing San Antonio.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



Play & Learn and *Toddler Time*, led by Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin, continued to be popular programs with families at Central. Ms. Seglin's engaging outer space themed programs featured black, glittery play dough, a sensory bin of black beans and shiny objects, and astronaut imaginative play. Families celebrated Fiesta at early literacy programs by playing instruments, engaging in sensory play with bins of colorful tissue paper and confetti-filled play dough and by participating in a joyous toddler parade around the floor. Ms. Seglin presented programs examining emotions that featured an "emoji" collaborative collage, calming essential oil play dough, as well as puppets. Children learned about pond ecosystems and water properties one week with duck and frog stories, magnetic fishing, wet chalk art, and water tubs with floating and sinking activities.



Ms. Seglin and Manager Kate Simpson presented *Family Fun* programming that incorporated a diverse range of activities for children of all ages. *El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros* was celebrated at *Family Fun* with an exploration of world music and creative expression of all kinds. Inspired by music from many lands, children danced, painted and played instruments at this celebration of art in all its forms. Nature was the *Family Fun* theme another week as families created a paper plate diorama of a nature scene using tissue paper and die cuts. *Family Fun* took on an interstellar dimension when the focus was on outer space. Children enjoyed new versions of traditional fairy tales set in outer space then crafted their own mini space ships.



The Central Children's Department participated in the "*May the Fourth Be With You*" Star Wars themed literacy event this month. Ms. Seglin, and Library Assistants Judith Slaughter and Ana Sandoval presented activities for young children and families such as a space ship photo op, alien puppet play, a "build your own droid" collage, LEGO Star Wars scavenger hunt, LEGO building activities, and Star Wars book displays. The party was a big hit with families. Many returned to Central for other programs the following week and raved about the Star Wars event.



Ms. Simpson visited kindergarten, first, second and third grade students at St. Luke's Episcopal School to tell them about all the fun that awaits them at their local public libraries this summer. The school is encouraging all students to complete the Library's *Summer Reading Program* and all students in attendance that day pledged to read eight books this summer!



Ms. Seglin presented story times to two classes at Madison Square Child Development Center where she received a round of high-fives from all the students. She also delivered many bags of books to the Central Christian Childcare Center as part of a long-standing outreach relationship.



Ms. Seglin, Ms. Simpson and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez hosted three groups of fourth and fifth graders from the Advanced Learning Academy at Fox Tech for extensive research trips to the Central Library. They worked together to assist each group with their diverse research topics to ensure that every child left the library with the resource they required to complete their independent study project.



Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin worked with the Shelving & Delivery Department to develop a plan for the delivery of *Summer Reading Program* prize books to all library locations this month. They spent many hours packing crates with an array of reading choices for children throughout the city to select this summer.



Ms. Simpson recorded an episode of the *San Antonio Public Library, Tuned In* podcast with the Central Reference Department this month. She described the role of Children's Librarians at SAPL and discussed the resources and programming available at the Central Children's Department.



Ana Sandoval, Part Time Library Assistant and talented artist, had the honor of serving as a judge for the *Teen Arts Fest* at Central, an event coordinated by Teen Services staff from across the SAPL system. As part of the judging panel, she selected art work for awards from the wide array of art submitted to the contest.

TEENS



Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant): During the reporting period, J.D. facilitated Eclectic Electric music programming. J.D.—spurred on by the realization that at least two of Eclectic's teen “regulars” travel from the far Northside (they attend Johnson High School) to attend each Monday's program—has decided to fine-tune Eclectic programming based on these teens' interest and dedication. While Eclectic has provided recording, jamming and learning opportunities for years now, J.D. is ensuring that that continues via the informal and fun “Jam Club,” in addition to a guitar and keyboard-based curriculum for more serious Eclectic attendees. Jam Club will consist of a repertoire developed by the teens, facilitated by J.D. The idea is that two or three teens will learn songs per instrument, increasing the likelihood of a group of teens being present to jam band-style, as opposed to the occasional session during Monday programming. J.D. will continue his teen-led approach to teaching, based on what teens are asking to learn – whether it be chords, music theory, etc. – but will also be using music reference books from the Eclectic Electric collection to teach in a more systematic way for teens that desire it. In addition to the music programming, the “Eclectic” part includes art, poetry, and special events during the year. J.D. and the teens are currently planning “Halfway to Halloween.” The name was suggested by Ciana Flores, who also facilitates the development and implementation of the annual Teen Library Haunted House.



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): Teens engaged in activities that allowed them to express themselves creatively, learn nutritional facts, and celebrate a favorite fandom.

Encouraged by staff, teens suggest and plan activities they wish to do at their library. They suggest ideas that play up their strengths or their interest in a certain craft or things they might have seen made online.



One teen mentioned that with Fiesta and the essential Food Bank nutritional lesson coming up why not combine the two and make a healthy Fiesta rice featuring all the different colors of vegetables. Ensuring there were supplies, the teen made a list and staff set up a date and time for the event to occur. The evening found teens pairing veggies and adding spices to create dishes sampled by their peers. Teens also made *cascarones* while watching movies.



Another idea supplied by a teen was making an artichoke-spinach dip in a bread bowl. The teen suggested leaving out the word “spinach” when submitting the event to the online calendar since she knew that not all her friends liked it, but it was unnecessary as the teens enjoyed everything about this dish. (With the exception of one teen who when he commented on his dislike of spinach was given numerous tips & recipes from the others on how to best enjoy it.) From shaping the biscuit dough into bowls from the various cheeses shredded to chopping the two very strong veggies, artichoke and spinach, this was an amazingly delicious treat.



To accommodate the Star Wars: May the Fourth special event, teens were able to watch movies from the *Star Wars* universe while making character beadsprites and cubeecrafts. Costumed characters also stopped by the Teen Library to take pictures with patrons. Teens also made galaxy *quesadillas* dying white cheese in universe colors and placing them within corn tortillas and grilling them, creating a gooey, colorful, out of this world (yep) snack. Another snack teens enjoyed making was bacon pancakes, which reminded teens of a very popular cartoon song that they sang as they made them. Teens also used posterboard, glue, paper cups and tape to create 3D letters.



Every Thursday night, as well, in a non-competitive environment, teens played video games or chose from a collection of board games to play. 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>.



Saturday @ Teen Library: Teens were able to participate in an impromptu Thursday kind of program on a Saturday. Using leftover Easter jellybeans, teens took a glue gun and a canvas to create sweet, colorful jellybean portraits. Teens also watched movies throughout the day, used the 3D printer and demoed the Oculus Rift virtual reality machine.



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 George Gervin Center, Roy Maas, the Juvenile Detention Center, and the Selena Center made regular visits during the reporting period.

REFERENCE



On April 23, Frank Neumann conceived of and hosted a Sunday Adult Games program using “Haikubes.” Sara Severn helped build the concept and was an encouraging participant on the day of the program. Essentially, “Haikubes” are sets of word dice; players spill the cubes to create poems (or haikus) with the words and phrases on the revealed faces. Two families who participated included children who thought the whole exercise was “cool.” The adults enjoyed the creative outlet provided by the game. Mr. Neumann also offered attendees the opportunity to try a haiku “Turing test”; patrons tried to determine whether the source of a particular poem was a live poet or a poem created from a random spill of the cubes. Winners (everybody) received a free book.



During the month of April, Pannaga Prasad planned and organized branch and Central programs associated with Vaisakhi, an important Sikh festival. On April 29, Ms. Prasad and Cynthia de Leon hosted a program entitled “Vaisakhi Festival: Bhangra Cultural Dance & Documentary Film” in the Central Library Auditorium. Presenting the program was a group from the Sikh Center of San Antonio. Attendees enjoyed the film and associated cultural activities.



In conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Ms. Prasad and Ms. de Leon presented “Vibrations: Jazz Concert” on May 5. Musicians from Northside World Music of San Antonio played Indian classical music with instruments such as violins, vocals, and drums. On May 14, to celebrate the Month, Ms. Prasad and Ms. de Leon organized “Classical Bharatanatyam Dance” by performers from the Kaveri Natya Yoga Organization. Attendees felt the dancers were “dedicated, beautiful, and graceful.”



On Sunday, April 30, Reference Department’s Geek Out @ the Library Programming group including Maria Adams, Dan Garcia, Blanca Hernandez, and Adolph Lopez organized a family friendly event, “Guardians of the Galaxy Mania.” Local Marvel comics artist Freddy Lopez, Jr. helped celebrate the impending release of “Marvel’s Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2” by instructing attendees on how to draw characters from the ‘Guardians of the Galaxy’ movie and comic books. Also attending was special guest the Star-lord himself, portrayed by local cosplayer Cookie Kniejski.



On May 4, the Geek Out group participated in a Star Wars themed trivia game at the “District 1 May the Fourth Be With You” event at the Central Library. Adults, teens and children alike dropped in and out for seven rounds of Star Wars trivia, testing their Star Wars universe knowledge. Lucky winners took home a bag of Star Wars themed goodies.



For Sunday’s Central Cinema program on May 7, Blanca Hernandez presented “Patriot’s Day”, a film about the Boston Marathon bombing. All stayed to view the after credits clips of the real life people effected by the event and their lives today. Several patrons were teary-eyed as they left the auditorium.



Cristine Mitchamore’s Book Group met on Wednesday, May 10 to discuss “Dies the Fire”, a 2004 alternate history and post-apocalyptic novel by S. M. Stirling. The group concluded that a large city is not conducive to surviving most apocalypses.

TEXANA/GENEALOGY



On April 18 (Igo Library) and on May 13 (Central Library), Librarian Sylvia Reyna led a class on “Hunting Down Your House History” showcasing the historical reference resources available in Texana for discovering information such as when a house was built, who lived there, and who subsequently owned the property.



Assistant Manager Matt De Waelsche gave a presentation on Elizabeth Howard West, San Antonio Public Library Director from 1915-1918, for the Retired Librarian’s Roundtable on April 19. The “Afternoon Tea” was held at the Briscoe Western Art Museum as part of the Texas Library Association conference.



The evening of April 25, Librarian Andy Crews was able to provide wonderful service to a ballet dancer from Macedonia who needed newspaper articles documenting his performances at the Tobin Center and Majestic Theater. He was preparing to leave for Los Angeles and needed the newspaper articles for his green card application. Mr. Crews was able to help locate the relevant material quickly, much to the patron’s relief.



Mr. Crews introduced genealogy researchers to the wonderful world of the Fold3 database on May 2. While concentrating on Military history and records, Fold3 remains a powerful family history tool when searching other types of records, including city directories and naturalization records.



Ms. Reyna conducted a Beginning Genealogy class at the May 6 “Paseo por El Westside,” an annual event on San Antonio’s Westside celebrating the importance of historic and cultural preservation within the community.



Ms. Reyna assisted Ronee Anderson at the Library outreach table on May 12 for “Senior Day in the Park” held at Camargo Park. Information about the library and about Texana/Genealogy was handed out to attendees interested in library resources.



On April 22, the Texana Unit hosted the Texas Jewish Historical Society who met in the Texana Room. Their guest speaker’s topic was photographer Robert Neil Cohen who spoke about “Endangered Texas Jewish Cemeteries” around the state. The event was very well attended.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



Georgina Salinas, Teen Services Librarian II, joined the Bazan branch team on May 1. Ms. Salinas, during her first week at work, assisted in preparing for the Teen Arts Fest that was held May 6. Ms. Salinas curated the art pieces submitted by the participating teenagers and provided support during the event alongside participating committee members.



Tweens at Bazan had fun during Fiesta making a shoebox sized float as an entry in the library system-wide competition. They and their parents also celebrated Stars Wars Day by making related crafts, watching a Star Wars movie and enjoying snacks.



Library Assistant Dina Prater reported that she had a blast participating in the Texas Library Association’s book cart drill team competition. Our congratulations go out to all of the SAPL participants who made us proud.



The first meeting of the Bad Girls Romance Book Club saw a good turnout. Host Ms. Prater found that the group preferred a weekend date for the next meeting so that more people could attend.



The Coloring for Grown-Ups program continued to be popular with a turnout of 8 participants. The program was extended as a passive program for a few more days with coloring pages that celebrated the San Antonio Spurs and Star Wars Day and saw an additional 30 participants.



Training Officer Emily Flores participated in the Lanier High School Barrio Network Meeting on April 27 at Lanier High School. The organization works to strengthen neighborhood and community bonds and integrate and promote services on the West Side.



Children’s Librarian Hope Sonnen concluded book clubs at several elementary schools and had an end of the year celebration with each of the groups. The students were sad to see the book clubs end but expressed excitement about upcoming summer programs at the library. On May 13, Ms. Sonnen hosted the Play & Learn program Brown Bear, Brown Bear.

BROOK HOLLOW



During the month of May Brook Hollow participated in the library's system-wide Digital Inclusion Month initiative. On May 9, Brook Hollow Manager Heidi Novotny taught a computer skills class Internet Basics and Cyber Security. Class attendees learned how to use a web browser, conduct internet searches, evaluate search results and protect themselves online.



On May 4, Ms. Novotny attended the San Pedro Hills Women's Club (SPHWC) luncheon at Fratello's Deli. The SPHWC was instrumental in advocating for establishment of the branch and continues to provide support. At the luncheon the club's president Dot Hailey presented Ms. Novotny with a generous donation for the library's use.



On Tuesday, April 18, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera presented her monthly STEM story times. The math skill that the group focused on was geometry. Children had an opportunity after the program to explore several math-based activities with their caregivers.



On Tuesday, May 4, Ms. Rachael Barrera presented a Play and Learn program called "Built it!" The program included many activities involving tools and construction. The theme was chosen to promote the summer's "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program.



On Tuesday, May 9, Ms. Barrera visited the Heimer Rd. KinderCare for her monthly outreach visit. She presented story times for two prekindergarten classrooms and delivered curriculum supporting books to four classrooms.



On May 10, Ms. Barrera visited five 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 explored Japanese art and culture with their anime viewing, discussing differences between the depicted society and their own. They assisted in organizing the teen supplies at the branch and ventured outside to the open space adjacent to the branch for a game of Frisbee more than once. The teens were very encouraging to each other during the games, and by the end of each, individuals' skills had noticeably improved. Teens made small buttons using pre-printed templates, designed their own using blank templates, and upcycled magazines and books into new button designs. The teens have also begun excitedly brainstorming ideas for an after-hours program at the branch.

CARVER



Some 200 people attended the 2nd annual Pan African Cultural Festival, including SAPL Board member Gloria Malone and former District 120 Rep. Laura Thompson. The all-day event included a concert, fashion show and panel discussion. Other popular features were the Afro-Caribbean cuisine, spoken word performances, African drumming, dancing, face painting and crafts.



On April 29, the branch partnered with Guardian House, a local agency that works with children of divorce, to host a Saturday morning read-a-thon. Guest readers included Precinct 4 County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Jr. Later that day, 51 people attended *Through Their Eyes*, a production led by writer Raymond Goode, blending the creative arts into one powerful performance.



Television actress BernNadette Stanis returned to Carver Branch in April where she headlined a panel that offered support to caregivers of those afflicted with disease. She also signed copies of her new book, *The Last Night*, a memoir in which she details her struggle to accept her mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis and imminent death.



Mr. 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. Mr. Holcomb also coordinated with Metro Health Testing so that they could conduct another session of health testing at Carver library.



Carver Library children's librarian Jodi Miller worked at the Young Pegasus Poetry Award Ceremony on May 7. She also attended the annual conference of the Texas Library Association in San Antonio in April. Manager DL Grant served on the local arrangements committee. In addition, Mr. Grant will be serving on the organization's nominating committee.



Learn Center Instructor Jeanne Johnson announced plans to partner with biology majors at the University of Texas at San Antonio to help tutor adults in science. Science is a requirement of the high school diploma completion program being piloted at Carver's Learn Center. The program kicked off earlier this month. In addition, Ms. Johnson reported robust support for the art classes the center revived early in May. One of the students is an octogenarian with a strong flair for the water color technique.

CODY



On April 17, Cody tweens participated in a building competition. The tweens were split up into teams of two and were instructed to build a structure. Midway through the competition, Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon announced a twist to the rules: each team would have to find another team and work together to combine their structures into one big piece. Through this program tweens practiced the important skills of collaboration and problem-solving.



On April 19, the *Middle Reader's Club* met. Children had the opportunity to read a selection from *Henry Huggins* by Beverly Cleary and then participated in a sight word bingo game.



Families celebrated Earth Day on April 20 with a *Come and Go Craft*. Children colored coffee filters with markers to look like the earth and then spritzed the filters with water to make the colors diffuse. While the children made their crafts, they came up with ideas about how they could protect the Earth.



The *Tween STEM Club* met again on April 24. During this program tweens learned about food science. Tweens did an experiment with juice to see how the nose affects the taste of food. While the tongue's taste buds can only detect five different kinds of tastes, the nose can detect up to a thousand different types of chemicals. Then tweens learned about the science behind baking during a hands-on demonstration about making microwave mug cakes.



Kristin went to the Chabad Jewish Center's Gan Gani Preschool on April 25 to read to the students.



Tweens practiced their culinary skills during a program on May 1 when they made candy sushi. Tweens followed directions to make rice cereal treats and then used their creativity to turn the treats into sushi.



The *Minecraft Club* met again on May 3 and it was a very popular program! Children did a great job of helping each other figure out ways to improve their gaming skills!



Families gathered for a Día Dance *Family Fun* program on May 4 to dance to music from six different countries. In-between dances, children and parents played games and made crafts from Ireland, Australia, Japan, Brazil, France, and South Africa.



The *Tween STEM Club* met again on May 8 to investigate the science of volcanoes. Tweens made an edible erupting volcano and had a volcano trivia contest.



On May 9, children made presents for their mothers during a Mother's Day *Come & Go* program. Children decorated frames made from craft sticks and then wrote Mother's Day messages or drew pictures on a paper that they glued inside the frame.



The *Beginner Reader's Club* met on May 10. During this program readers read the book *There's a Fly Guy in My Soup* by Tedd Arnold. Librarian Yourdon then showcased some of the new Beginner Reader series in the library. Afterwards, children played a game of sight word bowling.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens to create and develop after school teen programs once a week that interest and engage teens. Cody Teens helped develop a variety of arts, crafts, and cooking activities for teen programs. On April 18, teens had the opportunity to cook noodles and practice using chop sticks. They also created a variety of bead sprite crafts and competed against other teens playing video games.



On April 25, teens learned an easy recipe for sopapillas and made optical illusion paper crafts.



Cody Teens celebrated Star Wars Day early on May 2. Teens made mini moon pies and star wars inspired bead sprite crafts.



On May 9, teens experimented with glue and shaving cream to make fluffy slime and learned how to make paper bag popcorn.



VITA concluded their free tax assistance on April 18.



Early voting was held at Cody from April 24 to May 2. Total votes cast: 3,821.



On April 19, Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana facilitated the monthly meeting of the book club at Adante Senior Living where the group discussed *Once Upon a Time There Was You* by Elizabeth Berg.



Representatives from UTSA's Confucius Institute were on hand May 6 to demonstrate the art, calligraphy and languages of China during Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.



On May 11, Cody served as a packet pickup location for Councilperson Ray Saldaña's District 4 Heroes 5K.

COLLINS GARDEN



The Collins Garden Library team met to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and strengths (SWOT) of the San Antonio Public Library and narrowed the focus to Collins Garden Library to focus on areas of improvement.



Bexar County early voting took place in the Collins Garden Library meeting room April 24 – 27, April 29, and May 1 -2 with voting on Election Day May 6.



Digital Inclusion Month Computer classes are taking place at Collins Garden Branch Library and include Basic Computer Class May 9, Email Basics May 16, and Microsoft Basics May 23. The classes fill a need among patrons to assist educating them on everyday computer functions. Ten people attended the first class.



Collins Garden Library celebrated National Poetry Month as Library Assistant Carlos Loera hosted a poetry reading event featuring Voces Cosmicas poetry group. Community residents came out to listen to San Antonio poets. Forty five people attended. In addition, Loera hosted a webinar featuring Voces Cosmicas that was broadcast to 50 universities and colleges.



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.



Collins Garden Library Tweens Neveah, Tiffany and Amber made Mother's Day Cards at Collins Garden Library with wall artwork by Circulation Attendant Jessica Salas.



Chess Time All The Time! Two chess sets in the library's public areas are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves, with an average of 10 players daily.



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



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 with 30 people in attendance.



The Teen program, hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera, is Teen Tuesdays from 4-6 pm and is holding steady with 7-10 teens a week. During this reporting period teens decorated Fiesta shoebox for the internal SAPL competition, made crafts, explored video gaming, and enjoyed teen movies.



Collins Garden Library hosts a monthly matinee movie series for teens and children averaging an attendance of 35 people. Teens created a Fiesta Shoebox Float and added live music!



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi attended the Children's Round Table (CRT) Breakfast May 4 at TLA and helped with the decorating and set-up featuring children's author Kevin Henkes. Brudi also assisted at the annual Young Pegasus Program celebration at the Carver Cultural Arts Center.



Branch Manager Jeannette Davies demonstrated initiative and measurable contributions to system-wide committees, training, and other opportunities via attending the following meetings: May's Branch Manager's Meeting at WestFall; LLT Meeting at Central; Texas Library Association Attendance (TLA); Elected TLA District 10 Chair-Elect; and the COSA B Cycle program. Davies continues to work with the Friends of Collins Garden Library to purchase items for the branch via the Friends Spending Plan. Recent Friends contributions include purchasing games for family game nights scheduled during the summer reading program. Then Branch manager continues to work with SAPL/City Facilities and the

contractor to resolve lingering building issues and coordinating a visit with the SAPL Board of Trustee representing District 5.



Davies attended TLA and participated in the Book Cart Drill Team and was elected District 10 Chair-Elect. During various conference events including the TLA President's Party, Davies met and discussed libraries with librarians and administrators from Round Rock, Corpus Christi and Dallas, Texas. In addition, Davies lunched with library colleague Felton Thomas who is director of the Cleveland Public Library and serves as president of the Public Library Association.



The Friends of Collins Garden Branch Library held a Cinco De Mayo fundraiser and a Ghosts and Legends of Texas event at Viva Vegeria May 5. Nearly 20 people were in attendance, including the President of the Friends of Collins Garden Library and Chef and Manager of Viva Vegeria Fred Garza. They hosted and entertained guests with tales of Texas ghost lore. Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies co-hosted and wrote an annotated bibliography. Friends of SAPL President Nancy Gandara, former president Karen Matson, and SAPL Board Member Jean Brady attended. The Collins Garden Library Friends next fundraiser is a Used Book Sale in October 2017. The Friends next meeting is May 16 at 6 p.m. at Collins Garden Library.

CORTEZ



On Tuesday, April 25, the Branch hosted Board Member Andrea Sanchez for a "meet and greet" breakfast. The staff was able to talk about their interests and share some of their programming and decorating talents. Plans were made for Summer Reading at Ms. Sanchez's school. It was a fun and productive visit.



On Thursday, May 4, under the direction of Training Officer Melody Ayala and with the guidance of Digital Inclusion Fellow Emma Hernandez the branch hosted a very successful Job Fair. There were 65 job-seekers in attendance and the employers had nothing but praise for the event.



Four different clubs at Cortez produced shoe-box floats for the competition to win tickets to the Battle of Flowers Parade. There was representation from Teen Time, Tween Time, Adult Coloring Club and COAST (Cortez Older Adult Social Time). The Teen Time float under the direction of Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes won third prize overall in the SAPL contest.



Story Time continues on Mondays at 10 a.m. Four sessions were held during the reporting period with themes such as Mother's Day, Dia de los Niños Dance Party, Earth Day and the Spring Play and Learn to commemorate Brown Bear, Brown Bear. Twenty children and 13 adults attended.



Baby Time follows the Story Time program on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. Four sessions were held with a program of rhymes, rhythm instruments, songs and time for books and playing with blocks. The babies and their parents/caregivers were introduced to the Play and Learn format as well and the babies had a great time exploring the space. Twenty nine babies and 28 parents and/or caregivers attended.



Family Fun sessions are held on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Four sessions were offered during the reporting period with programs featuring LEGO play, the Spring Play and Learn, Dia de los Niños dancing and Mother's Day. Attendance was 36 children and 18 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. The food challenge was back this month with tweens challenged to eat 20 pretzel sticks out of a bowl without using their hands! Some were more successful than others! In honor of poetry month, they made redacted poems with withdrawn damaged

books. The tweens also participated in a playground favorite – hopscotch! Four sessions were held with attendance at 31.



Offered on Saturdays from 2 – 4 p.m., this passive program has been offered four times during the reporting period. Twelve children and five adults have tried their hands at open craft studio, Fiesta crafts and Mother's Day cards.



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. *Finding Dory* was enjoyed by four children and two adults.



Kathy Armbruster offered SAPL branch location maps, LEARN Center information, Learning Express bookmarks and Homework Help flyers to Hutchins Elementary students and their families.



Kathy recorded Dial-a-Story for SAPL on May 8.



The Teen program met twice during this reporting period with an attendance of 41. Two programs were cancelled due to the meeting room being used for other priority programs. The teen entry for the Fiesta Shoebox float won the local branch competition and was later submitted to the SAPL-wide competition and placed third overall! On April 20, Vicente Escobedo, a Community Health worker with COSA Metropolitan Health District, came to talk to the teens about Dream SA. He also spoke to them about healthy eating and made them some delicious pineapple agua fresca!



The Adult Coloring and Cortez Writers groups continue to engage in small but lively group meetings. The adult coloring group hosted a total of 9 enthusiastic people and the writers group brought in the stories of three hopeful novelists over the course of two meetings. The Adult Coloring group took on the SAPL challenge of creating a Fiesta Shoebox Float for consideration in our in-house competition!



Four Getting Crafty classes were held with an attendance of 32. The crafters worked on rock painting with such designs as insects, flowers and freehand. They also made springtime wreath decorations.



On May 13, thirteen enthusiastic Monster Meet devotees enjoyed the 80's classic *Nightmare on Elm Street*. Monster Meet is a program developed and coordinated by Circulation attendant Madeline Vasquez who brings her love of the horror genre to the community at Cortez.



Mobile Mercado has been positively received by the community. They have agreed to visit our branch every 4th Tuesday until summer.



COAST (Cortez Older Adult Social Time) invites anyone 50 or better is invited to attend a 90-minute session of board games, puzzles and stimulating conversation to help keep the mind active and engaged! Four sessions have been held during the reporting period with 19 adults enjoying the camaraderie of their neighborhood friends.



A "Computer Basics" class was held at Cortez on May 10 with two newcomers to the world of computers attending. Michelle is also travelling to different SAPL branches this month to offer five computer classes at those locations. She also serves as the Committee Chair of the Digital Fluency Team.

ENCINO



In recognition of April's designation as National Poetry Month, Encino hosted local poet and instructor Linda Simone for a Poetry Workshop on April 17. Linda led participants through a series of prompts and the process of self-critiquing, and she answered questions about getting poetry published. Special thanks to Memorial's adult librarian Rhonda Davila for arranging this program. Encino hosted a classical dance program, Bharatanatam, on May 13 in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The audience was exposed to dance and textiles from Indian culture, as performed by the Kalalaya Indian Performing Arts Organization.



Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver is gearing up for summer with record numbers in attendance at recent Toddler and Story Times. Nicki hosted the popular First Friday Art on May 5, which will pause for summer and resume in September, and her weekly outreach visits to local preschools will wrap up in May. Lego Club has officially moved to Monday afternoons at 4 p.m., and Read to a Dog continues each Wednesday at 3 p.m.



Branch Manager Keri Moczygemba worked with the Digital Inclusion Committee to coordinate a series of computer classes hosted at 18 branches during the month of May. Nicki and Keri are traveling to other branches to teach Computer Basics, Email Basics, Introduction to Microsoft Office, and Internet Basics & Cyber Safety. Classes are designed to be small, which is beneficial to students exploring computer skills for the first time. Feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, and many have expressed gratitude to the library as a whole for hosting this series.



Children's Librarian Ashley Stubbs held a preschool dance party with 15 families on May 12. This multi-cultural, multi-lingual movement celebration in honor of El Día de Los Niños/El Día de Los Libros provided music and images from different cultures for the children to enjoy. Ashley's Flannel Fridays program will continue each Friday at 10 a.m. through July.



Branch Manager Keri Moczygemba entertained future kinder students and their families at the Bulverde Creek Elementary School Kinder Extravaganza on April 24. Over 80 families learned about the library's resources before touring the school. Keri also hosted a group of 14 Girl Scouts on May 10 for a tour of library services and a scavenger hunt in the children's space. Each girl received their first library card after the meeting, and the parents expressed interest in partnering with the library for future activities.



The teen room at Encino has been consistently busy on Monday nights for the Anime Club program, and on Wednesday nights for Teen Club. Anime Club has been watching a lot of new Anime shows on the Crunchyroll outreach account in the hopes of expanding the teen's horizons and to experience everyone's favorites.



In Teen Club things got messy making slime stress balls and painting light switch plates. More craftiness occurred in the making of Mother's Day cards, with teens using glittery stickers and origami paper to make some beautiful handmade cards.



This month also featured some epic gaming with teens playing Minecraft, Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart and Air Console games on gaming systems and iPads. They also played an old-school card game brought in by one of the teens called Betrayal at House on the Hill.



As always Encino teens got their munch on this month making Muddy Buddies with new kitchen equipment bought by the friends group. Teens also enjoyed chocolate dipped fruit and candy.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot made a “study break” box for Encino Teens to use while studying for their Advanced Placement exams during the first two weeks of May. The box included crossword puzzles, coloring sheets, playdough, a stress ball, and candy. The box was a big hit with teens that needed a break and to de-stress from their studying.



Julia traveled to the Central Library on Saturday, May 6 to help her committee in the presentation of the Teen Arts Fest. The Fest was a huge success bringing teens and their families from all over San Antonio together to experience art in many different forms. The committee is on to its next project already, planning for this fall’s Rock the Plaza to be held in November.

FOREST HILLS



Forest Hills Branch was pleased to offer two computer classes during Digital Inclusion Month. The first, a basic computer introduction was very helpful for those patrons who have limited technology skills. The next class, Microsoft Word, was especially helpful to a patron who was working on creating her resume for a job interview. She was able to receive some tips on how to polish the Word document she was using.



Assistant Manager Sandra Griffin assisted in hosting the Anthony Ryan Auld program at the Central Library on April 18. Ms. Griffin was instrumental in developing the program and exhibit and staff was very excited to see her efforts come to fruition. The exhibit will be on display until June 18. She also attended the UTHSCSA Briscoe Library and School of Medicine Nurses Wek art exhibit opening on May 1. Ms. Griffin connected the artist, Sarah Castillo, with the Briscoe Library as she has shown at SAPL branches. Her attendance at the event allowed her to promote additional library programs and services to students at the UTHSCSA School of Medicine.



On April 19, Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Doris Griffin Senior Center to host the monthly book club. The April selection discussed *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. The seniors were very interested in the topic and felt that it was very relevant to modern times. Many of them remembered reading the book in high school, which at that time was considered a contemporary novel.



Children’s Librarian Gladis Martinez was busy with outreach in May as she assisted the Little Read Wagon with a Play and Learn at the Jane Dubell Park on May 11. Ms. Martinez conducted Saturday tours for kindergarteners and 2nd graders from Glen Oaks Elementary School on the first two Saturdays in May. She also visited Woodlawn Elementary School to speak to students about the summer reading club. Storytime has become a very popular offering. Attendance has grown so much that Ms. Martinez has chosen to host the program in the meeting room instead of in the limited space of the Children’s area. The children and their parents have more room to spread out and participate in the activities.



The Lego Builders Club is becoming a popular offering for working parents as it is a weeknight activity. The branch staff is currently seeking resources to build a Lego kit to be housed at Forest Hills Branch.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited Holmes High School on May 8 to make connections with teens and talk about the upcoming events for teens at Forest Hills. The inaugural meeting of the Forest Hills Teen’s K-Pop club was held on May 13. Teens learned about the newest trend, Korean pop music. They are very excited to take part in this monthly club where they will explore Korean culture and discuss all things related to K-pop. The club will meet the 1st Saturday of every month at 3 p.m.

GREAT NORTHWEST



The Great Northwest Branch Library said farewell to library aide Monique as she pursues her dream of joining the Army.



The Great Northwest Branch Library celebrated Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month with the program *Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture*. Patrons learned about the Chinese language and culture and enjoyed a traditional Mongolian dance performance.



The New Scholars of Texas continued their Socratic exploration of history, focusing on the indigenous history of Texas and the different representations in art.



Patrons gathered to learn and gain computer skills during the Computer Basics training with instructor Matthew Loaiza during Digital Inclusion Month.



The Great Northwest ABC Explorers graduated this month. This year, 3-5 year olds learned the full alphabet by traveling the world. The children visited 14 different countries and learned about their cultures through books and sound, all with their passport in hand. The children brought their family and friends to celebrate with them. There was a sense of great pride for their accomplishments but this year it wasn't just the adults who had good things to say. Each child esteemed the branch and the significance this place carried for them. In fact it was hard to get these explorers to stop talking about all their adventures at the library.



Here is just a few of our favorite stories: One of the branch's families will be moving to Italy this summer. Great Northwest Library is the first and favorite library they've attended religiously since their little girl was born. The family shared how Great Northwest gave them a warm welcome when they first came. Since that day, they feel the connection has grown over the years. Between the memories of programs to the wide open reading spaces, they felt a sense of belonging at the branch. The experience was so valuable to their family that they already made contact with the local library of their new area for program information. They hope to always have a library to call home, because of the impact Great Northwest made in their life.



One grandmother, who had been bringing her two grandsons since they were two years old, had some very good things to share. "The 'twins' [who were really cousins of the same age] used to fight all the time, but now that they have come to the library, they have much to share in activities and conversation. They graduated from the library after being in the programs for three years and will go to kindergarten. The school thinks maybe they will both be in gifted and talented classes. The library has been very good for them and we are so grateful. It's changed their entire personality in the best way."



The Great Northwest Library held a Teen Volunteer Information Session 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.



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 National Poetry Month the Teen Writer's Guild held a Poe Poetry and Pancakes program on April 17. Teens used Edgar Allan Poe poetry to create poetry magnets and made fun-fetti pancakes to celebrate.



On April 22, 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.



On April 24, Great Northwest teens held a combined Teen Art and Creative Cooking program with Pop-Tarts and Pop-Art. Creative Cooking empowers teens to learn a new skill and experiment and have fun with cooking. Teen Art teaches teens ways to express themselves using a variety of art techniques. During the program teens learned about Pop-Art by making Pop-Tart inspired art. Teens also learned how they can make homemade pop-tarts at home.



On May 1, Great Northwest teens held a Sci-Fi Mashup Teen Craft Night. Teens celebrated Star Wars Day and the release of *Guardians of the Galaxy* with crafts and creative cooking. Teens had the opportunity to create bead sprite character mashups from *Star Wars* and *Guardians of the Galaxy*. Teens also learned how to make cinnamon buns in a mug and galaxy-glazed donuts.



Great Northwest Teens held Anime Night on May 8 where they learned to make egg drop soup and noodles. Teens practiced using chop sticks and made manga drawings. Teens meet monthly to engage in a variety of activities and interact with other teens who share their interest in Anime and Manga culture.



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



During the spring semester, Great Northwest Library hosted Mr. Howard and Mr. Contreras, Alamo College work study students. While at Great Northwest, they both gained work experience and learned about library services with hands on experience serving the public.

GUERRA



VITA concluded on April 18. As in past years, the service was appreciated by members of the community. The branch hosted early voting and Election Day voting. Circulation Attendant Allison Fink continues to help out at Memorial Branch. The branch said adios to Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl (part time at Guerra to full time at Maverick) and Library Aide Beatrice Leal (Guerra to Johnston). Iris Bobren-Diaz, who was formerly a Library Aide at the branch, returned to fill the position vacated by Mary Lou.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on April 19 and 26 and May 3 and 10. Special activities highlighted Fiesta and Mother's Day. He coordinated a new Friday afternoon chess program; programs were scheduled on May 5 and 12.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams facilitated the Knits & Crochets Program on April 18 and 23 and on May 10; total attendance was 16.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented three Toddler Times and four Story Times. School aged children read to Foxy on April 27 and May 11 at the popular Read to a Dog program. On May 4, she attended Equal Employment Opportunity training at Central Library. On May 13, children made Mother's Day flowers during an all-day Come & Go craft program. Arlene continued her weekly outreach to childcare centers in the community and visited Greatest Gifts Daycare on April 21 (Toddler Times and one Baby Time) and Angelic Smiles Childcare (two Toddler Times). Arlene visited two elementary schools in the area to promote Summer Reading 2017: Build a Better World—J. B. Passmore Elementary and Cable Elementary. On May 11, she was invited to present at Westwood

Terrace Elementary School's Family Health and Safety Fair. At the event, she promoted library services and Summer Reading 2017. Arlene celebrated Children's Book Week with a book and activity display highlighting best children's books with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) content.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson, still helping out at Las Palmas, held a Club de Lectura, a book club in Spanish, on April 27. The participants discussed *Adulterio (Adultery)* by Paulo Coelho. On May 7 he presented a trivia game for seniors at the Willy Cortez Senior Center.



Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on April 27 and May 11. The teens watched *Passengers* on April 20; refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. The teens watched *Rogue One* in observance of May 4, *Star Wars* day. Pizza was provided by the Friends of Guerra Library.

IGO



Children's Librarian Allison Michalek has been preparing for her first Summer Reading Program with the San Antonio Public Library. Her regular story times have continued to be well attended.



Branch Manager Tim Johnson has been overseeing Teen Time while Igo is without a Teen Librarian. Teens attending Wednesday Teen Time can choose from participating in board or video games, reading comics, or doing crafts.



On April 17 and May 1, the PoeTree Club met at Igo. This club welcomes new members who are interested in reading and/or writing poetry.



On April 18, Sylvia Reyna of Texana offered tips to the Genealogy Club about researching the history of houses.



On May 3, the Mystery Club discussed Linda Castillo's *Among the Wicked* and visited with the author via Skype.



Beginning Hatha Yoga classes continued on April 21, May 5, and May 12. Yoga teacher Belinda Stallings-Kovach continues to instruct on such Yoga basics as breathing, relaxation, stretching, and progressive flexibility and strength.



A Poster Session on the Igo Library's Seniors Services was presented on April 19 at the annual Texas Library Association Conference in San Antonio.



The first class in a series of eight classes in "Artful Aging" was held on May 4. Instructor and artist Barbara Coulter led a discussion on "What is Art" and "The Language of Art", followed by individual and group activities.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Library served as an Early Voting site to over 1,000 Bexar County voters from April 21 to May 2. On May 13, Monica Garza Bustillo accepted the position of Branch Manager and Library Aide Beatrice Leal joined the Johnston team. The San Antonio Food Bank continued to partner with Johnston

with the Mobile Mercado visit on April 24. Displays created during this time include Improvisation/Theater, Computer Information, Healthy Eating, Crocheting, and Mother's Day.



Ms. Bustillo served on the Local Arrangements Committee during the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference from April 19-22. During this time Ms. Bustillo was the Co-Chair of Health events including a Ghost Tour of the Alamo/Downtown area, two CycloSocial trips, the Hetherington 5K Fun/Run and a morning Yoga session. In addition to serving on the Health Committee, Ms. Bustillo attended numerous professional development sessions, met many authors and publishers, and assisted other Conference planners. Ms. Bustillo attended the Library Leadership Team meeting at Central on April 27 and the Branch Managers Meeting at Westfall on May 4. On May 12, Ms. Bustillo offered Library Digital and eReader Help.



Story and activity themes for Story Times and Family Funs included "Birds of Prey," "Chickens," "Ducks," and "Mother's Day." On Saturday, April 22, violinist Eric Sui of the San Antonio Symphony talked to 25 children and adults about the violin and his musical experiences. On Thursday, May 4, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth visited the PCI at SW High School to deliver books and read to the toddlers and babies. On May 11, Ms. Wrigglesworth attended the Children's Librarian meeting at Schaefer Library.



Librarian Pat King attended the Adult Services Meeting at Potranco Library on April 20. On May 5, Ms. King presented a Crochet 101 workshop then showed the Friday Family Film *Moana*. On May 6, Ms. King taught the first Digital Inclusion Class at Johnston titled Computer Basics.



On April 15, Library Assistant Nicole Garza organized a Selena afternoon movie with light refreshments to celebrate the life and music of Selena Quintanilla. The movie was well attended by all ages. Early that morning, Ms. Garza facilitated the Johnston Teen Anime and Video game club and the group now has a more structured meeting setup. Each member will vote on which anime that will be showed that day. The video game portion of the meetup has incorporated several ways to setup various gaming systems. The group now has a teen captain that is attempting to organize a group project.



Ms. Garza was an integral part of the Teen Arts Fest committee. The event was held at Central Library Saturday, May 6 and included several local art organizations. Teen Art Fest showcased a handful of extremely talented teen artists from local schools as well as from the San Antonio community. The event highlighted local teen musicians as well as teen film makers.



Johnston Teen May programs accommodated for early voting by setting up activities in the teen area. This attracted a large portion of our regular patrons and was a wonderful example to showcase teen programming at the Johnston branch. Several of the programs facilitated by Ms. Garza were suggested by the teen group themselves. The core teen group has taken charge of the Anime and Video game time every other Saturday which have now morphed into positive and exciting times during the meet ups. During the May 3rd Teen time, the group experimented and attempted to make pizza waffles. There were three easy to find ingredients and a simple recipe to follow. The results were fantastic and very delicious. Ms. Garza took a handful of pictures and has posted them on the San Antonio Library Teen blog.



Ms. Garza's Pokémon Champions group created a regular core group and worked on setting up their very own competition. The group trained and worked with each other to hone their skills and practice during every meet up. One of the group members has suggested several ideas on how to incorporate more people to expand their group. On the May 7th group meeting, the participants watched a Pokémon themed movie and had three members learn how to play the Pokémon card game.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish), and she recorded a children's book for the week of May 1. The title of the book is: *Los buenos*

vecinos by Yun-Jeong Choi. She also moderated the Club de Lectura "Café con Libro", a book club in Spanish, on May 9. The participants discussed a historical fiction novel, *Inés del alma mía* (*Inés of my Soul*) by Isabel Allende. She also presented the Bilingual Children's Program on May 9.



Circulation Attendant Vida Salas facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *The Girl Before* by JP Delaney on April 19.



Library Aide Victoria Liendo conducted an Improvisation 101 workshop on May 12.

LANDA



Every week, Children's Librarian Ms. Salinas runs a Baby Time on Tuesday and Friday mornings, a Toddler Time on Tuesdays, and a Storytime on Thursdays. Many of the Baby Time regular patrons began to transition to Toddler Time this April. Attendance continues to be high at all the programs, but Toddler Time numbers really soared in April.



The Landa Branch Library hosted a two special story times in April in addition to their regular weekly program schedule. On April 20, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas offered an Earth Day story time in lieu of her regular weekly story time. Branch Manager Kiyanna Stephens and Ms. Salinas arranged to have real caterpillars on display in the Children's area for two weeks at the beginning of April. During this time the children got to see the small caterpillars grow and change into chrysalises and then butterflies. For the Earth Day story time, the children read some butterfly stories and then all marched together outside to release the butterflies in Landa's community garden. After singing a butterfly song, the butterflies were released and then the children stayed outside to plant some flower seeds and decorate a butterfly ring of their own to take home.



The following week, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas held a Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros dance party. The kids listened to stories about other languages and cultures and then sang a few songs in Mandarin, French, and Spanish. In between the stories and songs, the kids also danced to great music from around the world.



Landa Branch also hosted the Symphony at SAPL program on April 22. Allyson Dawkins brought her viola to share her music and talent with Landa patrons. The families really enjoyed having her come and do a program for the kids at Landa. Many parents complimented Landa staff for having such a wonderful program come to the library.



In May, Children's Librarian Salinas held a special program for toddlers to celebrate Children's Book Week. Ms. Salinas read one of her favorite books to a group of toddlers and they all sang together. Then, Ms. Salinas brought her own cars, trucks, trains, blocks, sensory bins, and toys for the children to play together. The kids built towns, farms, and bridges as they motored their vehicles along the tape highways. Play is one of the five strategies for developing early literacy skills as part of Every Child Ready to Read. A little boy that often attends toddler time with his mom and younger brother actually came out of his shell and designed not only bridges, but started working on creating a train with all the vehicles Ms. Salinas had on hand for families to use.



Also in May, Ms. Salinas continued hosting Friday morning programs with a program named: Music and Movement. In this program, Ms. Salinas continued to focus on large motor development, coordination, rhythm instruments, and dancing. The action oriented story also had kids stretching and

working on balance. Ms. Salinas is always the silliest participant, but the families actively engage in this program and help their children move and groove.



Ms. Salinas brought the Spring Programs to a close at Landa with a Pajama story time. Ms. Salinas and all the children were dressed in their finest PJs as they read books about bedtime and sleep. The big hit of the program was by far when they all pretended to be silly monkeys jumping on the bed. One little boy who began making the transition from Baby Times to programs for older kids got into the groove and enjoyed pretending to sleep like a bunny and waking up to hop around the room.



For the school aged children that visit Landa Library, Ms. Salinas and Library Assistant Rebekah Corley continued to host a bimonthly Tween Time. In April, our Tweens created a Fiesta Float to submit on behalf of Landa branch library to the library wide competition. The two Tweens that came worked together beautifully to help us create a masterpiece. After Tween Time, several additional families in the library helped to add a bit more decoration to our float. While Landa did not win for its Fiesta Float, the Tweens that attended the branch's program had a great time designing and creating it.



Also, Ms. Salinas continued with bimonthly Lego and Minecraft Clubs. May's Lego Club actually fell on May the 4th, so Ms. Salinas challenged her patrons to build a new Rebel base for Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Princess Leia and a new fleet of star ships. Three kids worked together to create a base that was at least a square foot and had little droids working hard on it. It also had a landing pad for the ship that they built!



In May, Ms. Salinas again visited University Presbyterian Children's Center to read stories to all of their classrooms. The toddlers in the school joined Ms. Salinas outside for story time, while the older kids once again requested silly stories. The older kids voted at the end that their favorite book that day was *The Book with No Pictures* by BJ Novak.



Ms. Salinas also presented a special story time to a group of special needs students from Madison Elementary. The group of about 10 kids arranged to visit the Landa playground one morning, and Ms. Salinas read about four stories to them outside on the Terrace next to the Library.



Ms. Salinas and Ms. Corley were also invited to visit the Sunshine Cottage School for the Deaf's Family Summer Fun Fair to talk about library programs. Ms. Salinas and Ms. Corley brought Legos, Magnetiles, and Plastic Cups to encourage kids to "Build a Better World" and talk about upcoming summer fun at nearby library locations.



On May 7, Ms. Salinas assisted Children's Coordinator Viki Ash with the Young Pegasus Poetry awards ceremony at the Carver Cultural Center. This year at the Young Pegasus Poetry competition all the children read their poems to a full house of family and friends. Ms. Salinas helped with the program setup and then helped sell additional Young Pegasus books to the family and friends of the winners. She also assisted with the refreshments and cleanup.



Ms. Salinas also decided to put out a Staff Picks display in the children's area in May. The response has been excellent in the children's picture book area as the table constantly needs to be replenished. All Landa staff has been encouraged to put up their favorite picture books to share with the community.



Landa Teens have continued an impressive ownership of their weekly programs this spring. Working closely with Landa Library Assistant and Teen Services Liaison Rebekah Corley, the teens have exhibited keen growth in their social competencies through diligent planning, considerate collaboration, and implementation.



Events included Poetry Month celebrations with poetry workshopping, a Fiesta art and culture night exploring the history and significance of fiesta with paper flower crafts, and one of the most consistently best attended programs, Cooking Club. This month's club welcomed two new teens to the group, invited by others in positive promotion of the event. Teens learned the true art of pancake making through an exciting collaborative mash up of art and cooking craft resulting in both impressive food portraits and a shared meal.



Additionally, Homework Hangout continues achieving its goal of providing a thrice weekly study venue serving our local students. Facilitated by Ms. Corley and Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas, this program has consistently increased in attendance since its beginning. Its success is partially continued through the safe space for independent and group study the branch provides, and most significantly by the respectful, collaborative, inclusive environment the teens themselves create and maintain.



Landa's two on-site adult book clubs continue to grow, attracting new members. The May meeting of Reader's Ink had three new members, two of whom were recruited by another member who is a recent addition to the group. The selection this month was *One Summer: America, 1927*, by Bill Bryson a fact/trivia filled and humorous account of the amazing number of events that happened during the months of May through September in 1927. The Mystery Book Club read Laurie King's *Garment of Shadows* from her series about Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes.



Shirley Morrison brought her popular Beginner's Crochet class back to Landa in early May. She virtually packed the room with people of all ages. It was particularly good to see that some teens accompanied their moms to learn the art of crochet. Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta thanks the Landa Friends for furnishing refreshments for this successful program.



Karen's two outreach programs are both going well. The Village at the Incarnate Word is the site of yet another book club. Members are both residents and non-residents as most Incarnate Word programs are open to the public. The group celebrated their one-year anniversary and charter member Sister Nugent brought her list of everything that the group has read. This month's selection was *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.



The other outreach is at the Kenwood Community Center, about a five-minute drive from Landa. They too have been meeting for a year. Crafts and topics of discussion are geared to seasonal events. In April, the group made "Fiesta flowers."



Karen attended the Texas Library Association Conference which met in San Antonio this year. She enjoyed sessions on audiobooks, reader's advisory, and building libguides, among others. She also attended the yearly reunion of University of North Texas graduates, held this year on the Riverwalk.



Both Karen and Landa Manager Kiyanna Stephens participated in this year's TLA Book Cart Drill Team competition. The routine was designed and directed by Adult Services Coordinator Haley Holmes, with eight of SAPL's staff taking part. The routine was intricate and technical in design and everyone enjoyed participating. Thank you, Haley, for a great bonding experience for the SAPL employees who came from throughout the library system.

LAS PALMAS



Patricia Perez continued leading children's programming. The children enjoyed a variety of themes during the month, including Fiesta and Mother's Day. The branch is very happy to announce that Jasmin Salinas, children's Librarian at Landa, will be working at the branch while Landa is closed for

renovation during June, July and August! She is excited to bring a great series of programming to the branch. Patricia Perez will also continue leading bilingual story time.



The Las Palmas Book Club will be discussing *No Witness but the Moon*, by Suzanne Chazin at their May meeting. This is the second time that the Book Club will be having a Skype interview with the author.



Stephen Jackson, Adult Services Librarian, continues displays about gardening and plants. One such display was about cacti that grow perched on trees in the tropical rainforest. He even brought in some of his beautiful cactus plants. He set up a display for the Mexican American festival of Cinco de Mayo. He displayed books with information on its history and how it is celebrated in Mexico and the United States. He recorded a dial-a-story in Spanish: *Zimbo va de acampada (Zigby goes camping)* by Brian Paterson.



Teen Librarian Connie Hejl continued leading teen time during this reporting period. She did two outreach events, at Rhodes Middle School and Wrenn Middle School. She focused on the teen summer reading program. She represented SAPL at the San Japan Mini-Mini convention at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on Saturday, May 6. Attendees had a lot of fun making buttons, taking green screen pictures, and browsing the manga reading area.



Las Palmas Branch participated in the Wi-Fi Hotspot program. The branch circulated eight of the units until the pilot ended on April 30. The feedback was very, very positive. Everyone really wanted to keep their unit longer.

MAVERICK



Wildwood Homeowners Association held a meeting on Thursday, April 20, and Sagewood Homeowners Association held a meeting on Saturday, May 13.



Maverick Library was an early voting and an election day polling site for the Bexar County Election Department.



Maverick Library created a book display in remembrance of the United States in WWI.



On Saturday, April 29, 15 members participated in the Ladies' Choice Book Club. Six reading members of the Lady Mav's Book Club met on Tuesday evening, May 9.



On Saturday, April 29, Maverick Library welcomed Ariel Alba of Guitar San Antonio. Forty-three people attended the musical performance. The Maverick Friends Group provided the great musical performance.



During this time period, Children's Librarian Amy Roberts attended several trainings. She attended the Texas Library Association Conference from April 19-22. Ms. Roberts attended a couple of sessions about graphic novels for K-2nd and 3rd-5th grade levels. She also attended author talks by Caldecott author Chris Raschka and upper level elementary and young adult author Margaret Peterson Haddix. Currently, she is in her first year on the Children's Round Table 2x2 Committee, reading and selecting books geared for age 2-2nd grade. On May 4, Ms. Roberts went to EEO training. In addition, she attended computer training during the week of May 1-5.



Librarian Amy Roberts also spent this time period preparing for the summer reading program. She has scheduled three school visits to talk about "Build a Better World" and also promote the

public library as well. Four Lego Time programs had an average of 33 people. Ms. Roberts also presented baby, toddler and preschool story times with bunnies, recycling, Fiesta, and Mother's Day themes during the reporting period.

McCRELESS



McCreless Branch hosted a Fiesta @ McCreless shoebox float community project. The float was the collaborative effort of Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales, Circulation Attendants Monica Suarez and Krys Hernandez, as well as a number of families from the community. We are proud to announce that our float won first place in the SAPL wide competition!!



Librarian Menchaca hosted Teen Time. The teens showed off their creativity by painting book ends. The painted book ends are being used in the Teen Area. Another teen time became very competitive with a game of Monopoly; teen patron Christian left everyone in the poor house while he became a real estate mogul.



Librarian Menchaca helped McCreless celebrate "May the Force Be With You" with a small *Star Wars* display and Chewbacca bookmark giveaway.



Librarian Menchaca continues to provide tutoring for ESL students at Jeff Davis middle school. The teen graphic novels that she takes are very popular and students often say, "Mrs., este libro esta chistoso."



Since May is "Prevent Teen Pregnancy Month," Librarian Menchaca made a display with books and brochures from Planned Parenthood in the Teen Area. It has been observed that books and brochures are popular. Brochures were provided since this is a sensitive topic and teens may not feel comfortable checking out books.



McCreless Library created multiple book displays to increase circulation such as poetry, gardening, and a May BBQ book display

MEMORIAL



Ms Gonzales collaborated with the Friends Amigos Group and Memorial Hills Neighborhood Associations' annual Oyster Bake fundraiser for Memorial Library.



Ms Gonzales attended the Managers Meeting at Westfall Branch Library.



Ms Gonzales continued with Library Leadership Team workshop training during the Managers Meeting.



Ms Gonzales collaborated with the Bexar County Elections Department to provide early voting hours and General Election Voting Day service hours at Memorial Library.



Ms Gonzales served on the interview committee to select a Library Circulation Attendant.



Ms Gonzales completed training on *IT Security Awareness* training and ensured all library staff completed the training.



Memorial Branch Library hosted a Fiesta Medal workshop in celebration of Fiesta 2017.



Memorial Branch Library hosted a Make a Bracelet workshop in celebration of Mother's Day.



Memorial Branch Library, in partnership with AARP TEK Academy, held a workshop titled *Job Searching in the Digital Age* on April 20. The workshop offered hands-on teaching and learning and encouraged participants to bring their own mobile devices to search for jobs. The class was



Ms. Davila Partnered with the St. Mary's University Art Department to exhibit a Miniature Chair Collection in the glass enclosed display case.



Ms. Davila is assisting with an ongoing event, the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition Workshops on Sundays. On April 23, 18 patrons attended the class to learn how to trap feral cats to prep them for surgery.



Ms. Davila hosted an Open Mic Poetry event as part of National Poetry month. A total of six local poets read original poems to an audience of 19 patrons that enjoyed readings ranging from serious topics to light-hearted segments on life.



Ms. Deffendall continues with outreach services to provide literacy programs at schools and daycare centers. Her regular daycare visits bring approximately 60 families into contact with SAPL resources each week.



Ms. Deffendall volunteered at the Young Pegasus Award Ceremony on Sunday, May 7.



Ms., Deffendall assisted the Memorial Amigos (Friends of the Library) with their car-parking fundraiser during the St. Mary's University Oyster Bake, Saturday, April 22.



Ms. Deffendall attended the Children's Services Meeting at Schaefer Branch Library, Thursday, May 12.



Ms. Deffendall participated in the Bexar County Elections by opening the building during Early Voting and on Election Day.



Ms. Deffendall read for Dial-a-Story the week of April 17. Her selection was *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson.



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

MISSION



Mission library partnered with AARP to provide computer workshops for seniors all day on April 22. The programs were very successful with the library community.



Before early elections started the Mission branch provided the space for a well-attended Q & A session of District 3 candidates hosted by a SCAN Home Owners Association.



The branch was an early voting site from April 22nd to May 2nd



On May 2, Mission hosted a SAPL interview panel that included Manger Oscar Gonzalez for Teen Librarian positions for a couple of branches.



The Mission Library had an annual Dia de la Familia and Friends of the Library book sale on May 6 with many fun activities for branch patrons and books and media at bargain prices.



Mobile Mercado was again at Mission Library promoting healthy foods and giving out samples and recipes to the public.



On May 9, Mission Library started broadcasting the first of four live streams of the Asperger Syndrome educational series.



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



The children's department at Mission has been busy preparing for summer, concentrating on summer programming and the summer reading program. A highlight of the month was the Play and Learn on May 8. The subject was "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" as it is the 40th anniversary of the book this year. The kids had a wonderful time with the interactive activities. They especially loved the sensory bin. Little plastic bears were buried in shredded paper and the kids loved digging them up and then re-burying them.

PAN AMERICAN



More than 60 people came to Pan American Branch Library on Saturday, May 6, to celebrate Free Comic Book Day. Hundreds of comic books were donated to the branch. Participants made poseable super heroes, bottle cap magnets, marshmallow storm troopers from Star Wars, and watched a movie. Artwork by Omer Garcia, creator, artist, and writer of the comic book called *Glitch* was on display.



Pan American's regular weekly and monthly programs continue to attract good numbers. The branch hosts chess instruction, gentle stretch yoga, qigong, Toddler Time, Lego night, Foxie and Mary, and Monthly Movie Matinee. Foxie is a therapy dog and his owner is Mary. The purpose of the program is to provide a relaxed atmosphere in which children can practice reading.



As part of Digital Inclusion Month, the branch offered a beginning computer skills session. Participants were able to receive on-on-one assistance while learning how to use a computer.

PARMAN



The library hosted early and Election Day voting; both of which were well-attended. The library looks forward to hosting the run-off elections as well!



On May 13, Friends of the Library held their bi-monthly meeting. Manager Barbara Kwiatkowski presented a brief branch report and proposed a donation plan. Book sale dates were also confirmed.



On May 4th, the library hosted Mayor Ivy Taylor for the "Meet the Mayor" program. Mayor Taylor and her staff were very happy with the program and were thrilled with the way the library set up and managed the program.



In observance of Poetry Month, on April 29 UTSA professor Yang L., PhD presented works of the 23 most active Chinese American poets who immigrated to the United States and Canada since the 1980s from mainland China. Their experiences were formed through the interaction between the East Asian and North American cultural spheres. In reading selected poems from this book, the audience explored how diverse cultures are reflected in these diaspora poems and how these Chinese poets negotiate their cultural identity across borders with reflections of their cultural memories in contemporary Chinese American poetry. The program was organized by the Barbara Kwiatkowski.



The DIY Program Altered Book Art was presented by the Friends of the Parman Branch Library President Linda J. In this two-part series, Linda shared her passion and talent in creating a beautiful scrapbook from old books. The program was arranged by Marisa DeBow.



Parman is excited to welcome Ms. Carolyn Bradley to the branch as she helps with some of the story times on Wednesdays! She is a great asset to the Parman team and the kids already adore her!



Children's librarian Ms. Katie Robinson has hosted her first baby and toddler times to great success. She is also looking forward to starting Discovery Time and Kid's Time in June and is gearing up for Summer Reading with enthusiasm.



Parman hosted the Dia Dance Party on April 27 in lieu of Bilingual Toddler Time, prepared and organized by Eva Banda. It was very successful and the children loved learning about other cultures and dancing to new music!



This year, Parman Library celebrated Mother's Day in the galaxy far, far away. Members of Yakku Temple donated their time and talent (and selflessly gave up part of their Mother's Day and Spurs Game) to deliver a stunning performance. Sixty five participants enjoyed the Jedi training, certificates, and photo opportunity. All Moms left with roses handmade by their own Jedi. This family event was organized by Barbara Kwiatkowski.



Parman is grateful to volunteer Leo for putting together a transformation station called "Parman Builds Bridges". At this station, people of all ages can learn about different types of bridges and practice designing and building them out of everyday materials such as Popsicle sticks and Jenga blocks. In addition, patrons can try their hands at the Da Vinci Bridge, and test their architectural abilities.

POTRANCO



Children's and tween programming both continue to be wildly successful for the branch. In response to the increasing attendance, Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta added another program to Friday mornings: Story Time. Alcorta and Tween Librarian Kassandra Vela-Laosa are considering other potential programs to add during the summer. Aside from the usual programs such as Toddler Time and Family Fun, the Symphony at SAPL program landed at Potranco on Saturday, April 22. Patrons enjoyed the performance by special guest Craig Sorgi, who also played games and quizzes with those in attendance.



Teen Librarian Daniella Toll added a new program in May--Teen Gaming, intended for teens who love both video and board games. In conjunction with the other two offered programs, Potranco teens participated in a variety of activities, including origami, banana tattooing, and of course, gaming. Toll continues to build strong relationships with the teens as well as recruit new Teen Library Leadership Council members through teen volunteers.



Adult programming has started to offer a variety of events for patrons. Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza and Library Assistant Elissa Vura continued the adult craft program “DOesday Nights” throughout the reporting period. DIY crafts included Fiesta medals, poetry beads, and quilled flowers. On May 4, Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza led the branch’s 3rd adult book club meeting, focusing on the book *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer; and on May, a livestream of the “Asperger Syndrome: Diagnosis” discussion was shown in the branch’s CREATE Room.



Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza and Children’s Librarian Robin Alcorta held outreach events at different locations. Loaiza visited the Lakeside Care Center with various books for the residents, and spent time discussing what kinds of books they enjoy and what other activities they may like to participate in. Alcorta visited Westwood Terrace Elementary School and presented a Fiesta-themed story time, including bilingual books, a small Spanish lesson, and a parade with handmade maracas. More outreach visits are planned for the rest of May.



After numerous rehearsals, Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes performed at the TLA Conference on Friday, May 21 during the Book Cart Drill Team competition. Along with other participating staff members from other branches, the team earned third place! The Potranco Branch Library team was excited to support Vura and Reyes in their competition, and everyone at the branch enjoyed watching their performance afterwards.



Circulation Attendant Christian Aldana attended TLA and described the experience as “eye-opening.” From author round tables to programming ideas, Aldana gained valuable knowledge from his fellow colleagues as well as insight into the profession itself. He is excited to apply this experience towards his goal of obtaining his MLIS degree.



On Wednesday, May 10, Teen Librarian Daniella Toll attended Holdings Editor training at the Central Library. Toll will use her new skills to further develop and curate the young adult collection at Potranco.



On April 20, the Potranco Branch Library hosted the monthly Adult Services Meeting in the YMCA’s Community Room. After the general meeting, Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza and other team members helped give a tour to all the attendees as well as demonstrate the various technologies at Potranco.



Throughout the reporting period, various team members created displays for the library on special days. For Earth Day on April 22, Circulation Attendant Christian Aldana’s display stemmed from earth-related books and materials, while Circulation Attendant Abbey Jepson brought the force to the branch on May 4th with a *Star Wars* display. Other team members have contributed with longer lasting displays, such as Library Aide Alex Cantrell’s “Horror” display.



The Potranco Branch Librarians held a brainstorming meeting to begin planning for the branch’s 2017 Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party. Stemming from the program’s overall “Build a Better World” theme, the team chose to focus on “Water Conservation” for the party. Children’s Librarian Robin Alcorta has enlisted the Potranco team to help make the party come together, and everyone is excited to participate.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



This year’s Dia de los Ninos celebration was certainly a fun-filled event for children visiting the Pruitt Library. The event was titled “Dance Around the World” or “Bailando alrededor del mundo”. Kids and parents listened to a reading of Margarita Engle’s *Drum Dream Girl*. Following a discussion,

everyone prepared their own passports. As they listened and danced to a variety of tunes from around the world, they received stamps for each country visited.



Children received a special treat in recognition of National Children's Book Week. Parents and children took part in the event titled "Hear a Book - Pick a Book" during which librarians Cynthia Saenz and Kimberly Wygant introduced kids to award-winning 2 x 2 selections: *Alan's Big, Scary Teeth* and *School's First Day of School*. Kids and parents enjoyed the readings and were delighted to be able to choose a book of their very own to keep.



In preparation for Mother's Day, children attending a recent Kids' Time event showed their creativity as they constructed Mother's Day cards with lightning bugs and a cute message--"Mom, you light up my life!" The children also added their own personal message for mom to read on Mother's Day. They enjoyed the reading of Linda Lodding's book *A Gift for Mama* about a young boy's adventures in Vienna as he searches for the perfect gift for his mother.



Some of the most popular teen activities in April and May involved simple expressions of gratitude. Teen Librarian Rae Downen provided teens with thank you cards and markers for Teacher Appreciation Week, and teens wrote heartfelt messages to their teachers. The cards were gone within an hour, so the library staff procured more. Teens completed 128 thank you cards and staff delivered them to the teachers. The following week librarians provided more cards for Mother's Day, and students completed over 200 cards.



As part of the Digital Inclusion Month initiative, Librarian Dee Dee Davenport facilitated the computer class "Internet Basics & Cyber Safety". The Branch was able to use a traveling laptop trunk for the class. Participants found the following topics most relevant: how to create a secure password, how to recognize a secure web site, and the implications of clicking on links from unknown sources.



Chess events continue to be very popular at Pruitt Branch. The library hosted a Community Chess Tournament in early May with 40 participants competing in four divisions—Child Beginner, Child Advanced, Teen and Adult. Chess players and their families and friends packed the library for a fun-filled afternoon. Rackspace Foundation provided lunch, trophies, medals, and two chess masters to officiate the event.

SAN PEDRO



Betsy presented monthly story times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes), Monte Vista Montessori (two classes), Laurel Heights Weekday School (1 class), and a new school Monticello Academy (3 classes). Fifteen to twenty books were also delivered to each child care/preschool class for their use during the month. Monte Vista, Laurel Heights, and Monticello Academy requested thematic books for topics they will be discussing in their respective classes and the teachers are very appreciative to this enrichment to their curriculum.



Minecraft Monday continues and Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. Attendance on Wednesdays has increased.



Toddler Time programs continued during this reporting time with a small but very loyal group.



During this period, Betsy contacted the various local schools about school visits to promote the Summer Reading Club.



On April 23, a Family Fun event was held to celebrate Día De Los Niños with music from around the world. The children danced throughout the library!



On May 14, a Play & Learn early literacy event was held at San Pedro for young children and their parents. In honor of the 50th anniversary of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, this special Play & Learn was all about bears, colors, and fun.



Betsy serves on the Committee of Thinkers subcommittee, the iPad subcommittee, and the Science Committee of children's librarians. In addition, she serves as Interim Manager of San Pedro while Diane Backhus is assigned to Las Palmas.

SCHAEFER



Weekly children's programs at Schaefer include Come & Go Crafts, Toddler Time, Story Time, Lego Time and Tween Time. The attendance for the programs has been great – many attendees are becoming regulars and new participants come each week. Parents have continued to express their excitement that Schaefer has opened – they say they wished Schaefer had been here years ago!



On Saturday, April 22, Schaefer presented the Brown Bear, Brown Bear Play & Learn program for children. The kids listened to the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. They also participated in a variety of engaging activities pertaining to the book.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser attended Sinclair Elementary School's Library Night on April 20 to share information about Schaefer with the school's families – many had already visited and many were excited to learn the branch had opened! She also presented three story times programs at a daycare, which she visits monthly.



Schaefer Library Assistant Sara Ramirez planned and implemented various Tween time programs every Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. Tweens learned all about bats and crafted their own bat bookmarks. Tweens also constructed their own boats and used pennies to test their boats' durability. Finally, Tweens celebrated May the 4th with a very special *Star Wars* themed Tween time, in which tweens were able to make their own galaxy slime to take home.



Teens at Schaefer had a wide variety of programs on the menu for the reporting period. Yoga, gaming, and a Star Wars celebration were just some of the activities that teen patrons could choose from, as well as an interactive virtual reality program from game designer Angelus Delacroix of Hebi Studios. Teens tried out virtual reality technology and asked questions about careers in game design and development. Teens were also eager to ask questions about college programs at universities and colleges that incorporated game design into their curriculum. Teen attendance continues to grow with the diversity of programming offered and the newness of the teen space bringing in youth from the community. Outreach to local schools is also creating more relationships with the community. Legacy Middle School's Family Fun Night and a STEM H.S. visit created opportunities to meet local teens and tell them about programs at Schaefer. Teen Services Librarian Cindy Cruz is also working weekly with vocational students from East Central High School's Special Education department. The teens from ECHS help with tasks at Schaefer giving them the opportunity to contribute to the library in a tangible way. In addition, this helps them become familiarized with the library and its resources.



On April 17, the Schaefer branch finished up a three week course on developing financial literacy hosted by a former vice principal from the East Central school district as a part of National Financial Literacy Month. Courses on financial literacy will continue on a monthly basis.



On April 21, the Schaefer branch hosted its first monthly “DIY U” class making upcycled fish hooks out of fully recycled materials. Recurring classes will have a similar theme of making something new out of something old and keeping green.



On April 9, aide Blanca Hurley began her first session in an ongoing series of basic adult yoga courses for the Schaefer branch. Classes will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.



Monday nights at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 6 to 7:30 p.m., children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer’s H.E.B Collaborate space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Chess materials were generously provided by Librarian Monty Holcomb of the Carver Branch Library.



On Thursday May 4th, patrons gathered in the May’s Family Community Flex Space for a Computer Basics Course. Library Assistant Mason Matthews instructed patrons in keyboard and mouse basics, then covered folder creation/manipulation, and ended with a Q/A session. Patrons received their own SAPL USB storage device and earbuds for completing the course.



Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson hosted the first meeting of the Schaefer Sip ‘n Skimmers Book Club on April 26. Patrons enjoyed discussing *Redeployment* by Phil Klay, watching a short video interview featuring the author, and learning military acronyms.



Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson created a Mother’s Day book display to promote the unique identity of being a mom.

SEMMES



Semmes hosted early voting for the May Municipal elections. Voter turnout was fairly light compared to the November elections. Semmes was still one of the top five early voting sites. Staff is looking forward to hosting early voting for the run-off election later this month.



On May 4, Children’s Librarian Randi Jones hosted a very successful Play and Learn centered on the book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr. Thirty one children and adults enjoyed the various activities and stories.



The branch’s newest employee, Brian Douglass – Children’s Librarian I, started orientation at Central on May 15. Staff members are looking forward to meeting and working with Brian as he starts his public library career at SAPL.



The branch’s team of library aides has been creating beautiful and engaging displays for the branch. Recent displays include a bulletin board celebrating Mother’s Day and case displays highlighting Memorial Day. They are currently working on a terrific display to promote the Summer Reading program.

THOUSAND OAKS



Kids at the Thousand Oaks Library enjoyed special programming in April and early May. The library hosted a Día de Los Niños Dance Party during which the kids danced to music from around the world. Afterwards the children created passports that had stamps on them from the corresponding dance

nations. The library also hosted a very successful Brown Bear, Brown Bear program with an attendance of over 20 children! Children's Librarian Ann Laird is preparing for the Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Kickoff Party will be on June 3 and will feature kinetic sand, sidewalk chalk drawing, and Kona Ice snow cones.



Thousand Oaks hosted several teen events. The teens celebrated Fiesta by making Fiesta coronas. The library hosted a button making night where teens were invited to design their own buttons. Thousand Oaks branch continues to provide a safe place for teens to learn crafts and be themselves.



Thousand Oaks Library hosted the first Neil Gaiman Book Group. The members of the group read *Coraline*. The branch is hosting beginner crochet classes. Patrons were invited to celebrate Star Wars Day on May 4 at Thousand Oaks with a screening of the *Star Wars* Film *Rogue One*. *Star Wars* related crafts and snacks were offered.



Thursday Book Group participants discussed *American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst* by Jeffrey Toobin. Many of the members remembered the event firsthand. The book helped to fill in some of the gaps in memories and shed some light on events that were not evidently apparent. Some members chose to save their eyesight and not read to the end. Each person added their thoughts and views on the book. Light refreshments were enjoyed by all.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Early Voting and Election Day saw sizeable crowds at the branch for City Council positions, the bond initiatives and the Mayoral Race April 24 – May 2 then again on Election Day May 6.



As part of Digital Inclusion Month, the branch presented Computer Basics and Microsoft Word classes during this period in May. Teen Librarian Ms. Coker taught the classes with help from Westfall's Training Officer Michelle Rickman during the Word session and a technology volunteer at both sessions trained and provided by Volunteer Services Coordinator Veronica Anderson.



Ms. Coker helped teens create poetry on art canvases as part of National Poetry Month on April 20. The library celebrated *Star Wars* Day with a special display "May the 4th be with you" and then hosted the *Star Wars* Society of San Antonio on May 11. Kids and adults enjoyed a light saber match with the performers in full costume then received training on dueling with their own sabers Ms. Coker created from pool noodles. Ms. Coker has continued utilizing texting channels for ideas for teen programming and reminders on upcoming programs and events.



Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler hosted special programs during the reporting period: *Brown Bear* Play based on the classic Bill Brown book, and *Dance around the World*. Ms. Braeuler conducted early literacy outreach at Howard Center on May 2. On May 10, Ms. Braeuler attended a large Head Start event at Serna Elementary. In addition, Ms. Braeuler was involved in the preparation, set up and participation at the Texas Library Association's conference as part of the Children's Roundtable group.



The branch staff gladly welcomed Circulation Attendant Carmen Zapata from Parman Branch Library on April 17. The circulation team is fully staffed and is making suggestions to streamline operations to enhance workflow, increase productivity, and make everyone's job easier.



Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell have seen increased purchases from the on-going book cart sale and paperback rack in the entrance foyer. The group completed a successful book fundraiser with a preview sale for SAPL Friends on Friday, May 12 and the longer book sale day Saturday, May 13.

WESTFALL



The LEARN @SAPL center at the Westfall Branch Library was busy as usual during the reporting period. Training Officer Michelle Rickman reported that 350 one-on-one sessions were completed, which included job searching, resume writing, and computer skills instruction. Additionally, Ms. Rickman held various classes that covered English as a Second Language, Beginning Computers, and Internet 101.



In addition to the volunteers that help at the Westfall LEARN @ SAPL center, Lisa Leandro from the Pan American Branch Library has been lending a hand twice weekly. Ms. Leandro has been able to answer patron's computer questions as well as help them with using the computers and applying for jobs online. Having the extra help has been a benefit to both patrons and staff alike.



The volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) program was very successful at the Westfall branch. On most days, VITA staff were able to help anywhere from 30- 70 residents with their tax returns. Branch staff was busy answering questions about the service at Westfall as well as directing patrons to other locations when VITA was at capacity. The service continued to be very popular with San Antonio residents and everyone was glad to have it available at the branch.



On Thursday, May 4, Assistant Manager Hayley Latshaw attended the Cypress Cove Apartments Community Night. She spoke with several residents about the services the library offers as well as the Learn Centers. Many were also interested in the information on volunteering at the library. Mrs. Latshaw stated that it was a fun night and it was nice to see such a strong sense of community that the residents displayed. Additionally, Interim Branch Manager Nathaniel Laubner went to the Madonna Apartment complex to distribute books in English, Spanish, and Russian to residents. Mr. Laubner hopes to continue the partnership for future events and gatherings.



May 6 was Election Day and again the Westfall Branch Library was a voting location. To entertain the voting public, the "I Solo'd with SOLI" held a mini recital with six piano students. The program was sponsored by the Musical Arts Center, which gave students the opportunity to work with a professional musician.



Children's Librarian Imelda Merino was busy developing and implementing a variety of children's programs during April and May. Ms. Merino held Toddler time and baby time during the week and family fun every Saturday morning. In addition to in-branch programs, Ms. Merino visited Wilson Elementary for a third grade book club and Franklin Elementary for a Career Day event.



During April and May, the Westfall Branch Library held adult and teen programs on a weekly basis. Members of the Third Thursday Book club, one of SAPL's oldest book clubs, met for a lively discussion on recent fiction. Additionally, the Stranger Than Fiction reading club met to talk about *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson.



Finally, the branch hosted a DIY Fiesta Medal themed teen time where young adults got to express themselves and make unique medals to take home. The branch also held a weekly teen time with Teen Librarian Megan Stanley. Teens had the opportunity to play games, do crafts or just hang out and talk.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

APRIL 2017

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

FY 2017

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



4,056,831 ↓ 1%
ITEMS
BORROWED



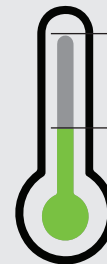
7,340,000
TOTAL FY GOAL
FYTD GOAL

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



3,240,823 ↑ 7%
VISITS



5,710,000
TOTAL FY GOAL
FYTD GOAL

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

GOALS



346,226
COMPUTER
HOURS



1,116,094
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

1,462,320 ↑ 9%
TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE



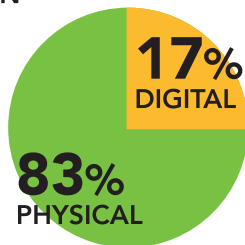
2,450,000
TOTAL FY GOAL
FYTD GOAL

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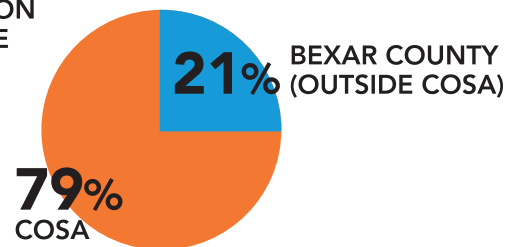
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



1,725,687
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

409,990
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

1,100,838
SANANTONIO.OVERDRIVE.COM
VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



187,424
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

45,069
ADULT PROGRAMS

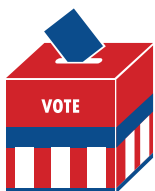
30,249
TEEN PROGRAMS

112,106
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

EARLY VOTING

17 LOCATIONS

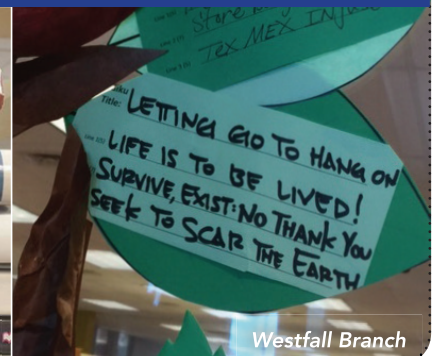
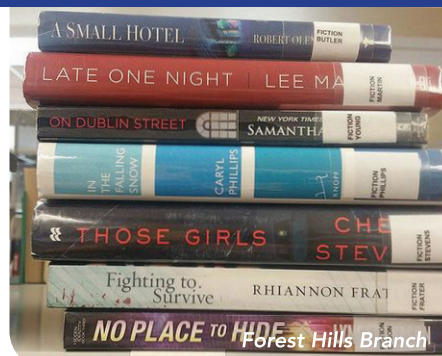


37,501
EARLY VOTES AT LIBRARIES

54% OF
EARLY VOTES AT A LIBRARY

Libraries foster civic engagement of the community.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



Westfall Branch

San Antonio Public Library

April 2017 Key Indicators

| Location | Total Circulation | Visits | Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use | Computers - Hours of Use | Wi-Fi - Hours of Use |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Bazan | 4,233 | 9,413 | 7,168 | 1,676 | 5,492 |
| Brook Hollow | 23,696 | 20,274 | 4,654 | 839 | 3,815 |
| Carver | 3,663 | 7,954 | 5,239 | 1,495 | 3,744 |
| Central | 22,513 | 57,460 | 39,649 | 9,488 | 30,161 |
| Cody | 33,111 | 21,712 | 6,575 | 976 | 5,599 |
| Collins Garden | 6,440 | 9,137 | 8,452 | 1,725 | 6,727 |
| Cortez | 4,785 | 8,746 | 3,992 | 1,115 | 2,877 |
| Encino | 16,942 | 12,895 | 3,707 | 354 | 3,353 |
| Forest Hills | 6,525 | 8,685 | 3,710 | 945 | 2,764 |
| Great Northwest | 22,763 | 15,355 | 6,095 | 1,544 | 4,550 |
| Guerra | 10,333 | 12,405 | 6,420 | 1,561 | 4,859 |
| Igo | 25,546 | 20,569 | 7,571 | 1,057 | 6,514 |
| Johnston | 9,257 | 11,202 | 4,592 | 850 | 3,742 |
| Landa | 12,080 | 12,090 | 2,807 | 667 | 2,140 |
| Las Palmas | 5,026 | 10,289 | 5,391 | 1,793 | 3,599 |
| Maverick | 22,086 | 14,120 | 6,040 | 1,772 | 4,268 |
| McCreless | 9,647 | 13,857 | 4,982 | 1,240 | 3,742 |
| Memorial | 5,590 | 9,462 | 5,694 | 1,507 | 4,186 |
| Mission | 10,036 | 15,176 | 7,442 | 2,038 | 5,404 |
| Pan American | 6,330 | 7,090 | 4,179 | 1,342 | 2,836 |
| Parman | 24,839 | 24,971 | 4,902 | 722 | 4,180 |
| Potranco | 16,254 | 13,905 | 12,685 | 673 | 12,012 |
| Pruitt | 6,169 | 15,639 | 4,325 | 1,137 | 3,188 |
| San Pedro | 4,251 | 4,106 | 2,943 | 622 | 2,321 |
| Schaefer | 11,259 | 12,873 | 4,270 | 623 | 3,647 |
| Semmes | 21,922 | 17,903 | 6,960 | 1,884 | 5,076 |
| Thousand Oaks | 9,589 | 11,100 | 5,598 | 1,130 | 4,468 |
| Tobin | 16,361 | 17,189 | 3,967 | 683 | 3,285 |
| Westfall | 14,043 | 14,272 | 7,580 | 2,044 | 5,536 |
| Kampmann Library Portal | N/A | 1,489 | 492 | N/A | 492 |
| Interlibrary Loan Lending | 748 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Online/Phone Renewal | 75,670 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Digital | 92,551 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 554,258 | 431,338 | 198,079 | 43,502 | 154,577 |

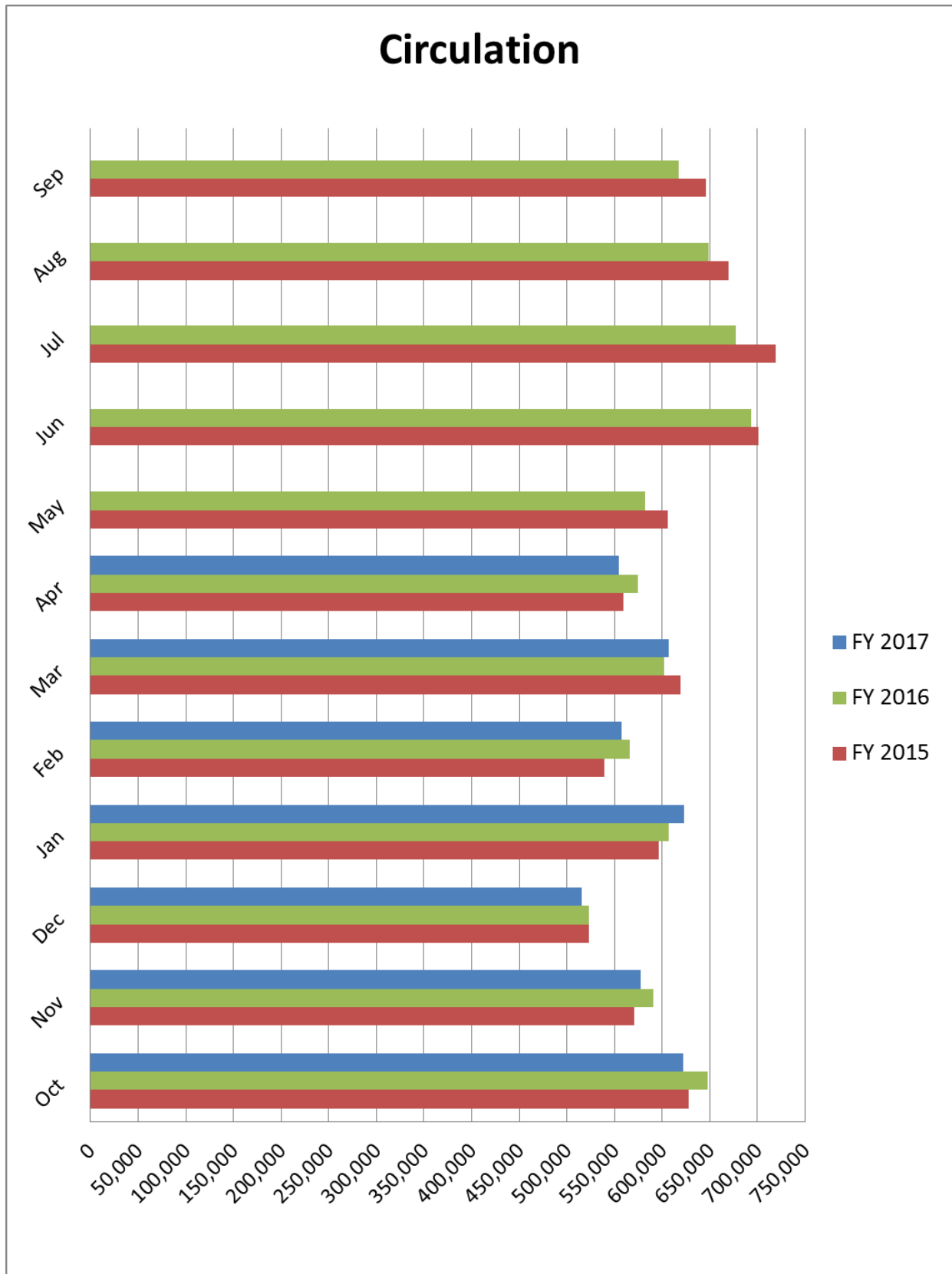
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April 2017 Programs and Attendance

| Location | Total Programs | Number of Programs | | | Total Program Attendance | Adult Program Attendance | Teen Program Attendance | Children's Program Attendance |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | Adult | Teen | Children's | | | | |
| Bazan | 47 | 18 | 3 | 26 | 300 | 132 | 7 | 161 |
| Brook Hollow | 46 | 9 | 8 | 29 | 861 | 99 | 38 | 724 |
| Carver | 66 | 27 | 6 | 33 | 937 | 350 | 45 | 542 |
| Central | 145 | 16 | 99 | 30 | 2,479 | 402 | 1,271 | 806 |
| Cody | 36 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 976 | 98 | 50 | 828 |
| Collins Garden | 35 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 555 | 133 | 20 | 402 |
| Cortez | 91 | 65 | 3 | 23 | 509 | 199 | 64 | 246 |
| Encino | 63 | 16 | 8 | 39 | 1,206 | 121 | 48 | 1,037 |
| Forest Hills | 27 | 11 | 0 | 16 | 241 | 63 | 0 | 178 |
| Great Northwest | 30 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 1,216 | 101 | 19 | 1,096 |
| Guerra | 32 | 14 | 4 | 14 | 432 | 165 | 10 | 257 |
| Igo | 31 | 12 | 3 | 16 | 857 | 140 | 19 | 698 |
| Johnston | 33 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 711 | 106 | 363 | 242 |
| Landa | 58 | 5 | 14 | 39 | 1,160 | 53 | 58 | 1,049 |
| Las Palmas | 23 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 194 | 123 | 8 | 63 |
| Maverick | 23 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 810 | 62 | 0 | 748 |
| McCreless | 24 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 478 | 11 | 88 | 379 |
| Memorial | 24 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 256 | 107 | 8 | 141 |
| Mission | 56 | 24 | 9 | 23 | 726 | 263 | 98 | 365 |
| Pan American | 26 | 15 | 4 | 7 | 194 | 143 | 12 | 39 |
| Parman | 77 | 25 | 9 | 43 | 1,511 | 397 | 103 | 1,011 |
| Potranco | 34 | 7 | 8 | 19 | 470 | 45 | 12 | 413 |
| Pruitt | 70 | 15 | 25 | 30 | 1,036 | 150 | 238 | 648 |
| San Pedro | 25 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 176 | 0 | | 176 |
| Schaefer | 61 | 13 | 15 | 33 | 989 | 135 | 184 | 670 |
| Semmes | 36 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 844 | 20 | 35 | 789 |
| Thousand Oaks | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 189 | 25 | 43 | 121 |
| Tobin | 46 | 9 | 6 | 31 | 774 | 98 | 127 | 549 |
| Westfall | 49 | 18 | 4 | 27 | 467 | 186 | 15 | 266 |
| Kampmann Library Portal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Little Read Wagon | 48 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 1,173 | 0 | 0 | 1,173 |
| TOTAL | 1,382 | 385 | 272 | 725 | 22,727 | 3,927 | 2,983 | 15,817 |

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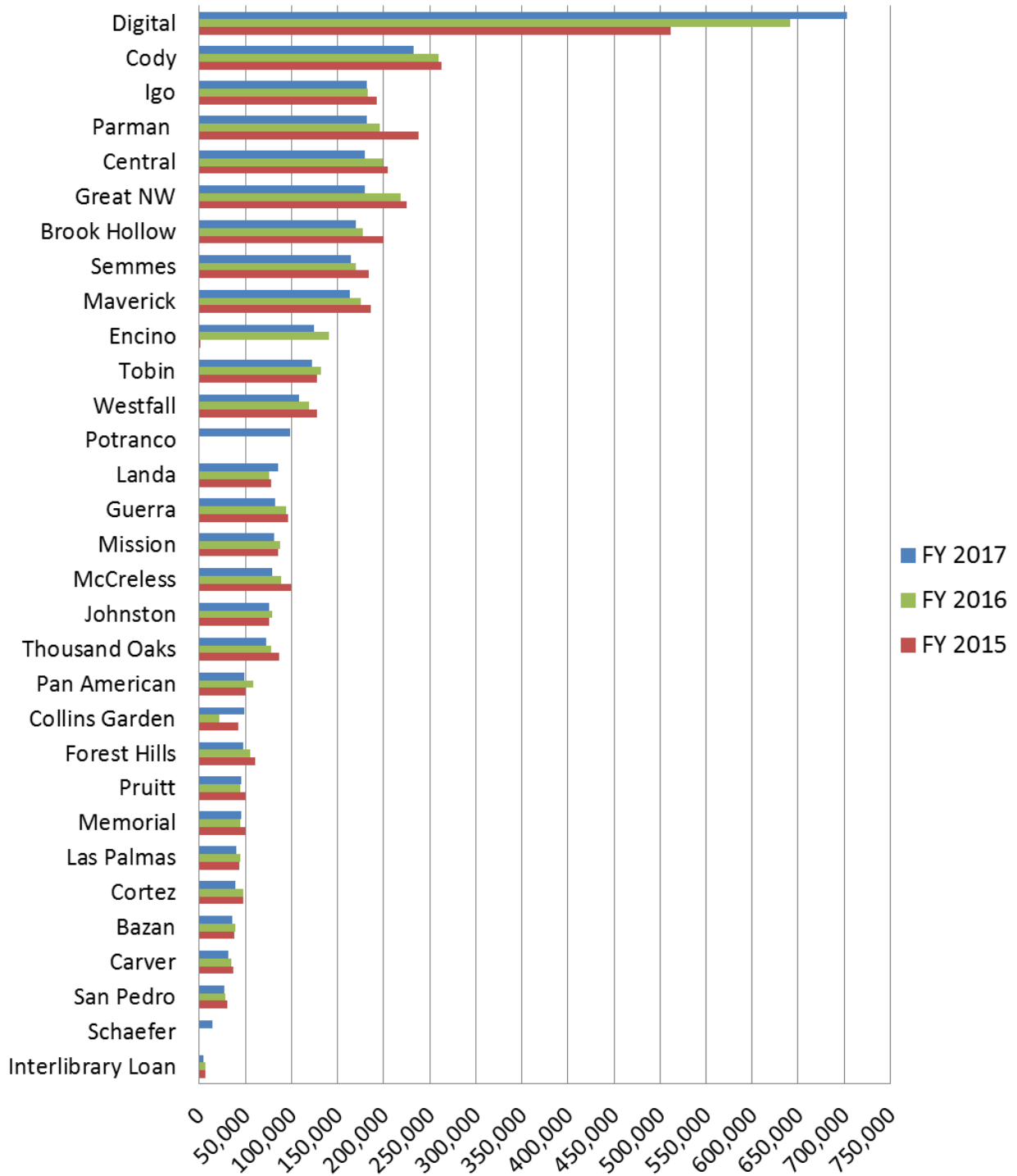
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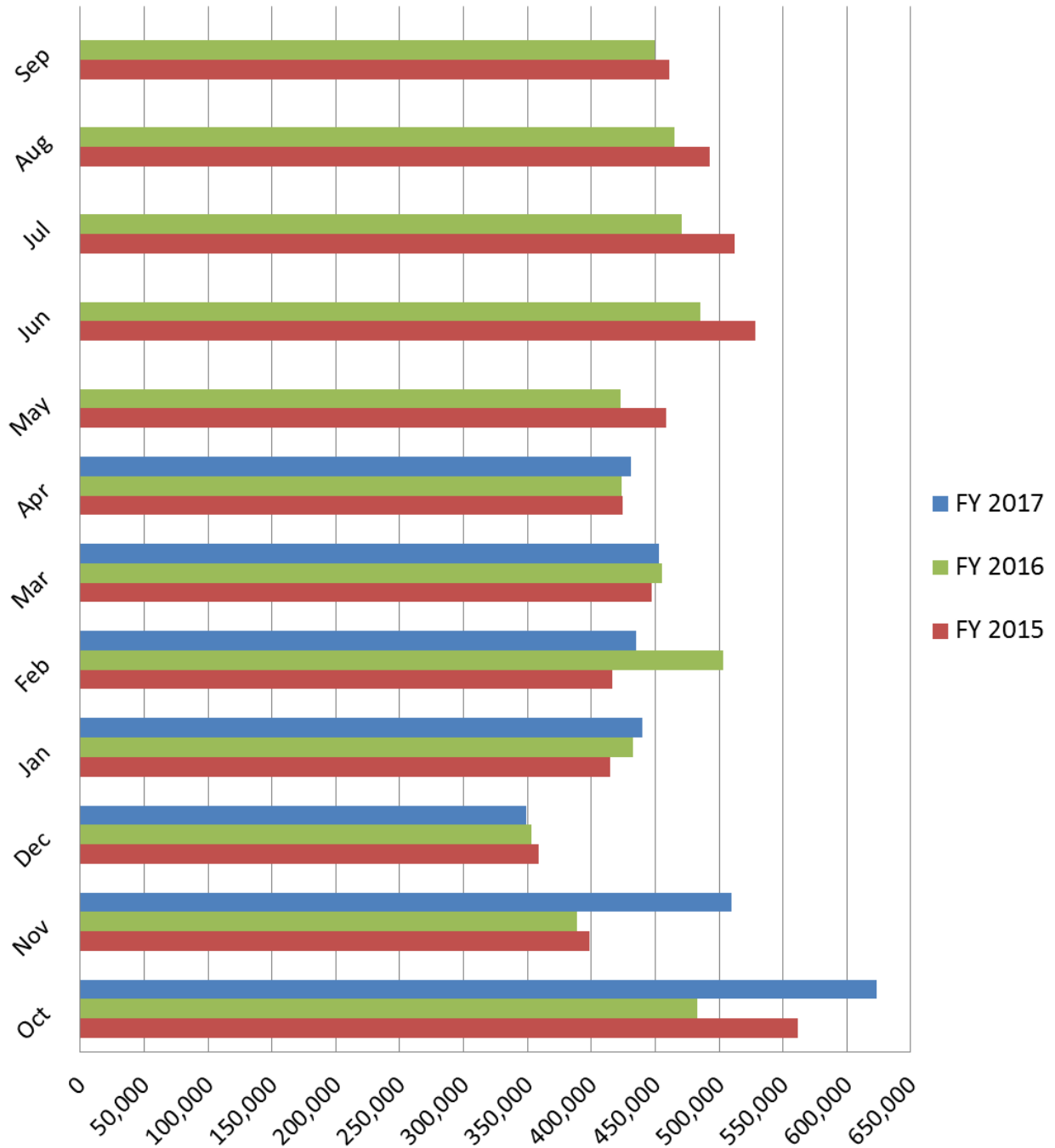
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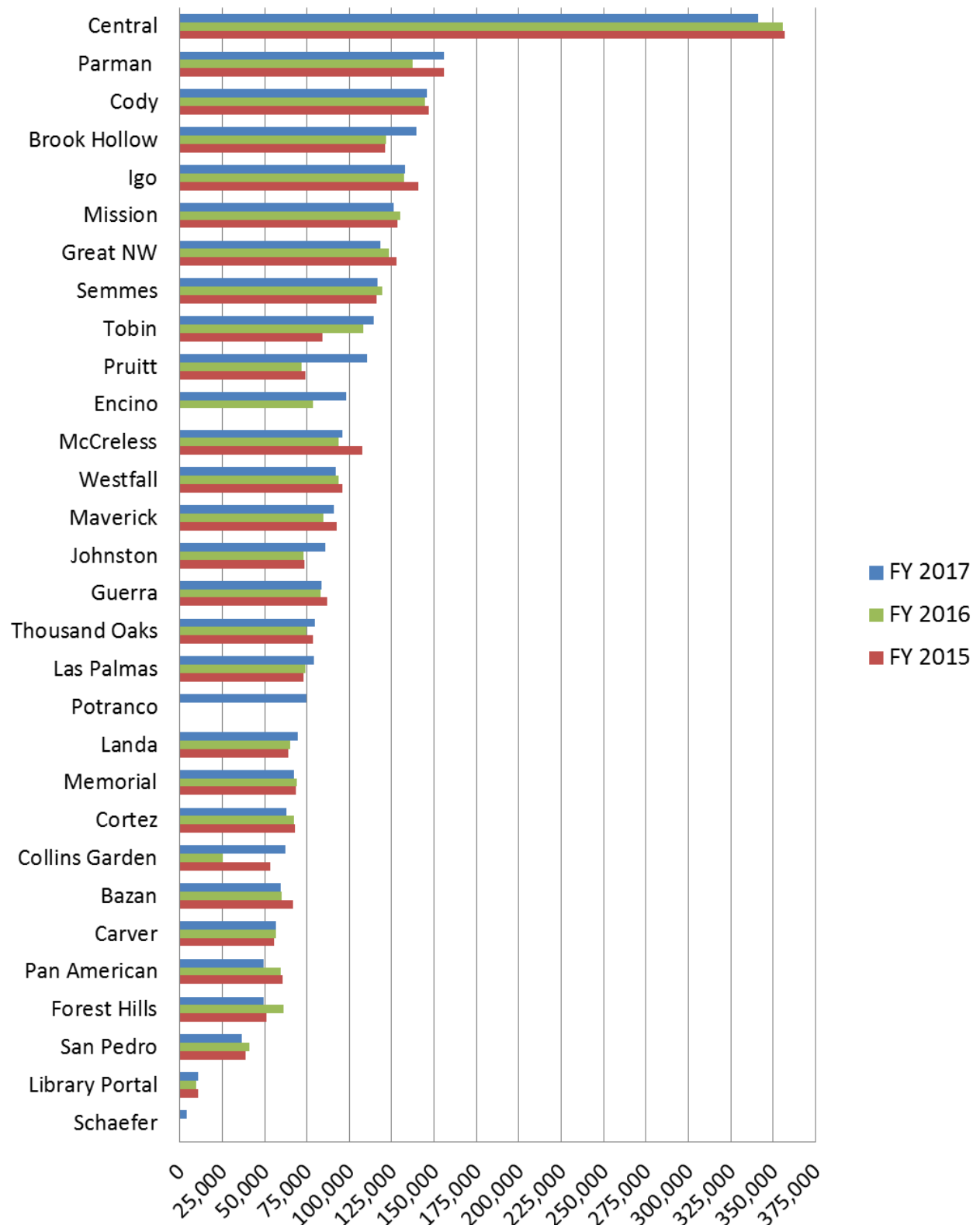
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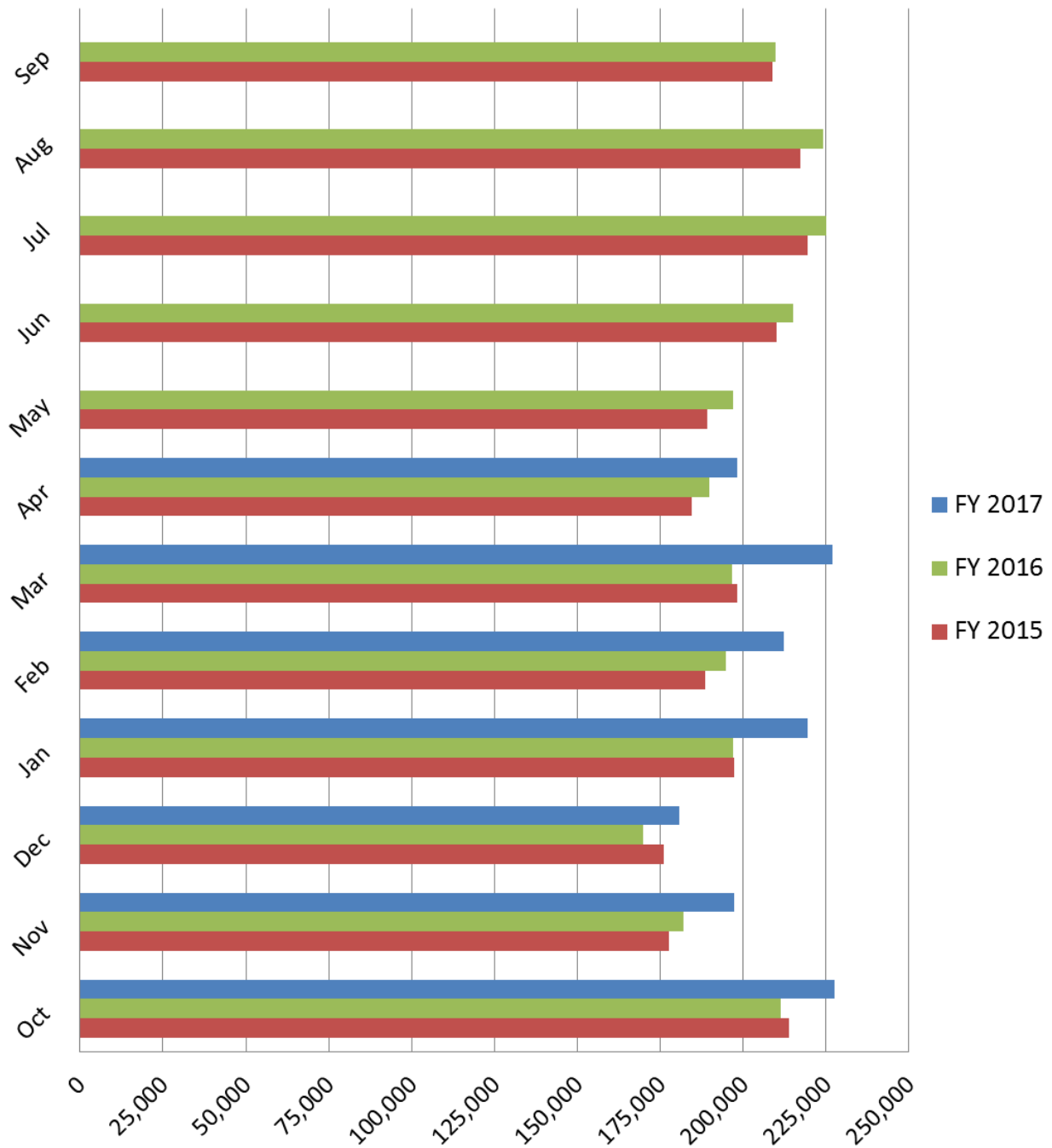
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

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