



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report August 2017

Book-Rich Environment Press event at Bazan Branch Library

# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Library Director Ramiro Salazar represented the City of San Antonio in Amman, Jordan and delivered a presentation "Libraries as an Engine of Change" during a Library Summit on August 13, 2017. Director Salazar was joined by other Library leaders representing other countries. He was invited to participate in this international Library seminar which aims to share insights into the practices and advancements of successful libraries around the world and to assist the Arab world to develop their libraries and transform the traditional role of libraries into a community hub. Prior year seminar speakers include Sari Feldman, Immediate Past President of the American Library Association.



On July 26, 2017, the San Antonio Public Library reached the 4 millionth circulations through OverDrive, the digital library provider. Among US Public Library Systems, San Antonio ranks 31<sup>st</sup> to achieve 4 million loans with OverDrive. Use and demand of the Library's Digital Collection continues to rise in our community.



The new Schaefer Branch Library was included as a stop on Councilman Shaw's tour of District 2 on Saturday, July 29, 2017. The Councilman is expected to be accompanied by District 2 Community Leaders along the tour. Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill was onsite at the Schaefer Branch Library, and along with Branch Manager Jorge Chavez, provided a tour and answer questions about the Library.

## MARKETING



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize and staff several events during the reporting period including: San Antonio Housing Authority Digital Inclusion partnership, SummerFest, and Opera San Antonio at the Library. The team continues to implement the Landa renovation closure communication plan. Finally, the team has been working to create print materials ahead of the 2018 proposed budget announcement and adoption.



There were two press conferences this past month and seven press releases. Top media hits for the past month include: Fox 29 and News 4 WOAI highlighted the Library as official cooling centers; Library Services Administrator Candelaria Mendoza was a featured guest on Texas Public Radio's "The Source" discussing Literacy in San Antonio; KSAT, Telemundo, Spectrum News and La Prensa covered the Book-Rich Environment Initiative press event at Bazan Branch Library on Friday, July 28; The Rivard Report, Kens 5, News 4, and Telemundo covered the Summer Youth Employment Program graduation at Mission Branch Library on Tuesday, August 1; Spectrum News interviewed Central Library Reference Staff member Adolph Lopez about the SAPL Podcast "Tuned In" on July 25.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: City of San Antonio Human Resources Benefit Matters Cover Materials; PageMarker; Young Pegasus materials; book club bookmarks; Little Read Wagon tote bags; plaques for Carver, Landa, and Brook Hollow branch libraries; September newsletter; Live Homework Help materials; Digital Download materials; new Digital Library Wallpaper clings at UT Health San Antonio; OverDrive library card pilot program; Latino Collection materials/signage; Landa Branch Library 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary; 123 Andres materials; Hispanic Heritage Month materials; Human Library; and "Tuned In" graphics for Soundcloud.



The Marketing team provided outreach at: KIPP, Bat Loco, and the District 1 Back to School event.



The team is currently planning the grand opening of the Latino Collection and Resource Center at Central Library on September 19, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and grand reopening of Landa Branch Library on October 14, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Igo Branch Library tentatively scheduled for December 16.

#### **Social Media fun facts for the month:**

SAPL received 127 tweets during the reporting period

SAPL's Marvel Day at Igo tweet was seen 11,970 times

SAPL's National Book Lovers Day post received 138 likes, 91 comments, and was shared 37 times

#SummerFest was used 263 times on Instagram during the reporting period

SAPL's National book Lovers Day Instagram post received 71 likes and 12 comments

#### **Social Media statistics for the month:**

1. Facebook: 14,091 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,882 followers
3. Pinterest: 100 followers
4. Instagram: 2,014 followers
6. Snapchat: 75 followers

## **DIGITAL SERVICES**



On July 22, Christina Hess provided a Come and Go craft at the Kampmann Portal as part of the Briscoe Western Art Museum's celebration of the National Day of the Cowboy. The Kampmann Portal had almost 500 visitors during the event and many of the children visiting took the opportunity to try out the craft. Ms. Hess also proved a collection of books to the Briscoe's Education Department to help entertain visitors during the National Day of the Cowboy.



On August 10, Tricia Masterson sent information to Library staff to inform them about OverDrive's new "Get a Library Card" pilot project. This new feature, part of the OverDrive Libby App, allows users to sign up for a SAPL/OverDrive library account using their cell phone number. Ms. Masterson provided staff a short visual guide on how to use the new feature and also updated information in the OverDrive LibGuide to help staff answer patrons' questions.

## **LITTLE READ WAGON**



**Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents and Services to Teen Parents.** With most schools closed for the summer, Little Read Wagon did not offer any parent workshops during this reporting period.



**Outreach Story Time Programs.** Monthly outreach story time programs were presented at the Nurturing Hearts and Healy Murphy child development centers. One-time story time visits were made to Little Oaks Discovery School and Avance Early Head Start Rebecca Cervantes Center. Staff at both

centers was offered contact information for the Children's Librarians at the closest branch library in hopes that an ongoing relationship might be established.



**Play & Learn.** The Play & Learn programs at Woodlawn Lake and Southside Lions Park concluded on July 18 and 20 with lots of painting and sensory activities. Families were invited to join the SAPL Little Read Wagon Facebook group and sign up for remind service so that they will be notified when the new Play & Learn schedule is released.



**Community Events.** Little Read Wagon brought a fun activity to the July 25 showing of *The Little Mermaid* at Travis Park. Children were invited to use water colors to paint a clam shell made out of a paper plate, or decorate a paper plate wreath with sea-themed cutouts and stickers. The crowd was surprisingly large in spite of the heat of the evening. Several families stopped by to try the activities and report on their Summer Reading progress.



Cresencia Huff represented the Library at the Children's Shelter "Family Fun Night" on August 10. The back to school event featured dental screenings and distribution of school supplies including backpacks. Families were very interested in Live Homework Help and several families picked up Summer Reading information along with a reminder to submit their reading logs by the end of the month.



Elvia Franco accompanied Viki Ash for the KLRN Peg + Cat event at San Pedro Park on August 12. Children made adorable circle crowns to wear around the event.



**Workshops for Teachers.** Little Read Wagon presented a new workshop for 2017-18 to the staff of the San Antonio Independent School District Early Learning Center at Navarro Academy. The center serves school-age parents attending Cooper and Navarro Academies. The group of nine teachers came to Central Library for one of their staff development days. The new workshop "Diversity in the Classroom: Building your library with mirrors and windows" invites participants to examine how people are represented (or not) in the books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays used in the classroom. Participants wrote an "I am" poem, read many books that positively portray people of diverse backgrounds, and made an embellished frame for an inspirational quote to remind them of how books can reflect us or give us opportunities to view the experiences of others. Workshop participants offered positive feedback and shared that they were pushed to think deeply about their own experiences with books and how they might provide more diverse materials for the children in their care.



**Haven for Hope.** Julia Lazarin has established a relationship with the YMCA Head Start center at Haven for Hope. As part of ongoing service to families with children at the center, Ms. Lazarin visits the center every Friday afternoon. She brings either a reading tent and book kits for families to enjoy, or an art activity for them to do together. Families look forward to the activities and facility staff report that they receive inquiries about it during the week.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



**Mayor's Summer Reading Club.** Summer is not quite over yet. And, while summer programming has drawn to a close, children are still being encouraged to join and complete the requirements for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. As of Monday, August 14 just over 25,000 children have joined – 7,433 in the Read-To-Me Club and 17,729 in the Reading Club. Registration for the 2017 Reading Club has exceeded the number in 2016 by 650 but registration in the Read-To-Me Club is down by about 1,000. These numbers will certainly change in the next few weeks as the Reading Club

concludes on August 31. A final report will be provided to the Board in September that includes customers' responses to a simple evaluation survey along with the registration and completion statistics.



**SummerFest Celebration.** SummerFest, held on Saturday, July 28 at the Central Library, marked the “big finish” of children’s summer programming for 2017. Children and families from across the city joined in the fun which included activity stations on the first three floors of the library. We would like to say a special thank you to sponsors Whataburger and Culligan for supplying cookies and water to the 700+ attendees. Face painters, balloon artists and ukulele musician Steven O. Sellers were among the most popular attractions, but participants also enjoyed making circle crowns, creating a collaborative mural, making puppets, and engineering some pretty fantastic creations with nothing but rolled newspaper and masking tape. Little Read Wagon staff contributed their eight tents to a Reading Village on the second floor and Texana staff assisted parents in learning about the origins of their surnames. Members of the Central Facilities staff and the Marketing Team made sure the event ran smoothly and children’s librarians from across the system made sure that all the participants had a good time!



**Community Events.** The library received many requests for participation in community events during this reporting period. Fortunately, staff members in Marketing, Little Read Wagon, and the branches all participated in fulfilling as many of these requests as possible. Children’s Coordinator Viki Ash was among the staffers out and about during the month.

July 20 – KLRN hosted a “Sid the Science Kid” event in Woodlawn Park. Viki was joined by Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central Children’s) in hosting the library table which featured a collaborative mural along with information about the Summer Reading Club.

July 25 – Viki’s work with Project Transformation at St. Paul’s Methodist Church culminated in a book distribution and Summer Reading Certificate Ceremony.

August 5 – Wheatley Community School hosted a Back to School event where the children created circle crowns, picked up information about Homework Help, and received a library pencil to add to their new backpacks.

August 8 – The DoSeum and KLRN partnered to host their annual Back to School Bash. In keeping with the event’s theme of math and science, Viki assisted children in transforming paper plates into twirling snakes while discussing wind power and atmospheric pressure.

August 10 – Jodi Miller (Carver) and Viki provided information to students and parents about Homework Help and upcoming library programs at the Eastside Training and Education Center. To add to the festivities, children visiting the library table created dinosaur stick puppets.

August 12 -- Viki was joined by Elvia Franco (LRW) in staffing KLRN’s Peg + Cat event at San Pedro Park. Children visiting the library table made circle crowns, picked up programming information and added a library pencil to their stash of school supplies.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



**Programming.** The 2017 Teen Summer Program wrapped up at the end of July. Over 2,000 teens registered for the program, an increase from last year. Each book they read and each library activity they participated in earned them a chance to win a prize in the end-of-summer drawings. Over 6,000 chance cards were received (each chance card represented a book read or an activity completed)! Several prizes were awarded, including: Nintendo 3Ds XL with a Pokemon Sun game, Fuji Instax camera with film, and a pair of San Japan tickets. Here is a list of the branch locations that had teen winners (in

no particular order): Igo, Parman, Semmes, Pruitt, Thousand Oaks, Potranco, Guerra, Johnston, Maverick, Central, Mission.



The Teen End-of-Summer party took place at the Central Library on Saturday, August 5th. Teens enjoyed playing video games, using the Oculus Rift VR headset, making buttons, and hanging out with their friends. They were treated to pizza and a DJ that is a “regular” at the Teen Library – Ethan. Many thanks to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation for providing the Teen Summer Program prizes and to the teen librarians and liaisons around the system for all their hard work during the summer!



**Off-Site Service.** Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor teamed up with Fox Tech High School’s newest campuses, the Advanced Learning Academy and CAST, to offer information on Teen Services’ unique opportunities for engagement at the Teen Library @ Central and other library branches. A majority of the outreach was focused on getting teens at the school to apply for library cards, and to make sure there is a solid channel of connection between the school and the SAPL system. Parents and students found the information on Teen Services quite fascinating, and many promised to come by and participate in future events. The relationship with this school and its new campuses is growing stronger every day, allowing Teen Services to fulfill its mission at a greater level.



Adam Tutor formed a new partnership with Parks & Recreation in which Adam presents writing workshops to the teens. Utilizing letters from Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as quotes on service by leaders from world history, Adam engages in dialogue and reading with the teens. At the conclusion, the teens are asked to write a letter to themselves expressing their goals.



Adam Tutor has created a mutually beneficial relationship for SAPL’s Teen Services and Park and Recreation’s Teen Center. Every other week the teens from the center come to visit the Teen Library @ Central, engaging in a stimulating activity with peers from other parts of the city. On the off-weeks, Adam goes to the center and facilitates activities for the teens involving music, recreation, and writing.



Adam Tutor has continued the Library’s partnership with Krier Probation Center through 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. Over the course of the book club, the teens demonstrated openness and a thoughtful attention to dialogue that progressed their ideas. They expressed great feedback to their supervisors, who will use this model for future partnership interactions.



**System-wide Support.** Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor continued supporting the Teen Time at Westfall Branch Library. He was able to bring unique arts and crafts, as well as continue a strong bond through video gaming time. A warm and friendly environment was created, wherein the teens and Adam created a bond that persisted throughout the course of their interaction. Most recently the students had a peanut butter and jelly making competition, engaging in culinary arts, and then made formal presentations after researching the history of the sandwich. It was a dynamic and tasty activity that saw the greatest amount of participation yet, as well as the best feedback from the teens.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The Adult Summer Experience (otherwise known as Adult Summer Reading) concluded at the end of July. Close to 900 people were entered to win grand prizes by completing eight activities (reading, attending programs, and/or doing something good for the community). The grand prizes were donated by businesses through the Library Foundation. Participants had the chance to win a Gold’s Gym membership for a year, a clock or bowl made from a recycled LP, an annual membership to the Witte for four, and a stay for two at a ranch in the hill country as well as many other prizes. More than 5,000 adults registered for the program this year. Adult Services staff also participated in SummerFest providing a couple of fun opportunities for families. Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes and Librarian II

from Schaefer, Samantha Gordano, provided a free green screen photo op. Families were able to choose from seven possible backgrounds. Sylvia Reyna, Texana Librarian, and a volunteer provided family surname certificates. Both activities were a hit.



After attending a Literacy TX conference, the training officers for LEARN requested new ESL materials they learned about from Intercambio. Through a grant from the Library Foundation, several sets of workbooks were purchased for each LEARN location. The training officers attended an online training to get acquainted with the new program. In addition to these materials, an ESL teacher has been hired through the grant to help students at Carver Library for a three month period. Another pilot program has begun at Bazan Library to bring a math instructor in for three months to help students studying for the GED. Most people seem to struggle with the math portion so LEARN is providing specific help in that area to see if more people can pass the test with the extra help.



Haley Holmes provided an update to the Library Board of Trustees concerning the status of Operation Transformation. Members of the Re-Visionaries steering committee are meeting with every team throughout the Library to explain their mission and to gather feedback from the organization. Each staff member is being asked to complete a survey so the group can discover which areas need the most attention. The results should be ready to share by the end of August.



Ms. Holmes attended the Association for Strategic Planning at Phil Hardberger Park on July 25th. Speakers Laura Lozano, Principal of LOZA Solutions; Brad Hunt, Principal of WHY Group; and David McCary, Director of the City of San Antonio's Solid Waste Management Department presented their experiences and best practices in the field of strategic planning.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



Children's Summer Programming at Central wrapped up this year with two exciting *Toddler Time* programs led by Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin. Early literacy play with shapes and colors included a toddler-sized color-coded bowling game, a sensory bin full of rainbow colored tissue paper and large buttons, colorful playdough with cookie cutter shapes, a creative experience with crayon rubbings and a rousing parade around the Children's Area. The final program of the season turned the Story Room into a wild jungle! Children engaged in imaginative play with small jungle animals in a green sensory bin and played "safari" with homemade cardboard binoculars used to spy on realistic puppets. Ms. Seglin created an innovative sensory experience for the group when she incorporated fresh broccoli florets into the playdough activity to serve as "trees" for the jungle scenes the children created.



Manager Kate Simpson and Librarian Nicole Cubillas presented the final *Build a Better World Kids Time* program that centered around the idea that art is key to creating a better world. Ms. Simpson read stories about communities coming together to paint murals that beautified their neighborhood and Ms. Cubillas led the group in participating in a mural guessing game. Children were shown a variety of murals and asked to guess whether they could be found in San Antonio or elsewhere in the world. Finally, the group was gathered around a long line of tables to work together to paint their own paper mural that was later displayed in the Story Room.



The last *LEGO Club* program of the summer was a great success as Librarian Lea Ann McDonald and Ms. Cubillas presented an array of unique building activities in addition to LEGO and

DUPLO play. They also evaluated this first series of programs of their SAPL career with a thoughtful patron feedback survey that garnered important information that will be used to plan future summer programming.



Central Children's Department staff participated in the system-wide *SummerFest* celebration led by Children's Services Coordinator Viki Ash. They assisted with several of the activities during the fun-filled three hour party and received positive feedback from families in attendance.



The new monthly book displays have been popular with families visiting the third floor. Picture books have been flying off of Ms. McDonald's inspiring display, as have nonfiction titles gathered by Library Assistant Judith Slaughter.



Ms. Slaughter and Ms. Seglin partnered with the Digital Services Department to produce a crowd-pleasing craft for presentation at the Kampmann Library Portal during the Briscoe Western Art Museum's *National Day of the Cowboy* festivities.



Ms. McDonald led a tour of SAISD Kinder Camp students who visited the library as part of their Kindergarten readiness program. Ms. McDonald celebrated their participation in the *Mayor's Summer Reading Program* with a special ceremony after story time. Their visit culminated with an exploration of the picture book collection.



Ms. Seglin hosted a group of children from the Southwest School of Art and led them on a tour of the Central Library's unique architecture. They examined the building's design from many vantage points and spent time in the Marie Swartz Art Resource Center, which houses the shared collection with the Southwest School of Art.



Ms. Seglin continued monthly outreach visits to students at Madison Square Child Development Center, brought fall-themed books to Central Christian Childcare Center, and read stories to children at Temple Beth El Summer Camp.



Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin kept branch libraries supplied with prize books for children who completed the *Mayor's Summer Reading Program*, as many requests for books came in all month long.

## TEENS



Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant): During the reporting period, J.D. continued to facilitate Eclectic Electric music programming, focusing on developing the fall program schedule with the teens and other teen librarians/liaisons from around the system. With assistance from J.D., the teens are beginning to plan the annual haunted house at the Central Library.



*Annie and Kate*, a musical teen duo from Austin—who will perform at the Library's Rock the Plaza event in November—led a teen songwriter workshop in the Teen Library @ Central on July 24. The event was hosted and arranged by J.D. Elizondo and part-time Library Assistant Ciana Flores. Annie and Kate performed their songs and provided songwriting tips to teens, covering inspiration, song structure, ways to improve writing, etc.



On July 31, Christina, one of the Teen Library's "regulars," gave a Flow Art Hula Hoop class to teens. She performed extreme hula hoop tricks and provided basic instruction on how to acquire this skill. Christina will also perform at the Rock the Plaza event at the Central Library in November.



**Tuesdays with Megan Stanley (Librarian II, Assistant Manager):** Tuesdays are in transition as Megan is settling in to her new role at Central Teen Library. Tuesday programming now provides teens with a chance to explore new forms of art through an Art Lab that provides supplies for both small and large scale art projects – chosen by the teens. It is a space that teens can work on their own projects or come to learn about a particular artist or style of art.



**Wednesdays with Ciana Flores (Library):** Every Wednesday evening, Ciana opens up the lab in the Teen Library to assist teens with designing 3D models to print and finding printed models online. She also facilitates use of the Oculus Rift, a Virtual Reality headset loaded with games for teens.



**Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant):** During this reporting period, teens expressed themselves creatively, artistically, and through the culinary arts. Showcasing their many interests, talents, and fandoms, teens led Teen Summer Thursdays from a variety of suggestions and implementations for programs and parties. Teens made funnel cakes, snow cones, and masks for a mini-carnival day. Wanting to attempt various slime recipes, teens used glue, starch, contact solution, sand, and cornstarch for some major messy sliming. Mirroring the non-edible version, teens also made a glaze for cupcakes, following the Instagram trend of mirror glaze. The mirror glaze, made by heating main ingredients white chocolate, condensed milk and gelatin, is cooked and cooled to a certain temperature and then poured on the cupcake. Teens enjoyed getting artistic, coloring the glaze in a variety of colors and "painting" it on and creating swirled effects, knowing they had limited time before the glaze cooled beyond a pouring temperature (science!).



With her birthday approaching, one teen girl thought an upcoming Teen Thursday should be extra special. She chose making homemade ramen and making crayon art for craft time. All materials were provided, she invited her best friend, and participation was active and fun. Teens used a pasta maker (some for the first time) to create noodles, cut their veggies (assorting them beautifully) on cutting boards, boiled their batch, drained it, and topped it with a tasty hot broth. Afterwards, teens hot glued crayons to a canvas, and then used a heat gun to allow the color wax to drip.



One teen, in a moment of pure Summer-ness and inspiration, threw out the idea of having a SpongeBob SquarePants party. She at first jokingly mentioned ideas, but staff encouraged these ideas to become a reality. With weeks to plan, the teen and her friend gathered up decorating ideas, beach-type crafts, and themed foods. One of the items they decided to make: a pineapple-shaped layered cake. Planning each step of the cake took patience and time, but the two teens forged ahead, pointing out mistakes and setbacks, and completing a 4- layer pineapple cake at the Library. Reassuring them was staff who let them know that the work they did was amazing, because of the limited equipment and non-kitchen setting. Everybody at the party was able to have a piece and their peers loved it. Also at the party, teens made candles by melting wax and pouring it into molded damp sand, made character bead sprites, and used alphabet and shaped cutters to make custom fruit skewers. It was a perfect ending for the last Teen Summer Thursday.



As if that was not enough, the last official Thursday-inspired event occurred on a Friday as teens held their annual Harry Potter Party. The event was all about celebrating the magical and never-ending love of everything Harry Potter, as their attachment to the books and movies lives on. Teens held a movie marathon starting in the early morning, then in the afternoon while the movies still played, made crafts and foods. Teens tried a new recipe for a hot butterbeer they found. They used cutouts and stickers of their favorite characters and sayings to decorate back to school custom clipboards. Using feathers and ink barrels from pens, they made fantastic-looking quill pens. Buttonmaking, pretzel wands, and felt house ties were also on the agenda.



After Thursday programs have concluded, in a non-competitive environment, teens played video games. Pictures from Thursday programs as well as other Teen Library and system-wide programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>. Some nights, photos and mini-videos are also posted to Teen Library's Instagram account: <https://instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



**Tours and Groups.** 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



The Reference Department's Podcast Team (Diana Starrett, Dan Garcia, Daniel Gonzalez, and Alejandro Aguilar) created an initial podcast called "Tuned In" that received recognition from TV Station KLRN. The podcast features special guests and engaging discussions on various Library topics. "Tuned In" is available to staff and patrons on iTunes, Soundcloud, and other podcast outlets.



From July 17 to August 13, Reference answered 194 Reference and Downloadable questions through our Ask-A-Librarian Virtual Reference platform. In addition to community directory, downloadable and reference questions, ten percent of our total Reference questions were inquiries about solar eclipse glasses. Central Reference has given out 900 solar eclipse glasses for public distribution and assisted with several astronomy questions. The solar glasses have proved to be very popular; several customers remarked that they were taking glasses on their road trips to view the eclipse totality. The remainder of Reference's solar eclipse glasses will be given out at "The Eclipse Experience" on August 21.



On July 16, Blanca Hernandez presented the film *Shall We Dance* as part of the *Central Cinema* series: *Dance Off, Bro*. Patrons expressed their enjoyment and engaged in some quote along moments and laughter. One patron said "it was a great movie selection."



On July 30, Central Cinema and Geek Out @ The Library staff including Ms. Hernandez, Maria Adams, Adolph Lopez, and Dan Garcia planned and hosted *Have the Time of Your Life*. The event included a ballroom dance program and a showing of the movie *Dirty Dancing* to celebrate the film's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Students with *John Robert Mack* and *Kathy Marfin's Dance Schools* performed ballroom dances. Featured dances included the Rhumba, Cha-cha, West Coast Swing, the Salsa and the finale dance from *Dirty Dancing*. Patrons learned moves and danced in tandem. The program received positive feedback from dancers and participants: "Thank you for such an amazing opportunity! All the performers had a great time and were grateful for the chance to show off their stuff. I think everyone had a great time."



The Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Group hosted by Cristine Mitchamore met on August 9. The group discussed *The Sheepfarmer's Daughter* (Book 1 in *The Deed of Paksenarrion* trilogy) by Elizabeth Moon. Unwilling to marry the pig farmer chosen by her father, Paksenarrion Dorthansdotter—Paks for short—leaves home to join a mercenary company and begins a journey that leads to a life known in songs and story.



Pannaga Prasad presented an *Explore Vegetarian Recipe* class on August 13. Handouts were given out with the demonstration. Recipes included how to prepare a veggie curry and how to prepare an okra and veggie salad.

# TEXANA/GENEALOGY



Librarian Sylvia Reyna and Semmes Circulation Attendant (PT) Ruth Mini participated in the July 29 Summerfest at Central by researching the meaning of surnames and printing out keepsake certificates emblazoned with the name information. Thanks go out to Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes for her help finding the right certificate materials.



This month's internet genealogy class, *Genealogy Websites: Using Familysearch.org*, was conducted by Assistant Manager Deborah Countess. This very large family history website offers free access to well over 1 billion indexed records from all over the world. Attendees were shown how to navigate the website and given tips on ferreting out genealogical gems and clues.



On August 8, Ms. Reyna gave a tour to students from the Institute of Texan Cultures and their professor Sarah Gould. The focus was the varied resources and archives Texana has available for researching the history of San Antonio and the State of Texas.

In honor of the 90th anniversary of the release of the motion picture *Wings*, Assistant Manager Matt De Waelche and Reference Librarian Maria L. Adams hosted a showing of the movie on August 12. *Wings* was largely filmed in the San Antonio area in an around Kelly Field and was the first movie to win an Academy Award. Rudy Purificato, Air Force historian at Randolph Air Force Base, introduced this special screening and discussed the historical impact the film had on San Antonio.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



The Bazan branch hosted the launch of the Book-Rich Environment Initiative, a partnership between the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Housing Authority, in cooperation with the local U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Urban Library Council and the National Book Foundation. The initiative is a national effort to strengthen literacy and educational opportunities. The event included a book giveaway and a number of staff- led activities for children including CD disc crafts, a library scavenger hunt, Pokémon jeopardy and cupcake decorating.



Magician Spikey Mikey presented a very well received Kids Time program on July 17. Children were wowed by the magic tricks and enjoyed getting to interact with the magician. Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen participated in SummerFest where she assisted with the balloon sculptures activity.



On July 27, Learn Center Training Officer Emily Flores participated in the Intercambio New Partner Training Module I course, designed to familiarize English as a Second Language (ESL) instructors with the "Interactive English" series. The training included practical teacher tools and classroom tips. The Learn ESL instructors plan to use the material in their weekly classes to improve student outcomes.



On August 11, Teen Librarian Gina Salinas and Training Officer Emily Flores participated in the Frank Garrett Center Back to School Fair and spoke to West Side youth and parents about the learning opportunities and resources available at the Bazan Branch Library and the larger San Antonio Public Library System.



Bazan's *Game of Thrones* themed Coloring for Adults program had a great turnout. One new mother, who made arrangements for a babysitter so she could attend, explained that she was happy to have a fun activity to go to and engage in adult conversation, even if it was only for an hour and a half.



Tween time in July was really bumping with nearly a dozen tweens attending every Thursday. Several patrons who are part of the Big Brother program attended along with their little brothers as a Thursday routine. The green screen was a hit with the tweens as they pretended to visit Middle Earth and the Simpsons' living room. Snacks were provided and one of our tweens has been officially dubbed radio king. He is our very own DJ and plays music while we craft the day away.



The Bad Girls Romance Book Club tripled its attendance since last month! Library Assistant Enedina Prater made and supplied DIY book swag to give to those in attendance as well as cupcakes and chocolate. The new patrons who attended really enjoyed having a space to talk in depth about the romance genre. Author Kylie Scott whose book was discussed supported the group by sharing the program flyer through her Facebook and Twitter accounts.



The last weekend of July included three "pop-up" coloring page stations set up for all to enjoy. Over 30 patrons visited the coloring stations; many were families who were looking for a fun activity to enjoy in a cool space.



The Bazan Branch Library concluded the summer teen internship hosting program with Joven, Inc. The interns developed leadership skills, workplace independence, and an appreciation of the library and its services. Each intern completed 120 hours of work and dedicated the majority of their time working towards enhancing teen services. Collaborating closely with Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas, the interns developed ideas for displays, created interactive programs, and in the end produced a book club for the teens at the branch.



To promote team building with teen programming, Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas facilitated a friendly competition of *Monopoly*. Due to the teens' high interest with the board game, Georgina showed the documentary entitled *Under the Boardwalk* during one of the teen programs for the players to learn more about the game's strategies. Teens continued to increase their comfort level in the group by taking leadership roles facilitating *Monopoly* tournaments.



Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas joined other teen librarians to do outreach at Rodriguez Park in support of runners participating in the SA Youth 5k. Runners left the SAPL outreach booth with string 210teen backpacks, summer reading buttons, pencils, bookmarks, and summer programming information. Georgina also volunteered to assist with GameFest 2017 hosted at Central Library to celebrate the end of teen summer reading.

## BROOK HOLLOW



On Tuesday, July 18, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera presented her monthly *STEM Story Time* with a dinosaur theme. Preschool children had an opportunity after the program to explore several math and science based activities with their caregivers. They explored states of matter with "dinosaur eggs" which were dinosaur figures frozen into ice. They experimented with water and pipettes to see if they

could speed the thaw. Children practiced estimating by guessing how many of their own feet could fit inside a dinosaur footprint. In addition, they made “lava” by squirting orange vinegar onto baking soda. The dough play mimicked fossils by using shells to press into the dough to make an imprint. Eighty-five people attended. Response to *STEM Story Time* has been overwhelmingly positive and the branch receives compliments on its efforts to reinforce important early math and science skills.



On Tuesday, July 25, Brook Hollow hosted a *Celebrate Summer Party* for the children in the community to celebrate all of the great reading they had done this summer. The Friends of the Brook Hollow Library provided a sheet cake, popcorn, balloons, and decorations. They also provided the entertainment. Daisy Bee from Daisy Bee and Friends came to make balloon animals for the children and every child who attended received an animal. The grand finale of the party was a magic performance by Spikey Mikey, also provided to the branch by the Friends.



Children’s Summer Reading has been a great success for the branch. We have exceeded our registration from 2016, and to date have 1,012 children registered. In-house program attendance was also up from 2016 by 230 attendees, for a 2017 total of 3,147. The Summer Lunch Program, a partnership with NEISD, ended on August 4. This program served many lunches to Brook Hollow families over the summer, and brought in some new faces!



During the reporting period, teens explored new crafting and culinary frontiers. Teens at Brook Hollow upcycled discarded books into book art, folding the pages to create different shapes, like stars and hearts, inspired by Circulation Attendant Kimberly King’s Book Creatures program. Another day, teens used found forked branches and yarn to create woven wall hangings. Participants had to make adjustments to their projects to compensate for the irregular shapes formed by the branches. Teens continued to use perler beads to create new and intricate shapes and patterns and to try new board games, puzzling out new rules and strategies. On August 10, the Brook Hollow teens learned to make sushi and onigiri, using sticky rice, seaweed, and fresh veggies. Some attempts were more successful than others, but all were tasty! Soon, the scheduled time of Teen Time will change because of the beginning of the school year.



On July 17, Adult Services Librarian Jenny Borrero showed the *Growing Up Trans* documentary in celebration of Pride month. There were six attendees. After the documentary was shown, a small discussion took place. Two of the attendees were parents to a transgender youth and were grateful that Brook Hollow showed the film. On Saturday, July 22, Kimberly King taught and hosted a *Book Creature* book folding class. It was well attended with 14 adults and 10 children. All enjoyed it and asked for more programs like this!



On Saturday, August 5, Kimberly King welcomed Colleen Swain, Director of the World Heritage Office and Susan Snow from the National Park Service, to talk about *UNESCO and the heritage of the San Antonio Missions*. An informative discussion of the process of becoming a UNESCO World Heritage site was given as well as a talk about all of the steps that were taken in the years-long process in took to get the Missions recognized as a World Heritage site. Twenty seven people attended this program.



Brook Hollow’s four book groups continued to meet during the reporting period; the Wednesday Evening Book group met on July 19, the Historical Fiction Book Group on July 24, the Mystery Book Group on August 3, and La Tertulia on August 12. The Mystery Lovers Book Group met to discuss *Christine Falls* by Benjamin Black. They enjoyed a lively discussion with a lovely orange cake provided by one of the attendees.

## CARVER



Carver Branch Manager DL Grant Jr. was a presenter at the 10<sup>th</sup> National Conference of African American Librarians. The event was held in Atlanta. The theme was *Beyond Library Walls: Innovative Ways to Engage Our Communities*. Mr. Grant’s topic was *Reimagining the Public Library for Community Success*.



Carver Branch Assistant Manager Monty Holcomb hosted four Chess Events. Mr. Holcomb also hosted five regular Teen Time events with the Wii and completed the summer program involving a teen work study student connected to the Family Service Association. Mr. Holcomb also continued to facilitate visits by Metro Health to provide free STD tests to the public.



The Carver branch library hosted TamboRhythms on July 21, 2017. Children's Librarian Jodi Miller had advertised with some neighborhood daycares and preschools, so the event attracted 75 people.



In August, the branch also partnered with the NAACP Youth Council on a back to school giveaway. Families who attended received backpacks stuffed with classroom supplies.



Learn Center Training Instructor Jeanne Johnson started her diploma program on August 7, welcoming three new students. Two graduates of her pilot program have announced plans to attend community college.

## CODY



During this reporting period Tweens at the Cody Library learned a lot at STEM-based programs. During a two-part *Bridge-Building Challenge* program Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon showed Tweens the basic designs of bridges. Afterwards the Tweens broke up into teams and built the strongest bridge they could with craft sticks. During the second program in this series, tweens tested the strength of their bridges. The winning bridge held a box of wooden blocks, 27 encyclopedias, and a ten pound bag of sand before it broke!



Tweens learned some of the fundamental concepts of computer programming during the *Coding a Maze* program. Tweens built a maze on the meeting room floor using recycled papers and then had to record the code to get a person from the beginning to the end of the maze. Tweens learned about the proper way to format computer code, conditional statements, random number generators, loops, and about the attention to detail needed in coding.



The *Locke Hill Book Club* met twice during this reporting period. Faculty from Locke Hill Elementary and Yourdon read books and sang songs with Locke Hill students. This was a great partnership between the Cody Library and Locke Hill Elementary!



*Kid's Time* remained a popular new addition to the Summer Reading programming lineup at Cody. In the *Our Animal Friends* program children practiced their researching skills as they looked up information on how to take care of animals. During another *Kid's Time* program, children learned that recycling can be fun as they made crafts with recycled materials.



Cody patrons enjoyed two more *Thrilling Thursday* performances during this reporting period. The Astonishing Mr. Pitts stopped by to share his magic tricks, his ventriloquism, and his comedy. Mr. Pitts' show was based around Dr. Seuss' books. He truly put on an astonishing show!



During Cody's *Summer Celebration*, hula hooper Luna showed a video of her fire hooping performance and then shared a hula hooping routine. All of the children then had a chance to try out their own hula hooping skills.



Teen Services Librarian Amy Rae Weaver worked with area teens to come up with *Teen Time* programs for the Cody Library.



Teens learned some cooking skills from a *Winter in July* program, during which they made their own vanilla and chocolate ice cream and used cookies to create ice cream sandwiches. They also experimented with creating their own (coconut-scented) fake snow from hair conditioner and baking soda.



During a *Choose Your Own Entertainment* program teens decided to watch *Doctor Strange* and to create perler bead lightsabers while drinking ocean-water ice-cream floats.



Cody teens chilled out during a *Don't Stress!* event by making slime stress balls and playing competitive video games. They also learned to make their own potato chips using a mandolin slicer and a microwave.



During a *Bouncy Ball* program, teens attempted to make their own super balls out of cornstarch and water. They used an immersion blender to create their own frosted lemonades and played video games.

## COLLINS GARDEN



**Family Programming:** The final Family Fun program for the reporting period was a collaborative art project featuring craft sticks that are on display in the library. Two chess sets in the library's public areas are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves, averaging 10 players daily. Collins Garden Library is hosting a weekly Family Game Night for the summer with various board games for all ages.



**Adult Programming:** Collins Garden poetry group Voces Cosmicas participated in Gemini Ink Writer's Conference on July 22. Library Assistant Carlos Loera was part of the panel highlighting the library as a venue for poetry and the community. The popular Photography 101 has returned for the summer, focusing on the subject of low light photography. Collins Garden Library is hosting a dance class through August being taught by Library Aide Janie Cruz. Participants learn country line dancing and various Latin dances.



**Coffee and a Movie** is increasingly popular. 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.



Artist Rosemary Perez, a member of the Collins Garden Library Friends Group, hosted a Beading Program to teach adults/teens/children the art of basic beading techniques. On July 23, she had several new attendees who made bracelets and earrings.



**Children's Programming:** Children's Librarian Gina Brudi and Library Assistant Carlos Loera performed a puppet show based on the book *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch. Eighty five people attended the performance. Brudi presented six story times at Kelly Education Center with 79 children and caregivers in attendance. Brudi attended the Summerfest celebration at Central Library on July 29 and helped in the craft and the balloon sculpture area.



Mary Valdez and her Therapy Dog Foxie continue to help kids become more comfortable with reading. For the reporting period the attendance was 20.



Lego Club continues to be popular with children and caregivers with more than 20 attendees per program. Lego Club is featured twice a month.



**Teen Programming:** The Teen program, hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera, is holding steady and averaging 7-10 teens a week. Teens are partaking in the Summer Reading Program, making crafts, and exploring video gaming. Collins Garden teens are hosting a weekly Movie-Time throughout the summer featuring animated movies for children with an average attendance of 40. The Burbank National Honor Society continues to hold its meetings and programming for teens at Collins Garden Library.



The entire Collins Garden Library Team helped host City of San Antonio District 5 Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales's Second Annual Back to School Backpack Event Saturday, August 12. Elementary and Middle School students in District 5 picked up backpacks, school supplies, and dental care items. They also got to see health vendors, participate in fingerprinting, and visit with McGruff the Dog.



Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies attended Library Leadership Team, Branch Manager Meetings, and coordinated July's Texas Library Association District 10 Social Event with Johnston Branch Library Manager Monica Bustillo.

## CORTEZ



The Branch is pleased to welcome Stephen Jackson, Librarian I, and Lupe Rodriguez, Circulation Attendant, who will be assisting at Cortez until staffing is improved.

A new employee, Pamela Smith, has been hired by DHS as the Financial Officer for the LEARN Center and the Branch looks forward to her joining them soon.



The reading programs for teens and adults concluded at the end of July but the Children's Reading Program continues until the end of August.



Story Time continues on Mondays at 10 a.m. concurrently with the Adult *Getting Crafty* program. Two sessions were held during the reporting period. Using some of the same themes as the Summer Reading offerings, the story time sessions included underwater explorations and an introduction to yoga. Twenty three children and 15 adults attended.



Baby Time follows the Story Time program on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. Two sessions were held during the reporting period with a program of rhymes, rhythm instruments, songs and time for books and playing with blocks. It's clear that a Toddler Time will need to be added to the Cortez roster as the babies grow and develop and this is slated to begin in late August. Sixteen babies and 8 adults attended.



Family Fun alternates with Read to a Dog so that young Cortez visitors know that something is always happening on Thursdays at 2 p.m. During this reporting period, two sessions were offered featuring LEGO play and games and puzzles with six children and one adult attending.



Summer time is Kids Time at Cortez! The Summer Reading Program sessions have included a special performance by TamboRhythms, an exploration of the undersea world, and an introduction to yoga poses and mindfulness. Three sessions were held with an attendance of 61 children and 33 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. One summer session included a food challenge moving candies from one plate to another using a straw. The first player to transfer all candies from one plate to another wins! Summer time attendance tends to dip a bit, but new tweens are attending which is always a positive sign. Several of the newcomers expressed their joy at finding a program that is their own. Six children and one adult attended.



Pop-Up Sessions will be offered when we have the following conditions – available staff to offer an activity and some children in need of a diversion! Games and puzzles were offered with 10 children playing and learning in the children's area of Cortez.



Offered only once this month, Mary Valdez and her golden retriever Foxie attracted some faithful friends to the library. Mary teaches children how to approach a dog for the first time and then helps them get comfortable reading stories to Foxie.



The teens met once during this reporting period with an attendance of 13. This last summer meeting included a treat of hot dogs, Kool-Aid and popcorn. The teens expressed their sadness at not starting back up until August 24, after school starts. With the closing of Kazen Middle School, the Teen Liaison JoAnn Paredes is concerned that attendance might be affected since teens will be divided between Dwight Middle School and Zamora Middle School.



While continuing the meditative aspects of Adult Coloring, Cortez adult programming has introduced Art Journaling to add another mindfulness component to the activity. Fourteen attended the combined evening of coloring, journaling and writing. Four sessions were held in July and August. Shantel Buggs, a regular attendee of both sessions, oversees both programs. Shantel brings a love of literature and her years of experience as an instructor with the Alamo Colleges system to Cortez. Thank you, Shantel!



There were three Getting Crafty Program classes this reporting period with a hearty group of 12 attending during the summer vacation period. The crafters worked on a crocheted U.S. flag and started making a folk art project.



On August 12, 14 attended the Monster Meet screening of *Jeepers Creepers* followed by a fun facts trivia session. Monster Meet is a program developed and coordinated by Circulation attendant Madeline Vasquez who brings her love of the horror genre and her creativity to the community at Cortez.



On July 22, five film fans got together to see *Law Abiding Citizen*. This meeting marked the last time volunteer Paul Austin was able to coordinate this program for the Cortez Branch. The branch thanks him for stepping in for several weeks.



Cortez Older Adult Social Time is offered Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. 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 were held during the reporting period with ten adults enjoying the camaraderie of their neighborhood friends.

## ENCINO



Adult Services Librarian Michelle Ricondo is responding to Encino's community demands by planning innovative events. Dana K. White, an author, blogger, podcaster, speaker, and decluttering expert, visited Encino on August 2 to discuss her newly published book *How to Manage Your Home Without Losing Your Mind*. After success with her blog, *A Slob Comes Clean*, Dana's book and visit allowed her to share realistic home management strategies and a message of hope for the hopelessly messy. Twenty-six adults attended the program, with many arriving early to chat informally with the author.



Sahaja Yoga Meditation started on August 9, in response to frequent patron requests. This relaxing program will continue weekly on Wednesday evenings through September. July's book club meeting was led by volunteer and Friends of Encino President Carla Pomager. The lively group

discussed Margaret Atwood's *The Hag-Seed*. Upcoming programs planned by Michelle include Art Journaling 101, an art exhibit and reception by artist David Grinnell, Cosplay Con, and a staff art exhibit.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot continued to host three weekly programs for teens in the Encino teen room, with attendance numbers consistently doubling from that of the same programs during the school year. Teens came together to watch three hit movies; got crafty making plush felt toys, glitter slime, and foam-carved prints; and tested their competitive nature with multiple Super Smash Bros tournaments on our WiiU and with games of Emoji Uno and Clue.



Encino Teens welcomed Food Bank Chef Justin Sparkman to the teen space twice throughout the reporting period in the continuation of our Summer Cooking Series featuring recipes from cultures all over the world. Our culinary journey continued with a lesson in the foods of India and Asia. Teens learned how to properly chop vegetables, what kind of produce is in season, and how to combine flavors for maximum deliciousness.



Ms. Pouliot traveled to the Central Library to help out at teen services' Gamefest on August 5<sup>th</sup>. She set up and gave demonstrations on the Oculus Rift to the events attendees.



Children's programming was once again hugely successful at Encino Library. TamboRhythms' drum circle filled the meeting room with rhythm for two performances on July 18. Adults and children alike enjoyed the opportunity to make music and practice listening skills. Librarians Nicki Weaver and Ashley Stubbs wrapped up an eventful summer at the end of July before taking a much deserved planning break. The weekly Flannel Fridays program ended on July 28. Ashley will be developing a monthly Play & Learn starting with a back to school themed event on September 1. Baby Time, Story Time, Toddler Time, and Kids Time (a summer-only event) wrapped up the week of July 25. Nicki created a series of come and go activities to be placed in the children's room during the break. Children's programming starts fresh the week of August 28.

## FOREST HILLS



Every Tuesday this summer has featured an entertaining and educational performance for children and their families. Forest Hills hosted Ronald McDonald, BeeBop the clown, Spikey Mikey, a Mad Scientist, and a puppet show. Children from across the city flocked to the library to view these special performances.



Thanks to the donation of a set of Lego and Duplo building blocks by the Friends of the Forest Hills Library, the Lego Club has been a very popular offering on Thursday afternoons.



Teen summer has been a crafty one. Teens have been practicing their hands at sewing, making slime, and creating beautiful sun catchers. A number of teens have volunteered their time at the library to fulfill college application requirements.



The KPop Club met on June 24. The activity for the meeting included filming a reaction video to a new music video. A Taekwondo demonstration was held on July 8.



Teens Read Out Loud Library is a new addition to the summer line up. During this program freshman entering Holmes High School are invited to attend a read out loud event where participants will read the required text for the upcoming school year. This year Holmes High School freshman will read *The House on Mango Street* by local author Sandra Cisneros. The group will meet every Wednesday.



In partnership with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Forest Hills offered a six-week diabetes workshop on Monday afternoons. Participants were given helpful information on how to manage their diabetes or that of a loved one.



A preview of the Spare Parts Mini Art Museum (MAM) was shared on July 10. This exhibit titled "Controlled Burn," features the work of eight artists that will travel through Colombia, South America July 14-27, 2017. Mary Elizabeth Cantú, Spare Parts Executive Director/MAM Co-Founder, will install and document "Controlled Burn" in communities of Colombia, primarily in Bogotá and in the country's coffee region. Her goal is to place the exhibition in areas where one would least expect a museum. Each artwork is no larger than a business card and magnifying glasses were provided for viewing.



As part of the Adulting series, a program on Minimalism was offered on July 12. Brissa Ytuarte, minimalist and author of the blog "Stella & Sue: Simple, Productive and Clean Living", spoke about the style and benefits of minimalism and shared a DIY project.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Library had a wonderful summer. The tweens' *Build a Better World* program ended with a great party. Southwest Research Center kindly donated the use of their 3-D printer and one of their engineers, Jason Gassaway, to print out each of the worlds that the kids created in their minds. The kids spent the entire summer building an entire world including a backstory, myths and legends about their world, creatures and plants, a map, and a model of their world and showed off all that they had made at the presentation party. They all went home with a 3-D model from their world.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen summer programs for Great Northwest Library and Teens continued to sign-up for the *Teen Summer Reading Program*.



Great Northwest Teen Gamers meet every Wednesday afternoon for a *Teen Video Game* Program. Ms. Vazquez worked with teen video gamers to provide a space for them to compete against other teens who share a common interest in gaming. On July 19 teens learned how to make pizza using the convection oven. On July 26 Great Northwest Teen Gamers celebrated Shark Week by making sharknado cupcake food crafts.



On August 2, Great Northwest Teen Gamers held the *Annual Summer Video Game Competition*. Teens competed in a Super Smash Bros WiiU video game tournament for first and second place. Teens developed game rules for a double elimination tournament and tracked their progress using an online bracket system.



Great Northwest Teens held *Teen Craft Night: D.I.Y. Felt Plushies* on July 17. During craft night, teens had the opportunity to create an emoji plushie using basic sewing skills. Teens also watched the movie *Coraline* and had the opportunity to make emoji sugar cookie food crafts.



Great Northwest Teens held *Winter in July: D.I.Y. Ice Cream* on July 24. Teens learned the science of making ice cream using coffee cans and sandwich bags. Teens also watched the movie *Frozen* and learned how to make fake snow using baking soda and conditioner.



Great Northwest Teens held the *Teen Art* program on July 31. Teens experimented with different mediums to create faux stained glass projects and oil pastel art work. Teens also watched the movie *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.



Great Northwest Teens held *Teen Craft Night D.I.Y. Decoupage* on August 7 and watched the movie *Doctor Strange*. Teens used decoupage techniques to decorate flower pots and planted seeds for a mini container garden project they could take home.



The Great Northwest Library participated in the *Family Services Association Youth Summer Internship* program. The partnership allows a teen intern to work at the Great Northwest Library for the summer while under the supervision of Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez. The FSA Intern Nathan helped with teen programs, Summer Reading sign-up, children's programs, and other daily tasks. Nathan also contributed to the *210 Teen Library* blog by writing a weekly post about his experience as a SAPL Teen Intern at Great Northwest Library.



Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno made several visits to the Madison Estates Retirement Center for outreach to seniors. On July 24, Ms. Moreno delivered a *Remember When* program. On July 26, Ms. Moreno visited the Center for a book discussion of *True Grit* by Charles Portis and showed the movie. Many had not seen the newest version of *True Grit* and enjoyed watching the remake. Later in the month Ms. Moreno discussed the book *Two by Two* by Nicholas Sparks.



After receiving feedback from the retirees at Madison Estates about the availability of large print items and audiobooks, Ms. Moreno got in touch with the *Talking Book Program* that is offered through the Texas State Library. Great Northwest Branch Library has become a demonstration site and will soon offer programs to show patrons how to utilize this service.



Bexar County Master Gardener Bill Swantner presented the program *Container Gardening* on August 9. Thirty patrons attended the program. Bexar County Master Gardeners will be presenting more gardening programs in the month of August.



Volunteers offered priceless services this summer. Volunteers assisted with programs and daily tasks around the library. It was very helpful to have the additional support and the children enjoyed the extra individual attention that this allowed in their programs. On August 2, the Friends of the Great Northwest Library hosted the *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Staff and Volunteer Party*. The Friends host this annual party and provide food, games, prizes, and more to celebrate the staff and volunteers. It is a great way to show appreciation for our volunteers and the branch staff are grateful to the Friends for all their support throughout the year.

## GUERRA



The Guerra Chess Club met on July 14, 21, and 28 and August 11. The branch hosted Board Member Lora Eckler on July 21 for a branch meet and greet. Benjamin Lyda joined our team as a temporary Library Aide.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman made a presentation about the Employee Management Committee at a Human Resources New Employee Experience on August 1. He provided music and

literature outreach to the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on July 19 and 26 and on August 2 and 9. As the branch contact for the Charitable Campaign, he attended training on August 7.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams facilitated *Knit & Crochet for Adults* on July 25. She facilitated the webcast program for *Asperger Syndrome: Independent Living* on August 8; there were no attendees. She hosted the *Thursday Evening Book Group* on August 10 for a discussion of *Rejected Princesses* by Jason Porath.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson, now on temporary assignment to Cortez, moderated Club de Lectura, a book club in Spanish on July 27. The participants discussed *Perseguidos (The Lifeguard)* by James Patterson.



Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on July 20 and 27 and on August 3 and 10. Edward conducted outreach at a RunSAYouth event on July 30 and spoke with over 100 people. He met with a local 4H Club on August 7. He went to John High School on August 11 to begin planning for a teen ESL event.

## IGO



Children's Summer Reading Program began its wind down with a Harry Potter Birthday Celebration on Saturday, July 29 and was well attended. It included a Birds of Prey performance, wand making, and a scavenger hunt.



On Tuesday, July 18th, The Adult Afternoon Book Club met to discuss Paulette Jiles' *News of the World*. The novel received great reviews by all members who were especially pleased with the vivid descriptions of 19<sup>th</sup> century Texas especially those depicting the San Antonio area. One member mentioned that she had met the author who resides on her ranch outside of San Antonio.



The KC@Igo Club met on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members selected scarves as their next knitting project. The scarves will be donated to a local youth center as the weather cools down.



On July 17 and August 7, the PoeTree Club met at Igo. This club welcomes new members who are interested in reading and/or writing poetry.



On August 2, the Mystery Club discussed *Another One Goes Tonight*.



On August 5, patrons of all ages attended Igo's Marvel Day, celebrating the 55<sup>th</sup> birthday of Spider-man. Artist Freddy Lopez Jr. talked about the trading cards he has designed for Marvel, while Dragon's Lair manager Bob Schaefer gave tips for getting started in collecting Marvel memorabilia. A Spider-man cake, punch, games, crafts and a movie completed the program.



On August 7, *Fan Fiction for Adults* gave young adults an introduction to online writing in the field of derivative works.



The Igo Elderberries held their annual Ice Cream Social. Artful Aging and Yoga classes have also been very well attended.

# JOHNSTON



Johnston Library celebrated the End of Summer with a large event on August 7. Over 100 patrons attended the Moana themed celebration with crafts, a film screening, food provided by the Johnston Friends of the Library and a special guest “Moana” who performed two hula dances and instructed the children on how to dance the hula. Moana was available for pictures using the green screen between performances. Branch Manager Monica Bustillo continues to offer Library Digital & eReader Help the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month including July 28 and August 11. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Group discussion of *The Thing We Wish Were True* by Marybeth Mayhew Whalen on July 19. Ms. Bustillo attended the Blue Skies of Texas/Valley Hi North HOA meeting July 17 to present library events and services to the group. Ms. Bustillo organized the Friday Family Film screening of *Sing* on July 21. Ms. Bustillo taught the first of a series of Computer Classes for August on August 10. The class was titled “Computer Basics” which will be offered again along with “Internet Basics and Cyber Safety”.



Johnston’s staff has been busy preparing for fall with a Friends of the Library meeting on July 30 to cover all end of year events and ideas. The staff had a Branch Meeting August 2 followed by the first Wellness Event in support of the new SAPL Strong Wellness Program. The staff played “Just Dance” to get a cardio workout, began a weekly weigh in chart. and started keeping food journals.



Babies attending Baby Time were treated to songs, rhymes, stories, and bubbles. After the songs and stories, they played with a variety of toys and blocks. Story Times were well attended, featuring the themes “Pockets,” and “Beach.” For the “Beach” story time, Children’s Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth made seashells available for the children to take home with them. Tween Time attendees made slime and enjoyed Star Wars activities, including building their own robot from recycled materials. Kids Times were also well attended and featured “Paint a Better World,” and *Star Wars* activities, including building their own robot from recycled materials. On July 29, Children’s Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth assisted at SummerFest at the “Color by Sticker” station. Participants were able to add colored stickers to a chart, which gradually became a tiger face. On August 3, Ms. Wrigglesworth visited the Southwest HS PCI to deliver books and read to the toddlers.



On July 19, Ms. Garza instructed the teen group how to make their own molding clay. The teens were able to dye their own batch of molding clay any color they wanted. The recipe only included three ingredients so that teens could easily recreate the recipe at home. Altogether the teens made about 20 different batches of their own molding clay.



On July 22 and August 5, Ms. Garza with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blanca facilitated the Teen Anime and Video Game time. These past two meetings the teens have been planning activities for Banned Book Week in September. The group has decided they would like to dress up as their favorite banned book character and take green screen pictures as their character of choice. The teens have been working together to brainstorm other activities all library patrons can participate in during that week as well.



On July 30 and August 13, Library Assistant Nicole Garza resumed facilitating the Pokémon champions group. The group has now grown to include several of the parents of children participating. Several of the group members are now proficient enough to show our new participants how to play the Pokémon trading card game.



On July 30, Ms. Garza was involved in a community outreach event for the Youth SA run as the City of San Antonio Public Library was a sponsor for the event. The library table had information for several teen events in the surrounding area.



On August 2, Ms. Garza had previously reached out to a community partner DreamSA and scheduled a presentation for the teen group. DreamSA is part of the City of San Antonio Metro Health department and recently developed a website targeted for San Antonio teens. After the presentation concluded the teens learned how to make watermelon pops.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson moderated the *Club de Lectura "Café con Libro"*, a book club in Spanish, on August 7, 2017. The participants discussed a mystery book *Y no quedó ninguno (And Then There Were None)* by Agatha Christie. Ms. Jackson presented the *Bilingual Children's Program* with the Summer Story Times on July 17, July 24, and July 31 featured the themes: "Clothing", "Pockets", and "Happy Faces". Ms. Jackson also serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish), and she recorded a children's book for the week of July 24, 2017. The title of the book is: *El gigante egoísta (The Selfish Giant)* by Oscar Wilde.

## LANDA



Landa Branch Library remains closed for restoration and renovation. Staff is currently planning the branch's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and grand reopening celebration in October.

## LAS PALMAS



In July, the Las Palmas staff welcomed a new Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, to the team. After her orientation, she hit the ground running helping Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas facilitate several summer children's programs and special events. Las Palmas summer programs continued in July building a better world with several special performances, Wednesday evening Art Clubs, and Lego Club afternoons.



In July, Las Palmas hosted Jorge Ochoa with Tambo Rhythms to do a drum circle program for the children to learn about rhythm, taking turns, and the joy of making music. The program ran long at almost a full hour because the children did so well listening and were having fun.

Librarian Barbaraella Frazier and Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez showcased their talents in July as puppeteers as they put on a production of *The Paper Bag Princess* for families to enjoy. Librarian Jasmin Salinas warmed up the crowd and then turned the show over to the two talented staff members for the engaging puppet show. Afterwards, the families could make their own crowns, craft a dragon out of play dough, or sketch with chalk their favorite parts and characters of the story.



Happy Tails also visited the Las Palmas library bringing in several different animals from South America to show the kids. The children learned about rodents of an unusual size, snakes, and even alpacas! After the program, the children got to pet a couple of the animals that had visited.



Art Club continued to be a popular program throughout July, despite a slight slump in program numbers around July 4<sup>th</sup>. Every week in July, Librarian Jasmin Salinas presented a different artist and talked about their works of art before presenting materials for the children to use to create their own masterpieces. The children drew their own self-portraits in Picasso's style, painted swirls on aluminum foil to imitate Van Gogh, and cut paper shapes to craft collages like Matisse. For the last Art Club, the children were able to study "murals" and painted on the windows of the meeting room to showcase their artistic talents. The next week, one young patron came into the library for her Summer Reading Book Club prize and told Librarian Salinas that she loved Art Club, but that the absolute best and her "favoritist" was getting to paint on the windows.



Lego Club remained by far the most popular program of the summer at Las Palmas on Thursday afternoons. Families came each week to tackle the challenges or just have fun building. One family with two young children often came upwards of an hour early because their children could not wait at home for Lego Club to start. They told Librarian Salinas that they “love, love, loved Lego Club”.

Both Children’s Librarians, Jasmin Salinas and Barbaraella Frazier, attended the SummerFest at Central Library on July 29<sup>th</sup> to assist with activities, but Las Palmas also had it’s on celebration on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Families enjoyed the talents of the Jolley Joeys clowns, face-painters, and balloon-artists. Librarian Jasmin Salinas also brought home-made play dough for the kids to enjoy. There was a “build a better world” collaborative craft put out as well for families to do together. Refreshments were provided primarily by the Las Palmas Friends of the Library, and cookies supplied by Whataburger.



In July, Librarian Jasmin Salinas continued doing outreach at the YWCA also located on Castroville Road. She read stories to all classrooms and also the older summer camp children. Librarian Salinas also presented the children with their Summer Reading Club certificates and vouchers for free books at the end of July to celebrate their accomplishment of listening to so many stories. Ms. Salinas also visited the University Presbyterian Childcare Center to present their students ages 1 to 5 with their certificates and vouchers for participating and completing the Summer Reading “Read-to-Me” Club. Lastly, Ms. Salinas visited the West Hutchins Early Childhood Center to present their participants with their finisher certificates for the “Read-to-Me” Club, and she also received a lovely thank-you poster with the handprints of all the children.



In August, Lego Club moved to a new day and time at Las Palmas to accommodate families that were headed back to school. Attendance continues to remain strong as families really enjoy having the Lego Club inside the library as an activity for children to do.



Also in August, Librarian Jasmin Salinas put together two Come & Go craft afternoons on Thursday for children and parents to do. The come & go crafts have been especially popular with parents that come in to Las Palmas to purchase birth certificates and have a long wait time.

On Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, in spite of tempestuous weather, Las Palmas hosted its first Family Fun Movie Night. Librarian Barbaraella Frazier set out a craft and play dough for kids to enjoy before the movie, *Despicable Me*. There was also a challenge for children to build a tower to the moon out of newspaper and masking tape, and a chance to draw minion faces on oranges. While few people stayed to see the entire movie, several families and even teens dropped in to enjoy the activity.



On Thursday, August 10, Las Palmas hosted the San Antonio Opera for a program aimed at children and families. Two singers from the San Antonio Opera and a pianist came out to perform some of opera’s best hits like *Carmen* and the *Barber of Seville*. Families came from all over San Antonio to enjoy the performances. The families that visited really enjoyed the performances given by two very talented singers.



Las Palmas continues to sign children up for the Mayor’s Summer Reading Club and pass out certificates and free prize books to all the children that finish their reading. A soon to be second grade girl brought in her completed reading log and after getting her picture taken on the green screen stated her opinion that while she had never visited Las Palmas before it was now her favorite library!



Las Palmas Teens enjoyed building things with LEGOs. On July 19 the teens watched *Guardians of the Galaxy* and enjoyed snacks. During another craft activity Teens painted light switch plates.



The Las Palmas Book Club read and discussed the book *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson recorded ¡*Qué nervios: el primer día de escuela! (First day jitters)* by Judy Danneberg for Spanish dial-a-story. The branch also said goodbye to Mr. Jackson, who has a new temporary assignment at the Cortez Branch.



Teen Librarian Connie Hejl and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos are coordinating Thursday afternoon computer assistance beginning August 3. They and other available staff will offer one-on-one assistance to library visitors on how to use a laptop computer to create email accounts, write résumés, and other basic computer skills. This program is a follow-up to the Digital Computer classes offered in May.

## MAVERICK



The Ladies' Choice Book Club met on July 29 and the Lady Maverick's Book Club met on August 8, 2017.



Several Homeowners Associations met at Maverick Library. Oaks of French Creek Homeowners' Association met on July 20, Parkland Homeowners' Association met on August 3, Sagewood Homeowners' Association met on August 5 and Silverbrook Homeowners' Association met on August 10, 2017.



Money Management program, part of the Financial Wellness series, was provided on July 20 and J.D. Elizondo provided a wonderful musical performance on August 12.



Summer programming was a success here at the Maverick Library! Spikey Mikey graced Maverick with his presence on July 26 with an enthusiastic audience of 106 people. On July 29, Library Aide Laura Lopez, Library Circulation Attendant Elise Garcia and other staff presented another great *Elephant and Piggie* puppet show that included a craft and a snack for 125 people. Thank you to the Friends of the Maverick Library for sponsoring these programs!



Ms. Roberts continues to thank the Maverick staff for their incredible teamwork with the summer reading program for children. As of August 9, Maverick had 830 children registered for the program and 285 finishers! Many more have signed up since then and our bulletin board is overflowing with the names of the finishers.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated Teen Time on Tuesday evenings, July 18<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. Teens elected to have a *Super Mario Smash Brothers* video game tournament, watch the movie *Guardians of the Galaxy*, play Battleship and burn some calories playing *Just Dance* on the Wii. A total of 15 teens attended. Pizza and various snacks were provided by the Maverick Friends of the Library.



Ms. Bleichwehl hosted the Tweens Only Book Club on July 27. Five tweens attended and discussed *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. Refreshments were provided by Friends of the Library and the Tweens created self-portrait collages.



Ms. Bleichwehl assisted Library Assistant Edward Mayberry (Guerra) at an outreach event for RunSAYouth on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Rodriguez Park.

# McCRELESS



Children's Librarian Carrie Vance made a final summer visit to the KidKamp at La Mission Childcare. Thirty children there were able to complete their Summer Reading for 2017. Ms. Vance also visited the new Steele Montessori Academy for the inaugural meet the teacher night and was able to give new students library cards and sign up children for Summer Reading.



The children's area is sporting new passive programs for all ages to enjoy: Paleteria de McCreless, where patrons are invited to create popsicles from paper scraps and craft sticks, and a set of cards that can be used for Crazy Eights, Memory, or building card houses.



Lego Club was a big hit this summer. McCreless Library averaged 27 in attendance for the month of July and August. Families in attendance ranged from two all the way up to 15 or 16 years old with moms and dads building as well.



Teens enjoyed experiencing virtual reality with an Oculus Rift from Teen Services. The teens played a game "Face your Fears" where they did just that. Some teens faced their fears of ghosts, tall heights, and flying. Jumping and screaming was heard as a result of fear/delight from this technology.



Teens also enjoyed a "Teen Movie" on a Saturday. Teens watched a movie as they socialized and ate snacks during a Saturday afternoon. The teens enjoyed this activity and asked that a "Teen Movie" be shown every month.



McCreless Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales created a display to celebrate the new release of *Game of Thrones*. There was a throne built by Joseph Gonzales and Librarian Ana Menchaca to display the books from the series. The display has been popular and has needed refilling frequently.

# MEMORIAL



Ms. Gonzales met with Southwest Preparatory School Assistant Principal Christopher McCammon and school faculty to establish a partnership in providing Memorial Library resources to students and faculty.



Ms. Gonzales attended Amigos/Friends of Memorial Library meeting to discuss issues related to library programs.



Ms. Gonzales attended Library Leadership Team training.



Ms. Gonzales facilitated a "Back to School" program that entailed creating a personalized beaded keychain to attach to school back packs. This beading program with different themes is extremely popular with all ages.



Ms. Gonzales coordinated an "End of Summer Staff Luncheon/Potluck" to thank staff for a successful Summer Reading Program.



Memorial branch hosted BiblioTech where staff shared information about their collections. Patrons were interested in their program and several applied for a BiblioTech card.



Memorial branch hosted AARP's first of two CAREversations workshops. This program focuses on engaging conversation about family caregiving and building a support network as well as providing local resources for the network.



Memorial Branch partnered with staff from Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, a non-profit group, to help patrons sign up for Medicaid and CHIP enrollment.



Memorial Branch partnered with Edgewood ISD to promote their Head Start program. There was a high degree of interest from parents wanting more information for their children.



Ms. Davila visited St. Mary's University and had a table in the Commons area where she distributed literature and spoke with staff, faculty and students promoting SAPL summer programs.



Ms. Davila visited the Boys and Girls Club near Woodlawn Lake to discuss library programs.



Ms. Davila visited Holy Rosary Church to distribute literature promoting library programs.



Ms. Davila hosted *Fake News*, a video and PowerPoint program to encourage critical thinking and how it affects society and all communities.



Ms Davila hosted cat spay and neuter program to provide attention to the high stray cat population. A PowerPoint presentation and discussion focused on how to humanely treat high cat populations.



Mrs. Deffendall read for Dial-a-Story. Her selection was *Mama Cat Had Three Kittens* by Denise Fleming.



Mrs. Deffendall hosted Summer Reading events to include weekly Story Time and weekly Kids Times which focus on the Summer Reading theme of "Build a Better World."



Mrs. Deffendall hosted a variety of programs ranging from puppet shows to movies to guest performers. These events attracted more than 130 attendees.



Memorial Branch registered more than 150 children for the Summer Reading Program.

## MISSION



San Antonio Public Library and San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) celebrated the completion of the Summer Youth Employment Program at Mission Branch Library. During the two-day program, 40 teens from local SAHA residences completed classes focused on technology and digital

literacy. Each participant received a refurbished computer sponsored by SAHA equipped with internet access and other essential software and programs sponsored by San Antonio Public Library through a grant offered by Capital One.



The president of the Mission's Friends Group, Roberto Anguiano, was recognized for his contributions to the city's South Side community at the Mission branch Library. Members of different organizations like the San Antonio River Authority, talked about his legacy in many local organizations throughout his life and being key in the creation of the San Antonio River South Reach and a strong Library Friends Group for this community. It was a very well attended event.



The Library continues to partner with the AARP. For this period they provided a fraud prevention class, computer classes for seniors, and a paper shredding program for the local community.



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



Mission's library is having a Lego Club program up to the end of summer.

## PAN AMERICAN



Every week, Pan American hosts a Toddler Time program on Tuesday mornings. This is an opportunity for toddlers to listen to great stories and participate in an activity. The activity can range from dancing and singing to working on crafts.



Pan American Branch Library is working to help combat child hunger by offering a free lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Food is provided by the San Antonio Food Bank. The branch has completed its program and in total served over 420 meals to the community's youth. Many families were frequent visitors and expressed their appreciation for this program.



Every Monday afternoon, the branch hosts Kids Time where kids can enjoy stories, crafts, dancing and other fun activities.



The branch hosts chess instruction every Monday evening. Chess instructor George Barrera teaches those in attendance strategy, opening moves, closing games and overall discipline to better hone their chess skills. The unofficial chess club has been named "Knights of the Square Table."



Pan American Branch Library showed its monthly movie on the last Saturday of the month. *Kong: Skull Island* was shown and those in attendance enjoyed refreshments. The meeting room was set up theatre-style and attendees were able to relax and enjoy the movie.



Pan American now has its new Children's Librarian. Valerie Shelley comes to the branch with many years of experience as a school librarian in San Antonio and as a supervisor from the Fort Worth Public Library system. She has hit the ground running and has picked up the branch's toddler time and kid's time programs with ease.



Landa Library's two book clubs are holding their summer meetings at Pan American with some members carpooling. This month, Reader's Ink read the inspirational biography *365 Thank You's* by John Kralik. The Mystery Book Club enjoyed *Murder at the Library of Congress*, one of the

Washington D.C. series featuring amateur sleuths Annabel and Mac Smith. Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta thanks these faithful members for attending at the two clubs' temporary location.



Karen also holds a book club at The Village at the Incarnate Word, a residence located on UIW grounds. This group enjoys a variety of types of literature. This past month they read *Degrees of Separation*, one of the Jessie Arnold series set in Alaska. The story revolves around professional dog sled breeders and handlers and, since Karen visited a summer camp kennel for dog sledding on a recent vacation, she shared photos of scenes like those described in the book.



Karen's other outreach is at the Kenwood Senior Center where a faithful group of folks gather each month to do the craft she brings as well as an adult coloring project. This month, they did their most intricate craft yet—a mosaic made from tissue paper. They enjoyed the challenge!



As a special treat at Pan American, Karen scheduled Gigi Gold, a professional wrestler, to talk about life in and out of the ring. Gigi brought three other professional wrestlers who shared their stories and talked about the outreach and charity work that the wrestling community does of which the public is not aware. All of these people had inspirational stories about their training and the work that they do outside of the ring, as well.



Pan American hosted a résumé building course to assist community members on how to brush up their resumes. This instructional course taught attendees best practices for putting together a 21<sup>st</sup> century resume which will prepare them for potential job opportunities.



Pan American hosted its second chess tournament on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>. The tournament grew from the first one the branch hosted. A total of 28 chess players (ages 18 and under) participated for the right to be called the "Back-to School" chess champion. All players were guaranteed five rounds using the chess Swiss system of play. The top three players were given prizes and all participants received a certificate.



Qigong and yoga sessions at Pan American have a solid following, with as many as 18 attending each qigong session. Yoga lessons are included in Fit Pass 2017, an SAParksFitness initiative that provides fitness opportunities, nutrition education, wellness events and prizes for participating in healthy events around the city.

## PARMAN



Parman welcomed Eclipse Chaser Mark L. Bender to discuss the upcoming eclipse and answer questions patrons had about it. Mark L. Bender, filmmaker and author of several documentaries created for National Geographic Channel, presented a fascinating program about eclipses. He and his manager donated virtual glasses to the Parman Library and two lucky winners of giveaway pairs were drawn from the audience of 35. The first 30 attendees of this program received from the library a free pair of eclipse viewing glasses. The program was organized by Barbara Kwiatkowski and received very positive reviews from the patrons.



Assistant manager Gamini Haluwana presented the program *Adult Up: Don't Get Faked Out by the News* in which the audience learned about "fake news" and why people fall for it. Participants could sharpen their news-discernment skills and learn how to recognize which sources of news are reliable.



Barbara Kwiatkowski continues to work with Parks and Recreation and was able to bring a weekly meditation program to the Parman library. This meditation class introduces participants to the practice of concentrated focus to increase awareness, reduce stress, and promote total relaxation.



The MAKbots Robotics team concluded its four session program for 8-12 years old. The program was designed to introduce and help youngsters get involved in Robotics clubs and was organized by teen librarian Marisa DeBow.



During this reporting period children's librarian Ms. Carolyn Bradley incorporated music, books, bright and attractive colors, natural materials, fascinating cultural objects and interesting pictures into her programs to offer the children complex sensory and intellectual experiences. The programs were very well received by parents and loved by young participants.



The Parman Children's Team closed out summer programming at the end of July. Ms. Bradley and Ms. Robinson are working diligently to provide the best programming possible for the fall semester.



To fill the void of the story times in August, Parman Library presents "Special Event Wednesdays". In the first week, Naturalist Tom Kinsey and his friends visited the Library. The large audience enjoyed animal experiences and engaging opportunities. Kids were able to pet or hold different animals including snakes.



Library Assistant Eva Banda attended another set of all day classes offered by Pre-K SA to acquire valuable information, skills, technics and resources.



Children (and teens and adults) have been enjoying the K-Nex Education – the newest adventure at the Transformation Station. Kids have built everything from wind and water energy structures, to go-carts and ferry wheels. This activity helps the youngest kids develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor, problem-solving skills, and spatial awareness. Older kids learn about engineering and STEM concepts like gear ratios, rotational speed which perfectly feeds into this summer's reading program theme. This Transformation Station was created by the Branch Manager, Barbara Kwiatkowski and was possible thanks to the recent generous donation of K-Nex building sets.



Displays have been exceptional this summer! Library Aide Leslie Cavill-Burns' display was named "Take a Staycation" and included travel reads. "Summer Banners" was prepared by Allie Villarreal and Melissa Moser from circulation. Parman staff has had to replenish the books on these displays constantly!



Despite an incredibly busy summer and some staff shortages, Parman is proud to have reached 100.5% of our circulation goal for the month of July! Staff came together as a team in order to make sure Parman Library continues to give the community the very best service possible.

## POTRANCO



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta continues to host massive groups of kiddos during story times with unflinching professionalism and enthusiasm, parents report. Additionally, while performing *Learn Nature: Animal Friends*, Tom Kinsey commented to Alcorta he felt the children in the Potranco community were exceptionally bright. The children were responsive and attentive to the content of his program. *Learn Nature: Animal Friends with Tom Kinsey* proved to be a wise investment of funds. Alcorta gained supportive feedback that has reinforced her decisions to go forward designing challenging and fun programs at Potranco.



Tween Librarian Kassandra Vela-Loaisa hosted the always popular program, Lego Time. Weekly, kids of many age groups came together to share their love of engineering basics. Vela-Loaisa was observed facilitating the crowd by visiting upon several attendees to show support of their creative builds. The children and their parents appeared to take pride in Vela-Loaisa's supportive comments. These actions lead to further conversations with parents about programming expectations. Gaining this type of feedback directly from community members is valuable to the children's librarians as they go forward designing more events.



Teen's Librarian Daniella Toll has effectively partnered with Mays Family Potranco YMCA to host a creative writing program. Along with Y staffer Airk, Daniella garnered a core group of more than a dozen weekly attendees. The pair developed exercises to help attendees with character development and many more elements of creative story lines. The Y has expressed interest in continuing the successful summer program into the fall. Toll had success hosting the SAPL DreamSA initiative. She applied her existing influence to the established Potranco Teen council to educate young adults about the resources provided to them by SAPL in the technological formats they want and need. Toll also hosted the SAPL Summer Snacks partnership event. While attendees enjoyed a rest from the heat and tasty nourishment, Toll highlighted SAPL digital services by screening animated books on the Branch Mondo pad.



Adult Services Librarian Matthew Loaiza hosted a livestreamed event "ASPERGER SYNDROME: Independent Living". Although the crowd was modest; much was gained in discussion with the community members in attendance. It is a top goal of Potranco Branch Library to learn and design programming for families of special needs children in the successful way they provide programming for families not touched by special needs challenges. The event provided Loaiza the opportunity to speak openly to patrons about how the Branch might work for this demographic of the service area.



Library Assistant Elissa Vura hosted a light hearted and fun Adulating 101 class. Attendees learned to fold a fitted sheet and more basics about embracing the large commitment of running a successful household. Attendees were able to openly discuss reservations and confusion about the responsibilities that come with adulthood in a safe and fun environment.



The Circulation Team at Potranco displayed incredible support for Summer Reading Program by offering sign up opportunities to every patron possible. Part of the Circulations Teams' successful strategy was to take advantage of the large amount of new card holders and returning card holders that are discovering the new branch in their neighborhood. Every family to get a new card also got a strong pitch for the benefits of participating with SAPL Summer Reading programs. Parents enjoyed the enthusiasm the Potranco team had for supporting their efforts to include an academic element to their children's summer break. The Potranco team was able to reach over 1,100 kids with their teamwork and great attitudes.



FOSAPL President Nancy Gandara hosted a meeting with Potranco community members to establish a branch Friend's group. Mrs. Gandara was able to inspire attendees to commit to providing the leadership needed to benefit the community and branch. Officers were elected and by-law discussions were successful. The new group has hit the ground running by sharing positive goals they have in mind to ensure Potranco Branch Library can meet the needs of the community.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



The Family Circle Book Club met recently and discussed the popular, award-winning novel *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia. Tweens expressed many positive comments about the selection

and participated in a lively discussion. Members were especially interested to find out about girls their age growing up in the 70's.



The puppet show performance of *The Three Little Pigs* was a big hit for families at Pruitt Library. Playing the part of the pigs were two of the summer teen volunteers, and staff member Ms. Allie Villarreal played the part of the wolf. Children and parents were very attentive due to the amazing performances. For most audience members, this was their first experience watching a live puppet show. Children also enjoyed a craft activity as they constructed their own tool belts and showed them off around the library.



Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz provided outreach at the neighborhood Walzem WIC Center. She visited with parents and informed them about programs, events, and resources provided by the San Antonio Public Library. Parents were especially looking forward to attending Baby Time programs at various branches.



The interns from Joven and FSA wrapped up their summer and the branch said their goodbyes to an invaluable program for the teens in this community. A celebration was held in their honor and the branch gifted them a 3D print job of their liking. Roosevelt teacher Misty Belmontez gave the teens a thank you card with a Dunkin Donuts gift card and a freshly minted \$2 bill inside. She was appreciative of the teen's hard work in the community garden at Roosevelt High School. Ms. Belmontez wanted them to have pride and ownership in the community garden and she succeeded. Leena H., one of the interns, said that because she put in hard work in the garden every day, that she would make sure that no one messes up the work that was put into it. The teen summer reading program was a success and Ky H., one of the interns, won one of the highly coveted prizes, the Nintendo 3DS XL.



Roosevelt School Librarian Lynnette Perez, who works at the branch during the summer, taught a DIY jewelry box class. Adult patrons created beautiful treasures using the variety of materials and techniques Mrs. Perez shared.



Branch Manager Dee Dee Davenport offered four computer classes in July—Microsoft Word, Email Basics, and two sessions of Résumé Writing. Participants honed their skills, made new friends, and many earned stamps to fill their San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) passport to earn a free computer.



Mindfulness sessions continued throughout the summer with mindful eating and mindful communication as the final topics of the series. Patrons praised the new strategies they learned and expressed an interest in having additional mindfulness classes in the future.



The branch hosted Dana K. White, author of *How to Manage Your Home without Losing Your Mind*. Mrs. White shared humorous anecdotes and offered a plethora of great tips for home management. Participants lingered after the session to chat with the author and ask questions.



The branch's annual summer Community Chess Tournament, sponsored by Rackspace Foundation, was a big hit. Thirty-six children, teens and adults competed for trophies and medals in four divisions. Participants are allowed to play in a higher division than their age group, and this year's winner in the Adult Division was 10-year-old Alex Rodriguez. This young man has been competing in chess tournaments at Pruitt for many years.

## SAN PEDRO



Minecraft Monday continues and Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. The Sunday Kids Time continued through July 31. Tambo Rhythms performed on Sunday August 16 to a receptive and participatory audience. Summer Programming ended on July 31.



Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presented monthly Story Times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes) and Monte Vista Montessori (one class). Fifteen to 20 books were also delivered to each child care/preschool class for their use during the month. In addition, Monte Vista requests thematic books for topics the teacher will be discussing in the summer camp she is leading.



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



Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton 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



The Summer Reading Program achieved great success during Schaefer's first summer. To date, more than 1,100 kids have signed up and more than 200 have returned their completed reading logs to receive their free books. On July 19, the Schaefer staff celebrated 1,000 sign-ups with a Waffle Wednesday party before opening the library. Kids and parents have been very appreciative of this program, and many have never participated before since Schaefer is new to the area.



The East Central School District hired special performers to give performances at Schaefer this summer. Kim Lehman sang songs, told stories and did crafts on July 17, and Joe McDermott sang songs on July 24. Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser worked at SummerFest – SAPL's end-of-summer celebration for kids on July 29. Schaefer families attended the party and enjoyed all the activities.



Summer programs for kids ended the last week of July. The summer concluded with Kids Time programs on recycling and yoga. Schaefer library aide Blanca Hurley is a yoga instructor and led the kids through a yoga practice. Story Time and Toddler Time wrapped up with programs on dragons and bubbles. Lego Time, Come & Go Crafts, Mario Kart Cup and Science Time were other programs that ended at the end of July.



In August, Schaefer offered a few kids programs. Lego Time took place on Sat. Aug. 5 and 16 enthusiastic builders attended. Gaming for kids is taking place on Thursday afternoons until school starts.



Science Time continued to offer STEAM exploration of new topics every other week. During the reporting period, Science Time welcomed Kameron Bean, animal trainer and educator, to the Schaefer Library. Children and families were thrilled to meet a grey fox, Philippine porcupine, and caiman alligator up close. The kids were allowed a touch opportunity for each of the animals as well. On July 28, Science Time delved into the ecological importance of insects. Activities included bug hat-making, a spider web bug toss game and a lime green jello bug sensory bin, in which kids were tasked to find as many creepy crawlies as possible.



Library Assistant and Tween Time Facilitator Sara Ramirez finished off the summer session of Tween Time. Each week, tweens played minute-to-win-it challenges, the winner of which was able to print an object of their choosing using the 3D printer. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, tweens had a deliciously good time baking snicker doodle cookies and getting creative by making Popsicle stick armbands. On July 26, tweens enjoyed a special shark-themed Tween Time to celebrate Shark Week. Tweens made a newspaper shark

craft, created perler bead ocean animals, and relaxed with a bubble wrap painting table, all while watching exciting shark videos.



On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Schaefer Library welcomed the UTSA Monarch and Milkweed Project for a presentation on monarch butterflies and climate change. This family-friendly STEM event featured a panel discussion, butterfly and plant activities, and a demonstration that explored climate change and its effect on monarch butterflies, plants and animals. Visitors were also able to observe a butterfly enclosure with newly emerging monarchs! In conjunction with this event, the staff of the Schaefer Library was able to observe the miracle of metamorphosis, raising a cup of caterpillars to newly emerged Painted Lady butterflies. On August 9, the staff said a fond farewell to the butterflies with a release out in the Schaefer gardens.



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Schaefer Library celebrated World Elephant Day with an assortment of activities. Children and families were able to craft their own elephant ears. Brightly colored elephant chalk footprints adorned the outside of the playground where kids were encouraged to add their own artwork. Patrons were also welcome to take home an elephant bookmark.



Teen programming for the end of summer included a printmaking class for teens where they learned how to create their own templates and also use ink blocks to print. Teens also used the button maker to create all kinds of customized buttons to wear and share. Schaefer Teen Library Council took a break for the end of summer, but will resume when school starts. Teen Services Librarian Cynthia Cruz assisted at Central's Gamefest on August 5<sup>th</sup>.



The adult summer reading program at the Schaefer branch reached almost 500 participants in the first year, with nearly 50 people putting in full cards for entries into the grand prize drawing!



Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson hosted the July Silver Screen Movie *Rock Dog* on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with free air guitar lessons before the show. The Sip 'n Skimmers Book Club met on July 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book *A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic's Wild Ride to the Edge* by Kevin Hazzard. One of the Skimmers actually works as a paramedic, and was able to provide valuable insight on the book for the rest of the group.



Monday nights at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 6 - 7:30 p.m., children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer's Community Flex 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.



Beginning on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and continuing every other Sunday, Schaefer Library hosts Family Board Games in the Mays Family Community Flex Space. Local families bring their favorite age appropriate board games, or play those provided by the Schaefer Library. For two hours patrons have fun, build relationships, and enjoy a respite from the summer heat.



This month concluded the Schaefer Library inaugural MarioKart Schaefer Cup. Patrons of all ages gathered in Mays Family Community Flex Space to play MarioKart 8 on the Wii U. In a single elimination tournament bracket, patrons battled each other in four person heats. The finals were highly contested and the top finishers were given a choice of prizes. Schaefer staff used their 3D printer to create a trophy for the winner.



On Thursday afternoons this month, Schaefer began a kids gaming program. School age kids gathered in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Wii U and Nintendo Switch games in a fun and social environment.



The adult yoga program titled “Schaefer Savasana”, led by Library Aide Blanca Hurley, has become a notable feature of the programming at the branch. A group of regulars show up each month in order to relax and exercise and all speak highly of their instructor.

## SEMMES



*TamboRhythms*, a drumming and percussion program, was a big hit with both children and their parents during Kids Time on July 20. Sixty one people came out and enjoyed this fun and boisterous program.



Children’s Librarian Randi Jones decided not to take a programming pause in August and is continuing to provide weekly story times for babies, toddlers and preschool aged children. She is also continuing the Thursday afternoon Kids Time until school begins.



Children’s Librarian Brian Douglass has been working with the Tween and Teen groups at the branch. He started up a weekly Teen time and is slowly building up the Teen group. One of the regulars in the Tween group turned 13 and was very excited that he would be able to start going to Teen Time.



Mr. Douglass has also started a series of computer coding classes for children and teens. There has been a great deal of interest in this timely topic. He is holding his next class in mid-August.



Semmes’ adult patrons were very enthusiastic about the Adult Summer Reading program. Several hundred people signed up and many entered into the prize drawing. The winners of the T-Shirts and the Home Depot gift card were very excited. Staff members have seen several patrons come in wearing their new shirts.



Branch Manager Jamie Flowers continues to host an outreach book group at the Waterford Senior Living Apartments. This month the group discussed *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom. Most people in the group enjoyed the book, even those that had not enjoyed Albom’s previous works.



Several construction projects have been taking place at the branch. The new badge access system has been installed, as well as an IT cage in the communications closet.

## THOUSAND OAKS



Over the month of July, Thousand Oaks’ Children’s Librarian Ann Laird worked with the Northern Hills UMC Ministry Center and Project Transformation to promote the library and Summer Reading. On July 19, Ann Laird and Steven Barrera staffed a table at the Project Transformation “family night” in order to promote the library, library programs, and library services. On July 25, Ann Laird went to the Northern Hills UMC Ministry Center to present children with completion certificates for finishing the Summer Reading Program.



On July 28, the Thousand Oaks Library hosted children’s performer Joe McDermott. He had an enthusiastic group that enjoyed participating in his performance. Joe’s performance was made available by money from the Friends of the Thousand Oaks group. Summer activities at Thousand Oaks could not be possible without the support of the Friends.



On August 8, Thousand Oaks showed *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2* as part of the series of Summer Family Movie programs that have been offered every other week at the library over the summer.



Teens at Thousand Oaks creatively explored their art skills with craft projects this past month. Teens created masks with feathers, perler bead crafts, and enjoyed painting miniature pots and light switches. Teen volunteers took on the challenge of creating pixel art using Post-it notes in the Teen Area. Summer Reading for Teens at Thousand Oaks had great participation, with 45 registrants and over 350 chance cards turned in. One Thousand Oaks Teen even won a Fuji Instax camera! Librarian Theresa Ybarra attended the closing program, GameFest, at the Central Library on Saturday, August 5.



The Thousand Oaks Library hosted a book club at the Northeast Senior Center. This month's selection was *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham. The book sparked a great conversation about corporate interests versus the interests of the common man. The Thursday Book Group read *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. The story is about how a man faced adversity and learned to live and love again. This selection was popular among the book club members. The book club is held on the third Thursday of each month.



Thousand Oaks Library hosted Katie Deitsch of the San Antonio Seed Exchange and Library. Katie did a presentation on the importance of seed sustainability and other gardening tips. The branch also hosted a microwave cooking for young adult class. Patrons in attendance learned to cook several meals in a mug. Lori Fambro gave a presentation on essential oils and their benefits.



NEISD's Feeding Program at Thousand Oaks was able to feed approximately 1,100 kids and 160 adults this summer. This is a great opportunity to engage the community and bring people to the library.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



On July 29, the branch hosted a Summer Reading Celebration featuring the ever-popular Fiesta Farm Animals, the SAPLF Literacy Van and 12 year old Luna the Hoola Hoop Girl who performed, then taught the eager audience the secrets of hula hooping. Collaborative crafts and refreshments added to the merriment.



Children's librarian Karen Braeuler wrapped up the summer special weekly Kids Times which incorporated many STEM ideas related to the Build a Better World Summer reading theme. Regular weekly baby, toddler, story and Lego times included creative play associated with the Better World topic. Summer readers continued to sign up, and bring in finished reading logs, delightfully picking their very own book to bring home.



The branch hosted a special children's program, "Learn Nature," featuring nature curator Tom Kinsey, and his delightful group of critters to help children learn more about the animals that live all around us and how they make our world a happier place.



Teen Librarian Megan Coker has been hosting Tobin Tofu, the anime manga group, once a month along with weekly teen events. Attendance is smaller during the summer but teens that do come are enthusiastic. Many teens have signed up for the Summer Teen program and are filling out slips for books they have read or activities relevant to the Build a Better World theme. Ms. Coker has weekly drawings for a choice of donated books, earbuds, flash drives or cool posters.



As part of the Adult-Up series, the branch held a Money Management class which patrons found very helpful.



The branch held its second Cosplay Confab where patrons were able to work on their costumes, learn helpful cosplay tips and discuss cosplay with other patron. The Lords of Cosplay San Antonio were on hand to offer instruction and advice.



The Tobin Writers group continues to meet twice monthly on Saturdays. This month the group also held a Writers Shut In where members were able to spend the entire day working on their writing.



The Tobin at Oakwell library hosted a program called Tobin Rocks! Patrons were able to decorate rocks to participate in the San Antonio Rocks! Scavenger hunt where people hide decorated rocks all over the city for people to find.



Voices De La Luna is a poetry and arts group that meets monthly at Tobin at Oakwell. Adults share recent composed poems along with conversation and workshops with guest speakers.



The branch has seen avid participation in the Adult Summer Reading program this year. Similar to recent years, books are being read for a free book and the weekly and grand prizes are a great incentive for adults wanting to complete eight punches on their Build a Better World card.



The branch finished hosting free summer lunches to kids under 18 on August 4. Over 1,100 lunches were served to kids in partnership with NEISD School District and the Department of Agriculture. The branch also partnered with The University of Texas Health Science Center on a Health Literacy initiative with food logs and calendars with informative healthy eating and recipes.



Tobin at Oakwell staff wants to thank all the SAPL employees that have come to aid the team with the additional patrons and workload as a result of the Landa closure and renovations. Some shared ideas and best practices have been implemented as a result and personnel have come to know some people they had not met in person before.

## WESTFALL



The Westfall Branch Library continues to offer a variety of services to the community. The branch held programs for adults, teens, and children. The summer reading program has been a successful with many patrons participating this year. Branch staff has been working hard to assist patrons and been handle the increased service volume that's typical of the summer months.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino planned and presented 14 in-house programs and five outreach events to promote summer reading. For one visit in particular, Ms. Merino took 60 books about water to a KinderCare Learning Center. Ms. Merino has been busy helping children find books to read as well as promoting the summer reading program. With the program coming to close many children are getting a certificate and a chance to pick a free book. Additionally, branch staff are representing all finishers with a colorful stick figure, which is then placed on a paper tree in the entryway.



Since the Westfall Branch Library currently has a Teen Librarian vacancy, Adam Tutor from Central Teen Services has been helping with teen time. He has planned activities for the teens on Monday afternoons. Most days the teens are given the opportunity to do a variety of games and activities. The

teens also give lots of feedback on what their interests are and Adam plans programs accordingly. So far, the teens have responded positively to Mr. Tutor and branch staff is grateful for his help during the summer. The Westfall Branch Library management hopes to fill the teen librarian position soon.



During the reporting period, Adult Training Officer Michelle Rickman at the LEARN @ SAPL center attended the Literacy Texas Conference in San Marcos, TX. Literacy Texas is “the statewide literacy coalition, connecting and equipping literacy providers through resources, training, networking, and advocacy.” The goal is to improve the Texas literacy level by supporting community-based teaching organizations. The Literacy Texas conference was a great opportunity for Ms. Rickman to come together with other educators from around the state and engage in expert-led sessions on a variety of topics, from working with partners to student goal-setting to technology in the classroom to library services and more. It was a chance to find new ideas, collaborate with fellow educators, learn about advances in the field, and examine different program models, curriculum and tools. Ms. Rickman hopes to apply what she learned at the conference at the Westfall LEARN@SAPL Center.



In addition to attending the Literacy Texas Conference, Ms. Rickman was busy assisting community residents with online job applications, résumés, and basic computer skills. One success story from the LEARN @ SAPL center involved a man who recently used the center to apply for a position with a local school. Weeks later the patron reported that he was hired and got not just a job but a career. This story was a perfect example of how SAPL changes lives.



Interim branch manager Nathaniel Laubner continued to visit the Madonna SAHA apartments to deliver and pick up books for the residents. Mr. Laubner brought books in English, Spanish and Russian. The Russian residents are the most avid readers and are always asking for new materials. Since the Central Library houses most of the foreign language materials, books have to be ordered from there. Just like last month, Mr. Laubner visited the Central Library to browse the collection to see what might appeal to the Madonna residents.



The Westfall Branch Library staff was busy helping children and adults sign up the summer reading program. Over 100 children, teens and adults signed up for the program. Branch staff did an excellent job promoting the program and handing out certificates for finishers. Interim Branch Manager Nathaniel Laubner gave the branch staff kudos for making the summer reading program a success and for all their hard works.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

# JULY 2017

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

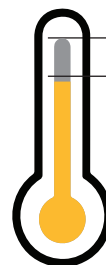
FY 2017

## CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**6,023,900** ↓ 1%  
ITEMS  
BORROWED

## CIRCULATION: GOAL



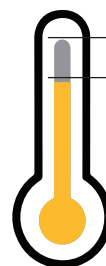
**7,340,000**  
TOTAL FY GOAL  
FYTD GOAL  
99% OF FYTD GOAL MET

## LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**4,670,518** ↑ 6%  
VISITS

## LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



**5,710,000**  
TOTAL FY GOAL  
FYTD GOAL  
99 % OF FYTD GOAL MET

## DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**495,763**  
COMPUTER  
HOURS



**1,610,562**  
HOURS OF  
WI-FI USE

**2,106,324** ↑ 7%  
TOTAL HOURS OF  
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

## DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



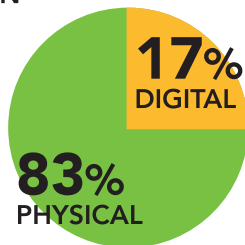
**2,450,000**  
TOTAL FY GOAL  
FYTD GOAL  
105% OF FYTD GOAL MET

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

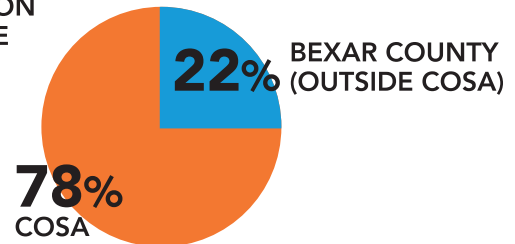
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## USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



## VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**2,480,835**

MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**631,030**

MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**1,553,652**

SANANTONIO.OVERDRIVE.COM  
VISITS

## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**323,537**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**79,298**

ADULT PROGRAMS

**46,984**

TEEN PROGRAMS

**197,255**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

### SUMMER READING 2017 (ADULT & TEEN)



ADULT SUMMER READING

**6,344** **+92%**  
PARTICIPANTS

TEEN SUMMER READING

**2,026** **+7%**  
PARTICIPANTS



\*Children's Program participation continues into August

Teen Library @ Central

# San Antonio Public Library

## July 2017 Key Indicators

| Location                  | Total Circulation | Visits         | Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use | Computers - Hours of Use | Wi-Fi - Hours of Use |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Bazan                     | 5,767             | 9,494          | 8,288                         | 1,494                    | 6,794                |
| Brook Hollow              | 31,934            | 21,433         | 5,914                         | 1,335                    | 4,579                |
| Carver                    | 5,542             | 9,406          | 5,606                         | 1,628                    | 3,978                |
| Central                   | 32,291            | 58,747         | 42,719                        | 12,235                   | 30,483               |
| Cody                      | 39,833            | 22,478         | 7,777                         | 1,461                    | 6,315                |
| Collins Garden            | 7,461             | 9,311          | 8,286                         | 2,531                    | 5,755                |
| Cortez                    | 7,272             | 11,759         | 5,221                         | 1,433                    | 3,788                |
| Encino                    | 23,097            | 15,234         | 4,648                         | 540                      | 4,108                |
| Forest Hills              | 8,937             | 8,668          | 4,002                         | 1,095                    | 2,907                |
| Great Northwest           | 30,295            | 18,879         | 6,620                         | 1,655                    | 4,965                |
| Guerra                    | 13,192            | 11,236         | 7,027                         | 2,187                    | 4,840                |
| Igo                       | 34,297            | 26,397         | 6,941                         | 1,153                    | 5,788                |
| Johnston                  | 13,334            | 16,486         | 5,745                         | 1,708                    | 4,037                |
| Landa*                    | 11                | 0              | 1,196                         | 0                        | 1,196                |
| Las Palmas                | 6,015             | 13,573         | 5,367                         | 1,580                    | 3,787                |
| Maverick                  | 28,094            | 15,066         | 6,236                         | 2,049                    | 4,187                |
| McCreless                 | 12,047            | 15,259         | 6,206                         | 1,532                    | 4,674                |
| Memorial                  | 7,126             | 9,738          | 5,780                         | 1,695                    | 4,084                |
| Mission                   | 13,880            | 16,723         | 9,344                         | 2,110                    | 7,234                |
| Pan American              | 7,780             | 6,421          | 4,890                         | 1,840                    | 3,050                |
| Parman                    | 33,908            | 27,955         | 5,721                         | 721                      | 5,000                |
| Potranco                  | 23,577            | 20,521         | 15,243                        | 718                      | 14,525               |
| Pruitt                    | 7,604             | 10,175         | 3,412                         | 714                      | 2,698                |
| San Pedro                 | 6,297             | 8,714          | 3,041                         | 709                      | 2,332                |
| Schaefer                  | 14,668            | 14,760         | 4,610                         | 836                      | 3,774                |
| Semmes                    | 26,983            | 20,085         | 7,749                         | 2,111                    | 5,638                |
| Thousand Oaks             | 12,434            | 12,474         | 4,615                         | 287                      | 4,328                |
| Tobin                     | 24,621            | 18,076         | 5,773                         | 1,759                    | 4,013                |
| Westfall                  | 17,360            | 17,240         | 8,026                         | 2,191                    | 5,835                |
| Kampmann Library Portal   | N/A               | 2,140          | 853                           | N/A                      | 853                  |
| Interlibrary Loan Lending | 980               | N/A            | N/A                           | N/A                      | N/A                  |
| Online/Phone Renewal      | 83,436            | N/A            | N/A                           | N/A                      | N/A                  |
| Digital                   | 111,617           | N/A            | N/A                           | N/A                      | N/A                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>691,690</b>    | <b>468,448</b> | <b>216,856</b>                | <b>51,310</b>            | <b>165,546</b>       |

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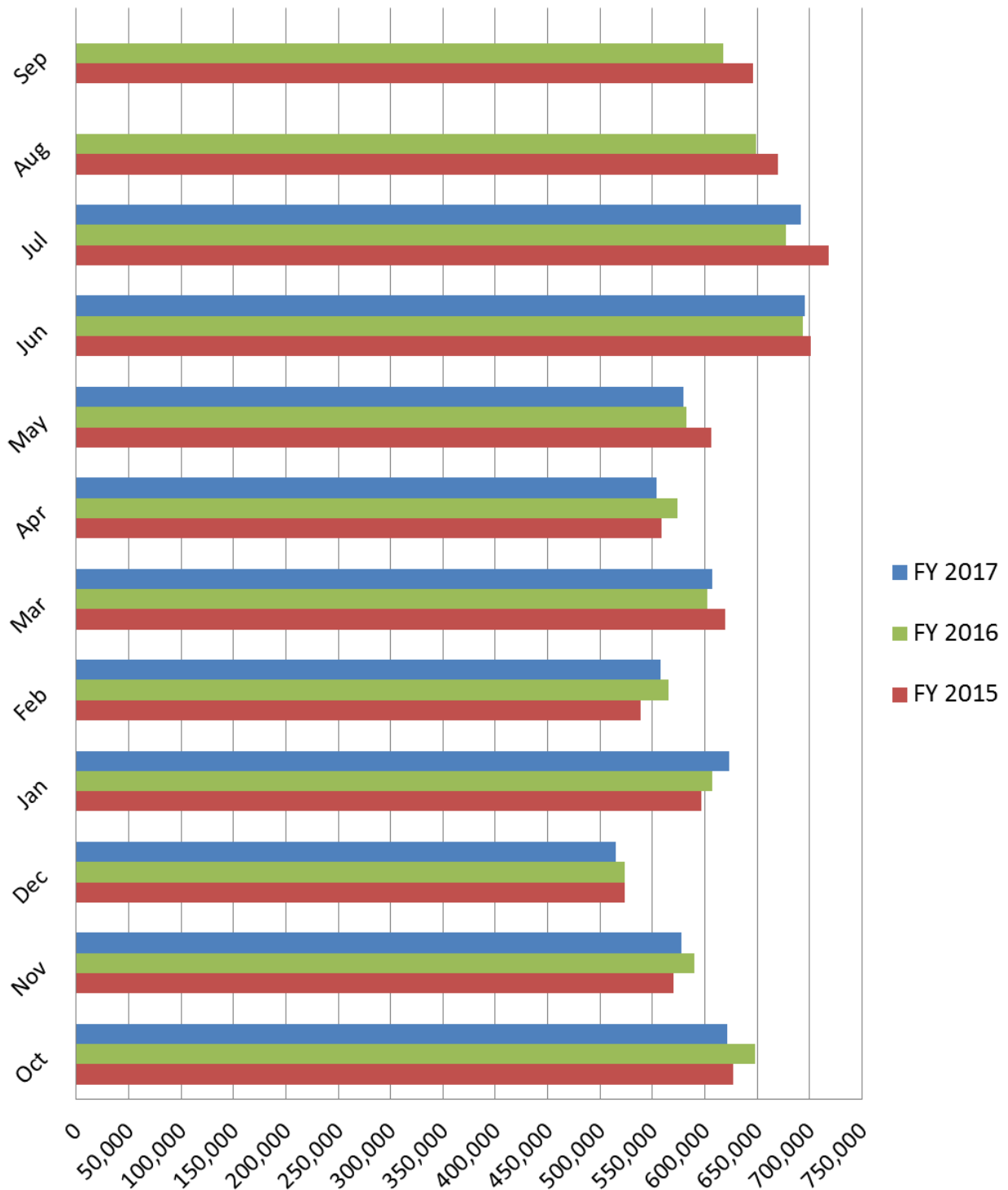
## July 2017 Programs and Attendance

| Location                | Total Programs | Number of Programs |            |            | Total Program Attendance | Adult Program Attendance | Teen Program Attendance | Children's Program Attendance |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                         |                | Adult              | Teen       | Children's |                          |                          |                         |                               |
| Bazan                   | 65             | 34                 | 10         | 21         | 437                      | 155                      | 110                     | 172                           |
| Brook Hollow            | 44             | 8                  | 4          | 32         | 1,468                    | 67                       | 14                      | 1,387                         |
| Carver                  | 36             | 17                 | 6          | 13         | 430                      | 241                      | 42                      | 147                           |
| Central                 | 149            | 18                 | 93         | 38         | 2,946                    | 509                      | 626                     | 1,811                         |
| Cody                    | 49             | 7                  | 3          | 39         | 1,722                    | 71                       | 10                      | 1,641                         |
| Collins Garden          | 34             | 6                  | 3          | 25         | 729                      | 85                       | 16                      | 628                           |
| Cortez                  | 70             | 49                 | 3          | 18         | 430                      | 159                      | 36                      | 235                           |
| Encino                  | 61             | 15                 | 12         | 34         | 1,610                    | 122                      | 125                     | 1,363                         |
| Forest Hills            | 31             | 9                  | 8          | 14         | 394                      | 44                       | 51                      | 299                           |
| Great Northwest         | 48             | 11                 | 11         | 26         | 1,901                    | 105                      | 118                     | 1,678                         |
| Guerra                  | 48             | 21                 | 6          | 21         | 808                      | 176                      | 117                     | 515                           |
| Igo                     | 51             | 23                 | 4          | 24         | 2,040                    | 188                      | 14                      | 1,838                         |
| Johnston                | 37             | 8                  | 10         | 19         | 500                      | 57                       | 183                     | 260                           |
| Landa*                  | 0              | 0                  | 0          | 0          | 0                        | 0                        | 0                       | 0                             |
| Las Palmas              | 43             | 4                  | 4          | 35         | 801                      | 43                       | 32                      | 726                           |
| Maverick                | 41             | 5                  | 5          | 31         | 1,646                    | 74                       | 87                      | 1,485                         |
| McCreless               | 46             | 1                  | 5          | 40         | 1,029                    | 5                        | 53                      | 971                           |
| Memorial                | 21             | 10                 | 0          | 11         | 236                      | 85                       | 0                       | 151                           |
| Mission                 | 71             | 30                 | 14         | 27         | 1,358                    | 448                      | 114                     | 796                           |
| Pan American            | 45             | 21                 | 11         | 13         | 600                      | 182                      | 200                     | 218                           |
| Parman                  | 80             | 19                 | 3          | 58         | 1,534                    | 235                      | 38                      | 1,261                         |
| Potranco                | 58             | 5                  | 31         | 22         | 1,005                    | 42                       | 164                     | 799                           |
| Pruitt                  | 69             | 17                 | 21         | 31         | 1,274                    | 154                      | 200                     | 920                           |
| San Pedro               | 20             | 0                  | 0          | 20         | 161                      | 0                        | 0                       | 161                           |
| Schaefer                | 81             | 20                 | 19         | 42         | 1,386                    | 181                      | 174                     | 1,031                         |
| Semmes                  | 44             | 3                  | 7          | 34         | 1,215                    | 7                        | 54                      | 1,154                         |
| Thousand Oaks           | 39             | 7                  | 10         | 22         | 767                      | 131                      | 88                      | 548                           |
| Tobin                   | 42             | 10                 | 4          | 28         | 1,032                    | 100                      | 10                      | 922                           |
| Westfall                | 46             | 17                 | 4          | 25         | 517                      | 117                      | 19                      | 381                           |
| Kampmann Library Portal | 1              | 0                  | 0          | 1          | 158                      | 0                        | 0                       | 158                           |
| Little Read Wagon       | 31             | 0                  | 0          | 31         | 810                      | 0                        | 0                       | 810                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>1,501</b>   | <b>395</b>         | <b>311</b> | <b>795</b> | <b>30,944</b>            | <b>3,783</b>             | <b>2,695</b>            | <b>24,466</b>                 |

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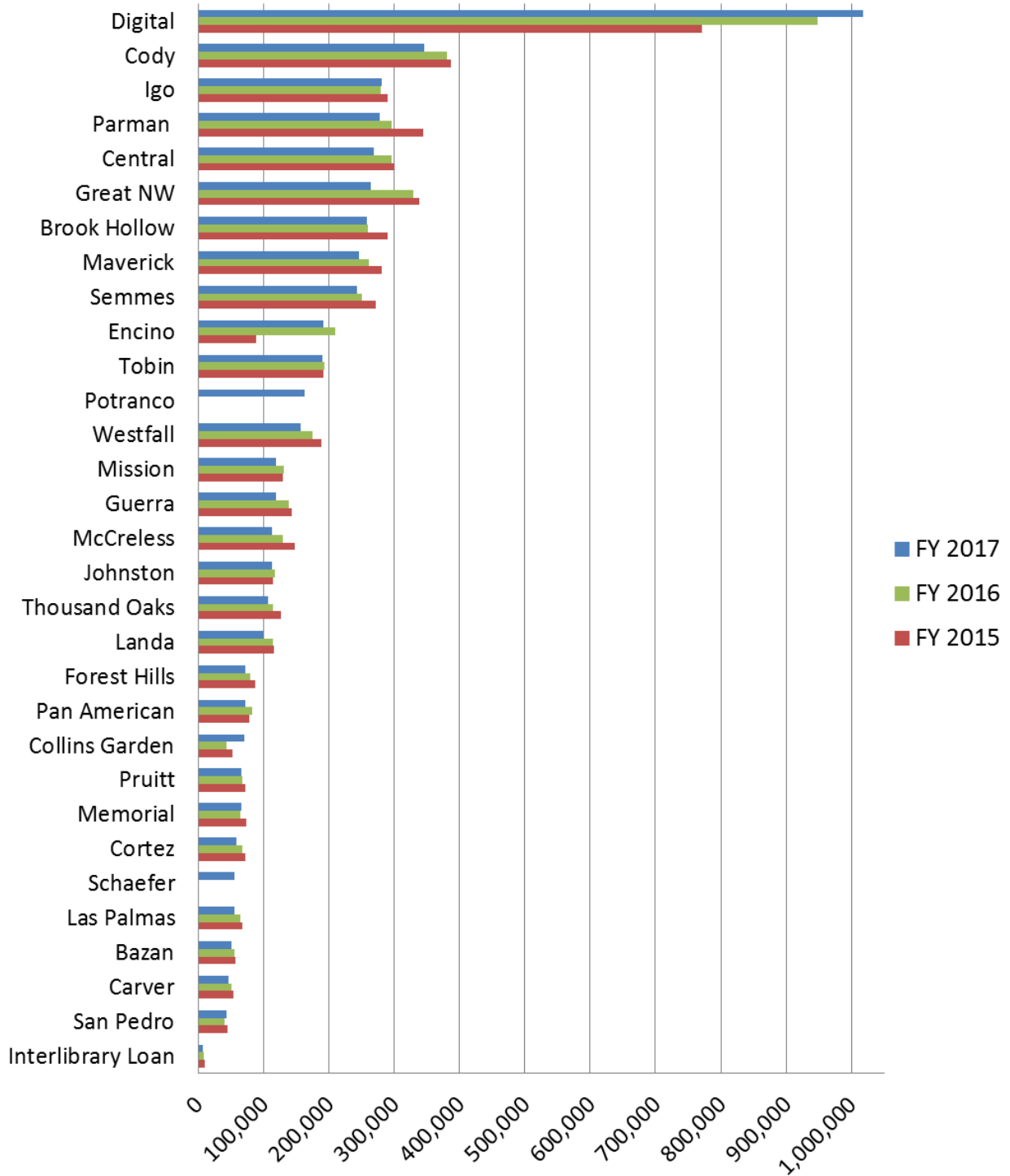
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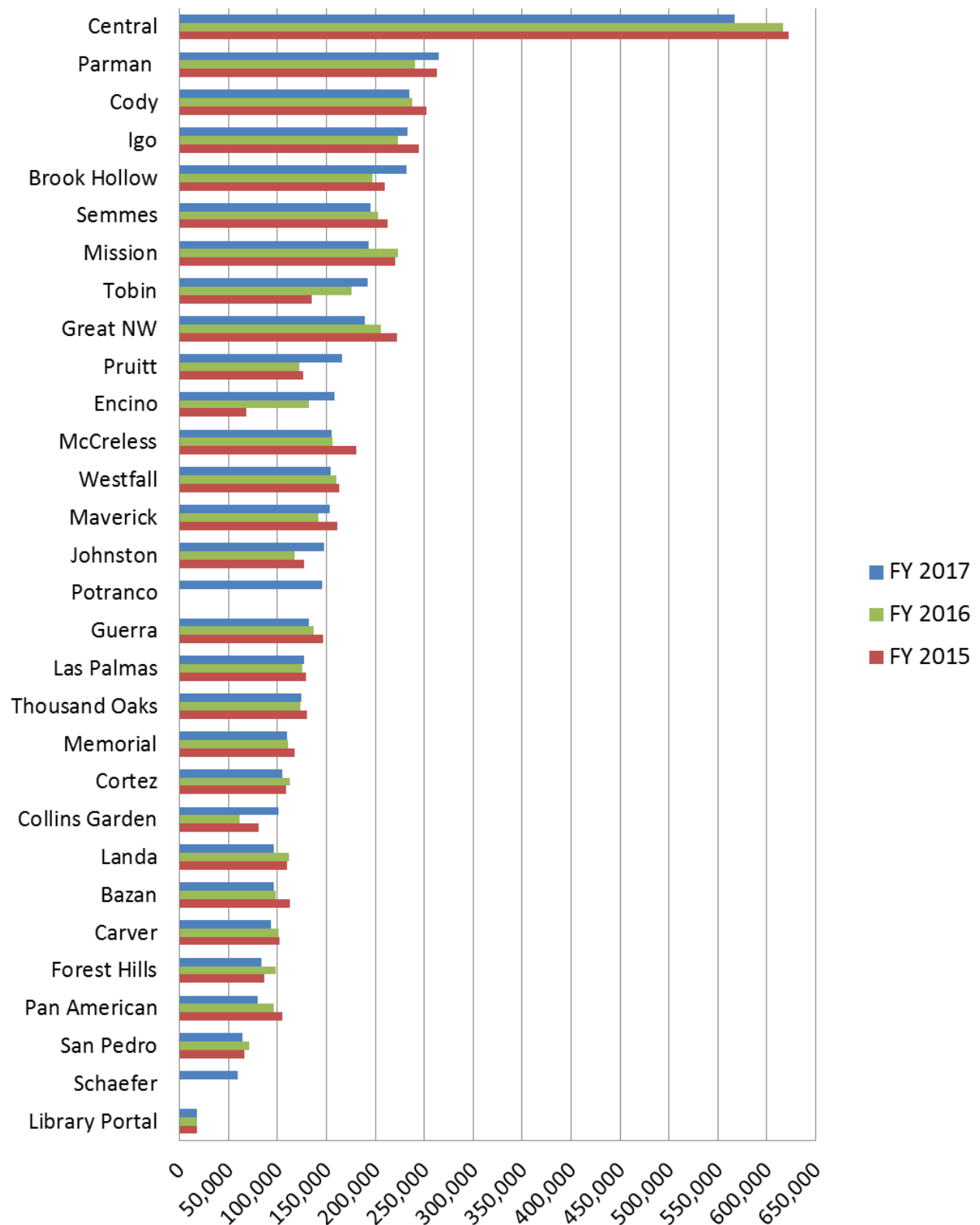
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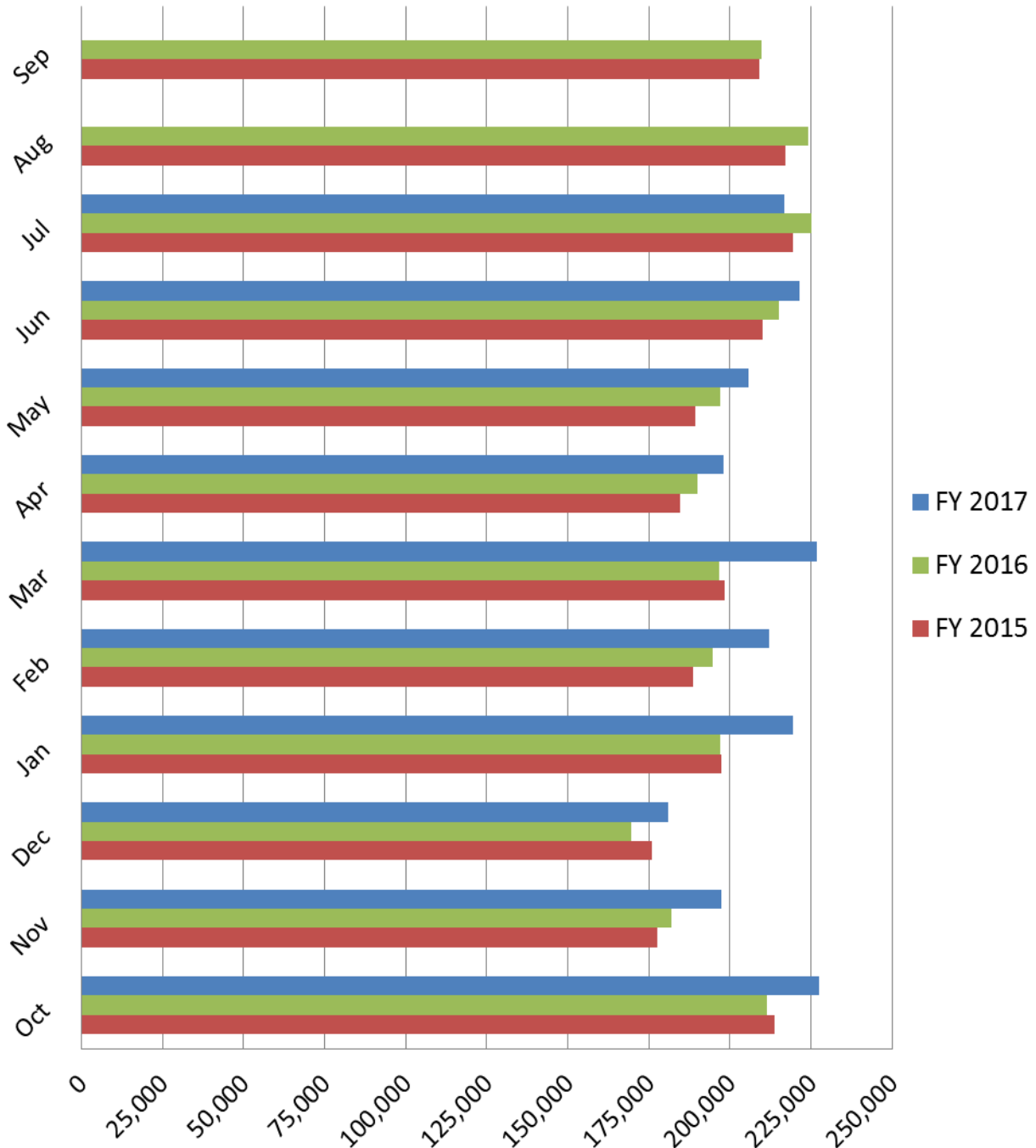
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