



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report September 2017

Grand Opening of the Latino Collection and Resource Center,
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



The San Antonio Public Library celebrated the Grand Opening of the Latino Collection and Resource Center on September 19, 2017. Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Congressman Lloyd Doggett attended the event and delivered remarks during the program. The event was timed to coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15) and approximately 260 attended the celebration. The project benefited from the infusion of private funds raised by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation.



In coordination with ITSD, the Library launched an initiative to develop an IT Roadmap aimed at harnessing new and improved technologies to position the San Antonio Public Library to be at the forefront of innovation, service delivery and offering state-of-the-art resources. To accomplish this, the Library in partnered with ITSD to contract with consulting firm Gartner, an industry expert for technology consulting. As part of the initiative, the Library will distribute a survey to obtain community feedback. To reach a broad audience of both users and non-users, the Library will contact City Council offices to help promote the survey to constituents in their databases.



The Library made a temporary adjustment to the delivery of library books and materials throughout the 30-location library system. Instead of the three delivery vehicles, the Library will operate two delivery vehicles. The Library considered impact to customer service when considering this temporary adjustment. We expect the regular three vehicle delivery to resume normal schedule the week of September 18, 2017 and monitored the situation.



The Library developed a plan to provide outreach and deliver an assortment of library services to evacuees sheltered in San Antonio as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The Library offered access to computer, books and movies, free printing, free WiFi, access to notary public services at LEARN at SAPL sites, and programs for all ages.



Councilman Pelaez, Chris Callanen, City Council Support, and Library Director Ramiro Salazar toured the John Igo Branch Library to evaluate a space identified for the possible colocation of a District 8 Field Office. The Councilman expressed an interest and asked Council and his staff to move forward with the co-location of the District 8 Field Office at the Igo Branch Library. Library Administration will continue to work with Chris Callen and Councilman Pelaez staff regarding this transition.



San Antonio Public Library announced recently the four millionth digital item was recently checked out. The Library's four millionth check out landed San Antonio Public Library in the list of only 53 out of 30,000 libraries worldwide to achieve the goal. In 2016, San Antonio Public Library became one of only a handful of library systems to reach one million check outs in a calendar year. Even with this growing use of digital materials, physical items are still checked out an average of five times more often than digital items. In fiscal year 2016 the San Antonio Public Library lent over 7.3 million total items.



Military Cyber Professionals of San Antonio will facilitate a cyber security course at the Teen Library at Central. The free 9-week hands-on course will introduce teens, aged 13 to 18, to the basics of cyber security and explore skills, like coding, to protect information in the event of cyber-attacks. Teens will learn the ethics of computer hacking as well as skills to identify threats and defend networks and

computer systems. This course is free and open to teens aged 13 to 18. Laptops will be provided but teens are encouraged to bring their own laptop.

MARKETING



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize and staff several events during the reporting period including: SASpeak Up budget open houses; “Back to School” resources at the Library; Library service to Harvey evacuees; Holocaust Learn & Remember; 1-2-3 Andres! at Mission Library; and the Human Library programs. The team has served as lead on the grand opening plan for the Latino Collection and Resource Center at Central Library. In addition, the team is implementing the Landa Branch Library reopening communication plan and has started working on the 70th anniversary on October 14.



Top media hits for the past month include: an article in the *Rivard Report* about open data featured an interview with Digital Inclusion Fellow Emma Hernandez; a number of print and television outlets reported on libraries as locations for solar eclipse viewing events; MySanAntonio.com food writer Paul Stephen wrote a feature article about the cookbooks he discovered and purchased at the Central Library Book Cellar; *Rivard Report* published an article about the Library’s proposed 2018 budget presentation to City Council; *Rivard Report* also covered the SASpeakUp budget meeting at Central Library on Tuesday, August 22; Children’s Services Coordinator Viki Ash and Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Velasquez were interviewed for *Focus on South Texas* on News 4 WOAI; *San Antonio Magazine* featured Landa Branch Library’s restorations and renovations.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: Latino Collection and Resource Center; Landa Branch Library reopening; Young Pegasus; “Artists Among Us” staff art show; Little Read Wagon tote bags; Learn at SAPL rebranding; Learn at SAPL job fairs; and COSA Human Resources Health Benefits materials.



The Marketing team provided outreach support at: five SASpeakUp budget open house events; Haven for Hope; and Workforce Solutions.



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

Social Media fun facts for the month:

An average of 1,900 people see each SAPL Facebook post

Facebook videos posted during this reporting period were viewed 4,400 times

26,700 people saw SAPL’s National Library Card Sign Up Month tweet

#mysapl was used 320 times on Instagram during the reporting period

A photo from the eclipse program at Central Library was our most popular photo on Instagram during the reporting period

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 14,393 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,968 followers
3. Pinterest: 90 followers
4. Instagram: 2,059 followers
6. Snapchat: 99 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Services is very excited to welcome Ron Suszek to the Digital Services team. Mr. Suszek will be the new Digital Library Services Coordinator, and the entire team looks forward to working with him.



During the month of September, Michael Sheehan and Rolf Laun have been conducting focus groups to preview the new version of the Staff Web. They have gained very valuable feedback from the participants. Mr. Sheehan has been working for several months on a redesign of the Staff Web site and is bringing many exciting and necessary improvements to this important communication tool.



On August 28, Digital Services successfully renewed all items that were due during the two days the Library was closed due to Hurricane Harvey.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents and Services to Teen Parents

The new school year is off to a great start with several programs for teen parents scheduled in the San Antonio, Harlandale, Northside and Northeast school districts. Initial visits were made to Highlands and Lanier high schools. It has been several years since Little Read Wagon has had the opportunity to visit Lanier High School. Clair Larkin was able to present early literacy information to 10 students at Lanier and seven at Highlands. Students also decorated tote bags and made ribbon-embellished teething rings.



Julia Lazarin, with assistance from Elizabeth Huber and Elvia Franco, set up reading tents at Carroll Early Childhood Development Center each afternoon September 11-15. As the week progressed, more and more families stopped to enjoy the books and tents. On the final day, a parent stopped to thank Ms. Lazarin, commenting profusely on how short, sweet, and meaningful an experience she had with her child. Another family arranged to pick up an older sibling first so that the big sister could read to the younger brother. An early literacy workshop for parents will be presented at the center in late September.



Outreach Story Time Programs

Ms. Huber presented outreach story time programs at the Nurturing Hearts and Stafford Early Head Start child development centers. This was Ms. Huber's first visit to Stafford Early Head Start, and it is anticipated that the site will be added to the monthly schedule. In preparation for the Play & Learn programs at Cassiano Park, Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Franco offered Pop-up Story Time programs at the apartment complex near the park. Although few people came out to the programs, the team did have a chance to speak with some residents and invite them to Play & Learn the following week.



Play & Learn

A new series of Play & Learn programs began with an evening session at Cassiano Park and a morning session at Northridge Park. Cassiano Park is a new location for the Little Read Wagon team. Families from across the city came to participate in the evening program. The team hopes to have more families from the park neighborhood join the group. Northridge Park drew a very large crowd including new families that happened to be visiting the park as the team was setting up the activities.



Community Events

Cresencia Huff and new teammate Megan Cruz represented the Library at the Healthy Start Northeast/East Baby Shower. The event was held at the East Side Education and Training Center and was very well attended by families who were either expecting or had recently delivered a baby. In addition to information tables, there were several presentations by students of the University of Texas Health Science Center. Topics included shaken baby syndrome, SIDS, and lactation.



Workshops for Teachers

Pre-K 4SA is graciously allowing Little Read Wagon to use the training rooms at the South and North centers for two workshops. On September 9, Ms. Larkin, Ms. Huber, Ms. Lazarin, and Ms. Franco welcomed a group of 22 early childhood teachers to the South center for the second presentation of "Diversity in the Classroom." Again, participant feedback showed that the workshop caused them to think more deeply about books and how they might relate to the children in their care.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Mayor's Summer Reading Club

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club drew to a close on August 31, 2017 with a total enrollment of 25,540 children. Of these, 11,892 (47%) completed the club requirement of reading eight books or listening to sixteen. In addition to these statistical figures, children's staff invited participants to evaluate the success of the summer initiative using a very simple rating system that featured emojis. Hopefully next year children's staff can undertake a similar, but more extensive, evaluative survey to better understand the impact the Summer Reading Club has on children and families.



Community Events and Partnerships

Children's Coordinator Viki Ash and Central Children's Manager Kate Simpson are working with colleagues from the Southwest School of Art's Saturday Morning Discovery program to bring an exciting quilt project to the Central Library this fall. The library will host two batik workshops for children in the

early afternoon just as the Saturday classes at the SSA are being dismissed. Participants will create two batik squares – one to take home and one to contribute to the quilt project. The workshops are scheduled on Saturday, November 11 and Saturday, December 16. In addition to a planning meeting on August 14 with Regina Sanders, director of Saturday Morning Discovery, Viki and Kate also enjoyed a hand—demonstration of the batik process on September 7.



On August 18, Viki was the featured story reader at the United Way's family day at the Witte Museum. The event was designed to honor recipients of United Way's childcare scholarships. These scholarships help parents with the cost of childcare while they are enrolled in college full-time or working and enrolled part-time. Following a lovely brunch and a simple art activity, Viki provided a dinosaur storytime (complete with books, movement and songs) before the group was dismissed to enjoy the wonders of the new Witte.



Special Events

Uno, Dos, Tres Andrés returned to San Antonio Public Library on Sunday, September 17 for a rousing family concert at the Mission Branch. Andrés is a Latin Grammy Award winner who composes and preforms music for children in both English and Spanish. He performed to rave reviews at the Central Library in January but returned to an even bigger and more enthusiastic crowd at Mission this fall. The September performance featured his wife Christina who is an early childhood educator as well as a talented singer who brought a large dose of enthusiasm and a sprinkling of sign-language to the presentation. Thanks to the Marketing Team for promoting this fun event, to the Mission staff for welcoming Andrés and his many fans to the branch and of course, to the Library Foundation for funding this and so many other programs they sponsor for children.



For the third year in a row, many SAPL locations participated in National Playdough Day. Library programs kicked off on September 10 and continued through the official date of celebration, September 16. A special guide was created to support this year's playdough celebration providing not only a list of library programs, but also recipes for homemade dough and information about the many benefits of mixing, mashing, squeezing and squishing playdough.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Off-Site Service

San Japan- Teen Services represented SAPL again this year at the 10th Annual San Japan Anime Convention at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Coordinator of Teen Services Jennifer Velasquez coordinated the effort. SAPL staffed a manga reading room all three days of the convention, from September 1-3. The convention attendees were invited to read manga owned by SAPL, and Teen Services Librarians and liaisons informed them about the resources available through the Library. Thanks to J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Ciana Flores (PT Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Adam Tutor (Teen Outreach Specialist), Amy Rae Weaver (Teen Services Librarian I, Cody Library), Cynthia Cruz (Teen Services Librarian, Schaefer Library), Daniela Toll (Teen Services Librarian, Potranco Library), Stephanie Perez (Library Aide, Bazan Library).

Fox Tech / ALA / CAST

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.

Lincoln Heights Community Center

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.

Sonny Melendrez Teen Center

Adam Tutor has created a mutually beneficial relationship for SAPL's Teen Services and Parks 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.

Krier Probation Center Book Club

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 Library Branch. 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.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Learn at SAPL at the Carver branch was awarded \$10,000 by Dollar General in 2016. Some of those funds are being used to help adult learners earn their high school diplomas online through the Broady Academy. The first two students have completed the program. They are both now preparing for college admission. They will also become ambassadors to the program at Carver and help future students successfully complete the program. Eight more students will eventually be enrolled. Two of those students started the program in August. Once ten students have finished the program, a graduation ceremony will be held for everyone. Impressed by the work at Carver, Dollar General recently presented the Carver Library with an additional \$5,000 grant.



The winners of the Adult Summer Experience were randomly selected. They were all very excited to have won prizes. The winner who chose the Gold's Gym membership for a year stated that she had wanted to join a gym to get into better shape but did not have the money to do so. The winner of the annual membership to the Witte for four was also very happy with the prize. He said he felt like a kid again, winning a summer reading prize. He remembers when he was a child, putting his name up at the McCreless Branch Library once completing summer reading. Another winner was happy that she got to choose a prize (flower sculpture) that would enhance her new garden. The weekly t-shirt giveaways were so popular that staff are planning future programs where patrons can win more library shirts.



Forester's Financial has been offering a series of financial wellness classes throughout the library system during the summer. The classes have been popular among patrons, and the partnership will continue. Sessions have been planned through December. Locations, topics, and dates can be found on the library's online calendar.



Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes presented "What's New at Your Public Library" to a group of seniors as part of the Oasis program. Participants at the Normoyle Community Center had a lot of questions about services available at the library and enjoyed learning about programs and services they did not know the library offers.



Eighteen staff members from throughout the system volunteered to plan and hold a Human Library event on September 30 at Central, Parman, and Mission libraries simultaneously. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., patrons will have the opportunity to check out people who represent more than 40 different topics. Some examples include Warrant Officer, Hindu Scholar, Woman Wrestler, Hospice Nurse, and 9/11 Responder. Patrons can check out the "books" for up to 20 minutes and can ask them anything they would like about the topic the book represents. This project is an international movement that helps to break down stereotypes. The first Human Library in Texas was held at the Igo Branch in 2009, also organized by Ms. Holmes.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



The Central Children's Department team worked together to decorate the third floor with back to school themed bulletin boards and displays in September. Library Assistants Judith Slaughter, Mary Elizabeth Fernandez, and Ana Sandoval took the lead in crafting eye-catching displays that mimicked book shelves to highlight the resources available in the Children's Area. The team also came together to share a lunch feast as an end of summer teambuilding event. They contributed memories of summer challenges, successes, and funny stories to a collaborative board in celebration of the end of a successful busy season.



The *Explore Opera* program was the highlight of the month. Four opera singers from the San Antonio Opera performed for nearly 100 children and grownups at this hour-long presentation. In between singing a variety of well-known operatic selections, the performers educated children about singing styles, the languages operas are written in, and the acting aspect of their performances.



Programming for young children was a team effort this month. Jasmin Salinas, Librarian II from the Landa Branch Library, presented *Baby Time* programs at Central to the delight of families from the Landa area who are eagerly awaiting the reopening of that location and families who frequent the Central Library as well. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin shared stories about going to the doctor and getting well during her *Toddler Time* program, which is especially relevant this time of year. Children engaged in dramatic play by nursing puppets back to health and crafted “get well soon” cards. Librarian Lea Ann McDonald presented her first *Toddler Time* programs with great success, garnering positive feedback from parents. She brought an innovative approach to her fall-themed program with leaf rubbing activities and gross motor skills play in a giant paper leaf pile. During the robot-themed *Toddler Time*, Ms. McDonald shared stories then led children on a sci-fi adventure with a child-sized cardboard rocket ship and robot, a “moon walk” obstacle course, and robot dress up play.



Librarian Nicole Cubillas focused her programming this month on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) concepts. She crafted an engaging and very popular picture book display highlighting stories with STEAM themes. Her *Family Fun* programs ran the gamut from engineering challenges like constructing bridges from a variety of material, to artistic expressions of children’s dreams for the future in a collaborative collage. Her creative approach to programming has been well received by families at Central. Manager Kate Simpson presented a *Family Fun* program about animals that featured animal puppet play and watercolor painting.



Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin arranged twice-weekly visits to the Central Library by students from the Advanced Learning Academy at Fox Tech. Kick starting the series of visits, Ms. Seglin presented an introduction to the Central Library to 5th and 6th graders at their school, drumming up lots of excitement. The children have enjoyed their time at the library each week, seeking out new chapter books and spending time reading at tables especially reserved for them.



Students from the George Gervin Academy visited the Central Library in several groups. Ms. Cubillas and Ms. Salinas led them on tours, provided them an introduction to library resources, and highlighted the fun educational programs available at the public library with a short LEGO building session, much to the students’ delight.



Ms. Seglin presented a story time to students at Madison Square Child Development Center, along with Ms. McDonald as part of her professional development. Ms. Seglin and Ms. Cubillas brought fall-themed books to Central Christian Childcare Center, where Ms. Cubillas will begin visiting on a monthly basis.

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.



Tuesdays with Megan Stanley (Librarian II, Assistant Manager): Art Lab on Tuesdays has been a hit this month. Teens have experimented with India Ink and watercolor to create some creative results. Teens used water on watercolor paper to paint an invisible picture, and then dropped ink into the water to see the creation come to life. The teens also decided to watch a movie and make buttons. Perhaps the

most fun addition to Art Lab has been an ongoing playlist of music that all of the teens participate in creating for background music. There was even an impromptu dance party for a few songs.



Wednesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Assistant): 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): Teens expressed themselves creatively through crafts and food, Hispanic Heritage Month themes, favorite movies, and crafts. The first official Fall Thursday saw teens watching *Alice in Wonderland*, making heart-shaped fruit tarts, and tasting a variety of teas. They also used mini glass bottles to create “drink me” trinkets as seen in the movie. Celebrating National Waffle Day in an interesting manner, teens took refrigerated biscuits, spread a butter cinnamon mixture on it, rolling it, slicing it and waffling it. By request, afterwards teens used perler beads to create their favorite characters in pixel-like form. For a quick, afterschool snack, teens made a cake in a mug. They mixed all ingredients in their mugs then microwaved, adding topping afterwards.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens will be making and tasting Latin American foods that might be new to them. First up from Venezuela, teens created a simple dough for *arepas*, one of Venezuela’s signature dishes, made with cornmeal and filled with cheese and butter. They also cooked rice for *chicha venezolana*, a sweet rice drink similar to the familiar *horchata* that teens know. A journey into Peru followed which found teens trying quinoa, a superfood called “the mother of all grains” by the Inca. Noticing how teens used the term “looks like bird food” frequently worried staff. Teens diced veggies while the quinoa cooked, adding them to the cooked quinoa for a simple and tasty quinoa salad. The results were such a hit that some teens took pictures of the quinoa or saved some to show their mothers for future family dinners. Bird food for the win! Afterwards, teens had some DIY time, making a melt-and-pour soap, in various colors and scents. Pictures of Teen Fall Thursday teen programs as well as various branch teen programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>. Pictures and videos can also be found at <http://www.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, the Juvenile Detention Center, and the Selena Center made regular visits during the reporting period.

REFERENCE



Central Reference hosted solar eclipse-related programs as part of a full Eclipse Experience. The fun began when the Geek Out @ the Library team shared a presentation with an audience of over 100 people prior to the eclipse on August 20. The program described the phenomenon, how eclipses were viewed by ancient cultures, major historical events that related to actual eclipses, and more. On Monday, August 21 the Geek Out @ the Library team hosted an eclipse viewing in the Central Plaza and welcomed over 225 guests. The large group was on the Central Library’s Plaza (including a traveling minstrel who provided music entirely of his own accord); even though not everyone received solar eclipse glasses to keep and the demand was beyond anything anyone anticipated. The crowd who braved the heat outside formed a little community of sharing. A special thank you to the Geek Out team including Maria Adams, Blanca Hernandez, Adolph Lopez, and Dan Garcia for their excellent teamwork and creativity. Also, thanks to Frank Neumann whose enthusiasm for the event and content for the presentation was vital to the success of the team’s endeavors. Frank used his meteorological and scientific background to enrich the programs, and educated the team so that they could interpret what was happening for the many guests. Mr. Neumann’s Web Bulb Global Temperature display also gave

everyone a good idea of what kind of weather to expect on eclipse day, too. All of this led to a very memorable and well-attended set of programs.



Lily Perez and Bettina Hernandez used their creativity to create games out of recycled materials (such as converting old CD cases into giant scrabble tiles), and engaged patrons of all ages. Word play games of all kinds actively engaged adults as participants enjoyed some friendly competition. Assistance programs with GI Forum partners continued to allow for Veteran Assistance at the Central Library as did intake services from SAMMinistries which provides services to both Veterans and non-Veterans. Several families were assisted by SAMMinistries this month during the well-utilized weekly hours on the Library's second floor. Pannaga Prasad hosted a Get Ready for Retirement seminar sponsored by Forester's Financial. The representative from Forester's Financial provided retirement tips and discussed the differences between different financial terms and products such as IRAs and mutual funds. Librarian Cristine Mitchamore taught two Wayland Baptist University classes how to use the Library's research databases. Ms. Mitchamore also led a Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group discussion of *Sleeping Giants* by Sylvain Neuvel.



The Reference Unit's assistance to the Southwest School of Art continued with the new school year. Librarian Deedee Lu and Library Assistant Daniel Gonzalez hosted a library orientation for the school's newest students and a few weeks in to the school year they provided an introduction to library services for Professor Joe Harjo's Visual Literacy classes. The purpose of such classes is to not only ensure the students and staff at the Southwest School of Art have library cards, but to tour the Central Library to introduce SSA students (and faculty) to collections (both books and online resources) that support educational objectives as they work towards their degrees. Additionally, students are introduced to other services, including free programs that provide an opportunity for recreational pursuits.



With the construction of the Latino Collection and Resource Center on the first floor nearly final it was time for the Latino Collection team in the Reference Unit to begin moving the Latino and adult Spanish Collections into their new homes on the first floor. The group demonstrated exceptional teamwork and their efforts were commended by the Central Library's Public Services Administrator Ruth Chiego. "This team worked miracles! A project like this is an enormous effort and Lily Perez, Bettina Hernandez, Pat Rodriguez, Adolph Lopez, and Cindy DeLeon know this collection inside and out and care a great deal about it. It truly showed in their work ethic and support during this major undertaking."



The Reference Unit's Assistant Managers Julia Selwyn and James LaFerla worked diligently on improving workflows and in assisting the many teams within the department's largest unit. Their attention to all the moving pieces of the system's largest public services team has been greatly appreciated by their co-workers during a time of adjustment as the Reference Team maintains service levels during some key position vacancies within the unit, including the manager position. The team also is focused on filling those vacancies as quickly as possible.

TEXANA/GENEALOGY



On August 19, Texana staff welcomed Richard Eisenhour, Collections Coordinator at the Texas State Preservation Board in Austin, for a program on the history of postcards. "Greetings from Texas: Origins of Texas Postcards" offered a glimpse into the birth and growth of this popular industry with an emphasis on the vital role San Antonio played in its development.



Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted two tours for the Southwest School of Art students on August 25, introducing them to a sampling of Texana's art-related special collection materials.



For the September 5 genealogy database class, Librarian Andy Crews presented "Using HeritageQuest Online" showing attendees how to utilize the different collections in this database. They learned how to access Census records, city directories, Revolutionary War pension records, and more, not only while visiting their San Antonio Public Library, but also from home.



Ms. Reyna was invited to speak again this year at the 16th Annual Family History Seminar held September 9 at the Family History Center on Midcrown. Ms. Reyna gave a class on "Beginning Hispanic Genealogy" and offered insight along with research tips and tools for finding Mexican and Spanish ancestors.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The Bazan Library hosted the program *Preparing for Retirement* presented by Foresters Financial Services' Nicole Padilla. Ms. Padilla shared great money saving ideas and distributed budget worksheets to help attendees prepare for a brighter financial future.



The Coloring for Grown-Ups program saw more customers become active in the monthly program. Mother and daughter patrons Gabi and Janie showed their appreciation by bringing a platter of sandwiches and chips for the gathering. The program has been a gateway for some attendees to other branch programs such as the Romance Book Club and the Learn Center painting class.



Tom Kinsey from Learn Nature visited Bazan on August 21 for a Family Fun presentation. He both amused and educated the audience with some of his favorite animal friends including Phoebe and Roseanne, the playful rats that everybody enjoyed petting, and Fred and Wilma the cockroach buddies. Outside of the branch, Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen started book clubs at four elementary schools in the service area.



On the evening of August 23, the Learn Center at the Bazan Branch Library began an intensive six-week GED course designed to prepare students to pass the math portion of the GED Exam.



Teen Librarian II Gina Salinas and Training Officer Emily Flores attended the Barrio Network Meeting on August 24. The Parent Resource Center of Lanier High School is currently organizing the Barrio Boo 2017 Halloween event. The organization works to strengthen neighborhood and community bonds and integrate and promote services on the West Side.



On August 25, Training Officer Emily Flores visited the Guadalupe Community Center and toured the facility with Mr. Tom Hoog, Director of Programs and Community Outreach. The English as a Second

Language (ESL) students from the Guadalupe Community Center will be visiting the Bazan Branch in the near future to learn about library services, with a particular focus on the resources available at the Learn Center.



Painting classes, led by Mr. Ukwanni Warumbe and coordinated by Training Officer Emily Flores, began on September 6. Students participating in the six-week course are learning stress-relieving painting techniques.



Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas began working with Guerra Branch Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry on an ESL program hosted at John Jay High School. The outreach program will enhance the ESL students' English language skills using word games and literature, all while building library literacy skills. The program began right after Labor Day and will meet once a week throughout this semester.



In addition, Georgina had several outreach events late August and early September. She visited Lanier High School's *Night Out* program where she shared with many students and parents information about Homework Help, volunteering at the library, and teen programming at Bazan. Georgina and Training Officer Emily Flores visited the Guadalupe Community Center to represent Bazan Library during the Back to School event, and Georgina joined Guerra Library's teen liaison on a weekend visit to Davis Middle School's football game where they set up a library information booth.



A second weekly teen program was added to serve a growing teen presence utilizing the branch teen space as a study room and hangout spot. Bazan has seen a spike in teenagers visiting the library after school, using resources, signing up for library cards, and signing up as volunteers. There were a few occasions when impromptu teen programs were started due to a high teen attendance.

BROOK HOLLOW



On Tuesday, September 5, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera presented the first Play and Learn session of the new school year. The theme was "At the Grocery Store" and children and their caregivers had fun pretending to shop. The librarian set up several activities around the library, all designed to encourage the five early literacy practices: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. The children experimented with art by making apple prints. They learned about graphing and comparison by "voting" on their favorite vegetable. Tomatoes won!



On Wednesday, September 13, Brook Hollow's Children's Librarian began her monthly school year outreach visits to Rhapsody Head Start. Throughout the year, she provides monthly story times for each of five classes. In addition, she provides ten books per classroom to support each class's monthly curriculum. On Thursday September 14, the branch celebrated National Play Dough Day. Children and their family's had fun smooshing, and squishing and creating!



The branch's Read to a Dog program continues to be extremely popular and is well-responded to in the community, with crowds in September at around 50 people!



Teen Time has moved from Wednesdays to Mondays, at the teens' request. During the reporting period, Teen Library Leadership Council volunteers, with the help of the Teen Librarian Caroline Mossing, revamped the bulletin board in the Teen Space, refreshing the background, adding book recommendations, and designing the overall look of the board. It looks awesome! Teens at the branch learned to play Bananagrams – competition in this word game was fierce! Teens also made crafts,

including marbled tiles using Sharpies and rubbing alcohol. There was some trial and error, but the crafters ended up with beautiful finished products. Teens used the Wii U to play throwback Wii games, discussing their favorite childhood games and activities and brushing up on their rusty Wii nunchuck skills. The Wii U version of Super Smash Brothers, which is always a crowd pleaser, made another appearance during this reporting period. The teens experimented with customizing the settings of the games, resulting in some quite challenging levels.



Brook Hollow's Wednesday Evening Book Group had a lively discussion about *The Age of Innocence*. A couple of new members joined as well. The Mystery Lover's Book Group met on September 7 to discuss Martha Grimes' *Dust*. The members enjoyed an intriguing discussion and provided some new members the chance to get involved with their community.



On September 16, Circulation Attendant Kimberly King hosted a program featuring a hands-on craft activity. Patrons made collage bookmarks with recycled spines from discarded books.



Branch Manager Heidi Novotny attended the San Pedro Hills Women's Club meeting on September 6. At the meeting, Ms. Novotny gave a brief presentation about the Summer Reading Program and upcoming events at the branch including the Brook Hollow Friends of the Library Book Sale on September 23.

CARVER



On September 12, Carver Branch's Learn Center strengthened ties with Dollar General in a big way. On the heels of the launch of its second high school completion cohort, representatives of the mega retailer presented Training Officer Jeanne Johnson with a check for \$5,000 to continue literacy efforts in the community. They were delighted to learn how their previous donation -- \$10,000 presented last year -- had been used to help carry out the library's mission statement, which aims to change people's lives, as well as illustrate the corporation's own passion for education. Ms. Johnson was invited to visit their corporate office to address employees. Her presentation will center on how she utilized their generous gift and the ways in which it has impacted the community.



The branch was alive with the sound of celebratory drumming on August 15 as percussionist T-Bow Gonzales led a musical commemoration of the legacy of Marcus Garvey. An activist and businessman, Garvey advocated for the rights of African Americans and is noted for the inspirational slogan, "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture, is like a tree without roots."



Branch Manager DL Grant Jr. addressed the Coliseum Neighborhood Association at their monthly meeting, then led them on a tour of the branch the following week. In addition, he attended outreach at Davis Middle's School's alumni football tailgate event where the Cougars battled Rhodes Middle School. Before and during the game, he connected with students and their families, sharing information about SAPL services and opportunities at Carver's Learn Center. Grant, an alumnus of Davis, was able to cheer on the Cougars as they claimed their second victory of the season.



Assistant Branch Manager Monty Holcomb continued to note success with his chess program. He hosted five events which generated high enough attendance to merit concurrent matches. In addition, he sponsored five Teen Time events with the Wii. In late August, Mr. Holcomb restarted the District 2 Senior Center Book Club, which had been on a summer hiatus. Attendance was as vigorous as ever. He also helped develop a new program, "Discover Love Through Art," an ongoing initiative that cathartically

helps adults through interactive art. As volunteer coordinator for the branch, he noted a 64.16 percent increase in volunteers this year over figures from 2016. He credits this bump to the participation of volunteer labor from work-study students from Alamo Colleges and individuals associated with the Family Service Association.



Children's Librarian Jodi Miller resumed outreach visits to area schools after the start of the new school year this past August. That wasn't the only service change. Story Time at the branch switched to Tuesdays at 4 p.m. to give more families an opportunity to participate.

CODY



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon had the opportunity to connect with children from two different schools during this reporting period. Yourdon visited the Gan Gani Preschool on August 29 to read stories to children in four of their classrooms.



On September 8, students from the Child Montessori School visited the Cody Library to learn about using the library. Kristin designed a Jeopardy game to teach the students about the Dewey Decimal System, the rules of the library, and general library knowledge. Afterwards, the students worked in teams to complete a scavenger hunt to apply what they had learned about the library.



The Music Fairy visited during *Story Time* on August 30 to share original stories set to music. Children practiced fine and gross motor skills as they performed various movements throughout the songs. They also learned some music vocabulary during the performance.



The *Minecraft Club* resumed on September 6 after a pause for the summer. This club allows Minecraft enthusiasts to connect with one another and to share tips.



Families gathered to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday on September 7. Children created their own Wonka candies using chocolate playdough, created bubblegum art with instant camera pictures and balloons, made edible teacups, helped Veruca Salt find the good eggs, and took photos with our life-sized chocolate waterfall.



During this reporting period tweens learned how to create artwork with toast and played a life-sized version of the popular board game Candyland.



During the Children's programming pause Kristin developed a new *Story Time* curriculum to promote diversity. Each week for the fall session kids will "visit" a new country and will experience songs, images, and stories from that country. So far the children have visited Australia and Brazil.



Due to the popularity of *Kid's Time* over the summer, Kristin decided to continue *Kid's Time* twice per month during the school year. These programs will also give children an opportunity to "visit" different countries around the world and to explore the countries through art projects and games. On September 13 children visited Australia! They decorated boomerangs with Aboriginal symbols to learn more about the indigenous tribes, created a platypus puppet to illustrate the fact that 80% of Australia's creatures are indigenous to only Australia, and played the *Skippyroo Kangaroo* game.



Finally, all ages gathered to celebrate National Playdough Day on September 15. Children and parents bonded over their work with playdough.



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



Cody teens started getting ready to go back to school with a *Chalk and Choc* event that featured DIY notebooks covered in chalkboard paint and banana split bites. Dipping bananas and strawberries in chocolate, then decorating them with rainbow jimmies was a great snack to pair with video games.



An *End-Of-Summer Party* closed out summer break for Cody teens. They cooked, decorated, and ate their own waffles, and decorated lightswitch plates while watching a horror movie.



The first Cody teen time of the school year was a Mortal Kombat tournament that asked teens to *FINISH HIM!!* Teens made DIY microwave popcorn and played Mortal Kombat vs. DC, using brackets to find out who was the afternoon's Mortal Kombat champion. They also did some zen coloring with DC superheroes and Mortal Kombat paper crafts.



Cody teens decided to have a *Krampus* party to celebrate one of their favorite horror movies. While watching the movie, they decorated gingerbread figures with icing and sprinkles and played board games.



After Hurricane Harvey hit the coast of Texas, teens decided to *Help Harvey Dogs* by creating rope toys out of old t-shirts for the San Antonio Humane Society. They also made microwave chocolate cookies and played video games.



Teen Services Librarian Amy Rae Weaver spent September 1 doing outreach with fellow librarians at the 9th Annual San Japan Anime Convention. Visitors to the Teen Services Manga Library room received a warm welcome, information on teen services offerings, and a large selection of manga to read while at the convention. Costumed convention-goers were encouraged to take pictures with their San Antonio Public Library cards.

COLLINS GARDEN



Family Programming: Family Fun programs for the reporting period included International Bacon Day and fork craft painting. In celebration of Play Dough Day September 16, children made a variety of inventive creations. Chess Time All The Time continued with two chess sets in the library's public area. They are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves, averaging 10 players daily. Collins Garden Library is hosting a weekly Family Game Nights this fall with various board games for all ages.



Adult Programming: Collins Garden Library hosted a dance class through August taught by Library Aide Janie Cruz. Ms. Cruz demonstrated salsa, country and other moves. The dance class has been popular with participants of all ages.



Coffee & a Movie is increasingly popular as community citizens enjoy a featured movie once a month from the Golden Age of Mexican Cinemas, from serious dramas to slapstick comedy.



Artist Rosemary Perez, a member of the Collins Garden Library Friends Group, hosted a Beading Program to teach adults, teens, and children, techniques for making bracelets.



Children's Programming: Children's Librarian Gina Brudi presented five story times at Kelly Field Education Center with 67 children and caregivers in attendance and resumed story times and youth outreach book collections to Knox Early Center with 13 story times to 295 attendees. On August 30, Ms. Brudi attended an open house at the Collins Garden Elementary School and spoke to 100 children and adults about the juvenile services and programming at the library and promoted the upcoming job fair that Collins Garden will be hosting for adults on October 20, 2017. Mary Valdez and Therapy Dog Foxie

continue to help kids become more comfortable with reading. Lego Club continued after a brief hiatus and continues to be popular with children and caregivers with creations displayed in the library.



Teen Programming: The Teen program, hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera, is averaging 7-10 teens a week. Teens are making crafts and exploring video gaming and playing board games.



Branch Manager Jeannette Davies was part of an interview panel for COSA/SAPL Librarian II/Assistant Manager positions at Collins Garden, Semmes and Johnston Libraries. She also attended NeoGov & Fines and Adjustments training, the UMAST Conference on September 28, Texas Library Association (TLA) District 10 Meeting, and was invited to speak about library services at the Highland Hills Lions Club Meeting in October. Ms. Davies also arranged a SAPL Strong /Collins Garden Library Team Wellness event at Collins Garden Library for staff on September 20, 2017. Finally, she coordinated efforts with the Friends of Collins Garden Library for their first annual Fall Book Sale coming up on Saturday, October 14.

CORTEZ



Solar Eclipse Viewing, August 21 (Kathy Armbruster, Stephen Jackson, entire Cortez Branch Staff). Weeks ahead of the actual event, staff knew it was going to be big! People had been calling looking for the specialized eyewear needed to safely view this amazing event. With only 20 sets of glasses, Cortez Branch staff elected to hold an event that would do what a library does best – share resources! Three staff members were on hand to help oversee handing out the glasses and retrieving them after attendees had a glimpse of the celestial event. Craft activities for children and pinhole viewers were available in the meeting room. Streaming video of the “path of totality” was available at various points in the branch. Photos in front of the green screen with a background of the State of Texas with images of the sun were available as mementos. Stephen Jackson prepared a book/video/music display of eclipse-related items and a fun fact sheet of everything one would ever want to know about eclipses. LEARN staff members Melody Ayala and Pamela Smith helped throughout the three-hour program, lending extra hands with the glasses and in the meeting room. (Kudos to Romeo Rosales of the Pan American Branch for securing the glasses for SAPL.)



Build a Better World – The Mayor’s Summer Reading Program@Cortez. The Children’s Reading Program continued until the end of August with Cortez registering over 500 readers and listeners. About 116 people finished the program to receive certificates, free books and green screen photos.



Baby Time moved to Wednesdays for the fall season and sadly it hasn’t generated the interest of the past year. Three sessions were offered during the reporting period with no one attending to date. Staff will continue to assess the viability of continuing the program on Wednesdays and either discontinue it or offer a different program in the time slot.



Toddler Time is a new program offering at Cortez. As the babies “graduated” from Baby Time, Cortez needed to have an additional program time ready for them to continue their early literacy development. Toddler Time follows Baby Time on Wednesdays throughout the fall. Three sessions have been held with 21 toddlers and 20 adults attending these interactive sessions of stories, songs, and lots and lots of play!



Family Fun moves back to Monday during the fall. During this reporting period, two sessions were offered featuring LEGO play and National Playdough Day with 35 children and 15 adults attending.



Special guest Tom Kinsey brought his menagerie of local animal favorites to the Cortez Branch on August 23. Twenty six children and 16 adults enjoyed meeting and greeting his collection of snakes, hissing cockroaches, toads and a flightless dove.



Tween Time continues on Wednesdays at Cortez after a brief summer hiatus. The first Tween Time opened with the ever popular Food Challenge where tweens needed to move food from one bowl to another using the suction power of a drinking straw! Other sessions included making the playdough for National Playdough Day, video games, art activities, and board games. Nineteen tweens and three adults attended.



Open craft sessions are offered on Thursday afternoons when Read to a Dog is not in session. During this reporting period 29 children and five adults crafted their way through three projects on three Thursdays! Craft projects included a back to school bus, a paper plate apple core, and a circle tree of fall colors.



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.



Teen Time returns to the programming schedule but has run into a logistical problem. With the closing of Kazen Middle School several would-be attendees need to catch the bus home in order to have transport home after school. This has seriously impacted attendance at what was a very popular program at Cortez. The schools still in the service area will be contacted to encourage attendance.



Merging two popular programs together, Adult Coloring and COAST (Cortez Older Adult Social Time) are joining together at the same time to offer attendees a one-stop shop for adult programming. Coloring and COAST are offered on Tuesday evenings.



There were four Getting Crafty classes this reporting period with 37 people attending. The crafters worked on painting rocks with acrylic paints and a back-to-school crocheted pencil pouch.



On September 9, 21 people attended a Monster Meet full of games and fun monster trivia.

ENCINO



The Sahaja Yoga Meditation continued on Wednesday evenings, adding more interested patrons to each subsequent class. Due to popular demand, the program has been continued through the end of September and will possibly start fresh again in January. The Abstract Thoughts reception and exhibit opening for local artist David Grinnell was very successful, with an attendance of 30 people. The event brought new patrons to the library to enjoy the art on display throughout the space. Upcoming programs

planned by Adult Service Librarian Michelle Ricondo include Art Journaling 101, Cosplay Con, and a staff art exhibit.



District 9 Councilman John Courage held satellite office hours at Encino Branch Library on Friday, September 8. Several citizens stopped in to discuss neighborhood issues, and Councilman Courage was led on a tour of the library by manager Keri Moczygemba. This was the first of three sessions of satellite office hours for the District 9 office; the next is scheduled for Friday, October 6, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Encino Teens and Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot had a busy end to summer programming with the culmination of our *Teen Tuesday* and *Teen Gaming* programs. *Teen Tuesday* saw some very cool tie dying, while our gamers got busy with some competitive battles on our WiiU. With the beginning of the school year, a new series of programs have begun for teens. Our inaugural *Teen Club* and *Teen Board Game Nights* were both a success with new faces and lots of fun had by all.



For his final visit of the summer and rounding out our culinary journey around the world, Chef Justin Sparkman from the San Antonio Food Bank and the Encino Teens cooked food from France. Teens finished the summer cooking series in style with a delicious ratatouille dish and refreshing fruity soda. Chef Sparkman was happy to see improvement in the teens' cooking skills and we were very happy to continue our partnership with the SA Food Bank this summer. Thanks Chef Justin!



Ms. Pouliot continues to work with the Teen Departments' Rock the Plaza event committee, meeting with sponsor Momar Music and committee members during the reporting period. She also participated in the Teen Librarian monthly meeting and the Volunteer Liaison quarterly meeting during the month of August. Ms. Pouliot also created an outreach video about the Encino Library and its teen programming to be shown at the orientation of all freshmen at Johnson High School. She hopes it will bring new teens to check out the Encino teen space and our programs for teens.



Children's Librarian Ashley Stubbs hosted a Back to School Play & Learn on September 1. The event was attended by several regular families and included stations such as sensory bins, crafts, music, playdough, and matching, that all related to the school theme. Within these stations the children experienced the learning of colors, numbers, letters, and shapes. The scissor skills station was popular because the children enjoyed using the scissors to cut fun squiggly lines while improving their small motor skills. Ashley also organized an early literacy event for National Playdough Day on Friday, September 15. Thirty seven children and their caregivers made shapes, rolled snakes, and practiced small motor activities with the cooked playdough. The recipe for the playdough was provided for an inexpensive way to continue skills practice and fun at home.



Librarian Nicki Weaver greeted classrooms full of new preschoolers when she re-started her bi-weekly outreach visits to Country Kids Academy and Primrose Stone Oak in early September. Nicki's regular Baby, Toddler, and Story (x2) Times continue to fill the meeting room, and she is leading the efforts to plan a Fall Festival full of games, activities, and dramatic play, on October 7.

FOREST HILLS



The Forest Hills Branch Library is ever grateful to Arlene Richardson from Guerra Branch Library who has been providing weekly Story Time while the Children's Librarian vacancy is filled. Patrons are appreciative of her storytelling skills and have a good time all around.



On September 12, Children's Coordinator Viki Ash presented Play Dough Day. The children and their parents were delighted with the creations Ms. Ash encouraged them to make. There were some very impressive playdough designs. Ms. Ash shared the recipe with parents so they could recreate the experience at home.



Forest Hills Branch Library hosted a community job fair on September 8. Local organizations and companies represented included Port San Antonio, Northside Independent School District Transportation, Med Team Inc., H-E-B, Walgreens, and the City of San Antonio. Job seekers arrived eager to talk to representatives and discover employment opportunities.



A résumé and online job search class was hosted prior to the job fair, on August 25. Job seekers were guided in creating a résumé from scratch and instructed on how to save a résumé and upload it to an online job search platform. The class attendees were at varying levels of competency and required different levels of attention. Manager Mary Naylor and Library Assistant Robert Solis were able to provide one-on-one guidance and invited each person to come back for follow-up assistance.



Manager Mary Naylor visited the Dorris Griffin Senior Center to present the monthly book club. The seniors read *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo. Next month they will participate in a book swap. The seniors are ever grateful to the library for providing this service to them. They are especially excited about the digital library. Having access to e-books allows seniors to enlarge print and otherwise adjust formats to make reading easier on the eyes.



Beautiful pastel artwork is currently on display at Forest Hills through the month of September. Local artist and Forest Hills community member Pauline Howard is the featured artist. Her landscapes add a soft touch to the library's background.

GREAT NORTHWEST



After a short break, children's programs began again at Great Northwest Branch Library in late August. On Tuesdays, Library Assistant Jose Jimenez teaches science concepts in *The Lab for Kids*. On Wednesdays, *Club 7* explores the seven continents with crafts and creative projects. The *ABC Club* returned on Thursdays with stories, games, and crafts. Finally, families enjoyed stories and activities together during *Color Club* on Fridays.



While Children's Librarian Cari Raley was on vacation preparing for her daughter's wedding, branch staff members pitched in on the children's programs. Library Assistants Kimberly Wygant and Jose Jimenez and Circulation Attendant Karen Davis have done a great job preparing for and presenting the children's programs in her absence.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest.



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 August 16, Teen Gamers also learned how to make D.I.Y. pie tarts.



Teens meet monthly for *Anime Night* to engage in a variety of activities and interact with other teens who share their interest in Anime and Manga culture. During the *Anime Night Summer of Miyazaki* on August 14, branch teens paid tribute to one of their favorite anime creators with fun crafts and themed food. On September 11, teens celebrated the anime and manga of *Dragon Ball* with buttons and cube crafts.



Great Northwest Teens held *Teen Craft Night* with a *Good Bye Summer Party* on August 21. During craft night teens had the opportunity to create space-themed bubble magnets, bottle cap magnets, and buttons. Teens also watched the movie *Star Wars Rogue One*.



Volunteers from the community worked together with Great Northwest Library in a variety of ways to ensure the best service is provided to the community. Volunteers helped staff with daily library tasks and assisted library staff with library programs.



On August 14, Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno conducted an outreach at the Alicia Treviño Senior Center for the monthly *Book & Movie* program. A group of 10 seniors discussed *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks and then watched the movie. Ms. Moreno moderated a book discussion at the Madison Book Estates Retirement Center on August 23. The group then watched the movie *The Girl on the Train*. Most of the group requests large print or audiobook format. Ms. Moreno has requested titles from Troy Hoyles in Collection Development and because of his help, the book groups have grown and they have been happy with their materials. On Monday, September 11, Ms. Moreno moderated a lively book discussion of *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya to 11 attendees who then watched the movie.



The branch hosted a series of gardening programs presented by the Bexar County Master Gardeners. On August 16, Bill Swantner conducted a *Fall Landscape* presentation to 18 attendees at the Great Northwest Library. Mr. Swantner explained how to create a low-water friendly lawn landscape. Attendees received a plant to keep after the session. On August 23, Don Crites explained how to grow herbs in a container garden. Marty Ruona presented *Cacti & Succulents* on August 30 to a group of 12 attendees, the last presentation from the Bexar County Master Gardeners for this year. The presentations were funded through the *Adult Programming* committee. Patrons enjoyed the series and have requested more presentations next year.

GUERRA



Sabrina Cirilo joined the Guerra team as our new Library Aide. Once Stephen Jackson returns, we will be full-strength. The Guerra Chess Club met on Friday afternoons providing practice and discussion of the key aspects of the game to both children and adults. Staff from the San Antonio Metro Health Screening Clinic provided health and wellness information to community members on Thursdays.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach to the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays--August 16 and 23 and September 6 and 13. Dexter attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting on August 23. He attended an Employee Management Committee budget briefing on September 5. That evening, he attended the monthly meeting of the Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams facilitated the Knit & Crochet Program August 22 and 29 and September 5. She inaugurated her Fall Movie Day program on September 14; the first selection was

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Sully. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. She hosted the Thursday Evening Book Group on September 14 for a discussion of *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson resumed children's programming on August 30. Arlene received positive feedback from families who attended her Summer Reading programs. During the reporting period, she planned and presented three toddler times, three story times, and two Lego Clubs. School-aged children read to Foxie the dog on September 14. On September 3, Arlene presented a back to school Come & Go craft-- families made name banners and bookmarks in preparation for the 2017-2018 school year. Arlene has volunteered to plan and present story times at Forest Hills Branch Library in the absence of a children's librarian at that location. She planned and presented story times on September 5 and 12. On September 1, she visited Greatest Gifts Childcare and presented story times to two groups of toddlers and their caregivers. On September 15, she visited Lil Dragon Den and Angelic Smiles Childcare centers where she presented stories, rhymes, and finger plays to two groups of babies and two groups of toddlers. Arlene installed a Young Pegasus display highlighting the rules and timeline of the competition.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on August 23. He moderated Club de Lectura, a book club in Spanish, on August 31. The participants discussed *El Sexto Hombre (The Sixth Man)* by David Baldacci. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library.



Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on August 17, 24, and 31 and on September 7. The teens watched *Secret Life of Pets* on September 7. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. Edward conducted a bilingual outreach Teen Time at John Jay High School on September 6 and 13 with Bazan Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas.



Library Assistant Iris Bobren-Diaz continued her work as the branch wellness liaison. She volunteered to be the on-boarding peer for Library Aide Sabrina Cirilo.

IGO



Children's Summer Reading Club came to a close on August 31. Children's Story Times resumed on Tuesday, August 22. They are back to their normal schedule through the second week of December.



On August 18, 19, 25, 26 there was a robotics camp hosted by MAKbots. Regularly scheduled Lego Clubs were attended on September 5.



On August 21, the PoeTree Club met at Igo. This club welcomes new members who are interested in reading and/or writing poetry.



On September 6, the Mystery Club discussed *The Enemy*. The Afternoon Book Club met on August 15 to discuss Joseph Ellis' *Founding Brothers*. All members agreed this was not the usual glowing description of our nation's founding fathers. A good read for all!



On Sunday, September 10, the Coloring Club met for a relaxing session , discussing their different art techniques to embellish standard, purchased illustrations.



Also on the 10th, the Igo Elderberries celebrated Grandparents day with a reception for the Artful Aging program. The program's paintings are on display throughout the library through the end of September.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library welcomed the start of a new school year with displays and outreach to several schools to encourage parents and students to utilize library resources. Johnston staff worked together to organize a Solar Eclipse Viewing event on August 21 with over 300 participants. Staff handed out 50 pairs of eclipse glasses and set up a live stream from NASA and local news in the meeting room with a green screen image available for patrons to document this historic event. Johnston staff donated several cases of water, diapers, baby food and some cleaning supplies to the City of San Antonio Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts after the storms kept the library closed the weekend of August 26-27. A donation bin was placed out on August 28. Johnston Library hosted the Hallie Heights Homeowners Association on September 11.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo taught the Internet Basics and Cyber Safety Computer Class on August 14 and Computer Basics on August 18. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Peter Swanson's *Her Every Fear*. Ms. Bustillo offered a Library Digital & eReader Help session on August 25. Ms. Bustillo attended the Springvale Neighborhood Association meeting on August 29 and the Blue Skies of Texas East/Valley Hi North Homeowners Association meeting on September 18 to present library events and services to the group.



On August 21, Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth recorded *I'm a Manatee* by John Lithgow for Dial-a-Story. On August 24, Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth represented the library at the Adams Hill Elementary School's *Community Resources Fair*. She took with her information on library programs and services, and gave out pencils to the children. On September 7, Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth visited the PCI and Head Start classes at Southwest High School. While there, she read to the two classes, and left books for the teachers to use for a month. Attendees at *Baby Time* have been learning songs, bouncy rhymes, and tickle rhymes. *Story Time* themes have included firefighters, the library, and police officers. On August 29, Tom Kinsey brought a variety of small animals to Johnston Library and wowed a crowd of 42 people at *Family Fun*. He had a PowerPoint presentation on the animals, which included a dove, two corn snakes, two brown rats, a toad, and several Madagascar hissing cockroaches. The other *Family Fun* programs included stories and a craft about the library and a program with the attendees making play dough.



On September 9, Librarian I Patricia King introduced crochet to eight people during Crochet 101. Each person made a washcloth using a variety of techniques. Ms. King assisted Chef Longoria from the San Antonio Food Bank on September 14 while he engaged 10 teens in healthy eating by making roll-ups, parfaits, and smoothies.



On August 16, Library Assistant Nicole Garza demonstrated how to make chocolate filled croissants with the teen group. The teens made several batches of their own chocolate filled croissants and even attempted to modify the recipe by adding other sweet treats.



On August 23, Ms. Garza showed the teens how to make ice cream in a bag. A handful of the teens were doubtful but ultimately were surprised it could be done and taste so good. Most of the teens added neon food coloring to their ice cream which made for some wild colors.



On September 6, the teens learned how to create chocolate acorns. The acorns were actually a chocolate kiss with a miniature cookie held on top with chocolate spread. The teens loved that they could make such a tasty treat with simple ingredients.



On September 13, Ms. Garza, with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas, conducted an art demonstration. The group created flower sun catchers. The sun catchers were made by having flower petals arranged in a pattern of the person's choice.



On August 19 and September 2, Ms. Garza, with the assistance of Mrs. Blancas, facilitated the Teen Anime and Video Game time. The teen group is considering several different activities to help promote the group.



On September 10, Ms. Garza resumed facilitating the Pokémon Champions group. The entire group is working together to organize an actual tournament for the near future. Several participants have been teaching new players how to play the Pokémon card game.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson serves as a regular contributor to *Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story)*, and she recorded a children's book for the week of August 28. The title of the book is: *Josefina se va de vacaciones* by Alexander Steffensmeier. Ms. Jackson also moderated the *Club de Lectura "Café con Libro"*, a book club in Spanish, on September 11. The participants discussed a fiction book: *El hombre del salto (Falling Man)* by don Delillo. Ms. Jackson is also teaching a weekly class, *Conversational Spanish for Beginners*. On Monday, September 11, members enjoyed an interactive introduction followed by sing-along Spanish songs. On September 18, they learned about Mexico and Central America's Independence Day and other Latin-American celebrations.

LANDA



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

LAS PALMAS



On August 17, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier and Interim Manager Diane Backhus did outreach for the information fair at the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA). Special flyers were made to advertise children's, teens, and adult services at the Las Palmas Branch. In addition, Ms. Frazier spoke with faculty at the charter school KIPPA Elementary to discuss library services. KIPP Teacher Quentina Dunbar had expressed concern that KIPP's statistics showed that the majority of children did not use the public library and did not have library cards, so on September 13, Ms. Frazier attended KIPP's *Open House Night* and spoke with students and their parents about library services and how to get a library card.



On Monday, August 21, a partial solar eclipse occurred in San Antonio. Although the Las Palmas Branch did not have eclipse glasses for the event, the branch celebrated the event by creating displays in the children's and adult sections of the library. The displays contained instructions and warnings for viewing the eclipse, posters on the science of the eclipse, nonfiction books on eclipses and space exploration, and fiction books that had eclipse themes.

Also on the day of the eclipse, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier led a *Come and Go Craft* taken from the NASA website. A "pinhole camera" was created for children to watch the eclipse. In addition,

Children's Librarians Jasmin Salinas and Barbaraella Frazier obtained three pairs of solar eclipse glasses, which allowed children, teens, and adults to take turns observing the eclipse while Library Assistant Elvia Ramos and Ms. Salinas hosted an internet live stream of the solar eclipse in the meeting room.



On Monday, September 11, the Las Palmas Branch celebrated *National Playdough Day*. Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier taught primary colors and color mixing with the playdough. Toddlers through tweens attended the event.



Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier created additional *Come and Go Crafts* such as superhero bookmarks and fish collages for families that did not or could not come to regularly scheduled events. Popup story times were also used when multiple children came into the library when a children's event was not scheduled.



Teen Services Librarian Connie Hejl added two weekly programs to be offered in the library's newly created Teen Area. Tuesdays will feature *After School Anime* where teens can watch their favorite anime shows. *Teen Laptop Lab* is held on Wednesdays for teens wanting to do their homework or use the internet on laptops.



Las Palmas welcomed its new branch manager José Ruiz-Alvarez on September 13. José comes to SAPL from New Jersey where he was head of the Information Services Department at the Elizabeth Public Library.

MAVERICK



The Ladies' Choice Book Club met on September 2 and the Lady Maverick's Book Club met on September 12.



Several homeowners associations met at Maverick Library. Heights of Carriage Hills Homeowners' Association met on August 24 and Fine Silver Homeowners' Association met on August 29.



On August 21, Maverick displayed the American Solar Eclipse live online onto the big screen. Guitarist and songwriter Don Lovato provided a great musical performance on August 19. To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Maverick welcomed the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez on September 9. Dressed in colonial apparel, the Granaderos provided a descriptive narrative of Spain's active role in aiding America's independence.



Summer reading sign-ups and completions were finished on August 31. Maverick's final numbers for readers and listeners were 866 who registered and 354 children who completed the program and received a free book.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian II Amy Roberts planned and conducted several preschool, baby and toddler story times. The first Lego Club of the school year started on August 28. Ms. Roberts also created items for the Fall Play & Learn committee and helped present the program for the children's librarians on September 14.



Ms. Roberts continues to serve on TLA's Children's Round Table 2x2 Selection Committee. So far she and her colleagues have read over 500 books geared toward age 2 through 2nd grade. They will narrow the list to 20 titles in January 2018.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated five Teen Time @ Maverick programs and continued to develop relationships with a small core group of teens. Each week they are making suggestions for the following week's program and requesting various snacks, games, and activities. During the reporting period the group had a Back to School Bash with hot dogs, ice cream, and beach ball volleyball. They also made their own pizzas, fruit smoothies, and Ramen noodles. Most weeks they choose board games, and one evening they played video games. Ms. Bleichwehl is now offering Tween Time twice per month for 9 to 12 year olds. One of the sessions is a book club and the second is a poetry club.



Ms. Bleichwehl contacted Marshall High School Librarian Pamela Walters and together they planned an outreach event during Meet the Teacher Night on September 14 at the high school. At least 50 families were given applications and a variety of marketing materials. Ms. Walters has graciously agreed to disseminate informational slides to teachers who will share them with their classes on Google Classroom boards.

McCRELESS



Librarian Menchaca has started a weekly bilingual story time. There is reading and singing in English and Spanish so that all feel welcomed.



Children's Librarian Carrie Vance introduced a *Baby Time* program to McCreless Library in August as well as bringing back both *Toddler* and *Tween* times for the fall.



The branch hosted *National Playdough Day* on September 12. Children and adults alike had fun squishing and creating with playdough that they tinted and personalized with food coloring, glitter, and spices. Participants were encouraged to take a small portion of dough home as well as several other recipes for other varieties.



Teen Time is seeing new faces. Teens are having a blast playing video games, crafting, and socializing during Teen Time.



On August 21, the branch hosted a Money Management workshop presented by Foresters Financial. Participants learned the basics of personal finances such as how to prepare a budget, how to balance accounts, and how to cut back on expenses. Because of the success of the program, Librarian Hansen is looking into scheduling additional programs through Foresters Financial.



The branch's book club met on September 9 to discuss *When She Woke* by Hilary Jordan. Attendees had a lively discussion of the book's controversial theme of separation of church and state.



The Food Bank program ended on August 17. Parents and children were very complimentary of the Food Bank Summer Program.

MEMORIAL



Mrs. Deffendall read for Dial-a-Story the week of September 11. Her selection was *Bear Has a Story to Tell* by Philip C. Stead.



Mrs. Deffendall was notified August 23 she was a recipient of a city-sponsored scholarship to begin taking Spanish classes at UNAM's San Antonio campus.



Ms Davila coordinated with Bibliotech to have an information table throughout the summer months at the Memorial Branch Library. Patrons visited with Bibliotech staff and learned about their resources and applications for library cards. Some patrons brought their mobile devices for assistance on how to use Bibliotech on their device.



Ms Davila coordinated two events held at the library for viewing the solar eclipse. One event was held outside the library and the other event was inside with a live screening from NASA. This event had the highest number of patron attendance for the library. The door count was 790 and this number did not include the number of patrons viewing the eclipse outside on library grounds. This event brought in many people that had never been to the library and were unaware of our array of services offered to the public. A patron brought in a small gift of chocolates and pencils for staff as a token of thankfulness for making the eclipse a community event.



The library hosted the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, a group of trained officers that sign up patrons needing Medicaid and CHIP enrollment services



The Library continues to host Acosta artist works currently on display around the library.



The library continues to host the San Antonio Cat Coalition program with presentations in English and Spanish. This program is well attended as the community is informed on how to control the stray cat population.



Mrs. Gonzales attended the Edgewood Independent School District Back To School Fair where she promoted library services, signed students and parents up for library cards, and provided information on volunteer opportunities for students needing volunteer hours in order to meet the districts' requirements for graduation.



Mrs. Gonzales met with Amigos Friends of Memorial Library to discuss the fiscal budget for the coming year.



Mrs. Gonzales met with Loma Vista Neighborhood Association, City Councilwoman Shirley Gonzalez, police officers, and other community representatives to discuss preparations for National Night Out. This community event is hosted by the library every year.

MISSION



Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon started a cooking class program in August that was highly attended and very well received. The August class featured stir-fry cooking and the September class featured an instruction on making a classic Indian dish, Curry Butter Chicken. Attendees are already looking forward to the next class.



A Karaoke program that began in August was a smashing success as patrons of all ages attended and did their best Elvis and Beyonce impressions. Attendance to this program has been higher than expected and plans are in place to make it a twice monthly program.



Another new program that began in September was the Mission Movie Night. The movie that was chosen was Cantinflas and it was chosen to coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month. Popcorn and refreshments were provided for all attending. Attendees were happy with the program and plans are already underway for a Halloween themed movie night in October.



Teen Librarian Emily Young introduced a new teen cooking class. With the Librarian's help, teens made edible cookie dough, pancakes, and pizza. Teen Cooking Class increased the number of teen events held monthly at Mission Branch Library from eight to 12. Anime Club was changed to a new day by the request of the teens. Teen Time hours changed due to the beginning of the school year. Teens have discussed a Super Smash Brothers tournament, which will be implemented in the coming months. An Art Club is beginning in the coming weeks.



Summer wrapped up with the last children happily receiving their Summer Reading Program books. During the break in programming in August, Lego Club continued weekly and was well attended. The children love to see their weekly creations in the lobby display case every week.



The highlight of this period was the "1, 2, 3 Andres" high-energy performance. A large and enthusiastic group of parents and children sang and danced along to the music of guitar and saxophone. They travelled through the Americas and the Caribbean through song and dance and learned some Spanish along the way. Mission was very excited to provide the space for this program.

PAN AMERICAN



Summer has wound down at Pan American Branch and fall activities are in high gear. Pan American served lunch and snacks on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer and gave out a total of 460 snacks and meals provided by the San Antonio Food Bank.



Approximately 111 children and adults attended a program about the solar eclipse conducted by Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley. Two days before the eclipse, participants watched a video about eclipses, heard a presentation, did a craft, and then received a pair of solar eclipse glasses. On the day of the eclipse, 17 children and nine adults watched the event from the grounds of the library.



The branch has had two well-attended chess tournaments and the weekly chess meetings of Knights of the Square Table are very popular.



Each Monday, children bring out the Legos and let their creativity flow. Their designs are put up on display until the next week's meeting.



For those looking for gentle fitness options, Pan American offers weekly yoga and qigong classes.



One of the more popular programs is the Read to a Dog. Twice a month volunteer Mary Valdez brings her golden retriever Foxie to Pan American and children gather around and read books to Foxie.



Pan American also hosted a bicycle safety and repair class and a Playdough Day activity.



Karen Sebesta, the Librarian II at Landa Branch Library, worked at Pan American through the summer and into September. Karen facilitates a number of book discussion groups and while Landa was closed these groups gathered at Pan American. Karen also continued her outreach efforts, going to Kenwood Senior Center and Village at the Incarnate Word to discuss library services. Karen has returned to Landa to prepare for the reopening. A patron that Karen talked through downloading ebooks was highly complementary of the caliber of help she received from Karen and of Karen's professionalism.



Valerie and Teen Liaison Lisa Leandro attended a meeting of Teaching and Mentoring Communities as they prepare for outreach at the area schools. Valerie also met with staff at DePaul-Wesley Children's Center to talk about doing storytime for the children there.



Lisa and one of Pan American's teen volunteers worked the manga library at San Japan in early September. They promoted teen programming to almost 1,000 visitors that day.



Librarian II Romeo Rosales was busy working on a number of systemwide programs that celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Those programs are scheduled for later in the month and during October.



Manager Sherrie Hardin officially took over as manager on September 5. Former manager Nathaniel Laubner is now managing Westfall Branch Library.

PARMAN



Solar eclipse lovers (all 2,600 of them) gathered together at Parman Library to witness a rare sight and participate in activities provided. Inside, guests watched the live stream showing what we in San Antonio couldn't see: the view from the path of totality. All activities offered were very well received by the patrons. The rare event experienced at the library brought people and staff together. Good spirits were shared amongst the entire eclipse crowd. Manager Barbara Kwiatkowski received very positive reviews from the patrons for hosting this event.



According to Summer Reading Program statistics provided by Adult Services, Parman Library received the highest number of finishers out of all the branches. One hundred and twenty seven adults returned completed SRP cards for a chance at a grand prize. Congratulations to the whole staff who worked hard together to make this possible.



Barbara Kwiatkowski brought to the branch certified, executive career coach James Beeman. Mr. Beeman is presenting several free, engaging sessions to the public on how to create clear career goals, build the neuro-pathways for success, write a résumé, and polish a LinkedIn profile to get the career you deserve. Several people registered for the classes.



During this reporting period Parman celebrated the end of summer with the Summer Smash Reading Celebration! Children from baby to tween were able to learn about Building a Better World through stories and playtime. First, children's Librarian Ms. Katie Robinson read *The Three Little Pigs*. After that, Circulation Attendant and actress Ms. Allie Villarreal and Children's Library Assistant Ms. Carolyn Bradley performed a play adapted by Ms. Villarreal from the book *The Three Little Pigs and the Somewhat Bad Wolf*. The children were then given snacks that were representative of the *Three Little Pigs*. Snacks were shoestring potatoes to represent the straw, pretzel sticks to represent the sticks, and cheese cubes to represent the bricks. The children were then invited to play with all manner of building toys. These included blocks, a felt board, Legos, Minecraft blocks, the Play and Learn "Build It!" from Little Read Wagon, and Tinker Toys – to name a few. The children were able to practice their fine motor skills, creativity, and learn about the concept of engineering through play. The children were given a cookie from Whataburger on their way out of the program. Staff and patrons alike enjoyed rounding out the summer with this fun and educational event.



Discovery Time continues to attract school-aged children. Ms. Kate Robinson demonstrates STEM concepts such as engineering, chemistry, forensics, and pattern recognition. Recently, the children and Ms. Robinson have explored chemistry and the states of matter by making homemade ice cream! The children were able to watch as a liquid plus cold equaled a solid. They have also recently acted as detectives and learned about the forensic methods of wingspan calculation, fingerprints, and handwriting analysis! Future topics will include archaeology, paleontology, and medical practice.



Children's programming is in full swing following the break between Summer Reading and the new school year. Baby Times, Toddler Times, Story Times, Bilingual Programs, Discovery Time, and Tween Time are back and the children are more excited about them than ever! The children's programming team is happy to be back to their regular programming.



Teen Summer Program sign up numbers doubled from last year, due to the help of every staff member on board. Two teens from Parman were winners in the Teen Summer Program giveaway. The prizes were two tickets to San Japan and an Instax Mini 8 camera with film. Both teens are avid readers and were thrilled to receive their prizes.



For the second consecutive month, Parman exceeded its circulation goals. In August Parman circulated over 31,000 library materials and only one library in SAPL had a higher volume of items circulated

POTRANCO



Potranco Branch Manager Cindy Pope joined with partners Mays Family YMCA at Potranco to arrange local S.A.F.F.E. officers to bring the program *STRANGER DANGER* to users of the facility. *STRANGER DANGER* is an interactive live action and puppet show for parents and kids where they learn

about what to do when a stranger approaches. Having uniformed officers on site to perform and answer questions was a great relief to the dozens of attendees.



On August 21, Potranco Branch Library hosted more than 300 patrons during the partial eclipse of the sun. Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta worked with Library Assistant Elissa Vura to locate directions to DIY pinhole cameras since eclipse glasses were anticipated to fall short of community demand.

Potranco Teen Librarian Daniella Toll recruited, coached, and coordinated teen volunteers for the solar eclipse event. In preparation for the event, multiple teen volunteers cut out stars for the display and prepared components for the pinhole cameras craft. Teens received coaching to ready them physically and mentally for the event. The Potranco volunteers did a phenomenal job interacting with the large crowd. During the two-hour program, three teen volunteers facilitated all of the crafts and passed out snacks; serving outside in the high temperatures with a smile on their faces. Giving these teens the opportunity to assist with library programs gives them valuable experience in customer service and event planning; which prepares them for the workforce and their future.



In an effort to keep the children's area at Potranco engaging, Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta interviewed The Doseum Exhibits Director Meredith Doby at the request of Branch Manager Cindy Pope. Doby provided several best practices as well as tips and techniques for keeping play and learn items refreshed. Ms. Doby provided information about how their facility purchases items and which vendors had strong reputations for products that withstand high usage.



Teen Librarian Daniella Toll helped support SAPL's presence at the Anime convention San Japan on Sunday September 3. Toll made several fun observations that she plans to implement into Teen programming. Overwhelmingly she found the attendees of the San Japan convention enjoy costume design and exhibition.



Adult Services Librarian and Assistant Branch Manager Matthew Loaiza hosted a wellness event on Wednesday, September 13. Loaiza partnered with Mays Family YMCA at Potranco's registered dietitian Chelsea Crawford, RD/LD. Crawford and Loaiza designed a cooking demo in support of the SAPL Strong Wellness Initiative. Almost a dozen SAPL team members gathered in the YMCA's Teaching Kitchen while Crawford demonstrated a few basic cooking techniques. Crawford then led the staff through a delicious recipe for pumpkin chili. The staff in attendance had a great time learning about healthy meal options, enjoying their pumpkin chili, and treating themselves to some dark chocolate bark after all of their hard work.



Bilingual Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes visited Fisher Elementary on Wednesday September 13 to meet and greet with parents at the school's open house event. Reyes spoke to parents and children about the library and the programs offered at Potranco Branch Library. Reyes explained how easy it is to become a patron at SAPL to the few that didn't already have a library card. Branch event calendars were shared to demonstrate the valuable programs being offered by the Potranco team. Reyes also brought a sample of a past Tween Time craft activity which was a big success. Information about SAPL LEARN Centers was also shared with welcoming adult attendees. The information was so well received, Reyes was invited back to Fisher Elementary for career day.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Children attending Kids' Time at Pruitt Library were treated to a fun-filled back-to-school event. The reading of the award-winning title *School's First Day of School* was a big hit. Afterwards, attendees discussed the illustrations and facial expressions representing the various moods. Parents shared some interesting stories about their own elementary school experiences. Attendees made a keepsake craft – a yellow school bus magnet that will come in handy for showing off their schoolwork at home.



Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz provided outreach at the recent Meet the Teacher event held at Montgomery Elementary. She visited with parents, providing them information for upcoming fall events and helpful academic resources for their children. Ms. Saenz also brought along supplies used by the children to construct some amazing bookmarks.



Pruitt's Children's Librarian is collaborating with Camelot Elementary School's librarian as they plan to launch Club Read-a-Lot. Next month they will be discussing *How Tia Lola Came to Stay* by Julia Alvarez in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The fifth graders have received copies of the book and are certainly looking forward to their first meeting.



Plans are in the works for children and tweens to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Pruitt Library. Children will listen to selections about the Aztec and Mayan cultures, and will be constructing some interesting mosaic masks depicting the cultures. The Family Circle Tween Book Club will be discussing Pam Muñoz Ryan's Pure Belpre award-winning biography *The Dreamer* about the life of Chilean Nobel-Prize winner Pablo Neruda.



Roosevelt High School students attended the branch's first Teen Library Volunteer Orientation of the year in early September. They learned about multiple aspects of library operations and ways they can contribute to the library's mission through their volunteer efforts. An additional orientation session will be scheduled during the fall semester.



Teens and families were fascinated by Teen Librarian Rae Downen's pop-up eclipse viewing event. Ms. Downen built several viewers and let patrons take turns looking at the eclipse.



The TGIF Book Group met to discuss the popular title *Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly. Historical fiction is a favorite genre for this longstanding book group. The discussion centered on the author's use of alternating chapters to tell the stories of multiple characters.



The branch's Special Needs Adult Program (SNAP) recognized Skyscraper Day with several stories that culminated in patrons building towers out of plastic cups. Participants experimented with multiple ways to build the sturdiest models, and one patron's tower was over five feet tall.



A session about Internet Basics & Cyber Safety was well-attended. Attendees learned techniques for finding information more quickly by using effective and efficient search strategies. They also explored ways to make passwords more secure.

SAN PEDRO



Fall Programming began August 21. Minecraft Monday continues and *Kids Time* on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. National Playdough Day was celebrated on September 10.



During this period the Children's Librarian contacted the neighborhood schools (both public and private) to resume or start new book clubs. This school year she will facilitate 10 books clubs, which includes two at a school which previously did not have book clubs.



Fall outreach began in late August with Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton visiting two classes at Educare Child Care Center. Fifteen to 20 books were also delivered to each child care/preschool class for their use during the month. In addition, Monte Vista requested thematic books for topics the teachers will be discussing in the month of September.



Toddler Time programs started up again on August 21.



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



Fall programming for children started on August 29 after a break after summer reading ended in July. Fall programs include Toddler Time, Story Time, LEGO Time, Science Time, Gaming and occasional special events.



Toddler Time and Story Time themes have included bugs, farm animals, and camping. The participants hear stories and sing songs related to the theme. The toddlers build with foam blocks when the program concludes, and the Story Time kids do a craft or other activities related to the theme, which can include sensory, motor skill, or STEM activities.



Leslie Elsasser and Sara Ramirez went to the Evelyn King Headstart near Schaefer for the first time on September 6. Leslie read farm animal stories and sang songs to a class of three-year-olds. This will become a monthly outreach activity.



On September 13, Leslie Elsasser and Sara Ramirez appeared on Sinclair Elementary School's morning show to promote Schaefer's upcoming programs for kids. They talked about school-aged programs including LEGO Time, Science Time, Playdough Day, Gaming, and Pirate Come & Go Crafts.



Schaefer celebrated National Playdough Day on Saturday, September 16 by having homemade playdough available in the children's area for kids to play with all day. Kids used cookie cutters, rolling pins, and other tools to mold and shape the playdough.



Summer Reading officially ended on August 31. More than 1,000 kids signed up for the program and close to 300 kids finished and received their free books.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez began the fall programs with Science Time, an after-school program geared towards school-aged kids every other Thursday. During the reporting period, Science

Time had two meetings. On August 31, there was an engineering themed Science Time, where children were able to build with a variety of different materials including blocks, rolled up newspaper, Popsicle sticks and clothespins, play dough and skewers, and straws and connectors. Children were encouraged to sketch a blueprint of their design and use any and all materials to construct. On September 14, Science Time explored dinosaurs and paleontology! Children were junior paleontologists for the day while they constructed dinosaur skeletons out of fossilized bones (newspaper rolls). They also hunted for dinosaur eggs outside near the playground and used kid-friendly paleontologist tools to unearth the baby dinos.



On September 16, Schaefer Library celebrated National Play dough Day! All day long patrons were able to sculpt, create, and play with an assortment of play dough. Library Assistant Sara Ramirez created a few different types of play dough including multicolor, cinnamon scented, and fruit punch flavored. Patrons of all ages enjoyed this fun sensory-filled activity.



Teen Services Librarian Cindy Cruz visited several campuses to promote library services during the reporting period. Cindy visited Lopez Middle School with Marisa DeBow, East Central High School with Blanca Hurley, and STEM Early College High School. Cindy visited with parents, students, and faculty to promote library card sign up for the new school year. In-house teen programs included a pancake making cooking program, 3D printing, and an Anime night.



The Schaefer branch survived the darkness of August 21! One hundred and fifty three people showed up to share eclipse glasses and watch the eclipse occur from the wide open Schaefer Branch Library lawn.



In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Schaefer Library is displaying a photo montage of the life, accomplishments, and legacy of César Estrada Chávez. The display will be featured in the group study area from September 12 through the end of the celebration.



Adult Services Librarian Samantha Gordano attended the September 12 meeting of the local Rotary Club to discuss adult coloring at the library, the benefits of this particular form of art therapy, and where SAPL offers such programming throughout the system.

SEMMES



Children's Librarians Randi Jones and Brian Douglass chose not to take a programming pause in late August and continued to provide programming throughout the month. August highlights included a visit from Naturalist Tom Kinsey on Thursday, August 17. Mr. Kinsey brought several animals, including some snakes, rats, and a toad. Children were invited to learn more about the animals that live all around us and how they make our world a happier place.



Tween Time continues to be a popular program on Wednesday afternoons. Mr. Douglass and Library Assistant Melody Smith offer a variety of activities for the tweens, including crafts and games. A recent favorite activity is putting on original puppet plays using the Semmes puppet stage and various puppets.



On Saturday, September 16, Ms. Jones helped local children celebrate Playdough Day at the branch. Homemade playdough was provided for the children to use to create wonderful sculptures. The recipe for the dough was also given to parents, so that they could make more of the playdough at home.



Weekly Teen Times and bi-monthly Yu-Gi-Oh tournaments continued at the branch. Brian Douglass has also been giving a series of computer coding classes for Tweens and Teens. The end goal for the classes is that participants will be able to write their own computer programs. Interest in the coding classes continues to grow.



The Semmes Branch received a lovely gift of \$5,000 from the Semmes Foundation to use for library programming at the branch. Staff members are currently planning the best ways to utilize the funds. The staff of the branch is always grateful to the Semmes Foundation and the many ways the Foundation contributes to the branch.

THOUSAND OAKS



On August 16, the branch hosted Tom Kinsey and his Learn Nature program. The families that attended enjoyed the program and meeting the animals he brought. August 22 the branch hosted our final Summer Family movie with a showing of *The Secret Life of Pets* – this was a successful series, and will be continued next summer.



Children's Librarian Ann Laird visited Northern Hills Elementary for their Back to School Night. She spoke with parents about Live Homework Help, children's programs, and distributed library cards. Toddler Time and Story Time have resumed with a change in schedule. They begin at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. respectively. Tween Time on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. and Baby Time at 10:30 a.m. are new programs that have been added for the fall quarter. The library is also hosting a Family Game Night on the last Monday evening of the month.



Teens at Thousand Oaks explored their creative side with art, baking, and jewelry making. Teens created works of art to decorate the Teen Space using acrylic and watercolor paints. The next week, they tried their hand at making macaroons, a delicate, almond-based sandwich cookie. Although very few were eaten as sandwich cookies, the Teens were impressed with the results and many took the recipe home to try again. Teens requested a jewelry making session, and several left that Wednesday evening with new, handmade choker necklaces. The Wednesday evening group has been growing, with regulars inviting friends and siblings to join the group. One teen was glad she invited her sister, exclaiming "This is the most social I've ever seen her!"



Thousand Oaks Teens continue to select weekly activities, with host Librarian Theresa Ybarra procuring supplies as needed. Ms Ybarra also continues to visit the Academy for Creative Education's New Student Orientation, introducing Teens to library services and inviting them to visit their nearest branch library.



Seniors participating in the North East Senior Center Book Club enjoyed the latest selection *Right Behind You* by Lisa Gardner. Readers enjoyed the author's style and delved in to the problems that can affect children growing up in the foster care system. Many readers were interested in more books featuring the detectives in the book and requested more titles from this author.



The Thursday Book Club read *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens. The discussion and selection was enjoyed by all.



The Thousand Oaks Branch Library hosted a Great American Eclipse program. The library had 1,200 people show up to make crafts, eat snacks, and watch the eclipse. The branch had 100 pair of solar glasses to give out. When those 100 pairs of glasses were given away, patrons made their own pin hole viewers. The branch had a Wii Dance Party for children of all ages. Participants enjoyed dancing to their favorite songs and competing with other attendees. Thousand Oaks Branch broke the daily birth certificates sold record, selling 68 birth certificates.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



On September 2, Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler started a new Yoga Storytime held the first Saturday afternoon of each month. The program incorporates early literacy learning with embodied play through simple yoga. The program is geared for children ages four to eight and will hopefully grow as word gets out on this innovative program.



Ms. Braeuler started up Baby Time for fall programming on the first Saturday of the month which has seen attendance double since its inception last spring. Librarian Braeuler's weekly programs of Toddler, Baby, Tween and Come and Go crafts all began with strong attendance including some returning regulars and some new families.



Ms. Braeuler attended Mission Mitsubishi's Back to School event on August 17. Kids and families participated in a craft related to the school theme. Attendees also received information on Homework Help and other library activities and services. Librarian Braeuler met with some administration staff at Garner Middle School to discuss upcoming library programs, behavior expectations, and parking issues.



Beginning readers and middle schoolers waited to read to a dog at Tobin's first program of this type. Librarian Braeuler partners with therapy animal handler Margaret Rivera and her dog as kids practice developing their literacy skills by reading aloud to Angel the dog.



Megan Coker, Teen Librarian, put together a Karaoke – Sing Along special event on August 31 to welcome kids back to the library. Many thanks to Teen Services for purchasing 3 Karaoke microphones as part of a kit that Ms. Coker compiled. The kit includes a resource guide related to computer links and sites for music and lyrics and instructions for hosting a similar event at other branches. Teens especially liked the disco multi colored light that was on throughout the program.



Ms. Coker presented the computer logistics and hints on using the Karaoke kit at the monthly Teen Librarian meeting on September 13. Other branches can check out the kit from Central's Teen Services Department and let their teens join in this very popular activity as well.



Another creative teen program Ms. Coker introduced on September 7 was "glow in the dark goodness". Teens enjoyed glow in the dark bowling, ring toss, tic tac toe and painting. The painting proved to be the most popular as the youth designed original drawings.



The Interesting Book Club meets monthly on the first Wednesday. Recent selections have included Imbola Mbue's *Behold the Dreamers* and Judy Blume's *In the Unlikely Event*. Attendance has grown so that titles are being shared among members to join in on the lively discussions.



Patrons and visitors who walk in for e-reader assistance are being taught how to utilize the library's newest digital app for downloading books, Libby. Librarian Megan Coker assembled flyers for the various types of devices to help users embrace this app. Reference employees still demonstrate downloading Overdrive on a daily basis with devices that cannot utilize Libby.



The branch saw good attendance for the live streaming of the solar eclipse on August 21. Both patrons and staff enjoyed sharing glasses outside watching the sun during the peak eclipse time. Librarian Megan Coker compiled several instructional flyers, including bilingual pamphlets, related to safely watching the eclipse and science facts about the event. These materials were available for the week preceding and the day of the event and readily picked up by visitors.



Tobin at Oakwell welcomed Auriel Piñales who started as part-time Library Assistant during this period. Ms. Piñales comes from Central Shelving having recently completed her Bachelor's Degree with extensive volunteer hours in various roles at four different locations.



Tobin personnel appreciated the swift action by City officials to ensure safety for both the citizens of San Antonio and library personnel for potential flooding and high winds from Hurricane Harvey. After the library closures on August 26 and 27, Tobin employees assisted a number of evacuees. Information on the City's processing center for displaced people was provided along with issuing library cards and sharing library services to aid these folks.



The branch had 100% participation by employees in the City's annual Charitable Campaign. Tobin's staff embraces the COSA values of teamwork and professionalism and wanted to make a difference by giving towards the "Heart of the Community" theme this year and helping SAPL meet or exceed its campaign goal.



National Playdough Day was celebrated out in the library on September 12 to accommodate all ages. Everyone liked squishing and mashing the homemade clay and enjoyed this fun activity.

WESTFALL



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



Children's Librarian Imelda Merino planned and presented eight in-house programs for children with a total attendance of 82. Ms. Merino also attended a "Back to School" event at Wilson Elementary and visited with 20 children and 17 adults. During the weeks before area schools started up, the branch had many children turning in reading logs to get their prize books and certificates for the summer reading program.



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.



The Westfall LEARN @ SAPL Center continues to be busy during the summertime. Over 200 people have stopped by the center for assistance with résumé writing, online job applications, and educational support. The English as a Second Language (ESL) class held every Saturday afternoon continues to be popular with the community and well attended. In September, LEARN @ SAPL offered a variety of computer classes that included Microsoft Word, Excel, online searching, and email basics.



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.



In September, the branch staff received EnC.O.R.E. cards for their hard work and dedication to SAPL. In particular, Circulation Attendant Aleida Ireta received a positive comment card from a patron for her excellent professionalism. Also, Michelle Rickman and everyone at the branch received a card praising their teamwork, integrity, innovation, and professionalism. Positive feedback from the community is always welcomed.



Nathaniel Laubner accepted the position as permanent manager at the Westfall Branch Library. Mr. Laubner looks forward working with the team at the branch and couldn't ask for a more dedicated and enthusiastic staff. However, he will miss working with the team at Pan American.



Finally, the Westfall Branch staff will say farewell and good luck to Paschal Booker who will be ending his service to SAPL at the end of the month. Mr. Booker connected with the community right away as well as with the branch team. He will be missed by everyone.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

AUGUST 2017

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

FY 2017

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



6,673,206 ↓ 1%
ITEMS
BORROWED

CIRCULATION: GOAL



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

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



5,110,641 ↑ 5%
VISITS

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



5,710,000
TOTAL FY GOAL
FYTD GOAL
98% OF FYTD GOAL MET

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



551,430
COMPUTER
HOURS



1,766,958
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

2,318,388 ↑ 5%
TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



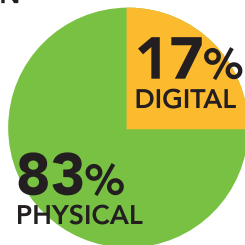
2,450,000
TOTAL FY GOAL
FYTD GOAL
104% OF FYTD GOAL MET

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

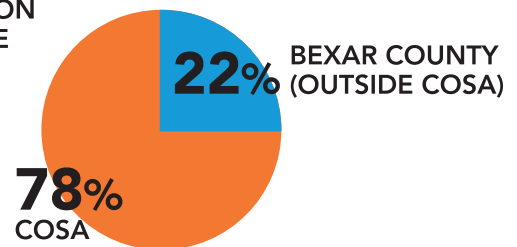
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



2,737,999

MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

706,401

MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

1,703,326

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VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



344,184

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

89,552

ADULT PROGRAMS

49,664

TEEN PROGRAMS

204,968

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

SOLAR ECLIPSE

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19 PROGRAMS

6,929 ATTENDEES



Eclipse viewing at Central Library

San Antonio Public Library

August 2017 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,252	9,856	8,411	2,143	6,268
Brook Hollow	28,314	18,930	5,185	1,154	4,031
Carver	4,991	8,295	4,790	1,773	3,017
Central	29,641	60,134	43,646	11,307	32,339
Cody	36,517	22,002	6,919	1,392	5,528
Collins Garden	7,241	8,706	6,668	1,927	4,741
Cortez	7,173	11,877	4,837	1,478	3,359
Encino	22,285	14,729	4,146	510	3,636
Forest Hills	8,363	7,903	3,419	1,193	2,225
Great Northwest	26,670	17,747	6,593	1,613	4,979
Guerra	11,845	9,402	6,964	1,990	4,974
Igo	30,395	22,941	7,037	1,233	5,803
Johnston	11,985	14,260	5,369	1,574	3,795
Landa*	98	0	704	0	704
Las Palmas	5,697	13,383	5,278	1,643	3,635
Maverick	25,650	12,974	5,790	1,926	3,864
McCreless	11,741	13,958	5,928	1,592	4,336
Memorial	6,780	8,908	5,374	1,448	3,926
Mission	12,698	15,889	9,548	2,554	6,994
Pan American	7,486	6,261	4,152	1,719	2,433
Parman	31,466	26,302	5,354	754	4,601
Potranco	20,668	18,123	15,069	763	14,305
Pruitt	6,672	10,519	2,567	883	1,685
San Pedro	5,796	8,802	2,709	707	2,002
Schaefer	12,121	12,217	5,289	939	4,350
Semmes	25,104	18,958	7,067	2,196	4,871
Thousand Oaks	12,195	14,070	5,422	1,213	4,209
Tobin	22,990	16,594	5,665	1,745	3,920
Westfall	16,167	14,891	8,048	2,489	5,559
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,492	309	N/A	309
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,005	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	84,057	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	110,243	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	649,306	440,123	208,254	51,858	156,396

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

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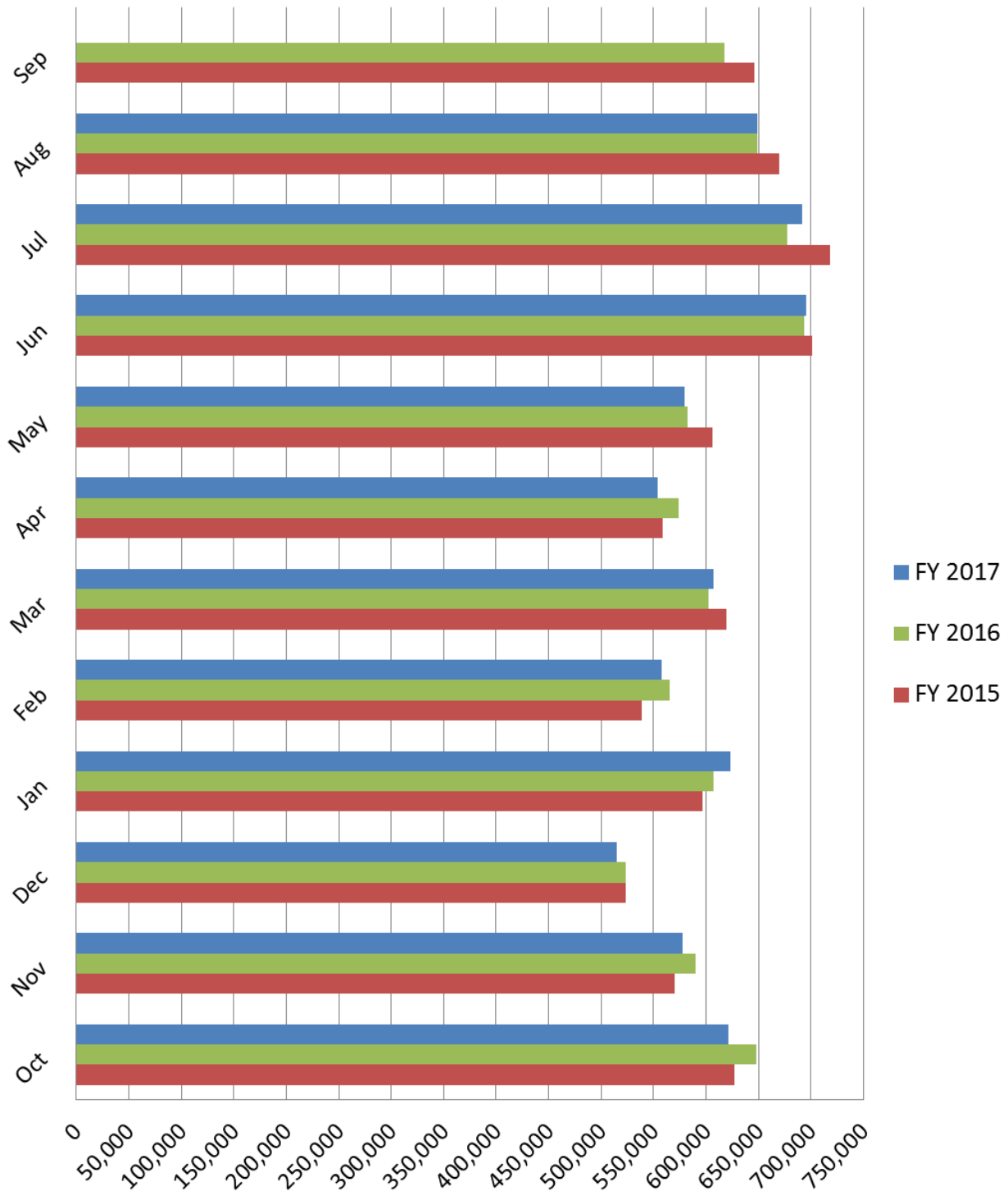
August 2017 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	39	20	10	9	590	186	332	72
Brook Hollow	17	7	5	5	208	90	19	99
Carver	33	23	6	4	385	203	32	150
Central	118	14	94	10	2,806	1,308	1,073	425
Cody	19	10	4	5	282	87	20	175
Collins Garden	22	7	3	12	327	117	15	195
Cortez	93	83	2	8	486	232	0	254
Encino	44	19	14	11	682	172	178	332
Forest Hills	18	10	3	5	82	35	11	36
Great Northwest	23	13	7	3	514	198	47	269
Guerra	22	15	5	2	211	132	34	45
Igo	33	19	3	11	892	194	6	692
Johnston	24	11	8	5	808	461	88	259
Landa*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Las Palmas	22	4	8	10	377	44	63	270
Maverick	13	3	5	5	263	61	10	192
McCreless	25	2	6	17	357	10	60	287
Memorial	15	10	0	5	606	596	0	10
Mission	61	35	14	12	1,311	1,008	150	153
Pan American	42	23	8	11	446	162	121	163
Parman	50	26	6	18	3,564	3,025	102	437
Potranco	32	6	18	8	608	43	44	521
Pruitt	25	10	1	14	758	84	25	649
San Pedro	12	1	0	11	154	60	0	94
Schaefer	42	19	8	15	644	348	79	217
Semmes	44	3	9	32	924	12	63	849
Thousand Oaks	16	5	6	5	1,437	1,250	81	106
Tobin	20	7	4	9	419	96	27	296
Westfall	16	5	1	10	159	40	0	119
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Little Read Wagon	6	0	0	6	347	0	0	347
TOTAL	946	410	258	278	20,647	10,254	2,680	7,713

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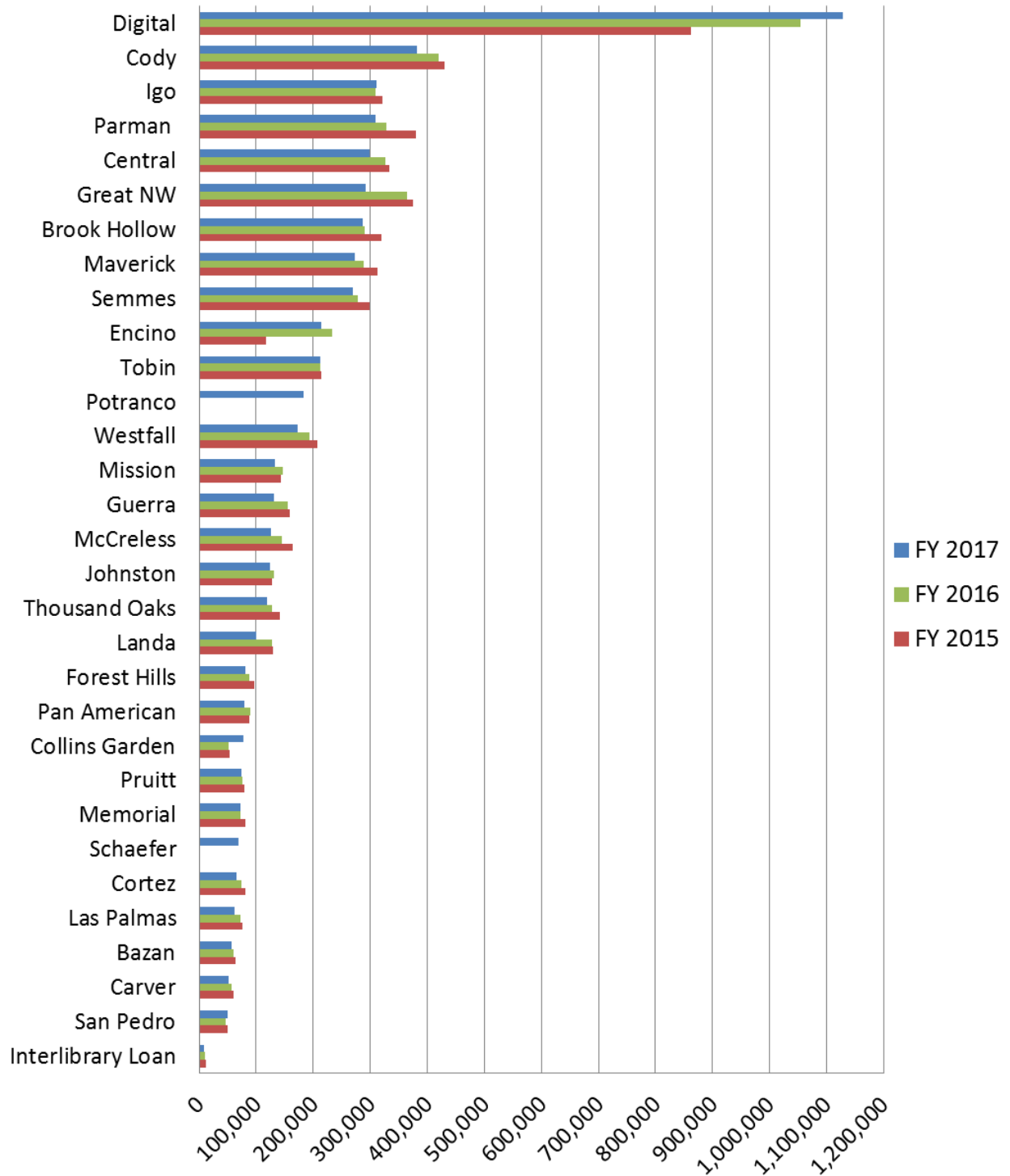
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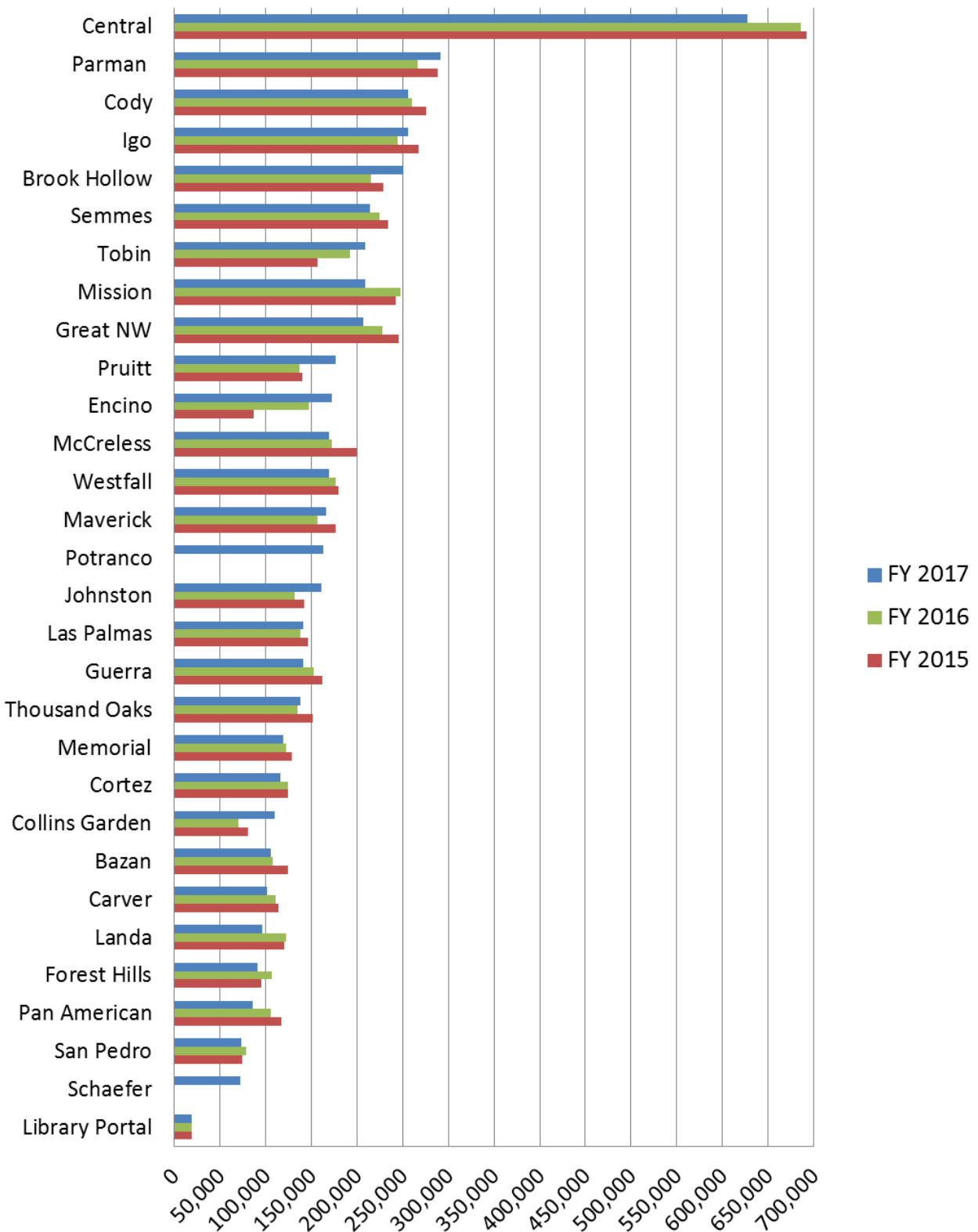
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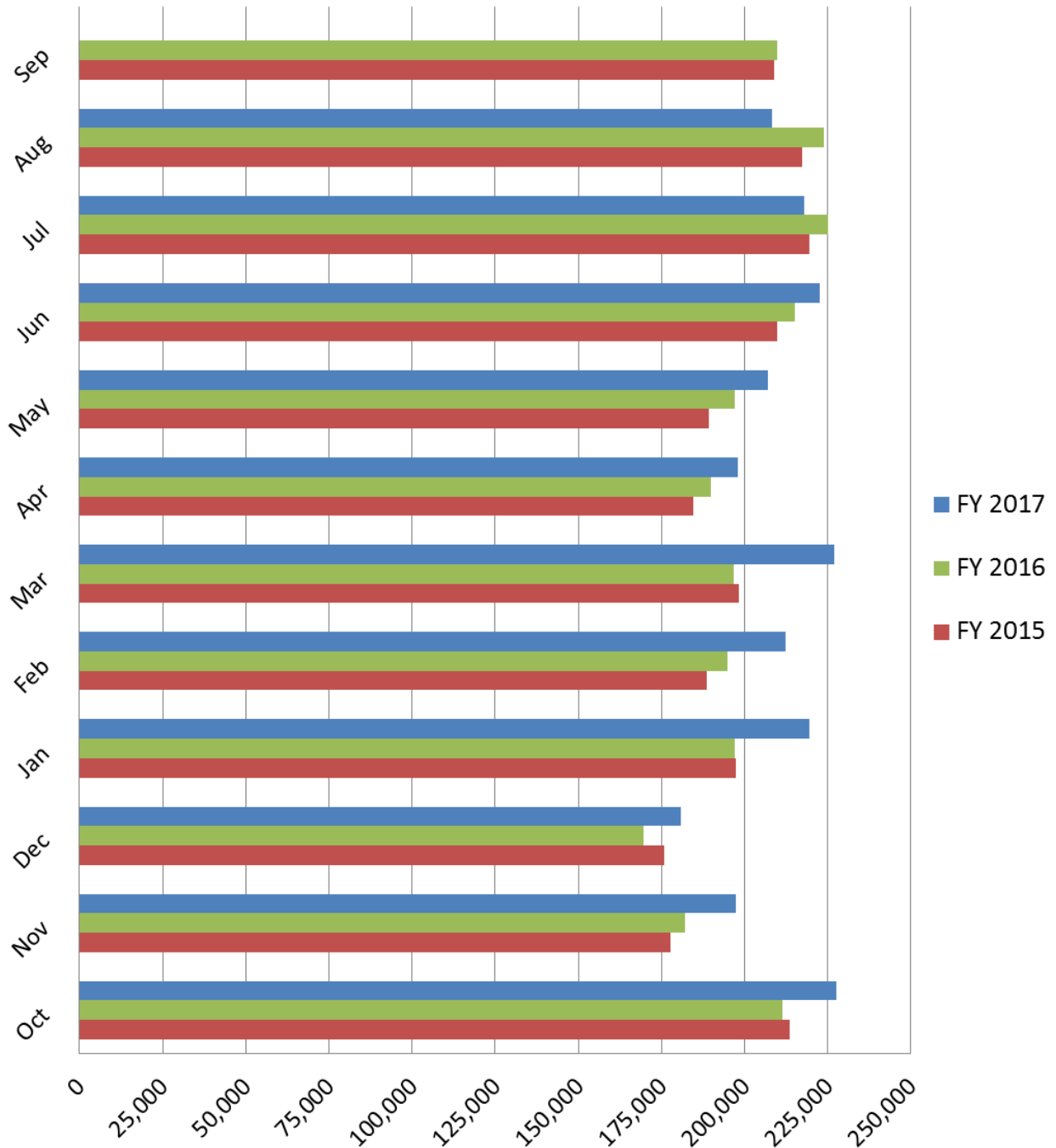
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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