



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

Landa Branch Library 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration- Saturday, October 14, 2017

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



On September 23, 2017 Roberto Anguiano Sr. passed away at the age of 77. In addition to a community leader, Mr. Anguiano was a strong advocate for the Mission Branch Library (D3) founding President of the Friends of the Mission Branch Library. The Library has created a memorial at the Mission Branch Library in honor of Mr. Anguiano's many contributions to the Library and the San Antonio Community. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 5 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapel – South followed by a Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at Mission San Jose Church followed by Interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



The Library, along with Pre-K 4 SA, is a tour stop in an ICMA Field Demonstration Tour, entitled *Innovation in Education*, during the upcoming ICMA Conference. The session will begin with a tour of the PreK 4 SA West location and conclude at the award winning Potranco Branch Library (D6) co located with the YMCA. The tour is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 12:45 to 4:00 p.m. The Library will feature the self-service technologies available at Library locations as well as other innovations in service delivery.



As previously reported, the Library, in coordination with ITSD, launched an initiative to develop an IT Roadmap aimed with the primary goal of positioning the San Antonio Public Library to be at the forefront of innovation, service delivery and through the utilization of state-of-the-art technology. To accomplish this, the Library and ITSD contracted with consulting firm Gartner, an industry expert for technology consulting. As part of this initiative, the Library will distribute a customer survey to obtain community feedback. To reach a broad audience of both users and non-users, the Library will launch a survey through multiple channels beginning on Friday, October 13, 2017. Some of the channels of distribution include: City Council e-newsletters, current library users, all library locations, City Departments, partner agencies and more. The survey will be available through the end of October 2017.



The Central Library will be the venue for the annual SAREads news conference announcing the outcome of SAREads Summer Book Drive. This event is scheduled for Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. The Library is a partner with SAREads by serving as a venue for book drive donation site during the SAREads Summer Book Drive. Congress Castro is confirmed to attend the event and expected to deliver remarks. The SAREads Summer Book Drive was started by Congressman Joaquín Castro during his tenure in the Texas House of Representatives. Since 2010, the SAREads Book Bank has distributed over 300,000 children's books to schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the metro area. It has expanded to include a variety of partners including the countless community members who donated books at 60 locations across Bexar County.



The San Antonio Public Library Foundation is hosting a dia de los muertos themed fundraising event, Catrina Ball, at the Central Library on Saturday, October 23, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Library's Latino Collection and Resource Center. The event features Rosemary Kowalski as honorary La Catrina and Pete Cortez as honorary El Catrin for the event and Kaye Kilpatrick Fox serving as Catrina Ball Chair.



The Library Department will celebrate the Landa Branch Library's 70th Anniversary on Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m. Councilman Trevino has confirmed his attendance for the event and is expected to deliver remarks. State Senator Menendez and State Representative Bernal facilitated a Joint Resolution in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary occasion. It is expected the State Senator Menendez will present the resolution during the program. The event is an opportunity to showcase the recent improvements to this library facility. On September 21 the Landa Branch Library reopened following a 16 week temporary closure for interior and exterior improvements to the historical building. The project was funded through

deferred maintenance (\$620,000) and capital outlay (\$195,000) in addition to a private donation (\$10,000). The project scope included interior and exterior restoration and painting, electrical system upgrades, restroom renovations, roof system replacement, space reconfiguration improvements, and professional historic restoration design services. The Office of Historic Preservation and the Monte Vista Historical Association participated on the Project Team.



To allow time to transform the Central Library for the Catrina Ball, the Library Board authorized the Central Library to close two hours early on Saturday, October 28, 2017. The Library will redirect patrons to nearby Library locations and will post signage at the Central Library to notify patrons of the early closure.



On October 17, 2017 the Central Library will serve as the venue for the Mayor's Housing Policy Taskforce Meeting #2. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Library is coordinating with ITSD, the City Manager's Office and the City Center Development Office - Planning Department to serve as the venue for the meeting.



On October 31, 2017, Councilman Courage will lead a children's story time during a Halloween themed event at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. The story time is expected to begin at 11 a.m. with free play and snacks planned until 12:30 p.m. The opportunity came about when Councilman Courage's Office inquired about Fall / Halloween themed events planned for District 9 Libraries- Brook Hollow Branch, Encino Branch and Parman Branch.

## MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month include: *Express News* and *MySA.com* published an article about the reopening of Landa Branch Library; on September 25, Cleto Rodriguez from Fox 29 did a live segment promoting the Human Library; On September 25, Ramiro Salazar, Emma Hernandez, and John Phillip Santos were featured on TPR's live call-in show *The Source* to discuss the importance of the Latino Collection and Resource Center; "Feed Your Freedom at the San Antonio Public Library," an article by Community and Public Relations Manager Caitlin Cowart about the Library's voting campaign was published in the *Texas Library Journal*; "Amplify Your Impact: Marketing Libraries Is a Team Effort," an article by Community and Public Relations Manager Caitlin Cowart about marketing for libraries was published in the *American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association Quarterly* newsletter; Central Library was featured on KSAT 12, News 4 WOAI, and Spectrum News as the host of the League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area--Transportation Needs of San Antonio public meeting on Monday, October 9; *Local Community News* featured the reopening of Landa Branch Library and the upcoming 70th anniversary event; On September 30, News 4 WOAI aired a package about the new Latino Collection and Resource Center at Central Library; On October 5, San Antonio Public Library's role in closing the digital divide and our participation in the Digital Inclusion Alliance was featured in the *Rivard Report*, with a quote from Library Services Administrator Candelaria Mendoza.



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize, and staff several events during the reporting period including: the Human Library and the Landa 70th Anniversary.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: Teen Arts Fest; Rock the Plaza; IT Road Map surveys and ballot boxes; Landa Boo; Landa 70th Anniversary; HR lanyards, reels and tote bags; Maria Tallchief event materials; Native American Heritage Month materials; new marketing event templates.



The Marketing team provided outreach support at: WiFi in the Park at Cuellar Park on September 23 and Guns & Hoses City Softball Tournament on October 1.



The team is currently planning a press announcement for the Latino Collection and Resource Center, a press announcement for the relocation of a District 8 City Council Field Office in Igo Branch Library, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Igo Branch Library scheduled for December 16.

### **Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:**

The Marketing Team responded to 629 direct messages through social media during the reporting period. MySAPL social media channels directed 600 people to mysapl.org.

Trumba listings received an average of 12 views each during the reporting period. Trumba events that were promoted by the Marketing Team via social media averaged 83 views.

"Landa Branch Library Reopens" was the most popular post on Facebook with 412 clicks, comments, and shares.

Our number of male Facebook fans increased 5% since the last reporting period.

@mysapl received 120 mentions on Twitter.

The tweet announcing Landa's reopening reached 111,658 people on Twitter.

#mysapl was used 166 times on Instagram during the reporting period.

The flyer announcing Landa's reopening received 131 likes and comments on Instagram.

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

1. Facebook: 14,531 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,024 followers
3. Pinterest: 110 followers
4. Instagram: 2,108 followers
6. Snapchat: 115 followers

## **DIGITAL SERVICES**



Digital Services team members Ron Suszek and Tricia Masterson welcomed visitors to the OverDrive Digital BookMobile at the Landa 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 14.

The hi-tech, traveling exhibit allowed users to interact with technology, discover the vastness of the Library's digital collection, and receive instruction and assistance from staff. It was a great opportunity to introduce or reacquaint community members to one of the Library's fastest growing services.



The Digital Services team has been involved with formulating some of the survey tools incorporated within the IT Roadmap. These surveys are intended to provide critical feedback regarding community and staff assessment of current library infrastructure and future direction of service.

## **LITTLE READ WAGON**



### **Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents**

A week-long series of events was held at Tynan Early Childhood Education Center. Julia Lazarin proposed a new variation on the workshop format by positioning the team outdoors where it is easier to catch the attention of waiting parents. Each afternoon the Little Read Wagon team set up on the front lawn of the Head Start facility with a canopy, tables, and chairs for a parent workshop. Parents were invited to spend a few minutes making a bedtime routine chart and talking about early literacy while waiting for their children to be dismissed.

After picking up their children at Tynan, families were encouraged to spend a moment, or longer, reading together in one of the reading tents also set up on the lawn. In spite of a couple wet days, the families were very enthusiastic about their participation in the after school reading activities. Ms. Tristan, Head Start Education Specialist, took several pictures of one of the events and posted them on the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) Early Childhood Facebook page.

One-time presentations were made at Big Country Elementary, Walker Elementary, Carroll Early Childhood Education Center, Palo Alto Elementary, and Hutchins Elementary. One-time presentations vary in length based on the needs of the campus, but can be up to 90 minutes long. At each presentation parents and caregivers are given library and early literacy information, invited to make a literacy-related item, and offered a brand new children's book.



### **Services to Teen Parents**

Clair Larkin made many presentations to school-age parents in several school districts. Ms. Larkin's visits included Navarro Academy, SAISD Homebound, Jefferson High School, Tejada Academy, McCollum High School, Harlandale High School, Madison High School, Churchill High School, South San High School, and Lanier High School. Megan Cruz accompanied Ms. Larkin on several visits to observe and prepare to make her own presentations.



### **Outreach Story Time Programs**

Cresencia Huff took six reading tents and several book kits to Kriewald Road Elementary for a family story time. Several families of children in Pre-K and kindergarten came to enjoy the transformed school library and read together in the tents.



### **Play & Learn**

Five weeks of Play & Learn programming concluded at two parks: Cassiano Park on the West side of town, and Northridge Park near Alamo Heights. Programs at both locations were well-attended even on rainy days. The group size at Northridge Park grew to rival summertime crowds. Families who participated at either location are looking forward to the programs that will be offered at O. P. Schnabel Park in late October and November.

Jasmin Salinas, Children's Librarian at Landa, recognized Ms. Lazarin with an ENCORE card for her interactions with children and families. One of Ms. Salinas' regular customers at Landa also happened to attend Play & Learn at Cassiano Park. The parent was so appreciative of Ms. Lazarin's engagement with her child at the play dough table. She posted a short video of the interaction on Instagram.



### **Community Events**

Ms. Huff, along with Imelda Merino of Westfall, had an information table at the Harmon Kelley Parent Teacher Organization meeting. The meeting was very well attended and all of the parents stopped by the table to learn about the library. Ms. Huff also made a brief appearance at a Center for New Communities Home Based Head Start meeting to deliver packets of information and introduce the Little Read Wagon program to the parents.

Ms. Lazarin set up an information table at the sparsely attended Spring Hill Community Center health fair. Elizabeth Huber invited children at the Avance Dia de la Familia event to make *luchador* or *calavera* masks. Many older children made masks alongside their Early Head Start and Head Start siblings. Ms. Huber also had an information table and pumpkin decorating activity at the South San ISD Community Night.



### **Workshops for Teachers**

Ms. Huff presented “Reading from the Heart,” to a group of six Harlandale ISD Pre-K 3 teachers. The workshop was requested for the small group that is part of a Pre-K 4SA grant.

Pre-K 4SA provided training room space at the North center for a Little Read Wagon workshop on supporting diversity in the classroom through books, songs, and rhymes that reflect the children of the community. The workshop, held on October 14, was attended by thirty-nine early childhood professionals.



Elmendorf Community Library requested early literacy training as they are developing their own programming for children in their neighborhood. Ms. Larkin and Ms. Huff spent two hours reviewing Every Child Ready to Read and the many early childhood programming options they might consider. Ms. Huff will return to the library at the end of October to support their first early literacy activity.

Ms. Huff was invited to make a report to the board of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. The group was excited to hear about Little Read Wagon's work offering Play & Learn programs at area parks.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The Children's Librarians prepared for the Fall Programs including Hispanic Heritage Month, Halloween activities, World Octopus day and Fall Play and Learn.



Library Children's Coordinator Dr Viki Ash finalized evaluation documentation related to the 2017 Summer Reading Program.



Dr. Ash participated in Library Round up for Region 20 on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



### Off-Site Service

Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor, Lisa Leandro (Library Assistant/Teen Liaison, Pan American Library) and Emily Young (Teen Services Librarian I, Mission Library) visited McCollum High School on September 25 for a lunchtime outreach for library card sign-up and promotion of fall activities for Teen Time. Adam also helped build a relationship with the school librarian and English Department that promises to manifest into a Book Club opportunity for teens at McCollum.

Adam worked alongside Megan Stanley (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Rebekah Corley (Library Assistant/Teen Liaison, Landa Library) to facilitate the experience of library card sign-up and outreach at Edison High School on September 27. The students learned about the various resources available through Overdrive, in the Library's catalog, and at the various teen programs around the SAPL system. All students signed up for library cards and received flyers for Live Homework Help and Teen Time programs.

Manager of the Teen Library @ Central Kathleen Fordyce attended the District 6 WiFi in the Park event at Cuellar Park on September 23. Kathleen gave a presentation to kids and teens about Live Homework Help provided by the Library.



### San Antonio Food Bank

The annual Kids Café afterschool snack program sponsored by the San Antonio Food Bank began at the Teen Library on October 2. To fulfill a requirement of the Kids Café, Teen Library Assistant Manager Megan Stanley attended a training session at the Food Bank before the program began.



### Fiesta Youth

The Library has partnered with Fiesta Youth, the only LGBTQ organization in San Antonio that specifically serves teens. Fiesta Youth is presenting four teen programs in the library system as a pilot program. The first one, *Make Your Own Novela*, took place at Bazan Branch Library on September 18 and at Westfall Branch Library on September 25. The second program, *Marvelous Monsters: Your Queer Halloween*, took place at the Teen Library @ Central on October 11. Bren Betico, a local hair and makeup artist, asked for volunteers to do demonstrations of scary makeup for Halloween. There will be two more programs in the series: a sculpture program at McCreless Branch Library in November and an ornament craft program at Encino Branch Library in December. Teen Services staff is hopeful that the partnership will continue into the future with more positive and engaging programs hosted by Fiesta Youth.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The San Antonio Public Library hosted a Human Library event on September 30 at Central, Mission, and Parman libraries. The Human Library is an international program starting in Denmark that has the aim of challenging stereotypes and prejudices. People representing more than 40 topics were available for check out for 20 minute conversations. Some of the topics available included Muslim American, Female Wrestler, Catholic Theology Teacher, Cancer Survivor, 9/11 Responder, Blind Braille Reader, Hospice Nurse, Hindu Scholar, and Uber Driver. Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes was interviewed on *Where's Cleto* along with three of the "books" in advance of the program. Cleto Rodriguez was also a book representing a Comedian and TV Personality at the Central Library. The event was planned by a group of sixteen staff members from throughout the Library system. Both readers and books came away with a greater understanding of each other and many requested that we hold this event again and frequently.



Several programs planned by Adult Services staff for Hispanic Heritage Month were held in the newly opened Latino Collection and Resource Center. Central Library Adult Librarian Cynthia DeLeon brought author Barbara Renaud Gonzalez to the Library for a reading and presentation. Texana Librarian Sylvia Reyna hosted the Chili Queens of San Antonio including a presentation and chili tasting. Ms. Reyna also led a genealogy class on Hispanic Roots. Assistant Managers Romeo Rosales (Pan American) and Ben Longoria (Maverick) organized two programs which were held in the LCRC. A Night with Lionel Sosa and Sisters and Brothers: Mexican Revoltosos in San Antonio before 1910 were both well received.



The Adult Services staff have been tasked with planning programming that relates to current events and social issues. The Human Library marked the beginning of this series of programs which will include topics such as race, immigration, voting rights, and women in leadership. Plática Comunitaria: Puerto Rico/Community Conversation: Puerto Rico will be held in the Latino Collection and Resource Center on October 24th at 6 p.m. Panelists will include Francheska Rios (Puerto Rico Rises SA, largest local volunteer effort to aid PR), Giovanni Reyes (Author Giovanni Reyes served 12 years in the U.S. Army, and is a volunteer member of Iraq Veterans Against the War), and Sybel Lopez Pici (APRISA: Association of Puerto Ricans in San Antonio, Board Chairman of the Children's Chorus of San Antonio). Programs on these topics have been scheduled through January 2018.



Ms. Holmes attended the Centropolitan awards ceremony along with Latino Collection and Resource Center coordinator Emma Hernandez. The Library was nominated for Best Public Partner and the Digital

Inclusion Summit for Best Event. She also attended the Gemini Inkstravaganza at the Pearl Stable honoring Dr. Thomas Ybarra-Frausto on September 28 and the UMAST (Urban Management Association of South Texas) Leadership conference at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center held the same day. The keynote speaker was Brian Elms speaking about the Denver Peak Academy and his work leading project management towards process improvement.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



This month marked the transition from *Baby Time* programming presented by Landa Branch Librarian II Jasmin Salinas to *Play & Learn* offered by Librarians Nicole Cubillas and Lea Ann McDonald. Ms. Salinas led her final *Baby Time* at Central before moving back to the newly renovated Landa Library. The families in attendance surprised her with a party at the end of the program in recognition of her work in continuing the programming at Central during the construction period. The highly popular early childhood program, *Play & Learn*, was reintroduced at Central following Ms. Salinas' departure. Families enjoyed the revival of this interactive program in which children learn through play. The great outdoors was the focus of the first program as children reenacted a story about camping by playing in a child-sized tent along with forest animal puppets. They experienced natural materials like acorns and river stones in the sensory bin stations and made "s'mores" in the faux campfire.



Ms. McDonald planned and presented truly engaging *Toddler Time* programs this month. Children learned all about chickens and delighted in playing with farmyard animal toys, collecting plastic eggs, and doing the chicken dance! They got messy with a pipe cleaner stamping activity that created painted "chicken tracks" and made paper nests for their die-cut chickens. When the focus turned to dinosaurs, children engaged in imaginative play with puppets and a giant nest full of oversized "dinosaur eggs". Sensory experiences ran the gamut from digging in sand for dinosaur toys to creating a prehistoric scene with wet chalk on paper. Ms. McDonald highlighted the classic fairy tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and encouraged children to retell the story through dramatic play with bear puppets, doll beds, and bowls of "porridge". Children put paper bears to sleep in cardboard beds and enjoyed the experience of using bear-shaped cookie cutters in homemade play dough.



Ms. Cubillas shared innovative *Family Fun* programs this month, many of them featuring a literary theme. One session focused on storytelling and saw the children making collages from pages of damaged, withdrawn library books. Afterwards they came together to contribute to a joint storytelling exercise in the "Art Gallery," a space for sharing artistic creations that Ms. Cubillas initiated in the Story Room. Libraries were the theme when children created their own library card holders made from felt. This activity was a big hit with the kids and led many to get library cards with their parents so they could use their handmade card holder! In celebration of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, Ms. Cubillas read stories from different Latin American cultures and led the group in crafted masks in the Aztec style from paper, foil, and sequins. Ms. Cubillas is passionate about STEAM-based education, and she again highlighted technology in her *Family Fun* program about circuits. After sharing stories about robots and electronics, she guided them in the construction of paper circuits using copper tape, watch batteries, and small LED lights.



Manager Kate Simpson led the second graders from St. Luke's Episcopal School on an art and architecture tour of the Central Library. This event has become an annual tradition due to the public library advocacy of Mary Milligan, their school librarian. She has made it a point to introduce her students to all the resources the public library has to offer year after year. One of the special focuses of the tour is the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition, which has inspired many St. Luke's poets submitting their work for consideration.



Students from George Gervin Academy continued their monthly visits to the Central Library, this time focusing on high-interest reading choices which they checked out with their own brand new library cards, which was an exciting experience for all.



Students from the San Antonio College Early Childhood Studies program visited the Central Library as part of their coursework this month. The Children's Department team worked together to select an array of picture books to support their projects.



The team members continued their monthly outreach visits to area daycares. Ms. Simpson presented story times to students in three classrooms at Madison Square Child Development Center. Ms. Cubillas brought fall-themed books to Central Christian Childcare Center. Ms. McDonald began her monthly visits to Green Acres Childcare where she shared stories and songs with the preschoolers there.



The Central Children's Department team came together to help the neighboring Landa Branch Library with craft prep for the Landa Boo celebration. Library Assistant Ana Sandoval used her artistic talents to create an elaborate haunted house mural for the festivities as well.

## 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 ramping up the planning of 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. They 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 teens all participate in playing for background music. They even had an impromptu dance party for a few songs.



**Wednesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Aide):** 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):** With a nod to celebrating culture and observing celebrations, teens expressed themselves creatively through foods and crafts. To honor Hispanic Heritage Month, teens spent the month of September exploring and preparing recipes from various Latin American countries. Having a knowledge that the cacao tree grew in the rain forests where the Mayans lived, teens learned how the Mesoamericans used ground up cacao as a rough drink mixed with chiles and water. Merging the old school with something similar to what they know, teens made sweet truffles, rolling the items in cocoa powder, coconut, and cayenne pepper for a touch of heat to mimic the old way of cacao. They also tasted a 100% cacao bar without sugar or dairy that prompted one teen to state that staff should "use this for punishment" for any library patrons that do not follow Library policy. Afterwards, they used polymer clay to mold items such as chickens, people, and pop culture items. Wrapping up Hispanic Heritage Month, teens cut and cooked plantains to make tostones. Many teens had never tried plantains before so it was a tasty introduction. Teens also used rope and hot glue to make bowls.

For the month of October, teens chose to designate each Thursday night a Halloween theme. First up, *Maleficent* movie night. Teens attempted to make poison candy apples. As the sugar cooled, things got tense, but the results were definitely artistic. Teens also used needle and thread to try their hand (pun intended) at cross stitch. They picked it up fairly easily, with some thread bumps, but every attempt produced a unique item that they were able to make ironing out of. *Coraline* followed afterward, which fit in with the Teen Read Week theme of “Unleash Your Story,” a favorite book turned into a spectacular movie. Teens were inspired to decorate button cookies and make plush dolls, inspired by the movie. Pictures from Thursday programs as well as other Teen Library and system-wide programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>. Some nights, photos and mini-videos are also posted to Teen Library’s Instagram account: <https://instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



### Tours and Groups

On September 20, 60 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from M.L. King Academy visited the library and were given a tour and catalog and database instruction from Teen Library staff. 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



The Latino Team were recognized by PSA Ruth Chiego and Interim Reference Managers Julia Selwyn and Jim Laferla for their hard work on getting collections in place (Spanish and Latino) before the Latino Collection Resource Center (LCRC) grand opening on September 19. The Latino Team (Lily Perez, Bettina Hernandez, Adolph Lopez, Pat Rodriguez, and Cindy DeLeon) diligently shifted and arranged thousands of books over the course of just a few days.



On Sept 24, Cynthia DeLeon and Emma Hernandez hosted a reading by author Bárbara Renaud González in the Latino Collection and Resource Center. Ms. Renaud Gonzalez read excerpts from her book, a compilation of *Express News* columns. She was accompanied by Juan Tejeda on the flute and accordion. This lively gathering included adults, children, and teens.



During the reporting period, Reference staff answered over 150 LibAnswers questions on a variety of subjects including queries for local authors, assistance in downloading specific titles, reader’s advisory, military subjects, job search requests, and community assistance.



The Reference Department’s fall travel display incorporates historic and contemporary global journeys. Frank Neumann’s nephew has traveled over 30 counties, following in the footsteps of travel writer Richard Halliburton, who traveled many of the countries’ 80 years ago. Combining extensive materials from his nephew’s photographs and captions with that in Halliburton’s books, a global display is being created, featuring the 50 counties visited. A binder of pictures from their travels will be available for Central patrons to view. The focus throughout will be the same as the travelers - people and their lives, history, and culture. [The display will be up in mid-October].



Reference’s Sci-fi/Fantasy Book Club met on Wednesday, October 11 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Cristine Mitchamore led a lively discussion on *The Watchmaker of Filigree Street* by Natasha Pulley and the group concluded that the author created an interesting plot that gets very confusing when discussed.

# TEXANA/GENEALOGY



On September 26, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Librarian Sylvia Reyna invited descendants of one of the last Chili Queens to share memories of life on the plazas during those final days. Isabel Sanchez strolled down memory lane, sharing details of her grandmother as her daughter Graciela interviewed her. The evening concluded with a presentation of the different properties of the chili peppers used by the Queens in their recipes, followed by a savory sampling of the historic chili.



Also for Hispanic Heritage Month, Librarian Reyna presented the Genealogy class “Finding your Hispanic Roots”. This September 30 program provided an introduction to researching Hispanic families and surnames, focusing on the unique resources available at the San Antonio Public Library.



Texana’s archives provided many of the photographs and newspaper articles on the Landa family and the Landa Library for their 70th Anniversary celebration held on October 14.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



Children’s Librarian Hope Sonnen attended Odgen Elementary *Literacy Night* in September where she shared information about library programs and services with families. She also attended *National Night Out* at La Trinidad United Methodist Church and found that attendees were very interested in learning more about the LEARN Center at Bazan and the services it offers to the community. Ms. Sonnen started new book clubs with Margil, De Zavala, and Crockett elementary schools where children were excited about the opportunity to participate in the program. The book clubs bring children together to read and discuss grade-level appropriate books in a fun and relaxed environment.



The teen space at Bazan Branch Library attracted teenagers during all hours prompting Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas to offer programming outside of regular programming hours. The impromptu programming included coloring for teens, board games, and miscellaneous crafts.



Ms. Salinas partnered with Fiesta Youth to present a program for Bazan teens on Monday September 18. Fiesta Youth, an LGBTQ organization that works with teens in the community, began the presentation by detailing how theater, acting, and specifically Spanish-language novellas are known to have LGBTQ themes and characters present. Fiesta Youth came prepared with an abundance of props and costumes for the teens to borrow during skits, and teens were asked to create a character, select costumes and props, and create a story for a novella. The teens, enthusiastic and fully engaged, did an extraordinary job with characterization and in creating spontaneous storylines. Participating teens received young adult book titles with LGBTQ themes.



Ms. Salinas, along with teen liaison Edward Mayberry from Guerra, continued their weekly visits to John Jay High School’s GO ELL (English Language Learners) club and presented information about SAPL services for young adults. The presentation focused on Tutor.com, Learning Express Library, and other SAPL homework help options. Ms. Salinas provided presentations in Spanish so students could have a better understanding of the content. Students were also encouraged to visit their local library branch and apply for a library card and meet with a Teen Librarian. Students at the presentation left with Teen Read Week bookmarks, Homework Help flyers, Young Pegasus flyers, volunteer brochures, LEARN brochures, and programming flyers.



The Learn Center at the Bazan Branch Library continued providing an intensive six-week GED course designed to prepare students to pass the Math portion of the GED Exam. An average of five students met weekly for each two-hour session.



Training Officer Emily Flores attended *National Night Out* at the Guadalupe Community Center on October 3. The event, which attracted 150 local residents, was an opportunity to meet and share library resources with the West Side community.



On September 25, Mrs. Flores attended the San Antonio Digital Inclusion Alliance meeting. Mrs. Flores serves on the Training Committee, which is headed by Westfall Training Officer Michelle Rickman.



Painting classes, led by Mr. Ukwanni Warumbe and coordinated by Training Officer Emily Flores continued during the month of September and October. Students participating in the six-week course are learning stress-relieving painting techniques.



On September 23, Bazan held a *Papel Picado Workshop* in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and had over two dozen customers attend. They were introduced to the tradition of this Mexican paper cutting craft and tried their hand at making their own. Angie Merla, a veteran of teaching this tradition, provided supplies and her wisdom to this wonderful event.



Ms. Merla also presented the *Sugar Skull Making Workshop* on October 7. She explained the history of this tradition and how it applied to *Día De Los Muertos*. Over two dozen customers attended and in addition to receiving a premade sugar skull that was ready to decorate, they also were able to make their very own as well. Many families from the community attended. Refreshments were provided by Bazan Branch Library.



On September 27 over a dozen customers enjoyed the last meeting of Coloring for Grown-Ups summer edition. Several patrons brought pizza, cookies, and sandwiches to the program to share and celebrate. Many new faces attended as well as our regulars.



The Bad Girls Romance Book Club at Bazan had a wonderful turn out in September. Book club members discussed two books, *Afterburn/Aftershock* by Sylvia Day and *Sinner's Creed* by Kim Jones, to make up for the program cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey. Member Annette Garza made a delicious pasta dish which tied in with the Italian food themes in Sylvia Day's book. Library Assistant and book club facilitator Enedina Prater showed the trailer for the movie *Afterburn/Aftershock* that will air on Passionflix in November. Cupcakes, candy, and book swag were provided and every patron left with a book to take home. The group also discussed the reading agenda for the end of year and planned a Thanksgiving pot-luck in November.

## BROOK HOLLOW



The Brook Hollow Friends of the Library held a very successful used book sale on Saturday September 23 to raise funds to support the branch. The book sale organizer Pat Bjornson reported that over 20 members of the Friends of the Library volunteered at the event which raised almost \$3,000.



Brook Hollow hosted *Healthy Eating on a Budget* presented by the San Antonio Food Bank. Patrons enjoyed learning about ways to save money while still eating healthy. The feedback about the program was very positive. A patron also mentioned it was a good way to make friends and wants to see more programs like it at the branch. Adult Services Librarian Jenny Borrero is hoping to have a cooking class soon. Brook Hollow also hosted the San Antonio Ghost Hunters to get into the Halloween spirit. Nine people attended including a District 9 representative. Patrons were impressed with the presentation.

On October 11, Animal Care Services came to give a *Pet Care Basics* presentation. Due to lack of attendance, the presenter and Adult Librarian Jenny Borrero are going to try to have the program on a Saturday afternoon.



The Mystery Lovers Book Group had a great discussion about *You Should Have Known* by Jean Korelitz. One of the regular patrons made a homemade lemon cheesecake. It was delicious!



On Tuesday, September 19, Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera presented a pirate-themed *STEM Story Time* in recognition of *International Talk Like a Pirate Day*. Children had the opportunity to explore different math and science concepts with several pirate-themed activities, including exploding treasure chests, and treasure chest counting mats. On Monday, September 25, to mark the beginning of autumn, the Children's Librarian and Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez decorated the Children's area bulletin board with a three dimensional tree with leaves that are just beginning to turn. Each week, the bulletin board will have different changes, as the season changes. If children can notice the difference, they are invited to tell a staff member and they will receive a small prize each week (i.e.: a sticker, pencil, button, etc.)



On Tuesday, October 3, the Children's Librarian presented Play and Learn: Monster Mania, where children and their caregivers learn with the five early literacy practices of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. Our playhouse was transformed into a haunted house where the children dressed up like monsters. They squished monster eyeball slime, made shape monsters, retold our story *Tickle Monster* on the flannel board with their grown-ups, made shape monster art, and melted monster eye-ball ice, among other activities. Each child got to put a dot on a graph to vote for their favorite monster. The voting ended in a tie between Elmo and Mike Wazowski! On Thursday, October 5, Brook Hollow celebrated World Octopus Day with a special octopus-themed Come and Go Craft.



On Wednesday, October 11, Brook Hollow's Children's Librarian attended her monthly school year outreach visits to Rhapsody Head Start. She provided a story time for each of five classes. In addition, she provided five books per classroom to support each class's monthly curriculum.



On Friday, October 13, the Children's Librarian attended monthly outreach to Heimer Kindercare. She provided a story time for each Pre-K classroom and provided five books to each of four classrooms to support their curriculum.



Teens at Brook Hollow played video games, discussed Disney trivia, and helped to brainstorm *Star Wars* craft and trivia ideas for Brook Hollow's planned December *Star Wars* Program. Attendance at Teen Time has been a little lower than usual, so Teen Services Librarian Caroline Mossing visited Bradley Middle School, which is right down the street, to let students and staff know about the programs and resources available at the library.

## CARVER



The branch welcomed back the Carver Page Turners book discussion group which convened on September 21 to dissect their latest selection. The group takes a three-month sabbatical during the summer months for vacations and individual reading. They were raring to get back in the swing of things with Harper Lee's novel *Go Set a Watchman*.



On Tuesday, October 3, Carver Library was *the* place to be for residents of Coliseum-Willow Park who picked the branch to celebrate National Night Out. The partnership between the homeowners association and the library drew an estimated crowd of 125 revelers who munched on smoked turkey legs and chili dogs and became better acquainted with their neighbors. The branch was honored to be the focus of such a positive event.



Children's Librarian Jodi Miller conducted final rounds of outreach at nearby schools, which included attending Cameron Elementary School's open house on September 19 and Bowden Elementary School's literacy night on September 28. She announced plans for a mid-October departure. She has accepted a position in New Mexico. Manager D.L. Grant Jr. visited MLK Academy for the Principal's Coffee which was held on October 6.



In an effort to promote wellness in the community, the branch partnered with the Martinez Women's Center to host a breast health awareness class on Saturday, September 30. The event attracted about 20 visitors who learned how to spot changes in their bodies and where to seek help and treatment.

## CODY



During *Tween Time* on September 18, tweens tested their academic knowledge during a trivia game designed around the game show *Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?* Tweens competed in the categories of science, math, history, and geography to prove which team was smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. The game was very competitive and the tweens all proved that they are smart!



The *Tween STEM Club* met once again this month for a hands-on demonstration of aerodynamics. Tweens built balloon-powered cars made out of recycled materials and then raced the cars to see which design was the most aerodynamic. After the races, tweens hypothesized various ways that they might make their cars more aerodynamic and then tested out their hypotheses.



The *Culinary Tweens* program met on October 2. This program meets once a month to allow tweens to practice the important skills of following directions, measuring, and working cooperatively in a group. This month tweens made and decorated pumpkin cake pops.



Tweens gathered on October 9 to celebrate their love of the *Captain Underpants* series. Tweens made *Captain Underpants* craft stick bookmarks, decorated paper underwear, and made edible toilets and plungers. While crafting, the tweens watched the new movie.



*Kid's Time* has remained a popular new addition to Cody's programming lineup. During *Kid's Time*, participants "travel" around the globe from A to Z. On September 27, kids "travelled" to the country of Brazil. Kids learned about the Carnival parade that is popular in Brazil and made Carnival dancers and masks. Then children had the chance to practice kicking a soccer ball into a goal.





During *Kid's Time* on October 11, children visited the country of China. Children learned about the Chinese New Year celebration and then made Chinese dragon puppets, Chinese paper lanterns, and played a traditional children's game called Can You Pick Up Seven.



Children and parents enjoyed two *Come & Go Craft* programs during this reporting period. During a program on September 21, children celebrated fall by creating trees out of triangular pieces of construction paper. Children practiced drawing triangles on the construction paper and cutting out the shapes.



During a *Hispanic Heritage Come & Go* craft time, children learned about pre-Columbian masks and made their own masks.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited two campuses during this reporting period. Yourdon visited the Gan Gani Preschool to read stories to children on September 26.



Kristin also started a new partnership with the school librarian at Locke Hill Elementary School to offer a writing club at the school. The students in this club will write and revise poems to submit to the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition. The first club meeting was held on October 3 and the students who attended were all enthusiastic about writing!



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



Cody teens held a *Pizza Party* featuring pepperoni pizza roll-ups they made and baked themselves. They also played video games and created 3-D art.



To celebrate *Banned Books Week*, teens at the Cody Library used book pages to create art, including blackout poetry and book-page flowers. They also enjoyed a movie.



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens created *Papeles Picados* to decorate their living spaces. They also watched a horror movie to start getting ready for Halloween!



Teens chose to make *Sopapillas and Slasher Necklaces* to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and Halloween. Using red fabric paint and wax paper, they created chokers that looked like dripping blood. For an easy twist on sopapillas, they baked sopapilla chips in an oven.



Cody Library held its first *Chess Club* meeting on October 12. The Cody Chess Club is offered to players of all skill levels, age 9 and up. Participants learned some basic chess skills, played some games, and took a few chess puzzles home with them to practice until the next meeting.



On September 20, Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana attended the monthly meeting of the book club at Adante Senior Living, where the group discussed *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson.



The Friends of the Cody Library held their biannual book sale on October 7 and 8.



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In partnership with AARP, the Cody Library hosted four technology workshops on October

## COLLINS GARDEN



Family Fun programs for the reporting period included a Chinese lantern craft and recycled materials bracelets. World Octopus Day was celebrated October 7 with octopus stories and an octopus craft. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, families made Aztec masks October 14, with 12 children and five adults in attendance. Two chess sets in the library's public areas are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves, averaging 10 players daily. Collins Garden Library hosts a weekly Family Game Night with various board games for all ages.



Coffee and a Movie is increasingly popular. Community citizens enjoy a featured movie once a month from the Golden Age of Mexican Cinema, from serious dramas to slapstick comedy. Eight people attended.



Photographer Jaime Garcia hosted Photography 101 September 23 and showcased the techniques for talking pictures of flowers in frozen blocks of ice.



Collins Garden Library hosted a Genealogy Lecture by Carol Ceszinski on the Navarro and Ruiz family history with seven attendees. Library Assistant Carlos Loera hosted the poetry group Voces Cosmicas as they presented "Justicia, Tierra y Libertad" with readings of original poetry. The program also included musical duo Jorge and Nicole who serenaded customers with their beautiful guitar playing. There were 40 attendees.



Loera represented the Collins Garden Library at National Night Out October 3 at the San Juan Brady Community Center. He spoke to 150 adults and children about library services. Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies attended the Highland Heights Lions Club Meeting.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi presented five story times at Kelly Field Education Center with 67 children and caregivers.



Children made inventive creations during Lego Club that are displayed in the reference area of the library. Twenty six kids and parents attended.



Mary Valdez and her therapy dog Foxie visited Collins Garden Library September 25 where children read her books about dogs and learned the proper way to approach our canine friends. There were 13 attendees.



The Teen program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, is averaging 7-10 teens a week. Teens are making crafts and exploring video gaming.



Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies attended the UMAST Conference; the Texas Library Association District Ten Conference at Harlan High School; participated on the Human Library committee; and attended Supervisor Excellence and COSA Fines/Fees training. She is also working with the Friends Group on plans for a December book sale.

# CORTEZ



The Library welcomed Adult Services Librarian II Brooke Mjolsness on Sunday October 8. She comes to SAPL from the public library in Canyon, Texas near Amarillo where she was the Adult Librarian and Assistant Branch Manager. The staff looks forward to her energy and innovation to help spice up Adult Programming. The Branch also thanks Stephen Jackson for his help during the interim and wishes him well on his return to Guerra.



On Tuesday, October 3, Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster planned and led the proceedings for a "National Night Out-IN" event. There were fun activities for all ages from coloring to games to an innovative and complicated version of hopscotch in order to enter the building! The event was attended by Board Member Andrea Sanchez and by SAFFE Officer Christina Garcia.

Manager Cammie Brantley is happy to report that hiring has been conducted for two vacancies and the Library anticipates having a full staff very soon.



**Baby Time** (Kathy Armbruster)- Baby Time moved to Wednesdays for the fall season and sadly it hasn't generated the interest of the past year. Four sessions were offered during the reporting period with only one baby and parent attending to date. Staff will continue to assess the viability of continuing the program on Wednesdays and continue to promote it in branch and at outreach opportunities.



**Toddler Time** (Kathy Armbruster)- Toddler Time has definitely caught on at Cortez. As the babies "graduated" from Baby Time, Cortez added an additional program time for them to continue their early literacy development. Toddler Time follows Baby Time on Wednesdays throughout the fall. Four sessions were held with 24 toddlers and 28 adults attending these interactive sessions of stories, songs, and lots and lots of hands-on sensory play!



**Family Fun** (Kathy Armbruster) - Family Fun moved to Monday during the fall. During this reporting period, four sessions were offered featuring yoga, LEGO play, National Octopus Day stories and crafts, and a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with mosaic mask making. Forty-two children and 19 adults attended.



**Tween Time** (Kathy Armbruster)- Tween Time continues on Wednesdays at Cortez. Tweens have enjoyed an optical illusion drawing activity, a food challenge, and a Monopoly session. Video games are always on offer as are most board games and puzzles. Even though there have been changes in the local school configuration with the addition of an Idea Charter School and the closing of Kazen Middle School, a small, dedicated group continues to attend. Seventeen tweens and one adult attended the programs during the last reporting period.



**Come and Go Crafts** (Kathy Armbruster)- Open craft sessions are offered on Thursday afternoons when Read to a Dog is not in session. During this reporting period, 18 children and six adults crafted their way through a fall-themed project and the Hispanic Heritage mosaic mask activity.



**Read to a dog** (Mary Valdez and Foxie)- Mary and Foxie returned to Cortez in September and October. Foxie listened to stories on two Thursday afternoons and 20 children and seven adults enjoyed spending their reading time with her. Foxie's owner has indicated that Foxie may soon be retiring from service. If this comes to pass, the Library will look for another R.E.A.D. dog to visit so that children may continue to read aloud in this non-judgmental space.



**Outreach Visit – Bob Hope Elementary School Literacy Night** (Kathy Armbruster)- Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster visited the Bob Hope Elementary School for their Literacy Night on Thursday October 12. Kathy spoke to all attending about how to obtain a library card, passed out branch program calendars, and information about online homework help, branch hours and locations, the LEARN Center, and the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition.



**Passive Sessions – Games and Puzzles** (Kathy Armbruster and Cortez Branch Staff)- Passive sessions are offered when we have available staff to offer an activity and some children in need of a diversion! Games and puzzles were offered with 12 children playing and learning in the children's area of Cortez.



**Teen Time** (JoAnn Paredes) - This year has had a disappointing start to Teen Time. There have been four programs with only a couple of teens attending each time. As previously reported, this could be because many were promoted to high school and others were split between two different middle schools after the closing of Kazen Middle school. The Library is looking to increase outreach to teens in the neighborhood to encourage attendance.



**Adult Coloring and Cortez Older Adult Social Time aka COAST** (Madeline Vasquez and Shantel Buggs, volunteer) - Adult Coloring and COAST are joining together at the same time to offer attendees a one-stop shop for adult programming. Coloring and COAST is offered on Tuesday evenings.



**Getting Crafty Program** (JoAnn Paredes) - There were four classes held during this timeframe and attendance has been great. The crafters completed a back-to-school crochet project and finished off other projects that needed completion.



**Monster Meet** (Madeline Vasquez) - On October 14, 11 people attended a Monster Meet session off site at Mission San Juan Capistrano. The attendees were in search of ghosts and brought along audio and video equipment to capture spectral sights and sounds.

## ENCINO



The Sahaja Yoga Meditation continued on Wednesday evenings through the end of September. Adult Services Librarian Michelle Ricondo started a unique, art-centered program on Monday evenings: Art Journaling 101. Attendees delve into creating art and being creative, and the end result is a beautiful art journal! This program will continue through October 23.



As Encino's United Way representative, Michelle Ricondo attended the City of San Antonio United Way Luncheon on October 13. Encino Library's team had 100% participation in the charitable campaign for 2018, and the team was recognized with a treat of tacos and coffee from Organizational Health.



District 9 Councilman John Courage held satellite office hours at Encino Library on Friday, October 13. Citizens were able to voice their concerns to Councilman Courage and his staff without leaving their neighborhood. This was the second of three sessions of satellite office hours for the District 9 office; the next is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Librarians Nicki Weaver and Ashley Stubbs wowed the Encino community with the Family Fall Festival on October 7. Over 230 people attended the event, which included a pumpkin patch courtesy of

Councilman Courage's office, a drive-in movie theater, wearable crafts, box stacking, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, dress-up station, outdoor bowling, and sensory bins. Councilman Courage and Library Board Trustee Marcie Ince also enjoyed the festivities. The Encino Library team would like to thank the San Antonio Fire Department for visiting with two fire trucks. Dozens of children were in awe as the ladder truck gave a demonstration of extending and climbing the ladder.



Librarian Nicki Weaver continues to explore stories, songs, finger-plays, and other activities during Baby, Toddler, and Story Times each week. Attendance has increased at all children's programs.



The first Friends of Encino Library Book Sale was held on October 14. The community responded to a call for donations by bringing in hundreds of books over the past few weeks.



Encino Teens and Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot have been making the most of their fall with fun and interactive programming. *Anime Club* has continued to feature some of the best Japan has to offer, with everything from robots to gaming villains popping up in our weekly screenings. Teens came out in force for the showing of *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* in our *Teen Screen* program. We made multiple batches of popcorn and cheered on our favorite galaxy-saving heroes.



Teens embraced their competitive spirit in *Teen Club* throughout the reporting period with multiple Super-Smash Bros battles and an epic game of Risk. Encino Teens celebrated Teen Read Week, October 8 to the 14, by painting pumpkins and watching Halloween cartoons. The teen room is looking a lot more festive thanks to their craftiness.



Ms. Pouliot completed two outreach events during the reporting period. The first was for Johnson High School's Greenback Night where she set up a table to talk to parents and teens walking through their class schedules. The second was at David Lee "Tex" Hill Middle School where she presented to over 400 8th grade students about SAPL's resources and programming for teens at the Encino Library.



Ms. Pouliot would like to recognize the teamwork of Ashley Stubbs, Encino's part-time children's librarian, who covered a weekly Anime Club while she was away on vacation. Encino Teens were grateful to have her.

## FOREST HILLS



Arlene Richardson from Guerra Branch Library continued to support weekly Story Time at Forest Hills. The children and their caregivers have enjoyed her storytelling skills and are looking forward to the new Children's Librarian who will be joining the team in the next month.



On October 10, Children's Coordinator Viki Ash celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with the children of Forest Hills. They created mosaic masks to honor the cultures that once thrived in Mexico and Central America. The children and their caregivers enjoyed exploring different techniques and created a variety of beautiful masks.



The Teen K-Pop club explored Buddhism on October 7. Members of the Wat Dhamma Bucha Buddhist Temple of San Antonio spoke about the basic beliefs of Buddhists and were available to answer questions regarding their practices.



A new monthly program, Adult Coloring Time, commenced on October 5. The program will be held the first Thursday of every month. Adult patrons will be invited to participate in the coloring event from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



On October 10, patrons were treated to a makeup demonstration in which they learned how to create realistic zombie makeup effects.



The Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library met for their quarterly meeting on October 8. Branch Manager Mary Naylor presented a spending plan for the new fiscal year. The Friends were eager to discuss options for fundraising and were excited to hear of upcoming programs planned for the branch.



Adult Librarian Sandra Griffin promoted the Library's digital collection through outreach with University of Texas Health Science System Library. A digital cling will be installed in both the UTHSCSA Briscoe Medial Library and the Research Center.



The branch is preparing for the annual STEM event on October 21. The public is invited to this annual event which will cover the topic of pollinators including birds, bats, and butterflies. A number of local organizations will be on-hand to answer questions and provide information regarding pollinators. The San Antonio Parks and Recreation department will be on hand hosting a live tree adoption.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Library is very thankful for Karen Davis and Kimberly Wygant who stepped up and took over the children's programs while children's librarian Cari Raley was on vacation. They kept the young patrons and parents happy with story time and crafts.



Jose Jimenez continues to present the Tween age homeschool science program *The Lab*. They have experimented with chemistry and have moved on to physics; making catapults and balloon-powered cars, and learning how to drop eggs without cracking them. Ms. Raley and parents are excited to see how involved and interested the tweens are in these science projects.



Another program the Library has added recently is *Club 7* which invites the families of children of all ages to explore the seven continents with stories and crafts. They have just completed the exploration of North America. They made sequoia trees, bald eagles, totem poles, and even their own freedom torch as they learned about the Statue of Liberty.



*Color Club* has been a great Friday morning program with an average of around 100 people participating each week. Green, orange, purple and brown colors have been the hot topics this month.



Great Northwest *ABC Club* has surpassed all expectations this year in attendance. Since August, the attendance has been steadily growing and on October 12 the club received 161 people. The biggest pleasure was that everyone left happy.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest Branch Library. Great Northwest Teens held *Craft and Movie Nights* on Monday evenings. On September 18, teens talked like a pirate with the *Pirates of the*

*Caribbean* movie. They made rock and seashell art and learned how to cook plantains. During Hispanic Heritage Month, teens watched the movie *Book of Life* and made mini piñatas and rainbow quesadillas.



In October, Ms. Vazquez worked with Teens to plan *Tim Burton Fest: Craft and Movie Nights* on Monday evenings. On October 2, teens watched the movie *Corpse Bride* and made spider-web water color paintings. On October 9, teens watched the movie *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and made mandarin orange jack-o-lanterns and bubble magnets.



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 Saturday, September 30, teen gamers held a *Super Smash Saturday* video gaming program.



Ms. Vazquez visited the school libraries at Harlan High School and Taft High School in September for Library Card Sign-up Month. Teens had the opportunity to sign up for San Antonio Public Library cards and make button crafts.



The Great Northwest Library hosted a college intern through a partnership with the Alamo College Work Study Program. While at Great Northwest Library Mr. Contreras has gained work experience and learned about library services with hands-on experience serving the public.



Volunteers from the community work together with Great Northwest Library in a variety of ways to ensure the best service is provided to the community. Volunteers help staff with daily library tasks and assist library staff with programs. The Great Northwest Library hosted two student volunteers through a partnership with the Nellie Reddix Center. Through volunteering at the library the students have gained new skills and workforce experience.



Library Assistant Christina Martinez demonstrated *Huichol* art with a yarn craft in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Patrons learned how to make an *Ojo de Dios* with yarns and sticks.



Natalie Ramos, Extension Assistant-Better Living For Texans, from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service presented four *Eat Smart, Live Strong* programs from mid-September through mid-October to Great Northwest Branch Library patrons. Ms. Ramos provided healthy cooking demos, shared recipes, and taught exercises to patrons.

## GUERRA



Steve Jackson returned to Guerra. The Guerra Chess Club met on Friday afternoons providing practice in and discussion of the key aspects of the game; games were played between children and children, adults and adults, and children and adults. Ruben Lozano provided training and refreshments to attendees. Staff from the San Antonio Metro Health Screening Clinic provided health and wellness information to community members on Thursdays. Guerra Friends held their book sale on September 28, 30, and October 1. Library Assistant Edward Mayberry made sure that many of the teens in his Thursday group were on hand to assist with set up and break down.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach to the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays-- September 20, 27, and October 4. He also attended Employee Management Committee Meetings on September 20 and October 3. On September 28, he attended the

UMAST Leadership Conference. He joined other COSA staff and community members for National Night Out at the Cable Elementary School on October 3.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams facilitated Knit & Crochet for Adults on September 18 and October 3. She facilitated a Coffee and a Movie program on October 12. The audience watched *Land of the Dead*. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. She hosted the Thursday Evening Book Group on October 12 for a discussion of *Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four toddler times, four story times, and four Lego Clubs. School-age children read to therapy dog Foe on October 12. Arlene planned and presented story times at the Forest Hills Branch on October 3 and 10. On September 19, she attended a STAR\_Net webinar--Celebrate Afterschool Partnerships with the Annual Lights on Afterschool! On September 22, she presented story time to toddlers at Marbach Christian Church Childcare. On October 6, she visited Greatest Gifts Childcare and presented story times to three groups of toddlers and their caregivers. On October 11, she held her monthly meeting with the Library Aides where they discussed shelving issues and display ideas. Arlene shared Halloween stories with toddlers at Angelic Smiles Childcare on October 13. On October 14, she celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a pre-Colombian mask program designed by the children's services celebration committee.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on September 27 and October 13. He moderated Club de Lectura, a book club in Spanish, on September 28 for a discussion about the Falklands Island War in 1982 using various books and videos. Issues of colonialism, self-determination, and the legacy of European and U.S. powers in the Americas were discussed.



Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on September 5. The teens watched *Wonder Woman* on October 12 and refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. The teens had an origami arts and crafts session lead by teen volunteer Magee Cuevas. Edward conducted an all-day bilingual Learning Express training at John Jay High School on October 6 with Bazan Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas.

## IGO



Weekly story times continued as scheduled through September and October.



On October 5, the Library celebrated World Octopus Day. This was a Kids Time program event with stories, crafts, and information sheets.



Lego Club continues to be a success, well attended by school aged kids.



Teen Time events took place every Wednesday evening.



On September 18 and October 2, the PoeTree group met at Igo. These poets write in all styles and are always seeking new members. Anyone who writes or reads poetry is welcome.



On September 19, the Afternoon Book Club discussed Kristin Hannah's *Nightingale*.



On September 19, the Igo Genealogy Club welcomed John Marostica of the Austin Genealogical Society. Mr. Marostica gave a demonstration of the Dropbox service and discussed its uses for genealogists.



On September 24, the KC Club met to knit together.



On October 4, the Mystery Club welcomed comedy-mystery writer Nancy G. West, who spoke about creating and developing believable characters that can carry a series.



On October 8, the Coloring Club met for relaxing afternoon of art.



Beginning Hatha Yoga continued every Friday morning during this period.



The October Elderberries Program on October 5th featured John Koepke, Government Canyon State Natural Area Interpreter, who discussed "Dinosaurs and More".

## JOHNSTON



Johnston Library welcomed a new Adult Services Librarian, Sam Salas. Mr. Salas has 30 years of experience in libraries and comes to us from Bulverde/Spring Branch Library where he was the Adult Services Librarian. Hispanic Heritage Month was observed with several programs including a special Family Fun event and a food event for adults.



Branch Manager Monica Garza Bustillo presented library information and services to the Blue Skies of Texas/Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association on September 18. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Kate Quinn's *The Alice Network* on September 20. On October 1, Ms. Bustillo welcomed the Friends of the Johnston Library as they nominated new officers and planned for the rest of the calendar year. On National Night Out October 3, Ms. Bustillo greeted over 250 participants at the Blue Skies of Texas/Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association event. Ms. Bustillo organized Friday Films for every Friday in October with the help of Library Aide Victoria Liendo.



On October 5, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth visited the PCI and Head Start classes at Southwest High School. While there, she read to the Head Start class, and left books for the teachers to use for a month. Attendees at *Baby Time* have been listening to stories, and learning songs, bouncy rhymes, and tickle rhymes. *Story Time* themes have included "Zoo," "Alphabet," "World Octopus Day," and "Colors." *Family Fun* programs included LEGOs, Snap Electronic circuits, crafts, and "World Octopus Day." For Hispanic Heritage Month, *Family Fun* attendees listened to stories about masks, and got to design and decorate their own mask.



On September 20, the Johnston teen group was shown how to make their own liquid chalk by Library Assistant Nicole Garza. The teens were apprehensive about the science demonstration but once they were shown the end result the entire group participated. Behind Johnston Library is a huge concrete sidewalk and the teens used that area as their canvas. It was a spectacular sight to see the entire area covered with the teens' liquid chalk creations.





On September 26, Ms. Garza attended a community outreach event at the Springvale neighborhood association monthly meeting. At the meeting, Ms. Garza communicated with the group about several of the ongoing library programs available to the community for free.



On October 3, Ms. Garza represented SAPL at the Springvale National Night out event hosted by H.E.B at Valley Hi. The event showcased several community partners and had a recital from a local middle school. The Library table provided guests with information about upcoming programs as well as had several freebies to pick up. The event had over 200 attendees.



On October 4, Ms. Garza showed the teens how to make pudding cups. The puddings cups that were made during this teen time included spooky-themed gummy candies which were gummy worms and other gummy creatures. The pudding cups were layered with crumbled cookies in-between each pudding layer. The teen group had a blast and there were enough ingredients for each teen to made two pudding cups.



On October 11, the teens were shown how to use a button maker. The button maker was purchased recently by the Friends of Johnston Branch Library with the funds collected through the Johnston Branch book sale. The teens were really excited to use the button maker and created several of their own personal designs.



On September 30 and October 14, Ms. Garza, with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas, facilitated the Teen Anime and Video Game time.



On September 24 and October 8, Ms. Garza resumed facilitating the Pokémon Champions group. The Pokémon Champions group is expanding and now includes all ages. Several Pokémon participants showed new playing styles for the Pokémon card game and demonstrated the new rules to the entire group. It was a huge success and the new game play will be incorporated for future Pokémon Champions programs.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson moderated the Club de Lectura "Café con Libro", a book club in Spanish, on October 9. The participants discussed a fiction book *El hilo invisible* (The Invisible Thread) by Laura Schroff. Ms. Jackson serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story), and she recorded a children's book for the week of October 16. The title of the book is: *Las aventuras de Beekle: El amigo (no) imaginario* (The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend) by Dan Santat. On October 5, Ms. Jackson organized the Hispanic Heritage Month event with Latin-American food and music.



Ms. Jackson is also teaching a weekly class, Conversational Spanish for Beginners. On Monday September 25, October 2, October 9 and October 16, members learned interactive lessons about geography and traveling, shopping at the supermarket, home and garden, and culinary arts; followed by sing-along Spanish songs.

## LANDA



In September, Ms. Salinas continued to offer Baby Time programs at the Central Library on Tuesdays while Landa was closed for renovation. She also visited the University Presbyterian Children's Center in both September and October to provide story times to all their classrooms.



Starting October 1, Landa children's in-house programming began in full swing with Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas presenting two baby time programs, two toddler time programs, and a story time weekly with both new and returning families attending. Also at the beginning of October, Landa Library hosted two come and go craft programs to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and World Octopus Day. Families expressed their excitement to have time to create together with the supplies laid out for the activity. They asked that more craft time be added to the programming schedule, which Ms. Salinas plans to do in the coming months.



Additionally, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas continues a bimonthly afterschool Lego Time program for school-age children. Several children that attended October's first Lego Time came back the following day to find their creations on the mantelpiece in the Children's room. Ms. Salinas has also begun a new program for afterschool children called Art Time that involves reading a few stories or talking about an artist and then allowing the kids time to create their own artwork. One parent thanked Ms. Salinas for such a great addition to the programs offered at Landa; saying that her daughter loved one of the books read and that they showcased her daughter's artwork at the dinner table and had a great discussion about art as a result.



Teen Liaison and Library Assistant Rebekah Corley promoted the grand reopening of the branch to students and staff at Edison High School alongside Teen Services colleagues Adam Tutor and Megan Stanley. While there, they introduced numerous SAPL services to over 300 students, many who were already SAPL regulars, and fostered a great rapport with students and teachers alike.



At reopening, teens reciprocated Landa's excitement by jumping right back into planning teen programming. They took ownership of their Teen Space, creating displays and hosting their first program. They also recruited two new volunteers to join the future TLLC, with their first gig being the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! At the anniversary event, new Teen Volunteer Grace led a button making station to promote and share information about Landa and SAPL teen happenings. She connected with over a dozen teens in the community, many expressing enthusiasm for future Teen events and volunteer opportunities!



Looking forward, the teens are planning a spooky art project for the Landa Boo! Halloween event, a poetry workshop for the Pegasus competition, and some "serious catching up" with their Landa friends they missed over the summer.



Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta started adult programming in the "new Landa" with a meeting of the Landa Mystery Book Club for the month of September. The group enjoyed use of the new meeting room tables and chairs. The lively discussion centered around Ruth Rendell's *No Man's Nightingale*. Reader's Ink met a couple of weeks later and discussed *Glorious* by Jeff Guinn, the first Western that the group has read. Almost all those in attendance enjoyed it thoroughly.



Karen's book club outreach at The Village at the Incarnate Word read the inspiring account of our World War II veterans, *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw. Resident and book club participant Sister Clara O'Driscoll recounted her memories of her days in Ireland during World War II and member (and former Washington, DC resident) Beverly McDonald recounted hearing Tom Brokaw give a presentation on his book when it first came out.



The irrepressible members of the group of seniors at the Kenwood Community Center were enthusiastic about the intricate butterfly designs that Karen brought them for adult coloring. They

also heard information about the migration of the Monarch butterfly. They are looking forward to the holiday crafts coming up in the next few months.



The popular watercolorist Clay McGaughy presented the first in Landa's series of adult Monday evening programs. He is a knowledgeable speaker who delighted the audience with his insight and humor, explaining both the science and art of his craft. He created an entire watercolor painting during the hour and a half event.



Karen also prepared two adult crafts for the birthday and grand re-opening of the Landa Library. Adults as well as children created giant colorful tissue paper flowers and intricate tissue paper mosaics.



At the end of September, Karen ran The Race for the Rescues 5K, benefitting homeless animals. She came home with a First Place medal in her age group. Later that day she assisted in the Human Library event at Mission Branch Library. It was a very worthwhile event that received much praise from attendees.



On Saturday, October 14, the community gathered at Landa Library to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library and to officially unveil the recent renovations and restoration work done over the summer. The program opened with the presentation of the colors by members of the Edison High School ROTC. Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar welcomed the crowd gathered on the Landa terrace and introduced those dignitaries who were present which included representatives from the city and state governments and the library board. The lawn, pavilion, and terrace were alive with activity after the program. Landa staff provided crafts for all ages on the lawn. Other activities included balloon art, face painting, live jazz music and a performance by the Ballet Conservatory of South Texas. Everyone also enjoyed cookies and lemonade. The Friends of the Landa Library held a book sale in conjunction with the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## LAS PALMAS



Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier conducted several programs this month. To celebrate National Playdough Day, children learned about color mixing and experimented with mixing colors with Playdough. Children and their families also had the opportunity to make their own puzzles and play board games together. For Fall Fun, a STEM-based program where children celebrated Fall and learned about the Equinox, they learned what makes it "Fall", even though San Antonio is still a warm place. Crafts included a collaborative art project that is displayed the children's section of the Las Palmas Library. Bilingual story time preschoolers listened to fall stories and made fall crafts presented by Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez.



Teen Librarian Connie Hejl attended the Girl Scout National Night Out to represent Las Palmas Library. Approximately 200 people were at the event.



Branch Manager José Ruiz-Alvarez and Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez attended a National Night Out event at the H-E-B located at the Las Palmas shopping center on October 10. Approximately 75 community members approached the table sponsored by The Friends of Las Palmas Library to ask about the library's services and to take informational handouts.



Neighborhood H-E-B staff located in Las Palmas shopping center presented Librarian Barbaraella Frazier and Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez with fall floral bouquets as part of the nationwide “Petal it Forward” campaign.

## MAVERICK



The Friends of Maverick Library held its Fall Book Sale on September 23 and 24.



The Ladies’ Choice Book Club met on September 30 and the Lady Mav’s Book Club gathered on October 10.



Several Homeowners Associations met at Maverick Library. Parklands Homeowners’ Association met on September 28, Eckert Crossing Homeowners’ Association met on October 12, and Sagewood Homeowner’s Association met on October 14.



Maverick Library kicked off a new Chess Club on October 2. The Chess Club will meet every Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. A Credit/Debt Management program, part of the Financial Wellness Series, was provided on October 14.



During the reporting period, Children’s Librarian Amy Roberts weeded out the children’s DVD’s and children’s music CD’s. These areas were overflowing and now look much better! Thank you to Library Aide Katy Camacho who pulled duplicates and triplicates for Ms. Roberts to review. Ms. Roberts is moving on to evaluate the Juvenile Easy and Juvenile Fiction collections, which are overflowing on the shelves.



Ms. Roberts wishes to thank colleagues and coworkers for substituting for her programs while she was on vacation. Thank you to Children’s Librarian Jasmin Salinas from Landa, Mary Lou Bleichwehl, Library Assistant from Maverick, and to former Maverick Children’s Librarian Stacy Bosquez. Without their help, seven programs would not have taken place. Also, Ms. Roberts has a new parachute, donated by her mom, which has been a welcome addition to toddler and preschool story times as a movement activity.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated four Teen Time and two Tweens Only programs. She continues to develop relationships with a small core group of teens, which is slowly but steadily growing. The teens are enjoying the opportunity to meet and interact with others in their community; the evidence is their laughter and that they consistently plan to play board games. The past two weeks Ms. Bleichwehl requested that they work on collaborative art projects, giving the Teen Spot and the Teen Read Week poster a makeover.

## McCRELESS



Children’s Librarian Carrie Vance visited Schenck, Highland Park, and Riverside Park elementary schools on their Family Literacy Nights.



Tweens enjoyed making craft stick catapults, contact paper “stained glass” collages, water bead stress balls, and breakfast sushi.



One family is making a regular appearance at *Baby Time*, where an infant delighted her mother with her very first laugh.



*Toddler Time* visitors enjoyed a special sensory experience with a tub of water beads during one of the regular play periods after stories.



The Branch's book club met on October 14 to discuss the mystery *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith. Attendees felt that the book had excellent character development, but found the plot (particularly the resolution of the crime) to be unrealistic and confusing.

## MEMORIAL



Mrs. Deffendall read for Dial-a-Story the week of October 9. Her selection was *Say Hello to Zorro!* by Carter Goodrich.



Mrs. Deffendall began a weekly LEGO® Club in September. Attendance has been strong.



Mrs. Deffendall hosts weekly Story Time and Kids Time.



Mrs. Deffendall partnered with Huppertz Elementary School to promote the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition to over 250 students grades two through five.



In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, Mrs. Deffendall hosted a workshop for children to create Inca and Mayan inspired masks.



Ms. Davila hosted a mini book pendant class for adults. Miniature books were created from recycled paperbacks. This is an ongoing class until December.



Ms. Davila hosted several computer classes ranging from Computer Basics to Internet Basics and Internet Searching. She partnered with San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) to offer job searching and introduction to Microsoft Word. SAHA residents who completed computer classes will be eligible to receive free reconstructed computers from SAHA.



Ms. Davila continues to partner with Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, a group of trained officers that sign up patrons needing Medicaid and CHIP enrollment services. This enrollment is offered twice monthly.



The Library is currently hosting the photography exhibit of Ernesto S. Rios. The artist's works are 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 help curb the excessive animal population.



New Library staff member and Teen Liaison Rene Leija attended Southwest Preparatory School “Parents Night” to promote library services to parents, students, and faculty. He also signed up several students and parents for new library cards.



Rene attended a teen planning meeting at Central. Main topics discussed were inventory of teen supplies at individual branches, event volunteering, and setting personal goals. An inventory spreadsheet will be developed to be accessed by Teen Librarians and Teen Liaisons.



Circulation Assistant Michelangelo Sosa attended the “Rock the Plaza” meeting to bring program ideas to Teen Services at the branch.



Memorial Library hosted National Night Out 2017 where the theme was “We Back the Blue.” A large number of officials in law enforcement, the fire department, code compliance, and other city departments participated in informing community members of crime and drug prevention as well as safety concerns. At the request of and invitation by Neighborhood Associations, elected officials also attended and addressed the community of services offered by the city of San Antonio. State Representative Justin Rodriguez of State District 125 addressed the community and took questions from the community. Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales was represented by several staff members that informed the community of services available to them. St. Mary’s University *Code Blue* Dance Team entertained the community with dance routines. All attendants were treated to hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, and paletas. All food was made possible by Memorials’ Amigos Friends group funding. A special thanks to the Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association members Richard and Rosie Garcia, Mr. Rodriguez from Loma Heights, and Ms. Kilmer from Loma Park Neighborhood Association, who graciously made sure everyone was served food and drink.



Twice a month the library offers Adult Coloring to ease stress.



Amigos Friends members met with and welcomed PSA Elma Nieto-Rodriguez to explain the SAPL Fiscal Department budget process.



The Library is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting “Película del Domingo”, a full feature Spanish language film. Popcorn and a drink are provided courtesy of Memorial Amigos Friends. A mix of older and young adult patrons attended each showing.



Library Aide Guadalupe Pinales hosted a *Paper Flowers* workshop for adults. Ms. Pinales had several samples she had already created and participants selected which flower they created.



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Branch Manager was invited and attended a community Platica/Talk with Dr. Ana Castillo at Palo Alto College.

## MISSION



The World Heritage Neighborhood Leadership Academy is a city program that serves as a conduit to provide San Antonians with an in-depth overview of how their local government works and Mission Library had a well-attended session on September 19th.



The Branch was one of the libraries that hosted the Human Library program where people checked-out other people for a period of 20 minutes and got to ask relevant questions about their life. The program was a success with the community.



Mission Library again hosted the neighborhood's National Night Out event where there was food, music, prizes, and community involvement. The Mission area descendants had a ceremony of unity where everyone held hands and danced. The kids had a great time as well.



The Branch hosted an AARP CAREversation workshop round table conversation with family caregivers. Those that attended shared resources, vented, and shared stories. It was a powerful workshop.



Teen Librarian Emily Young promoted Library services at McCollum High School and Harlandale High School. Teens are very excited about the new cooking program and the new 'outside' courtyard program where they get to have fun outdoors.



Now that school is back in session, many children come into the Library to study and use the computer. Tween Time provides a nice break for them. Tween Time now includes rotating activities: crafts, cooking, movies, and games. The tweens enjoyed making and eating a healthy snack this month. They also continue to be very enthusiastic about Lego Club, which is for all ages. A highlight of Children's programming was the performance of Latin Grammy winner "1, 2, 3 Andres". Approximately 128 children and adults enjoyed an energetic and interactive musical performance. The children's librarian attended a Literacy Night at Riverside Elementary school and many of the families are excited about visiting Mission and taking part in the activities.

## PAN AMERICAN



As fall weather begins to slowly creep in, Pan American Branch Library has been busy with lots of fall activities. Folks learned how to become a zombie when make-up artist and esthetician Jordan Haden-Schultz demonstrated basic make-up techniques for creating the ultimate undead look.



Assistant Branch Manager Romeo Rosales was active in planning the system's keynote Hispanic Heritage Month programs. Romeo worked with Lionel Sosa, a 2001 fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics. Sosa, who also was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the University of the Incarnate Word, discussed his life and interesting career. Sosa was one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in America, according to Time Magazine. Romeo also worked with other members of the committee to organize "Sisters and Brothers: Mexican Revoltosos in San Antonio Before 1910."



If it's October it must be National Night Out. Pan American Branch Library Assistant Lisa Leandro and Circulation Attendant Marisa Garcia set up a table at Holy One Church. They spoke with people about library services, helped children with a craft, and answered questions.



Both Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley and Library Assistant Lisa Leandro have visited several schools in the service area. Lisa met with students at McCollum High School. Valerie spoke with students at Stonewall Flanders Elementary and worked with DePaul Wesley Children's Center and Teaching and Mentoring Communities Day Care. She was part of the Terrell Wells Middle School STEM Night. LEGO Night and Toddler Time continue weekly and Valerie hosted a Playdough Day and Mosaic Mask craft events.



The Branch hosted quite a few programs. Carolyn Zahnow, founder of the Shore Grief Center in North Carolina, shared the story of how she deals with the suicide of her son Cameron. How to deal with credit and debt management was presented in both English and Spanish. The Branch held its first ping pong tournament, which attracted six participants. A number of people in the audience got lessons in the fine art of the sport. Qigong continues to be an extremely popular program, drawing almost 50 people to three sessions. Weekly yoga classes have a smaller, yet dedicated following. Knights of the Square Table, the Branch's chess group, geared back up once classes were back in session.

## PARMAN



Thanks to the efforts of many individuals, the end panels in the juvenile section were repaired and re-installed on Thursday, October 12.



Friends of Parman Library held their meeting on October 14 to discuss current affairs.



The Parman Friends Annual Book Sale, held in October, was very successful. Many thanks go out to the many book sale customers and community members who donate their books to the Library. Both are essential components to the success of the annual book sale.



On Tuesday, October 3, Friends of the Parman Library hosted National Night Out, a yearly event to boost community ties and show unity. Delicious hot dogs were served and entertainment was provided by School of Rock.



In September, Parman Library was a home for the Human Library Project. Human Library is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers; a place where questions, (sometimes difficult) are expected, appreciated, and answered. Several patrons checked out the titles offered for a 20 minute one-on-one session. Books available at Parman included: cheese maker, historian, actress, game designer etc. Staff involved in this project were on hand to introduce and explain the concept to the curious patrons. The program got very positive reviews from attendees hoping for the Human Library to come back to Parman next year.



Parman's professional development series concluded in September and received very positive responses from participants.



To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, two programs for adults were presented. In the first program, the community met special guest Carmen Zarate (Tobin Library) and learned about nopali and how to clean them without getting hurt. Healthy, delicious, and nutritious recipes were shared as well. Chocolate was the main subject of the second program. The audience was presented with the history of the drink, learned why it was called "The Drink of Gods", and why we put chili in it. Both programs were prepared and presented by Barbara K. Special thanks to guests Carmen Zarate and Katie Robinson.



Elves visited bilingual story time at the Parman Library and brought giant gingerbread men for each child. Kids loved to decorate them while the elves helped. Special thanks to Jessica Z. and J.W. Marriott for organizing this event.



Children's Programming continues successfully at Parman. Parman is grateful to have Ms. Carolyn Bradley at the branch on Mondays and Wednesdays to help with programming while a full-time librarian is sought.



Recently, Parman hosted an event for National Playdough Day! Children of all ages had fun using homemade playdough and playdough tools to create and develop dexterity through play.



The Transformation Station has seen some fun themes lately! Parman staff created a castle, a pirate ship, and a station at which to do leaf rubbings and learn about how trees and leaves react to autumn.



Discovery Time continues to be a popular program. Ms. Katie Robinson and the program attendees recently made volcanoes and talked about the scientific method by doing an experiment to determine what combination of ingredients would make the biggest "volcanic eruption"!

## POTRANCO



Potranco Branch Library celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with community families during Saturday Family Fun programs. Children's Librarians hosted fun and educational events honoring the cultures of Mexico and Central America. Local families joined to create colorful mosaic masks.



Teen Librarian Daniella Toll designed and executed several college prep events educating young adults on a strategic timeline for applying to college. They discussed the best times to start applying for college, FAFSA deadlines, and how to decide where to apply.



Adult Services Librarian Matthew Loaiza worked to support SAPL's systemwide Human Library event. This program was designed to "build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue." The Human Library served as a place where real people were on loan to readers for 20 minute question and answer sessions.



On October 14, the team at Potranco Branch Library celebrated a promotion for Miranda O'Neill who secured the open full-time circulation attendant position. O'Neill was able to showcase the many skills and creative ideas she brought to the Potranco team while working part time to an impressed panel of interviewers.



The past month was bitter sweet for the Potranco staff as they bid farewell to two beloved teammates. Part-time Teen Librarian Daniella Toll was promoted to the Westfall community where she will work full-time with young adults. The team's pride for her accomplishments that led to the promotion revealed itself with hugs and tears. In a similar show of admiration, the Potranco team said goodbye to Matthew Loaiza who will be serving the young adults at the Igo Branch Library. Matthew exhibited great leadership and inspiration to his teammates during the Branch's first year. The team said goodbye with best wishes as Matthew embarked to pursue teen librarianship which is where his career path will continue to thrive.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



*The Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryan was a popular selection during a recent meeting of the Family Circle Book Club as they recognized Hispanic Heritage Month. The tweens were eager to learn about the life and struggles of Pablo Neruda who grew up in Chile and went on to become a Nobel Prize-winning poet after overcoming numerous obstacles.



During a Kids' Time program, children and parents enjoyed the reading and illustrations of the award-winning Aztec selection *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes*. Attendees discussed and viewed images of masks worn by the Inca, the Maya, and the Aztec cultures. The kids had an amazing time preparing their own colorful, attractive masks reminiscent of those worn by the ancient cultures.



Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz attended outreach at Camelot Elementary for the first meeting of Club Read-a-Lot. The students were eager to discuss *How Tia Lola Came to Stay* by Julia Alvarez. They had much to say about the interesting and entertaining novel. The kids were thrilled to receive empanadas as a special treat for participating. Through collaboration with the school librarian, the club plans to meet several times throughout the school year and is gearing up to be very popular among the fourth-grade children.



Children and parents visiting Pruitt Library during Power-Up Week had an amazing time with exploratory building using magnetic shapes. It was terrific to see families working together as they constructed all types of objects like bridges, airplanes, and skyscrapers.



Pruitt Teens attended the last volunteer orientation for the semester. In orientation, they learn about the importance of keeping a library organized. The volunteers help during Family Chess Night, sponsored by Rack Space, by setting up the tables and chairs, counting the number of adults, teens, and children that attend, and serving the drinks. They get to know the people in their community and acquire customer service skills that will be useful in their future employment.



During Powered-Up Week, Teen Librarian Rae Downen had the 3D printer up and running to showcase it for the teens during teen time and other teen activities during the week. She printed small items that were readily available to give to students who were not expecting to receive a 3D printed item.



The TGIF Adult Book Group met in late September to discuss Ivan Doig's final novel *The Last Bus to Wisdom*. Besides expressing a strong liking for the book's main character, patrons enjoyed sharing their memories of the 1950s that were evoked by the story. They talked about collecting Green Stamps, riding Greyhound buses, and filling autograph books with their friends' signatures.



Wednesday Night Cinema featured *A Better Life*, a film about the struggles and triumphs of an undocumented immigrant raising his teenage son by himself. This poignant film was well-received by attendees.



The Special Needs Adult Program (SNAP) celebrated apples in October with apple cider, apple upside-down cake, and an apple-themed craft. Participants enjoyed choosing their own colors and weaving paper strips to create beautiful fall placemats.



Two computer sessions drew a broad audience in late September. The first session focused on Microsoft Excel and included time for hands-on practice and individual questions. The second session was an introduction to two social media platforms—Facebook and Twitter. Patrons discussed the importance of privacy settings and explored the features of both platforms.

# SAN PEDRO



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



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



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



Ms. Dalton spoke with the librarians at several schools and has set up ten book clubs for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. These schools include Monte Vista Montessori, Kipp Poder, St. Anthony's School, and three SAISD schools: Hawthorne Academy, Beacon Hill Elementary and Cotton Elementary. Seven of the clubs have had their first meeting and are excited to be participating. She also assists the facilitator of the book club at the Advanced Learning Academy by helping her select and obtain appropriate books.



Two Family Fun events were held during this reporting period. On October 1, families made masks to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and on October 8, families celebrated World Octopus Day by watching an octopus open a jar from the inside (on a YouTube video) and then made octopuses.



The San Pedro Library Friends met on Tuesday, October 3. They elected officers and discussed the upcoming book sale on Saturday, October 21.



Branch Manager Diane Backhus returned to San Pedro Library. She had been the interim manager at Las Palmas from December to mid-September. She is very happy to be back!

# SCHAEFER



In October, Schaefer offered two special Come & Go Crafts for kids. On October 2, kids celebrated World Octopus Day by making octopuses out of cardstock and cereal. This craft was quite popular and about 20 kids came to the library to participate. On October 9, children celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by decorating a mask from a pre-Columbian civilization.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser went to two child care centers for outreach. At the Evelyn King Headstart she read transportation stories to 4-year-olds. On September 20, she presented four turtle story times to the children. Weekly children's programs continue to be popular this fall. Story Time and Toddler Time kids have had programs about autumn, turtles, monsters, and animals at night. LEGO Time participants continue to be enthusiastic builders and enjoy displaying their creations in the library.



Schaefer Library celebrated Talk Like a Pirate Day with a pirate party! Circulation Attendant Christina Cardenas transformed the service desk into a seaworthy ship and staff dressed up as swashbuckling pirates for the day. Library Assistant Mason Matthews constructed an intricate pirate ship model for a

pirate book display. Library patrons enjoyed an assortment of activities including a sunken ship play area, life-size skeleton puzzle, pirate hat craft, and a pirate name game.



Science Time continued to offer STEAM exploration of new topics every other week. During the reporting period, Science Time had two meetings. On September 28, Science Time explored Pirate Science in honor of Talk Like a Pirate Day. Children learned about buoyancy through a sink or float game using pirate treasure and other trinkets. Children also constructed pirate ships using limited materials to see how much treasure (pennies) their ships could hold before sinking. On October 12, Science Time embraced the Halloween spirit by exploring creepy crawlies. Children learned all about spiders, worms, and insects with the Disgusting Critters book series. They were treated to a game of spider web bug toss and invited to construct a bug hat. They were challenged to create strong webs using yarn and hangers to hold stone spiders. Lastly, kids enjoyed a demonstration of dancing gummy “Franken-worms” showing the chemical reaction between vinegar and baking soda.



Monday nights at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 6 to 7:30 p.m. children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer’s Community Flex Space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Every other Thursday afternoon, Schaefer holds the Kids Gaming Program. School-age children gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Wii U, Nintendo Switch, and drive Ollie Robots in a fun and social environment.



Teens at Schaefer had the opportunity to take a practice SAT test through Princeton Review. The SAT Prep test had 12 teens in attendance. Many families commented on how they were glad that this program was now available in their area. Librarian Cindy Cruz attended the Texas Teen Book Festival in Austin. Information on newly published Young Adult books and panel discussions by well-known YA authors were part of the festivities. Teen program activities included Anime, tech, crafting, and movie night programs. During the Tech Night program, teens used the Ollie –a racing robot that is controlled through a tablet or smart phone. Teens created ramps and obstacles with Legos and then raced the three Ollie robots around the Teen Space.



East Central High School students from the Vocational Ed Department began working on Thursday mornings at Schaefer. The special needs teens assisted with shredding old documents, straightening the Teen Space, and creating decorations for Halloween.



The Skimmers Book Club had their monthly meeting on September 27. They discussed *Another Day in the Death of America* by Gary Younge and the growing incidences of violence in American culture. The club was very excited that November’s book, *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler, will be their first “beach read”.



On October 3, the Schaefer Library participated in the Lakeside Homeowner’s Association’s National Night Out celebration. More than 100 people were in attendance, including Precinct 4 Commissioner Tommy Calvert, former District 2 Councilman Alan Warrick, current District 2 Councilman William Cruz Shaw, Fourth Court of Appeals Justice Rebeca Martinez, and Precinct 4 Judge Roger Lopez, Jr. A good time was had by all, and the library was thanked profusely for the difference it has made in the community so far!

## SEMMES



Children’s Librarian Brian Douglass continued providing his monthly coding camps for children and teens. This program continues to grow each month. Mr. Douglass has several regular attendees. Mr.

Douglass also provided some training for the other Children's Librarians on the upcoming "Hour of Code" in December.



Children's Librarian Randi Jones hosted a World Octopus Day program on October 7. Families were invited to hear entertaining stories about octopuses and participate in octopus-themed activities.



For National Night Out 2017, the Branch hosted the Friends of Comanche Lookout Park in the meeting room and patio area. NNO participants were invited to play video games, take home white elephant giveaways, and enjoy a roasted marshmallow. The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library provided water and pretzels for the event. Randi Jones attended the National Night Out at Steubing Ranch Elementary School. She spoke with parents and students about the branch and the many resources that are offered at SAPL.



The Semmes Friends held a book sale on October 6 and 7 in the Semmes Meeting Room. The group raised over \$1,000 to be used to benefit the Branch.



Thursday, September 21, Semmes hosted author Carolyn Zahnow. Ms. Zahnow presented on her book *Journey Through Teen Depression*. She shared the story of her son Cameron and the events that led to his death by suicide at age 18. Since her son's death in 2005, Ms. Zahnow has been speaking extensively and doing her part to prevent depression following grief as well as potential suicides.

## THOUSAND OAKS



Children's programming is doing great at Thousand Oaks. The new Baby Time program is taking off, with new attendees coming each week. Tween Time has had a low response, but is being reconfigured into "Wacky Wednesdays" which will be an after school craft/activity program. Since opening the program to a younger age group it has been very successful. On September 27, seven kids made puffy slime. On October 4, eleven children made marshmallow shooters, lollipop spiders, and monster toes! World Octopus Day was on October 8, and children at the Thousand Oaks Library participated in a Come & Go craft to make their own paper octopus with cereal "suction cups" on the tentacles.



Teens at Thousand Oaks have been busy button makers, requesting the DIY machines for three weeks in a row. Teens create custom buttons to share with friends and to decorate their jackets and backpacks. Teens have also enjoyed dancing and singing along to all the different versions of the Wii game Just Dance. Hosted by Librarian Theresa Ybarra, the two-hour Wednesday evening program continues to grow and expand. One teen expressed how much she appreciated the program, saying "This is my stress relief, I couldn't wait for Wednesday to get here!"



Thousand Oaks Branch Library hosted the Image Dance Studio to perform dances from Mexico and Spain in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. The branch also hosted two Young Adult Game Night programs. Young adults from ages 18-30 were invited to play table top and video games. Thousand Oaks Branch also hosted a Do-It-Yourself Holiday Gift program. This month the gifts made were handmade jewelry and string art.



Librarian Theresa Ybarra continues to facilitate a monthly book group at the Northeast Senior Center. Readers enjoyed the latest selection *The Risen* by Ron Rash, and discussion topics included alcoholism, dependency, family ties, and the debilitating power of grief. Ms. Ybarra also represented the Library at the Senior Center's Resource Fair on October 3. Seniors were able to visit with several COSA departments and other agencies that provide services for seniors.



Thursday Book Club members discussed Noah Hawley's *Before the Fall*. Mr. Hawley describes the events that led up to a tragic plane crash from each character's point of view. He mixes in events that

happen to the two surviving members making for an interesting way to reveal the turn of events. Members enjoyed the story and the way the author chose to portray the events.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler supervises or hosts 21 in-house programs each month including Baby Time, Story and Toddler Time, Lego's, Yoga story time, weekend crafts and special events. Ms. Braeuler oversaw the weekend come and go crafts that featured World Octopus Day and National Hispanic Heritage Month this period. Hispanic Heritage was also incorporated into three special story times with Circulation Attendant Carmen Zarate reading books aloud in Spanish. Creative play integrates math and science along with sensory and motor skills in many of the sessions.



Ms. Braeuler attended Literacy Night at Oak Grove Elementary to share Library services and program information while engaging kids with a craft. On October 14, Librarian K. Braeuler hosted an information table and kids craft at an immunization clinic held in conjunction with Methodist Health Care and City of San Antonio's Metro Health Department at a nearby church on Eisenhower road.



The twice-monthly Read to a Dog program has proven very popular with visitors and rewarding for trainer Margaret Rivera and her therapy dog Angel. One young boy with autism, who has been coming to Tobin since age 2, didn't want to read but Ms. Rivera was able to encourage him to meet and pet Angel. A heartwarming victory with lots of smiles followed his successful reading to Angel.



On October 6, Teen Librarian Megan Coker began her first Read-Along program at Premier High School of San Antonio East. Ms. Coker arranged for this unique program with the principal where each week a chapter is read aloud to a class. Megan rotates the outreach with Library Services Specialist Adam Tutor from the Teen Library @ Central. Ms. Coker offered four selections and the teens chose Madeleine L 'Engle's classic *A Wrinkle in Time* for the initial session. After a couple of chapters, the teacher takes over finishing reading the book aloud, and then Ms. Coker offers another set of books for the teenagers to pick from.



Ms. Coker continues weekly teen programs and twice monthly Tobin Tofu. Activities range from board games like Clue, Monopoly, and chess, to a back-to-school themed movies that teens pick, manga discussions, or watching an anime film. Megan has arranged for a small group of School of Science and Technology teens to meet at the branch weekly to use the meeting room for their study group "the Pathfinders".



Librarian Karen Barton from the University of Texas Health San Antonio partnered with Ms. Coker to teach teens how to make some healthy and yummy snacks. All teenagers enjoyed measuring ingredients and cooking and eating their creations on September 21.



Tobin presented a very successful Cosplay program in July and now hosts a once a month program with The Lords of Cosplay San Antonio (LOCASA). Cosplay, or costume play, consists of folks who dress up as a specific character from a movie, book, or even video game. For some attendees this is a fun hobby and others even a lifestyle. On October 1, LOCASA welcomed trick-or-treaters wanting to work on their costumes. Sewing machines, crafting supplies, and video tutorials are creatively utilized by the group to engage a sizeable crowd of participants.



David Hunter Saussy of the Symposium Great Books Institute continues to facilitate monthly in-depth discussions at Tobin at Oakwell. The members began delving into Plato's dialogue *The Meno* in September and will continue with a four-part conversation. The book group actually changed its name to the Ancient Greek Philosophy Book Club as their focus turns to Greek philosophers.



A September Financial Wellness class was well attended, so Adult Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse arranged four additional classes in September and October. The classes are informative and cover educational topics like credit and debt management, Social Security, planning for retirement, and financial goals like saving for college, emergencies, a vacation, or home purchase and remodeling.



The Branch celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The Princess Bride* movie with a quote-a-long while watching the film. The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell purchased the licensing fee so a special showing could take place. Guests were treated to an in-house fencing demonstration while enjoying an “inconceivable” amount of fun with movie-themed snacks, refreshments, crafts, and activities.



Tobin welcomed part time Librarian Kimberly Wygant on October 15. Ms. Wygant was promoted from Great Northwest Library where she worked as a library assistant and previously a circulation attendant. In addition, Ms. Wygant is employed as a part time Librarian at Molly Pruitt Library as part of the NEISD dual-library partnership at Roosevelt High School.



Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell held a successful book sale on October 14 – 15. Rhonda Woolhouse arranged for local author Martha Miller to give a talk and sign her new book, *Times new Roman: how we quit our jobs, gave away our stuff & moved to Italy*. The signing was in conjunction with the sale and National Indie Author Day. Children’s Librarian Karen Braeuler arranged for a special Read to a Dog session during the sale hours as well for kids to enjoy.

## WESTFALL



The Westfall Branch Library continued to offer a variety of services to the community. The branch held programs for adults, teens, and children. With the changing season, the branch saw more students visiting to study and work on projects. Also, many parents and children stopped in to sign up for library card for the new school year.



Children’s Librarian Imelda Merino visited with parents and teachers at the Kelly Elementary PTA meeting on September 20. It was an informal meeting for parents and children to learn more about the library services and programs available to the community. Afterwards, the parents and children made Halloween cards for sharing. Additionally, Ms. Merino attended another PTA meeting on October 3 at the Colonial Hills Elementary, which had 45 children and 30 adults in attendance.



The Discovery School began visiting the Branch at the start of the new school year. The preschooler’s visit included a story time program on the current topic of study at the school. The students then had a chance to check out books on the subject of study which included earth sciences and birds.



As always, the Westfall Branch Library offered weekly programs such as story time, baby time and toddler time. Additionally, the Branch hosted family fun on Saturdays. Ms. Merino always had an engaging story and fun activities for parents and children.



On Tuesday, October 3, Assistant Manager Hayley Latshaw attended the Dellview HOA’s National Night Out Event. The event drew several residents from the area and was a great opportunity for Mrs. Latshaw to speak to the community about SAPL and all the services available. Several people were interested in the LEARN Center and in children’s programming information.



On Saturday, October 7, the Library was filled with classical guitar music performed by Jorge and Nicole from Acoustic World Music in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Many commented on how wonderful and relaxing the music made the Library.



The Westfall LEARN @ SAPL Center continues to be busy. 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.



Westfall 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 October, the Westfall team welcomed new Teen Librarian Daniella Toll to the branch. Ms. Toll was previously a part-time librarian at the Potranco Branch Library and in charge of teen programming. Daniella got her start with SAPL by working as a library aide at the Maverick Branch Library. The Westfall staff is excited to have her on board and look forward to working together. The Branch will soon be restarting teen programs. Ms. Toll will begin reaching out to the service area middle and high schools to promote teen events at Westfall.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

FY 2017

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**7,282,570** ↓ 1%  
ITEMS  
BORROWED

CIRCULATION: GOAL



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

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**5,531,597** ↑ 4%  
VISITS

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



**5,710,000**  
TOTAL FY GOAL  
97% OF GOAL MET

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**600,931**  
COMPUTER  
HOURS



**1,909,932**  
HOURS OF  
WI-FI USE

**2,510,863** ↑ 4%  
TOTAL HOURS OF  
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



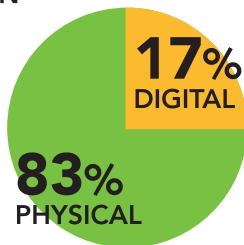
**2,450,000**  
TOTAL FY GOAL  
102% OF FYTD GOAL MET

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

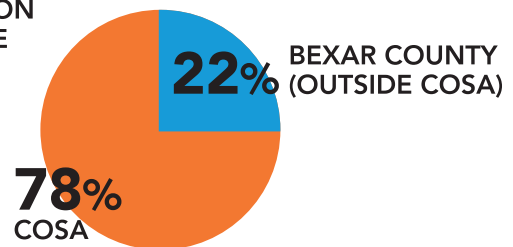
## SEPTEMBER 2017 *(continued)*

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



### VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**2,962,441**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**777,986**  
MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**1,854,123**  
SANANTONIO.OVERDRIVE.COM  
VISITS

### PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**369,135**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**93,913**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**55,821**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**219,401**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

#### LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



**LATINO**  
**COLLECTION**  
AND RESOURCE CENTER

**5** PROGRAMS  
**302** ATTENDEES



Latino Collection & Resource Center Grand Opening at Central

# San Antonio Public Library

## September 2017 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,153	8,456	6,824	1,803	5,021
Brook Hollow	26,278	18,209	5,139	1,221	3,918
Carver	4,817	7,258	4,284	1,612	2,671
Central	25,511	53,002	38,652	10,749	27,903
Cody	35,450	20,083	5,961	1,338	4,623
Collins Garden	6,179	8,312	4,916	1,762	3,154
Cortez	6,237	9,095	3,771	1,089	2,682
Encino	19,901	13,809	4,321	442	3,879
Forest Hills	7,948	7,656	3,543	1,121	2,422
Great Northwest	26,304	16,528	6,321	1,586	4,735
Guerra	10,975	8,358	7,328	1,961	5,367
Igo	28,939	21,220	6,896	1,256	5,640
Johnston	10,990	13,437	4,593	1,417	3,176
Landa	3,504	4,036	1,531	198	1,333
Las Palmas	5,569	11,441	5,337	1,651	3,686
Maverick	24,103	12,178	5,842	1,868	3,975
McCreless	11,403	12,729	5,127	1,600	3,526
Memorial	6,326	9,381	5,386	1,386	4,000
Mission	12,148	14,652	8,551	2,434	6,117
Pan American	7,377	9,105	3,530	1,484	2,045
Parman	27,412	22,176	5,068	776	4,293
Potranco	19,435	15,330	12,655	911	11,744
Pruitt	6,185	17,142	3,942	1,241	2,701
San Pedro	5,441	7,931	2,432	647	1,785
Schaefer	10,843	10,804	4,539	807	3,732
Semmes	24,547	18,669	6,608	1,778	4,829
Thousand Oaks	11,519	10,522	4,794	1,182	3,612
Tobin	20,799	17,079	5,990	1,632	4,358
Westfall	16,154	15,475	8,173	2,547	5,626
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,222	421	N/A	421
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	75,444	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	105,459	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>609,364</b>	<b>415,295</b>	<b>192,475</b>	<b>49,501</b>	<b>142,974</b>

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# San Antonio Public Library

## September 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	59	35	11	13	738	363	273	102
Brook Hollow	36	7	3	26	941	56	4	881
Carver	64	27	6	31	928	226	32	670
Central	137	17	82	38	4,316	662	2,987	969
Cody	37	9	4	24	944	117	53	774
Collins Garden	34	3	4	27	493	17	24	452
Cortez	74	52	3	19	322	140	6	176
Encino	60	19	8	33	1,095	140	61	894
Forest Hills	14	9	0	5	186	65	0	121
Great Northwest	36	9	10	17	1,563	83	388	1,092
Guerra	32	10	0	22	483	168	0	315
Igo	46	20	4	22	1,305	254	39	1,012
Johnston	32	9	10	13	420	107	123	190
Landa	5	1	4	0	369	12	357	0
Las Palmas	33	1	12	20	311	9	15	287
Maverick	27	3	7	17	753	49	63	641
McCreless	26	2	4	20	189	5	43	141
Memorial	32	13	1	18	461	82	31	348
Mission	69	34	15	20	1,261	608	182	471
Pan American	33	16	7	10	223	124	25	74
Parman	79	28	4	47	1,330	324	21	985
Potranco	41	4	15	22	1,521	104	878	539
Pruitt	39	11	10	18	462	95	103	264
San Pedro	44	0	0	44	111	0	0	111
Schaefer	65	25	14	26	997	229	174	594
Semmes	37	4	6	27	681	14	56	611
Thousand Oaks	31	6	6	19	474	84	103	287
Tobin	41	9	5	27	791	125	116	550
Westfall	34	12	1	21	289	99	0	190
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Little Read Wagon	29	0	0	29	692	0	0	692
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>24,649</b>	<b>4,361</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>14,433</b>

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Bazan	61,924	114,193	99,142	23,609	75,534
Brook Hollow	313,391	269,197	64,179	15,122	49,057
Carver	56,376	108,936	65,638	20,058	45,580
Central	323,600	680,613	525,123	134,250	390,872
Cody	417,907	276,503	84,291	16,443	67,849
Collins Garden	84,438	117,848	92,156	23,123	69,032
Cortez	72,538	125,702	59,945	16,989	42,956
Encino	233,664	186,344	49,122	4,999	44,123
Forest Hills	88,618	99,124	46,023	13,385	32,638
Great Northwest	317,879	223,798	76,531	18,548	57,983
Guerra	142,186	149,370	78,360	21,358	57,001
Igo	340,282	277,413	84,418	13,657	70,761
Johnston	135,758	174,774	67,211	17,118	50,094
Landa	103,249	100,054	25,190	6,034	19,155
Las Palmas	67,391	152,486	67,868	21,447	46,421
Maverick	296,218	178,126	73,884	23,552	50,333
McCreless	136,552	182,334	69,677	18,044	51,633
Memorial	79,533	128,190	72,008	19,548	52,460
Mission	144,887	223,371	107,516	28,251	79,265
Pan American	86,912	100,504	53,648	19,115	34,533
Parman	336,284	313,581	64,228	8,911	55,318
Potranco	203,106	178,899	138,920	7,662	131,258
Pruitt	79,949	193,764	54,263	14,334	39,929
San Pedro	55,106	80,995	36,792	7,889	28,903
Schaefer	79,480	82,564	31,210	4,851	26,359
Semmes	293,498	232,955	84,859	23,506	61,353
Thousand Oaks	131,369	149,014	69,802	13,366	56,436
Tobin	233,635	226,146	63,644	18,796	44,848
Westfall	189,323	184,600	96,905	26,967	69,938
Kampmann Library Portal	2	20,199	8,310	N/A	8,310
Interlibrary Loan Lending	9,560	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	934,122	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	1,233,833	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,282,570</b>	<b>5,531,597</b>	<b>2,510,863</b>	<b>600,931</b>	<b>1,909,932</b>

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Bazan	614	303	76	235	5,505	2,406	1,422	1,677
Brook Hollow	514	98	82	334	12,010	1,018	885	10,107
Carver	635	294	77	264	8,979	3,875	521	4,583
Central	1,676	224	1,059	393	39,779	10,008	17,859	11,912
Cody	469	90	51	328	16,318	1,076	523	14,719
Collins Garden	388	55	40	293	7,246	902	271	6,073
Cortez	1,088	789	41	258	7,099	2,315	642	4,142
Encino	755	243	111	401	19,616	5,528	1,053	13,035
Forest Hills	334	132	21	181	4,652	1,174	119	3,359
Great Northwest	409	137	88	184	16,488	1,327	1,476	13,685
Guerra	418	160	55	203	8,434	1,958	1,345	5,131
Igo	569	204	127	238	16,886	3,139	1,865	11,882
Johnston	394	118	109	167	10,039	4,487	2,121	3,431
Landa	442	41	117	284	9,121	428	801	7,892
Las Palmas	331	101	70	160	13,688	4,971	6,045	2,672
Maverick	322	42	32	248	11,954	495	242	11,217
McCreless	307	41	61	205	4,912	432	849	3,631
Memorial	349	100	27	222	4,763	1,584	139	3,040
Mission	734	330	129	275	14,973	7,743	1,561	5,669
Pan American	422	189	78	155	4,537	1,853	485	2,199
Parman	912	283	80	549	24,747	7,687	3,018	14,042
Potranco	382	61	147	174	17,514	6,401	1,773	9,340
Pruitt	693	170	249	274	15,120	1,810	5,560	7,750
San Pedro	257	2	0	255	2,721	91	0	2,630
Schaefer	426	120	101	205	10,869	3,636	1,456	5,777
Semmes	461	38	54	369	10,328	133	632	9,563
Thousand Oaks	281	58	76	147	8,113	4,327	850	2,936
Tobin	519	127	59	333	24,100	11,951	938	11,211
Westfall	454	159	45	250	5,471	1,158	1,370	2,943
Kampmann Library Portal	1	0	0	1	158	0	0	158
Little Read Wagon	569	0	0	569	12,995	0	0	12,995
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,123</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>8,152</b>	<b>369,135</b>	<b>93,913</b>	<b>55,821</b>	<b>219,401</b>

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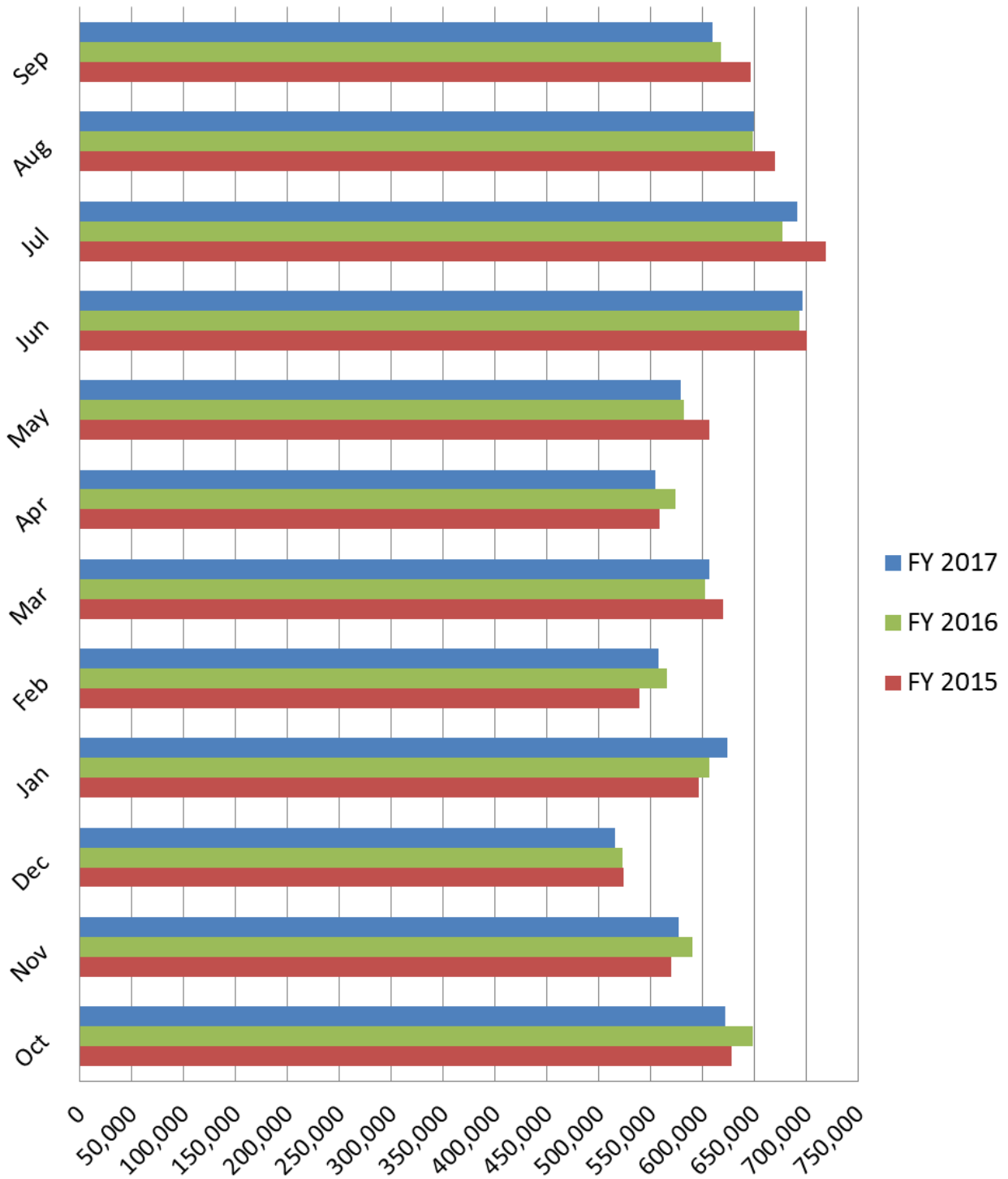
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## Circulation



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FY 15: Central May 15; Collins Garden Jun 22-Sep 30

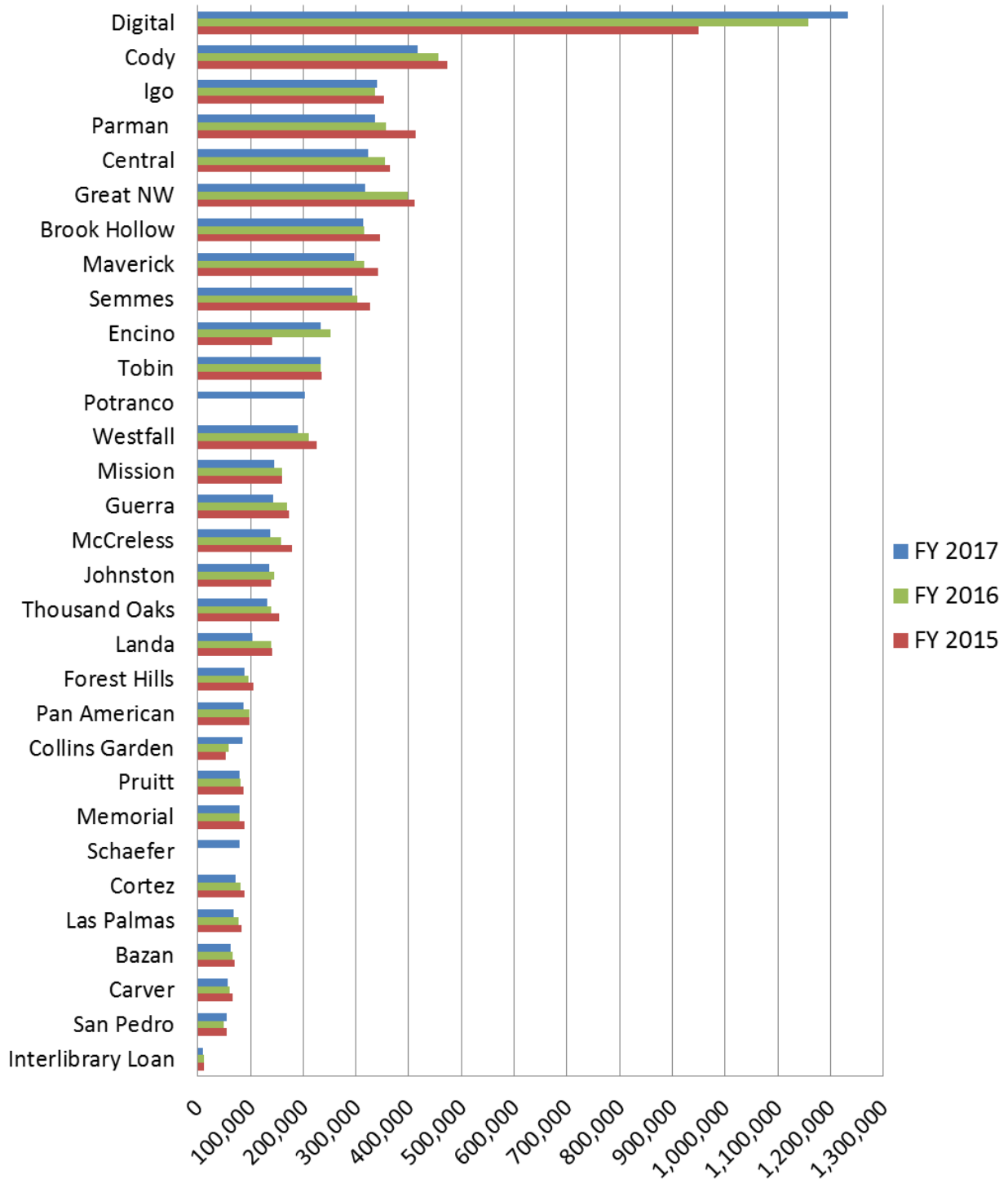
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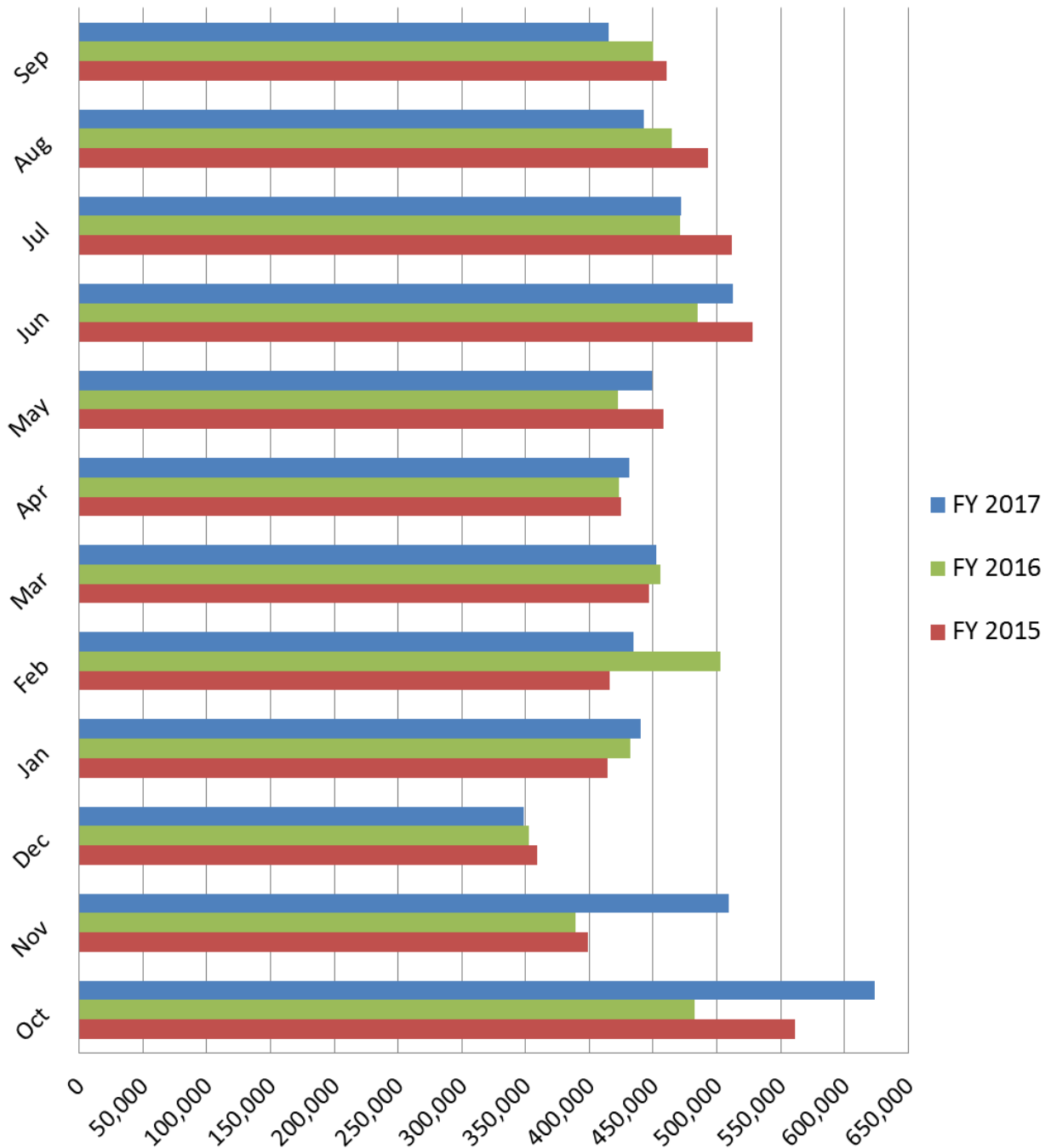
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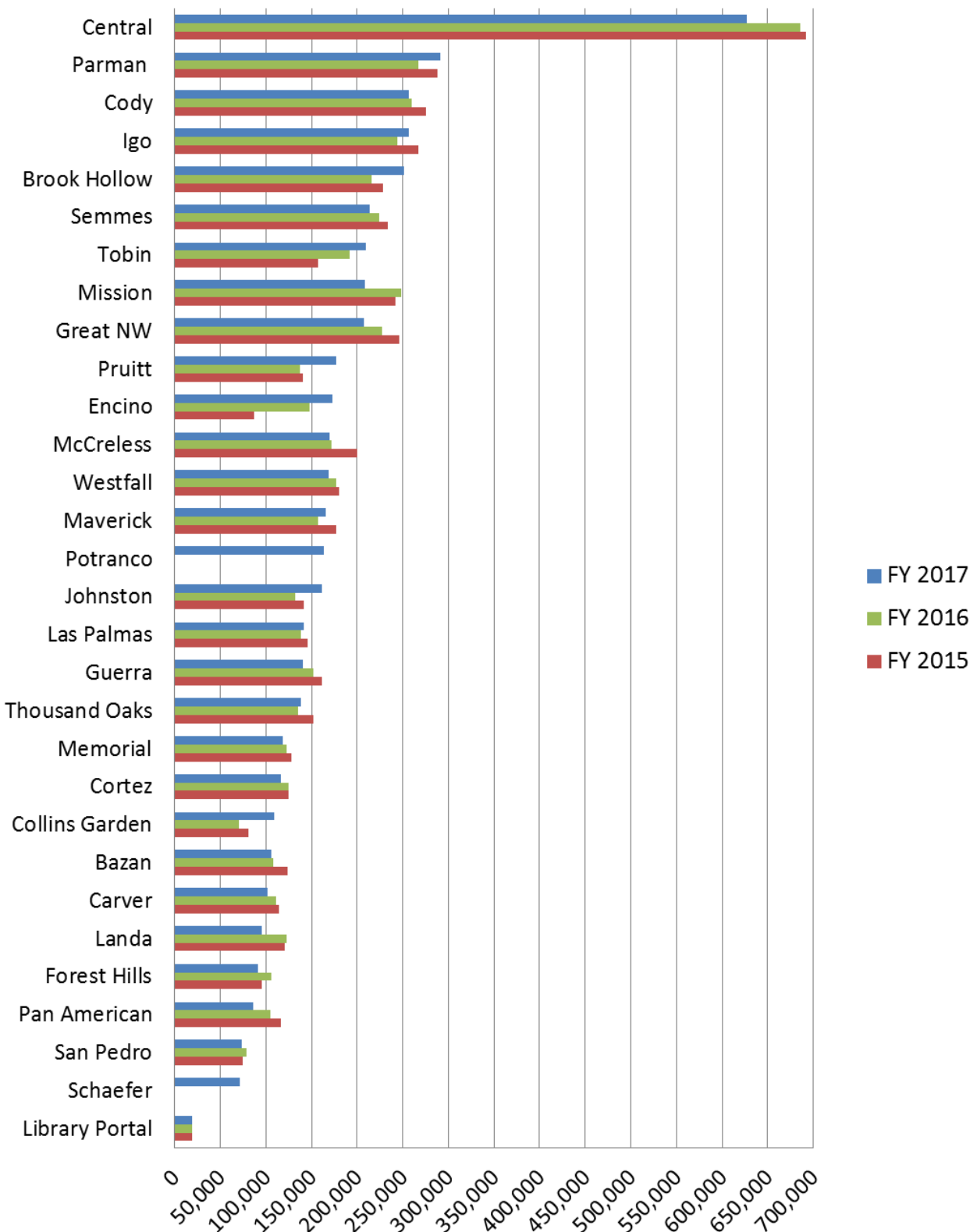
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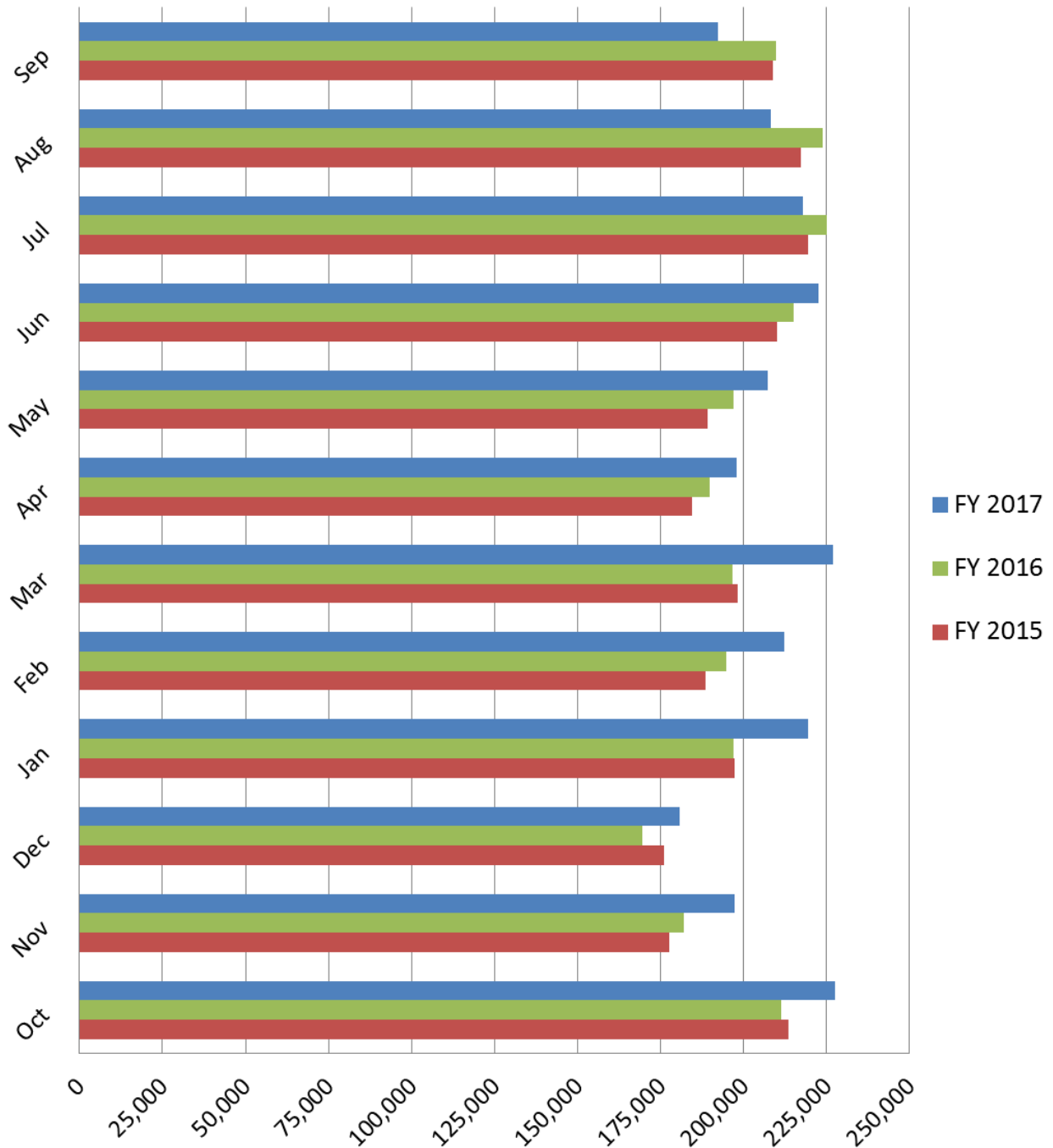
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## Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

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