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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Library Administration coordinated with District 8 Councilman Pelaez' Office and District 10 Councilman Perry's Office regarding the anniversary celebration at the Thousand Oaks Branch Library (District 10) scheduled for December 9, 2017 and the anniversary celebration at the Igo Branch Library (District 8) scheduled for December 18, 2017.

The Library will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Thousand Oaks Branch Library. A formal program will begin at 10 a.m. and Councilman Perry has the event on his calendar and is anticipated to attend and deliver remarks. Following the formal program, the Library will offer an array of family friendly activities until 1 p.m.

The Library will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Igo Branch Library on December 18, 2017. Councilman Pelaez has accepted an invitation to attend the event and deliver remarks. The program will begin at 10 a.m. with family friendly activities scheduled until 4 p.m.



Library Administration met with Councilwoman Viagran and representatives from Toyota on Monday, November 13, 2017 to discuss the Library's proposal to utilize the \$40,000 gift Toyota has pledged to benefit District 3 Libraries in the area of Technology. Toyota will review the projects with Toyota Leadership and contact the Library on next steps. The \$40,000 donation will be facilitated through the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and will support the branch libraries in City Council District 3 (Mission, McCreless and Pan American) in the area of technology.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar welcomed Ambassador Reyna Torres Mendivil, Consul General of Mexico to the Central Library on November 15, 2017. Ramiro shared an overview of the San Antonio Public Library and provided a tour of the new Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) at the Central Library. Both parties expressed an interest in working together and partnering on future collaborations and/or partnership opportunities between the Mexican Consulate in San Antonio and the San Antonio Public Library.



On Thursday, November 16, 2017, District 8 held an event celebrating the grand opening of the new District 8 Field Office, co-located in the Igo Branch Library. Library Director Ramiro Salazar has accepted an invitation to deliver remarks during the program. The event was well attended.



The San Antonio Public Library held their Annual Meeting on November 15, 2017 and presented the Library with funding over \$790,000. Additionally, the Foundation reported over \$270,000 in-kind awareness and outreach efforts in support of the Library.



The Library Board of Trustee's Naming Committee will host a public input meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Mission Branch Library to provide the community an opportunity provide feedback on a proposal to name the meeting room at the Mission Branch Library (D3) in memory of Roberto Anguiano. The Friends of the Library submitted a request to the Library Board to consider naming the meeting room in Mr. Anguiano's memory. In accordance with the Library Board's Naming of Facilities Policy, it is expected the Library Board will consider action to name the meeting room during the December 6, 2017 Library Board Meeting. Mr. Anguiano was an active community and Library advocate and served as the founding President of the Friends of the Mission Branch Library.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar accepted an invitation by Library Journal, a national professional publication in support of library professionals, to participate in a panel discussion during the upcoming Library Journal Director's Summit. The panel discussion is entitled 'The Director's Evolving Role' and Ramiro will be joined by President and Director of the Philadelphia Free Library and the Director of the Meridian Library District, Idaho. The Summit will take place on November 1 – 3, 2017 in Philadelphia. Now in its ninth year, this intimate two-day think tank gathers 100+ library leaders and strategic thinkers from beyond libraries to rethink, reengage, and reposition their libraries as central drivers of the reinvention of public life. The keynote speaker for this Director's Summit is Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden. As a panelist, Library Journal funded Ramiro Salazar's travel expenses associated with the Summit.



Beginning on November 6, 2017, Jorge Chavez, Schaefer Branch Manager was temporarily reassigned to serve as Branch Manager at the Cody Branch Library. This temporary assignment is expected to conclude at the end of December 2017. The Library is actively recruiting to fill the vacant Branch Manager Position at the Cody Branch Library. During this time, the management of Schaefer Branch Library will be handled by Schaefer Assistant Manager Samantha Gordano.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month include: Univision featured an interview with Public Services Administrator Elma Nieto-Rodriguez about the STEM program at Forest Hills Branch Library on Friday, October 20; the announcement of the donation from La Familia Cortez to the Latino Collection and Resource Center was attended by *La Prensa*, Univision, KSAT, and Telemundo; Brianna Kirk from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and Emma Hernandez, Latino Collection and Resource Center Coordinator, were featured on Focus on South Texas on Saturday and Sunday October 21 and 22 promoting the Latino Collection and Resource Center and the Catrina Ball; Brianna Kirk was interviewed on News 4 WOAI during the 6:30 p.m. newscast to promote the Catrina Ball; *Express-News* feature story about Latino Collection for their Tricentennial feature sections ran online on Sunday, November 5 and in print on Monday, November 6; Learn at SAPL Training Officers Emily Flores and Michelle Rickman were interviewed on Focus on South Texas that aired on Saturday and Sunday November 4-5; The American Library Association announced that San Antonio Public Library Director Ramiro Salazar is a candidate for 2018 Public Library Association President; *San Antonio Current* included a San Antonio Public Library card on their top 10 list for best gifts for "news junkies"; Central Library was featured in a promotional photo for Google Fiber that appeared in numerous places, including *San Antonio Current* and social media.



The Marketing team supported efforts to organize, publicize, and staff several events during the reporting period including: the SA Reads Summer Book Drive Results/Re-Cap press announcement, the Catrina Ball, 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 Rock the Plaza.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: SAPL Holiday Card, December newsletter, staff milestones party invitations, *Our Family Reads* Mayor's Book Club design, holiday event templates and promotions, Igo 10th anniversary and Winterfest, Thousand Oaks Branch Library 30th anniversary, staff art show materials, District 8 council field office signage, and Learn and Remember.



The team is currently planning anniversary events for Thousand Oaks Branch Library (30th anniversary) December 9 and Igo Branch Library (10th anniversary) December 16, and the Holocaust Learn and Remember kick off in January 2018.



Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

The Marketing Team responded to 2,100 direct messages through social media during the reporting period.

MySAPL social media channels directed 644 people to mysapl.org.

The Thousand Oaks Branch Library's pumpkin decorating contest photos received 273 clicks, comments, and shares on Facebook.

"Even a T-Rex can use OverDrive! Be like Rex and download an eBook today! #HappyHalloween #mysapl #OverDrive" (with a photo of a T-Rex using the Digital Library Wallpaper) was the most popular post on Facebook with 81 clicks, comments, and shares.

@mysapl received 185 mentions on Twitter.


"Reading is the key to a successful life."- Rosie Castro @juliancastrotx @Castro4Congress" reached 27,961 people on Twitter.


A photo from the SA Reads Summer Book Drive press announcement received 47 likes on Instagram.


Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 14,718 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,078 followers
3. Pinterest: 99 followers
4. Instagram: 2,158 followers
6. Snapchat: 95 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES

 Mike Sheehan is developing architecture and reformatting content for the new staff intranet. The new application will improve internal staff communications and centralize organizational calendars, policies and information regarding issues such as network/system outages and other high-priority events. Usability testing will begin shortly with an anticipated release date in early 2018.

 Staff has been active in preparing for phase two of public printing/copying/faxing implementation. Testing of software and hardware is currently underway. Digital Services, in conjunction with ITSD, is readying equipment and ensuring that the public-facing components of the project are user-friendly, secure, and stable. An early 2018 system-wide release of faxing/scanning capabilities and a convenient, self-payment option is anticipated.

 Tricia Masterson provided technology assistance at an ICMA (International City/County Management Association) national conference event at the Potranco Branch Library on October 24. Conference attendees were invited to interact with the innovative technologies at Potranco and experience the Library's collaborative partnership with the YMCA. Masterson assisted with the implementation of the technology at Potranco and continues to provide support for users and staff.

LITTLE READ WAGON

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

One-time presentations for parents were made at the following locations:

- Southwest Independent School District (ISD): Spicewood Park Elementary, Elm Creek Elementary, and Hidden Cove Elementary.
- Parent Child Incorporated: Evelyn King, Adelina Fritz Head Start, Adelina Fritz Early Head Start, Terry O'Connor, Baptist Temple, and Hernandez Learning Center. Make and take, library, and early literacy materials were delivered to centers with no parent meeting attendance: World of Knowledge, Madonna Center, and Bailey's Babies.
- Pre-K 4SA North, South, East, and West sites.
- San Antonio ISD: De Zavala Elementary, Arnold Elementary, Neal Elementary, Bowden Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, and Columbia Heights Elementary.
- South San ISD: Kindred Elementary.
- Northside ISD: John Glenn Elementary, Meadow Village, and Armstrong Elementary.



Services to School-Aged Parents

Workshops were offered to pregnant and parenting teens at the following high school campuses: Jefferson, Roosevelt, MacArthur, Madison, Stevens, Churchill, ACE, South San, Lanier, Navarro, Tejeda, and Mc Collum. High schools are visited multiple times per year, and some campuses received two visits during this reporting period: Holmes, Legacy, Highlands, and Healy Murphy.

Clair Larkin, Megan Cruz, and Elizabeth Huber staffed an information table and presented an activity for the St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center Cares program. The special event was held November 21, during the Thanksgiving break, and expectant teens along with their families were invited to enjoy workshops, lunch, and a group baby shower. The San Antonio Mennonite Church provided space for the event.



Outreach Story Time Programs

In addition to her usual visits to Center for New Communities at Stafford Early Childhood Center, Nurturing Hearts, and the bilingual classrooms at Tynan Early Childhood Center, Ms. Huber has taken on several classrooms previously served by Jodi Miller (Carver). Ms. Cruz has also added the St. Philip's Child Development Center to her outreach story time schedule. Ms. Larkin continues to serve the Navarro Learning Center.



Reading Tents

Little Read Wagon visited Stafford Early Childhood Center the week of October 23-27. The team set up the reading tents, book kits to loan, and a different additional activity each afternoon. Many families took the opportunity to enjoy a book, or two, on their way out the door.



Play & Learn

The first Play & Learn at OP Schnabel Park was held October 26 and the group size has grown each week. On November 16 at least 55 children and their parents or caregivers attended. Ms. Huber and Ms. Huff prepared a Play & Learn program for the home based Early Head Start program offered by Center for New Communities. Due to staff turnover within the agency, only one child and his grandmother attended.



Community Events

Fall has been very busy with community events. Viki Ash represented the Library at the Healthy Start Baby Buggy Walk at South Side Lions Park. Ms. Huff and Barbaraella Frazier (Las Palmas) represented the Library at Winston Elementary's Literacy Night. Ms. Huff also had information tables with a bean bag

toss at the Department of Family and Protective Services' Kinship Festival, and Harvest Fest at Christ the King Catholic Church. Library participation in all of these events was deeply appreciated.



Workshops for Teachers

On very short notice, Ms. Huber put together and presented an early literacy workshop for the Voices for Children Early Childhood Resource and Training Fair. The professional development event was held at Northwest Vista College. Ms. Huber presented to a group of early childhood teachers that were overflowing the room.



Clair Larkin made a presentation to the Bexar County School-Age Parenting Advisory Council. The group included representatives from many school districts and agencies that already partner with Little Read Wagon as well as some new contacts.

Ms. Lazarin, Ms. Cruz, Ms. Larkin, Ms. Huber, and Ms. Huff attended the Annual Conference of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children. The conference was held in San Antonio and many members of the Children's Services team attended.

Ms. Huff volunteered at a welcome table for the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) Conference. The annual conference was held in San Antonio and drew city and county government officials from around the world. Ms. Huff and Ms. Larkin also participated in the City Manager's 5K on the morning of the ICMA conference.

Ms. Huber helped represent the Library at Game Expo.

Ms. Larkin and Ms. Huff assisted with set-up and activities at Landa Boo! Jasmin Salinas (Landa) did an impressive job of organizing the materials for each activity resulting in smooth set-up and clean-up of the event.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Community Events and Partnerships

Children's Coordinator Viki Ash was one of over 30 community members participating in the Strategic Planning process for COSA Head Start on Wednesday, November 1. The federal Head Start grant requires regular input from community members on the goals and objectives of the Head Start program as well as a high level of accountability for meeting those targets. Viki has served on the COSA Head Start Advisory Committee for several years.

Viki is also a member of the San Antonio Botanical Garden Education Committee which met on Friday, November 3. The committee discussed current program offerings along with ever-present staffing constraints as well as justifications for future changes/increases in the staffing structure. The Garden recently hosted three celebratory weekends in conjunction with the opening of their Culinary Garden. Members of the SAPL children's services team provided story sessions during two of these opening day events.

Along with Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Velasquez, Viki was invited to serve on the SAISD Library Services Task Force. The Task Force is charged with envisioning the future of library services in the district and is led by Jenifer Schafer, the recently-hired Coordinator of Library Media Services. The Task Force will meet monthly throughout the current school year.



Outreach Events

Viki hosted the on-going Fourth and Fifth Grade Book Clubs at Bonham Academy on October 25 and 26 during the school lunch period. Each of the Book Clubs has twelve members, selected by their teachers, as students who need a little encouragement to “take off” as readers. Consequently, the clubs are designed to be inspirational rather than remedial. Viki has been hosting these monthly meetings since the 2010-11 school year helping just under 200 students find pleasure in reading and discussing books.

Friday, November 10 was Career Day at Cameron Elementary School on the city’s eastside. Viki spoke with three groups of fifth graders and one group of third graders about the joys of public librarianship and the variety of jobs available at the library. The fifth graders were particularly interested in salary information which opened the door for some good multiplication practice based on job classification, hourly wage, hours per week, and weeks per year.

Viki also participated in the Baby Buggy Walk at South Side Lions Park on October 28, an Arte Kids event at the San Antonio Museum of Art on November 5, and a Family Literacy Night at Mission Academy on November 8.



Professional Development Coding Training

Seventeen members of the Children’s staff (including children’s librarians and Little Read Wagon staffers) attended the 2017 Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in October. The conference was held in San Antonio this year, allowing SAPL staff to attend without any travel or lodging expenses which greatly increased the number that could attend. The conference is designed for early childhood educators in both child care and pre-school settings. However, the children’s staff was able to glean a considerable amount of information that applies to early literacy and the provision of library service to children before they enter formal/traditional school settings.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Off-Site Service

Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor has continued the Library’s partnership with Krier Probation Center through a Teen Book Club, as well as designing a program that will help students phasing out of the probation center’s program to enter society a healthy and active citizen.

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



On Saturday, November 18, the third annual Rock the Plaza teen music event took place on the Central Library Plaza. Spearheaded by J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), the planning committee included Teen Services Librarians Gina Salinas (Bazan) and Cindy Cruz (Schaefer), Library Assistants Adolph Lopez (Central), Hondo Aguilar (Central), Nicole Garza (Johnston), Ciana Flores (Teen Library @ Central), and Circulation Attendant Michelangelo Sosa (Memorial). The event featured music from teen duo Annie and Kate, and Elora and Gasoline Alley, an ensemble from the San Antonio Music Academy. Also featured were dance performances from teen K-Pop dance group Echo Effect and a dance troop from the Henry Ford Academy. The dance troop included many students that regularly hang out at the Teen Library. Christina, a Teen Library “regular” and Henry Ford Academy student, showcased her hula hoop flow art.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Several San Antonio Public Library locations are serving as enrollment sites for the Affordable Care Act again this year. The Library partners with EnrollSA and the Daughters of Charity to provide convenient locations for citizens to receive assistance enrolling or reenrolling to receive health insurance.



Adult Services staff held their monthly meeting at the Doris Griffin Senior Center in May. The Center is made possible through a partnership between the City of San Antonio and WellMed. Library staff were given a tour of the Center learning about the numerous services and programs provided there for free to San Antonio seniors. Representatives of WellMed then provided a presentation about what other services they provide. Several adult services librarians will be working with WellMed to bring some of their programs and services to Library locations in the future.



In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Central Library hosted author, playwright, and scholar Russ Tall Chief who shared the story of his great aunt Maria, a New York City ballet prima ballerina. Tall Chief talked about the role of dance in the Native way of life and performed a traditional Osage tribal male dance. Russ Tall Chief is the Director of Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Multicultural Programs at Oklahoma City University. He is also a Tail Dancer and former Drumkeeper for the Greyhorse In'lonskha.



Coordinator of Services for Adults Haley Holmes is working with the head of the Organizational Health Unit Roberta Sparks to coordinate the upcoming Staff Transformation Day. The Re-Visionaries have been tasked with planning the day, and they recently surveyed staff to gauge breakout session interest. There will be four break-out session periods covering the topics of personal growth, professional development, communication, and innovation. The group has identified 36 potential sessions and is working to book presenters.

Ms. Holmes has also been working with a group of staff members from throughout the system to hold another staff art show and talent showcase. The reception will be held at the Central Library on December 1, will be holiday themed, and all staff and their guests are invited.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



The highlight of the season at the Central Children's Department was the blow out *Halloween Party*. Librarian Nicole Cubillas planned and prepared the party in her first time undertaking a major children's event. The party was a great success, due in large part to her thoughtful planning that saw a variety of engaging activities for children of all ages. Young children enjoyed the homemade play dough table, while tweens delighted in the slime station nearby. Families joined together to make Halloween collages, paper jack-o-lanterns, and paper plate *calavera* masks. Favored activities were the pumpkin toss game and the "Make Your Mommy a Mummy" activity in which children wrapped their mothers in toilet paper. The grand finale of the event was a very large costume parade around the entire children's area.



Play & Learn, the popular interactive program for young children, was offered by Librarians Lea Ann McDonald and Ms. Cubillas. *Hispanic Heritage Month* was celebrated with the sights and sounds of Latin America, featuring musical instruments and a colorful, collaborative mural. Early childhood programming took a STEM focus with an Outer Space & Robotics theme. Children used Magnatile blocks

to build space stations and wore astronaut helmets and steered a cardboard rocket ship for outer space dramatic play. *Halloween Play & Learn* saw toddlers and preschoolers arrive in costume and play dress up with an array of child-sized capes and masks. The children delighted in the big mound of paper fall leaves as well. Families engaged together with transportation-themed materials as parents pushed children around in large cardboard cars and navigated toy cars through traffic in a tiny city with felt roadways. Thanksgiving was celebrated with an extravaganza of food play. Ms. Cubillas presented the system-wide Food, Glorious Food Play & Learn program the week of Thanksgiving, featuring a sensory fruit and vegetable washing experience and pretend cooking with a plastic stove and child-sized pots and pans. She augmented the program with her own creations, such as a “stuff the turkey game” in which children tossed balls of orange tissue paper into a paper bag roasted turkey, and a paper cherry pie collage craft.



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin created exciting *Toddler Time* programs this month.

Her Halloween-themed program was a sensory delight complete with gross motor skills development in the form of a monster bean bag toss game, and play dough with Halloween-shaped cookie cutters. The highlight of the program was the costume parade! Toddlers enjoyed a getting dressed theme that focused on socks and shoes. They engaged in imaginative play in the “shoe store,” washed socks in the cardboard washing machine, and paired them on the clothesline after listening to the classic book *Pete the Cat: I love my white shoes*. During the friends-themed Toddler Time, young children reenacted scenes of friendship from story time with puppets, and played with sparkly play dough. Children learned all about squirrels one week, and had fun digging for acorns in the sensory bin full of pinecones, and playing with a plethora of forest animal puppets.



Family Fun programming was a team effort this month, with each Librarian bringing their talents to create an array of engaging programs for families. Ms. McDonald developed immersive experiences during her programs. She surrounded the programming space with abstract art images when she highlighted the artist Piet Mondrian, and played the jazz music that had inspired him while the children emulated his masterpieces. She presented another multi-sensory experience with her bird themed *Family Fun*. After hearing stories, children were shown pictures of birds while listening to their bird calls. The group then crafted birdfeeders made from real oranges and Cheerios and contributed to a collaborative activity in which they each identified their favorite bird and added it to a large paper tree. Ms. McDonald brought the beach to the Story Room when she focused on seahorses. After learning about these less-understood creatures, children used sand and paint to explore negative space in art with a seahorse stencil on wooden craft sticks. The combined effect created charming wall hangings for children to take home. Ms. Seglin promoted the *Rock the Plaza* event with a disco-themed *Family Fun* on the same day. After singing the popular book *Kitchen Disco*, Shannon led the group in a foil disco ball craft. Afterwards, they all boogied to disco songs and used a cardboard turntable for DJ imaginative play. Ms. Cubillas brought back the popular *Bilingual Family Fun* program from a long hiatus as a special monthly offering, much to the delight of families who had been eager for its return. She focused on gratitude and shared nursery rhymes and stories in Spanish and English that celebrated the holiday season. Children mused about things they were thankful for, writing each one on a paper feather and adding it to their turkey collage.



Manager Kate Simpson coordinated with Dr. Tiffany Farias, Literacy Specialist for Douglass Elementary School, to develop a *Family Literacy Night* event for parents and students at the Central Library. The evening event was a huge hit with Douglass families, many of whom had never been to the “big enchilada,” despite the school’s close proximity to the library. Ms. Simpson and Dr. Farias created a scavenger hunt full of fun and informative activities for families to complete as they explored the Central Children’s Department. Several weeks later, Ms. Simpson was asked to attend the 1st Grade Parent’s Breakfast at Douglass Elementary as the featured speaker. She shared information about the library and the *Young Pegasus Poetry Competition*, even reading a few poems from other first graders to inspire the children to submit their own poetry!



The Central Children's Department hosted visits from an array of groups this month. Education students from the Family Service Association spent a Saturday examining books for preschoolers as part of their early childhood program. Ms. Seglin led families from the San Antonio Homeschool Ninja group on a tour of the 3rd floor. First and Second grade students from George Gervin Academy visited the library and checked out books they chose from a popular books display. Fourth graders from St. John Bosco Elementary spent a fun-filled hour exploring the Children's Area and completing the I Spy games crafted by Central Children's staff. The highlight of their visit was contributing to the "Write Something Wonderful" collaborative display created by Ms. McDonald which featured the smash hit book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. The Central Children's Department was also excited to serve as the site of a press conference announcing new funding support for the SA Reads organization.



Ms. Seglin presented story times to students at Madison Square Child Development Center. Ms. Cubillas brought fall-themed books to Central Christian Childcare Center. Ms. McDonald continued her monthly visits to Green Acres Childcare where she shared stories and songs with the preschoolers there.



Ms. Simpson attended the first meeting of this year's Staff Mentor Program as a mentor and joined the SAPL Strong group as the department's Wellness Leader.



The Central Children's Department's *Play & Learn* program was featured in a report on Every Child Ready to Read practices in libraries, published by the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children. The work of Ms. Seglin and former Central Children's team members Julia Pouliot (Librarian I – Teen Services, Encino Branch Library) and Robin Alcorta (Librarian II - Children's Services, Potranco Branch Library) was highlighted as exemplary in the area of parental involvement in early childhood development.

TEENS



Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant): J.D. continued to facilitate Eclectic Electric music programming. The focus during this reporting period was the annual Teen Library Haunted House. Several teens worked for months to plan the event. J.D. has been a mentor for Henry Ford Academy student Vivian as part of an internship for her senior practicum. Vivian was instrumental in the haunted house planning, implementation, and clean-up. She was able to take an active leadership role, and J.D. helped to facilitate.



Tuesdays with Megan Stanley (Librarian II, Assistant Manager): Art Lab on Tuesdays continues to be a hit. Teens have experimented with different media to create and express themselves. Perhaps the most fun addition to Art Lab has been an ongoing playlist of music that teens all participate in playing for background music. We even had an impromptu dance party for a few songs.



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



Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teens engaged in activities that allowed them to express themselves creatively, learn nutritional facts, and celebrate a couple of teen-favorite fall holidays. Encouraged by staff, teens suggest and plan activities they wish to do at their library. They suggest ideas that play up their strengths that allow themselves to help or teach others or that highlight their interest in a certain craft or things they might have seen made online.

To round out their Halloween-themed Thursdays in October, teens made a pumpkin-shaped chocolate pumpkin spice truffle that they dipped and stirred into hot milk to create a pumpkin hot chocolate drink. They also used Halloween molds to make shower jellies—soaps created with shower gel, unflavored gelatin, hot water, food colors and the always available but optional glitter. With the ruckus of the Haunted

House around them, participants found moments to dip grapes and strawberries in melted white chocolate, letting them dry and drawing ghost/monster faces with frosting gels. Afterwards, teens decided on a design and carved a pumpkin. They also made bubble magnets.

Teens chose a Saturday in October for a Trick or Treat Yo'Self event that included all day horror (some not so "horror"-ible) movies and DIY projects such as spell books, plush monsters, candle votives, mummy (hot) dogs, and monster S'mores.

To celebrate Dia de los Muertos, teens shaped Rice Krispies treats into skull shapes and used candies and frosting to decorate a sugar skull. They also made some Mexican hot chocolate to sip on as they used old gift cards to scrape dots of paint on paper to create colored backgrounds before stenciling on skulls in contrasting colors. In what was the cutest fall craft done to date, teens dipped one side of a pumpkin flavored donut hole in caramel, sprinkled chopped nuts on, and stuck a pretzel piece on top to create an acorn – cutest (and sweetest) acorns ever. They also used Sharpies and rubbing alcohol on white tiles for some watercolor-looking effects.

For the last of the fall crafts, teens created items using yarn, made popcorn balls, and engaged in tackling nutrition with green things. Using slices of honeydew melon and cucumbers, teens created a refreshing cool drink, while also learning the vitamin benefits that each has. Some Thursday nights, in a non-competitive environment, teens played video games. Pictures from Thursday programs as well as other Teen Library and system-wide programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>. Photos and mini-videos are also posted to Teen Library's Instagram account: <https://instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



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.

Classes from the Henry Ford Academy made regular visits to the Teen Library to use the computers during the reporting period. Students from Providence High School visited the Teen Library on October 26 and 27 to learn about the resources available to them.

REFERENCE



Marco de Leon came to Reference as the new Manager on October 16. During his tenure at San Antonio Public Library he worked at the Igo and Las Palmas Branches; most recently he served as the Assistant Manager of the Mission Branch.



Holiday inspired programs hosted by Reference staff include "Holiday Desk or Treat and Crafts" on October 31. To celebrate Halloween, Lily Perez and Bettina Hernandez organized mini-casket painting for participating families.



To honor and assist veterans, Joe Michael Gonzales and Cynthia de Leon organized and hosted "Veteran's Empowerment Day: Life After Military" on November 12. Attending veterans learned about opportunities available to them after leaving active duty. An open discussion included topics such as home life, health care, education, and VA benefits.



On October 30, the Geek Out Group presented "Who Ya Gonna Call", a tribute to the original "Ghostbusters" movie. Patrons were encouraged to wear cosplay costumes for the screening of the iconic classic. Participants also had an opportunity for a photo op with Ghostbusters SATX.

TEXANA/GENEALOGY



Librarian Sylvia Reyna led a group through downtown on October 22 for the “Central Within Reach: River Walk History Tour.” This very popular program examines the history and architecture of notable buildings visible from the River Walk as you leave the Central Library and head towards the Kampmann Library Portal on W. Market Street.



On October 23, Ms. Reyna gave students from UTSA’s Institute of Texan Cultures and their professor Sarah Gould a tour of the many research treasures housed in the Texana room. The focus was the varied resources and archives available for researching the history of San Antonio and the State of Texas.



Ms. Reyna led a very enthusiastic group on a walk through several of the Historic East Side Cemeteries on October 28. Attendees were taken through City Cemetery #1, the Oddfellows Cemetery, and Alamo Masonic Cemetery. The graves of notable San Antonians including Dr. Ferdinand Herff, John H. and Caroline B. Kampmann, and Samuel Augustus Maverick were just a few of graves they visited that morning.



Assistant Manager Deborah Countess presented the program “Growing Your Family Tree: Beginning Genealogy Research” on November 12. New genealogists learned about the methodology and resources available to them as they begin filling in their family trees. San Antonio Public Library genealogy databases “Ancestry (Library Edition)” and “Access Newspaper Archive” were highlighted.



In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Ramon Juan Vasquez, a member of the Tapilam Coahuiltecan and Executive Director of the *American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions*, conducted a genealogy class focusing on local Native American ancestor research. The November 18 program discussed clues and resources that can help answer questions for people descended from these early area inhabitants.



Ms. Reyna held a “virtual” Historic East Side Cemetery tour for the John Igo Library genealogy group on November 21. Her slide presentation led the participants through the same cemeteries visited in the real-world tour: City Cemetery #1, Oddfellows, and Alamos Masonic. Discussion centered on the background of these early residents and their connections to San Antonio’s colorful history.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The *Writing Workshop for Seniors* continued to meet every Wednesday at the Bazan Branch. The workshop, which is taught by a member of *Voices de la Luna Quarterly Literature and Arts Magazine*, encourages seniors to share and record their own personal unique stories while teaching them composition and creative writing.



Open enrollment for Affordable Care Act insurance began November 1 and the Bazan Branch hosted health insurance navigators from the Daughters of Charity to assist customers. The enrollment period ends December 15. Turn out for the free service was very high.



Teen librarian Georgina Salinas volunteered to help with the San Antonio Public Library booth at the ICMA conference to showcase a few of the makerspace tools the Teen Library owns.

Georgina, alongside Catherine Prazak, Haley Holmes, and Cheryl Sheehan had various participants interested in using the Oculus Rift, the Makey Makey, and had many questions about how the 3D printer is incorporated into programming. Georgina also assisted Adult Services Librarian Samantha Gordano from Schaefer at the *GameExpo* in early November. In addition, Georgina served as a committee member for *Rock the Plaza*, a teen music program which was held at the Central Library mid-November.

Teen Time continued every Monday evening at Bazan where teens came together to spend time interacting over video games, button-making, or while completing homework. Georgina spent a couple of hours doing outreach at Lanier High School during the school's lunch hours where she and teen liaison Edward Mayberry set up a booth with homework help flyers, bookmarks, program flyers, and library swag for the teens to take with them. The booth reeled in several teens that were interested in learning more about the library.



The Bazan *Bad Girls Romance Book Club* had a wonderful turnout and attendees enjoyed discussing *Close Enough to Touch* by Colleen Oakley on October 28 and *The Protector* by Jodi Ellen Malpas on November 18. Anthony Prater, husband to Library Assistant Enedina Prater, surprised the group with unicorn colored pan dulce and some coffee for the book club on October 28. The book club will not meet again until the new year.



On October 25, many patrons attended the Halloween themed *Coloring for Grown-Ups* program. Several in the group brought baked goods and sweets for each other and some who attended arranged for their kids take part in other library activities while they decompressed. From October 29 through October 31 Bazan hosted a coloring "pop-up" program and had over 40 patrons and many large families participate.



Bazan hosted *Journaling for Grown-Ups*, a spin-off program of our *Coloring for Grown-Ups*, and had a positive turnout and interest. Library Aid Stephanie Perez, who hosted a program for the first time, did a wonderful job and led the event.



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen attended the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children conference on October 19. Ms. Sonnen attended four different sessions and learned how to incorporate science, math, art, and technology into Family Fun programs. She also attended the Cafecita at Margil Elementary on October 20 where she talked to parents about the different programs that are held at Bazan. Ms. Sonnen was also invited to attend the Barrio Boo Bash hosted by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center on October 30 where she had crafts for the children. Ms. Sonnen hosted the Children's Librarians Meeting held at Bazan on November 9, which everybody enjoyed.

BROOK HOLLOW



Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera and Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez continued an ongoing program. Every week, the bulletin board has 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 17, Ms. Barrera presented *STEM Story Time* that focused on the concept of measurement. Children had the opportunity to explore different math and science concepts, including using non-standard measures like blocks, paper clips, and other objects. Children were also able to compare their own height with common Texas animals with a growth chart made by the children's librarian. Children also retold the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* on the flannel board.



On Friday, October 20, Ms. Barrera had the opportunity to attend the annual conference of the *Texas Association for the Education of Young Children* in San Antonio. She attended sessions on ways to teach

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young children executive function skills, how to create authentic art with preschoolers, and how to create an atmosphere of diversity in the classroom (or library.)

On Tuesday, October 31, the library hosted a Halloween party for preschoolers. The Friends of the Brook Hollow Library provided a cake, decorations, and refreshments. The District 9 Council Office provided candy. Councilman John Courage attended and presented a story, *The Ghost and the Mouse*, with Ms. Barrera. Also in attendance was District 9 Library Board member Marcie Ince and Friends of the Brook Hollow Library President Pat Finley. Young children and their families enjoyed the children's area play house transformed into a spooky house, a creepy bat sensory bin, monster bowling, and a bat hat craft. It was well attended by at least 160 people.



On Tuesday, November 7, Ms. Barrera presented *Play and Learn: Food Glorious Food*, where children and their caregivers learn with the five early literacy practices of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. After reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Hello, Pizza Man*, activities were set up around the children's area, all of which centered on food. The children pretended to work in a pizza restaurant, retold *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to their grown-ups, and participated in many other fun and educational activities.



On Wednesday, November 8, Brook Hollow's Children's Librarian attended her monthly school year outreach visit to Rhapsody Head Start. She provided a story time for each of five classes. In addition, she provided books for each classroom to support each class' monthly curriculum.



On Tuesday, November 14, Ms. Barrera attended monthly outreach to Heimer Kindercare. She provided a story time for each Pre-K classroom and provided books to each of four classrooms to support their curriculum.



On Tuesday, November 21, Ms. Barrera presented a *STEM Story Time* focusing on patterns. The children listened to stories about patterns in nature, patterns in movement, and patterns in sound. The children had the opportunity to create color patterns with a felt flower with different colored petals, make sound patterns with rhythm sticks, and create patterns with their bodies, such as moving their arms up and down, or swirling their hands and clapping.



Teens at Brook Hollow decided to move Teen Time back to Wednesdays because of scheduling conflicts. During the reporting period, teens stuck to their old favorites: video games and board games (one spirited game of UNO stands out as exceptional), with a little Halloween-themed crafting added in.



On October 28 and 29, Circulation Attendant Kimberly King and Adult Services Librarian Jenny Borrero volunteered with the Arts and Culture committee at the 2017 *Halloween Con* at the Alamodome. There was an Eggo station, a spider craft, a cosplay repair station, and a green screen photo op. Overall, over 630 people stopped by the library booth. It was a fun event!



On November 4, Brook Hollow Branch Library hosted a *Bharatanatyam* dance performance by students from the *Kaveri Natya Yoga* troupe in celebration of Diwali the Festival of Lights. Patrons of all ages enjoyed the performance which featured stories from Hindu mythology and opportunities to learn dance moves.



On November 13, Kristin Cuellar, the Nutrition Education Coordinator for the San Antonio Food Bank, presented *Healthy Holiday Cooking*. Participants were given tips to make Thanksgiving dinner a little healthier and were given the chance to cook some healthy alternatives such as butternut squash with ground turkey and pumpkin mousse. The delicious food was enjoyed by all!



On November 14, Belinda Kovach began teaching *Beginning Hatha Yoga* at Brook Hollow Library. As the class was finishing, several patrons asked for more information about attending. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the class. The classes will continue every Tuesday through the beginning of January.

CARVER



Carver Branch celebrated National Friends of the Library Week October 15-21. For the second year, staff invited its Friends group to an appreciation dinner. This year, the dinner was held on October 20. The lasagna got rave reviews.



On October 21, the Carver Friends kicked off their annual fall book sale. Bargain hunters came from all over, including a group of youngsters from the community's Read and Lead organization who selected a book then had ice cream outside on the playground.



September marked the 80th anniversary of the publication of Zora Neale Hurston's classic novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. The branch kicked off a weeklong celebration to mark the occasion during October. The event included a visit by N.Y. Nathiri, executive director of Preserve Eatonville Community (Hurston's hometown) and author of *Zora! A Woman and her Community*. Other highlights were the community read book discussion which attracted about 20 Hurston lovers eager to share their take main character Janie Crawford and dissect the plot of the beloved novel. Next was the art exhibit featuring paintings by artists John Coleman and Glen Franklin. Images shown depicted rural images reminiscent of the scenes from Hurston's book. The final piece was the daylong literary conference on Saturday, October 28, that drew strong audiences for each session. Speakers included Dr. Michael Soto of Trinity University, Dr. Julie Hudson of Huston-Tillotson University, and film professors Antoinette F. Winstead of Our Lady of the Lake and Dr. Mark Cunningham of Austin Community College.



On the heels of its Zora celebration, the branch hosted its second annual Carver College Fair on November 4, which was larger than the first. Participating schools were Our Lady of the Lake University, Prairie View A&M, Huston-Tillotson University, and the University of the Incarnate Word, to name a few.



Finally, youngsters out of school for Thanksgiving break did not have to look hard for something to keep them occupied. The branch partnered with Guardian House children's services for the second year in a row for a read-a-thon. Readers were Precinct 4 Commissioner Tommy Calvert Jr., Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar, SAPD Chief William McManus, and SAFD Chief Charles Hood.

CODY



Tweens celebrated Halloween during several programs during the month of October. Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon and Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver worked together to design an escape room program for the tweens and teens to enjoy. Tweens attended the *Escape Room* program on October 16. They had to work together to solve clues in order to open a locked box full of treats! This program allowed the tweens to practice the skills of critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration.



On October 23, the tweens had a *Spooky Story Read-a-thon*. Tweens selected spooky stories from children's anthologies and performed dramatic readings of the tales. Some of the tweens told spooky stories that they had written for the program.



Finally, on October 30, tweens competed in an *Edible Architecture Challenge*. Tweens had to create edible haunted houses and decorate them. The tweens used a lot of creativity in their structures and decorations!



On November 6, the *Culinary Tweens* met to bake pumpkin spice cupcakes with cinnamon cream cheese frosting from scratch. Tweens had to read and follow the instructions, measure the ingredients, and wait patiently while the fragrant cupcakes baked. Then they decorated the cupcakes with frosting and enjoyed them!



On November 13, tweens held a *Turkey Bowl* where they competed in several Thanksgiving-themed mini games. Two of the tweens' favorite games were *Stuff the Turkey* where they competed to be the first to throw all of their cotton balls into a paper bag turkey and *Goblet Gobble* where they had to place a ping pong ball in between their chin and neck and carry it across the room to a goblet. These games promoted camaraderie among the regular and new attenders of *Tween Time*.



Finally, on November 20, tweens celebrated Thanksgiving with a *Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Feast*. Tweens watched the beloved holiday classic while chowing down on Charlie Brown's famous meal. After eating their fill the tweens made Charlie Brown and Snoopy paper models.



After *Baby Time* and *Toddler Time* on October 30, Cody held its annual Boo Parade. The babies and toddlers paraded around the library in their costumes and then received some treats.



On November 2, Kristin helped the Blue Roof School celebrate Community Service month by conducting a special story time about community helpers and service.



Kristin continued her partnership with the school librarian at Locke Hill Elementary on November 7 to offer a writing club after school. The club attendees created first drafts of poems to submit to the *Young Pegasus Poetry Competition*. In between meetings attendees will revise their poems in order to submit them during the next meeting in early December.



Kristin created a new partnership with the Rabbi of the Torah Academy during this reporting period. Kristin will visit the Torah Academy campus every other month to read stories to the elementary students. During the other months the students will visit the Cody Library to learn more about the library and to participate in scavenger hunts designed to help them navigate the children's section of the library.



Kristin visited Colonies North Elementary School on November 15 to promote library services at their Literacy Night.



Cody's Children's Librarian and Teen Librarian collaborated to put together a Fall Festival at the library on October 19. This well-attended program featured games such as pumpkin golf, traditional games like guess the number of candy corn, and crafts like pumpkin painting.



Kid's Time has continued to meet twice per month. On October 25 kids experimented with oil pastels to create resist spider webs and paint them with watercolors. They then sprinkled salt on their paintings to see what effect it would have on their artwork. The attendees then talked about the science behind their art experiments.



On November 8 the *Kid's Time* program was all about amphibians and reptiles. Kids talked about the difference between reptiles and amphibians and then made paper chain snakes, egg carton turtles, and frog puppets.



Finally, on November 22, kids made mosaics with colored popcorn kernels and talked about what they are thankful for this season as they made paper strip pumpkins and recorded their thanks on the strips of paper.



The fall *Play and Learn* program was held on November 9. The children who attended this program learned a lot about food and especially enjoyed watching the sizzling reaction that happened when they dropped colored vinegar on a tray of baking soda.



The *Thanksgiving Come & Go Crafts* program was held on November 16. During this program children decorated coffee filters with markers and then sprayed them with water to make colorful turkey feathers. Children also glued paper turkeys to a plate and then sponge painted turkey feathers on the plate.



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 *Halloween Party* to start off their holiday. In addition to challenging each other to fighting games (the preferred video games at *Teen Time*), participants ate Halloween candy and colored sugar skull pictures to decorate the teen space.



Zen Rocks Day gave teens the opportunity to chill out with permanent markers, colored pencils, and a variety of coloring opportunities, ranging from paper designs to polished stones. Snacks and video games accompanied the afternoon.



On *Playdough Day*, teens took a walk down memory lane by making homemade play dough and eating graham crackers smothered in frosting. While watching a dinosaur movie, they reminisced about their childhoods and past teachers and classmates.



With Thanksgiving break on the calendar and eating hearty on everyone's mind, teens decided that *Tape Ball Day* should feature caramel apples in addition to a DIY volleyball made from packing tape. With some handmade hand turkeys—the weirder, the better!—a happy Teen Time was had by all.



Cody tweens, teens, and parents continue to come to the monthly *Chess Club*, an hour-long program for chess players age 9 and up. They focused on the benefits of castling and practiced the touch-play rule while challenging each other to games.



Health Careers High School got a taste of teen services when Amy Rae Weaver set up a table during their lunch hours on November 6. Students took homework help flyers and volunteer applications and offered suggestions for future activities, both at HCHS and at the library.



The Cody Library acted as an early voting location from October 23 to November 3.



On October 18, Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana attended the monthly meeting of the book club at Adante Senior Living where the group discussed *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova.



The Cody Library, in partnership with the Metropolitan Health District, offered the first few parts of a 6-part weekly wellness workshop series in November.



On November 15, Adult Services Librarian Adam Spana attended the monthly meeting of the book club at Adante Senior Living, where the group discussed *The Silver Star* by Jeanette Walls.



On November 16, representatives from the Alamo Area Council of Governments offered Medicare enrollment assistance at Cody.



A representative from the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio (DCSSA) offered ACA healthcare insurance enrollment assistance on November 17 at Cody. The DCSSA rep will on hand every Friday through December 15, the end of the enrollment period.

COLLINS GARDEN



Six Family Fun programs for this time period include a Halloween Celebration with crafts, stories, and homemade SLIME for more than 40 children and parents. Two chess sets in the library's public areas attract 8-10 players, of all ages, each day who strategize their moves and invite other family members to play. The Library hosts weekly Family Game Nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays with various games like monopoly, Jenga, Checkers and more.



On October 23 the Collins Garden Library hosted a retirement party for Foxie the Dog with more than 40 children and adults in attendance. Foxie was presented doggie treats and a card in the shape of a dog bone signed by library children and staff. Foxie and Mary Valdez, Foxie's owner and handler, will be missed by the children of the Collins Garden Library, school, and community. October 30 there were 14 attendees for the Halloween Come and Go craft Program. On October 21 Children's Librarian Gina Brudi attended the District 5 Community Baby Shower at Yanaguana Garden and Playground and spoke to 100 expectant mothers and fathers on the importance of reading and singing to their new babies. Brudi also attended the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEYC) Conference October 19.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi presented 14 story times during the reporting period at Kelly Field Education Center with 196 children and caregivers in attendance. At Knox Early Literacy Center, Brudi took 270 books to the center and presented 24 story times. She also attended The Hillcrest Literacy Night on November 15 and Career Day on November 16 at Collins Garden Elementary.



There were four Lego programs with an attendance of 66. Lego creations are displayed in the reference area for viewing.



Coffee and a Movie is an increasingly popular program as 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.



Collins Garden Library hosted a Genealogy Program "Native Americans in the San Antonio Area" with six attendees. Artist Rosemary Perez hosted 10 people for a beading program to teach adults, teens, and children beading techniques to make earrings.



The Collins Garden Library Team banded together to host a successful Community Job Fair October 20 with 85-100 attendees. Participating companies included COSA, H-E-B, Wyndham Hotels, Reliable Staffing, Stability Staffing, VIA, and Port San Antonio. Representatives from Primerica, Port of San Antonio, and Stability Staffing provided video testimonials stating how pleased they were with the job fair and that they interviewed some viable candidates.



The Teen program, hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera, is averaging 7-10 teens a week. Teens made Halloween and Thanksgiving crafts. The teens hosted a Movie Matinee on November 20 for children and had an attendance of 15.



Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies attended a UMAST luncheon, the Texas Library Association District 10 Social, and is working with the Friends of Collins Garden Library

Group on the Used Book & Wreath Sale. In addition, the manager and staff are coordinating a Holiday Tree Lightening with District Five Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales's office/staff on December 1st at 4:30 p.m.

CORTEZ



Branch Manager Cammie Brantley hosted the first two sessions of a new Book Club at the Branch. Though participation was small the attendees still enjoyed talking about *Try Not to Breathe* by Holly Seddon.



Ms. Brantley filled the last vacancies this month and welcomed two new employees, Brenda Sanchez and Vanezza Garcia on November 20. The staff had a combined Thanksgiving and Welcome breakfast for them on that day.



Cortez staff is participating in weekly health events and have enjoyed everything from walking and yoga to writing poetry together.



Baby Time is slowly beginning to catch on again at Cortez. Each session held over the past few weeks has attracted at least one new baby and his/her parent.



Toddler Time follows Baby Time on Wednesdays and seems to attract new attendees each week. A *Play and Learn* kit created by fellow SAPL Children's Librarians called *Food Glorious Food* was offered during one of these sessions and the toddlers were very, very busy with oregano scented play dough for the play pizza oven, play dishes, and plastic food at a restaurant play scenario. Other Toddler Time sessions included hands-on play, movement and songs, and a story by a favorite author.



Family Fun offers a variety of activities to children and their families at Cortez. The *Play and Learn* kit was offered as well as sessions on yoga and LEGO play. Story sessions about fall and a Halloween Party were well received by attendees.



Tween Time continues on Wednesdays at Cortez. Tweens enjoyed the basic video games, a session with straws and connectors, chess, and jenga competitions.



Open-ended craft sessions are offered on Thursday afternoons.



Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster visited the Carrillo Elementary School for their Literacy Night on Wednesday, November 15. 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 are offered when we have available staff to offer an activity and some children in need of a diversion! Puzzles and paper and pencil/crayon games are offered as well.



Teens are finally starting to come back, now that football season is winding down. Many teens mentioned that they were in band and had practices after school and therefore could not come. They are excited to be back! The teens had a blast making candy sushi and requested to have real sushi one day. Attendance started for a few weeks with only two students, but has gone up to eight in the last couple of weeks.



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



Taking one of the regular Tuesday COAST evenings, Cortez hosted a new program called Dessert Swap. This was an opportunity for the public to bring in their favorite dessert and share it with other library patrons. Participants had the chance to sample different kinds of treats, socialize and take home a recipe card of their favorite desserts to make over the Thanksgiving holiday. For those who might have allergies or are trying to get healthier, handouts were distributed with healthy baking ingredient substitutions.



The craft group has been really busy catching up on completing some old projects. The group began crocheting Christmas ornaments which they seem to enjoy. Attendance has been good with an average of 10 attendees per class.



On November 11, 12 horror fans attended a Monster Meet session to view *Lost Boys*, the 1987 horror/comedy classic.

ENCINO



On October 21st Encino hosted its first annual *Cosplay Con*. The Con was a program for both adult and teens that was created as a team effort by Adult Services Librarian Michelle Ricondo and Teen Services Librarian Julia Pouliot. Over eighty teens and adults came to the program in costumes representing their favorite fandoms. Attendees made buttons, took photos with our green screen and photo props, and drew on our collaborative canvas. Some entered our costume contest and lip sync competitions, which brought out great talent and some memorable performances. This event could not have taken place without the teamwork of everyone at Encino, Teen Librarian Matthew Loaiza, and the Friends of Encino who helped solicit prizes for the event. A big thank you and round of applause to everyone involved.



Encino Teens celebrated fall and Halloween this month making holiday themed perler beads and caramel apples with chocolate toppings. In our monthly edition of *Teen Board Gaming*, teens brought out their competitive spirits with two new games including a game donated to Encino's collection by one of our regulars. *Anime Club* has seen the addition of some new faces with new viewing preferences, leading us to discover new anime. Teens also got to try Japanese snacks during one of our weekly programs including dried seaweed and mochi. Finally, rounding out our teen programming, our *Teen Screen* movie program featured the web-slinging fun of *Spider-man: Homecoming*. We watched the newest Spiderman and finished out our series of awesome superhero-centric movies.



Branch Manager Keri Moczygemba assisted with the Parman at Stone Oak Branch Spooky Walk on Thursday, October 26. She had a replica of the Encino Drive Thru service point created and successfully represented the branch at the very popular event.



A representative of District 9 Councilman John Courage's office held satellite office hours at Encino Library on Thursday, November 9. Several citizens stopped in to discuss neighborhood issues.



Ms. Pouliot traveled to the Central Library on November 18 to help with teen services' Rock the Plaza event. Lots of teens and their families came out to hear the music performances, and Ms. Pouliot was happy to present such a fun event to the community and to support teens making music.



Ms. Ricondo volunteered to be the Encino Branch Wellness Leader, taking the reins from Branch Manager Keri Moczygemba. She hopes to bring wellness techniques to the branch that will foster team building and time management.

FOREST HILLS



Teatro Audaz shared their dramatic reading of the urban legend of la Llorona, the ghostly woman who wanders along canals and rivers crying for her missing children on October 28. Teatro Audaz is dedicated to exploring the varied experiences and cultures of Latinx people, through producing and showcasing the creative talents of Latinx and Tejano artists. An important part of their mission is making teatro that is accessible to all audiences, with emphasis on those underserved by the arts.



Adult Services Librarian Sandra Griffin attended the University of Texas Health Student Appreciation Day on October 30. Ms. Griffin provided library card applications and information regarding the UT Briscoe Library's new digital library cling which was provided by the San Antonio Public Library.



Adults were invited to participate in Adult Coloring on November 2. Coloring sheets with images related to Dia de los Muertos were provided.



Cut paper art by Laura Schultz will be on display at the Forest Hills Branch Library through the month of December. The colorful cut tissue paper resembles a flurry of snowflakes and adds a festive appearance to the library for the holidays.



The Alamo Area Agency on Aging provided assistance with Medicare enrollment on October 27 and again on November 17.



The Spare Parts Mini Art Museum Exhibit was presented on November 18. Patrons were invited to celebrate the museum's return from Columbia and the newest exhibition, Call & Response, featuring 24 artists from San Antonio and beyond.



Forest Hills Branch Library welcomed Ana Menchaca to the branch as the new Children's Librarian. Ms. Menchaca comes to Forest Hills Branch by promotion from her position at the McCreless Branch Library. Ms. Menchaca is eager to develop new programs for the birth to 12 age range and to engage parents and caregivers in literacy building skills. For the month of November, activities included the regular Storytime and Family Fun on Tuesdays, and Lego Club on Thursday afternoon. Children were also invited to color a turkey to be put on display at the library in honor of Thanksgiving.



Ballet San Antonio presented a Ballet Class Demonstration on November 1. The event was open to all ages, but it naturally appealed to little girls ages 5 to 9. The library was filled with the sounds of Swan Lake and giggles as they learned beginner ballet moves.

GREAT NORTHWEST



The Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library met on October 16 and discussed plans for the group and support for the branch. The Friends always welcome new members interested in helping support their local branch by volunteering or joining the Friends.



The Great Northwest Branch Library's Color Club celebrated the end of the year with a colorful party. Polleen, one of the branch's dedicated volunteers, came up with the idea of decorating the children's water cups with food coloring to make their drinks any color they desired. It was a big hit! The children asked for refills and didn't notice the lack of sugary drinks! The adults were very pleased with the idea and several said that they were going to use it at home. Everyone enjoyed building and creating with different colored materials throughout the children's wing of the library.



Library assistant Jose has been doing a great job with the tween science program, *The Lab for Kids*. They have created batteries, built floating devices, and made other such creations. Several have said that this program is the highlight of their week. The addition of a Baby Time meeting around the same time has been a delight to young parents at the branch.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest. Great Northwest teens held *Craft and Movie Nights* on Monday evenings. In October, Ms. Vazquez worked with teens to plan *Tim Burton Fest: Craft and Movie Nights* on Monday evenings. Teens enjoyed a Tim Burton movie every week in October and made a variety of crafts including Frankenstein twinkies, clay sculptures, and Pom Poms. Teens ended Tim Burton Fest with a *Teen Halloween Party* watching *Beetlejuice* and making shrunken apple heads. In November, teens made DIY popsicle stick lanterns, magnet buttons, and fall zentangle art.



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, October 28 teen gamers held a Super Smash Saturday video gaming program.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Brennan High School on October 1. During this outreach event teens had the opportunity to sign up for library cards, make button crafts, and compete in a video game competition. During one exciting match, students began chanting and cheering on their favorite players. Ms. Vazquez also visited the school library at Taft High School on October 15 for an outreach event where teens had the opportunity to sign up for library cards, make button crafts, compete in a video competition, and try out the green screen photo booth.



Ms. Vazquez was asked to be a professional mentor to an NISD student enrolled in Independent Study Mentorship at Communication Arts High School. Ms. Vazquez meets with her mentee once a month to answer questions and provide the mentee with hands-on experience while he shadows her in the workplace.



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.



Library assistant Christina Martinez hosted a *Dia de los Muertos* painting class on October 18. Fifteen patrons had a fun and relaxing time painting festive creations to take home and display.



Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno met with the Alicia Treviño Senior Center Group to discuss the book *Fahrenheit 451* followed by a lively discussion. Ms. Moreno passed out the book *The Circle* by Dave Eggers for the January meeting. The group will be meeting in December to watch the movie *The*

Girl on the Train, which was a previous book club choice. The group discussed future book club titles and requirements for selections with Ms Moreno.



Branch manager Cate Prazak volunteered with other San Antonio Public Library staff at the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference on October 23 and 24. Ms. Prazak and others introduced conference attendees to the Library's innovative services such as the Oculus Rift virtual reality system, the 3-D printer, digital library, and more.



Ms. Prazak and other SAPL staff offered attendees at the *Alamo City Comic Con: Halloween Edition* a chance to take pictures in front of a green screen, make spooky crafts, and repair their costumes.



Ms. Prazak is assisting the Office of Equity and SA2020 as a facilitator to help guide City departments in the use of the Equity Impact Assessment. The goal of these work sessions is to ensure that new departmental initiatives are equitable, fair, and promote the City of San Antonio's mission of prosperity for all citizens.



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.

GUERRA



Board Member Lora Eckler met with branch staff on Tuesday, October 24. The branch hosted Early Voting (Monday, October 22 through Friday, November 2) and Election Day (Tuesday, November 6); library staff were happy to adjust their schedules to support this important civic activity. The Guerra Chess Club met on October 20 and 27 and November 3, 10, and 17. Ruben Lozano provided training and the Guerra Friends provided refreshments. Staff from the San Antonio Metro Health Screening Clinic provided health and wellness information to community members on Thursdays. The Thursday Evening Book Group met on November 9. The group discussed *The Undoing of Saint Silvanus* by Beth Moore.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and story time outreach to the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on October 18 and 25 and November 1, 8, 15, and 22. He met twice during the month with Friends President Delores Huber to put the FY 2018 spending plan in final form.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams facilitated Knit & Crochet for Adults on October 17 and November 5 and 19. On November 4, she celebrated Día de los Muertos with adult coloring and puzzles that put one's brain to work improving memory, problem-solving, and language skills. She facilitated a Coffee and a Movie program on November 9; the audience watched *Florence Foster Jenkins* and enjoyed refreshments provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. She hosted the Thursday Evening Book Group on November 9. The group discussed *The Undoing of Saint Silvanus* by Beth Moore.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four toddler times, four story times, five Lego Clubs and three After School Craft programs. School age children read to therapy dog Foxy on October 26 and November 9. Arlene planned and presented story times at the Forest Hills Branch on October 17 and 24. Children enjoyed four days of Halloween Come & Go Crafts on October 28, 29, 30, and 31. On November 8, Arlene hosted a Fall Play and Learn program--Food Glorious Food! On November 3, she attended Career Day at Cable Elementary School where she presented to four groups about the libraries and the work of librarians. She repeated her presentation about libraries and librarians on November 17 at Meadow Village Elementary School's Career Day, again presenting to four groups. On November 21, she showed a movie to children and their caregivers. On November 26, she

created a Children's Art Gallery where Guerra's young patrons' artwork will be displayed. She designed and installed a "Share the Gift of Reading" display highlighting Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa titles.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson moderated Club de Lectura, (Spanish book club) on October 25. Participants discussed a dystopian novel, *No me abandones (Never Let Me Go)*, by Kasuo Ishiguro. Stephen spoke at the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society where he promoted books on cacti and succulents. The next day, November 16, Stephen moderated the Club de Lectura. The participants discussed *¿Donde te escondes? (Where Are You Now?)*, a suspense novel by Mary Higgins Clark. That evening he was at Anson Jones Middle School for a family literacy night. On November 17, he presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center.



Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on October 19 and 26 and November 2 and 9. The teens watched *Guardians of the Galaxy 2* on November 16; refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. Edward assisted Teen Librarian Stephanie Vasquez/Great Northwest and Library Assistant Nicole Garza/Johnston at an outreach to students and staff at William J. Brennan High School on November 8 and with Tigerfest at Francis R. Scobee Middle School on November 17. Edward assisted Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas from Bazan with an outreach at Lanier High School on November 14. Edward participated in Rock the Plaza on November 18. He assisted Branch Manager Monica Bustillo/Johnston with Surclopedia at Pearsall Park on November 19.



Library Assistant Iris Bobrén-Díaz continued her work as the branch Wellness Liaison. She met with Dexter to update information about materials needed for his outreach program.

IGO



The Igo staff said a sad farewell to children's librarian Ali Michelak, who returned to her home state.



Teen Club at Igo is steadily growing. Teen Services Librarian Matthew Loaiza has been receptive to the interests of the teens in attendance, incorporating plenty of gaming (both board and video games) as well as simple crafts into the weekly program.



On October 16 and November 6, the PoeTree group met at Igo. These poets write in all styles and for are always seeking new members. Anyone who writes or reads poetry is welcome.



On October 17, the Igo Genealogy Club welcomed certified genealogist Cari Taplin who provided guidance in finding historical newspaper articles online.



On October 30, Igo celebrated Halloween with a "free the prisoner" event. Groups of three searched for answers to clues that would solve a riddle. When the riddle was solved, a volunteer "prisoner" was released from the "holding cell." The prisoners and their rescuers then enjoyed treats.



On November 1, the Mystery Club discussed Charles Todd's *The Red Door*.



On November 13, Kaveri Natya Yoga presented a program of music and dance celebrating the Diwali festival.



Beginning Hatha Yoga classes continued on October 20 and 27.



On November 2, Larry Kovach gave a presentation to the Igo Elderberries on Native American tribes. He worked for 15 years with tribes in Oregon and Mississippi.



On November 17, the Igo Elderberries had their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed good food, fellowship and fun.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Library served as an Early Voting Site from October 23 to November 3. The Friends of the Johnston Library met on November 5 to support holiday activities and plan for the Staff Thanksgiving Pot Luck held on November 15. Johnston staff worked as a team to drive out the VROOM Van to the City Council District 4 Surclovía event on November 19 and spoke with over 500 community members and organizations.



Branch Manager Monica Garza organized the annual Pumpkin Carving and Painting event on October 21 with ten pumpkins donated by The Pumpkin Patch San Antonio. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Stephen King's *IT* on October 18. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *No One is Coming to Save Us* by Stephanie Powell Watts on November 15. Ms. Bustillo organized Friday Films for every Friday in October with the help of Library Aide Victoria Liendo. On October 20, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales* was shown and on October 27 *Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol.2* was shown. On November 17, *Spider-Man: Homecoming* was shown. Ms. Bustillo continues to participate in the City of San Antonio's Toastmaster group every Friday at Café College.



Adult Services Librarian Sam Salas attended the SET Recruitment orientation class on October 18 at the Willie Velasquez Center. On November 1, Mr. Salas attended the SET Coaching and Discipline class at the Velasquez Center. On November 8, Mr. Salas continued his orientation by attending the SET Performance Management class at the Velasquez Center. On November 16, Mr. Salas attended the CORE Supervisor Onboarding seminar at the Riverview Towers. On November 20, Mr. Salas attended the Neogov Training, also at the Riverview Towers.

On November 16, Mr. Salas also attended his first Adult Services Librarian meeting at the Central Library Auditorium.



Mr. Salas spoke at his first outreach program at the Springvale Neighborhood Association meeting on October 24 where he presented library services and information. The meeting took place at the J.D. Allen Elementary School Cafeteria. On November 20 Mr. Salas presented information on current and upcoming library services and events at the Blue Skies of Texas/Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association meeting at their facility.



As part of the Friday Family Film series, Mr. Salas showed the film *The Emoji Movie* to parents and their children. Mr. Salas also made some popcorn for the patrons to enjoy while watching the film.



On October 16, Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth recorded *The King Who Wouldn't Sleep* by Debbie Singleton for Dial-a-Story. Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth visited three different PCI locations four times in November. On November 2 and 15, she visited the Southwest High School PCI, the first time to deliver books to classes and read to the students; the second time to promote library services to the parents. On November 8 and 13, she visited two other PCI sites to promote library services to parents. Baby Times continued to be well-attended as parents and babies learned songs, rhymes, and stories. Story Time themes included "Counting," "Monsters," "Halloween," "Opposites," and "Thanksgiving." On November 7, babies and pre-school children were treated to a food-themed Play & Learn program. Family Fun activities included LEGOs, making bubbles, and story themes "Halloween" and "Thanksgiving."



On October 18 and November 15, Library Assistant Nicole Garza demonstrated to the teen group how to use the button maker the Johnston friends group purchased the branch. The teens will be able to create their own button pins from their creations or images from discarded comics and manga.



On October 21, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach event called Nerdvana. The San Antonio Public Library had an information table and attendees at the event were provided with information about the free services offered at the library as well as participating with green screen pictures and free button pin making.



On October 25, Johnston teens conducted their video game and craft teen time. Several of the teens brought their own games to share with the group.



On November 1, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach event at Brennan High School. The Brennan school librarian has invited San Antonio Public Library to host teen time activities for their students. Brennan teens had an opportunity to make button pins and enjoy playing video games.



On November 1, Ms. Garza showed the teens how to make decorated sugar skulls. Teens learned about the Mexican holiday Dia De Los Muertos by making sugar skulls. Teens decorated the sugar skulls using brightly colored frosting which hardens as it dries. The sugar skulls the teens decorated will be on display in the Johnston Teen area.



On November 3, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach event named GamExpo. The San Antonio Public Library offered participants free green screen pictures as well as pre-made button pins. Several of the participants stated that they are patrons of the library and are especially fond of the digital services the library offers.



On November 8, Johnston teens created brownie waffles. Brownie waffles are made using brownie mix and cooking it in a waffle maker. The teens enjoyed creating a quick and easy delicious snack in an unconventional way.



On October 28, November 11 and November 25, Ms. Garza, with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas, facilitated the Teen Anime and Video Game time. Beginning next year the group will start to meet once a month.



On November 15, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach event at Taft High School. The Taft school librarian requested SAPL to regularly host monthly teen time activities for the students. Students enjoyed video games, button making crafts, and the ability to create green screen pictures.



On November 17, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach event at Scobee Middle School. Scobee Middle School was holding their annual school wide Tiger Fest. The San Antonio Public Library offered attendees the opportunity to take green screen pictures and make button pins.



On November 18, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach opportunity at Central library's Rock the Plaza teen event. Teen performers showcased their talents on stage set up in the plaza area of Central library.



On November 19, Ms. Garza assisted at an outreach event at City Council District 4's Surclopedia. The San Antonio Public Library's VROOM Van was staffed to showcase crafts, games, and information at the event.



On November 22, Johnston teens learned how to make a yogurt parfait. Fresh fruit, a variety of granola, and yogurt were available to the teens to use to create their parfaits.



On October 22, November 5, and November 19, Ms. Garza resumed facilitating the Pokémon Champions Group. The group has now grown to over 20 attendees. A new development has occurred and more than half the group is proficient in playing the Pokémon trading card game.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish), and she recorded a children's book for the week of 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.



Ms. Jackson presented the *Conversational Spanish for Beginners* program every Monday from October 16 to November 20 featuring the themes: “*Culinary Arts*”(Artes culinarias), “*Costumes*”(Disfraces), “*Arts and Cultures*,”(Artes y cultura), “*Professions*”(Profesiones), “*Spanish Idiomatic Expressions*” (Expresiones idiomáticas), and “*Thansgiving Day*” (Día de Acción de Gracias), respectively. Ms. Jackson also moderated the *Club de Lectura "Café con Libro"*, a book club in Spanish, on November 13. The participants discussed a fiction book: *El ojo del leopardo* (*The Eye of the Leopard*) by Henning Mankell.



Circulation Attendant Vida Salas organized a special Day of the Dead program on November 2 with face masks and sugar skulls for patrons coming into Johnston to vote or learn about the tradition.

LANDA



Alongside Landa Teen Liaison and Library Assistant Rebekah Corley, Landa teens settled back into their home library life with continued building of their teen space and progressive planning of teen events. They added a second teen meet up on Saturdays to facilitate an exploratory art and gaming club and welcomed another volunteer and new regular to the group!



Both new attendees were introduced to the Landa Teen Club via the group's collaborative Halloween project they created for Landa Boo! – a spooky, family-friendly mad scientist lab led by teen volunteers which received numerous compliments from kiddos and their parents. The volunteering teens further exemplified their leadership by helping at the Boo's children's gaming areas, where they received more compliments from staff for their helpfulness and positive impacts with the families!



Landa has two in-house book clubs that are both growing in size, with an almost 100% crossover between the two groups—an indication that they enjoy each other's lively discussions! This month, Reader's Ink read *The Family Plot* by Cherie Priest, a ghost story set in Chattanooga. The Mystery Book Club read a collection of short stories by P. D. James, *Mistletoe Murders*, in anticipation of the upcoming holiday season. Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta has an outreach book club that meets at The Village at the Incarnate Word but is open to the public. Fannie Flagg is one of their favorite authors so Karen selected *Can't Wait To Get To Heaven*, a hilarious, yet poignant story set in a small town in Missouri. (It is highly recommended by book groups!)



Landa hosted three outstanding programs for its Monday night series. Psychologist Tim Peterson gave an excellent presentation for parents, “Teaching Responsible Tech.” The topic was spotting signs and what to do about teens who spend excessive amounts of time on their phones or at the computer. Dr. Michael Wargovich presented a program on “Preventing Disease with an Anti-Inflammatory Diet,” an excellent presentation on the foods, herbs, and spices that are best for one's health. And in early November, Dr. Joan Cunningham gave a program on the topic of statistics related to cancer rates and what this scientific information that is presented to the public really means.

LAS PALMAS



On October 20, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier represented the Las Palmas Branch at the Fall Festival hosted by the Las Palmas area Health Start Program. On Thursday, October 26, Frazier, with SAPL's early literacy program Little Red Wagon, participated in Winston Elementary's Literacy Night.



From October 23 to October 27, the Las Palmas Library had a "Fright Week" to celebrate Halloween. On Wednesday, October 25, we had a Halloween Party in which had more than 100 guests in attendance. All ages were welcome and the Las Palmas Branch had activities for children, teens, and adults. The Halloween party included a zombie makeup demonstration, a Halloween Lotería, a costume parade, multiple games (Zombie Hunt, Spider Toss) and multiple crafts (candy corn men, "pumpkin" decorating, tombstones, and jack-o-lantern masks). Teen Librarian Connie Hejl, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier, and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos spearheaded this event as a team.



On Monday, October 30 the Las Palmas Branch Library hosted the San Antonio Ballet. The San Antonio Ballet taught an introductory ballet class to children. More than 30 members of the Las Palmas community attended the introductory class.



On Monday, November 1, the Las Palmas Library participated in the Las Palmas community *Día de los Muertos* celebration. The celebration included activities, treats, and crafts created by the Las Palmas Library, Metro Health, and the YMCA.



On Monday, November 13, the Las Palmas Library celebrated a Charles M. Schulz style Thanksgiving. Twenty-five children and parents were in attendance.



On Monday, November 6, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier held a Family Fun night to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Marie Currie's birth. Children performed science experiments and learned about Madam Currie's life and her discoveries such as radioactivity.



Library Assistant Elvia Ramos continued her Basic Computer & Tablet Help sessions for adults this month. She also participated in outreach at the October 27 Alamo City Comic Con Halloween Style, where over 600 persons were in attendance.



The Friends of Las Palmas Library teamed up with the branch staff to host a *Día de los Muertos* family program, complete with face-painting, arts and crafts, refreshments, and an altar. Forty-six people came to celebrate with us.



The Las Palmas Book Club read the book *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng.

MAVERICK



The Ladies' Choice Book Club met on October 28 and on November 18. The Lady Mav's Book Club met on November 14.



Several Homeowners Associations met at Maverick Library. Braun Hollow Homeowners' Association and Silverbrook Homeowners' Association met on October 19. Maverick Library hosted the Bexar County elections during late October into the early part of November for Early Voting and Election Day on November 7.



Suzuki students performed a wonderful musical program on October 28. Dressed in Halloween costumes, these young performers entertained dozens of guests. Maverick Library held a Chess Club every Monday afternoon. Over time, the Chess Club has become popular and the community has responded well. A Medicare program was provided on November 21. On several visits, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District offered valuable information about diabetes awareness.



Ms. Roberts assisted with opening Maverick Branch during Early Voting and also on Election Day. She finished her large Juvenile Fiction weeding project. The shelves look much better! Starting November 14, Ms. Roberts will be doing three story times at Igo on Tuesdays while the position is vacant.



Ms. Roberts attended a couple of community events and had a special event during the reporting period. On October 26, she attended a Literacy Fair at Leon Valley Elementary, seeing several families who visit Maverick! The Literacy Caravan came on Wednesday, November 15. Over 50 children and their caregivers boarded the bus and had lots of fun! Finally, Ms. Roberts attended Career Day at Brauchle Elementary on November 17 and talked to several K, 1st and 2nd grade classes.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl coordinated six “Teen Times” and one “Tweens Only” program during the reporting period. Attendance at Teen Time is growing; over the course of these six weeks, 39 teens attended. They chose to play Jenga, Uno, Apples to Apples, Mario Smash and Just Dance. They also made their own slime and ate pizza, fruit smoothies, popcorn, Ramen noodles and made chocolate chip pancakes, all of which were provided by the Maverick Friends of the Library.



Ms. Bleichwehl also implemented outreach at the District 7 Fall Fest at Nani Falcone Park. Jennifer Velasquez and Adam Tutor coordinated and supplied the VROOM! Van for the event, and District 7 Councilwoman Ana E. Sandoval visited and gathered a variety of information available. Approximately 150 children and adults stopped to play Jenga and received SAPL cinch sacks filled with a pen or pencil, and informational fliers and bookmarks about an assortment of SAPL and Maverick-specific programs and resources.

McCRELESS



Tween Time attendance has been very strong at McCreless, and the tweens have enjoyed both planning and doing the activities they select like punched tin luminaries from recycled food cans, an outdoor game of whiffle ball, board game afternoons, and preparing chocolate chip mug cookies.



In *Toddler Time*, parents and children had a lot of fun exploring all things fall and turkey related, especially the repeated rhymes that children’s librarian Carrie Vance led with the assistance of a turkey puppet.



The bulletin board in the children’s area is focused on gratitude, and children and families have added many leaves to express their gratitude for their families, schools, and the library and all the books.



McCreless Library’s Lego Club is still a popular program for the Library. The attendance for this program averages over 30 patrons ranging from babies to teens.



McCreless’ monthly book club met on Saturday, November 11. Members discussed *Rosemary: the Hidden Kennedy* by Kate Clifford Larson. This biography tells the story of Rosemary Kennedy, who had mental disabilities and was kept out of the public eye by her family.



As part of Native American Heritage Month, McCreless hosted a presentation entitled Native Americans in the San Antonio Area on November 18. Mickey Killian shared information with attendees regarding the Native American groups living here in San Antonio and the surrounding areas. This presentation not only covered the fascinating history of these groups, it also explored their evolution into today's society.



McCreless Library presented a couple of unique programs for the month of October. On October 16, McCreless Library hosted Sixth Sense Paranormal with Mr. Jeffery Sullivan. This was a dynamic and informative program in which paranormal investigators discussed what it was really like to be a ghost hunter.



On October 21, McCreless had its first Latino Art Show called Dia De Los Artistas. The art show focused on arts and crafts from Dia de Los Muertos. Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales was able to bring in three talented artists Israel Rico, Karen Faye, and Lorraine San Miguel. During the show the library had refreshments, crafts for the children, and an hour of urban legend story telling by Israel Rico. The art show was a hit and brought in over 40 people.



On November 13, Fiesta Youth facilitated a program for LGBTQ teens (allies were also welcome to attend the program). Participants created sculptures as a method of self expression. Three teens attended this program.

MEMORIAL



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall attended the TAEYC (Texas Association for the Education of Young Children) conference October 20. She attended sessions on "Building an Early Learning Nation" by keynote speaker Ellen Galinsky; "It's All About the Books" by non-profit organization BookSpring; "Mastering Creativity: Authentic Art" by Shawnyel Haywood of Pre-K 4 SA; and "Play-Based Learning Facilitates the Academic Development of Young Dual Language Learners" by Dr. Irasema Salinas-Gonzalez and Dr. Hilda Medrano.



Christine visited Woodlawn Hills Elementary School on October 24 for their Career Day. She spoke to approximately 160 students.



Christine volunteered in the puppet show *The Paper Bag Princess* at the Landa Boo event October 30.



Memorial Branch hosted a Halloween Party on October 31. Children and parents came out to do crafts and show off their costumes.



During November, Christine visited three elementary schools for their Literacy Night events. She spoke with over 200 children and parents.



November 3 and 4, Christine visited Madison Elementary School to promote the Young Pegasus competition to approximately 270 students.



Memorial Branch showed movies and provided materials for Come & Go Crafts during the Thanksgiving break, November 20-22.



Mrs. Deffendall hosts a weekly LEGO® Club. Attendance is growing and a strong interest continues.



Mrs. Deffendall hosts weekly Story Time and Kids Time.



Memorial hosted the Sixth Sense Paranormal group. Jeff Sullivan, a local college professor, conducted the presentation which attracted thirty three patrons. The popular event is an annual program for Memorial. Patrons enjoy listening to real life stories about ghostly apparitions in San Antonio.



To help curb the stray cat population, Memorial is one of several libraries that host the San Antonio Cat Coalition. Memorial holds their workshops on a monthly basis. The last one was on October 22 and drew in nine patrons.



To address needs for affordable healthcare, Memorial is sponsoring Medicaid and CHIP enrollment assistance, as well as an ACA navigator for November.



In celebration of the Diwali Festival of Lights, Memorial hosted the Bharatanatyam Dance group on November 9. The event was well attended and patrons loved the music, costumes, and dance.



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



The Library is currently hosting the photograph exhibit of Ernesto S. Rios. The artist's works are currently on display around the library and attract patrons' interests.



On October 30, Memorial was represented by Teen liaison Rene Laija at the Barrio Boo held at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. Memorial's booth provided children the opportunity to make a Halloween-themed hat such as a bat, witch, or pumpkin.



Teens enjoyed YouTube programs and board games in the Teen Corner.



The movie *Spider-Man: Homecoming* was screened. Popcorn and refreshments were enjoyed by teen patrons.



Circulation Assistant Michelangelo Sosa and Library Assistant Guadalupe Pinales have been instrumental in decorating the library for Halloween and assigning staff themes for their respective Halloween costumes.



Twice a month the library offers Adult Coloring to ease stress and just enjoy the coloring process. Patrons enjoy sitting in the open area and contributing to the pages already on display by coloring them.



Amigos Friends members met to discuss the spending plan with the library manager. Library Manager Maria Gonzales presented spending plan and it was approved for fiscal year 2018.



The Library celebrated *Día de los Muertos* with an altar made up of family photographs, candles, flowers and other memorabilia.



A photo booth and photo frame was created with fall seasonal decorations and Halloween themes. Families took the opportunity to photograph their family in the photo frame. Teens were more interested in the photo booth to capture their photos.



Memorial partnered with Bexar County Elections to provide extended hours for early voting for 11 days.



Memorial partnered with Bexar County Elections to provide extended hours during Election Day.

MISSION



The branch hosted 95 people at their Halloween Party for children this year. Attendees participated in an array of activities including face painting, bowling, crafts, and trick-or-treating around the library. The branch added a coloring table in their children's area, giving kids the opportunity to color seasonal coloring sheets while at the library.



The branch hosted a Halloween party for teens, giving teens a chance to participate in Minute-To-Win-It activities that challenged their speed, dexterity, and ability to work together. The branch continued with its 14 monthly teen activities, including *Teen Time*, *Video Game Club*, *K-Pop Club*, *Anime Club*, and *cooking* and *art classes*. Teen input was implemented in the *cooking class*, where teens requested which items they would like to make each session. Teen Librarian Emily Young participated in a STEM night at STEM Early High School. An additional partnership was put into place with FIRST, a global institution that gives teens a chance to participate in robotics competitions. At the two robotics sessions held at the library, teens were given an opportunity to learn about how to build a robot using a 3D printer.



As part of Native American Heritage Month, the branch hosted a presentation about Native Americans in the San Antonio area and early Native Americans that lived in the San Antonio missions.



The branch participated in National Novel Writing Month by providing patrons of all ages a group setting in which they could discuss novel ideas together and begin to write their own novels.



The branch hosted several movie nights which were well attended, including an all-time high of 57 people in attendance at one of the movie nights.

PAN AMERICAN



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



Children's programs were full of wonder as Lisa Leandro offered a picture drawing raffle of some *Wonder* materials. Children were encouraged to draw/color a face that resembled what they felt they look like.



Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley cooked up pizza for the early literacy preschoolers at a Play & Learn. Fun was had by all in this pizza parlor play scenario.



Outreach continues with Harlandale ISD STEM Nights and regular visits to day care centers.



Romeo Rosales went to speak at South Texas College in McAllen, TX to a History Capstone class to inform students about the opportunities available to them in the career of librarianship. Romeo discussed his career at SAPL thus far and encouraged students to visit SAPL. He also discussed SAPL's innovation, services, and community work. The students were excited at the prospect of visiting the many branches in San Antonio in the future.



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



Pan American hosted a series of Halloween-related programs during the month of October. Several "scary" movies were shown in the branch's meeting room so the community could enjoy movie nights. Some of the movies included *Pet Cemetery*, *Coraline*, *The Exorcist*, and *Hocus Pocus*.



The branch also hosted two DIY Halloween programs for the community. One of these programs was a sugar skull decorating class. Those who attended were given sugar skulls, edible markers, candies of all sorts, and edible glitter that could be used to decorate their skulls however they wished. The other program was a pumpkin decorating program. Pan American provided families with pumpkins so they could be decorated and taken home to be displayed. Everyone who attended used markers, glitter, paint, and many other craft materials to decorate their pumpkins. Both programs were attended by over 40 patrons.



Blaine Eaton of the South Texas Herpetology Association brought his collection of snakes and other reptiles to the branch. About 40 children, teens and adults heard Eaton talk about snakes, lizards and alligators. Afterward they had an opportunity to hold a non-venomous snake. The program was made possible thanks to the generosity of the Pan American Friends.



The Friends of the Pan American Branch Library were gracious enough to purchase a turkey and trimmings for a staff luncheon. Staff enjoyed a hot meal and plenty of desserts as an appreciation from the Friends.



Qigong and yoga sessions at Pan American have a solid following, with as many as 18 attending each qigong session.

PARMAN



On October 19, Ms. Katie Robinson represented SAPL at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens during their soft opening. Ms. Robinson read books to children about gardening and plants. She also brought crayons and paper and encouraged the children to draw their dream garden! Ms. Robinson thoroughly enjoyed visiting with the Garden patrons and looks forward to possible future outreach at the Botanical Gardens



On October 26, Parman Library hosted the annual Spooky Walk and Halloween Carnival! Parman continued the traditional activities as well adding a new angle to the event! Ms. Allie Villarreal wrote and performed a lovely puppet show that had three standing room only performances. The carnival games – lovingly managed by Ms. Leslie Cavill-Burns – were a huge hit as always, and children's librarian Ms. Katie Robinson created three crafts that were done by hundreds of children. This year Parman's manager Barbara Kwiatkowski decided to invite other branches to participate in Spooky Walk to highlight unique features of their libraries! Encino had a spooky drive-thru window that was an amazing booth, and Potranco emphasized their one-of-a-kind LP collection in a *Stranger Things* themed spooky booth.

Parman was so excited to have Encino and Potranco join in, and grateful for their fantastic contributions! In the future, Parman Branch hopes to make inter-library collaboration a new tradition for Spooky Walk. Several fantastic volunteers from SAPL, the community, and UTSA helped to make this event such a success.



Parman also welcomed District 9 Councilman John Courage to Spooky Walk. He interacted with his constituents and gave out candy.



After the Halloween extravaganza and with Thanksgiving just around the corner, Parman's team, inspired and encouraged by the manager Barbara Kwiatkowski, organized a Turkey Trot to burn off calories before the big meal. It was a great feeling to be a part of the team during the process. The Parman's Turkey Trot winner was Nia Meissler! Congratulations!



Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday to celebrate in the office because it is a feel good holiday. It provides a great opportunity to bring co-workers together in a positive setting characterized by goodwill and fun. A Thanksgiving potluck lunch allowed us to step away from daily routine and foster a sense of team. It is all about being grateful and thankful for what we have. Parman's Thanksgiving Potluck was a delicious success on every level!



On November 1, Ms. Carolyn Bradley hosted a Play and Learn for the kids in Story Time! Titled "Food, Glorious Food", the Play and Learn combines *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, food mixing games, and pizza making setups to teach kids about food, health, and to encourage exploring the world around them. Parman remains grateful to Ms. Bradley for all her help in the absence of a full-time Children's Librarian!

POTRANCO



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta attended the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children on October 19. Alcorta reports the workshops were inspirational and left her with plenty of ideas to implement to the Potranco community. Additionally, it was a positive environment for Alcorta to mingle, thus broadening her network.



On October 27, Potranco Branch Manager Cindy Pope and Library Aide Susan Genera participated in the YMCA Boo Bash. On that evening as many as 1,300 community members came through the doors to enjoy activities and candy. Pope and Genera took over 100 autumn and spooky themed photos for families. The lines for pictures continued out the shared community room door for a solid two hours. The Potranco Branch also provided the YMCA with a copy of the movie *Hocus Pocus* and complementary popcorn for families. The Y also found themselves appreciative for the Potranco Branch's record player that was used during the cake walk. Branch Manager Cindy Pope supplied records with classic Halloween songs like *Monster Mash*. Participants of the cake walk were observed dancing around the circle in hopes of taking home a baked treat! This was a great opportunity to work together with the YMCA team while serving the community. Both SAPL and YMCA Potranco learned a lot about the communities' interest in the facility as a destination for connected events. Additionally, the Friends of the Potranco Branch Library handed out candy and had a good time serving the community.



While Potranco is awaiting the opportunity to fill the open part time Librarian 1 Teen Services position, many of the regular attendees are volunteering. Potranco teen volunteers logged more than 18 hours during the month and they bring a positive impact on the overall productivity of the branch and the daily activities.



On November 16, Tween Librarian Kassandra Vela-Laosa helped keep the Potranco community teens entertained by arranging to have Chinatsu Oku, a representative from the East Asia Institute at UTSA, visit the branch for a program. Oku was dispatched from the Japan Outreach Initiative Program (JOI). Ms. Oku did a presentation on school life for teens in Japan which included descriptions regarding school life for teens in her country. They talked about the styles of uniforms, trendy pencil cases, and special backpacks the teens used in Japan. Oku also brought examples for the kids to see. In addition to the presentation, Oku brought some origami crafts and a fun chopstick challenge game the teens especially enjoyed. As a finale, Oku showed the teens how to write their names in traditional Japanese calligraphy. Vela-Laosa reported the program was educational and engaging. Vela-Laosa has booked Oku to return to the branch again next month for a program with her tweens.



On Thursday November 9, Branch Manager and Arts and Culture committee member Cindy Pope attended a valuable webinar with peers at the Schaefer Branch Library. The webinar, Hosting Your Own Comic Con: The Ultimate All-Ages Program, outlined key tips for planning, organizing, and localizing a Comic Con as well as locating community resources to form key partnerships.



On October 24, Potranco Branch Library hosted a tour for International City/County Management Association members while in town for the ICMA annual convention. As many as 40 ICMA members boarded a bus in order to take onsite tours of Pre-K4SA and the Potranco Branch library. Attendees were drawn to Potranco for its technology as well as the unique partnership with the YMCA. San Antonio Public Library administration gave a presentation in which many questions were asked about the Potranco Branch and the process taken to bring the project into fruition. Branch Manager Cindy Pope answered questions from ICMA members that had been approached by their local YMCA to consider a partnership. Pope was able to illustrate the increased customer service opportunities and benefits of having a shared space. Potranco team members were stationed throughout the branch ready to answer questions regarding the different aspects of providing the community service in a shared environment and also demonstrate the advanced customer service equipment. The entire team at Potranco showed a great deal of pride as well as teamwork, integrity, innovation, and professionalism while tourists visited and asked about the day-to-day operations.



On Saturday November 4, the Potranco Branch Library celebrated its one year anniversary. The team worked together to plan an afternoon with a ring toss game on the courtyard, a craft in the Create room, and refreshments in the main space. Circulation Attendant and Book-cart Drill Team member Raquel Reyes was able to show off her hula hoop and dance talents with children who came by the courtyard to play with her while waiting for their turn to play ring toss. The team was happy to have seen District 6 Board Member Lora Eckler at the celebration. Cake and punch were served. In keeping with the facility's focus on wellness, Branch Manager Cindy Pope ensured there was a fruit alternative for folks that preferred something with no sugar. All the refreshments were devoured by patrons.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Pruitt Library hosted its third annual Toddler's Halloween Parade. Children and parents were treated to crafts, songs, and exciting stories. Children came dressed in a variety of costumes and took part in a trick-or-treating parade around the library.



Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz recently hosted the monthly meeting of the Family Circle Book Club. In attendance were tweens, parents, and a grandmother. Participants discussed the Newbery Medal award-winning novel *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. Listening to the different perspectives of events from the story certainly made for a delightful and interesting discussion. Members are looking forward to the next meeting where they will discuss the popular middle-grade historical fiction novel *The War that Saved my Life* written by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.



The SPARK science program, now in its third year, got off to a great start with a focus on kinetic energy vs. potential energy. Attendees listened to a reading of *Energy Makes things Happen*, another work by author Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. With assistance from Roosevelt High School Avid students, children experimented with balloons and catapults. This program provides the high school Avid students with an opportunity to earn required community service. The library and parents appreciate the dedication and commitment of high school science teacher Ms. Misty Belmontes for providing this valuable children's program.



Mindful Mondays resumed on October 16 to the joy of teen patrons. NEISD counselor Carrie Edmond is certified to teach mindfulness to children, so the teens were glad to see the program return.



For Halloween, the teens and a T-rex had snacks and story time. Librarian Dee Dee Davenport read *T. Rex Trick-or-Treats* and *No T. Rex in the Library*. The person in the T. Rex costume was Teen Librarian Rae Downen.



The teens participated in the annual Charlie Brown Thanksgiving viewing party. They watched the classic animated film and shared a feast replicated from the Peanuts gang-- popcorn, pretzels, and jellybeans.



Adults and teens learned how to create hyper-realistic make up effects in a session presented by make-up artist/esthetician Jordan Hayden-Shultz. Ms. Haden-Schultz demonstrated how to create realistic looking injuries, wounds, and zombie gore! Patrons enjoyed the session so much they have requested additional programs with Ms. Haden-Schultz.



Many patrons checked out the Community Conversations Book Group selection *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The book is a series of essays written as a letter to Coates' son about race in America. In addition to the formal book discussion, this National Book Award-winning memoir sparked many thoughtful, informal conversations at the branch as well.



The TGIF Book Group decidedly enjoys well-written historical fiction. The group's October selection, *News of the World*, did not disappoint. This book is a National Book Award finalist written by Texas resident Paulette Jiles. Set in 1870s Texas, there was much to discuss regarding the characters and context of this compelling novel.



Advanced chess lessons are taught by nationally-ranked Chess Master Alex Weinberg each week at Pruitt branch on Thursday evenings. This popular chess program, made possible by a partnership with Rackspace Foundation, offers patrons a chance to learn advanced chess moves and practice playing chess with other attendees.

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 (two classes). Another class from Laurel Heights was added to the outreach schedule. 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 of 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.



Food, Glorious Food was an enormously fun Play and Learn held on November 5. The children took orders for pizza, made them (from clay), and cooked them in the oven. Others went shopping and after donning aprons, cooked in the kitchen. All tools were supplied!



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



Ms. Dalton hosted eight book clubs in the aggregate for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. These schools include Monte Vista Montessori, Kipp Poder, and St. Anthony's School. She is working with SAISD schools Hawthorne Academy, Beacon Hill Elementary, and Cotton Elementary to establish book clubs for their students. The members of the other book clubs are excited to be in the book clubs and are exceptionally participatory. She also assists the facilitator of the book club at the Advanced Learning Academy by helping her select and obtain appropriate books.



Halloween was celebrated on Sunday October 29. The children dressed in their Halloween costumes and had a lot of fun with the various games and crafts presented. Scary music contributed to the ambience!



Ms. Dalton represents San Pedro on the SAPL Wellness Committee. She attended the TAEYC conference, and also presented a program at the Advanced Learning Academy on how to use the library catalog for both keyword and subject searches and various limiters.

The Friends of San Pedro Library met on Tuesday, November 7. The group elected officers for the 2017-2019 period. They continue to actively support the staff and programs for the branch. They are planning to look at some other fundraising opportunities in 2018, in addition to the on-going book sale shelf.

SCHAEFER



Schaefer's first Halloween Party on October 30 was quite a success. More than 600 kids and adults came for crafts, games, candy, gaming, photo ops, an obstacle course, and a haunted house. The entire Schaefer staff helped prepare for and staff the party.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser participated in a number of outreach events during the reporting period. She read stories and sang songs to kids at two daycares in October and November and attended Sinclair Elementary's Library Night on October 26 to promote Schaefer's children's programs. She also attended the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children conference on October 19.



On November 18, Schaefer had the Food Play & Learn program for kids 5 and under, and 18 children attended. They had a great time making pizza out of oregano-scented playdough, experimenting with baking soda and vinegar, listening to the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and participating in a variety of other food-related activities.



Story Time, Toddler Time, and LEGO Time continue to be well-attended through the fall months. During the past few weeks, the Toddler Time and Story Time participants have heard stories and sung songs about outer space, squirrels, Halloween, food, pigs, and Thanksgiving. LEGO Time participants continue to build wildly creative structures that they proudly display in the children's area of Schaefer.



Science Time continued to offer STEAM exploration of new topics every other week. During the reporting period, Science Time had two meetings. On October 26, Science Time explored the science of skeletons. Kids were challenged to build a bone bridge using limited materials. Kids were also tasked with piecing together a life size skeleton puzzle in order to learn about the different bones in the human

body. On November 9, Science Time explored forensic science. Kids had to solve a library mystery to find out who stole the Thanksgiving turkey. The forensic science workshop included fingerprint science, footprint identification, and reading a mystery note with invisible ink.



During the first ever Schaefer Halloween party, Library Assistant Sara Ramirez designed a Halloween obstacle course including a bat cave, piranha swamp, caution tape maze, and a mummy forest, among other spooky obstacles. Library patrons had lots of fun navigating through the obstacle course.



Schaefer Library hosted several Heritage Middle School history classes during the reporting period. Teens from the middle school visited the library to gather information for their history project. The teens utilized the library's collection, laptops, and Teen Space for their visit. The attendance for the visits totaled 125.



Librarian Cindy Cruz visited teens at STEM Early College High School on Halloween. Twenty teens created duct tape Halloween masks at the outreach. Cindy also assisted at Central Library's Rock the Plaza teen concert event which showcased teen musicians from around the city.



The library's Zumba and Yoga programs continue to have a steady following of regulars who want to get fit.



Adult Services Librarian Samantha Gordano worked with several local SAHA customers to hold sessions to help them with completing their digital services passports.



Adult Services Librarian Samantha Gordano led the initiative to represent the library at GamExpo/OtakuFair November 3 - 5 with the assistance of many other SAPL employees who staffed the table.



The Schaefer Branch Library hosted two performance programs in November; the San Antonio Ballet Company gave a performance on November 4 and Teatro Audaz twice presented their dramatic reading of *La Llorona* on November 11.



On October 25, the Schaefer Skimmers Book Club met to discuss *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler. It was their first 'beach read' and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Next month's book is a gymnastics thriller, and the club already has some new members interested in joining!



Outreach to the District 2 Senior Center continues to be successful, with a growing group of seniors coming with their devices for assistance each month and a regular group of devotees for adult coloring.



Library Aide Shaira Moore twice thrilled customers with her appropriately themed book drop disguises; the Hungry Monster for Halloween and the Perky Turkey for Thanksgiving. Many customers commented on the festive nature of the Schaefer Branch.



The Friends of the Schaefer Library launched their book sale cart this month, with a record turnout in the first two weeks requiring several cart refills.

SEMMES



Children's Librarian Randi Jones hosted three "Full Moon" tea parties in November. Children and their grownups were invited to enjoy stories, play games, and have "tea" (the tea was actually fruit punch) and refreshments. Attendees had a fun time with the activities and stories.



Children's Librarian Brian Douglass started a new program at the beginning of November. "Minecraft Mondays" are held each Monday afternoon. Kids are invited to come by and play Minecraft with their friends.



Randi Jones conducted three library tours on Friday, November 17. Second, Third and Fourth graders from Kelly Elementary School visited Comanche Lookout Park and then came to the branch to learn more about SAPL and the Semmes Branch Library. Ms. Jones explained how to use the catalog and gave the children a tour of the library.



A college planning class was presented by Foresters Financial on November 9. Parents and teens were invited to come to this informative class and learn strategies for helping pay for college.



The branch hosted Early Voting from October 16 through November 3. It was a fairly quiet General Election.



Semmes staff is very excited that Megan Stanley will be starting as the new Librarian II – Assistant Manager on December 4. Ms. Stanley is currently the Librarian II in Teen Services at Central.

THOUSAND OAKS



Thousand Oaks Children's Librarian Ann Laird had a busy month with special programming and outreach efforts. On October 27 Ann attended Windcrest Elementary's Fall Festival to promote the library and library programs. The children were able to color and take home Halloween-themed bookmarks. On November 3 Ann attended PreK4SA's Family Literacy night, promoted SAPL, and issued library cards to several families.

Thousand Oaks Halloween Party was a great success with over 60 in attendance! Children ate spooky snacks which included bloody bandage cookies and mandarin orange jack-o'-lanterns, and made Halloween-themed crafts such as spider webs and mummies.

On November 20 Thousand Oaks hosted a Super Readers are Super Heroes program where there were super hero themed snacks, crafts, and activities. The Friends of the Library paid for appearances by Spider Guy and Amazonian Princess. A great time was had by all. The children were thrilled to meet and interact with some of their favorite super heroes.



Teens at Thousand Oaks have enjoyed themselves with creative activities this period. Teens selected a painting party and perler beads, dancing, and movie watching. Teens also tried out sewing skills to make their own felt creatures. For Halloween, celebrated a week early, teens were able to test drive their costumes before the big day. No tricks were played, but there were plenty of treats! For pictures, please see the 210 Teen Library Flickr page (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/210teenlibrary/>). Hosted by Librarian Theresa Ybarra, the group continues to grow, with new teens joining almost every week.



Thousand Oaks Library hosted Escape the Oaks during the last weekend of October. Patrons were invited to solve a series of riddles to find their way out of the "locked" meeting room during this Halloween event. Our branch also hosted an all-age Wii Dance Party and a gaming night for young adults.



The Northeast Senior Center Book Club has been exploring newer fiction titles. The latest selection, *The Girls* by Emma Cline, received mixed reviews from the group. Several members grew up in the San Francisco area during the Manson Family era and felt the story was too true to real life events for

their comfort. Readers compared the book to the previous month's selection and discussed the importance of strong family ties in both books. Facilitated by Librarian Theresa Ybarra, the group continues to attract new, avid senior readers.



The November selection for the Thursday Book Group was *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. The group discussed the Plumb family and their trials and tribulations. Each of the characters in the story was counting on "The Nest" which is money from a trust set aside by their father. Each child spent more money than they could afford thinking the money from "The Nest" would bail them out one day. On the youngest member's 40th birthday, each family member would receive a large sum of money. The matriarch of the family used money from the trust to bail out the oldest son thus setting in motion a series of events that were unfortunate for each family member. One of the questions was raised concerning whether or not this was a dysfunctional family or just a run of the mill ordinary family.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Children's Librarians Karen Braeuler and Kimberly Wygant had kids baking, mixing, serving and fixing all kinds of play foods during their monthly Play and Learn session at toddler and story time on November 15.



Ms. Braeuler has established a partnership with San Antonio Botanical Center to offer a children's story time and craft during special events held at the Center. On October 21 Ms. Braeuler hosted yoga story time with a craft to some of the crowd there.



Ms. Wygant now hosts the Read to a Dog Program twice monthly which continues to be embraced by parents, caregivers, and children. In addition, Ms. Wygant plans and presents Tween Time with clever crafts like weaving around a cup for a pencil holder and making masks for Day of the Dead.



Teen Librarian Megan Coker adapted her Where's Waldo scavenger hunt for the fall to a pumpkin being hidden within the Young Adult collection. Teens avidly look for the paper pumpkin among the collection and when found they bring it along with the item they located the pumpkin in to reference staff to collect a piece of candy. The candy is generously funded by the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell.



Ms. Coker was an enthusiastic worker at the GamExpo held on November 4 for one of her outreach events this period working with large number of teens in attendance enjoying the fun.



Circulation Attendant Carmen Zarate has begun a Practice Speaking English program twice a month where attendees can converse with others in a relaxed atmosphere. Generally members are Spanish speakers and enjoy the small group familiarity.



Tobin's Writers Group continues with great attendance and success. Another participant has been published with a series of books he wrote. The Voices De Luna poetry has solid participation with a passionate group of poets each month as well.



The branch featured a "Save a turkey, gobble up a book" display for all ages during November to remind patrons of the history and culture surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday and the gift of gratitude. These materials were quite popular and highlighted some non-fiction materials not usually checked out by Tobin patrons.



The branch accommodated both early voting October 23 through November 3, along with Election Day on November 7, with turnout being light for both periods.

WESTFALL



During December, the Westfall Branch Library provided a variety of programs and services to the community. Many programs were holiday themed and offered to all ages. In addition to many events hosted at the branch, the staff was also able to offer off site services as well as outreach.



Children's Librarian Imelda Merino planned and held a variety of children's programs during the reporting period. The Discovery School visited the branch on October 25 for an owl-themed story time. Additionally, the school children searched for books about birds to learn more about the topic. Ms. Merino also had a Halloween party on October 28 where children and their parents listened to some spooky stories and made fun ghosts and pumpkins to take home. To celebrate Thanksgiving, on November 18 the children heard stories and got to design their very own turkeys to decorate for the holiday.



As always, the Westfall Branch 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.



In October, Westfall, in partnership with SA Pride, hosted a "Trunk or Treat" on October 28. The program was held in the parking lot of the branch and included free food, treats, and activities for families. Trunk or Treat events have grown in popularity as a fun, safe, alternate to traditional door to door trick or treating. The children and families had the opportunity to visit different creatively-decorated cars for activities and treats.



On November 18, the Refugee and Immigration Center (RAICES) held a "Know Your Rights" program which provided information on the rights of immigrants, refugees, undocumented persons, and DACA students, as well as the responsive techniques necessary to manage challenging encounters. The program was well attended by the community and helpful to all people. This program coincided with the branch's reoccurring ESL classes on Saturday afternoon.



To help people cope with change during the holiday, Westfall hosted a "Hope for the Holidays" program on November 12. The holiday season can be a difficult time for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The program provided specific strategies that can bring hope through the holiday season for anyone who is experiencing grief.



The Westfall LEARN @ SAPL Center continued to be busy throughout the year. 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 continued to be popular with the community and well attended. In November, 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 material. We hope to one day have more foreign language titles in the collection, but until then we continue to search for other items. Mr. Laubner also visited the Brooke Dale at Castle Hills retirement community to speak to residents about SAPL as well as distribute paperback books. Plans are in the works to visit the residence on a monthly basis for programs and to drop off books.



Since joining the team at Westfall, Teen Librarian Daniella Toll has been working hard to bring back teen programming at the branch. Ms. Toll has held a variety of teen programs including game night, crafts, and Halloween treat making. Ms. Toll has also been in contact with the local junior high schools and has been making a good impression with the community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

OCTOBER 2017

FY 2018

Presented below are key indicators that align with the Library's Strategic Plan, with a comparison to FY 2017.

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

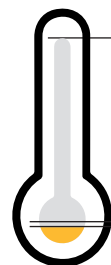


616,327

ITEMS
BORROWED

↓ 1%

CIRCULATION: GOAL



7,340,000

TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL
98% OF FYTD GOAL MET

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



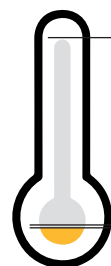
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VISITS

↓ 26%*

**Presidential election last fiscal year*

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



5,600,000

TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL
90% OF FYTD GOAL MET

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



52,731

COMPUTER
HOURS



153,192

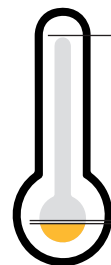
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

205,923

TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

↓ 11%

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



2,500,000

TOTAL FY GOAL

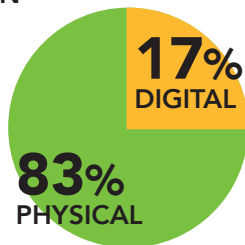
FYTD GOAL
95% OF FYTD GOAL MET

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

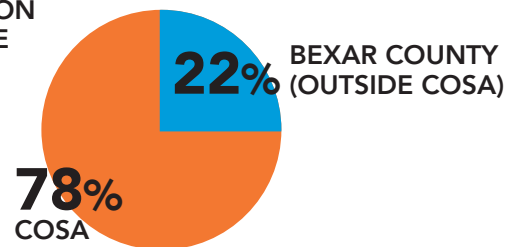
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



227,078

MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

71,593

MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

146,061

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VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



43,543

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

10,604

ADULT PROGRAMS

4,898

TEEN PROGRAMS

28,041

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

LANDA REOPENING



San Antonio Public Library

October 2017 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,485	9,232	7,174	1,797	5,376
Brook Hollow	25,291	19,807	5,927	1,385	4,542
Carver	4,551	8,357	4,373	1,606	2,767
Central	25,350	59,280	43,798	12,231	31,567
Cody	34,454	21,203	6,985	1,444	5,542
Collins Garden	6,906	8,345	4,953	1,791	3,162
Cortez	6,699	10,561	4,351	1,364	2,987
Encino	18,158	14,186	4,106	465	3,642
Forest Hills	8,378	8,273	3,778	1,187	2,591
Great Northwest	25,265	17,051	6,611	1,535	5,077
Guerra	10,291	11,411	7,569	1,830	5,739
Igo	27,924	24,356	7,866	1,282	6,584
Johnston	11,507	11,846	4,675	1,497	3,179
Landa	11,377	13,015	2,716	741	1,975
Las Palmas	5,494	11,716	4,906	1,739	3,168
Maverick	23,795	13,160	5,697	1,892	3,805
McCreless	11,359	13,714	5,073	1,605	3,468
Memorial	6,999	9,678	5,392	1,458	3,934
Mission	11,309	15,200	8,088	2,326	5,763
Pan American	7,347	10,030	3,902	1,675	2,228
Parman	26,170	29,409	5,431	798	4,633
Potranco	18,698	17,355	13,737	931	12,806
Pruitt	6,858	18,232	4,403	1,316	3,088
San Pedro	4,661	7,486	2,690	576	2,113
Schaefer	10,289	11,242	5,055	835	4,220
Semmes	24,501	19,565	6,930	1,949	4,981
Thousand Oaks	11,489	9,954	5,144	1,197	3,947
Tobin	18,185	18,153	5,797	1,642	4,156
Westfall	17,270	15,207	8,402	2,641	5,761
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,592	391	N/A	391
Interlibrary Loan Lending	987	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	83,637	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	105,643	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	616,327	458,616	205,924	52,731	153,192

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

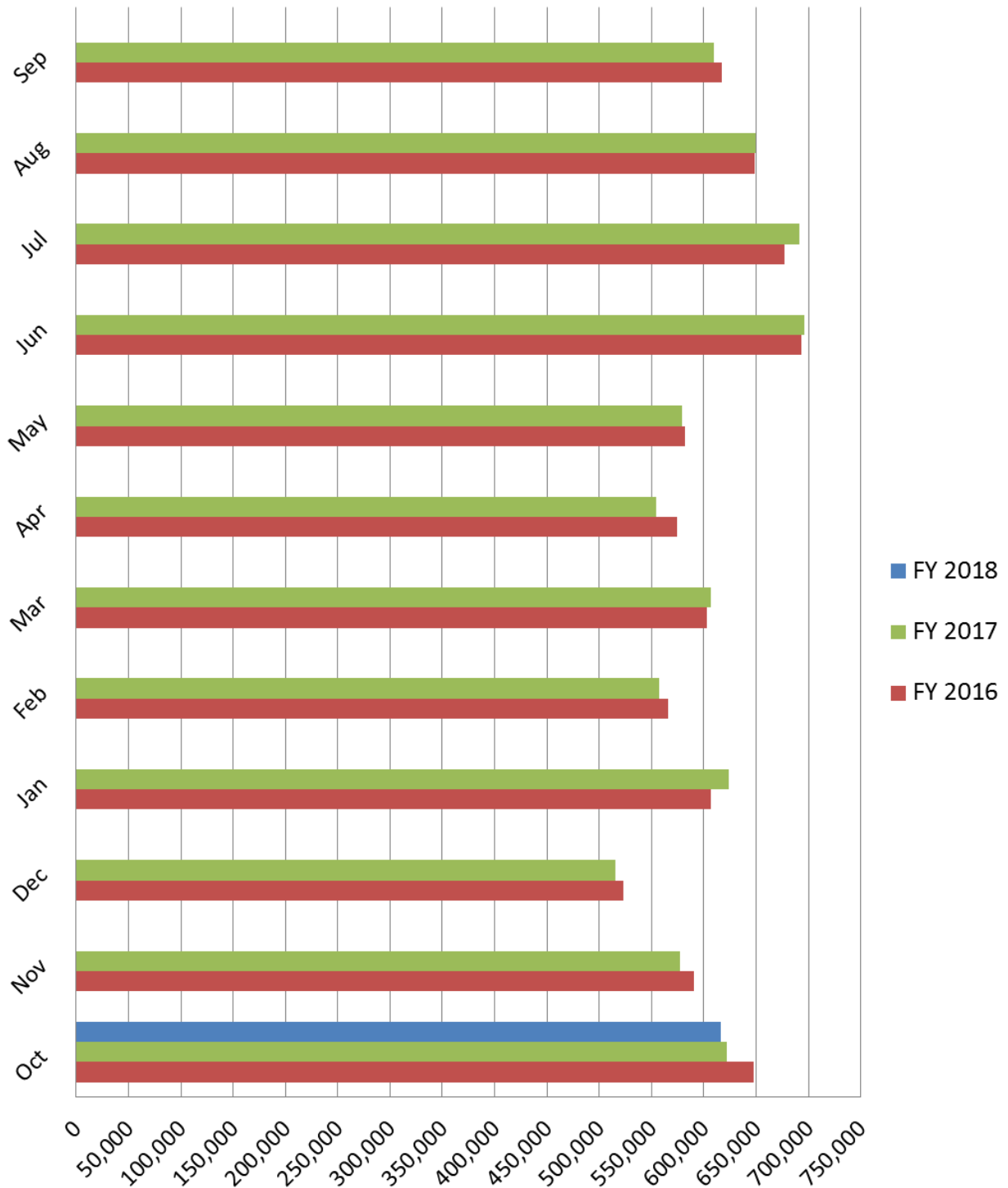
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October 2017 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	70	39	9	22	722	399	139	184
Brook Hollow	53	11	6	36	2,007	893	52	1,062
Carver	46	35	5	6	692	602	13	77
Central	134	21	81	32	2,045	359	796	890
Cody	41	7	6	28	1,016	66	78	872
Collins Garden	43	7	6	30	1,154	273	174	707
Cortez	96	67	4	25	736	187	11	538
Encino	56	20	11	25	1,665	199	476	990
Forest Hills	27	19	1	7	508	437	10	61
Great Northwest	42	11	12	19	2,547	721	409	1,417
Guerra	39	14	5	20	827	242	192	393
Igo	45	16	4	25	1,356	158	101	1,097
Johnston	51	21	10	20	1,320	268	358	694
Landa	45	6	8	31	1,325	48	33	1,244
Las Palmas	38	7	9	22	1,178	723	45	410
Maverick	42	10	5	27	1,178	288	22	868
McCreless	35	4	3	28	1,079	81	32	966
Memorial	24	7	2	15	530	282	7	241
Mission	73	35	20	18	1,798	1,167	170	461
Pan American	48	12	7	29	1,853	125	797	931
Parman	88	29	5	54	7,122	628	35	6,459
Potranco	35	2	9	24	914	15	27	872
Pruitt	59	10	24	25	1,339	189	511	639
San Pedro	32	2	0	30	323	2	0	321
Schaefer	77	34	14	29	1,866	369	177	1,320
Semmes	41	4	8	29	961	66	63	832
Thousand Oaks	33	8	4	21	1,045	226	59	760
Tobin	52	10	8	34	2,158	1,373	111	674
Westfall	38	15	2	21	558	218	0	340
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Little Read Wagon	69	0	0	69	1,721	0	0	1,721
TOTAL	1,570	483	288	799	43,543	10,604	4,898	28,041

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Circulation



Location Closures

FY 18: Central Oct 28 at 3pm

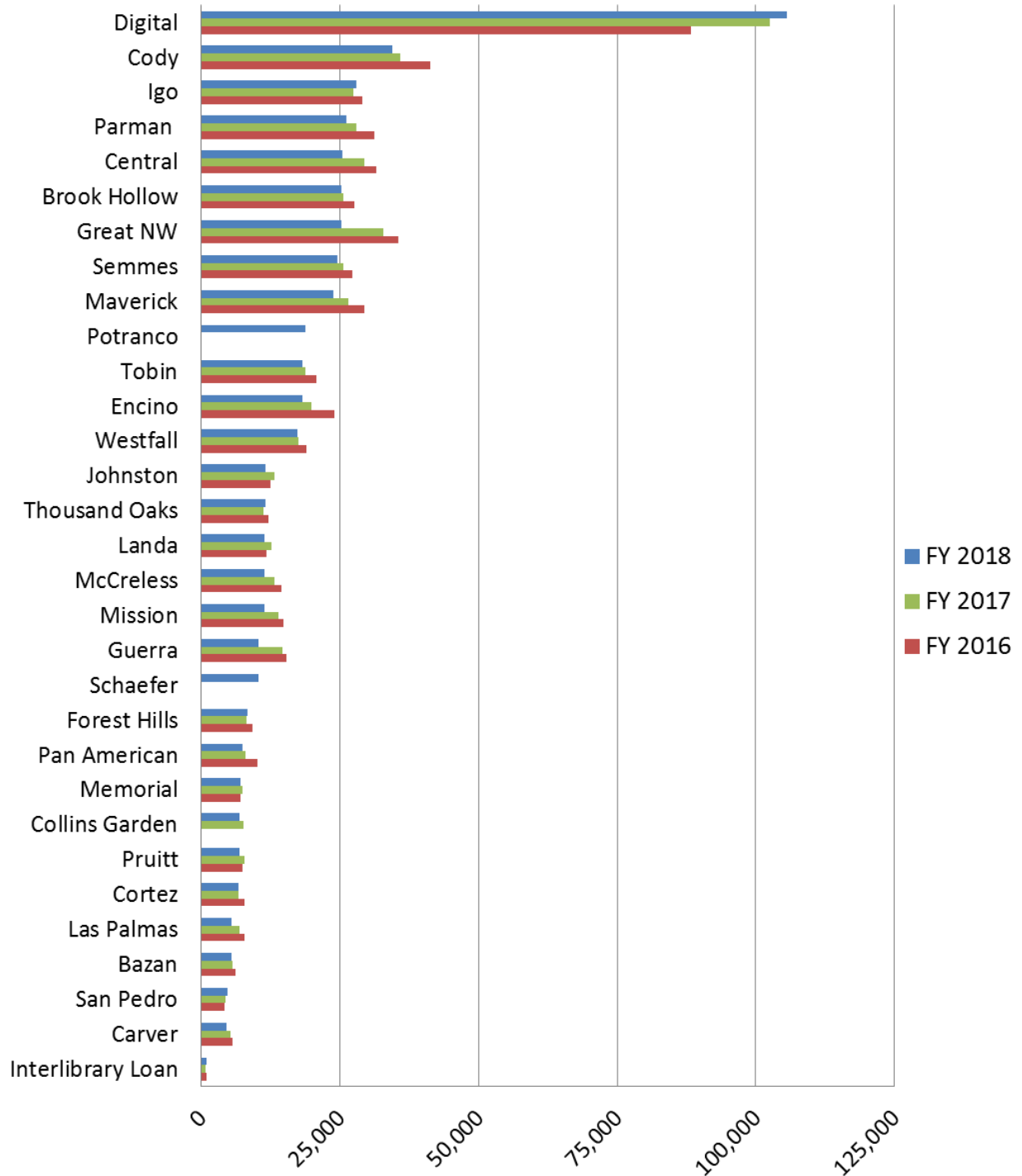
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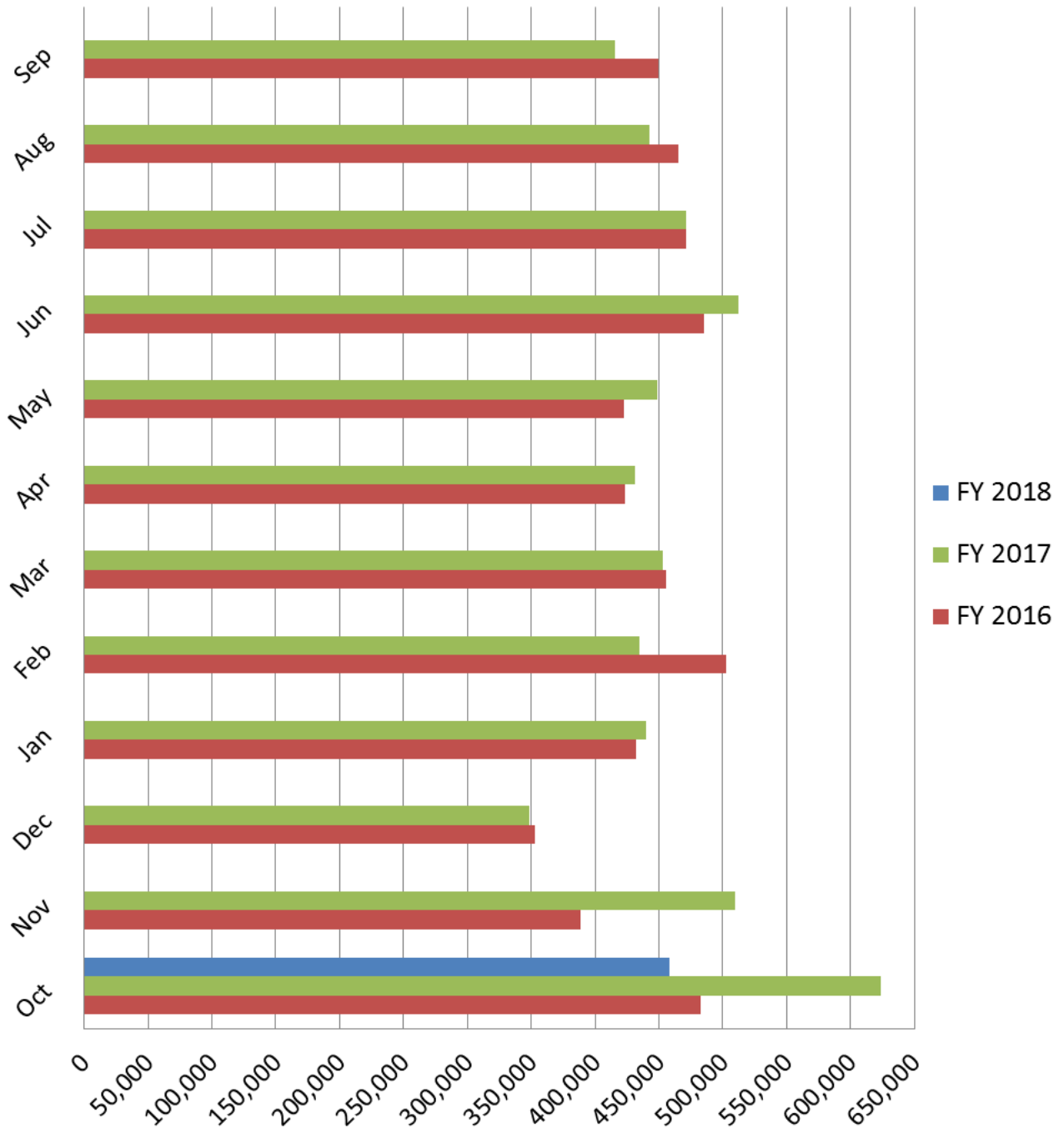
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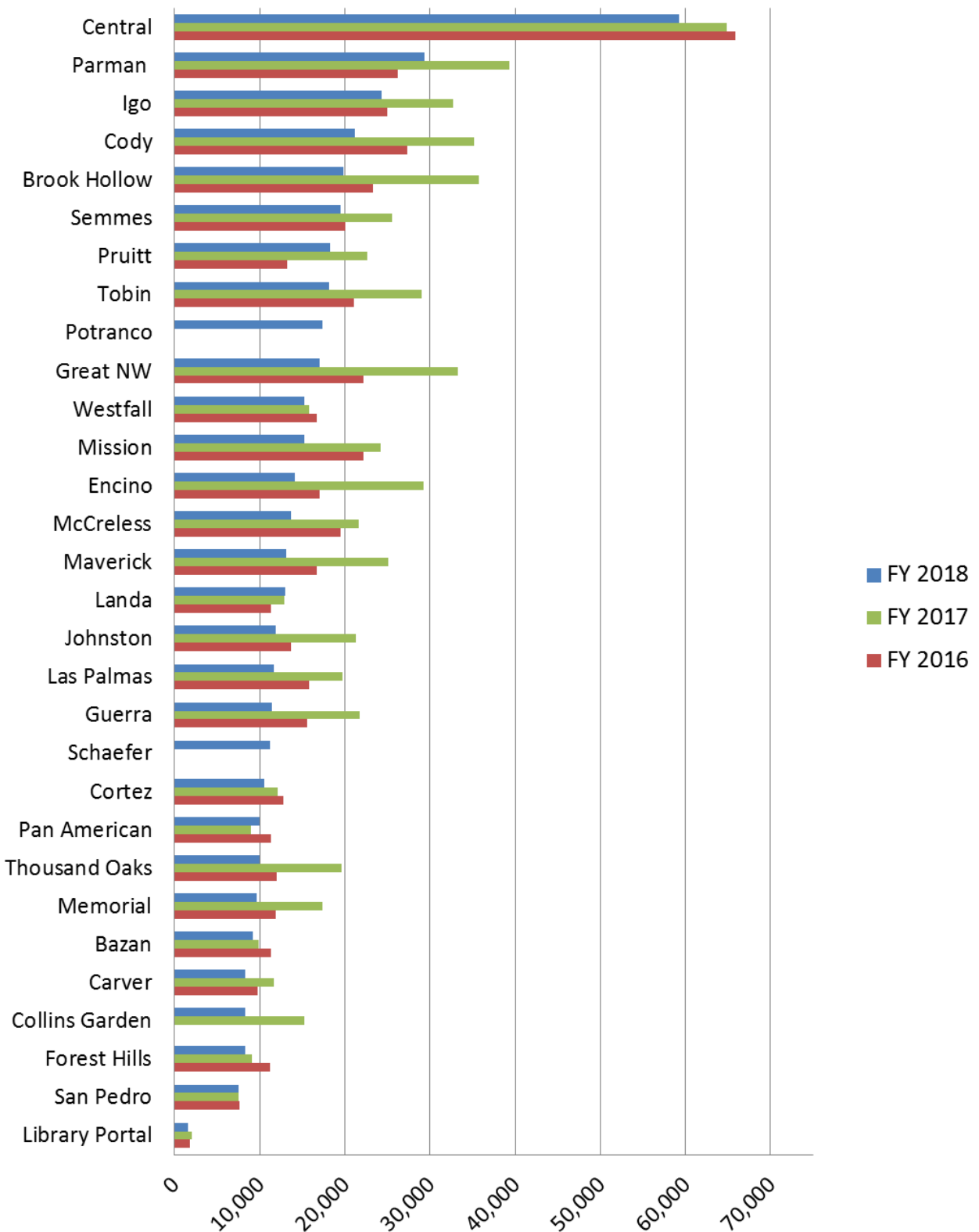
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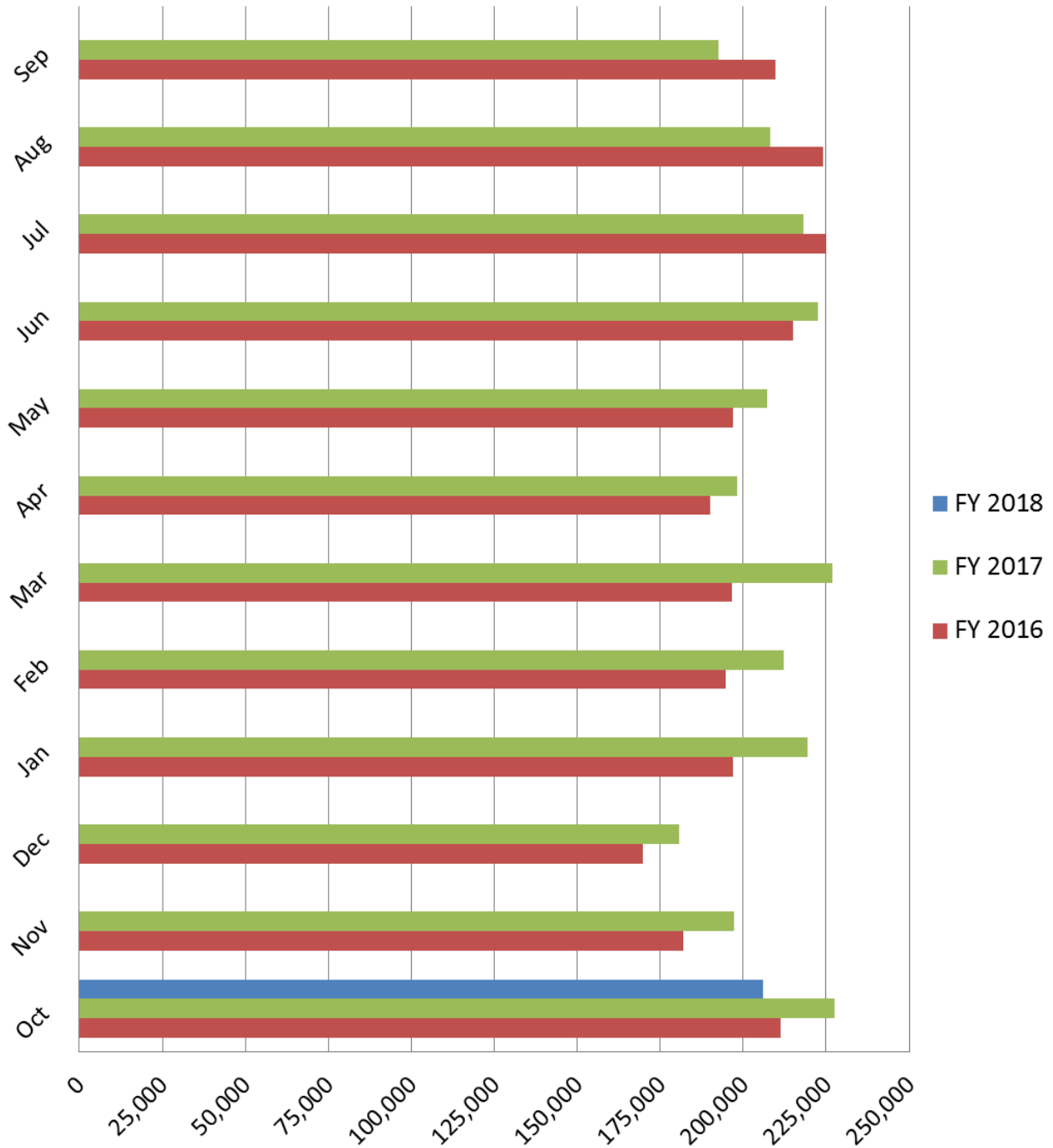
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