



San Antonio Public Library  
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Tricentennial Commemorative Week- History & Education Day  
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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

In an effort to mitigate unintended barriers to access library services and resources, the Library made changes to existing administrative directives to reduce barriers to access. The following changes are planned to launch on June 1, 2018:

- Increase the number of some physical materials that can be borrowed at any one time;
- Increase the number of electronic items that can be borrowed at any one time;
- Increase the number of items that a patron can have on hold at any one time (both physical items and electronic items);
- Remove item limit restrictions on accounts that need additional verification;
- Increase the number of renewals that a borrowed item can have on one person's account;
- Make it more convenient for patrons to renew their library cards; and
- Make the library card application process more convenient and environmentally friendly

The Library will deploy a comprehensive communication plan to inform the public of these enhancements to Library services.

On Monday, May 14, 2018, the Cody Branch Library, located in City Council District 8, will reopen after undergoing improvements. Funds were provided in Fiscal Year 2018 to undertake improvements of the Cody Branch Library. Improvements to this library building were focused on the interior and included a complete replacement of carpet throughout the building, replacement of furniture for public computers and the replacement of reading tables with powered tables and chairs. The Library deployed a comprehensive communications plan to inform the community and other stakeholders of the various elements related to this project.

The May 2018 Mayor's Book Club rotation was sponsored by District 4 Councilman Saldaña. "Animal Welfare" was selected for the May's month-long Book Club theme. The kickoff for the District 4 iteration of the Mayor's Book Club took place on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cortez Branch Library. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilman Saldaña attended and delivered remarks. All Libraries are promoting the theme of "Animal Welfare" for the month of May with book recommendations and programs for all ages.

Digital Inclusion Week, May 7 – 11, 2018, an initiative of the National Digital Inclusion Alliance which represents more than 300 affiliated organizations in 38 states that work towards digital equity. Twelve branch locations and the Central Library will offer technology programming throughout the entire month of May to extend reach beyond digital inclusion week. Classes will be taught by Library staff as well as by San Antonio Coding Academy through a community partnership. In addition, the Library has added two 3D printers to its permanent technology suite to support digital inclusion in adult programming. The printers will be demoed at several locations throughout the month.

Eleven San Antonio Public Library locations served as Early Voting sites for the May 5, 2018 Joint, General, Special and Bond Election. Early voting took place from April 23 through May 1, 2018. Additionally, ten Library locations served as Election Day sites.

The replacement of the entrance and exit doors at the Central Library took place in early May 2018. The sliding new doors will be more accessible, energy efficient and reliable while still meshing with the aesthetic of the building. While the replacement was underway, a communication plan was deployed,

as well as communications to those holding events at the Central Library during this time. No public services were discontinued during the work.

## MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month include: the art collection in the Latino Collection and Resource Center was mentioned in a La Prensa article by Dr. Ricardo Romo; local blog Culture Map featured History and Education Day on Wednesday, April 25; a number of library programs were featured on the Texas Book Lover Blog; Coordinator of Children's Services Viki Ash appeared on News 4 WOAI's 6:30 p.m. evening newscast on Monday, April 30 to promote our History & Education Day program Future History Makers: Celebrating STEAM at the Library; Viki also appeared on KSAT 12's daytime show SA Live on Tuesday, May 1 to promote our History & Education Day program; Central Library's May the 4th Be With You event with District 1 Councilman Roberto Treviño received a great deal of coverage on Friday, May 4; the Department of Arts and Culture and TPR's screening of Selena at Central Library on May 9 received coverage online and in print; and the Property Tax Forum hosted by State Senator José Menéndez, State Representative Diego Bernal, and Councilman Roberto Treviño at Central Library received coverage across media outlets.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: Low Vision Reading Room signs; Vroom Van wrap; Schaefer Listening Lounge; promoting Universal Class and New York Times databases; Cody Branch Library renovation, signage, and digitals; The Great American Read; May newsletter; May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You; Our Family Reads; Summer Reading; Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; San Antonio's Old Spanish Missions; User Guide updates; LGBTQ Fiesta Youth collection bookmarks; Learn at SAPL; Digital Inclusion Month; Artful Aging; Human Library; and Living History video digital displays.



The team is currently planning for Our Family Reads- District 5, Summer Reading Kick-Off, The Great American Read Kick-Off, the ELLA (Excellence in Library Leadership and Advocacy) Awards, the Pan American and Thousand Oaks closures, the launch of SAPL Social Media Ambassadors, and several high profile events scheduled for May and June.

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

SAPL's Fiesta train photos received 748 likes, shares, and comments on Facebook

Facebook videos were viewed 4,000 times during the reporting period

#mysapl was used 71 times on Instagram

SAPL received an average of 10 tweets per day during the reporting period

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

1. Facebook: 15,600 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,373 followers
3. Instagram: 2,491 followers
4. Snapchat: 130 followers

# DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, a member of the Barrier to Access Workgroup, has been testing and implementing the recently approved circulation rule changes in the library's integrated management system. Rule changes will be fully implemented by June 1, 2018. Laun and the team have also been working on data extraction for a collaborative review of library use and trends.



Digital Services Analyst Tricia Masterson has been working with ITSD to configure the public PC management system for an upcoming unlimited session pilot initiative. That project is set to run for four weeks at several branches and will determine feasibility of launching the initiative system wide.



Ron Suszek, Digital Services Coordinator, attended the 2018 Computers in Libraries conference in Arlington, VA. The conference included presentations on library metrics, smart city initiatives, and the latest in library technologies and trends.

## LITTLE READ WAGON



Little Read Wagon visited the following campuses to present workshops with a bedtime routine chart make-and-take activity: Bob Hope Elementary, West Avenue Elementary, Royal Ridge Elementary, Mary Hull Elementary, Esparza Elementary, Linton Elementary, Ed Franz, Powell Elementary, Martin Elementary, and Maverick Elementary. For Early Head Start centers, Little Read Wagon presents a different workshop, more appropriate for the younger children in the household (0-3 years old). The Early Head Start workshop features a juggling scarf, discussion of the many ways to use it with an infant or toddler, and a free board book about the weather. The book encourages spending time outdoors and observing nature, while the scarf encourages many fun ways to build conversational skills, vocabulary, and motor skills. This workshop was presented to two Avance Home Based Early Head Start groups and will be repeated for the several center based groups in June.



Every Child Ready to Read workshops were presented to teen parents at the following high school campuses: Southwest, South San, Jefferson, and Roosevelt. The students at Roosevelt gave Ms. Larkin a very thoughtful thank you card. Ms. Larkin and Ms. Cruz represented the Library at the Bexar County School Age Parent Conference. They had an information table and gave each parent that stopped by a ball of play dough and rolling pin. The annual conference is mostly students from the event host, Northside Independent School District, along with some from other area school districts. Ms. Larkin and Ms. Cruz set up a mini Play & Learn area at the annual San Antonio Independent School District Parent & Baby Wellness Fair. Students were able to gather resources from various support agencies and spend some time engaging with their children in the Play & Learn space.



Little Read Wagon visited the following early childhood centers to present story time, usually to multiple classrooms: Discovery World Fountainwood, Standard of Academics, Tynan, Discovery World Prue, Nurturing Hearts, Tynan (bilingual classrooms), Center for New Communities at Tynan, St. Philips, Discovery World Downtown, and Summerlin Child Care and Learning Center. Ms. Larkin presented a special story time at Navarro Academy in celebration of Week of the Young Child. Ms. Cruz has made her last visit to the St. Philips early childhood center. Braulia Carrillo, the new Children's Librarian at Carver Library, will continue to serve this site.



The Reading Village travelled to the San Antonio College Child Development Center on April 18 in celebration of Week of the Young Child. It was also very popular at the Texas A&M University San



Antonio Literacy Fair at Beacon Hill Elementary on April 21. Gillette Elementary requested the Reading Village for their “Book Camp Out” event on April 26. In May, the Reading Village will be set up Tuesday through Friday at each of the Pre-K 4SA centers. So far the event has been very popular at Pre-K 4SA East and Pre-K 4SA South.



Pop-up Art in the Park events were held at McAllister Park and Brackenridge Park Joske Pavilion. A Play & Learn series began at Jane Dubel Park (Wednesday mornings) and Harlandale Park (Thursday evenings). The programs will continue through May.



The final “Diversity in the Classroom: Building Your Library with Mirrors and Windows” presentation to early childhood teachers took place May 12 in Launch SA Phase II. When asked if the workshop was helpful, the attendees shared lots of positive feedback: “It made me be more thoughtful about books I select and personal bias and things that I culturally or personally never even think of that may affect the children in my class.”; “Loved the information, the setting, & the presenters!”; “This workshop was the best one I have attended” (from a teacher who has attended Little Read Wagon workshops for more than a decade).; “It opened my eyes to a topic I’ve never thought of that would affect young children.”; “Reminds myself to include it in my lesson plan showing different background & cultures of ALL my children in my class/center!”; “Because I can be a more effective teacher and share how to support diversity with others.”



Ms. Huff presented the Dinosaur Day Play & Learn at Cody Library when the Children’s Librarian was suddenly unavailable. Ms. Lazarin has volunteered to be the Little Read Wagon Wellness Liaison. Ms. Cruz has volunteered to be the Little Read Wagon Social Media Ambassador.



Ms. Moreno attended the CPI Safety Class at Maverick Library.



This reporting period included several community events. Ms. Huff was accompanied by Braulia Carrillo (Carver) for Career Day at Hirsch Elementary. The duo presented the joys and requirements of library work to five first grade classes. Ms. Huber accompanied Karla Vasquez at the Alamo City Moms Blog Bloom event at the DoSeum. The event was for new and expecting families. Ms. Lazarin shared library and early literacy information at the Carvajal Early Childhood Center Resource Fair. Ms. Larkin and Judith Slaughter (Central Children’s) represented the Library at the Metro Health Northeast Baby Shower at Pre-K 4SA East. Ms. Moreno accompanied Viki Ash at the United Way Kids Festival at Lockwood Park. The outdoor event was very well attended.

## CHILDREN’S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The 2018 Mayor’s Summer Reading Club is set to kick off with a press event on Thursday, May 24 in the Central Library Children’s Department. Summer Reading programming begins June 1 and continues through August 4. The theme for 2018, Adventures in Library Land, harkens back to the childhood game of Candy Land – but with a San Antonio twist. The three age-based library managers, Jennifer Velasquez (teen), Haley Holmes (adult), and Viki Ash (children’s) worked cooperatively to develop the theme and the supporting materials in an effort to streamline and simplify this year’s program making it easier for staff and customers alike to understand and enjoy. Children’s Services featured performers for 2018 include Magik Theatre, Happy Tails, local musician Will Parker, and the ever-popular Dinosaur George. Special thanks to the Library Foundation for their financial support – without which Summer Reading would be much less engaging for children. But, Summer Reading is not just about special performers. During the summer months, children can count on SAPL to provide books to read, games to play, activities to enjoy, and new friends to meet. Complete information about Summer Reading for all ages can be found at: [www.mysapl.org/srp](http://www.mysapl.org/srp)



The 2018 Young Pegasus Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 6 at the Guadalupe Theater. This was the first time SAPL had used the venue for Young Pegasus and it proved to be a lovely location for the event. Board President Paul Stahl and Library Director Ramiro Salazar distributed Young Pegasus certificates as each individual poet completed the reading of his/her poem. In addition to providing each poet with a copy of this year's anthology, a copy was sent to the San Antonio Poetry Archives at Palo Alto College. Copies are in-process for delivery and display at all the branches as well. This year there were 57 poems selected for publication written by 52 young poets, ranging in age from six to 18. The poets represented 26 different schools from across Bexar County.



On Saturday, April 28, Mary Grace Moreno (Little Read Wagon) joined Viki at the United Way Kids Festival to promote summer reading and provide families with a simple, art activity to enjoy together. This annual event is held in Lockwood Park, and brings a free fiesta event to families on the East side of town. On Monday, April 30, Viki appeared on the WOAI 6:30 p.m. news program to promote SAPL's Future History Makers programming which was part of the larger Tricentennial Commemorative Week celebration. Viki demonstrated the chemical reaction affectionately known as elephant toothpaste using peroxide, yeast, food coloring and dish soap. On Tuesday, May 1, Viki repeated the demonstration on KSAT's SA Live at 1:00 p.m. On Friday, May 9, Viki was one of four featured speakers at the Reach Out and Read Mini Conference. Attendees at this event work at various children's healthcare clinics across the city that distribute books to children, six months to six years, as they participate in well-child checkups. The conference is organized by the Friends of Alamo Area Reach Out and Read and Dr. Becky Houston. SAPL Foundation generously provides Born to Read board books to this organization for distribution.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) was one of several San Antonio Public Library staff members that represented the San Antonio Public Library at two Fiesta events, the Battle of Flowers Parade and the Fiesta Flambeau Parade.



As a member of the Pride Committee, Matthew Loaiza is working with Fiesta Youth—San Antonio's premier LGBTQ youth program—to create a teen-specific Pride Month event for this coming June. Matthew is also working with other San Antonio Public Library staff to plan different programs and outreach events for all ages throughout the month.



Several Teen Services staff promoted the San Antonio Public Library and Teen Services at Mini-Mini Con, a free Anime convention, on Saturday, May 5. Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, Las Palmas), Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Julia Pouliot (Teen Services Librarian I, Encino), Marisa DeBow (Teen Liaison, McCreless), and Megan Coker (Teen Services Librarian I, Tobin) were all part of the team that represented SAPL at the event at Wonderland of the Americas. Attendees were able to learn about teen programs, as well as make buttons and participate in a coloring craft.



Jennifer Velásquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) and Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) hosted teen activities for the Central Library's "May the 4<sup>th</sup>" event. Jennifer showcased the Teen Library's Oculus Rift virtual reality equipment, and Matthew offered a screening of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* along with snacks and a light saber paper circuit craft.



On May 9, Teen Services librarians and liaisons at all San Antonio Public Library locations offered a paper circuit craft for teens to celebrate STEAM Day. Teens were invited to make paper circuits

using LEDs, a coin cell battery and copper foil tape. This was a fun and educational STEAM activity that resulted in a fully functional circuit.



On May 9, Teen Services librarians and liaisons from around the San Antonio Public Library system met in the Teen Library @ Central for their regularly scheduled meeting. The group picked up Teen Summer Reading craft supplies and discussed how the summer program will run.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Members of the San Antonio Lutheran Coronation Association are currently exhibiting their book-themed trains in the Central Gallery covering over 60 years of Fiesta. The Adult Services Fiesta committee held an opening reception including a presentation on the making of the trains and gowns which will be on exhibit through May 31. There are also a few child-sized trains being shown on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the children's department.



Library staff marched in the Battle of Flowers parade this year. The Book Cart Drill Team pushed carts and were preceded by staff carrying the library banner made for the event which said "Show Us Your Library Card." Many parade goers waved their library cards or shouted that they loved the library as we went by. The Library group was awarded second place in the amusements category!



Coordinator of Services for Adults Haley Holmes attended the Bexar County High School Film Festival at the Tobin Center on April 23. Thirty three-minute films were screened during the presentation. The Library Foundation was one of the subjects of the films, and Latino Collection and Resource Center coordinator Emma Hernandez was featured. Ms. Holmes also attended the Our Family Reads District 4 event at the Cortez Branch Library. May's theme of Animal Welfare, chosen by Councilman Saldana, lent itself to many animal rescue organizations providing information as well as an opportunity for dog adoptions on site.



Adult Services provided activities with the theme of butterfly science for the History and Education STEAM Day at the library on May 2. Every location received caterpillars and a butterfly habitat to show patrons the lifecycle of the butterfly. Butterfly releases were held across the city once the butterflies emerged. Staff received many compliments regarding the activity and staff themselves enjoyed watching the process.



Adult Services staff also hosted several activities for Councilman Treviño's May the 4<sup>th</sup> Star Wars event at the Central Library. The area near the Chihuly included a green screen photo op with choice of Star Wars themed backgrounds, light saber duels, and droid races. The droids included app-controlled Spheros, R2D2, and BB8. Kids of all ages, including the Councilman, enjoyed trying to control the miniature robots.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



The Tricentennial History and Education Day was a big hit with Central Library families. Librarian Lea Ann McDonald prepared and coordinated the STEAM-based activities, in addition to demonstrating the science experiments for a promotional video for the city-wide celebrations! During the afternoon STEAM celebration, the entire Central Children's team assisted Ms. McDonald in a presentation of the LEGO and Straws & Connectors engineering challenges and homemade slime play area. But it was Ms. McDonald who conducted the most popular feature of the event – the shocking



“elephant toothpaste” exothermic reaction. Enthralled children and special guests, Library Director Ramiro Salazar and City Councilman Roberto Treviño, observed the dramatic foaming effect when the chemical agents of yeast, dish soap and hydrogen peroxide were combined.



The Central Children's department was the scene for intergalactic fun during the *May the Fourth Be with You* District 1 event. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin led planning efforts for the array of children's activities that evening. Ms. Seglin, Ms. McDonald and Library Assistants Mary Elizabeth Fernandez and Ana Sandoval invited families to enjoy the outer space themed toddler play area, the LEGO shape ship building stations, the “build a droid” craft, the Star Wars space scene collaborative art piece, and to check out the selection of *Star Wars* books on display. Many of the families came dressed in *Star Wars* costumes and raved about the fun activities - including City Councilman Roberto Treviño!



Manager Kate Simpson partnered with Latino Collection and Resource Center Coordinator Emma Hernandez to develop children's activities for the *Bidi Bidi Birthday Party* celebrating Tejano star Selena. Families enjoyed making tissue paper *flores* and designing their own Selena album cover from cardstock sleeves, complete with a black paper “record.” The event was a huge success and Ms. Simpson enjoyed herself as much as the children did!



Ms. Seglin's programs for young children, *Play & Learn* and *Toddler Time*, continued to be popular events this month. Jungle-themed programs included a sensory station with green play dough, plastic animal figures, and fresh broccoli “trees,” a pretend play area with jungle animal puppets, and a collaborative jungle animal art piece. Toddlers got in the celebratory spirit during Fiesta week with a sensory bin full of colorful felt pieces and hidden foam letters, royalty dress up play with capes, wrist ribbons and crowns, and play dough full of confetti. Children reenacted the River Parade by riding in a decorated cardboard river barge and marching in a toddler parade while shaking tambourines and bells! Ms. Seglin set the stage for the *May the Fourth Be with You* Star Wars event with a space-themed series of early childhood programs. Children rode in a cardboard rocket ship, played with over-sized fuzzy alien puppets, and used flashlights to light up sparkling stickers under a blackout cloth. In the final series of program of the spring session, Ms. Seglin took children on a trip under the sea. She used an empty plastic kiddie pool as the unique setting for play with plastic ocean animals. Children enjoyed the sensory experience of blue play dough and blue rice and pasta. The highlight of the programs was the special appearance of Senior Management Analyst David Cooksey dressed in a full-body shark costume! The kids were thrilled to high-five and hug the friendly shark, and to see “Ms. Shannon” transform when she wore a shark costume of her own!



The favorite weekend programs of regular families, *Family Fun* and *Bilingual Family Fun*, were presented by several staff members this month. Ms. McDonald worked with Texas Woman's University Practicum student Jacqueline Gonzales to present a robot-themed program. Families were given creative license to craft a robot of their own design using an array of recycled materials. This served as a seminal experience for Ms. Gonzales, whose Practicum ended this month. Ms. Simpson presented an ocean-themed *Family Fun* in which children made tissue paper sea collages. They examined sea shell specimens hidden in a bin of sand and played with ocean animal figures in a water sensory bin. Ms. McDonald focused on architecture with her program featuring several male and female architects and their styles of building. Children used several different types of building materials (rolled up newspaper, cardboard and LEGOs) to emulate buildings they had learned about. ‘Patterns in Nature’ was the theme when she introduced the concepts of tessellations, fractals and spirals to *Family Fun* attendees. Children worked together to create a tessellated collaborative art piece and used fresh vegetables and fruit to stamp patterns onto paper. Librarian Nicole Cubillas presented a *Bilingual Family Fun* with a sports theme. Families inspired by the stories she shared crafted pennants representing their favorite teams, designed their own paper jerseys, and used a pointillism art technique with Q-tips to paint pictures of

basketballs. The bilingual fun continued with a program about pets. Children created paper pets using a variety of supplies.



Ms. Seglin led a group of adult members of the Temple Beth El Sisterhood on an in-depth and informative tour of the art and architecture of the Central Library. The group was thrilled to learn about the impressive art pieces that were hidden gems to many of them.



Ms. Simpson partnered with the neighboring Advanced Learning Academy to host an event revealing their end of year project, the Living Wax Museum. Over 200 children, dressed as historical and pop culture figures, presented facts about their characters to parents who visited the “museum” during their lunch hours. As one group of students was presenting in the Central Library Auditorium, other groups enjoyed the Plaza, where they took turns eating lunch and listening to Ms. Simpson’s presentation about the *Mayor’s Summer Reading Program*. Teachers, students and parents were all delighted with the special venue and many said they would return on their own to explore the library together.



Ms. Simpson coordinated with instructors from the Family Service Association to select books for use by their education students. The student group visited the Central Library to create bibliographies of early literacy material from the juvenile collection as part of their coursework.



Librarians visited Herff Elementary School to promote the *Mayor’s Summer Reading Program*. Ms. McDonald spoke to two classes of kindergarteners and Ms. Cubillas addressed 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They were thrilled meet so many eager readers!



Ms. McDonald attended the *Young Pegasus Award Ceremony* and assisted Coordinator of Children’s Services Viki Ash with logistical support.



Library Assistant Judith Slaughter partnered with Little Read Wagon staff to attend the Healthy Start Baby Shower event held at the PreK4SA East campus. Over the course of several hours, she shared information with expecting mothers about how the library can support the early literacy of their babies and promoted the *Mayor’s Summer Reading Program*.



Ms. Simpson and Ms. McDonald attended the Educators Appreciation Breakfast hosted by the Education department of the Southwest School of Art. There they networked with representatives from an array of educational institutions and further strengthened the partnership between the San Antonio Public Library and the Southwest School of Art.



Central Children’s Department staff continued their monthly outreach visits. Ms. Seglin presented story times to students at Madison Square Child Development Center, where she read books to two classes and delivered bags of books in support of the school’s curriculum. Ms. Cubillas selected books and delivered them to Central Christian Childcare Center. Ms. McDonald shared stories and songs with children at Green Acres Childcare Center. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez visited the San Antonio College Early Childhood Center for story time conducted outside in the school’s playground. She also provided them with thematic book selections for use in the classroom.



The Children’s Department team gathered prior to a monthly staff meeting to celebrate part time Library Assistant Ana Sandoval’s birthday and her COSA 10 years of service milestone with a treat of fruit cups, which has become a healthy team favorite.

# TEENS



**Mondays with J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant):** J.D. continued to facilitate Eclectic Electric music programming in the Teen Library's recording studio. Teens are invited to play instruments for fun and/or for school practice and record their music if they wish.



**Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager):** Matthew will be taking over Tuesday night teen programming at the Teen Library. For now, Matthew is getting to know the Central teens and he is hopeful that the teens will assist in generating a new weekly program from their own interests.



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



**Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant):** With a mix of culinary, craft, and cinema, teens use Thursday nights to express themselves creatively and expand their abilities to make things. Teens drew with pancake batter in a variety of colors in squeeze bottles. A teen drew a Pokéball, another drew the Batman logo, one drew a skull and crossbones, and each enjoyed their pancakes after cooking them and topping them with maple syrup or bananas and powdered sugar. Afterwards, teens tried a new craft, stamped jewelry using a metal stamping alphabet set, a hammer, and blank charm and bracelet pieces. One teen also attempted a paper circuit, to get some know-how into basic battery and light circuit science. To celebrate Fiesta and fulfill a Food Bank nutritional lesson requirement, teens made a refreshing *agua fresca* using fruits readily available throughout the season. Scooping out watermelon flesh, mashing it to release the juice, and slicing and squeezing limes became a task easily undertaken as it became clear that this drink would be more valuable than a sugary soda. Teens also made their own tortillas, from making the *masa* to rolling it out and cooking it on the griddle.

To begin May on a healthy step, teens used colorful veggies and rice to create stuffed bell peppers. However, needing a little sweetness, teens felt some science inspiration and made a layered rainbow drink, using club soda, strawberry syrup, food coloring, and orange juice. Having to determine what ingredient was heaviest, teens realized how "density" could look in a colorful drink. They carefully and slowly spooned each layer, making sure not to disrupt the previous layers.

Teens undertook an otter cupcake challenge with only a picture of a cute otter cupcake, frosting, and a variety of moldable candies. The results were cute and sweet. Teens also used an instant-print camera to take a few photos to create scrapbooks or clothesline banners using printed papers, stickers, Sharpies, clothespins, decorative scissors, and glue. While snacks and crafts are being prepared, teens watch movies projected on a bare white wall. Selections and suggestions come from the teens, often something that they have not yet seen, or a favorite film, or something that fits a specific theme. After most crafts, teens sometimes request the use of a gaming system, where they engage in some friendly competition and peer-to-peer coaching. Photos and videos from most craft nights can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> and <http://instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week in April, the Teen Library celebrated their volunteers. Teen Library volunteers received cupcakes, favor cups, punch, and snacks. Staff applauded all their hard work within the department, from shelving books to creating displays, maintaining organization, pulling books off the shelves, planning programs, and cleaning up. Teen volunteers who fulfilled the 24-hour requirement (and then some) received their volunteer certificates. Current 2018 volunteers received t-shirts provided by the Volunteer Services department, which the teens really liked. Thank you Athena, Esteban, Jade, Leslie, Olga, Olivia, Jacob, Sofia, and Vivian for your hard work!



Several community centers brought groups of teens to the Teen Library to use computers and participate in teen library programming. Groups of teens from the George Gervin Center, Roy Maas, and the Juvenile Detention 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 and hang out in the space during the reporting period. In addition, a group of students from Leal Middle School received a tour of the library and the Teen Library. Four hundred students from Kipp University Prep School visited the Central Library over two days to discover the resources the library offers for teens, as well as to conduct research for upcoming homework projects. The students also registered for library cards.

## REFERENCE



Dan Garcia is the primary Reference Team member who assists patrons in Central's semi-weekly Library Digital Help (LDH) sessions. Each session is an open forum where patrons receive assistance with borrowing and using the Library's various eBook and downloadable collections. On April 22, Mr. Garcia was able to focus on assisting an elderly patron who needed help getting started with Overdrive audio books. Over the course of an hour, he was able to demonstrate to the patron how to use both the Libby app and the in-browser listening feature Overdrive Listen, in order to access and use the content she wanted. The patron left the session armed with the skill and practice she needed to access SAPL's digital library content and, she promised to refer her friends.



On May 6, Mr. Garcia hosted a Central Cinema presentation of *Marvel's Thor: Ragnarok*. Several people enjoyed the humorous and action-packed movie. This feature film is the immediate predecessor of the current worldwide blockbuster *Marvel's Avengers: Infinity War*. Attendees expressed appreciation for Central Cinema presentations of big, Hollywood movies soon after DVD release. During the screening of *Ragnarok*, there was an abundance of cheers and laughter.



Pannaga Prasad and Cynthia de Leon organized the program *Vaisakhi: Harvest and Cultural Festival of Punjab*. Vaisakhi is a Sikh religious festival marking the New Year and celebrating the spring harvest. On April 29, the Gurudwara Sikh Center of San Antonio presented a documentary film and performed Bhangra dances. Attendees also enjoyed interactive activities that included learning to write names in Punjabi and participating in turban tying.



On May 13, to celebrate Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, the Kaveri Natya Yoga Centre for the Performing Arts presented *Bharatanatyam: Classical Dance*. Ms. Prasad organized this program of very stylized classical Indian dances that embody stories and poetry. Attendees were captivated by the grace and beauty of the performances.

## TEXANA/GENEALOGY



On May 4, Librarian Matt DeWaelche donned a Chewbacca costume and served as SAPL's resident Wookiee, posing for photo ops and interacting with visitors during the City Council's District 1 *May the Fourth Be With You* event, a Star Wars-themed family inclusive celebration at the Central Library.



Librarian Andrew Crews assisted KSAT 12 Special Projects Producer Carlos Hernandez by providing historical photographs of San Antonio's 1921 flood for a SA300 Tricentennial television vignette that aired on May 7, May 9, and May 11.



Librarian Sylvia Reyna assisted in facilitating the May 12<sup>th</sup> "Human Library" event hosted by the Johnston Branch in celebration of Older Americans Month.





Andrew Crews led the May 12<sup>th</sup> genealogy program ***D-I-V-O-R-C-E: Grass widows, sod widows & scandals*** to help researchers learn how to find and navigate historical divorce records.

## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



The Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted 'Bidi Bidi Birthday Bash' on Saturday, April 21 in celebration of Selena Quintanilla's 47<sup>th</sup> birthday. The event drew 150 attendees of all ages and included a birthday cake cutting, live performance by a Selena impersonator, trivia, and a costume contest. Selena memorabilia was on display, on loan from local record shops, journalists, and SAPL's Texana unit.



The Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted 'Mente Rebelde, Cuerpo Autonomo', a bilingual writing workshop and open mic as part of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. The LCRC collaborated with the Rape Crisis Center to discuss the power to testimony and create an opportunity for Latinx women to share their stories of survival. The writing workshop drew 10 attendees and was followed by an open mic.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



Bazan Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen concluded outreach book clubs at several elementary schools with a celebration for each group consisting of refreshments and certificates for each book club member. Ms. Sonnen and the students look forward to the start of the next school year when the book clubs will resume. On April 19, Ms. Sonnen visited Winston elementary school career day and spoke to over 80 students about a career in librarianship and also conducted a story time. Ms. Sonnen also participated in the Dia de los Niños celebration at Guadalupe Plaza on April 29, where along with help from Library Assistant Rene Leija from Memorial and Bazan Library Aide Stephanie Perez, they spoke to families about library programs and services and provided a fun butterfly ring craft.



The Bazan Branch Bad Girls Romance Book Club met on Saturday, April 28 to discuss *Hate to Want You* by Alisha Rai who participated in the Book Festival last year. Book club members talked about the monthly read, agreed to tackle a trilogy series for the summer, and selected a title to read for Pride month.



The Bazan Branch welcomed the Alamo City Browncoats, a fan group of Joss Whedon's *Firefly* television show, on April 29. The group will continue to meet at Bazan the last Sunday of every month throughout the year and plans to discuss all things *Firefly*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and Joss Whedon along with having an activity and refreshments. The first meet up was a success with over a dozen in attendance.



The STEAM related butterfly garden at Bazan was a huge success! Circulation attendant Amanda Coronado did a wonderful job caring for it. All of the caterpillars were given names and set out for the public to view the metamorphosis. Many of our regular customers, including an after school group that visits weekly, got particularly attached to our insect friends and loved seeing them grow each day. Watching together as they progressed through each stage had a wonderful and positive team building effect on staff and customers alike!



The Bazan Branch Library continued to offer *Teen Hangout & Anime Club* throughout the Month of April and May. In the most recent *Teen Hangout* program, teens worked on Mother's Day cards using cardstock and washi tape. A few teenagers were seen exercising some creativity and writing out poems for their moms on their cards as well. On Wednesdays, the *Anime Club* offered the teens an opportunity to work on anime-themed crafts and watch anime. On *Stem Day*, teens were seen having fun attempting to work on origami butterflies while others worked on paper circuits. A couple of teens worked alongside their teen librarian Georgina Salinas to make practical paper circuits by designing a robot and table lamp to "turn on" when activating the circuit.



To celebrate National Poetry month, Ms. Salinas made a *Baby Groot Poetry Garden* which served as an interactive display on the teen wall. Teens were encouraged to write their own or favorite poem on paper leaves and place them on a baby Groot cutout. In addition, Ms. Salinas welcomed local writer and workshop co-lead Erica DeLa Rosa who hosted April's *Teen Open Writing Workshop*. The teenagers began with a brief assignment that had them write out their short and long term goals. After the warm up, the group focused on an Earth Day assignment centered on the topic of how the world connects to the individual and how it affects them and their surroundings.

## BROOK HOLLOW



On May 2, patrons of all ages enjoyed *Future History Makers: Celebrating STEAM at the Library*. Children learned how to make slime and elephant toothpaste and used connector toy sets to build shapes of all sizes. The slime making activity, led by Library Aide Haly LeFlore, was especially popular with the library's school aged visitors. In the week leading up to the event, the STEAM Day display featuring science books and a butterfly habitat provided patrons with the opportunity learn about the butterfly life cycle.



On Friday, May 4, Ms. Rachael Barrera presented a Play and Learn program featuring a story time and a variety of hands activity stations for children and caregivers.



On May 9, Ms. Barrera visited five classrooms at Rhapsody Head Start for her monthly outreach. Ms. Barrera presented a story time at each of the classrooms and collected library card applications from the students. She plans to return to Rhapsody soon to distribute the new cards to the students. Brook Hollow staff look forward to seeing the students and their families use their new library cards at the branch this summer.



Teen Time at Brook Hollow has had the teens alternating each week between playing games on the Wii U and playing board games.



*Engaged Spaces: The Art of San Antonio's Senior Citizens*, celebrating Older Americans Month, has been installed at Brook Hollow to considerable compliments! The exhibit, organized by Library Circulation Attendant Kimberly King, features art work created by San Antonio's senior citizens at participating locations including Brook Hollow, Carver and Mission libraries. The artists were appreciative of this event and are excited to see their works displayed.



On Tuesday, May 8, Brook Hollow Library hosted *Introduction to Email* in celebration of Digital Inclusion Month. Michelle Rickman from Westfall's LEARN center taught the class. The participants were very appreciative of the help they received.



Library Assistant Elissa Vura presented *Acrylic Pouring* on May 9, 2018. Fourteen participants learned a new art technique to create original artworks. One patron said it was the first piece of artwork she has ever made that she really liked.



Adult Services Librarian Jenny Borrero taught *Introduction to Excel* on May 12.

## CARVER



The branch partnered once again with the Carver Friends to host a third annual Pan-African Cultural Festival on Saturday, May 5. The celebration honors the cultures of the African diaspora. The event attracted its largest crowd yet, 400. This estimate tops last year's attendance of 250. Reportedly, some attendees were drawn from as far away as Austin and Dallas. Plans are already underway for next year. Highlights included the energetic Capoeira demonstration by Ilê Bahia de San Antonio, drumming performances and tribal dances, as well as the riveting opening panel discussion centering on issues related to Pan African culture. Not to be missed was the hand carved Wakanda throne, inspired by the film *Black Panther*.



Newly hired children's librarian Braulia Carrillo took advantage of outreach opportunities to establish herself in the service area. Invited to speak at career day at Herman Hirsch Elementary School, Mrs. Carrillo promoted SAPL's Summer Reading Program at every opportunity.



Assistant Branch Manager Monty Holcomb held three Chess Events which continue to be well attended by a variety of patrons. In addition, Mr. Holcomb hosted four Teen Time events with the Wii. Mr. Holcomb also continued to host the District 2 Senior Center Book Club, making three visits to the center. Further, he helped facilitate the "Memory Café" program, which involved a detailed presentation addressing Alzheimer's. Finally, he manned the adult station at the citywide Tricentennial "Stem" event, assisting visitors in Origami.

## CODY



The Country Home Learning Center visited the Cody Library on April 25th for their monthly story time.



Families celebrated Dia de los Niños on April 25th by learning how to make cardboard instruments and maracas. After the children made their musical instruments they played them along to some classic Latin music.



On April 21st, viola virtuoso Emily Watkins Freudigman from the San Antonio Symphony visited the library to demonstrate her instrument. She played several classical songs and answered many questions about her instrument and about how she became such an accomplished viola player.



The *Lego Club* met on April 18th to create Lego scenes based on a theme. The theme this month was seasons, and each participant chose their favorite holiday and used their creativity to determine how they would represent their season.



During *Tween Time* on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, tweens celebrated Fiesta! Tweens learned how to make strawberry agua fresca and made some tissue paper flower crowns.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited two different campuses on April 24th. Yourdon visited the Gan Gani Preschool in the morning for her monthly story time and then visited Mead Elementary School in the evening for their Literacy Night. During her visit to Mead Elementary, Yourdon spoke about the upcoming Summer Reading program and shared information about various resources that library has to support literacy education.



The Spring Play & Learn program was a big hit with Cody's young patrons and their parents. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, young children gathered to learn a bit more about dinosaurs through educational games and activities.



During the monthly Come & Go Crafts time on April 19<sup>th</sup>, children celebrated Fiesta. Children learned how to make their own tissue paper flowers.



During *Tween Time* on April 16<sup>th</sup>, tweens learned how to sew their own plushies. Many of the tweens did not have any experience with sewing, but they quickly picked up the new skill.



During *Tween Time* on April 30<sup>th</sup>, tweens learned how to make edible erupting volcanoes. Tweens decorated a bundt cake to look like a volcano and then mixed lemon juice, baking soda, and gelatin in the center of the bundt to make their volcano erupt.



During a Fiesta-themed *Kid's Time* on April 11th, children learned how to make paper flowers and fiesta medals out of air dry clay.



STEAM Education Day on May 2nd was a very popular event at the Cody Library. Children learned how to make their own slime, created engineering masterpieces out of Straws and Connectors, and watched a couple demonstrations of elephant toothpaste.



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



Cody teens created their own personal fruit salads using a variety of fruits they requested the previous week, including bananas, strawberries, and watermelon. They also created inventive structures using straws and connectors!



*Fiesta!* was Cody Library's teen celebration for Fiesta San Jacinto. In addition to making their own strawberry-lime agua fresca, they ate chips, salsa, and guacamole, and made tissue-paper flowers.



*Ice Pop Day* celebrated teens' love of frosty treats with fruity and fudgy popsicles. Video games, including the thematically appropriate Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Winter Games, completed the day!



Cody Library's *Chess Club* continues to bring players to the library after school on Thursday afternoons!



The Cody library underwent renovations from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> in order to get new carpeting, furnishings, and a paint job. The branch officially opened for business again on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.



# COLLINS GARDEN



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi presented four Family Fun programs for the reporting period which included programming for both Día de los Niños and Fiesta.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted a Play and Learn: Dinosaur Program with activities ranging from prehistoric figures hidden in a bin of beans to make-believe play with dinosaur eggs in baskets. There were 13 attendees.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted four Lego Club programs. Lego creations are displayed on the shelves in the reference area for customers to view.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi presented 28 outreach story times during the reporting period at Knox Early Literacy Center.



The weekly Teen program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, averages six to eight teens a week. Teens worked on cupcake decorations for Mother's Day and various other crafts throughout the month.



Collins Garden Library Assistant Carlos Loera hosted a successful National Poetry Month event on Saturday, April 28. In addition to hearing original poetry from Voces Cósmicas, the singer and guitarist from the up-and-coming local band The Velvet Hues treated the audience to their original songs. There were 50 attendees.



Assistant Manager Sophie Smith facilitated a successful spring cupcake decorating program, with 24 attendees and more turned away due to capacity. Each participant made a daffodil cupcake and a chrysanthemum cupcake.



Assistant Manager Sophie Smith continued weekly drop-in technology help to the community covering topics from saving text messages to navigating city websites.



Assistant Manager Sophie Smith continued the Walk and Talk Book Club, where participants meet at the library to walk around Collins Garden Park while discussing books and media they've read and enjoyed. This program is cross listed with the Parks and Recreation department Fitness in the Park series.



Branch Manager Jeannette Davies hosted the adult coloring program with coloring pages in honor of Fiesta.



The entire branch celebrated History and Education Day, hosting the Geek Bus and radio station Q101.9, and one of the new 3-D printers for much of the afternoon. Over 100 people participated in the activities, ranging from slime and straws and connectors for the children, paper circuits for teens, and butterfly science and origami for the adults.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi attended the Young Pegasus Poetry ceremony at the Guadalupe Cultural Center on May 6.



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



Collins Garden Library is continuing weekly Family Game Night this spring with various board games for all ages.

## CORTEZ



During the month of April, the branch continued to display photographs of Fiesta gowns created by Manager Cammie Brantley's mother-in-law Terry. Those who saw them were impressed with the both their beauty and also with the amount of work each dress embodies.



The First Friday First Fiction Book Club was offered on May 4 for the title *Nine Days* by Minerva Koenig.



The District 4 version of "Our Family Reads" was a big success on May 12. Several staff members organized activities, crafts, and presenters. The event was attended by the Mayor and his family, City Councilman Saldaña and his wife, Board Member Andrea Sanchez, Assistant City Manager Lori Houston and members of Library Administration. There was participation from several local animal welfare agencies including Animal Care Services, SNAPUS, Feral Cat Coalition, Canine Companions for Independence and SA Pets Alive who brought their van with adoptable pets. Many attendees were impressed by the artwork of Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez who created a "dog park" and decorated four other areas to enhance the whole experience.



The Cortez staff enjoys participating in teambuilding and healthy initiatives on Thursdays. Dubbed "Thumbs Up Thursdays," activities have included a brief seminar in financial management by LEARN Center staff, a short yoga stretch, a team building game, and a craft activity. All sessions are coordinated by members of the staff and they enjoy learning and growing together.



The Cortez Friends purchased a filtered water pitcher and additional filters for staff and programming use to save on the consumption of plastic bottles.



Bilingual Baby Time slowly attracts parents and their babies from around the city. Kathy and Esmy tag team a series of songs, rhymes, and finger plays in both English and Spanish.



Toddlers have rocked the library recently by enjoying the Spring Play and Learn Dinosaur event and experiencing some slime from the Future History Makers programs. The toddlers have also enjoyed watching the caterpillars grow and change and were the chosen group to release the butterflies once they hatched.



Lego Play and Yoga have been monthly offerings at Cortez and this month also included the Dinosaur Play and Learn. One parent asked, "How often does the library offer this?" Happily, staff responded, "Every Monday at 4 p.m.!" This serves as the perfect opening to talk about all the programs the branch offers each month and to set the stage for the months to come.



Tweens are always welcome to play Wii and PS2 video games. Board games and chilling out with coloring and the mind-challenging Spirograph are also available. Open-ended art activities with a variety of materials have been popular as well.



During Future History Makers Day, children mixed together ingredients to make a super slippery slime substance which they were able to experiment with for elasticity, and observed the combination of water, yeast, peroxide and food coloring to create an exothermic foaming reaction called “Elephant Toothpaste”.



Teen time is still hanging in there! Three new young ladies started joining in on the fun and are enjoyed craft activities and playing card and board games.



Every Tuesday, COAST – Cortez Older Adult Social Time, an adult and senior program, is held to encourage meeting other members of the community. Games, puzzles, adult coloring supplies and light refreshments are provided to patrons while they chat and socialize. Attendance has been regular at this popular program.



Craft class enjoyed making a string art project with colorful crochet string wrapped around a shaped formed with nails hammered into a board. A cactus, an owl, a Texas A&M flag and a moose were some of the designs used. Next time participants will be working on a sewing project creating soup bowl cozies from quilting materials.



On May 5, 18 Monster Meet attendees viewed *Stir of Echoes* and learned several trivia facts afterwards. Here's an example--in the hypnosis scene in which Kevin Bacon's character is hypnotized for the first time, actual hypnosis techniques were used. In order to ensure that susceptible movie viewers weren't also “put under”, the scene included a musical accent at the close of the sequence to wake everyone up.



On April 26, Mr. Escobedo returned for his healthy cooking class and taught patrons how to make veggie-packed chicken quesadillas with fresh mango pico de gallo. Patrons enjoyed helping create and prepare the food and then serving themselves a delicious snack. Recipe booklets for other meals were provided as well.



To celebrate Fiesta, the Cortez, Pan American and Great Northwest branches displayed photo exhibits of Fiesta dress trains from the past 40 years. Each professionally framed portrait was displayed with facts about Fiesta dresses explaining how much work and time go into these wonderful works of art. For example, four dress trains take one year to complete and each dress is sewn entirely by hand.



David Pacheco continues to lead our weekly chess club. He enthusiastically teaches attendees of all ages about chess. Our attendance numbers continue to grow, particularly with younger players who want to learn how to play. International Tabletop Day was celebrated on April 28. International Tabletop Day is a day of celebrating board and card games. Popular board and card games were available on study tables all day for people to play at their leisure. Cortez had a steady stream of families and friends playing games all day. It was a very successful passive program.



SAPL participated in San Antonio's Tricentennial Week celebration by hosting a STEAM program for all ages. Children made liquid laundry starch slime and observed a chemical reaction with peroxide, yeast, water and food coloring called “Elephant Toothpaste.” Teens created light up art projects involving circuits and adults made butterfly origami and experienced seeing butterflies in a habitat.



Contemporary Art Month came to a close in May. Cortez was fortunate to display photographs by Josh Huskin, a local professional artist and photographer. He chose to display 11 photographs from a collection called 'Dad Jokes', which shows people's first reaction to funny/silly jokes. His works were inspired by his recently becoming a father. Patrons were encouraged to vote for their favorite "bad" joke and the local winner was: "I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey but I turned myself around."



As part of a friendly competition between SAPL branches, Cortez's Adult Librarian Brooke Mjolsness organized and led the Fiesta Committee's chosen challenge of creating mini fiesta dress trains. Ms. Mjolsness informed branches of the competition and noted participating libraries. Branches then created a one foot long decorated fiesta dress train and submitted photos of their creation to Ms. Mjolsness at the end of Fiesta. Photos were then sent to Marketing so they could be put on SAPL social media for public voting. The winning branch, Thousand Oaks, won a pizza party.

## ENCINO



May was a busy month for the children at Encino. Approximately 32 children participated in SAPL'S first *STEAM* day! Children's librarian Nicki Weaver made slime and elephant toothpaste on the patio. There were plenty of "ohhs and ahhs" as a variety of experiments produced explosive effects! On Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Encino patrons were treated to the beautiful sounds of Rachel Ferris and her harp. As part of the San Antonio Symphony's outreach program, Ms. Ferris played the harp, answered questions, and to the delight of all, let everyone take a turn playing her instrument. Everyone got to be a musician at Encino's *Symphony at SAPL* program.



Encino teens celebrated multiple occasions this month with lots of eager participation and creativity. Up first was the *Future History Makers STEAM Day* where Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot guided teens and their families in making paper circuits. Everyone felt a sense of accomplishment seeing their led light up. Teens got in the mood for Fiesta in *Teen Club* making homemade tortillas and string ninja dolls in one session, and got crafty in our final session this month with flower pot painting for mother's day gifts. Cinematic fun was had by all at our *Thor: Ragnarok* screening for Encino's monthly *Teen Screen* program, and teens got competitive at *Teen Board Gaming* with 13 teens vying for board game domination.



Ms. Pouliot joined fellow teen librarians for an outreach at Mini Mini Con, the free two-day anime convention at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall on May 5<sup>th</sup> where they talked up the SAPL summer reading program, made buttons, helped repair costumes, and encouraged con-goers to join them at future programs including Encino's Cosplay 101 Series and Cosplay Con.



Interim Branch Manager Michelle Ricondo represented Encino Branch Library at an outreach event at the Encino Park Homeowner's Association Open House on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Ricondo invited Friends of Encino member Ann Powell, a resident of Encino Park, to represent the Encino Friends group at the outreach table. In all, Ms. Ricondo spoke to 62 people about the Encino Branch Library and the services that the library has to offer.



System-wide program *Future History Makers STEAM Day* was a success at Encino, with participation in the Butterfly Habitat program and origami craft attracting 24 eager adults. Wildflower seeds were given out, as well as information on creating a garden for butterflies and other pollinators. The butterflies were in the chrysalis stage during the program and emerged as Painted Lady Butterflies the following week when they were set free.





Ms. Ricondo participated in the Battle of Flowers Parade with the Book Cart Drill Team to represent the San Antonio Public Library on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Book Cart Drill Team handed out approximately 1,000 SAPL pencils to children and library card holders in the audience.



Encino Library hosted Early Voting for Bexar County Elections from April 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>, incorporating staggered LIC schedules to meet the needs of the election judges and the public. During the early voting time period, Encino Library had 863 voters visit the library.



The Fitness in the Park classes on Thursday afternoons of Low Impact Circuit Training and Yoga continue to draw more participants. Instructor Cindy Lawson has seen a 50% increase in attendance at the classes since the inception of the classes at Encino in early April.



Encino's Collaborate space was used by outside groups 50 times during the reporting period. Use of Collaborate included job interviews, STEM tutoring via Skype, book clubs, game play therapy for students on the autism spectrum, anime clubs, video conferences, HOA Board meetings, and tutoring/study groups. The Mondopads in Collaborate are used about 50% of the time, and most users of the space utilize their own devices connected to the library's WiFi. Encino's WiFi-enabled patio space continues to serve as a supplemental study and meeting space for the community, both during and outside business hours. Examples of patio use include: group study sessions and family reading time.

## FOREST HILLS



The Give More Hugs book giveaway was hosted at the Forest Hills Branch Library on April 21. Youth ages 18 and under were given three free books to take home and add to their home libraries. Over 100 patrons benefited from this program. The program was initiated by Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca who had previously hosted the program at the McCreless Branch Library last year. "Give More Hugs" is an organization committed to education. A lot of smiling faces were observed at Forest Hills during the event.



Día de Los Niños was celebrated at Forest Hills with a lot of enthusiasm by patrons. Ms. Menchaca played Latin music while she taught participants how to make and decorate their own Guiro out of cardboard. The children that participated enjoyed hearing the music as they decorated their Guiro and tried to play along with the music.



Ms. Menchaca went to Woodlawn Elementary to start talking to children from the first, second, and third grade about Summer Reading. She also talked to students about all of the resources that the library has to offer them and their families.



Ms. Menchaca also attended, with Carver's Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo, an event hosted by KLRN at the Southside Lion's Park. Ms. Menchaca and Ms. Carrillo set up a SAPL tent where families could play with straws and connectors. Additionally, information about SAPL was available for the public. Ms. Menchaca and Ms. Carrillo passed out information about summer reading, branch calendars, and other program flyers. The straws and connectors were very popular with children building large structures to the amazement of staff and other members of the public.



Ahead of Mother's Day, Ms. Menchaca hosted a Come and Go Craft so that library patrons could make their mothers a card. Patrons enjoyed using art supplies to create a unique and creative card for

their mothers. This program was the suggestion from one of Ms. Menchaca's juvenile patrons. He and his friends were very happy that they had a programming idea that Ms. Menchaca was able to implement.



STEM day was day filled with fun and wonder for the juvenile patrons at Forest Hills. The elephant toothpaste and the slime that Ms. Menchaca made were a big hit. Children and parents were very impressed with the elephant toothpaste. The slime, as always, was also a major success. Ms. Menchaca had enough supplies to give a little bit of slime to everyone that wanted some and she was able to produce elephant toothpaste several times, this ensured everyone got to see the demonstration.



In relation to STEM day, since the branch has butterfly eggs, Ms. Menchaca took this opportunity to host a special Butterfly story time. For several weeks Ms. Menchaca would walk the children from Story Time to see the Butterflies in their different stages of development. The children were amazed with the eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis, and butterfly. Once the butterflies emerged from their chrysalis, Ms. Menchaca hosted the butterfly story time. One child even wore her butterfly shirt to story time, which showed the lifecycle of the butterfly.



Ms. Menchaca continues to host Kids Time, Lego Builders, and La Hora de Cuentos. These programs are thriving with regular faces as well as new faces joining in all the time.



In honor of National Poetry month, patrons were invited to view a video showcasing a poem by Naomi Shihab Nye, the work of the students of the BCHS A/V Department and many regular patrons to Forest Hills.



Project Linus celebrated "Blanket Day" and spent several hours making blankets, having a light lunch and socializing.



The Fabric Artists of San Antonio (FASA) held an opening for their art exhibit, "Reading Material". Forest Hills held a reception for the artists, friends, family and the public. The FASA would like to come next year and perhaps expand to more libraries.



The Neighborhood Leadership Academy was hosted by the Department of Neighborhood and Housing Services on April 18.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Dorris Griffin Senior Center on April 18. The group discussed the book *Alex Cross's Trial* by James Patterson. The group of seniors enjoyed the plot and had an interesting discussion on the trials of African Americans throughout the decades.



Forest Hills celebrated the Tricentennial History and Education Day on May 2 with STEAM events for children, teens, and adults. Councilwoman Ana Sandoval visited the branch during the celebration. She immediately was drawn to the teen paper circuit activity and had fun creating one of her own. Children's Librarian Ana Sandoval presented elephant toothpaste and created slime with the younger patrons. Librarian Sandra Griffin assisted adult patrons in creating origami butterflies. Also on hand for the day were UTHSC students creating seed balls and the Gardening Volunteers of South Texas provided information on creating butterfly friendly gardens.



A TEK AARP workshop was held on April 25. During this workshop, seniors were taught how to operate Android phones. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> TEK workshop held at Forest Hills. It is always a very popular offering due to its organized format and the demand for tech training for seniors.



The Forest Hills Branch Library parking lot received a resurfacing during the month of April. The work was scheduled over the course of a few weeks so as to lessen the impact on patron use of the branch. The final touches were put on just before the Fiesta San Jacinto holiday. The end result is a beautiful new parking lot which adds to the aesthetic of the exterior branch.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library welcomed two new staff members to the branch. Francisco Contreras was hired as a library aide after working with the branch as a college intern through the Alamo College Work Study Program. Alicia Hernandez has been hired as a part-time circulation attendant.



Graduation day for the *ABC Club* was a joyous occasion. There were 115 children and adults who attended that day with many grandparents, aunts, and uncles visiting the library for the first time. The children marched around the library proudly displaying their graduation certificates and big smiles as their loved ones cheered them on and took many pictures!



The *Club 7* tween group and their adults had a wonderful opportunity to experience Japanese calligraphy using real ink and brushes. They were very surprised by their accomplishments. Several expressed their desire to frame their work for their rooms. Much to the speaker's surprise, she had 40 in attendance and was very happy that the library had extra brushes and felt to accommodate the large group.



May 2nd was a big day for the branch as staff and patrons celebrated *Tricentennial Commemorative Week* with the program *Future History Makers: Celebrating STEAM at the Library!* Staff offered programs for all ages such as origami butterfly art, making slime, and experimenting with paper circuits. District 6 City Councilman Greg Brockhouse visited and enjoyed sharing in the excitement of making slime and listening to children describe their creations in the building area.



Children's Librarian Cari Raley visited a Timberwilde Elementary School Parent Teacher Association event and promoted the summer reading club to all the parents and kids in attendance. The school has also arranged to give every class the opportunity to go visit the Great Northwest Branch Library before school is out this year.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest Branch Library. Great Northwest Teens planned *Teen Craft and Movie Nights* for the month of April and decorated the teen space for Fiesta. On April 16, teens planned *Glow in the Dark Night* and watched *Tron* while making glow-in-the-dark art. On April 23, teens planned a *Back to the Future* milkshake party. On April 30, teens watched *Parent Trap* and made peanut butter Oreo cookies and friendship bracelets. On May 7, teens watched the movie *Spaceballs* and made perler bead sprites.



Great Northwest teens meet every Wednesday afternoon for *Teen Night* with gaming and arts and crafts. Ms. Vazquez worked with teen gamers to provide a space for them to compete against other teens who share a common interest in gaming. Teens also had the opportunity to make a variety of crafts

and art to display in the teen space of the library or to take home. In April, teens celebrated Fiesta and made DIY Fiesta medals, paper flower crowns, and buttons.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on April 18 and Harlan High School on April 25 for outreach events where teens had the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make button crafts, and compete in a video game competition.



Volunteers from the community work together with Great Northwest Branch 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, including puppet shows, story time, and teen programs. In April, the library celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Week.



On April 24 and 29 the Great Northwest Branch Library hosted a *Community Quilt Project*. During this community activity an instructor from Abby's Attic Sewing Studio visited the library and helped customers embroider squares that will be added to a community quilt celebrating San Antonio's Tricentennial.



The Alicia Treviño Senior Book & Movie Group met on April 23 to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. The group then watched the movie. Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno moderated the discussion and passed out the next month's selection.



On May 7, Linda Porter delivered a presentation on the benefits of interacting with animals for the program *Seniors and Pets*. Walter Macius and his therapy dog Hans and SuEarl and her therapy dog Roscoe also visited the branch and enjoyed meeting patrons and staff.



Also on May 7, Melody Vega from the Cortez Branch Library Learn Center taught a computer class focused on creating a new email account. Patrons were appreciative of the hands-on help.

## GUERRA



The Anson Jones Middle School Orchestra under the baton of Sonja Alcorta gave a spring performance at the library on April 21. With assistance from the Guerra Branch Friends, the library hosted a Volunteer Luncheon on April 22. The photographic exhibit of works by Emily Verkamp closed on Saturday, May 5. Emily was able to be here to discuss her work and answer questions from the public and staff. The Guerra Branch Friends provided refreshments. The Guerra Branch Chess Club met on April 27.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on April 18 and May 2. Dexter staffed a table at a community event sponsored by District 6 Council Representative Greg Brockhouse at the Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium on April 21, speaking with about 85 members of the community about library programs and services. Special thanks to Marketing for providing promotional items. Dexter represented SEIU on April 26, presenting information about the Employee Management Committee.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams, still on loan to the Johnston Branch Library, held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on May 2. Participants discussed *The Train to Crystal City* by Jan Jarboe Russel.





Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four toddler times, four story times, three Lego Clubs, and two Art Clubs. On May 2, children made slime, elephant toothpaste and created with straws and connectors in observance of Tricentennial Education Day. On May 10, she attended the monthly staff meeting of Children's Librarians at the Brook Hollow Library. On May 11, Arlene planned and presented story time to a group of preschoolers at Greatest Gifts Daycare. Families participated in an all-day Come and Go Craft on May 12 for Our Family Reads: The Mayor's Book Club. Spring programs for children ended on May 12.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson recorded *Superabuelo (Super Grandpa)* by David Schwartz for dial-a-Story on April 16. On April 26, he moderated his Club de Lectura (Spanish book club) for lunch and a discussion of *Luces de septiembre (Watcher in the Shadows)* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. On May 2, Stephen organized, trained, and supervised volunteers working on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) events. Three volunteers staffed booths where they taught practical applications--one used a multimeter, one demonstrated how to make an electrical circuit, and a third explained our caterpillar to butterfly exhibit.

Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry was able to attend the Volunteer Luncheon on April 22. He is still on loan to the Neighborhood & Housing Services Department.

Circulation Attendant Rebecca Hernandez created a book display called "Tales of the Sea" for the month of May.

## IGO



Children's Librarian Carrie Vance has taken on the responsibilities for the Teen programs at Igo as the staff awaits a replacement for the Teen Librarian position.



Weekly story times continued as scheduled.



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



Teen Time events took place every Wednesday evening.



PoeTree Club met on April 16 and May 7.



Genealogy Club met on April 17 for "The Immigrant Experience in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century" with Allene Mandry.



The Afternoon Book Club met on April 17 to discuss *The Prisoner*.



The Knitting Club met on April 22.



Writers' Block creative writing club met on April 29, May 6 and May 13.



For Tricentennial Day, adults made origami butterflies.



In celebration of Older Americans Month, Ramona Lucius organized a program called “Seniors and Pets” featuring Dr. Linda Porter of Therapy Animals of San Antonio. The programs will be held at six branches throughout the month.



Also in celebration of Older Americans Month, Ramona organized three “human libraries” with the “books” being seniors. The first, held May 5 at Igo, had nearly a dozen “books” whose topics ranged from San Antonio history to recreation programs for women’s prisons. The second was held May 12 at Johnston and focused on childrearing, in honor of Mother’s Day. The third will be held May 26 at Tobin Branch Library and Oakwell and will focus on military life, in honor of Memorial Day.



The Mystery Club met on May 9 to discuss *Down a Dark Road*.



Ramona promoted SAPL at the Babcock North Spring Fair on May 11.



The Romance Club met on May 12 to discuss *Soulless*.



Beginning Hatha Yoga continues on Fridays when the room is available.



The Elderberries program meeting was held on May 3 with Ken Paynter of the Texas Air Museum presenting on the Stinson Family, pioneers in aviation in San Antonio in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## JOHNSTON



Johnston Library proudly won the system-wide National Library Week contest with 56 patron testimonials about “great customer service” a “nice staff” and “a nice warm feeling being surrounded by sweet people and lots books” just to list a few remarks. One regular patron typed out three letters documenting the “outstanding support” of Library Assistant Eva Banda, Circulation Attendant Vida Salas and Circulation Attendant Ilse Amezcua. Johnston staff also participated in the Mini Fiesta Dress Train competition with a taco-themed dress train.



The entire staff helped care for the Painted Lady chrysalis that turned into butterflies a few days after the May 2 Tricentennial Future History Makers event celebrating STEAM at the library. At this event patrons of all ages explored STEAM concepts and learned about the lifecycle of the butterfly. The butterflies were released during the May 8 Story time and Family Fun events.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Reader’s discussion of *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin on April 18. On April 27, Ms. Bustillo volunteered to march in the Battle of the Flowers parade with the Book Cart Drill team that won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Best Amusement competition. Ms. Bustillo kicked off Digital Inclusion programming with an Introduction to Microsoft Word computer class on April 30. On May 12, Ms. Bustillo worked with Igo Adult Services Librarian Ramona Lucius to host the second Human Library event as part of Older American’s Month. Human books centered on parenting themes



Baby Time themes included “Counting/Shapes,” “Five Senses,” and “Mothers.” Story Time themes during this period included “Berries,” “Chocolate,” “Dogs,” and “Mother’s Day.” Family Fun activities included “Berries,” “Chocolate,” “Dogs,” and “Mother’s Day.” Thirty three children and parents made collage pictures with construction paper, scrap paper, and magazine cut-outs for Come & Go crafts

on Sunday April 22, and May 6. On April 26, Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth attended a parent information session at Sky Harbour Elementary School. There she was able to promote library programs to 66 attendees.



May 2nd was the system-wide Tricentennial STEM day. At Johnston, attendees watched as Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth made "elephant toothpaste." Children were also able to create their own constructions out of Straws and Connectors. On May 3, Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth took books and read stories to toddlers and pre-school children at the Southwest High School.



On April 18, Library Aide Cynthia Blancas presented the Teen Time Program making Kool Aid Playdough while some teens played games and others created Tie Dye t-shirts. On April 25, Ms. Blancas helped the teens make Brownie Waffles.



On May 2, Ms. Blancas facilitated the Steam Day Program. The teens did paper circuits and used the computers to watch videos, play games, and some took pictures with cameras for a presentation Ms. Bustillo was showing during the Branch Managers meeting. On May 9, Ms. Blancas helped the teens make Mother's Day tile modge podge.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson taught a weekly class, *Conversational Spanish for Beginners*, on April 16 and April 23. Students learned interactive lessons about *Comida Saludable (Healthy Food)* and *La Respuesta Correcta (The Right Answer)*, followed by sing-along Spanish songs.

## LANDA



On Tuesday, April 17, Landa Library hosted the Dinosaur Play and Learn for children ages 0 to 5 years. Families from baby time and toddler time had fun painting, squishing play dough, and sorting colorful dinosaurs. For the babies, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas also did a shortened dinosaur baby time outside for babies and their caregivers to enjoy. Over forty children participated in the dinosaur Play & Learn, and one mom told me that her son really enjoyed spending time just sorting through the colorful dinosaurs and matching colors. Several parents also complimented the play dough recipe and wanted it to use at home. In April, Landa continued to host a Wednesday afternoon Family Story Time that parents and children of all ages could enjoy. One mother who frequented Landa's Family Story Time explained to Ms. Salinas that her son loved the program so much that he would make his parents pretend to be Ms. Salinas at home and sing all the story time songs and read their books story time style with the book facing out towards him. The program continually had a small attendance, but several families enjoyed the quieter more intimate style program through April and May.



Thursday morning story times for preschool age children celebrated Earth Day with a special butterfly story time. While the butterflies had not hatched from their chrysalis in time for the program, Ms. Salinas offered special craft activities for families to enjoy after stories and songs. The butterflies were released the following week at Landa's Toddler Time.



In honor of Children's Book Week, during the last week of April and first days of May, at Thursday story times, Ms. Salinas featured *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis and brought out many fun building blocks for families to enjoy together. A special building time on a Monday afternoon allowed for families to drop in and build with cardboard boxes, Magnet Tiles, and other unusual building materials. One mom and young girl that attended had a great time building together. Throughout the program, Ms. Salinas would check on them and talk to the young girl about what she was making. At the end of the program, her mother thanked Ms. Salinas for the program and explained that she was amazed that her little girl was so communicative with Ms. Salinas. Her daughter is very shy and has a strong sense of stranger danger, but

continued to seek out Ms. Salinas to show her the amazing things she was building. Her mom was very thankful for the extra attention paid to her daughter at this program.



On May 2, Landa, in conjunction with all the San Antonio Public Libraries, hosted the Future History Makers STEAM program for everyone to enjoy. In order to prepare for the program, Ms. Salinas and Library Assistant Rebekah Corley had the tweens make slime the day prior during the Tween Time program. Then, on May 2 during the STEAM program, families got to enjoy squishing their hands in slime (and take some home!). For the younger visitors to our STEAM program, Ms. Salinas put out foam blocks for children to use to build. For the school age children, straws and connectors, Legos, and MagnetTiles were placed on tables for families to enjoy together. Many families came and just stayed for upwards of an hour to build together.



For the last Thursday story time of the spring programming, Ms. Salinas hosted a Dia de los Ninos and Dia de los libros dance party. Children danced with scarves and shaker eggs, took a short story break, and then got to dance with their shadows and bubbles all to children's music from Central and South America found in the library's collection. An art activity also let them make their own musical instrument to take home. Additionally, the butterflies for the STEAM program for adults were released at the end of the dance party to the delight of the families.



Kids Cook! in April brought back a chance for children to make their own food recipes. The theme focused on breakfast foods that kids could make themselves: yogurt parfaits, trail mix, and banana wrap sushi. Liz Pearson, a cookbook food tester and food writer, led the program talking about how cooking can be personalized to your favorite tastes before allowing children to create their own food recipes.



Another special children's program offered at Landa in May in partnership with Alamo City Yoga featured children getting to learn the basics of yoga through fun, interactive games and activities. Ashley Martinez, the owner of Alamo City Yoga, hosted the program for children ages 5 and older on the Landa terrace on two Monday afternoons in May. The second program had around twenty children attend.



In May, Howard Elementary students from various kindergarten classrooms stopped by Landa library for story times and to play on the playground for their fieldtrip. Four classrooms visited Landa on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Ms. Salinas provided two fun, silly, story times for the kindergarteners to enjoy. Then, on Thursday, four additional kindergarten classes came to Landa for stories and time to play. At the beginning of the story time one of the kindergarten classes actually sang a song for Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas about books. The song was written by Emily Arrow a favorite performer of this class and all twenty students sang together to begin their visit to Landa.



Additionally, Ms. Salinas visited the University Presbyterian Childcare Center and offered four story times to their classes. As a special request, the teachers asked Ms. Salinas to change the rooms where she did her story times so that she could help the young students' transition to their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. The director of the school emailed Ms. Salinas with the request thinking that the monthly story time visit would be a wonderful way to make the transition a bit easier on the children.



Also in May, Ms. Salinas began to drop off books to support teachers at the Circle School. The relationship is a new one, but teachers seemed excited to be able to request books on themes that would be beneficial to their lesson plans for May and June.



Ms. Salinas and Ms. Corley also visited the Sunshine Cottage to set up a table to talk to families about summer reading and summer library programs. A fun activity was provided for children to enjoy as



the table focused on all the free events that the library will offer at Landa and across the city. This is the second year that Landa Library has been invited to have a table at their outreach event.



Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley collaborated with Landa teens to create many successful programs this month. Teens explored new tech via 3D sculpting pens, upcycled t-shirts into tote bags, and learned a few tricks from a pastry chef to make home-made pop-tarts in their monthly cooking club! Drop-In Volunteering continued to gain momentum and bring in new one-day and even a long-term volunteer.



The Future History Makers: STEAM Day was quite a hit, bringing in over a dozen attendees to learn LED art and button making, including a special visit of teens from The Bridge!



Additionally, Ms. Corley participated in a webinar presented by the Search Institute covering the topic of social and emotional learning in adolescents in March and continued preparing for the conclusion of her time as mentee in the library's Mentorship program.



Karen Sebesta, Adult Services Librarian, reports that April ended with two programs that attracted a big audience. Susan Everidge and Diana Basaldua presented a program on Natural (Green) Burials. This means of interment is consistent with saving the environment by using only natural and biodegradable components in burial. The program was excellent and the presenters provided an excellent handout.



The following week, classical guitarist Berk Agar, an instructor in guitar at Palo Alto College, played a concert featuring classical Latin selections from South America. He is an excellent performer and, of course, loved the acoustics here in the Landa meeting room. He has asked to return and bring his students for another concert! Karen sends many thanks to Samantha Gordano for recommending him.



Karen's book groups seem to be growing—both those at Landa and at the Village at the Incarnate Word. J. Robert Poole, longtime San Antonio College History Professor, has recently moved to the Village and joined the book club. Karen has known Professor Poole for many years and is delighted to have his knowledge and wit as part of the outreach book club. This month the group read *The 100-Foot Journey* by Richard Morais.



Reader's Ink also has a new member who came at the invitation of another member. This group read *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance—with mixed reviews from the members (as always)! The Mystery Book Club read John Grisham's *The Whistler*. This one also had mixed reviews from the group, making for a lively discussion.



Fifteen clients of the Kenwood Senior Center came to the April event to make colorful Fiesta flowers. This crowd of (mostly) ladies is very creative and enjoyed making all size and variations of the traditional tissue paper craft.



Karen also assisted Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas with a Fiesta Come-and-Go Craft and a Thursday morning Story Time—always a pleasure. Ms. Salinas was on a well-deserved vacation!



Karen also stepped out of her role as Adult Services Librarian at the invitation of Marcela Hernandez at St. David's School who invited Karen to do a story time for Children's Book Week. She

took Landa's giant teddy bear along (the children had been invited to bring their teddy bears), read some bear stories, and did a lot of singing and motion songs. She has already been invited to return to St. David's next year!

## LAS PALMAS



On April 16th, Family Fun celebrated the 28th anniversary of the launch of the Hubble Telescope. Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier read and discussed author Roda Ahmed's *Mae Among the Stars* about Mae Jemison, an engineer, physician, and NASA astronaut, as well as the first African American woman to travel in space. Ms. Frazier also read the fantasy picture book *Life on Mars* by Jon Agee. During Family Fun, children had many sensory activities. They played with multiple types of "space slime" which represented Pluto's atmosphere, the Eye of Jupiter, and a black hole. Likewise, children retrieved toy "planets" and "asteroids" out of a sensory bin filled with different types of beans. The children played different space-themed games such as matching games for planets, planetoids, and asteroids. In addition, children did crafts from the NASA website such as creating a portrait of the sun using shaving cream, food dye, craft paper, and imagination.



On April 19th, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier participated in the Parent Meeting with Healthy Start to promote library programs for early literacy. In addition to talking about the programs at Las Palmas and different library services, Ms. Frazier talked about new books available for parents through the San Antonio Public Library.



The Las Palmas Branch Library began a live butterfly display in the children's area on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Families throughout the subsequent weeks observed as more than two dozen caterpillars grew larger and created chrysalises. Photos were taken and displayed so that children could see how big the caterpillars had grown. The presentation also included information for the modern classic, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, and a Come and Go Craft from April 20th through the 23rd where children could create their own butterflies using coffee filters or paper plates. On Monday, May 7th, the chrysalises were transferred from the display in the children's area and moved into a net to await the emergence of the butterflies. The first butterfly appeared the next day.



On April 23rd, Family Fun was about outdoor fun. Children and their families were out on the courtyard of the Las Palmas Library. Children played and drew with sidewalk chalk, blew bubbles and created art with watercolors and construction paper.



On Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier's Family Fun celebrated Latin Rhythms. Children listened to and danced to Latin music, and also made their own musical instruments.



On May 1<sup>st</sup>, during Bilingual Story-time, Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez incorporated STEAM by creating five stations featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Preschoolers learned about Science by observing the developing butterfly exhibit located in the Children's area. Incorporating technology with Leap Pads and AWE computers, both parents and preschoolers engaged in using technology in early literacy. Engineering concepts using primary multicolored tiles, magnetic tiles and duplos were used. Arts were represented by caterpillar crafts, which also reinforced the concept of butterfly lifecycle stage, and Math concepts were combined by using yarn to measure height of each child.



On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Las Palmas Branch Library celebrated Tricentennial STEM Day. For over three hours, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier, Teen Librarian Connie Hejl and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos helped children make their own batches of slime. Ms. Frazier had six demonstrations of "elephant toothpaste", which was an example of an exothermic reaction that the children could see using peroxide and yeast. Children and teens were able to practice construction techniques. Throughout the program children could create structures using straws and connectors. In addition, Ms. Hejl had paper circuits for the teens.



On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier engaged in an outreach activity at Jubilee Lakeview University Prep. Ms. Frazier performed story-time for six different classes, with children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade. Children in kindergarten were learning about reading with a purpose, so children were read non-fiction books and also fantasy fiction books, because one of the purposes of reading is to have fun. One book that showed the enjoyment of reading was *I Love a Book* by Joe Rhatigan. Two fantasy fiction books that the kindergarteners enjoyed were *Jeremy Draws a Monster* and the sequel, *The Monster Returns* by Peter McCarty. One book that all the classes thought was hilarious was *Nobody's Duck* by Mary Sullivan.



As part of Contemporary Art Month (CAM), the Las Palmas Branch Library hosted artist David Almaguer's exhibit of three paintings depicting contemporary Mexican wrestlers. We also had the honor of exhibiting the winning painting, *La Llorona* (by artist Audrie Morin), from the Edgewood Academy of Fine Arts' Art contest with the theme "*Pride in the West Side*" where students were asked to present an art design that represented and promoted culture, beliefs and tradition in the West Side.



Las Palmas is now offering family movies on Wednesday evenings. Coordinated by Adult Librarian Fernando Vasquez, *Movie Time* has so far been very successful; we've been averaging 15 persons per showing and hope to increase attendance as awareness increases.

## MAVERICK



The Ladies' Choice Book Club met on Saturday April 28 and the Lady Mav's Book Club met on Tuesday, May 8. On April 18, Maverick hosted a basic Medicare Q & A program. Jorge and Nicole – Acoustic World Music filled the room with acoustic guitar sounds on Saturday, May 12.



The Maverick Chess Club met on Mondays, April 16, 23, 30 and on May 7. The Silverbrook Homeowners Association met on Tuesday, May 1.



Maverick Branch Library was both an Early Voting site and an Election Day site for the Bexar County Elections Office. Amy Roberts, Pat King and Ben Longoria coordinated together to accommodate the election schedules. The branch is scheduled to host the Run-Off Election during the middle of May.



The family Tricentennial STEAM day celebration event on May 2 provided several activities geared for children, teens and adults. Children's Librarian Amy Roberts put the new straws and connectors out which were a huge hit. The biggest draw at her station, however, was the slime! She enjoyed hearing about different kinds of slime that many of the kids had made on their own. On May 5, Mary Ellen Goree, violinist from the San Antonio Symphony came to Maverick. Ms. Roberts thanks Librarian I Pat King for taking the helm when she became ill. The branch had 15 kids and 28 adults attend the event.



Librarian Amy Roberts also spent this time period preparing for the summer reading program. As of this writing she had scheduled four schools to visit and talk about “Adventures in Library Land”.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl assembled the caterpillar-to-chrysalis kit and displayed it in a locked case. Librarian Pat King assembled and printed three different handouts about Painted Ladies, Monarchs, and how to plan and build a butterfly garden. Librarian Ben Longoria spruced up the interior of the cabinet with colorful prints of caterpillars.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl coordinated four Teen Time programs during the reporting period. Maverick Teens spent two weeks creating a decoupage candle holder as a gift for Mother's Day, or for themselves or a friend, if they preferred. They continue to request games, and a chess match sprang up one evening, complete with two teen spectators. The teens also watched *Wonder Woman*.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl assisted Librarian Stephanie Vasquez (Great Northwest) during outreach programs at Taft and at Harlan High Schools. The teens enjoyed button making, gaming and getting photos taken in front of the Green Screen.

## McCRELESS



McCreless Teens were thrilled to learn they were getting a new Wii U gaming system, controllers and five new games from a generous donation from Toyota. One teen commented that it was great to finally get a new system with new games! With the assistance of Librarian DeBow, McCreless teens made cake mix doughnuts, rice krispie treats, flying cups and Fiesta medals during their weekly Teen Time.



McCreless Branch Library hosted its first adult chess instruction class. Certified chess instructor George Barrera was available to teach adults of all skill levels how to play the game. Two adults attended the program.



On April 16th and May 7th, Library Assistant Al Chavez continued to facilitate the McCreless Walking Club. This program assists participants in meeting their fitness goals while viewing plants and wildlife in the Southside Lions Park trails. They are enjoying simple walks along nature trails suitable for beginners. The program will continue on the first and third Mondays in May and June. Participation has grown from six walkers to 10 walkers.



On May 19th, the branch hosted a digital inclusion class. Library Assistants Joseph Gonzales and Al Chavez facilitated a session on Résumé writing. Participants became familiar with the basic parts of a résumé and use of Word to create a current and concise résumé. Methods of saving and sharing the résumés were also taught. McCreless branch had two participants for this class.



On May 5th, Librarian DeBow represented SAPL at San Japan's Mini-Mini Con at Wonderland Mall. Along with three other Teen Librarians, they gave away 250 buttons and 200+ coloring sheets. There was also a Cos-Play Costume Repair station where aid was given to anyone who needed it. It was a fun day of talking about the library and sharing about upcoming SAPL events.



McCreless staff all pitched in to help at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> History and Education Day celebrating STEAM. Library Assistant Al Chavez shared his knowledge with patrons who learned how to make an origami butterfly. Library Services Specialist Carolyn Bradley got down and dirty demonstrating how to make slime for enthusiastic children. Librarian Marisa DeBow assisted teens in making paper flower circuits. Volunteer Andrea Veal was a great help cutting out templates and manning stations during staff breaks. The highlight of the event was the presence of Michelle Garcia, Coordinator for the Engineering & Computer Science Magnet at Highlands High School. She set up a table with information about the magnet school and various extracurricular programs at Highlands High School. She also came with her laptop and a cute robot that patrons were able to interact with.

## MEMORIAL



Children's librarian Christine Deffendall narrated the Dial-a-Story for the week of April 16. Her selection was *The Wide-Mouthed Frog*, by Keith Faulkner. Mrs. Deffendall hosted a Día de los Niño's event with music and crafts.



Mrs. Deffendall participated in the Tricentennial STEAM Day event.



Mrs. Deffendall represented SAPL at State Representative Diego Bernal's Summer Resource Fair for District 123 on Saturday, May 12.



Teen liaison Rene Leija attended the El Día de los Niño's committee meeting with the Barrio Network where SAPL will be represented in the literacy booth.



Mr. Leija started on the butterfly project. All living caterpillars were placed into their individual homes for transformation. Minutes after, the caterpillars were observed eating their food mixture.



Teens are requesting board games and it seems that Uno Deluxe card game is one of the most popular games.



Memorial was represented by Mr. Leija at El Día de los Niño's event at Guadalupe Plaza. The library teamed up with American Sunrise under the literacy tent to provide story time and crafts for children. Calendars and information on upcoming library events were also provided.



On STEAM day an origami craft was set up in the Teen Corner and teens eagerly participated in the craft.



Mr. Leija encouraged staff and patrons to notice that some of the caterpillars started hatching so he provided a sugar water mix and placed in the habitat to feed them. Later that day more caterpillars had hatched.



Later in the week it seemed like all of the caterpillars hatched so Mr. Leija encouraged staff and patrons to view as he took the habitat outside and opened it. About half of the butterflies were released. The other half that stayed may not have been ready for flight.



Mr. Leija attended the Teen Liaison meeting where supplies were handed out and all were briefed on



the upcoming Summer Reading program.



Using a DIY paper craft, Mr. Leija set up supplies and instructions in the Teen Corner. Mr. Leija Advised the teens that this craft gave them the opportunity to create roses out of tissue paper to be given as gifts for Mother's Day.



Adult services librarian Rhonda Davila hosted the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio to assist in enrolling patrons in Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP affordable healthcare.



In celebration of Contemporary Art Month, Ms. Davila held a reception for art students from St. Philips College. Patrons, as well as students enjoyed conversation and the art exhibit and delicious snacks.



Ms. Davila arranged hosting the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition. The Coalition conducts workshops to help curb the stray cat population throughout the city. The workshops are usually well attended and patrons often express interest in the event.



Annually, Ms. Davila hosts the celebration of National Poetry Month by holding an open mic session. This event attracts a great variety of people of all ages and backgrounds. During the event, photographs were taken and were posted on Flickr.



Ms. Davila assisted with hosting the American Red Cross set up a table at the library open area issue smoke alarms to patrons.



Ms. Davila also set up a table for Community First a healthcare facility to offer assistance to adults interested in enrolling in state funded affordable health plans.



In preparation for Memorial Day, Ms. Davila asked accomplished artist and Vietnam veteran Mr. Roberto Sifuentes to show case his work at the branch. Vietnam veteran Roberto Sifuentes' work reflects his war time experiences as well as spiritual experiences. His work is presently on display and will continue until July 11. Mr. Sifuentes exhibit also includes a screening of the *Vietnam War*.



In celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the branch was honored to host the Bharatanatyam dancers. The performance was presented by the Kaveri Natya Yoga Center for Performing Arts organization. Patrons are often taken by the exotic dance, costumes and music. Special thanks to Central Librarian Pannaga Prasad for recommending the program to the branch.



To decrease stress and provide a fun activity, the branch offers a come-n-go adult coloring program. Each month features different prints based on themes of the month, such as Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Cinco de Mayo. Adults and sometimes teens enjoy the activity and themes.



To provide the community with an opportunity to learn the significance of the celebration of Cinco de Mayo, the branch offered the screening of *Cinco de Mayo, La Batalla* and had a book display of items that could be checked out.



The branch hosted the Spanish language story time titled “Colorin Colorado este cuento no se ha acabado” with music and a sing-along.



The branch hosted Early Voting for one week and Election Day afterwards in coordination with Elections Department of Bexar County.

## MISSION



In observance of National Letter and Card Month, Mission Library had a Write A Letter program which provided cards, stationary, fountain pens, and stamps for customers wishing to hand-write letters to family and friends.



The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word exhibit has started. Mission Branch was selected as a location to display the exhibit because the Sisters staffed schools connected with mission parish communities in the far Southside. The Sisters and their students there and elsewhere in the city receive considerable attention in the exhibit. Mission Library has another exhibit celebrating San Antonio's senior citizens for Older Americans Month titled ‘Engaged Spaces: Celebrating the Art of San Antonio's Senior Citizens.’



In addition to the system-wide Tricentennial Education Day, Mission Library hosted Chinatsu Oku of the Japan Outreach Initiative, based at UTSA. She came to teach and demonstrate Japanese Calligraphy. Attendees practiced writing their own name with traditional Japanese brushes and ink on rice paper. Mission Library offered a Computer Basics class as part of the Digital Inclusion Month initiative. Attendees learned how to use a mouse and keyboard to interface with a computer.



The branch had a very popular Spring Table Tennis Tournament with an attendance around 40 participants; trophies were awarded for the top players in each category.



Teens this month participated in a variety of programs at the library. In our Teen Cooking Class, teens learned how to make burgers and quesadillas. More teens than ever came to our Teen Anime Club, with 1/3 of attendees being made up to teens that had never previously participated in the program. During Teen Time, teens participated in a myriad of activities including video games and board games. Teens at Mission Branch Library are looking forward to the Summer Reading Program, with plans to add additional programming at Mission during the summer months.



Spring programming is winding down and preparations for summer reading are well under way. Mission families had a special treat on Saturday, May 12. A horn player from the San Antonio Symphony brought his music to share with all. It was fun and educational. The STEAM program was a big hit with an attendance of around 50. All of the activities were enjoyed by all, especially the making of three different types of slime.

## PAN AMERICAN



This past month, Pan American Branch Library exploded with STEAM activities. Toddler Time examined colors and numbers and the world of butterflies. It was delightful seeing the amazement in the children's eyes as the butterflies were released.



Plans are in the works for recruiting summer readers. Schools are being contacted for outreach visits later in the month. Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley has been working on the Juvenile Express collection to add more graphic novels and Spanish books.



Valerie also held story times at Teaching and Mentoring Communities Head Start and DePaul-Wesley Children's Center. A violinist from the San Antonio Symphony talked with children about their professional experiences and music.



Pan American Branch Library participated in Free Comic Book Day on May 5. Free Comic Book Day, always held the first Saturday in May, is an annual event. Retailers supply free comics to vendors, who disperse them throughout the community. Pan American received free comics from Collector's Authority and gave out approximately 50 comics. Teen Liaison Nicole Garza also held a comic book swap that day. Several patrons told Nicole how awesome it was to have the event at the library.



Nicole continued to support community teens by conducting regular teen time events at the library. Several of the events were planned by the teens themselves and facilitated by Nicole. These events included cooking, and art and science demonstrations. The teen group has recently become obsessed with waffle-maker recipes and they have made a handful of unconventional treats with just a waffle-maker.



The Pokémon Champions group met every other Sunday in April and May. The group continues to attract new members and is working on a collaborative project scheduled for the summer.



On April 16, the mariachi band from Harlandale School performed to celebrate Fiesta. The Martinez Street Women's Center held workshops on breast health and offered free breast examinations.



Pan Am joined other libraries and city departments on May 2nd to celebrate San Antonio's Tricentennial with a Future History Makers program. Valerie showed children how to make slime using liquid starch as a base and elephant toothpaste from hydrogen peroxide and yeast. Valerie explained the science behind the combination of ingredients. Teens created electrical circuits using a piece of flat paper. Pan American's butterflies were still in the cocoon stage, and people were able to learn more about the insects from a variety of books on display. BiblioTech set up a tech display to show off many things electronic.



Manager Sherrie Hardin again held an adult coloring program at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. This is the second month for the partnership between the library and the senior center and people have begun asking for the coloring program.



Pan American's adult programs – yoga, qigong and quilting – are as popular as ever, drawing almost 100 participants combined just during the month of April. Sadly, the library has had to put its regular Monday chess lessons on hold because the volunteer is no longer able to make the sessions and no one else on staff knows how to play chess. The boards are still out every Monday night so those who want to play can. Pan American also borrowed a set of board games from the Adult Programming Department.

## PARMAN



Parman, like all of SAPL's branches, kicked off the celebration of San Antonio's Tricentennial with a STEAM program that featured electricity, slime, and origami butterflies. Parman staff made their program special by creating a Tricentennial hopscotch for the children to enjoy and to attract patrons to the entrance of the program. Inside the building, Librarian Caroline Mossing constructed paper circuits with teens to illustrate the basics of electricity in a fun creative way. Parman's younger patrons got a demonstration on how to make slime with Children's Librarian Brian Douglass, a gooey experience that enriched the children's knowledge of measurements and fractions. The kids finished the program by constructing their own origami butterfly with Library Assistant Melissa Moser. The kids followed the step-by-step origami process whilst getting an up close look at the Parman's butterfly habitat. The Volunteer Services Coordinator, Tricentennial Committee, and SAPL Marketing team provided an extra help. Councilman John Courage came to support the library and its commitment to the community. Overall, the program had over 100 people in attendance and was very well received by the participants.



Some of Parman's youngest patrons could be found with yellow paint on their hands this last Friday as they walked out of the branch's weekly Toddler Two story time. While the program consistently features songs, rhymes, finger plays, felt activities, and of course stories, a special craft was included this past week for Mother's Day. Parents were asked to line up, have their little ones place their hands in yellow paint, and leave a handprint on a sheet of cardstock reading "This is the hand you used to hold when I was 2 years old." The program is one of Parman's most well attended story times and continues to grow in popularity every week due in no small part to its presenter, Library Assistant Melissa Moser.



Butterflies were in season for Parman's 7th birthday this month. Staff, kids, and patrons lovingly gave names to the chrysalis that would soon turn into butterflies and watched daily for the first signs of their beautiful transformation. The first butterfly emerged on May 7, a perfect gift for the library's seven year anniversary. In the days that followed, all of the cocoons emptied and the insects began drying their beautiful wings for all to see inside their habitat. Children's Librarian Carolyn Bradley brought the habitat to her story time to share with the kids, who filled the containers with food and placed larva in them. Two weeks later she and the kids released the butterflies to their new homes outside of the Parman Branch Library.



This May, Parman celebrates Pet Awareness Month by making its very own Parman Pet Hospital. This imaginative transformation station created by Library Aide Rita Smith features x-rays, stethoscopes, shots, a grooming station, an exam room, and all manner of animals, even a sloth. As children play they discuss animal health issues, how to fix them, use new vocabulary, interact with each other, and learn the importance of pets and their care. Allowing Parman's youngest patrons to be veterinarians performing emergency surgeries on kittens and checking the blood pressure of parrots, the print-rich bilingual play center has quickly become one of the branch's most popular features.

## POTRANCO



During the past month, the pilot Baby Time program came to fruition. Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta and Branch Manager Cindy Pope have been anxious to launch the program pilot and get community response. By summer 2016, the Branch had started receiving inquiries about the possibility of such a program. Baby Time is so much more than a story telling and literacy opportunity. Alcorta's program begins with introductions of guardian and child. Weekly milestones are shared among parents that have encouraged strong and quick bonds among the attendees. The opening activities include soft baby bouncing exercises with parents singing to baby and getting them acclimated to the program. Alcorta incorporates puppetry and scarf play into most sessions. As simple as scarf play is, it promotes several growing benefits for the little ones. At its core, scarf play is just good fun and provides imaginative play. In addition to that, the exercise helps foster visual directional tracking, eye-hand coordination, vocabulary development, and improved listening skills when accompanied with music. The bright music

Alcorta chooses also fosters baby/guardian dancing and often times the babies dance together developing early social skills. The interactive sing songs also support physical and emotional intellectual growth.

Branch manager Pope highly values the way Alcorta models story telling for the grown-up attendees. Children's Librarians make it look so easy but it's not. A lot goes into choosing the right story and brining the right amount of energy to each sentence. Good storytellers are constantly reading the audience for cues and interest. Alcorta excels in the flexibility needed to keep children engaged and entertained. Everyone else's favorite part of the program is definitely the bubble machine. Parents holding babies encircle the bubble machine in the same way campers snuggle up to a fire on a cold evening. The joy on the babies' faces as they witness bubbles floating in the air is among the things that make serving the public so rewarding; it's super cute. Unsurprisingly, attendance has doubled with each session.



The past month's STEAM Times have been enjoyed by all ages. Who doesn't like making slime, straw connectors, and butterfly rings and bracelets? SAPL's Butterfly Habitat initiative was programming brilliance. Alcorta said of the event, "It was a beautiful experience for the families. They got to hold the butterflies in their hands and watch them flutter away." Implementation of the Butterfly Habitat brought out plenty of teamwork. Once the butterfly habitat was received, Potranco teammates worked and learned together about the caterpillar to butterfly metamorphosis called pupate. As a group, the team set up the habitat, prepared the food, and ensured the caterpillars would be comfortable. This programing fostered impressive professional growth as Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta and Tween Programing Liaison/Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes worked together to make this a family event for all ages. Reyes is a natural with the local kids, and is very much adored by child and parent alike. Within 24 hours of the STEAM program and placement of the habitat for viewing, Reyes was inspired to begin offering naming rights to the first 33 kiddos that stopped to have a look. For two weeks staff enjoyed seeing the same kids return to check on "their butterfly". Even the kids that didn't have a chance to place nomenclature identified a favorite name and rooted for its pupation.



Circulation Attendant Raquel Reyes has had success performing the weekly responsibilities of Tween Time. The core group of kids that was established by former part-time Librarian I Kassandra Vela-Laosa has had a smooth transition over to Reyes. Relationships between the children have continued to strengthen and all eight core attendees continue show up every Wednesday. Both staff and patrons are very proud of Vela-Laosa's promotion to Librarian II at Mission Branch Library. Thanks to Reyes, the change in leadership has not negatively affected the kids and no weeks of Tween Time were skipped. In addition to wearing the Tween Programing Liaison hat, Reyes also manages the social networking for the branch and is responsible for documenting the smiles at our events.



Library Assistant and Teen Programing Liaison Lisa Leandro had much success with a chess club at her former branch Pan American. The team at Potranco encouraged Leandro to bring her skills and design to the Potranco community. Patrons had inquired about possible board gaming programs during the 18 months since the grand opening. By popular demand, Leandro has established an all ages, bi-monthly Chess Club. The Branch is still soliciting for chess club volunteers. Leandro's plan is to host quarterly or even monthly chess tournaments. Start looking for more information on this program in fall 2018.



Potranco's Ukulele programming has been gaining popularity. Leandro invited Potranco Librarian II/Assistant Branch Manager and Adult services representative Gamini Haluwana to help her launch the club. Haluwana had success with a similar event while at Parman Branch Library. Leandro was correct when she anticipated Potranco Teens would enjoy learning to play the unique and always captivating instrument. Interest in the group rose quickly after implementation. In particular, the program attracted community high school student Robyn Diaz. In a matter of weeks, Diaz came to realize she enjoyed being at the library for many reasons. She asked if she could help out by becoming a volunteer.



In the past month Robyn has proven herself to be an asset to branch productivity. Diaz had been playing the ukulele for a short while before the program started and was quite good. Leandro, with Haluwana's blessing, agreed to also allow Diaz to take a leadership role in the program. The program is taking the month of May off and will return in June. When the program returns, Diaz will have been trained and installed to serve as a primary tutor to attendees. By working together, Leandro and Haluwana fostered an environment in which teens could collaborate. Potranco has facilitated an opportunity for teens to mentor other teens.



On April 20, Potranco Librarian II/Assistant Branch Manager and Adult services representative Gamini Haluwana hosted a program sharing his knowledge and love for his native land with a virtual tour program. Haluwana designed the virtual tour for adults but put a lot of consideration into attracting the over 55 community that regularly patronize partner organization YMCA. The program was designed as a 360-degree virtual tour of Sri Lanka. The Potranco Mondo pad played a key role in bringing the images to life for attendees. The event was an immersive experience for patrons showcasing the beautiful tropical vistas of the island. Some attendees offered positive feedback at the end of the program; expressing that they will not have the chance to travel to Sri Lanka in their life span so they enjoyed the virtual tour quite a bit. Expect to see more virtual tours on Potranco's calendar. The goal is to inform and share the beauty all around the world with diverse cultural heritages.



Potranco's book club continues to grow under the direction of Circulation Attendant Miranda O'Neill. Over the past several months, O'Neill has had to request more copies for participants. Despite steady growth, the branch continues to get interested patrons that cannot physically come into the branch when the program is scheduled. Very soon, the Mondo Pad will be incorporated into the program, allowing more homebound patronage and sharing of ideas. Although O'Neill doesn't have years of programming in her background, she is succeeding. O'Neill is excited that a new technology and software skill set will be added to her many talents.



The Potranco Vinyl Collection has been popular with the community. It is not unusual for people to travel outside their typical shopping area to discover more about the collection and check out records. In the past month, a second display stand was added to accommodate the growing anthology. Circulation Attendant Abigail Jepson took the initiative to create professional style dividers for the display, making it easier for the regular users of the Potranco Vinyl Collection to get to exactly what they want quickly. Due to the "hard to find" nature of vinyl album dividers, the team had to go the DIY route. The dividers Jepson created look very slick; and still support the user new to the collection that like to browse through all items.



Circulation Attendant Abigail Jepson attended a 16 hour COSA Professional Development Course, Professional Development I & II. The seminar included group discussions and personality assessments. Jepson said of the facilitator, "I was able to have a better understanding of myself, the way I treat other people and the relationships that I have built." The classroom exercises engendered interpersonal communication growth for Jepson and her classmates. Jepson was so inspired by the course she inquired about opportunities to share the course content. Permission was gained for Jepson to practice her training skills by sharing some of the most enlightening exercises with the entire Potranco Team at future monthly team meetings.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Children visiting Pruitt Library during Tricentennial STEAM Day became scientists and architects as they participated in the events. The rapid eruption of various elements, resulting in elephant toothpaste, was especially exciting. Parents got in on the act, helping children create slime of various

colors and scents. Families worked together as they built all types of structures using straws and connectors, Legos, and magnetic shapes.



Children and families attending a recent Kids' Time event had the opportunity to assist with releasing hatched butterflies into the Roosevelt Community Garden. Kids were thrilled to witness the butterflies take off in flight. Families also participated in a tour of the garden with its multitude of plants and vegetables.



Teens had a DIY Card Workshop where they were able to make birthday cards, thank you cards, Mother's Day cards, and other cards. With teens there is always something special or unique that happens, and all it took for one guy to become a "Romance Card Designer" was Washi tape. He made two stunning cards for his girlfriend just using Washi tape and a few embellishments. Teen Time taught him a valuable lesson- it doesn't take a lot of money to win a girl over, just a little thought and effort.



The theme for teen activities in May is "Libraries Rock," so teen patrons played Guitar Hero and Rock Band on the WiiU, painted rocks, and watched a movie starring The Rock while eating Pop Rocks. At every teen activity this month, teens are entered into a drawing for some cool branded "Libraries Rock" gear.



Attendees at the TGIF Book Group program in April discussed the award-winning novel *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. The book is set in Ghana, and a longtime book group participant shared personal photos and objects she acquired while living in Ghana in the 1960s. Everyone enjoyed the book and the personal connections.



In April, adults created heartfelt, handmade cards to give to friends and loved ones. Participants used a variety of materials such as cutouts, scrapbooking paper, rubber stamps, and embellishments to make beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations.



International Tabletop Game Day was a great opportunity for families and individuals to play games at the library. The most popular games this year were Jenga®, The Game of Life® and cards.



The Rackspace Community Chess Tournament was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and was enjoyed by all 30 players and dozens of observers. Players were awarded trophies and ribbons. There was tough competition in all four divisions (adult, teen, child advanced, and child beginner). The adults graciously lost first place to one of the top fourth graders in the nation.



On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Mommy and Me Lip Balm Workshop had a nice turn out. Moms and daughters, and a few sons, made customized lip balm. They also made stress putty scented with lavender, eucalyptus, peppermint, or frankincense.

## SAN PEDRO



Betsy presented monthly story times to children at Monte Vista Montessori (two classes) and Laurel Heights Weekday School (2 classes). Fifteen to twenty books were also delivered to each child care/preschool class for their use during the month. Monte Vista and Laurel Heights requested thematic books for topics they will be discussing in their respective classes and the teachers are very appreciative of this enrichment to their curriculum.



Betsy hosted a Family Fun event during this period in connection the Mayor's Our Family Reads. This month the program was focused on animal welfare and the children and their parents made a paper dog park and dogs to enjoy it.



Gamer Monday continues and Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. Attendance at both programs has increased. Additionally, the city-wide STEAM program, was enjoyed by the participants on Wednesday, May 2.



Betsy hosted nine book clubs in the aggregate for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. These schools include MonteVista Montessori, Kipp Poder, St. Anthony's School, and three SAISD schools: Hawthorne Academy, Cotton Elementary School and Beacon Hill Elementary School. In addition to bringing thematic books requested by the teachers for the three preschools she visits monthly, Betsy also brings thematic books to a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the Advanced Learning Academy. During this period, Betsy promoted SAPL and the Summer Reading Program to two fourth grade classes, two third grade classes, one second grade class, and two first grade classes at St. Anthony's School.

## SCHAEFER



Schaefer Branch Library presented Symphony @ SAPL on April 21. Bassist Nicolas Brown from the San Antonio symphony performed for kids and adults. The enthusiastic and engaged audience enjoyed his music and asked him many questions about being a musician.



Children celebrated Día de los Niños at Schaefer on April 24 by having a dance party! They made musical instruments out of corrugated cardboard and had a great time wiggling and giggling.



Along with all of SAPL's libraries, Schaefer celebrated Tricentennial STEAM Day on May 2. Kids made their own slime that they could take home with them. There were also three demonstrations of a chemical experiment called elephant toothpaste, which shocked and awed the crowd. Kids also built with straws and connectors, and by the end of the program all straws and connectors had been used to create a structure that was almost as tall as the meeting room's ceiling!



The spring session of the Toddler Time and Story Time programs ended in mid-May. Themes for the programs were butterflies, trains, bugs and pizza. LEGO Time also concluded its spring session in May.



Two Come & Go Crafts were offered for children. On May 12, kids could decorate a paper dog to add it to the Schaefer Dog Park – green butcher paper decorated like a park. This craft was a part of May's edition of Our Family Read's: The Mayor's Book Club. On Sunday, May 13, kids could make a Mother's Day card.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser attended three outreach events during the reporting period. On April 25, she attended Highland Forest's First Grade Café, where she listened to first graders read their favorite books to demonstrate their reading skills. Also on April 25, she went to Evelyn King Head Start to read butterfly stories to preschool kids. On May 2, Leslie and Library Assistant Sara Ramirez went to Little Engine Learning Center to read and sing songs with the kids.



On April 16, Schaefer Branch Library celebrated the Queen of Tejano during the “Selena Bidi Bidi Birthday Bash”. Patrons enjoyed a variety of activities including making microphones, mini Fiesta flowers, newspaper roses, Selena button-making, green screen photos, and a screening of the *Selena* movie. Patrons were also treated to custom Selena stickers made in house with the Cricut Maker. A raffle was held at the end of the party to give away three Selena inspired trophies: *la rosa*, *el Grammy*, and *la pizza*.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez facilitated two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On April 19, Science Time continued its series on pollinators with a lesson on birds. Children created upcycled bird feeders using recycled milk cartons and juice containers as a take home craft. On May 3, children learned about beginner coding through a hands-on lesson with Bee-Bots, one of the tech tools purchased for the Schaefer STEM Initiative. Using simple directional buttons, children were able to program the Bee-Bots to travel through their own custom-made mazes.



On May 2, Schaefer Library celebrated STEAM Day, a Tricentennial event at all San Antonio Public libraries. Library Assistant Sara Ramirez facilitated the adult program portion of the event with butterfly origami and papel picado crafts. Leading up to STEAM Day, we observed 34 butterflies undergo metamorphosis, changing from a caterpillar to a chrysalis and finally emerging as a butterfly. Patrons were very excited to watch this transformation as they visited the library and were able to offer suggestions for butterfly names.



On May 5, Schaefer Branch Library released the butterflies outside in the grassy area near the playground. A crowd of patrons gathered to see the butterflies off and wish them luck on the next stage of their journey.



Teen volunteers assisted with the Selena Birthday celebration on April 16th. Volunteers helped with a button making activity, crafting, and providing a flute rendition of a Selena song at the party. STEAM Day at the library also provided an opportunity for teen programming with a paper circuit activity for teens to try.



Teen Services Librarian Cindy Cruz visited with 125 students and teachers at the Youth Opportunities Fair at STEM High School in Harlandale ISD. In addition to library materials, Cindy also brought the Sphero Ollie robot that students maneuvered throughout the school cafeteria.



Teen Time activities included a printmaking activity with linocut blocks for Fiesta. Teens also participated in video gaming and an Anime night. East Central Vocational Ed students also visited the library and assisted with shredding and shelving in the Teen Space.



Monday evenings at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 6 – 8:30 p.m., children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer’s Community Flex Space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Tournament Style Chess Sets were provided by a generous donation from our friends at Dollar General. Once each fortnight, on Thursday afternoon, Schaefer hosts the Kid’s Gaming Program. School age children gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Wii U, and Nintendo Switch games in an environment which promotes teamwork, friendly competition, and social interaction. Library Assistant Mason Matthews offers instruction and mediation.



One Saturday a month at Schaefer Branch Library, patrons gather for Zumba! Zumba Instructor Angelica Guzman leads an hour long session of enthusiastic dancercise to a lively soundtrack. Patrons shed stress and calories in the air conditioned comfort of the Mays Family Community Flex Space.



Monday and Wednesday evenings, and Thursday and Friday mornings at Schaefer Branch Library, patrons can attend GED prep classes. ESC-20 (Region-20) provides instruction and materials for local adults in ten week course increments. Classes take place in the H.E.B Collaborate Space.



On April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., patrons gathered at Schaefer Library's Community Flex Space to participate in a cooperative storytelling experience. For three hours, patrons picked characters and participated in a fantasy roleplaying game led by Library Assistant Mason Matthews.



On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Schaefer patrons came together to get social...by setting up social media accounts on Twitter, Instagram, and GoodReads! The "Learn Social Media Computer Class" was a hit and patrons appreciated the opportunity to refine their computer skills.



On May 4th, Schaefer Branch Library hosted their own 'May the 4th Be With You' celebration. Schaefer staff facilitated green screen photos, set up an obstacle course for mini-robots, and screened *The Last Jedi*. Patrons wore their favorite Star Wars shirts, and brought their own light sabers. The event was held in the Schaefer Community Flex Space, and overseen by Library Assistant Mason Matthews with the assistance of Library Aide Christopher Repka.



May's Saturday Movie was *Wonder*, based on the book by R.J. Palacio. Patrons were touched by the film, and are looking forward to the Saturday Movies summer series.



The Skimmers met for their one-year anniversary meeting in April. Light refreshments were provided, and the members highly enjoyed the slideshow reviewing their past books. It sparked new discussion amidst fond reminiscing, and the members agreed they are excited for another year of Skimmers meetings! They also discussed May's book, *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware, and although the book was enjoyed by most, it was unanimous it was a slow read.



Schaefer Library's Tech Tuesday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron, has gotten off to a fantastic start. On Tuesdays from 4 – 5 p.m., kids twelve and under have been partaking in several mini-games like soccer and bowling using our droid devices. Kids learn more about these droid devices every time they attend the program, which is an important tool as these devices will become more and more prevalent in the future. Tech Tuesday allows kids to become familiar with STEAM based devices and have fun at the same time.

## SEMMES



STEAM Day at the Library was a big success at Semmes on May 2. District 10 Councilman Clayton Perry stopped by the branch and played with some slime and assisted Children's Librarian Randi Jones with making elephant toothpaste. Adults and teens enjoyed making origami butterflies and observing the real, live butterflies that were just starting to emerge from their cocoons. The butterflies have all emerged and have been released into the wild.





COSA Parks and Recreation have been providing yoga and pilates classes once a week at the branch. These Tuesday programs are gaining a following with Semmes patrons. In June, Parks and Rec will be offering yoga and circuit training classes.



Library Assistant Melody Smith has been doing the weekly Teen Times at the branch. Her core group has been playing the strategy board game Carcassonne and has become so skilled they have now added the expansion.



At a recent Family Fun program, Ms. Jones had the children make musical instruments. The children really enjoyed this and could be heard playing their instruments throughout the library.

## THOUSAND OAKS



Children at the Thousand Oaks library had a lot to celebrate in April and May! During the week of April 15 – April 21, the children at the Thousand Oaks branch celebrated Earth Day. Earth-themed and recyclable crafts were made, and story times had an Earth Day theme. On April 26, Thousand Oaks hosted the Dinosaur Days Play & Learn. The families that came were very excited to get to play with “primordial mud,” have some pretend play with dinosaurs and blocks, find which door the dinosaur was hiding behind, and more! May 2 was an afternoon of fun and learning for the Tricentennial STEAM day. Children had a great time making slime, seeing an “elephant toothpaste” experiment demonstration, and building with straws and connectors. One young man built a “rocket” about five feet tall with straws and connectors! On May 12, Thousand Oaks hosted San Antonio Symphony violinist and concertmaster Eric Gratz. Children and adults alike were enchanted by his performance.



Teens at Thousand Oaks have enjoyed several sessions of games and favorite crafts. Teens enjoyed themselves making slime, creating with Perler beads, and playing board games. Teens began the process of growing crystals, but were disappointed that they would take seven days to grow. Teen Liaison Theresa Garza introduced teens to a quick, easy, and delicious snack that is easily recreated at home. With just a few ingredients, teens made crescent melts filled with their choice of ham, pepperoni, cheese, and other fillings. On May 1, Librarian Theresa Garza visited Premier High School to continue reading *A Wind in the Door* to three classrooms. The story time for high school students aims to give them a break from their strenuous studies. The penultimate chapter of the book was an action packed battle and left students on the edge of their seats to hear how the story ends.



Thursday Book Group members read *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan for the April meeting. The members enjoyed this debut novel because the author has a unique way of providing twists and turns in the plot making this one a page turner. Two new members joined in the fun.



Readers of the Northeast Senior Center book group met lawyer Jack Swyteck, star of many of James Grippando’s mystery books. Facilitated by Librarian Theresa Garza, readers discussed the true to life feel of the courtroom drama *Most Dangerous Place*. Members appreciated the many characters and the little bits and pieces each provided to the story. With Grippando’s experience as a trial lawyer, the trial part of the story was well written and while readers appreciated the characters, they would have liked a bit more history and “after the trial” information.

# TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Early Voting took place on April 23 through May 1 for local elections and issues with very light turnout. Tobin at Oakwell also served the community on Election Day, May 5, with similar low turnout.



Ms. Braeuler's regular weekly and monthly children's programs consistently have good attendance. The bi-monthly Read to a Dog activity with therapy dog Angel sometimes has twice the number of kids reading compared to past sessions.



Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler hosted her second "Happy Hour" with ten area school librarians visiting Tobin after school on April 17 as part of National Library Week. The school librarians were treated to refreshments (non-alcoholic), special snacks, shared information, and got to connect with each other. This meeting helps build partnerships for upcoming projects and programs like the Mayor's Summer Reading Program.



Come and Go Crafts continue all day each weekend with kids and assistance from parents and care givers when needed. Some savvy creations this month include dragonflies made with clothespins and spring garden snakes cut out and curled from paper tubes.



On May 9, kids participated in Tobin's own Dog Park as part of the Mayor's Book Club theme for May – Animal Welfare. Paper dogs were decorated and colored and added to a community mural now hanging in the Juvenile area for all to enjoy.



Part Time Librarian Kimberly Wygant held a very successful Cooking Time outside on April 24. Pre-teens and teens measured and mixed up healthy granola with sunflower seeds, low sugar breakfast cereal, raisins, pretzels and just a couple M&M's. On May 1, pre-teens made some colorful duct tape cell phone holders from cardboard tubes at Arts and Craft Time with Ms. Wygant hosting. The finished holders allow cell phones to be standing up on a flat surface so that users can have their hands free for other clever craft designs.



Teen Librarian Megan Coker helped the Tobin Otaku Club make manga eyes on character sleeper masks from the series Sailor Moon on April 20. On May 4, Library Assistant Auriel Pinales hosted the anime movie *The Girl who Leapt through Time* with the group.



Ms. Coker had several outreach events this period. On April 24, she attended Premier SA's East campus. One hundred and five teens participated in the book club reading from the title the teens selected. The Mini Mini Con on May 5 at Wonderland Mall is a much smaller scale attraction of the San Japan convention in San Antonio at the convention center August 31 – September 2, 2018. Both events celebrate Japanese anime and culture. This partnership helped the Wonderland program attract much larger crowds than last year according to Ms. Coker and organizer Connie Hejl, Las Palmas' Teen Librarian.



As part of Older American's Month in May, Dr. Linda Porter-Wenzlaff, the Education Chair for Therapy Animals of San Antonio, talked about the benefits seniors can derive from interacting with pets. Two therapy dogs and their trainers were present to discuss how their dogs help with older folks with various conditions and situations.



Monthly and bi-monthly adult programs continue with very stable attendance. These groups include the Interesting Book Club, Joss Whedon Fans, San Antonio Narrators group, Tobin Writers and a poetry group, Voices De La Luna.



Adult Services Librarian and Assistant Manager Rhonda Woolhouse enthusiastically rode on SAPL's float entry in the Fiesta Flambeau parade on April 28. Ms. Woolhouse was lit up with night glow lights along Central's Teen Librarian Matthew Loaiza.



Megan Coker impressively developed a Social Media class that was offered to the public. Then on April 19 she presented the class to Tobin at Oakwell employees to increase their knowledge of newer social media outlets.



The branch participated in the SA's 300 Tricentennial Event on May 2. A large crowd of all ages got to watch the elephant toothpaste experiment, build adult size structures with straws and connectors, and create origami butterflies. Teens made circuits light up on designs they created on paper. Many visitors learned about the Painted Lady Butterflies emerging from their chrysalis during the program and really appreciated the butterfly book marks containing wild flower seeds to attract butterflies when sprouted and growing.



Tobin at Oakwell staff sadly said goodbye to Library Aide Courtney Simchak-Mertz. Ms. Simchak-Mertz received a promotion at an out of town library. She really enjoyed working at SAPL and is now planning to pursue a Masters in Library Science this fall. Ms. Simchak-Mertz will be greatly missed.

## WESTFALL



During May, the Westfall Branch Library provided a variety of programs and services to the community. There were weekly programs for all ages and a wide range of topics. 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. Ms. Merino held weekly story time, toddler time, and family fun. Additionally, Ms. Merino visited the Kinder Care Learning Center and brought the children a variety of books to read.



On April 25<sup>th</sup>, students from the Discovery School visited Westfall to learn more about poetry. The children listened to some stories on the month's theme and were given the opportunity to check out books on the topic as well.



Teen Librarian Daniella Toll held weekly teen time on Wednesday where young adults had the opportunity to hang out and do some fun activities. Ms. Toll has been working to make the teen area at Westfall more inviting and has gotten some new furniture we hope the teens will like. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Toll visited the Otaku Café for an outreach event to talk to teens about SAPL and programs at Westfall. The teens also had the opportunity to take fun pictures with the library's green screen.



The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the "Stranger than Fiction" and "Third Thursday" book clubs. Books read this month included *Here If You Need Me: A True Story* by Kate Braestrup and *The*

*Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



On Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, Westfall hosted a “I SOL'D with SOLI” contest winner performance. The event gave students an opportunity to perform with a SOLI musician at a concert in the community. Patrons and staff enjoyed a mini piano concert on the public floor at the branch.



The Westfall LEARN @ SAPL Center continued to be busy throughout the month of May. 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 April and May, Westfall LEARN @ SAPL offered a variety of computer classes and one-one-one coaching that included: Microsoft Word, Excel, online searching, and email basics.



In May, the Westfall staff welcomed back Hayley Latshaw from her temporary assignment at the McCreless Branch. Priscila Medina received an award for 25 years of service with SAPL in April. Additionally, part-time employees Jackie Salas and Ashley Cortinez were both given commemorative pins for five years of service with SAPL. To mark the occasions, each received their award during a staff meeting and were congratulated by their co-workers.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

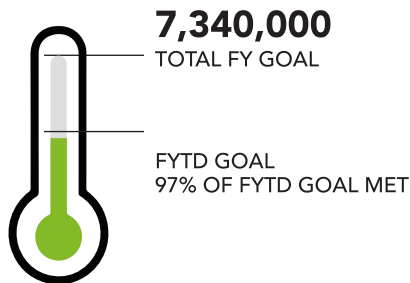
## SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

# APRIL 2018

FY 2018

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

### CIRCULATION: GOAL

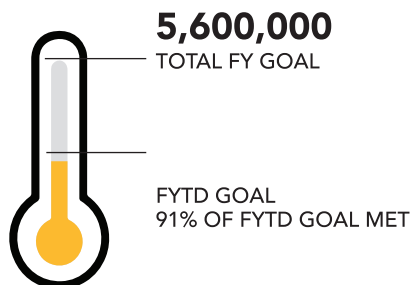


### CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**3,953,847** ↓ **3%**  
ITEMS  
BORROWED

### LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



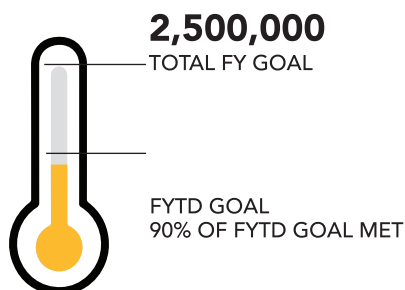
### LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**2,854,527** ↓ **12%\***  
VISITS

*\* As anticipated, visits are down compared to last year due to the presidential election*

### DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



### DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**319,313**  
COMPUTER  
HOURS



**973,402**  
HOURS OF  
WI-FI USE

**1,292,715** ↓ **12%**  
TOTAL HOURS OF  
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

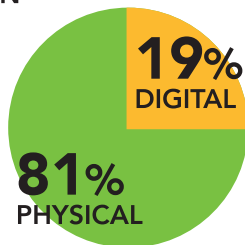


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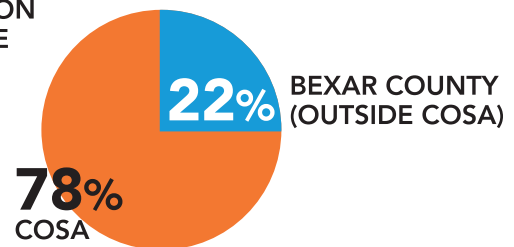
**APRIL 2018** (continued)

## USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



## VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**1,465,089**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**500,111**  
MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**1,017,125**  
SANANTONIO.OVERDRIVE.COM  
VISITS

## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**186,978**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**39,640**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**28,658**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**118,680**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

**APRIL 2018**



San Antonio Chamber Choir Tricentennial Concert at Central Library, April 15



Battle of Flowers Parade, April 27

# San Antonio Public Library

## April 2018 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	3,910	8,953	5,263	1,330	3,934
Brook Hollow	23,514	17,158	6,029	1,161	4,868
Carver	3,614	7,313	3,534	1,232	2,302
Central	21,036	57,336	41,140	9,806	31,334
Cody	28,648	19,676	6,083	1,243	4,840
Collins Garden	5,079	7,669	4,652	1,592	3,061
Cortez	5,710	8,670	4,112	1,057	3,055
Encino	15,783	11,455	3,576	381	3,195
Forest Hills	5,791	7,990	3,620	912	2,708
Great Northwest	20,869	15,122	6,109	1,503	4,606
Guerra	9,214	12,114	5,600	1,525	4,075
Igo	25,432	22,745	7,272	990	6,282
Johnston	9,398	8,967	3,931	1,206	2,726
Landa	10,453	11,267	2,262	601	1,661
Las Palmas	4,069	9,717	3,591	1,397	2,194
Maverick	20,938	12,119	5,121	1,320	3,801
McCreless	9,249	11,349	3,940	1,347	2,593
Memorial	5,354	7,438	4,117	1,074	3,044
Mission	10,467	17,740	7,016	1,995	5,021
Pan American	5,565	6,752	2,919	1,262	1,657
Parman	22,910	20,195	4,740	570	4,170
Potranco	15,456	13,824	13,214	928	12,286
Pruitt	6,257	17,507	4,506	1,058	3,448
San Pedro	3,706	5,820	2,145	597	1,547
Schaefer	8,113	9,370	5,253	827	4,426
Semmes	20,220	17,119	5,443	1,335	4,108
Thousand Oaks	9,099	11,240	5,012	1,086	3,926
Tobin	15,026	15,461	4,658	1,631	3,026
Westfall	13,252	16,613	7,404	2,265	5,139
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,155	326	N/A	326
Interlibrary Loan Lending	870	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	77,508	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	114,003	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>550,513</b>	<b>409,854</b>	<b>182,589</b>	<b>43,232</b>	<b>139,358</b>

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

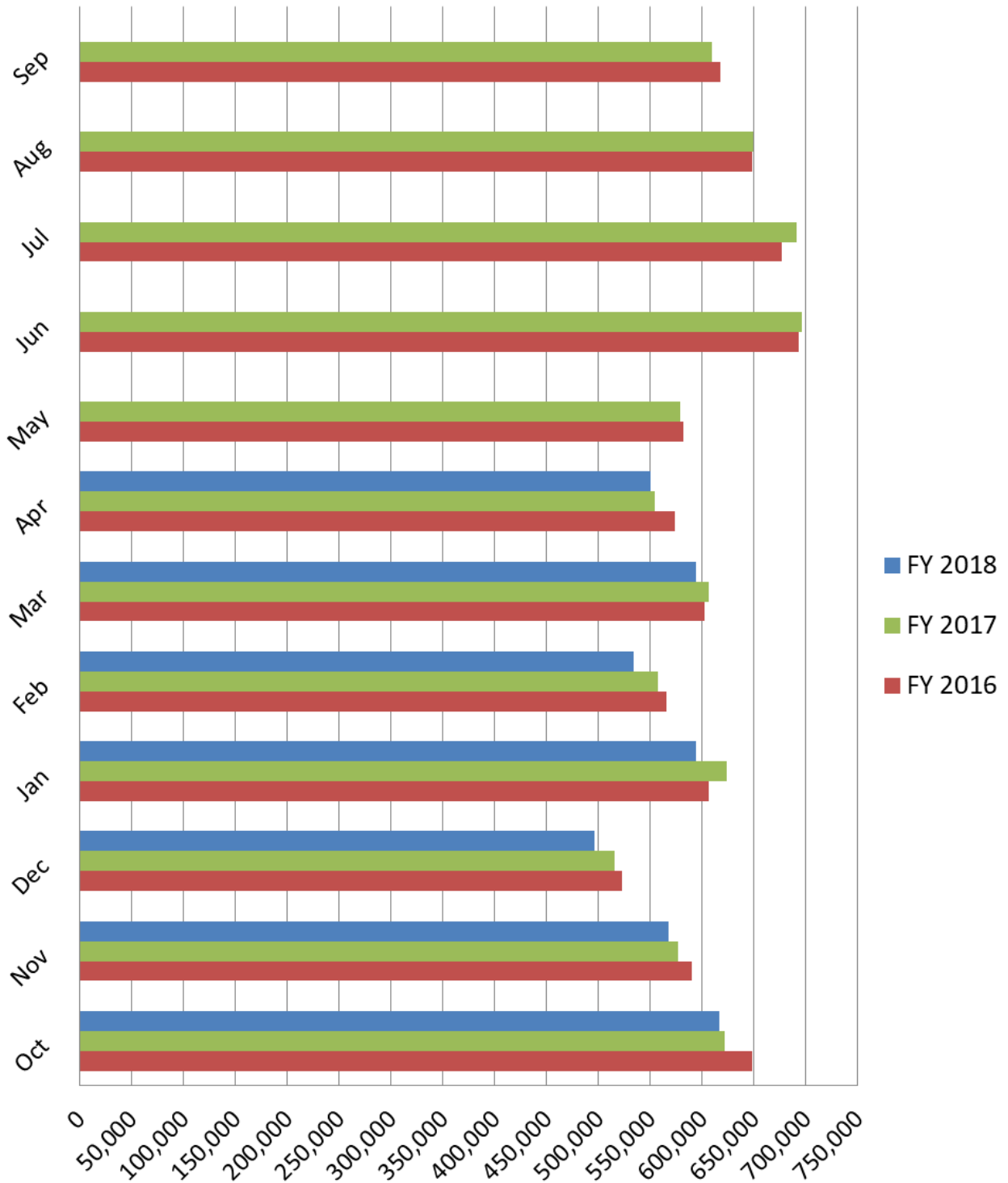
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## April 2018 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	53	26	9	18	767	82	426	259
Brook Hollow	30	5	4	21	710	81	3	626
Carver	45	26	9	10	694	385	54	255
Central	119	8	80	31	3,184	1,605	751	828
Cody	49	8	8	33	1,354	207	144	1,003
Collins Garden	45	15	3	27	538	109	22	407
Cortez	86	65	4	17	386	220	11	155
Encino	59	19	8	32	1,032	128	61	843
Forest Hills	28	8	2	17	447	142	38	267
Great Northwest	40	9	12	19	1,412	68	362	982
Guerra	34	10	6	18	1,005	361	217	427
Igo	40	10	8	22	1,197	128	12	1,057
Johnston	32	10	6	16	557	76	229	252
Landa	56	8	13	35	1,279	90	197	992
Las Palmas	37	13	5	19	741	343	62	336
Maverick	38	9	6	23	1,012	73	149	790
McCreless	26	4	4	17	313	48	50	215
Memorial	33	16	3	14	221	110	2	109
Mission	60	32	15	13	978	538	272	168
Pan American	45	23	7	15	506	127	283	96
Parman	78	38	4	36	1,151	402	6	743
Potranco	21	2	2	17	556	11	7	538
Pruitt	53	11	21	21	983	158	386	439
San Pedro	27	3	0	24	243	29	0	214
Schaefer	51	18	6	27	798	166	183	449
Semmes	55	15	5	35	963	99	30	834
Thousand Oaks	33	5	4	24	375	162	41	172
Tobin	51	9	15	27	732	47	257	428
Westfall	34	7	5	22	393	33	133	227
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Little Read Wagon	97	0	0	97	2,019	0	0	2,019
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>26,546</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>4,388</b>	<b>16,130</b>

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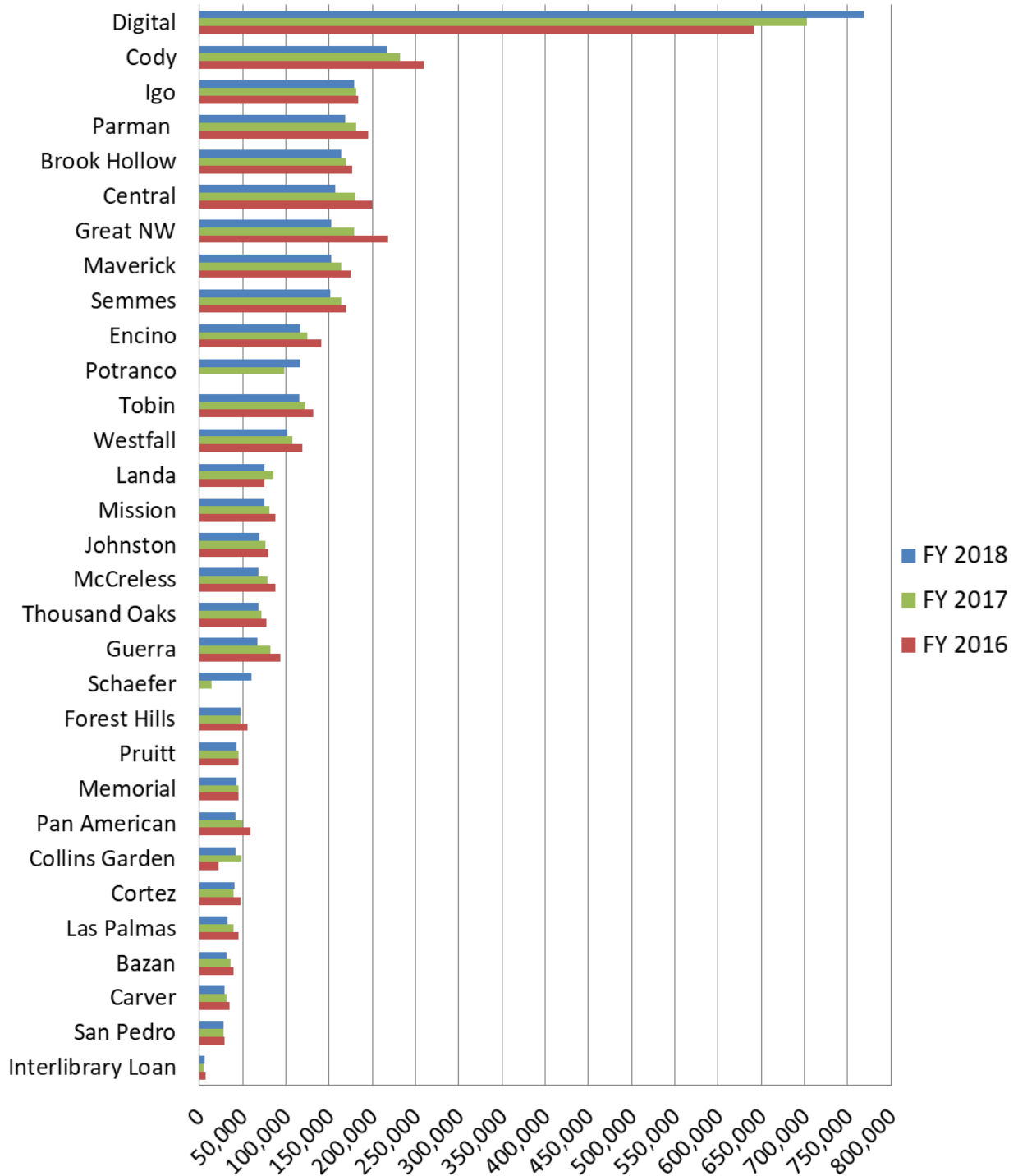
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## Visits



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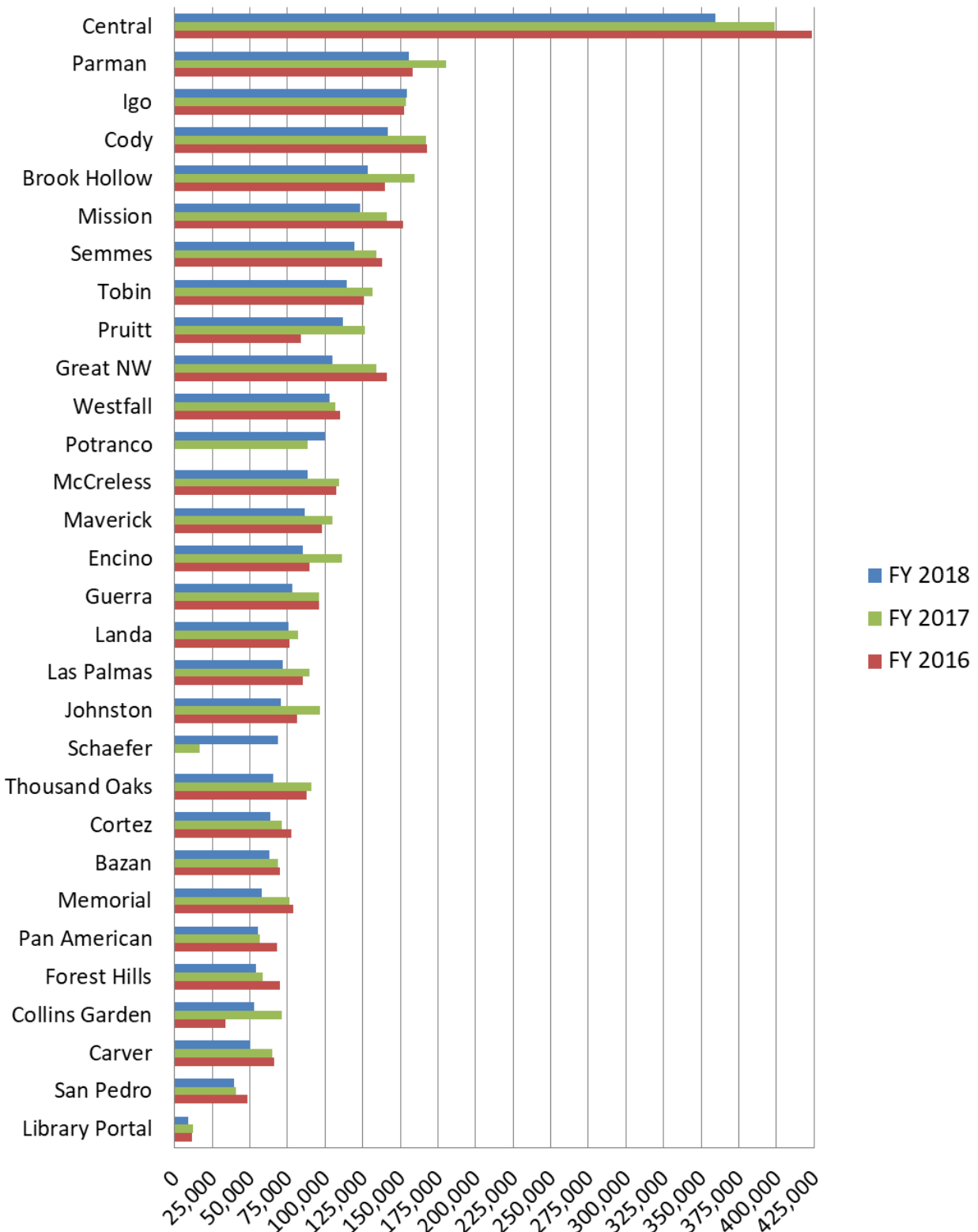
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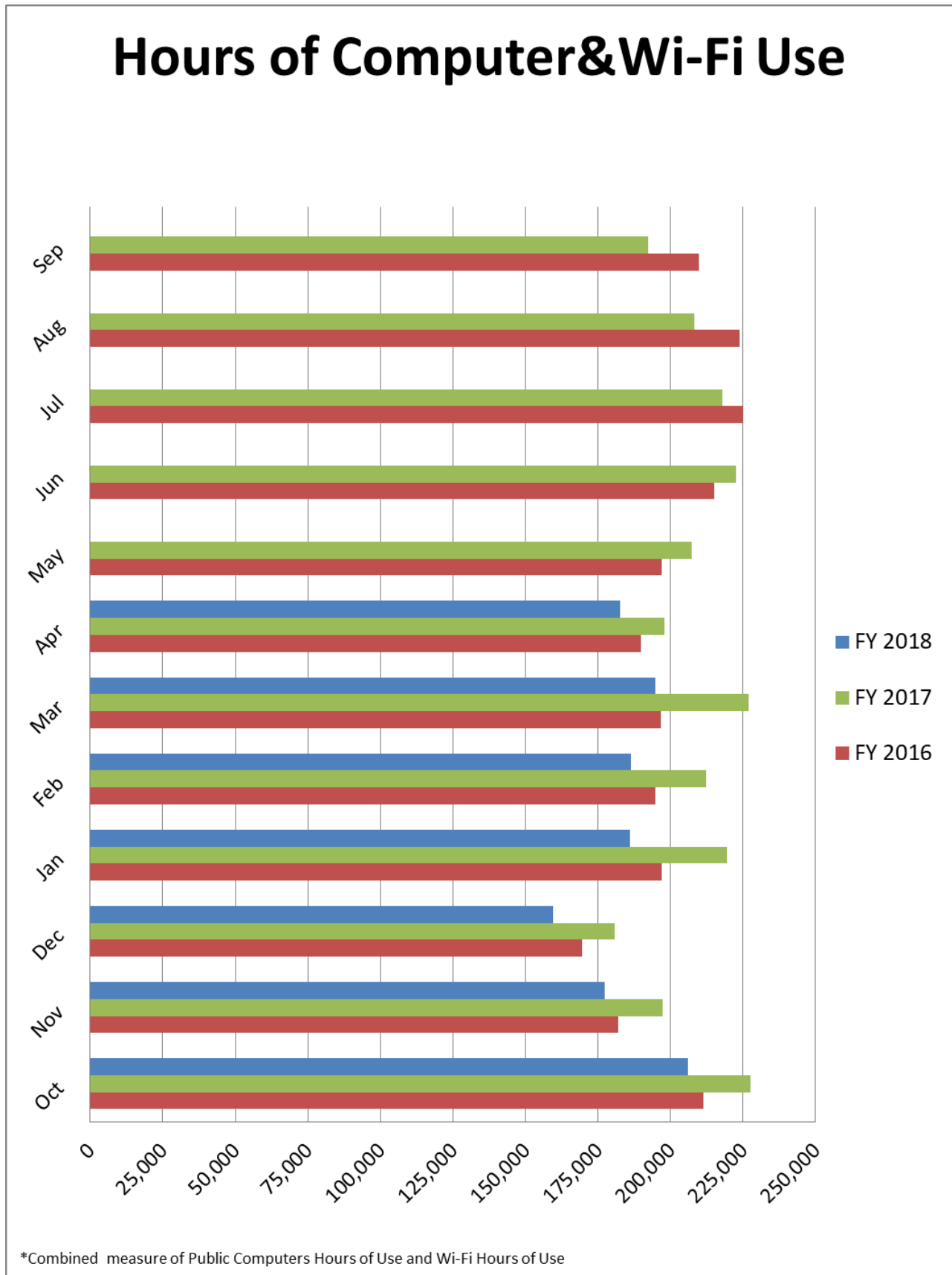
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