



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report June 2018

Mayor's Summer Reading Club Kick Off May 24, 2018

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees hosted a ceremony on June 8, 2018 to honor Exceptional Library Leaders and Advocates (ELLA Award). The Library issued a public call for nominations and the Library Board's Public Relations Committee selected the nominees. The 2018 ELLA Award recipients are: Elizabeth Alves, Friends of the Library Board and Library Foundation Board; Patricia Chavez, Library Volunteer; The Cortez Family, Library Donor; Nancy Gandara, President of Friends of the Library; Xander and Candice Michele Garcia, Library Volunteers; Fernando Esteban Flores, Young Pegasus Judge and Library Volunteer; Carol Lavender, Library Foundation Board; Vicki Perkins, Library Foundation Board; John Picacio, local artist and Pop Con Volunteer; Dr. Raul 'Rudy' Reyna, Library STEM Advocate and Dr. Tomas Ybarra y Frausto, Library Advocate.



District 10 Councilman Perry visited the Tobin Library at Oakwell on Saturday, June 9, 2018 for the Summer Reading Kickoff event.



Library Patrons visiting the Cody Branch Library, Collins Garden Branch Library, Johnston Branch Library and the Igo Branch Library to use the public desktop computers will have access to unlimited computer sessions. After the initial one hour using the public computer, the Library's computer management system will determine if there is another person inline to use a public computer and the next person in line will have access to a public computer. If there is no one waiting to use a computer, the patron will be allowed to begin another one-hour session. The Library will closely monitor data and feedback collected through this one-month pilot program to ensure there are no unintended consequences stemming from this change. In an effort for continuous process and service delivery improvement, the Library identified unlimited computer sessions as mechanism to help close the digital divide. The remaining Library location will continue to offer public computers for a maximum of (3) 1 hour sessions per day. Appropriate signage is posted at the Libraries participating in the pilot program.



On Tuesday, June 12, the Library experienced record high usage in the digital collection platform, OverDrive.

- Highest OverDrive Circulation - 4,786 Circulation
- Highest Single Day OverDrive users ever – 2,937 Users

The San Antonio Public Library has offered access to a digital collection of e-books and e-audio books since 2007. While the Library's print collection remains in demand, there is continued growth in the Library's digital collection.

## MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month: Univision anchor Priscilla Sanchez conducted an on-site live interview from Semmes Branch Library during Story Time on Monday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. to promote the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and Summer Reading Program; Raoul Cortez and Cortez Branch Library were featured on KSAT 12 as a part of their "Tricentennial Moment" series; Spectrum News highlighted SAPL's 5 Millionth Checkout through OverDrive; the announcement that San Antonio Public Library now offers access to digital content from the New York Times was shared on KSAT 12; Coordinator of Children's Services Viki Ash promoted the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and Summer

Reading Program on KSAT 12's SA Live on Thursday, May 31; KENS 5, Fox News, WOAI, and Spectrum News all featured the Library's Free Summer Lunch program; KSAT 12 announced the upcoming Pan American Branch Library temporary closure for renovations; and News 4 WOAI attended the Fiesta Youth LGBTQ Teen Book Collection unveiling at the Teen Library @ Central on Sunday, June 10.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: Our Family Reads District 5 edition; ALA recruitment and booth set up; June newsletter; Summer lunches and snacks; OverDrive magazines re-launch; Martha Miller author event; promotional materials for Little Read Wagon; "Where is everything?" bookmarks for Central Library; van wraps; PRIDE parade banner and stickers; circulation changes materials; ELLA Awards; Pan American and Thousand Oaks closures; SAPL's 115 year anniversary; Latino Collection and Resource Center info sheet; 5 Million digital checkouts promotional campaign; and Summer Art Exhibits at SAPL.



The team is currently planning for Our Family Reads- District 5 and District 6 editions, SummerFest, back-to-school promotional campaign, and National Library Card Sign Up Month as well as a promotional planning calendar through the end of the year. The team completed work on the Our Family Reads – District 4, Summer Reading Kickoff, ELLA Awards, Southern Fried Poetry Fest events.



Marketing staff provided outreach at multiple events throughout the reporting period: Alamo City Moms Blog Bloom Event for new and expecting moms May 3, Selena movie screening with Slab Cinema and the San Antonio Film Commission on May 9, NCAA Goodbye to the Final Four May 16, and Haven for Hope May 23.

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

The Marketing Team launched a Social Media Ambassadors program in June 2018 based on a proposal from Staff Transformation Day's Shark Tank pitches. Thirty four ambassadors representing 18 branches and seven units are participating in the program. Engagement across SAPL's social media channels has increased 2% since the ambassadors have started contributing content.

The Adult Summer Reading post on Facebook received 510 likes, shares, and comments.

A video of a llama from Happy Tails at Johnston Branch Library posted on Facebook was viewed 1,500 times.

SAPL received 89 retweets during the reporting period.

#mysapl was used 769 times on Instagram

The SAPL Marketing Team responds to an average of 300 social media messages engagements a day.

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

1. Facebook: 15,900 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,418 followers

3. Instagram: 2,574 followers
4. Snapchat: 143 followers

## DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Services previewed the new Staff Web at a Library Branch Manager meeting on Thursday, June 7 and at Central Library on Thursday, June 14. Digital Services, especially Digital Library Services Assistant Michael Sheehan and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, have been working on this enhanced staff tool over the last year. The improved, innovative functionality and architecture of Staff Web 2.0 has been designed to provide an innovative, organizational tool that will serve our current and future needs.



Former Digital Library Services Assistant Sierra Mendez has created a new exhibit, *Becoming San Antonio: Centuries of Immigration*, for the Kampmann Library Portal, located within the Briscoe Western Art Museum.



Digital Services Analyst Tricia Masterson has been working with members of the City's IT Department (ITSD) to establish a trial program of "unlimited" public PC use at several branch locations. This pilot program is currently underway and will be used to evaluate how this important public service is administered across the entire Library system.



Ron Suszek and Ms. Masterson are implementing an iPad refresh for Teen and Childrens Services. The new devices will allow for greater flexibility and easier deployment of content for programming and gaming.



Throughout May, Mr. Laun made changes to the Library's integrated system's (Millennium) circulation rules. As part of the Library's effort to reduce barriers to access, the system was adjusted to allow an increased number of renewals and holds, and to enable earlier notification of overdue items.



Mr. Laun and Digital Library Services Assistants Andrea Silva and Christina Hess worked with the ITSD Web Design team to ensure that Library online sites (mysapl.org, the online catalog, Library subject guides and the Ask-A-Librarian virtual reference system) were all HTTPS compliant. This was in preparation for ongoing changes within the internet community, designed to provide greater security for online users.

## LITTLE READ WAGON



As the school year came to an end, parent workshops were presented at Fisher and Driggers Elementary schools. Avance's Early Head Start program invited Little Read Wagon to present at each of their centers: Mirasol, SW 19ths, Flanders, Cervantes, Frank Garrett, Morales, Kelly, and Good Samaritan. A new presentation was developed to best suit the needs of families with children 0-36 months old. Each parent received a new juggling scarf and their choice of board book. The presentation discussed the many fun ways a child might play with the scarf to help build early literacy skills.





Final presentations for teen parents were made at the following high schools: Churchill, Harlandale, Jay, Kennedy, McCollum, Stevens, and Tejada Academy.



Benavidez Elementary, Discovery World Prue, Discovery World Fountainwood, Nurturing Hearts, Poppy's Kiddie Kampus, Tiny Treasures, Tynan ECEC, SOA, Little Oaks, and Healy Murphy child development centers received story time visits. The typical story time visit includes a program presented in each classroom with songs, finger plays, and books selected based on the developmental needs of each group of children.



The Reading Village was set up several times during this reporting period. At Benavidez Elementary all of the pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade students came out to read with their parents or members of the student council. In order to allow each grade level to enjoy the tents, the rotations began at 8:30 a.m. and continued until 12:15 p.m. The Village also was set up after school, Tuesday-Thursday, at each Pre-K 4SA North and West. The South and East campuses had their turn during the previous reporting period. Finally, Pre-K 4SA invited the Reading Village to their first "Come Play with Me" event of the summer at Mission Library.



The Play & Learn series at Harlandale Park and Jane Dubel Park concluded on May 31. The team was very grateful to have the early evening program at Harlandale Park in the air conditioned community center. The summer Play & Learn series kicked off at Martin Luther King and Dellview parks on June 12 and 14. Both locations were well-attended. Landa Library hosted Play & Learn programs on June 8 and 15. Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas planned the events with some materials and facilitation support from Little Read Wagon.



Nineteen Children's Librarians attended a specially presented "Diversity in the Classroom" workshop. Little Read Wagon staff shared the workshop with colleagues to inspire continued selection of books and songs that positively reflect the diversity of the San Antonio community, and to offer more insight into the needs of early childhood teachers.



Clair Larkin and Cresencia Huff are providing assistance with children's programming at the Brook Hollow Library this summer.



Ms. Huff attended the Ready Kid SA Coalition meeting, which provided an overview of Coalition progress and the new request for proposals process. Ms. Huff accompanied Viki Ash to Diego Bernal's Summer Resource Fair at the Grandados Adult and Senior Center. The fair was for families to learn more about summer activities and opportunities for their children.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



"Adventures in Library Land" kicked off with a press event on May 24 with Library Director Ramiro Salazar sharing duties at the podium with Mayor Ron Nirenberg. As the Mayor noted, the theme and the graphics for this year's Reading Club are particularly engaging. From the Library Land game board to the paleta bookmarks, the SAPL Marketing team did a terrific job of making the summer materials fun and inviting.

As of noon on Monday, June 18, over 11,500 children have registered for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and have started their "Adventures in Library Land". Attendance at summer programs is also off to a great start. Here are just a few examples:

- 115 in attendance at the Carver Branch for Happy Tails animal presentations.
- 116 in attendance for Dinosaur George at Central.
- 73 in attendance at the Mission Branch's Science Time.
- 17 programs at four elementary schools to promote summer reading courtesy of the children's librarian at the Forest Hills Branch.
- 105 at Maverick's and 122 at Potranco's Summer Reading Kick-Off parties.



Throughout the 2017-18 school year, Little Read Wagon staff has been presenting a workshop to child care providers entitled "Diversity in the Classroom: Building Your Classroom Library Windows & Mirrors." The workshop deals with the very important topic of diversity in not only children's books but in rhymes, songs and poetry as well. On May 22, the culminating session of this particular workshop was presented to the children's librarians. This was an eye-opening session for many members of the SAPL staff. The discussion was lively, the questions thought-provoking and the discussion heart-felt. Many thanks to the Little Read Wagon staff for sharing their knowledge with the larger group and for the courage in tackling this difficult, and often times controversial topic. Similar thanks to the children's librarians in attendance for their willingness to listen to a variety of viewpoints, to learn from each other, and to continue to ask questions of themselves in their work with children.



On Tuesday, May 22, Children's Coordinator Viki Ash channeled Alex Trebek at the SAISD "Battle of the Bluebonnets" event at Hawthorne Academy. On Saturday, May 26, Viki and Library Assistant Carolyn Bradley hosted a Summer Reading sign-up table at the SAISD book giveaway held at the VIA Transit Center. Thursday, May 31, Viki appeared on KSAT's SA Live to promote Summer Reading. Saturday, June 2, Viki and Little Read Wagon Manager Cresencia Huff hosted a Summer Reading sign-up table at Representative Diego Bernal's Summer Resource Fair. Tuesday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 12, Viki spoke to the Summer Youth Program staff at their training session eliciting their support of summer reading at the 62 COSA Parks and Rec sites where they'll be working this summer. On Tuesday, June 12, Viki met with Jeremy Brimhall, Education Director for the San Antonio Symphony and learned that the Symphony at SAPL programs continues to be a highlight for both the musicians and their funder. Consequently, SAPL can expect to continue host these wonderful programs in 2019 which will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the partnership.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Several locations of the San Antonio Public Library are participating in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, which provides free breakfast, snacks, and/or lunches to anyone 18 and younger. The program is available to sites that are located in areas where many kids and teens receive free or reduced

price lunches at school. When the school year ends, many of these kids and teens go without lunch, which is why this is such an important program for the community.

The Teen Library @ Central has partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank for over a decade. Some library locations have the San Antonio Food Bank as a sponsor, and some have NEISD as a sponsor. The list of participating library locations can be found on the Summer Reading Libguide: <http://guides.mysapl.org/summerreading>.



For several years, the San Antonio Public Library has participated in the Youth Career Opportunity Program coordinated by the Family Service Association (FSA). Kathleen Fordyce, Manager of the Teen Library @ Central, has served as the contact for the FSA and has coordinated the implementation of the program at participating library locations. In June, Kathleen and several teen services librarians and liaisons attended job fairs at three sites around the city to interview potential teen candidates for internship positions. Thanks to Matthew Loaiza (Teen Library @ Central), Georgina Salinas (Bazan), Rae Downen (Pruitt), and Cindy Pope (Potranco) for participating in the job fairs!

This year, 10 library locations are participating in the FSA's program: Central, Bazan, Brook Hollow, Cortez, Forest Hills, Great Northwest, Parman, Potranco, Pruitt, and Thousand Oaks. This summer internship is often the teens' first work experience and serves as valuable experience on their résumé, as well as providing much needed help for library staff during the busy summer months.



In 2017, the San Antonio Public Library and Fiesta Youth (San Antonio's premier LGBTQ program for youth and their allies) partnered to deliver LGBTQ youth programming at various library branches. Fiesta Youth also generously donated a collection of new books to the San Antonio Public Library that focuses on celebrating and honoring the LGBTQ experience for young adults.

On June 5, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) visited Fiesta Youth's weekly youth meeting to meet their teens, engage with them during their weekly programming, and continue promoting the partnership between the two organizations.

On June 10, Fiesta Youth board members, volunteers, and teens as well as the general public were invited to the Teen Library @ Central for a dedication event to unveil this new collection. Attendees heard remarks from Dale McNeill (Assistant Director – Public Services, San Antonio Public Library), Darrell Garcia Parsons (President, Fiesta Youth Board of Directors), and Erica Alcocer (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth). Afterwards, attendees enjoyed a beautiful and delicious rainbow cake, added words of encouragement to a rainbow banner, decorated pieces of velvet art, and took home a memento that celebrates this new partnership. Loaiza also provided commentary on the LGBTQ young adult collection for Fox San Antonio News and during a segment of Texas Public Radio's The Source program.

Loaiza and Alcocer will continue working on partnership programming throughout the remainder of 2018. The Teen Library @ Central and Fiesta Youth will host a Teen Pride event at the end of June, and will resume monthly partnership programming from September through December.



To celebrate the kick-off of The Great American Read (TGAR), the Teen Library hosted a button-making activity for teens on May 19. Teens were able to choose cute button templates that represented the books on the TGAR list, either through book covers or quotes.





The 2018 Teen Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 1. When teens register for the program, each book they read or library program they attend earns them a chance to win a prize at the end of the summer.



For the San Antonio Public Library's system-wide celebration of Pride Month, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) led Pride Committee meetings and coordinated with various staff members and outside organizations to provide relevant and engaging programming and events for patrons of all ages.

The 2018 Pride Committee's programs and events include: an ongoing exhibit (on loan from UTSA Special Collections) at the Central Library showcasing San Antonio's LGBTQ history; a presentation on San Antonio's LGBTQ history; an introduction to Son Jarocho by Son Queers; LGBTQ movie screenings and book club meetings; and free HIV testing at select branches. Several staff members from the San Antonio Public Library will also march in this year's Pride Parade on June 30.

Thank you to Stephen Barrera (Pan American), Cynthia DeLeon (Central), and Emma Hernandez (Latino Collection and Resource Center at Central) for serving on this year's Pride Committee. A special thank you is also extended to all the branches and their staff who hosted and supported these events.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading began on June 1 with a program for all ages, "Adventures in Library Land". The age-based coordinators collaborated with the Marketing team to create a program that uses the same game board for children, teens, and adults. Adults can earn an entry for a Summer Reading t-shirt each time they read or listen to a book or attend a library program. After completing a combination of eight books and programs, adults will be entered to win tickets to local adventures. Prizes include tickets for Segway tours, Tower of the Americas, indoor skydiving, and more. Each set of tickets will come with an instant camera for capturing memories while enjoying these local adventures. The program may be completed online or on paper. So far, staff has seen an increase in adult sign ups due to the ease with which families can participate together.



In honor of Pride Month, many programs are taking place throughout the system. An introduction to Son Jarocho (a regional folk musical style) presented by Son Queers was held in the Latino Collection and Resource Center at Central Library and at the Cortez Branch. A presentation on the history of the LGBTQ community in San Antonio will be held at the Central Library on June 20. Queer Collections: a Portal into San Antonio's LGBTQ Past is on exhibit at the Central Library through July 2. The exhibit (on loan from the University of Texas at San Antonio Special Collections) showcases extensive San Antonio LGBTQ history through t-shirts, publications, ephemera, and photos. *Southwest of Salem: The Story of the San Antonio Four* will be screened at the Central Library on June 24 at 2 p.m., followed by a Q&A with journalist Michelle Mondo. During her time at the San Antonio Express News, Ms. Mondo investigated the innocence claims of the women now known as the San Antonio Four. In addition, free HIV testing will be offered at various locations through June. Library staff will be marching in the Pride Bigger than Texas parade on June 30. They have a banner that reads "Libraries for All".



As part of the USAA grant the San Antonio Public Library Foundation secured for STEM activities for all ages, Adult Services staff have been identifying equipment that they would like purchased for system use. Two 3D printers were purchased with the funds and staff are currently learning to use the printers so they can demonstrate them at their locations. Several locations are interested in offering cooking classes so two sets of cooking equipment have been put together including burners, skillets, pots and pans, utensils and more. Other equipment available to borrow includes six DSLR cameras and accessories and four telescopes for astronomy programming. Other kits on various STEM topics will be available to borrow as the summer progresses.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

### CHILDREN'S



In the lead up to summer, the Central Children's department participated in the *Great American Read Kick Off* celebration with children's activities in the Story Room. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin designed a camping-themed play experience for children of all ages to enjoy. They pretended to fish using magnetic fishing poles and paper fish, read books in child-sized reading tents, cuddled with forest animal puppets in a cozy "bear cave" and made bird feeders from Cheerios and chenille stems. These activities kept the children engaged while they waited for an appearance by the star of the show, Curious George!



The Central Children's area was the site of the *Mayor's Summer Reading Club* press conference. Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Library Director Ramiro Salazar, Coordinator of Children's Services Viki Ash and Coordinator of Teen Services Jennifer Velasquez, made remarks about the importance of summer reading and encouraged families to visit the library during the summer. The hard work of Librarian Nicole Cubillas and Library Assistant Ana Sandoval was showcased during this event as it will be all summer. The candy-themed décor was the perfect backdrop for the Mayor's press conference. Staff crafted oversized candies from paper and cellophane. The effect of the candy-decorated castle structure at the entrance to the children's area has been thrilling and visitors of all ages have been delighted by this whimsical addition. Librarian Lea Ann McDonald contributed to the summer décor theme with a picture book display featuring a hand painted "Library Land" poster. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez created a display highlighting new Non Fiction titles with an eye-catching oversized paleta-shaped sign that read, "Cool Down with a Good Book."



Summer programs began with a big *Summer Reading Kick-Off Party* planned by Manager Kate Simpson. Families were inspired to dream big and contribute "three wishes" to a collaborative piece. Each wish was written on a piece of brightly colored paper and hung on a "tree" made from real branches. Children also worked together to create a giant diorama of downtown San Antonio. A long piece of blue butcher paper represented the San Antonio River, onto which children glued green tissue paper and animals cut from magazines, the end result being a lush, vibrant river scene. Parents and children alike enjoyed recreating the downtown buildings alongside the river using paper bags. Images of the Tower of the Americas, the Tower Life building and, of course, the Central Library, were drawn onto the bags and placed along the "river," completing the downtown scene. Every child made sure to sign up for the *Mayor's Summer Reading Club*, all while wearing "San Antonio hats" they created using die cuts of the Alamo, cowboy boots and even roadrunners!



Ms. Seglin's *Play & Learn* and *Toddler Time* programs started with fun summer themes and a new song for the *Toddler Time* parade! Children enjoyed stories about the great outdoors then played with forest animal puppets and natural materials like rocks and wood blocks, as well as cinnamon-scented play dough. Ms. Seglin created a lively series of programs around a picnic theme. Toddlers had a picnic with plastic food and stuffed animal friends on a cozy blanket. They also recreated a picnic scene in paper form with magazine clippings of food and die cut ants.



Ms. Cubillas began a new program offering this summer, a weekly *Bilingual Story Time* for preschool children. Her first programs have been very well received and are garnering a core set of regularly attending families. Ms. Cubillas shared bilingual stories and songs about pets with children, who afterwards played with cat and dog puppets, cared for animals in a "veterinary office" imaginative play experience, and washed toy animals in a sudsy water bath. In celebration of Father's Day, Ms. Cubillas created a story time and play experience that involved tools and construction play.



Programming for school-aged children included an engaging *Kids Time* program and a special visit from Dinosaur George! Ms. McDonald led children on an underground adventure focused on caves. They learned how caves are formed with a hands-on science experiment demonstrating erosion with water and sugar cubes. They also participated in a collage art project that encouraged them to fill a cave with images of animals that live in the different underground ecosystems. Children had another fun learning experience when Dinosaur George presented his engaging paleontology program to a large group of enthralled children. He is always a big hit with audiences and Central Children's was thrilled to have him return this summer.



Ms. Simpson partnered with Reference Librarian Victoria Villalobos to present a special technology-driven program as part of *Digital Inclusion Month* in May. *Girls Can Code* was a collaborative offering in the Children's Story Room led by coding instructor Jamie Fox. Children used laptops for the hands-on learning experience. Afterwards, they made a collage art project based on the binary coding pattern. This successful program was a unique partnership between the Reference and Children's departments and was hopefully the beginning of future collaborations.



Ms. Simpson conducted a tour for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who spent the day at the Southwest School of Art in an immersive architecture education program. As part of their experience, they visited the Central Library and learned about the unique vision of architect Ricardo Legorreta and the world-class art on display.



Ms. Seglin and Ms. Cubillas led first grade students from Armstrong Elementary on a tour that included discussion of the Fiesta Tower by Dale Chihuly, a tour of the Children's department, a presentation about the *Mayor's Summer Reading Club* and library resources, and a story time. The group of 60 students was excited to visit and learn about the library.



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 several 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 and had lively discussions with children at Green Acres Childcare Center.



Ms. Seglin, Ms. Cubillas and Ms. McDonald attended the workshop, “Diversity in the Classroom: Building Your Early Childhood Library with Mirrors and Windows”, presented by Little Read Wagon staff. At this in-depth professional development experience, they learned why it is critical to incorporate books and materials featuring children of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds into early literacy programs. Ms. Simpson attended the Voices for Children Annual CAM Messina Child Advocacy Luncheon.



Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin coordinated the distribution of the *Mayor’s Summer Reading Club* prize books to each library location in advance of summer. Over the course of two weeks, they carefully selected a range of prize books for every reading level, specifically tailored to the individual branch libraries. They packed the books into many, many crates and coordinated their delivery in partnership with the steadfast support of Carla Conrad, Shelving and Delivery Manager.



The Central Children’s department was excited to surprise Ms. Seglin with a special celebration acknowledging her ENCORE award for Leadership and Teamwork, presented to her by Library Director Ramiro Salazar. Colleagues from many departments gathered to surprise and cheer her on while she accepted the well-deserved commendation.

## 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 is enjoying getting to know the teens during Tuesday’s weekly programming. Teens enjoyed a wide variety of gaming, such as the classic teen favorite video game Super Smash Bros.; but teens also took their competitiveness to the table with board/card games such as Munchkin and its various expansions.



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): Teens who attend Thursday programs at the Teen Library engage in activities that encourage peer-to-peer learning, hand-eye coordination, and creative expression. On Disney Night, a day set in motion by teen volunteer Athena, teens watched movies, sang their favorite Disney songs, and used cut outs of Disney characters to trace along cookie dough to make and decorate cookies. They also chose from a selection of Disney villain paper crafts to cut out and assemble. With the recent release of *Marvel’s Black Panther*, teens took inspiration from the movie for a snack and craft. For a snack, teens used crescent dough, cream cheese, cocoa, nuts, and powdered sugar to shape and bake panther claws. Also, inspired by the glowing heart-shaped herb, teens used straws, tissue paper, LEDs, and copper tape to create their own, a perfect blend of art and simple science. One teen reserved a Thursday night to plan a Dragon Ball Z party, like he had done last summer. This year he wanted to keep some of the same things (Dragon Ball pizza and punch) and

incorporate some new things to do. He decided on making Goku, Vegeta, Piccolo and Krillin paper crafts and attempting cake pops. His pre-program help with decorating the area, making the flyer, and availability during the party were an asset to the day. The first official Summer Thursday saw teens making caramel apple “doughnuts.” This involved slicing apples crosswise, cutting out the core to make apple rounds, then using caramel, white chocolate drizzles, and peanuts to create “doughnuts.” Teens also attempted a quick and easy drink called an egg cream that did not involve egg or cream, but chocolate syrup, milk, and cold seltzer water. The new taste was a bit “off” to some as they decided to add extra syrup. Afterwards, teens could make a beach chair phone holder using nothing but Popsicle sticks, a glue gun, and foam paper. Using crescent dough and mini hot dogs, teens made cute pig-shaped pigs in a blanket. Although, with the mostly male teen audience, “pigs in a blanket” was a much too adorable title, so they renamed them “roasted boars.” Then teens used Sharpies and shrink art paper to create some hardened pins. After most Thursday programs, the teens request the use of a gaming system where they engage in some friendly competition. Pictures from Thursday programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> as well as <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.

As school began winding down, a few teens wondered if the Teen Library would have a Tim Burton Day, in honor of one of their favorite directors and writers. The young ladies decided on the first Saturday at the end of the school year, planning on an all-day movie marathon, crafts and foods. For a craft to honor their favorite character, Jack Skellington, teens took a round white paper lantern and used Mod-Podge to adhere black tissue paper eyes, nostrils, and wicked smile to create his face. Teens used *Beetlejuice*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Frankenweenie*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Edward Scissorhands* sticker images, tissue paper, mini-wooden spheres, and Sharpies to decoupage and decorate some dark, unique, and gothic mini-paper boxes. Teens had an array of paper craft characters to assemble. One teen used muslin and pillow stuffing to sew an Oogie Boogie from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. For snacks, teen volunteer Jacob took over assembling some Beetlejuice SandWorm breadsticks, using black-dyed mozzarella cheese to create stripes, and some Frankenweenie hot dog snacks, enjoyed as movies played on in the background.



May was a busy month of tours for high school students across the city! One hundred and fifty students from South San High School visited the Central Library over three days in May to discover the resources the Teen Library offers and to tour the building. Six classes from Providence High School visited over four days in May to tour the Teen Library and learn about the Summer Reading Program. Students from Jefferson High School visited the Library on May 22 to tour the Teen Library, Latino Collection Resource Center and Texana. A group of students from Taft High School received a tour of the Central Library on May 26. 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 and the Juvenile Detention Center made regular visits during the reporting period.

## REFERENCE



Cynthia de Leon (Librarian I) shared a recent encounter and conversation with local artist, Gilbert Duran. Mr. Duran’s art work is prominently displayed in several local restaurants. His most famous painting, “Alameda,” hangs in Rosario’s Restaurant in Southtown. Reference staff helped Mr. Duran find books about La Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Barcelona because the artist is planning a large mural of the famous cathedral. Other, more modest artistic endeavors include making earrings shaped like butterflies. Staff found books with pictures of monarch butterflies (and Koi) for Mr. Duran. The artist also



shared memories of the installation of Fernando Botero's "Caballo Tamaño Grande" in Central Library. Mr. Duran has created an exhibit in the style of Botero.



Every day, Reference Staff assists patrons in the Job and Small Business Center (JSBC). This month, three different patrons reported that their job search had been successful and happily rang the JSBC bell. Two years ago, Frank Neumann contributed a ship's bell to the JSBC; it was hung on the wall and a tradition was established. All patrons of JSBC who get jobs may celebrate and share the good news by "ringing the bell." Marketing Staff shared pictures of three such recent occasions on SAPL social media which garnered many positive messages from community members.



Julia Selwyn (Librarian II) helped a gentleman who had this to say about the assistance he was provided in JSBC and Connect, "I have to share with you that applying for a job has been hard; at no time have I seen my employer. It's all online now. But the Library gave me a personal touch when you helped me with my certificate. Thank you all for helping me." With a suitable-for-framing copy of his certificate carefully secured, this patron left the Central Library with a smile.



Reference Staff received special recognition for the "Jeopardy-style" trivia game developed for the Great American Read kickoff on May 19. KLRN, the local PBS affiliate, expressed how happy they were with the program, noticing how engaged both young and older participants were. KLRN requested the questions and answers. Appreciation goes to Dan Garcia (Library Assistant) for coming up with the idea and to librarians Cristine Mitchamore, Sally Bauer, and Vicky Villalobos for investing so much time and creativity in developing suitable answers and questions and for running the game during the kickoff.



Ms. Villalobos helped host two very exciting programs this month. On May 26, in a Girls Can Code program, instructor Jamie Fox from the SA Coding Academy introduced attendees to the concepts of coding. Participants had a blast coding an Angry Birds game and learning how to spell their names using binary code. On June 2, Ms. Villalobos helped host a workshop led by Son Queers. The event was developed in conjunction with the Mayor's Book Club Committee (Pannanga Prasad is a member) and the Pride Committee. Son Queers' performance and workshop on Son Jarocho highlighted this month's book club theme of Mexican culture while kicking off Pride Month. Son Jarocho is a style of music/dance from the east coast of Mexico that incorporates indigenous Spanish and African influences. Attendees had the opportunity to sing, play, and dance in this invigorating workshop.



In another sample of San Antonio's celebration of diverse cultures, Ms. De Leon hosted a program for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month entitled Understanding Religion and Culture in Japan. Chinatsu Oku, the Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator at UTSA, introduced attendees to the role of Buddhism and Shintoism in Japanese life. Many questions about religious customs were asked, and attendees also learned how to make a paper Ema, a plaque on which shrine visitors write special wishes. Ms. Oku also shared her experiences of the 2011 Tsunami that hit her hometown of Sendai.



In preparation for "Adventures in Library Land", Ms. Villalobos and her team of craftily creative staff, Maria Adams, Ms. Mitchamore, Donna Borel, Khadijah Elgaili, and Michelle Villarreal, created a colorful display in Central's lobby. The display is adorned with concha pastries and paletas that staff braved many paper cuts making. This year, to increase adult participation in the Summer Reading Program, Reference Staff began staffing a registration table in the lobby. Staff rotates every hour during the day. It has proven very successful.

# LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



The Latino Collection and Resource Center Coordinator represented the San Antonio Public Library at the Mundo Zurdo International Conference on the life and work of Gloria E. Anzaldúa held at Trinity University on May 17 - 19. Scholars, artists, writers, performers, and community activists whose work was inspired by or centers on Chicana feminist writer Gloria Anzaldúa gathered for transformative dialogue and synergy.



The Latino Collection and Resource Center provided a tour to International Baccalaureate students from Jefferson High School on Tuesday, May 22. The tour gave an overview of the 13,000 volume Latino Collection, Mexican-American artwork and booking of study rooms. Students visited the Teen Library, the Latino Collection and Resource Center, and Texana/Genealogy. There were 10 attendees.



The Latino Collection and Resource Center collaborated with Texana/Genealogy to host San Antonio Old Spanish Missions: A Sacred Heritage, a presentation led by Fr. David Garcia, Director of the Old Spanish Missions. Fr. David Garcia spoke about the history, art, and architecture of the Missions National Historical Parks, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ongoing life and celebrations at today's mission parishes were also discussed. The event drew approximately 50 attendees.



The Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted Introduction to Son Jarocho with Son Queens on Saturday, June 2 in celebration of Pride Month and the Mayor's Book Club June theme, Mexican Culture. This hour and a half workshop presented a brief history of Son Jarocho, including an introduction to basic Jarana (traditional stringed instrument), percussion (Cajon, Quijada), and traditional Son Jarocho verses. The workshop was led by Son Queens, a group who explores the queer experience through Son Jarocho. The event drew 20 attendees of all ages.



The Latino Collection and Resource Center served as a venue for the Southern Fried Poetry Festival between June 13 and 15. Workshops and Preliminary Poetry Slam bouts were held in the Latino Collection and Resource Center throughout the day. In total, about 180 competitors, some part of teams and some competing as individuals, from all over the region showcased their skills in this competition.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



The Summer Reading Program kicked off at Bazan with a party led by clowns Pandorfus and Chencho who entertained kids, teens and adults with face painting, balloon sculptures, games and music. The party was a big hit and put everyone in high spirits for the start of summer.



Branch Manager Jim Jimenez and Library Aide Stephanie Perez attended the inaugural District 5 Westclovia held on May 20. The event was sponsored by Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales' District 5

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office and featured a number of non-profits, City Services, and local business in the D5 area. The Bazan Branch Library staff enjoyed the opportunity to speak to attendees and highlight library programs and services, especially those related to summer programming.



Bazan Branch Library will partner with the San Antonio Food Bank to offer free summer lunches for children 18 and younger starting Monday June 11 through August 2. In response to SAISDs school summer break, Bazan's teen programming updated its time and days offering two teen programs Wednesdays and Thursdays, held after the summer lunch program. Teens are seen making candy sushi, and playing board games and video games. Additionally, Erica DeLaRosa hosted Bazan's monthly teen writing workshop.



Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas worked closely with teen volunteers to foster leadership skills to empower them to imprint their creativity with program development. One of the volunteers set up Bazan's teen summer program schedule and worked on flyers to advertise each program. Volunteers played a vital role in making decisions that affect the participating teens positively through programming. Again, Bazan partnered with Joven: Leaders of America to host a couple of teen interns to help out this summer. Georgina, alongside Teen Library Manager Kathleen Fordyce, attended the FSA intern job fair to hire interns at Bazan and other participating branches this summer.



Georgina visited Lanier High School before SAISDs summer break to set up a booth in the cafeteria and advocate for the San Antonio Public Library and bring awareness of ongoing teen programs at Bazan.



The Bazan Branch Library hosted Japanese Calligraphy and Food in Japan programs for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, both presented by Chinatsu Oku from UTSA. It was such a huge success that the attendees asked for her to return to the branch to present a program on making sushi. In addition, Chinatsu agreed to do a three-part calligraphy series in December.



The Bazan Branch Bad Girls Romance Book Club celebrated its one year anniversary as a program at Bazan. The book club members recently read *Lick* by Kylie Scott who is a favorite author of the group. New member S. Ortegon is a romance author whose new eBook *Cutting Loose Ends* goes live in July. The group is excited to read it in the near future.



Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas and Library Assistant Enedina Prater recently did outreach to the San Antonio College Empowerment Fair where they talked about library services to over 400 women. Several of the women who attended were later seen attending programming at Bazan or asking for LEARN center services.

## BROOK HOLLOW



During the month of May, Brook Hollow hosted an art exhibit for Engaged Spaces: Celebrating the Art of San Antonio's Senior Citizens.



Lego Time kicked off on June 4 to a great start. Kids had the choice of participating in the challenge of building their initials or name or a creation of their own. On Monday, June 11, participants were

challenged to build something that flies. There were some impressive builds. Thirty-eight people were in attendance.



On June 12 at 2 and 4 p.m., Dinosaur George led more than 250 children and adults on prehistoric adventures in Library Land. Participants encountered many fossils and learned all about dinosaurs.



Beginning Wednesday, June 13, Teen Time moved to 2 p.m. for the summer. Teens in attendance during the reporting period enjoyed friendly competition while playing the Wii U and provided feedback on activity options.



On Wednesday, June 13, Adult Services Librarian Jenny Borrero led a DIY Terrarium Workshop. Participants were given a mason jar to build their own terrarium with instructions using succulents or moss. Ten participants had a wonderful time.

## CARVER



June signaled the end of school for thousands of San Antonio students, but a group of non-traditional students here were able to complete their education as well. The Carver High School Diploma Program (HSDP) just concluded its second cohort. In recognition of their milestone, the graduates received brand new laptop computers donated by Grace Baptist Church. “I mentioned the importance of graduates from the HSDP having the tools to succeed beyond graduation,” said Learn Center Training Officer Jeanne Johnson. “I expressed that I wanted all my students to have laptops, so they could continue their education, apply for jobs, and help their children with school work. It doesn’t just stop here.”



Weekly Tai Chi classes at Carver Branch Library continued to attract seniors who want to stay active and keep in shape, but yoga found a home here as well. A strong first class on June 6 and another on June 13 proved that participants wanted more.



Keralink International, providers of ocular services to communities, partnered with the branch on June 2 to host a grief seminar. The organization has broadened its scope to help individuals push past loss and move forward with their lives. Facilitators worked with 24 people helping them to realize various coping strategies.



The Summer Reading Program got underway with a ton of enthusiasm at Carver. Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo took the paleta theme to heart fashioning an ice cream cart out of a book truck, complete with a festive umbrella. Children who complete their required number of books get to open the paleta cart and select their prize.



After months without a children's librarian, Mrs. Braulia Carrillo continues to transform children's programming at Carver Branch Library. Several programs have been implemented successfully reaching exceptional attendance numbers. Story time, Kids Time and Come and Go Crafts have brought in new and returning patrons including a homeschool group as well as a local daycare group. April numbers totaled 255 and May totaled 519. Not only have the patron numbers risen, but Mrs. Carrillo has also taken opportunities to conduct outreach in the community. She attended several local school Career Day

programs and conducted story time at early childhood centers. Last year, Carver's total student registration count for the summer reading programming was 118 participants and as of mid-June this year 106 children had already been registered. The staff and visitors are thrilled to have Mrs. Carrillo as part of the team and elated with the difference she is already making.

Happy Tails Entertainment made a stop at Carver branch with its traveling petting zoo on June 15, attracting 115 people.



The teen attendance here spiked in May and continued to be robust, with as many 14 young people attending Saturday Teen gaming activities.



Juneteenth, which marks the emancipation of Texas slaves, was commemorated in several ways here. A display of children's books created an awareness of the occasion, focusing on what life was like as someone's property and how glorious it was to be set free to pursue one's own ambitions and hopes. Children were also invited to decorate and color paper quilts honoring the African American tradition of the craft. Finally, a screening of Menelik Shabazz's documentary *Looking for Love* capped off two weeks of celebration on Saturday, June 16. Staff served tea cakes, an authentic Juneteenth Day staple.

Assistant Branch Manager Monty Holcomb continued facilitating the Memory Café program which involves a detailed presentation addressing Alzheimer's. Mr. Holcomb also served as an instructor for Carver's Mousercize computer class as part of the system wide Digital Inclusion Program.

## CODY



May 14 marked the grand re-opening of the Cody Branch Library after renovations. Customers were happy to see a brighter branch with new furniture, and most importantly power on the main floor of the library!



On May 19, *Drop the Spotlight* hosted their third Cosplay Workshop at the Cody Branch. Customers were entertained taking pictures with professional cosplayers, and there were even balloon animals for the little ones.



May 25 – 27 was the Cody Friends annual spring book sale! Turnout was amazing; the friends raised almost \$3,000 to support the Cody Branch!



On June 9, more than 20 people came to hear about the options related to natural burial practices instead of traditional ones.



During Tween Time on May 14, the tweens at Cody competed in a Lego Challenge. Tweens were split up into groups and then randomly chose a picture of a San Antonio landmark from a box. They then had to build that landmark out of Legos. The tweens used their creativity and their engineering skills to build the Tower of the Americas, the Tower Life Building, and the Alamo out of Legos.





The Country Home Learning Center visited on May 16 for a special story time. During this Story Time, Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon finished out the year's alphabet theme with a story time about the letters X, Y, and Z.



The preschool classes from Howsman Elementary visited the Cody Library on May 23 for a tour of the library and a story time. Librarian Yourdon also talked about the Summer Reading Program during these visits.



During the last week in May, Librarian Yourdon visited several elementary schools in order to promote Summer Reading. Yourdon visited Locke Hill Elementary, Howsman Elementary, Larkspur Elementary, and Colonies North Elementary.



During Tween Time on June 4, tweens participated in a Life-Sized Board Game that featured trivia and landmarks from San Antonio.



On June 7, the Cody Library celebrated the beginning of Summer Reading with a Kick-Off Party. The Kick-Off Party featured games, crafts, and trivia that celebrated the unique history and cultures of San Antonio. Attendees also had the chance to speak with an Alamo re-enactor who shared some games that were played by children at the Alamo.



The first Lego Club of the summer met on June 8. During this program, parents and children worked together to build Lego scenes based on the theme of San Antonio. Several children built the Tower of the Americas; a few built the Alamo, while others built parks, their house, and their school.



During Tween Time on June 11, tweens competed in an obstacle course. Tweens competed in teams to make four tamales with corn husks and masa playdough, make three free throws, lasso three foam cacti, complete an Alamo puzzle, etc. The tweens were very determined to win and worked hard to get through the course.



The Astonishing Mr. Pitts kicked off Cody Library's weekly special performances with a ventriloquist show on June 14.



The second Lego Club of the summer met on June 15. Children and parents worked together to build a Lego scene based on the theme of summer.



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



After a short break while the Cody Library was closed for renovation, teens were ecstatic to get back to Teen Time for Game On!, a celebration of video games accompanied by a healthy snack of fresh apples.



For Sushi Bowl Day, teens packed the new Cody Teen Space! They made spicy crab sushi bowls with fresh avocados, colored, and played video games on the library wall.



Gummi Day was met with great excitement by teens, who made candy-themed crafts and created their own gummy candies using silicone molds.



Life Sized Board Game Day celebrated the last week of school with a game of Life and competitive video games.



Teens kicked off Summer Reading with Candy Sushi, making sweet snacks that looked like their favorite food—sushi!



Chess Club continues to bring in players for an hour of games and strategy every Thursday afternoon.

## COLLINS GARDEN



The Collins Garden Library Team is pleased to announce patron, poet and friend of Collins Garden Library Fernando Esteban Flores recently received an Exceptional Library Leader and Advocate (ELLA) award from the San Antonio Public Library. Flores was nominated by Library Assistant Carlos Loera for his continuous work and dedication coordinating Voces Cósmicas poetry events at Collins Garden Library. During April's National Poetry Month, Flores and Loera collaborated to bring original poetry from Voces Cósmicas and original music from the local, up-and-coming band, singer and guitarist duo, the Velvet Hues. Loera accepted the ELLA award on behalf of Flores who was not able to attend the Ella Award Ceremony at the Central Library in June. Voces Cósmicas refers to Collins Garden Library as its home library.



The Collins Garden Library Team has signed up approximately 250 children, 40 teens and 80 adults for the annual SAPL Summer Reading Club.



To kick off summer at the Collins Garden Library on Saturday, June 2, Sparky the Fire Dog took pictures and danced with kids of all ages and talked about fire safety. Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted the Summer Juvenile Kick-Off Party on Tuesday, June 5, as kids made inventive and unique play dough creations and signed up for summer reading .



Spikey Mikey performed a magic show Tuesday, June 12 with 67 people in attendance. Eighty-seven people attended two juvenile films during summer Movie Time. The children's librarian hosted two Lego Club programs. Lego creations are displayed on the shelves in the reference area for customers to view. There were 52 attendees. She also presented 28 outreach story times during the reporting period at Knox Early Literacy Center and visited Collins Garden and Hillcrest Elementary School to promote Summer Fun in Library Land to over 900 children and parents. Per the recommendation and coordination of Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies, the Children's Librarian was featured on the morning announcements at Collins Garden Elementary School to promote the SAPL Summer Reading Club.



The weekly Teen Program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, averages 6-8 teens a week. Teens are playing ping pong, video games and doing crafts for the summer.



Former 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.



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



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.



Other adult summer programs on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays include Coffee and a Movie, Step Fitness, Ping Pong, Loteria, and Beading. Coffee and a Movie features Mexican Cinema Flicks, Loteria attracts a full house, and beading is a crowd pleaser.



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 summer with various board games for all ages.



Branch Manager Jeannette Davies attended a San Antonio Book Festival thank you event on June 5, sat on an interview panel for Librarian I's, and assisted Library Administration and District 5 Council Office to coordinate Our Family Reads: The Mayor's Book Club event on June 30.

## CORTEZ



Branch Manager Cammie Brantley met with the District 4 Library Board Member Andrea Sanchez on June 6. The discussion revolved around ways to work together to make the library more visible and to form partnerships with Palo Alto Elementary. Ms. Brantley also filled Ms. Sanchez in on upcoming library events and SAPL policy changes.



Summer Reading Program kicked off in June in high style with four times as many adult registrations in the first two weeks than we had all last summer! The numbers in all categories are great and the involvement of all staff in promoting the program is a big part of that.



Cortez has now exceeded their circulation goal for eleven months in a row! This may be attributed to excellent customer service and a staff who read a lot and share the love of reading with family and patrons. The staff is interested in how changes in circulation rules may boost the statistics even more.



All staff completed their required Ethics Training ahead of schedule.



On June 14, the staff participated in a training and review session with Randall Polasek from the Compliance Division of Administration.



The First Friday First Fiction Book Club met on June 1 and discussed *I am not your perfect Mexican daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez.



On break for several weeks to allow for outreach visits to schools to promote the summer reading program, Bilingual Baby Time is back. A slow start in the first week turned into a pleasant surprise with four new babies and their parents attending in the second week! Kathy and Esmey tag team a series of songs, rhymes, and finger plays in both English and Spanish. Parents and caregivers also sing some of their favorites as well.



Toddler Time was also on a short break to allow for outreach visits to schools. But now it's back big time! Toddlers have enjoyed painting paper dinosaurs, playing with blocks, dancing to favorite tunes and engaging in puppet play with their parents.



Lego Play finished out the Family Fun programming season. This time slot converts to Kids Time during the Summer Reading Program. Family Fun returns to the Cortez programming lineup in the fall.



Taking over the Monday afternoons at 4 p.m. time slot, Kids Time is a chance for school-aged children to hear stories and participate in lots of hands-on activities. Sessions included a celebration of the prefix TRI- to tie in with San Antonio's Tricentennial, and a presentation by Dinosaur George that had everyone rolling with laughter and learning along the way.



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. Tweens completed an aluminum foil art project and had a dance off with one of the video games.



Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster visited several elementary schools in late May to promote the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. Many children have since come to the Cortez Branch and greeted Mrs. Armbruster informing her – "Miss! You came to my school!" On May 22, Ms. Armbruster attended an informative, eye-opening session on diversity in children's literature with the staff of Little Read Wagon. As children's literature specialists in branch libraries, the presentation emphasized the importance of books in collections, on display and those used in programs be "mirrors" for the diverse populations served so that children may see themselves reflected. Links were provided for further exploration.



Teen time only held two programs during this time frame. A fruit pizza class was facilitated by Vince Escobedo with the Health Department. The teens enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to four more sessions as the summer season begins.



Every Tuesday 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.



The Crafty program participants worked on sewing soup bowl cozies and felt purses. There are always newcomers popping in to see what is going on.



On June 9, Monster Meet presented the first in a series of “Cheesy Summer Flicks.” *Ghoulies*, the June offering, drew a crowd of 13 who enjoyed cheesy snacks and fun facts about the film and cast.



On May 24, Vicente Escobedo returned for his monthly healthy cooking class and taught patrons how to make tostadas deliciosas. Recipe booklets for other meals were provided as well. Patrons enjoyed helping create and prepare the food and then serving themselves a delicious snack.



Dr. Linda Porter and her colleague Melinda brought therapy dog Bonnie to the Cortez Branch on May 22. They led a presentation about the health benefits to seniors of owning a pet. Bonnie was very popular with all who met her and Dr. Porter had an informative slideshow for patrons.



Chinatsu Oku from University of Texas at San Antonio's East Asia Institute taught a Japanese Calligraphy class on May 30. Miss Oku explained the history and different types of Japanese Calligraphy and its writing methods. Patrons chose a common word listed in Miss Oku's slideshow presentation and received an enlarged paper copy of the symbol so they could practice themselves. It was a fun, relaxing and educational program and Miss Oku was very personable.



Circulation Attendant, Madeline Vasquez led an adult craft time on June 5 where she taught patrons to make giant flowers with nothing but paper, scissors, glue and tape. Patrons showed off their creations and expressed how fun and simple the project was. Many asked for a repeat!



The San Antonio AIDS Foundation's HIV Mobile Testing Van visited Cortez on June 15 to administer free tests for patrons. The Mobile Testing Van worked with multiple San Antonio Public Library branches to celebrate Pride month as well as promote personal health.



On June 16, Son Queers, a local music group specializing in Son Jarocho, taught patrons the history of this musical style. Son Jarocho is from the East coast of Mexico and incorporates indigenous, Spanish and African influences. Patrons also got to see Son Jarocho instruments and practice playing the music. This program celebrated Pride month.



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.



# ENCINO



To welcome summer and the Mayors Summer Reading Program “Adventures in Library Land”, the Encino Library hosted a Summer Reading Beach Party the first weekend in June. Over one hundred patrons participated in a variety of activities including watching the movie *Moana* while eating popcorn, doing crafts, joining in on a hula hoop contest, and relaxing with popsicles while listening to the musical styling’s of Kelli King on the patio. Everyone had fun and many families were encouraged to sign up for summer reading. The efforts of all of the Encino staff made this party one of the best yet!



Summer got off to a great start for Children’s programming at Encino with Chinatsu Oku, the outreach coordinator from the Japan Outreach Initiative at UTSA leading Kid’s Time by teaching us about Japan and origami. Everyone left with a samurai hat and a new appreciation for the Japanese culture. Encino also hosted the awesome animals of Happy Tails with children and adults learning about all kinds of animals and getting to pet a few as well.



Children’s Librarian Ashley Stubbs started a Story Time Saturday program during the reporting period that will last throughout the summer. The feedback has been very positive and Ms. Stubbs is happy to share story time with those patrons that might have other commitments during the weekdays.



The teen room at Encino has once again become a hive of activity with the start of the summer holiday. With numbers in the double digits, all of the teen programs have seen regulars and newbies coming together to celebrate the end of the school year. Teens at Teen Club got crafty this month making friendship bracelets, hand-drawn key chains, mini watercolor canvases, and perler bead creations. Anime Club continues to attract anime aficionados, in addition to many talented artists who have filled the teen space with their beautiful creations.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot made a visit to Johnson High School in May to bring summer reading materials and Cosplay 101 Series flyers. The new librarian was very receptive to future co-endeavors and Ms. Pouliot hopes to do more outreach there during the 2018-2019 school year.



Encino hosted the first in a five part series of Cosplay 101 classes for teens and adults taught by local cosplayers this month. Over twenty attendees learned about choosing a character, sourcing materials, and many other tips and tricks from the program’s facilitators. Ms. Pouliot and Branch Manager Michelle Ricondo are excited to continue in bringing this innovative co-age group programming to the patrons at Encino.



Encino Library partnered with Encino community member Casey Escobedo to introduce Paper Cutting at Encino, which is a new program for the branch. Casey is a transplant from Corpus Christi, Texas, where she taught paper cutting and scrapbooking for the Corpus Christi Public Library. She is building the program with a small but enthusiastic group, and we opened up a second date in June to accommodate the interest.



After a brief hiatus, Fitness in the Park returned to Encino Library with a new instructor, Kamla Mangseth. Kamla has been with the Fitness in the Park program since April, but has been instructing fitness classes since 2013. Kamla is a certified Yoga & Meditation instructor. The Encino community was happy to hear the classes had resumed and we look forward to more collaboration with our COSA departments in the future.



Bexar County Elections Department held Early Voting run-off elections May 14 - 18 and the District 9 Senior Center Advisory Committee met at Encino Library on May 18.



Tabletop Gaming was introduced as part of the Library Land 2018 theme for the

Mayor's Summer Reading Program. Circulation Attendant Part Time Marcel Martinez Alvarez volunteered to facilitate the program under the supervision of Branch Manager Michelle Ricondo. Attendance has doubled in the short amount of time the program has been offered.



The Collaborate Space at Encino Library continues to be a popular space for the community. Encino's Collaborate space was used by outside groups 27 times during the reporting period. Use of Collaborate included job interviews, STEM tutoring via Skype, video conferences, video job interviews, SAPL personnel interviews, podcast recordings, government security clearance interviews, financial networking meetings, NSA interviews 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: study sessions and casual reading/internet use.

## FOREST HILLS



Forest Hills commemorated Older American's Month in May with an information fair for seniors. Local area services including Alamo Area Agency on Aging, City Public Service, University of Texas Health, and Catholic Charities provided information for seniors. Seniors were invited to participate in a craft creating bird seed feeders.



A new program to the Forest Hills lineup began on May 25. Learning to Crochet: Beginner Washcloth will meet on a monthly basis for four months. With supplies funded by the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library, participants will be provided instruction which will commence with their ability to crochet a simple washcloth pattern. Participants were eager to join and showed great progress with just the first meeting of instruction.



Japanese Calligraphy classes started in the month of June. Chinatsu Oku, Japanese Outreach Initiative coordinator for the University of Texas at San Antonio, will host a series of three classes. Participants were thrilled to learn techniques of this very beautiful writing style.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Dorris Griffin Senior Center to host the monthly book club. The selection for May was *Norse Mythology* by Neil Gaimen. While the group did not particularly enjoy

the reading, the discussion opened up to the topic of mythology of different cultures including Native American, Greek, and Scandinavian with which the attendees were familiar. Everyone seemed to have learned at least one thing they had not known before pertaining to mythology.



Teen Summer Programs included felt art and a viewing of the movie *Jumanji*. The teen crowd is a developing one at Forest Hills. Staff is eager to identify new teens in the area and get them interested in participating in events and completing the summer reading challenge.



Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca did outreach at Glass Elementary, Powell Elementary, Villarreal Elementary, and Esparza Elementary. She informed teachers and students of the upcoming Mayor's Summer Reading Club and about all the other great services that the public library has to offer. Ms. Menchaca was able to talk to over 800 children because of her outreach efforts. Additionally, she has had children come up to her and tell her that she was at their school.



Ms. Menchaca hosted a Summer Reading Kick-off party. Families that attended were encouraged to sign up for summer reading. There was a come and go craft that involved decorating a paleta and hanging it up at the "Forest Hills Paleteria." Ms. Menchaca also had paletas to pass out to children who attended the program.



Ms. Menchaca hosted a Dinosaur Kids Time that was a big success. Children were able to make their own fossils. Additionally, they learned facts about dinosaurs. Opportunities to see dinosaur tracks were discussed as there are several sights in Texas that could be visited easily. Ms. Menchaca is hosting a children's movie Time for children and their adults on Fridays.



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.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



Several classes from Timberwilde Elementary School visited Great Northwest Branch Library before school ended. Almost 300 children from grades 3 through 5 visited for a tour of the library and learned about the upcoming summer reading program.



Great Northwest Library's children's programs are in full swing. Camp Library (a Kids Time program) has been very well attended. Eight different camps have been planned for the summer and each camp is repeated at least once during the summer. Everything in the camp revolved around a particular book and some families have shared that they plan to revisit their favorite books and participate again when the programs repeat.



During Color Camp, children follow Storytime with activity stations celebrating the color of the week. Kids and their adults love showing off their colorful outfits and matching with the other participants.



Camp Library and Color Camp have activity stations exploring the theme of the week. Each station incorporates a variety of disciplines to help kids play while growing. The stations have different focuses such as art, math, logic, reading, writing, vocabulary development and more.



During Concrete Ideas, tweens use science, technology, math, and engineering skills to solve problems and make their dreams into reality. They explore everything from architecture to the business world in this creative program.



Each of the children's programs have at least one opportunity for the kids to interact with each other and practice introducing themselves. Recently, the Yamamoto family shared a story of how this activity affected their family positively. Their family moved from Japan and shared how thankful they are for the Camp Library program for giving their son an opportunity to increase his English vocabulary and his social skills, all while doing things he loves to do naturally. The Yamamotos expressed their excitement about coming to Camp Library each week for the rest of the summer. The goal was to create opportunities to connect families and give them space to befriend each other while celebrating books.



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 May and for the summer. On May 14, the teens watched *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* and made a variety of character cubee crafts. On May 21, teens watched *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and experimented making DIY bouncy balls. On June 4, teens planned an End of School Party and watched *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and made perler bead crafts. On June 11, teens kicked off the Adventures in Library Land summer reading program with an *Alice in Wonderland* Tea Party. Teens had the opportunity to decorate cookies and make felt sewing crafts.



Great Northwest teens meet every Wednesday afternoon for Teen Video Gaming and Other Stuff. 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 May, teens made cubee crafts, clay modeling animals, and perler bead crafts. In June, teens kicked off the summer by making candy sushi treats.



Ms. Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on May 30 for an outreach event where teens had the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make button crafts, take green screen pictures, and compete in a video game competition.



Ms. Vazquez completed a rewarding mentorship program with a senior student from Communication Arts High School. A former summer volunteer became interested in a career as a librarian and asked Ms. Vazquez to be his mentor for his Independent Study Mentorship class. Ms. Vazquez helped him research the profession, answer questions, and shadow staff at the library to get hands-on experience. Ms. Vazquez met with the student every month and on May 22 was invited to the closing presentation. For his presentation, the student held a story time experience and asked the students to gather around and sit on the floor and he read them a picture book he wrote and illustrated about a child's first visit to the library. He encouraged the other students to volunteer and visit the library and expressed how he felt it is an amazing place to be.



Volunteers from the community work together with Great Northwest Library in a variety of ways to ensure the best service is provided to the community. Volunteers help staff with daily library tasks and assist library staff with programs, including puppet shows, story time, and teen programs.



On May 16 and 20, Great Northwest 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 Trevino Senior Book & Movie Group met on May 14 to discuss John Green's novel *A Fault in Our Stars*. Participants enjoyed reading the novel and were equally pleased with the movie. On June 4 they discussed *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls. The movie was shown after the book discussion.



The first class of the Artful Aging Series: Explore the Basics of Art with Drawing and Sketching began on June 11. This art series was focused on adults aged 50 and older. Participants were so enthusiastic about the class that all 25 spots were filled quickly along with a wait list. The patrons expressed how much they enjoyed attending the first class. Many students raved about the teacher Barbara Coulter and are excited to learn more.

## GUERRA



The branch hosted early voting runoff elections and early voting June 4 – 12 and Election Day on June 16. Both Steven Jackson and Dexter Katzman received EnCORE recognition from library patrons. The Adult Book Club met June 14. The Guerra Chess Club met on May 18, June 1, and June 8, and the Guerra Friends provided snacks.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on May 16, 23, and 30 and June 6 and 13. He provided computer instruction on May 16 and 23 and on June 1.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on June 1. Participants discussed *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. On June 6, she was at the Virginia Gill Community Center to talk about the SAPL Summer Reading Programs for children, teens, and adults and to answer questions about the various special events and prizes.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson began summer programming for children on June 1. She planned and presented two toddler times and two story times. On June 8, she planned and presented story times to toddlers and preschoolers at Lil Dragon Den Daycare. During the month of May, Arlene visited three elementary schools in the community--Cable, J. B. Passmore, and Meadow Village--to promote the Summer Reading Program. She visited five early childhood centers to promote the program. On May 15, she provided tour of the Library to 22 special needs students from Anson Jones Middle School. On May 29, she provided instruction on databases for children to a group of five homeschooled children and their parents. Arlene installed a 300SA Tricentennial-themed display.





Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson recorded *Los Miedos del Capitán Cacurcias* (*Captain Cacurcia's Fears*) by José Carlos Andrés for Dial-a-Story/Telecuentos in Spanish on May 21. He moderated the Club de Lectura (Spanish book club) on May 31 for a discussion of *El Asesino en la Oscuridad* (*Dark Assassin*) by Anne Perry. On June 8, he presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center.



Circulation Attendant Abella Lazalde-Jimenez continued the Weekly Wellness Step Challenge for staff. She tracked steps and, with support from the Guerra Friends, provided a selection of health snacks for staff. She provided additional information via email about June events in the community. Abella continued her monthly contribution to Dial-a-Story/Telecuentos.



Circulation Attendant/Temporary Teen Services Liaison David Alvarez held Game-Ra sessions on May 3, 10, and May 31 and the Guerra Friends Group provided refreshments. Edward Mayberry is still on loan to the Neighborhood & Housing Services Department.



Library Aide Sabrina Cirilo volunteered as a Reading Sidekick as part of the Super Summers Reading Program. She assisted elementary school readers in different reading related activities.

## IGO

Thanks to a generous donation by the Friends of the Igo Library, the branch now has a glass display case that currently houses memorabilia from John Igo's life and career.

On June 15, Igo welcomed back manager Tim Johnson from his service as an Interim Public Services Administrator. The Igo staff wishes to thank the staff at Maverick for loaning to Igo the leadership of Manager Jef Martin.



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.



The runoff election kept one of Igo's meeting rooms occupied through most of May.



PoeTree met on May 7, May 21 and June 4.



On May 15, the last Genealogy Club meeting of the season was held, featuring a Skype session with Virginia Hill of the Polish Genealogical Society of Texas. Meanwhile, the Afternoon Book Club met to discuss *Hag-Seed* by Margaret Atwood.



The Knitting Club met on May 27.



Writer's Block Creative Writing Club met every Sunday afternoon at Igo.



On May 29, Andy Crews of Texana taught a brand-new, hands-on computer class called "Genealogy for the Tech Generation."



On June 6, the Mystery Club met to discuss *Five Red Herrings*.



On June 15, AARP brought their TEK workshops series to Igo. In one-on-one sessions, AARP trainers taught seniors both basic and advanced functions of smartphones. Each class reached maximum capacity.



William Ball, Road Scholar Ambassador, gave a presentation on Educational Travel Adventures for Seniors on June 7, 2018.



Beginner Hatha Yoga continued every Friday when the meeting rooms were available.

## JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library served as an Early Voting site from May 14 to May 18 with over 220 voters casting ballots. On May 16, Johnston hosted a New Library Cards training session by Circulation Supervisor Adrian Leal. Mr. Leal and staff enjoyed a small pizza party awarded by Marketing for Johnston's success during National Library Week in April. Johnston staff welcomed Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila (formerly of Memorial Library) as a great addition to our team on Monday, May 21. Staff appreciated Adult Services Librarian Jernell Williams for her time helping out as she returned to Guerra on May 28. Johnston hosted the Future History Makers: Celebrating STEAM at the Library on May 2 with 21 participants from all ages making elephant toothpaste, paper circuits and butterfly science. On June 9, Johnston's team kicked off summer with a performance by the Magician Al Sanchez along with fruit drinks, popcorn, *paletas*, and cotton candy all provided by the Friends of the Johnston Library.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Reader's Book Club discussion of *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan. Ms. Bustillo was especially busy visiting several nearby school and neighborhood associations including South San High School and Blue Skies of Texas/Valley Hi North on May 21, Meadow Village Neighborhood Association May 22, Southwest Independent School District Legacy High School on May 24 and Alan Shepard Middle school on May 25. Overall, she promoted the Summer Reading Program to over 350 students and adults. Ms. Bustillo planned two Friday Films: *12 Strong* on May 25 and *Black Panther* on June 8. On May 26, Ms. Bustillo hosted the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month performance Bharatanatyam dance by Kaveri Natya Yoga Center for Performing Arts organization. Bharatanatyam is a classical Indian dance that embodies music, dance, story-telling and poetry that create a very traditional and highly stylized dance form.



Ms. Bustillo completed her 10<sup>th</sup> speech with the City of San Antonio's Toastmaster Club on June 1 to achieve the Competent Communicator Award.



In the spirit of library partnership, Ms. Davila set up visits from the BiblioTech Library staff that are scheduled to set up information tables on July 10 and Aug 10.



To address issues surrounding cancer treatment, Ms. Davila arranged visits from the UT Health Science Center Cancer division. Representatives provide information on their resources and free programs. They cover an assortment of ailments, such as lung and breast cancer. She arranged dates to run from June to November.



Patrons are often in need of affordable healthcare. Ms. Davila asked Community First to provide enrollment assistance for patrons in the surrounding Johnston area and any patrons who visit Johnston. Community First offers information on state-wide and federal healthcare programs such as Medicaid/CHIP/CHIP Perinatal, as well as all state health insurance programs. Community First is set to visit the branch on June 19 and July 3.



To celebrate International Yoga Day, Ms. Davila made arrangements with fellow librarian Pannaga Prasad to host a program at Johnston. The library-wide event is set for June 21.



Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth took a programming break in May in order to concentrate on promoting the summer reading program at nearby elementary schools. The last Come & Go crafts of the spring session had 20 children and parents making paper bag dog puppets on Sunday, May 20. Early Tuesday morning, May 22, Ms. Wrigglesworth attended a parents' meeting at Sun Valley Elementary School, to promote library cards and the summer reading program. Twenty-four parents attended. On Wednesday, May 30, she encouraged 360 students at Valley Hi Elementary School to get library cards and join the summer reading program. On the afternoon of Thursday, May 31, she spoke with 120 second-grade students at Michael Elementary School, also encouraging them to get library cards and participate in the summer reading program. On their next to last day of school, Monday, June 4, 467 students at Sun Valley ES listened as Ms. Wrigglesworth explained how to get library cards and participate in the summer reading program.



Summer programming for children resumed at Johnston on Tuesday, June 5. Story Time themes during this period included "Astronauts," and "Extra-Terrestrials." Tween Time featured making mosaic pictures, and silhouette paintings. For Kids Time, children were treated to information about the Spurs basketball team, and were able to compare their height and shoe size with that of a basketball player. The following week, Happy Tails brought live, exotic animals to the library for children to learn about. One hundred and thirty-six children and adults were delighted to get their picture taken with an alpaca and a boa constrictor. On June 7, Ms. Wrigglesworth took books and read stories to toddlers at the Southwest High School PCI.



Ms. Bustillo, Ms. Wrigglesworth and Library Aide Cynthia Blancas worked together to create Teen Summer events including Video Gaming on May 16, Ponyos Ramen Noodles on May 23, Memorial Day-themed Rice Krispie Treats on May 30, Coffee Mug Sugar Cookies June 6 and Cubee Crafts on May 13.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson hosted the Club de Lectura "Café con Libro", a book club in Spanish, on May 14 and June 11. The participants discussed a fiction book, *Despertar (Awake)* by Anna

Hope and *The Autobiography of a Brown Buffalo* and *The Caso Pelicano* (The Pelican Brief) by John Grisham, respectively. Ms. Jackson served as a regular contributor to *Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story)*, and she recorded a children's book for the week of June 11. The title of the book is *El Pez Pucheros* by Deborah Diesen.

## LANDA



In mid-May, Landa Library hosted a Yoga for Kids program in partnership with Alamo City Yoga. Landa families enjoyed yoga and yoga-inspired games outdoors on the Landa grounds with certified yoga instructor Ashley Martinez, the owner of Alamo City Yoga.



The month of May rounded out the last of our Kids Cook! series at Landa Library with Elizabeth Pearson, food blog writer and recipe tester. Families gathered around the “dinner” table to learn about etiquette, dinner party planning, and serving food. Then, kids put their know-how into practice and served each other snacks. At the end of the program, one young man approximately ten years old asked the presenter to please come back and do more cooking programs at Landa because he enjoyed it so much.



While regular weekly programs ended with Baby Time and Toddler Time on Tuesday May 15 for the spring, school visits to Landa Library ramped up. Howard Elementary School planned two additional visits at the end of May for their pre-kindergarteners. Teachers brought their children to Landa to enjoy story times with Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas. They also brought their lunches and enjoyed a picnic on the grounds with time to play on the playground.



Also in May, parents of the University Presbyterian Childcare Center children asked Ms. Salinas to do a story time for their three year old classroom at Landa as a special treat. One of the students in the classroom was the son of Children's Librarian Brian Douglass. As a surprise for his son, Ms. Salinas and Mr. Douglass paired up to do a story time and craft activity for all the children to enjoy. Two weeks after the story time, one of the parents came with his son and asked to check out the book that Mr. Douglass read to the class because he enjoyed it so much and remembered it from the story time.



Ms. Salinas attended a workshop in May focused on diversity in children's books presented by Little Read Wagon at the Central Library. The theme was the importance of diversity in books because books can be either mirrors or windows for children. The workshop offered statistics on the lack of diverse books and stressed the importance of including diverse books in library programming and displays; including young children and babies.



Summer programs began again at Landa on June 1 with Baby Time and Toddler Time. New songs and stories were chosen with special consideration given to using more diverse books. During the first week of June, Landa Library concentrated on summer kickoff fun programs for all ages. Tuesday's normal Toddler Time was transformed into a Summer Kickoff dance party. Story times for ages three to five year olds kicked off with a new art element at the end that including a watercolor painting activity.



Saturday, June 9 saw Landa Library's summer kick off officially begin with a visit from Happy Tails who brought their porcupine, hedgehog, snake, and wallaby as well as other animals from Africa and Australia. Over one hundred people came out to enjoy the show on the library grounds, despite the heat!



In June, Ms. Salinas also coordinated two Play and Learn programs with Little Read Wagon to be hosted on the Landa Grounds. Julia Lazarin and Cresencia Huff helped Ms. Salinas run the Landa Play and Learn programs. Both Play and Learns were well attended by Landa families with many requests by parents for more Play and Learns on Fridays in the summer time.



Every week in June, Landa also hosts Come and Go Crafts on Monday afternoons for families to drop-in and enjoy. Various members of Landa's staff will be contributing art ideas for crafts to do all summer long. The first week, families got creative with tape and paper to make their own roller coaster.



Additionally, Landa will be having a regular Tween Time program every Tuesday afternoon for kids that are ages nine to twelve. During the first two weeks, several new families have joined us as Library Assistant Rebekah Corely helped them make LED robots and then pancake art the next week.



Lego Club continues to be a fun weekly program in the summer on Thursday afternoons. One young patron that loves Lego Club at Landa has also begun to help come up with the weekly challenges.



Currently, Landa Library staff has signed up 550 children for the Mayor's Summer Reading Program.



Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley continued collaborations with Landa teens to create many successful programs this month. As the teens wrapped up their spring school semester, they brought back a popular program, Homework Hangout – dedicating Landa's meeting and teen spaces each afternoon to studying, gaming, creating art and hanging out. From these hangouts, numerous teens in the area discovered Landa for the first time via their friends! The group also adventured into Teen Club's Cooking Club with pancake art and later learned to upcycle bottle caps into jewelry and magnets.



Drop-In Volunteering continued to gain momentum and bring in new one-day and even a long-term volunteer.



Additionally, Ms. Corley was thrilled on her acceptance to Clarion University's MLIS program where she will major in User Services, with a focus on youth and technical services.



In recognition of Pride Month, Landa Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta accepted Steven Barrera's offer to schedule free HIV Testing at Landa. The testing is provided in a van that offers privacy for those who are interested in the service.





June also marks the beginning of Summer Reading for adults with several opportunities to win prizes, including a weekly t-shirt drawing. Quite a few adults are taking advantage this summer, and the great grand prizes are a good incentive for “finishing”—reading eight books and/or attending eight programs.



Along with the Adult Summer Reading Program, Karen has scheduled several enticing programs for adults. The first was held on Sunday, June 10 when Texas Poet Laureate Carol Coffee Reposa conducted a journaling/poetry writing workshop. The program was outstanding and Carol will undoubtedly be invited back for another visit.



Karen's regular book clubs continue to add new members—although some regulars are on summer vacation. The Village at the Incarnate Word Book Club read the inspiring *The Boys in the Boat* about the U.S. rowing team at the 1936 Olympics. This book is steeped in history, especially events going on in Germany that were unknown to the American public at the time. It is highly recommended. Reader's Ink Book Club read the hilarious *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson. The group is composed mainly of people considered “Baby Boomers,” so they thoroughly enjoyed a trip down memory lane that included references to TV shows, fads, and events of the 1950s. The Mystery Book Club read *Bluebird Bluebird* by Attica Locke, a story set in East Texas depicting the racial tension still existing in many parts of the South.



The craft club participants at Kenwood Senior Center had a great time decorating koozies. Karen brought an armload of fake jewels, sequins and glue for the folks to create their own unique designs. And, as always, they also had an adult coloring page to do.

## LAS PALMAS



On Tuesday, May 16, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier and Teen Librarian Connie Hejl did outreach at St. John Berchman's Catholic School. They discussed the upcoming summer programming, such as Teen Time, Movie Night, and the addition of a second Story-Time. Students and their parents also learned about the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and the Summer Reading Program “Adventures in Library Land”. Ms. Frazier also did outreach to promote library programs and summer reading at the Girl Scouts Fiesta Fun Carnival.



On Wednesday, May 30, the Las Palmas Branch Library held a Superhero-themed Summer Reading Kick-Off. The event was hosted to promote the Summer Reading Program and to advertise the many events that Las Palmas will be hosting as part of the “Adventures in Library Land” summer. Over 100 people attended, and several dozen signed up for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. On the night of the event, Las Palmas had more three times more adults sign up for Summer Reading than the total number of adults in 2017. Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier had a craft area in which children and their adults made Superhero crafts such as their own superhero shield. Teen Librarian Connie Hejl had games for teens and children in the meeting room. Library Assistant Elvia Ramos helped patrons get pictures in front of a green screen with both San Antonio Batman and Spider-Man. Through the generous support of the Friends of the Las Palmas Library, patrons had superhero-themed treats such as “Hulk Punch”, “Aquaman Food”, and “Thor's Hammers”.



The Las Palmas Branch Library has embraced the Summer Reading themes for “Adventures in Library Land”. Circulation Attendant Celicia De Los Santos made a miniature “paleta” cart to display flyers and material from the SAPL Marketing team. Library Assistant Elvia Ramos made a more than life-sized “paleta” cart to display books. The books on display supplement the themes for each week’s Kid’s Time, such as dinosaurs and farm animals. Children’s Librarian Barbaraella Frazier made a paleta cart for the children’s area to advertise the “Adventures in Library Land” Kid’s Time programs. The reference desk was made into a display of the colors of the Mayor’s Summer Reading Club so that children that have finished the Summer Reading challenge can post their paleta artwork.



On Monday, June 4, the first Children’s Summer Reading “Adventures in Library Land” program was held at the Las Palmas Library. The theme was rivers. Children learned about the rivers in and around San Antonio. In addition to learning about the ecology of rivers, a collaborative art project of the San Antonio River was completed by the children who attended the event.



On Monday, June 11, the Las Palmas Branch Library was very happy to welcome Dinosaur George to present at the branch. Dinosaur George brought replicas of dinosaur fossils and talked with the children about the size and features of dinosaurs, dinosaur habits, and other topics related to paleontology. More than 60 people came to the event.

## MAVERICK



The Ladies’ Choice Book Club met on Saturday, May 26 and the Lady Mav’s Book Club met on Tuesday, June 12. Guitarist J.D. Elizondo filled the room with guitar sounds on Saturday, May 26. On June 6, Maverick hosted a basic Medicare Q & A program.



The Maverick Chess Club met on Mondays, May 14 and 21 and June 4 and 11. The Bavarian Forest Homeowners Association met on Thursday, May 31.



Maverick Branch Library was both an Early Voting site and an Election Day site for the Bexar County Run-Off Elections. All librarians, Amy Roberts, Pat King and Ben Longoria coordinated together to accommodate with election schedules.



Children’s Librarian Amy Roberts visited four elementary schools in late May to promote the Summer Reading Program to 2,535 children. Many have visited Maverick and told her “I saw you at my school!” This makes it all worth it! On June 2, over 100 people attended Maverick’s Summer Reading Kick-Off party! Many visitors enjoyed the face painting, balloon art, sun catcher craft and food! Ms. Roberts appreciates Kim Henage and Barbara Steinhauser from the Maverick Friends and Maverick staff members Tomas White, Justin Bisinagio, and Kathryn Camacho who assisted her with the party. As of June 12, 306 kids have signed up at Maverick for Summer Reading!



Ms. Roberts continued to prepare for the summer reading program. Also, she attended a training class sponsored by Risk Management on May 31.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl converted the caterpillar-to-chrysalis display case into an origami butterfly display. Librarian Ben Longoria printed pictures of the hatched butterflies and included the pictures in the display along with the materials that Librarian Pat King had assembled.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl coordinated five Teen Time programs during the reporting period. One parent of a particularly shy teenage girl stated that this is the only group activity of any type that her daughter has willingly attended, and that the parents are very happy that she is comfortable at Maverick. Teens enjoyed WiiU Video games, an Anime movie, Pictionary and a wide variety of snacks.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl conducted outreach at Marshall and Brandeis High Schools, handing out information about Summer Reading and special programs at other branches, like Encino's Cosplay Classes. Ms. Bleichwehl also assisted Librarian Stephanie Vasquez (Great Northwest) during outreach at Taft High School. Teens there enjoyed button making, gaming, and getting photos taken in front of the green screen.

## McCRELESS



During this reporting period, Librarian Debow built a puppet theater out of a refrigerator box. It is already a big hit in the Children's Area. In addition to the soft hand puppets that were donated, everyone has the opportunity to make their own Popsicle stick puppets. All ages have enjoyed making puppets and watching each other put on their own puppet shows. The theater will stay up for the summer months. The type of puppet craft available will change every few weeks to include finger puppets and paper bag puppets.



On June 15, the branch hosted a visit from Happy Tails Entertainment as part of this year's summer reading program. The crowd of 85 people enjoyed learning about and seeing various animals from the African plain such as a capybara and coati mundi. At the end of the program, all attendees had the chance to touch three animals: a porcupine, an alpaca and a constrictor.



Teens experimented with different mug cake recipes during their weekly Teen Time. The extra flavor ingredients included hazelnut cream, chocolate chips, cocoa powder, vanilla sugar and miniature Hershey's milk chocolate. They are also having a blast with the new WiiU and games. While not big on crafts, teens did have fun making bubble magnets and playing with liquid watercolors.



Coloring for Adults was held every Wednesday evening. This is an opportunity for adults to help fight against stress, anxiety, emotional conflicts and behavioral issues. Adults can choose to color mandala pages or bookmarks of all kinds.



On May 19, Circulation Attendant Maria (Krys) Hernandez facilitated a workshop on papel picado. Participants were able to learn the art of papel picado and had the chance to create their own banner. This workshop was planned and presented as a result of community members noticing the papel picado banners that Ms. Hernandez created for April's Our Family Reads event and requesting that she share her talent.



On June 2, McCreless hosted a paper making workshop. Topics in the workshop included a brief discussion on recycling, painting handmade snail mail postcards with watercolors and casting two sheets of handmade paper. Participants were mailed painted postcards and blank newly cast postcards. This program was truly an all-ages program.



McCreless Branch Library hosted Chess Instruction on Monday evenings. The class is taught by Certified Chess Instructor George Barrera. Instructional classes include a PowerPoint presentation detailing basic chess moves, openings and strategy. The program is open to players of all ages.



Metro Health held free sexual health screenings. This was an opportunity for teens and adults to get screened and be advised of the importance of being safe. Metro Health staff issued informational packets, free pens and pencils and free condoms. Ten patrons attended.



McCreless Branch Library hosted a mobile HIV testing van through a partnership with the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. The van utilized the branch's parking lot which provided privacy to adults and teens who wished to be screened. A total of 6 patrons attended.

## MEMORIAL



In honor of Memorial Day, the branch is presently displaying paintings and sculptures by Vietnam veteran and professional artist, Roberto Sifuentes. As a native of San Antonio, Mr. Sifuentes received his BA in Fine Arts from UTSA and has won several art awards. His works have been published in books featuring talented Latino artists, and was the subject of an interview by Arizona State University's Hispanic Research Center. The interview was published on DVD. Some of Mr. Sifuentes works are housed at Arizona State University, the University of Notre Dame, and in numerous private collections. His exhibit opened on May 11 and has drawn many patrons to the branch.

While, Mr. Sifuentes combat experience was a brief part of in his life, it was the most affecting experience of his lifetime. In addition to his art accolades, Mr. Sifuentes is extremely proud of his military service. He served with the 325 Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division stateside and the 3rd of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam 1970- 71. Besides his jump wings and other medals, Mr. Sifuentes earned a Combat Infantry badge, a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and an Air Medal for his service in Vietnam.

Mr. Sifuentes' paintings include scenes from the war, portraits of service members, and Hispanic spiritual themes. His work extends to a glass exhibit case which includes wood sculptures and large art books where his work is discussed. Mr. Sifuentes exhibit ends on July 31.



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall promoted the branch's Summer Reading Program by visiting schools. Over the course of three school visits and six programs she spoke with 543 students altogether and faculty at James Madison Elementary and Southwest Preparatory School.



The branch hosted San Antonio Symphony violinist Sarah Silver Manzke as she delighted everyone with classical music. Patrons of different ages enjoyed listening to the music



Mrs. Deffendall hosted the screening of the movie "Coco." To the delight of a number of patrons children were encouraged to bring in small blankets and pillows to enjoy the movie.



Mrs. Deffendall narrated the Dial-a-Story for the week of June 18. Her selection was Let's Do Nothing!, by Tony Fucile.



The LEGO® Club of the branch continues to draw an average of six children plus parents per week



Teen Liaison Rene Leija organized an event to recognize volunteers that provide invaluable services to the branch. Volunteers enjoyed snacking on pizza and drinks. Certificates of appreciation were presented to all volunteers along with SAPL Volunteer logo T-shirts.



The branch hosted the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio. The non-profit group provides free healthcare enrollment assistance for federal programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP. Hours and days vary to allow working and non-working patrons the opportunity to come in and receive the services this group offers.



To address additional healthcare needs, on an on-going basis, the branch provides an information table from the UT Health Science and Cancer Care Center of San Antonio. Representatives from the school provide information on various resources addressing cancer health care.



BiblioTech set up a table in the open area to discuss resources available to all residents of San Antonio.



To help control the stray cat population, the branch hosts the San Antonio Cat Coalition on Sundays. The group conducts Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) workshops to teach patrons how to catch the cats so they can undergo low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. The program is held on a regular basis at Memorial and is well attended.



The Memorial Branch partnered with Public Broadcasting Station KLRN to screen excerpts of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's documentary *The Vietnam War*. Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila arranged the exhibit and screening with Maricella Borroel, KLRN's Director of Education and Mrs. Herlinda Sifuentes. The screening included a reception sponsored in part by Amigos Friends group of the branch Library. Ms. Borroel brought small U.S. flags to give out to participants.

The documentary, *Vietnam War* is a long 10-part series. KLRN's DVD featured highlights of several episodes lasting one hour. During the screening, emotions ran from patrons laughing to tearing at tragic screens. The Ken Burns and Lynn Novick film ended with a poignant tone, just as the Vietnam War did. The closing background music was Paul McCartney singing *Black Bird* as the screen credits scrolled on the screen. Patrons were so moved by the film.

This event received high ratings on the survey form and was attended by approximately fifty-six patrons.



Branch manager Maria Gonzales continued her Spanish language story time "Colorin Colorado este cuento no se ha acabado" series. The program attracts children of all ages and their parents.





The branch hosted Early Voting for eight days during the month of May and Election Day in June coordinating with Elections Department of Bexar County.



The branch hosted the City of San Antonio Housing program workshop for all interested patrons.



The branch hosted a Japanese food program taught by Chinatsu Oku, Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator at UTSA. Cultural aspects of traditional food dishes were presented.



The branch hosted two sessions of basic computer classes. Circulation Attendant Michelangelo Sosa and Library Assistant Rene Leija each taught a class. Both sessions were very well attended by patrons of all ages.



All staff consisting of circulation attendants, library Assistant part-time library aides and professional librarians completed the required Ethics training.

## MISSION



The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word exhibit continued throughout the month of May, highlighting the work of the sisters in educating many generations of San Antonians. In the month of May, the Mission Branch Library hosted a popular Felony Friendly Job Fair to provide employment options for this sector of our community. On the second week in June, the branch hosted the San Antonio Aids Foundation mobile van that provided free HIV testing for participants. Librarian Oscar Gonzalez helped out at the Library booth in the San Antonio Folklife Festival.



In the month of June, Mission Library started a Summer Youth Table Tennis class for beginners.



Teens at Mission Branch Library are especially excited for summer reading this year, with more teens signing up for the program in the first two weeks of summer than signed up during the entirety of the summer in 2017. Teens have been enjoying the new Oculus Rift system at the Mission Branch, which they use each week during Teen Time. The Teen Cooking Class continues to be a favorite among teens, who made macaroni and cheese and candy sushi this month.



Summer is off to a great start for Mission kids. Lego Club continues to have large attendance and a new Family Science Time had 73 attendees making gravity bottles. The first special performance of the summer, Dinosaur George, was a big hit with 267 people in attendance. We also had five tours with library instruction and story time for 158 children and adults participating in summer children's programs.

## PAN AMERICAN



Pan American Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley and Library Assistant/Teen Liaison Nicole Garza teamed up to provide outreach to almost 3,000 students and adults at area schools. The two were

featured in the Harlandale Independent School District's newsletter which included a large photo and a great write-up of their visit to Morrill Elementary School. Valerie and Nicole talked about summer reading program and library services to 2,767 people at five elementary schools and two middle schools.



There were a number of programs at Pan American Branch Library during the reporting period. Sparky the Fire Dog from the San Antonio Fire Department stopped by one Saturday morning. District 5 Council Member Shirley Gonzales organized the visits to a number of branches in the area. Even though the fire mascot was a little early to meet with children at the library, one regular patron and Sparky danced to YMCA to get in their exercise for the day.



The adult coloring outreach at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center is growing in popularity. Assistant Manager/Adult Services Librarian Steven Barrera has been heading up the sessions. Patrons also can learn how to quilt during the Thursday morning quilting classes. A voter registration table was set up at the branch for a couple of days, and the San Antonio AIDS Foundation's HIV Mobile Testing Van offered their services.



Participation in the twice monthly Pokémon Champions program facilitated by Nicole has been steadily growing, with 25 attending the most recent event. The branch's meeting room is all things Pokémon during these programs, from card trading and deck building to movies to game playing.

## PARMAN



The Dia De Los Niños Dance Party closed out Parman's children's programming for the month of May with a bang and a balloon drop. The party featured everything from the "Chicken Dance" to the "Hokey Pokey" in Spanish, exposing children to new words and different languages. Children of all ages danced to the Latin rhythms with their grownups while exercising their fine motor skills with the intermingled finger plays. Library Assistant Melissa Moser led the Latin Limbo line as they bent, dipped, and jumped along to the beat. Several staff members joined the dance. The hour-long dance marathon ended with a balloon drop, a parachute dance and very excited children.



On Dino Day, Children's Librarian Brian Douglas had a number of fun dinosaur themed books and activities. He read *We Are the Dinosaurs* and *Tyrannosaurus Wrecks*. Children also did a felt story based on dinosaurs. The kids had the most fun digging up fossils in the sensory bin and tossing dinosaur themed bean bags at targets. Several kids made friends with the inflatable t-rex and gave it hugs. The program was very popular and the dinosaurs attracted quite a big crowd. Children and their adults had a lot of fun singing about and playing with dinosaurs.



When little Miss Ollie comes to visit Parman Library everyone notices the perfectly groomed, fluffy Havanese dog. She brings instant joy to all that are invited to pet her and she adores the attention, but perhaps what she likes best is listening to each individual child that sits to read to her. Miss Ollie is a new addition to the Parman family and she has enchanted all that meet her and her charismatic handler. She has grown so popular in the last two months since she joined the library that she has over 15 kids that visit with her every time she trots into the library.



Barbara Kwiatkowski and Library Assistant Melissa Moser paid a special visit to the International Children's Academy to present story times to over 60 children. The students, ranging in ages from one to six, heard classics like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and new titles like *Polar Bear's Underwear*. The event was a special way for the library to share all that is special about reading with its community and to let everyone know about SAPL's upcoming summer reading program. Giggles and cheers could be heard all along the halls of the school as the characters of the book were brought to life by the hand puppets the staff brought along. After the stories were read, the principal asked the Parman library back for another exciting visit.



Fifty happy 4th graders could be found at Parman this month as they were given two special tours by Branch Manager Barbara Kwiatkowski where they learned everything that was special about the library. Students learned how to access our databases, to search the catalog, and of course how to get a library card. Every student was treated to a story time by Miss Barbara herself and given all the info they needed for SAPL's upcoming summer reading program. Several students already had a library card and had a stack of library books in their hands as they left the library, along with a new appreciation and love of reading.



Jackfruit tacos? Vegan tacos? While it might seem a strange concept to use the increasingly popular jackfruit in tacos, this creation put a new and delicious spin on an old classic that had all of Parman's patrons murmuring "mmmmm." Jackfruit sizzled in the pan, tomatoes were chopped, and limes were squeezed all while cooking instructor and Branch Manager Barbara Kwiatkowski showed patrons how to cut, prepare, and cook the intimidating watermelon-sized fruit. Magically, she turned the jackfruit into tacos and even made a special salsa from the delicious fruit, all of which took no longer than hour to fix. The cooking class broadened the horizons of all who attended and encouraged patrons to try and taste new food.



The patrons of Parman were taken east via their taste buds this month with a special presentation on the art of Japanese cuisine. Presenter Chinatsu Oku, Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator at UTSA, regaled the audience with how food influences Japanese culture, discussing everything from where certain dishes originate to how they are prepared and presented currently. The presentation was so well advertised and popular it was attended by members of the Culinary Institute of America and a few professional chefs. Ms. Oku was impressed with the audience and promised to return to Parman for future presentations.



Parman Library is hosting another art exhibit brought by Barbara Kwiatkowski. Local artist Ms. Damato is sharing her beautiful paintings with the Stone Oak community. Nature is her muse and her work is an emotional response to the beauty of creation. Patrons can enjoy the exhibit until the end of July.

## POTRANCO



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta focused the past 30 days on Summer Reading Programming. Alcorta visited five schools and spoke to a total of 2,594 students. She gave presentations about the benefits of getting a library card and using Potranco Branch Library as a resource for learning and play.

Alcorta talked about the kinds of books at Potranco Library and how to play the Summer Reading Program game board. Alcorta reported the kids were excited to take a break from school books and were happy to hear that SAPL's Summer Reading Program did not require any specific kind of book they had to read. Alcorta shared information about the performers and other programming available to them throughout the summer. The children were invited to the Summer Reading Kick-off Party. Alcorta closed by reading *What Can You Do with a Paleta?* by Carmen Tafolla and every child received a paleta book mark as a prize.



On May 22, Branch Manager Cindy Pope reached out to the Rotary Club of San Antonio West with a talk during their monthly luncheon. Pope shared how libraries have changed in the past decade; adding innovative programming and the resources that come with such events. Pope found the members to be interested in ways the library would help them keep skills alive and gain new ones. The partnership between Potranco Branch and YMCA was highlighted as a great place to help keep both mind and body young and vital. Attendees had plenty of questions at the end of the presentation not only about the adult programming, but also about programming for their family members.



On Thursday, June 7, Circulation Attendant Miranda O'Neill launched her first virtual book club for adults! This had been a goal for O'Neill and Manager Cindy Pope for several months. Choosing the right interface for a virtual book club took some troubleshooting. The goal was to allow on-site attendees of the book club to share ideas with virtual members that were not able to come into the branch for discussion. The meet up feature allowed for chat opportunities and reminders before the event. O'Neill says she "love(s) this simple and easy way to communicate quickly with patrons to help them know what is going on!!". O'Neill reported she could tell the onsite patrons enjoyed the added virtual members because laughs were shared and patience was shown during the maiden run of the "upgraded" book club. Although there are still a couple of kinks to work out, Pope and O'Neill expect this feature to catch on quickly. O'Neill's approach was a slow buildup that included information about conference call and video chat technology so that core members would know what to expect. One of the virtual attendees was a new mother who rocked her baby during the discussion. Being able to have the child in her arms while enjoying an intellectual and fun chat was something the member mentioned she was happy about with the new feature.



The Potranco Branch Library summer reading kick-off party was a success. Many members of Team Potranco helped with decorations. Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta made a taco truck from a cardboard box that the children could use to pretend play and make tacos. Branch-made playdough stations encouraged kids to make their own playdough tacos. During the event, children also enjoyed a "paleta pond" in which they could fish for foam paletas with fishing rods made from wooden dowels. Alcorta had blocks set up for kids to build their own zoo. Additional activities included giant inflatable bowling and two crafts. Children decorated different die cuts such as a Texas, cowboy boots, and roadrunners, to make their own hats. Tweens made their own San Antonio inspired silhouettes, such as a Spur, Alamo, and boot. The Friends of the Potranco Branch Library provided ice cold paletas for the patrons to enjoy while signing up for summer reading. They were also on-site gaining new members during the festivities.



District 6's Councilman Greg Brockhouse hosted a free People and Pets event on Saturday, June 9 at the Potranco Branch Library and YMCA field. This event was in support of a month long focus on pets and responsible pet ownership. The Councilman's goal was to raise awareness about pets in our

lives and bring services and education to the community. Attendees were encouraged to bring their “fur babies” and enjoy music, bounce houses, face painting, free pet micro chipping, a pet resource fair, food trucks and much more. At dusk, the Councilman screened the film *The Secret Life of Pets*. Branch Manager Cindy Pope and Librarian I Angela Bilbe took this opportunity to walk through the crowd mingling and sharing information about Summer Reading Programming. They also distributed dog-shaped coloring sheets for the kids to create their own paper pet. The walkabout facilitated meeting patrons and their animals as they sat and enjoyed the food and music. Pope and Bilbe gave out lots of loving pets to the animals and told attendees about the different kinds of resources SAPL had for the care of their pets. People mentioned how they enjoyed seeing the library out among them and were happy to take information about the Summer Reading Program.



On May 19, Potranco welcomed their newest member Angela Bilbe. Bilbe came from El Paso to accept the part time Librarian I position left vacant by Cassandra Vela-Laosa who now calls Mission her home as Librarian II. Bilbe will focus on Children’s service support. The first priority is to get Bilbe through her fist SAPL Summer Reading Program where she is hosting the Lego Club. Bilbe’s first program drew more than 70 attendees. Expect to hear about Spanish Story times from Bilbe in the fall or winter months!



On Friday, June 8, Branch Manager Cindy Pope attended the Family Service Associations Job Fair at The Neighborhood Place on Rivas Street. Branches Potranco, Great Northwest, and Forest Hills were offered the opportunity to work with the FSA organization to bring a young adult intern in the workplace. Pope and former Potranco Librarian II Matthew Loaiza were together again interviewing over 30 young adults for the few spots available. Pope reported having a good time with the newly appointed Librarian II of Teen Services at Central, “...it was just like old times!” After hiring the original team for Potranco’s grand opening, Pope and Loaiza fell easily into the drill. Both professionals engaged with the local youth, encouraging them to continue their studying and also consider volunteering to build job skills.



On Wednesday May 16, Branch Manager Cindy Pope attended active shooter training in cooperation with the Potranco YMCA. The class, ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), is one part webinar and one part instructor-led training. The series provides preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. The ALICE Training program is designed to educate attendees regarding attack by an individual person or by an international group of professionals intent on conveying a political message through violence. ALICE Training option-based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional “lockdown only” approach and is similar to the COSA program offered to the library as well. Pope and the administrators at the YMCA believe protection and safety must be the priority in an Active Shooter event and their goal was to work together to ensure both teams would be prepared if a situation were to ever arise.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Children’s Summer Reading is off to a great start at Pruitt Library. Librarian Cynthia Saenz visited with Montgomery Elementary students and staff, informing them about the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program. Everyone was eager to sign up and looked forward to receiving a certificate signed by the mayor and a free book. Students were given a summer calendar of events, and they expressed great interest in attending all the fun summer programs such as Lego camp, kids’ time, and STEM building.





Ms. Saenz met with a group of fifth graders for a final meeting of Club Read-a-Lot at Camelot Elementary. The kids had an amazing time discussing Rita Williams-Garcia's award-winning title *One Crazy Summer*. Several members expressed personal connections with the experiences of the three Gaither sisters depicted in the book. The students were excited to find out about the sequel to the book titled, *P.S. Be Eleven*, and they were eager to read it, as well.



On May 16, Roosevelt High School's International Club hosted the International Culture Festival, so Teen Librarian Rae Downen set up an outreach booth to share information about library resources. Culture Festival participants enjoyed a variety of foods, watched a traditional dress fashion show, and enjoyed seeing dances from over 15 different countries and cultures.



The Teen Summer Reading Kick Off was a big hit. Signing up for Teen Summer Reading earned teens a ticket for the first summer movie, *Black Panther*. While watching the movie, the teens enjoyed refreshments. There was also a drawing for a grab bag full of goodies, including a couple of t-shirts.



Teen Librarian Rae Downen joined Kathleen Fordyce from Teen Central Library at Northeast Lakeview College to interview possible interns for five branch library locations. The teens were dressed professionally and poised for their interviews. Branch staff members look forward to meeting the interns later in the month.



Teen, Family and Advanced Chess events kicked off in mid-June with over 100 participants attending the first night. Weekly chess events feature a catered dinner and lessons taught by a nationally-ranked chess master. All chess activities are sponsored by Rackspace Foundation.



As part of the Adventures in Library Land Summer Reading theme, Pruitt Branch is hosting game nights on Wednesday nights. Patrons of all ages have enjoyed planning board games with family and friends at the library.

## SAN PEDRO



Betsy Dalton 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.



The branch hosted a Family Fun event during this period in connection with the Summer Reading Program. Al the Magician and his "The Magic of AL" show entertained 37 adults and children. Several of the children happily served as his assistant. The program was supported by the San Pedro Library Friends Group.



Gamer Monday continues and Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. In addition, for the summer, a weekly art/science program, World Explorers Club, is held on

Thursdays. The branch also hosts a weekly Kids Time on Sundays focusing on books and activities related to San Antonio.



Toddler Time continued during this reporting time with a small but very loyal group. A few new children have joined our group.



Ms. Dalton 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 Monte Vista Montessori, Kipp Poder, St. Anthony's School; and 3 SAISD schools: Hawthorne Academy, Cotton ES and Beacon Hill ES. In addition to bringing thematic books requested by the teachers for the three preschools she visits monthly, Ms. Dalton 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, Ms. Dalton promoted SAPL and the Summer Reading Program to grades K through 6<sup>th</sup> at Rogers AC, grades 2 through 5 at Cotton ES, and a combined 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at the Advanced Learning Academy.

## SCHAEFER



Schaefer staff kicked off Summer Reading with a party on June 4 for all ages. Participants ate popsicles, played horseshoes, tried out some of Schaefer's robots, played video games and registered for Summer Reading! Members of the Friends of Schaefer also had a table to share information about the group.



Summer Reading at Schaefer is off to a great start for kids. Nearly 500 kids have already joined the Summer Reading Club. Each staff member at Schaefer is encouraging Schaefer patrons to participate! The summer programs have been well attended so far. Schaefer is offering a variety of weekly programs for all ages. Weekly programs include Robot Roundup, Toddler Time, Story Time, Gaming for Kids, Baby Time, LEGO Time, Kids Time and Come & Go Crafts.



To promote Summer Reading, Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser and Library Assistant Sara Ramirez appeared on the morning show at Salado Intermediate and Sinclair Elementary at the end of May. Leslie Elsasser also went to Evelyn King Head Start twice during the reporting period – once to read to the preschool class and once to attend the pre-k graduation to promote summer reading to the parents.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez facilitated a Science Time program on June 14. Children were able to play with a variety of tech tools purchased through the Schaefer STEM Initiative. At one station, children tried beginner coding with Bee-Bots using simple directional buttons. Children worked in teams to create mazes and other obstacles for the Bee-Bots to travel through. At another station, children were challenged to create mini-golf courses for Sphero, a miniature app-controlled robot. Children were also able to try out the 3D pen through a supervised hands-on demonstration. Using templates, the kids had an option to create either a mustache or a paleta to take home.



Teen Services Librarian Cindy Cruz visited several school campuses to promote teen programs at Schaefer Library and the upcoming teen summer program. Cindy visited Legacy Middle School and Bowden Academy during the reporting period. At both outreaches, students were able to try out the Sphero Ollie, an interactive robot that Schaefer uses for STEM activities and outreach. In addition, Cindy

and Christina Cardenas (Circulation Attendant) visited with students and teachers at East Central High School for a button making/ teen summer sign up outreach.



Teen Time activities included 3D printing with the Da Vinci Mini and Jr printers and making Han Solo soap in honor of the new Star Wars movie. Teen summer programs included Candy Sushi and Sweet Engineering --creating and building towers with candy. Teens also enjoyed the first Throwback Thursday of the summer with a movie, gaming, and popcorn.



Schaefer Library's Robot Roundup program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron and Library Assistant Mason Matthews, has seen a fantastic turn-out thus far. On Mondays from 1 – 2 p.m., kids twelve and under have been using a variety of droids like BB-8, R2-D2, BB-9E, Ollie, and Sphero Minis. They've done activities like obstacle courses, races, and robot soccer. We also utilize our 3D Printer to create small trophies and collectables for the winners. Robot Roundup allows the kids to 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. Robot Roundup allows kids to become familiar with STEAM-based devices and have fun at the same time.



Monday evenings at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 6 – 7:30 p.m., children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer's Community Flex Space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Tournament Style Chess Sets were provided by a generous donation from our friends at Dollar General.



Each Tuesday afternoon, beginning on June 5, Schaefer hosts the Kid's Gaming Program. School-aged children gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Super Smash Brothers on the Wii U in an environment which promotes teamwork, friendly competition, and social interaction. For the first half hour patrons hone their skills, and during the second half hour they participate in a single elimination tournament. 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.



On May 20, patrons gathered at Schaefer Library's H-E-B Collaborate Room to participate in a cooperative storytelling experience. For three hours, patrons designed characters and participated in a fantasy roleplaying game led by Library Assistant Mason Matthews.



Every other Tuesday afternoon, beginning on June 5, Schaefer hosts a Bring Your Own Device class for local patrons. Library Assistant Mason Matthews provides advice and instruction for patrons who bring their own electronic devices and questions.



On Tuesday afternoons, Schaefer Branch Library hosts a Computer Basics Class. Staff provides laptops to patrons. Library Assistant Mason Matthews is present to provide instruction and answer questions pertaining to Email, GUI interaction, word processing, and basic internet navigation. This class is offered once every two weeks beginning on June 12.



May's Learn Computer Class focused on Google's Suite of apps and how they can change the tech lives of patrons. Patrons were enthusiastic to throw away their USBs, explore the world, set up sharable calendars, and create form documents. The Schaefer Skimmers also met in May to discuss J.D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* and the impact of poverty on the lives of impoverished Americans. It was agreed this was a nonfiction book all of us could relate to!



On Saturday, June 2, the Saturday Movie was *Paddington 2*, accompanied by the cooking craft 'teddy bear toast' made with toasted wheat bread, Nutella, bananas, and raisins. Yum! On Saturday, June 16, the Saturday Movie was *Tad, the Lost Explorer and the Secret of King Midas*. This animated film was created in Spain and patrons enjoyed the uniqueness of the storytelling while munching on free popcorn.



June's *Learn Computer Class* explored Library Databases. Patrons were stunned on what the library has to offer; particular favorites were the Obituaries & Death Notices, KidsHealth, and Legal Forms databases.

## SEMMESES



The Semmes Branch Library was an early voting location for the Primary Runoff Elections. Early voting took place from May 14 - 18. A total of 1,334 people voted at Semmes during the runoff.



Due to outside temperatures rising, the Semmes Saturday Morning walkers moved the meet up time from 10:30 am to 9:30 am. Hopefully, this will allow the walkers to get in their walking laps in Comanche Lookout Park before the temperature becomes too unbearable.



In partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department, Semmes Branch Library is now holding two new weekly fitness classes. Both classes take place every Tuesday. At 1 p.m., participants are invited to join Circuit Training. At 2 p.m., a Yoga class is given.



The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library held a book sale on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2. The Friends worked really hard to prepare the items for the sale and had an amazing turnout of buyers for the sale. The Friends made about \$2,400 over the two-day sale.



The Summer Reading Kickoff party took place on Saturday, June 9. Children, teens and adults were all invited to enjoy crafts and games put together by Children's Librarian Randi Jones. In the spirit of the San Antonio 300 themed program, refreshments included fruit cups with chile, aguas frescas and manguonada. The refreshments were very popular with partygoers.

## THOUSAND OAKS



During the month of May, Children's Services was busy getting ready for the Summer Reading Program! Children's Librarian Ann Laird made visits to Copperfield Elementary and El Dorado

Elementary to talk to the students about SAPL and the Summer Reading Program. Emails were also sent to other area schools to make them aware of summer events happening at the library.

During the summer, Thousand Oaks will be hosting Kids Time on Wednesdays, Story time and Toddler time on Thursdays, and Baby time and Summer Family Movies on Fridays. There will also be Minecraft Monday programs on four Mondays over the summer. The first Minecraft Monday was a success with six kids in attendance that were very engaged and asked when the next program will be held.

Thousand Oaks hosted a very successful Summer Reading Kickoff Party, with over 100 attendees, on Saturday, June 9. The party featured a character dressed as an Island Princess, a face painter, crafts, a showing of the movie *Moana*, and free paletas for all members of the family. Board member Linda Nairn and Councilman Clayton Perry also stopped by to enjoy the party.



Teens at Thousand Oaks enjoyed two new release movies and celebrated graduates as we reached the end of the school year. Librarian Theresa Garza set up the green screen and the branch iPad for the teens to practice photography skills, as part of Digital Inclusion Month. Teens are excited about summer reading and the new summer offering: Teen Art Tuesdays.



*Seeing Red* by Sandra Brown was the book for the May meeting of the Thousand Oaks Thursday Book Group. Ms. Brown's plot twists kept the members engaged. The main characters were described as somewhat typical for this type of genre. The woman is a young successful professional looking to get ahead and she is paired with a bad boy type male. They must work together to help solve the murder, or murders in this case. Members enjoyed reading this selection and added to a lively discussion about Ms. Brown and her writing style. The group is eager to read the next book club selection.



Senior readers in the North East Senior Center Book Club read a memoir of friendship by Gail Caldwell, *Let's Take the Long Way Home*. Readers enjoyed the friendship between the women, with many commenting on similar friendships in their own lives. Hosted by Librarian Theresa Garza, the group also talked about the importance of pets, especially dogs, in their lives.



As part of Digital Inclusion Month, Librarian Theresa Garza hosted a Mousercise class for adults on May 17 and a Resume Writing Workshop for teens on May 16. A Basic Computer Skills class was held on Tuesday, May 15 taught by Branch Manager Troy Lawrence.



The branch is making preparations for renovations occurring between June 25 and July 5. A new circulation desk, improved area for birth certificates, an expanded Teen area, an expansion of electrical outlets, meeting room improvements, a school-aged children's area, and a new reading area are part of the renovations. During the closure, patrons will be able to retrieve their holds from the front entrance and check out from a selection of new and express items. This service will be held Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Staff and patrons are excited about this adventure.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Early Voting took place for Primary Run-offs on May 14 -18 at the branch with solid turn out. Election Day on May 22 had a lighter turn-out, but still significant in comparison to other voting precincts.





Summer Family Movies began on Monday afternoons in June. Each movie title has a come and go craft that's related to the movies' theme out for the day too. The first movie, *The Incredibles*, had a very good turn out and the second movie on June 18 was *Shaun the Sheep* with a cute wrap the sheep craft. The regular come and go crafts continue all day Saturday and Sunday through the summer as well.



Part Time Librarian Kimberly Wygant hosted Explorers Time on May 15 where pre-teens painted paper plates in the summer reading theme. These plates were then used to decorate and convert the juvenile reading castle into an Adventure Land Castle for the summer reading theme.



Teen Librarian Megan Coker visited four classes at Premier SA's East High School campus for a monthly book club reading on May 29. The readings come from a title the teens select from several options Ms. Coker offers. Ms. Coker also participated in outreach with the Big Brothers Big Sisters summer reading initiative on June 2.



Teen Librarian Megan Coker, along with other branch personnel assisting, hosted the end of year school party for pre-teens and teens on May 31. Kids enrolled for summer teen events and enjoyed decorating cookies to eat, painting with markers on tiles to take home, board games and playing the game *Werewolf* with Jen Sweet from Central TX *Werewolves* group.



As part of Older American's Month in May, Tobin at Oakwell hosted a Senior Human Library on May 26. The live books were folks who had served in the military, due to the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday. Attendees checked out a book to discuss and hear the veterans' stories about their military life.



Tobin at Oakwell hosted a Natural Burials Program on June 13 with Susan Everidge, Director of Countryside Memorial Park. Ms. Everidge shared the environmental impact of traditional burials vs. a natural burial which has a much smaller carbon imprint with biodegradable materials.



Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse and Teen Librarian Ms. Coker are the Social Media Ambassadors for Tobin at Oakwell. These two librarians presented their concept of increasing SAPL's social media presence at Shark Tank during Staff Transformation Day in February. These two librarians are helping with the development and implementation of this enhanced marketing program as it rolls out to all branches and departments.



Manager Tracey Knouse has been involved in the paperless new card application process that began on June 1, along with other circulation changes. Ms. Knouse presented the paperless card process at Shark Tank and assisted with the implementation with on-line instructions. The new procedure makes the process more conversational and personable and allows staff a chance to highlight benefits of a library card and relevant programs to new card holders.



On June 9, Summer Reading kicked off with a magic show presented by Blake the Illusionist. Over 300 patrons of all ages enjoyed a visit by SAPL's mascot Smarty, making crafts, playing games, and painting rocks. Paletas were served to go with the "Adventures in Library Land theme". Councilman Perry visited and had his picture taken with Smarty, and Board Member Linda Nairn also stopped by to see the festivities.



Happy Tails attracted a large audience on June 12 as educational facts were shared about the four animals shown and people got to pet the creatures.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar came for a surprise visit to Tobin on May 18 to present a quarterly Encore award to Circulation Attendant Carmen Zarate. Ms. Zarate was nominated for her planning and enthusiastic presentation at the monthly bilingual story time with Children's Librarian Ms. Braeuler.



Part time employees Kimberly Wygant, Catherine Tschoepe and Linda Hernandez received their years of service special recognition. Each received a SAPL pin, roses from Manager Tracey Knouse and snacks enjoyed with staff. In addition, each appreciation included an announcement out in the library and a round of applause from Tobin at Oakwell visitors and employees.

## WESTFALL



During June, 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.



On June 2, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino held a Summer Reading Kick-Off party. During the event, children had the opportunity to register for summer reading, learn more about the program, and take part in various crafts and activities. The party included refreshments and also a balloon performer who made all different types of critters for the kids.



During May and June, Ms. Merino visited the Kinder Care Learning Center and brought the children a variety of books to read. Additionally, Ms. Merino held weekly children's programs such as Story Time, Kids Time and Toddler Times. The programs consisted of some stories and fun activities to wrap up the day.



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. During May, Ms. Toll visited Jefferson High School, Edison High School, Whittier Middle School, and Jackson Middle School to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program to teens. Westfall Teens also hosted Tricentennial History Makers STEAM Day event with three teens in attendance making LED electric circuits with copper tape.



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 *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



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 June, Westfall LEARN @ SAPL offered a variety of computer classes and one-one-one coaching that included: Microsoft Word, Excel, online searching, and email basics.



During the reporting period, staff member Jackie Salas was promoted to full time circulation attendant at Westfall. Ms. Salas has been working for SAPL for over six years and began her career with the library as a library aide at the branch. The Westfall team is looking forward to working with Jackie and sees her more at the branch.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

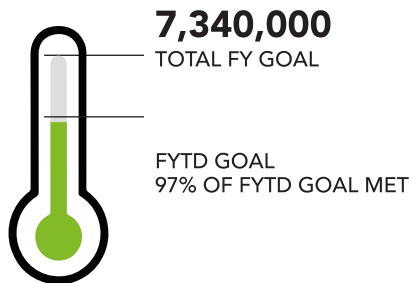
## SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

# MAY 2018

FY 2018

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

### CIRCULATION: GOAL



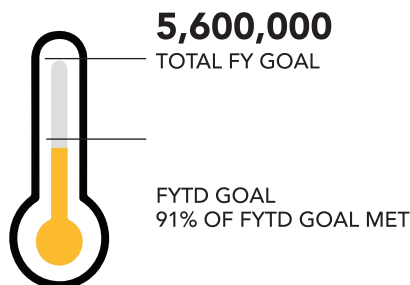
### CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**4,527,269**  
ITEMS  
BORROWED

↓ **2%**

### LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



### LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

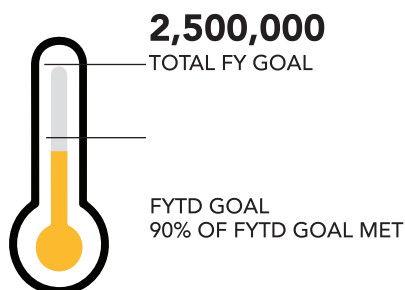


**3,288,456**  
VISITS

↓ **11%\***

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

### DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



### DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**364,399**  
COMPUTER  
HOURS



**1,121,882**  
HOURS OF  
WI-FI USE

**1,486,281**

TOTAL HOURS OF  
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

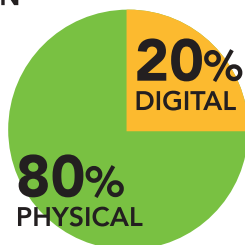
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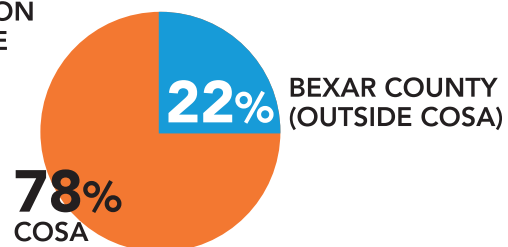
**MAY 2018** (continued)

## USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



## VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**1,682,491**

MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**575,784**

MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**1,170,518**

SANANTONIO.OVERDRIVE.COM  
VISITS

## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



**237,228**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**45,439**

ADULT PROGRAMS

**38,216**

TEEN PROGRAMS

**153,573**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

**MAY 2018**





# San Antonio Public Library

## May 2018 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	3,987	8,777	6,513	1,666	4,846
Brook Hollow	25,057	21,265	6,362	1,248	5,114
Carver	4,080	7,190	4,004	1,308	2,696
Central	21,747	54,381	41,851	10,304	31,548
Cody	21,640	16,840	5,024	927	4,097
Collins Garden	5,227	8,250	5,643	1,721	3,922
Cortez	5,588	9,602	4,678	1,123	3,555
Encino	17,461	13,857	4,307	458	3,848
Forest Hills	6,094	6,906	3,174	1,000	2,174
Great Northwest	20,650	15,692	5,694	1,396	4,297
Guerra	9,759	11,551	5,425	1,565	3,860
Igo	27,187	25,398	8,173	1,118	7,055
Johnston	9,002	10,028	4,162	1,357	2,804
Landa	11,490	12,848	2,696	680	2,016
Las Palmas	4,558	12,927	4,594	1,667	2,927
Maverick	21,652	13,106	5,232	1,373	3,859
McCreless	8,792	12,706	4,111	877	3,234
Memorial	5,090	8,819	4,923	1,192	3,731
Mission	10,841	16,184	8,023	2,317	5,706
Pan American	5,660	7,114	3,163	1,050	2,113
Parman	24,519	23,041	5,368	568	4,800
Potranco	15,937	13,786	13,666	903	12,762
Pruitt	5,863	20,992	5,471	1,265	4,206
San Pedro	3,547	6,312	2,553	730	1,824
Schaefer	8,868	10,534	5,678	860	4,818
Semmes	21,752	20,607	5,056	963	4,094
Thousand Oaks	9,089	10,078	4,323	1,185	3,138
Tobin	16,759	18,200	5,204	1,711	3,493
Westfall	14,884	15,357	8,221	2,552	5,670
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,581	274	N/A	274
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,051	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	80,603	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	124,988	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>573,422</b>	<b>433,929</b>	<b>193,566</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>148,481</b>

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

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## May 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	55	27	13	14	1,068	616	287	165
Brook Hollow	24	9	4	10	449	92	22	335
Carver	50	23	10	16	1,396	798	78	520
Central	132	13	82	37	5,172	579	2,767	1,826
Cody	31	6	8	16	2,952	163	133	2,656
Collins Garden	51	16	6	29	1,321	110	160	1,051
Cortez	92	71	3	18	1,419	210	12	1,197
Encino	72	18	11	43	2,271	95	726	1,450
Forest Hills	44	10	0	33	1,683	154	25	1,504
Great Northwest	33	9	9	14	1,117	141	149	827
Guerra	28	12	2	14	525	199	12	314
Igo	38	15	5	17	1,188	193	10	985
Johnston	31	6	7	17	1,147	93	380	674
Landa	67	8	21	38	1,244	51	116	1,077
Las Palmas	39	21	6	13	735	164	34	537
Maverick	54	10	8	35	3,485	272	199	3,014
McCreless	25	8	6	10	1,648	40	1,476	132
Memorial	36	12	3	20	1,060	181	14	865
Mission	66	41	16	9	1,013	648	162	203
Pan American	68	20	6	42	1,833	103	145	1,585
Parman	57	32	5	19	923	309	57	557
Potranco	20	4	2	14	2,874	72	5	2,797
Pruitt	46	8	12	26	872	125	242	505
San Pedro	34	4	0	30	1,022	21	0	1,001
Schaefer	52	12	13	26	2,394	156	349	1,889
Semmes	44	6	7	31	933	34	43	856
Thousand Oaks	27	5	6	16	1,772	19	113	1,640
Tobin	51	9	17	25	2,814	121	1,827	866
Westfall	30	7	4	19	459	40	15	404
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Little Read Wagon	92	0	0	92	3,461	0	0	3,461
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>50,250</b>	<b>5,799</b>	<b>9,558</b>	<b>34,893</b>

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## Circulation



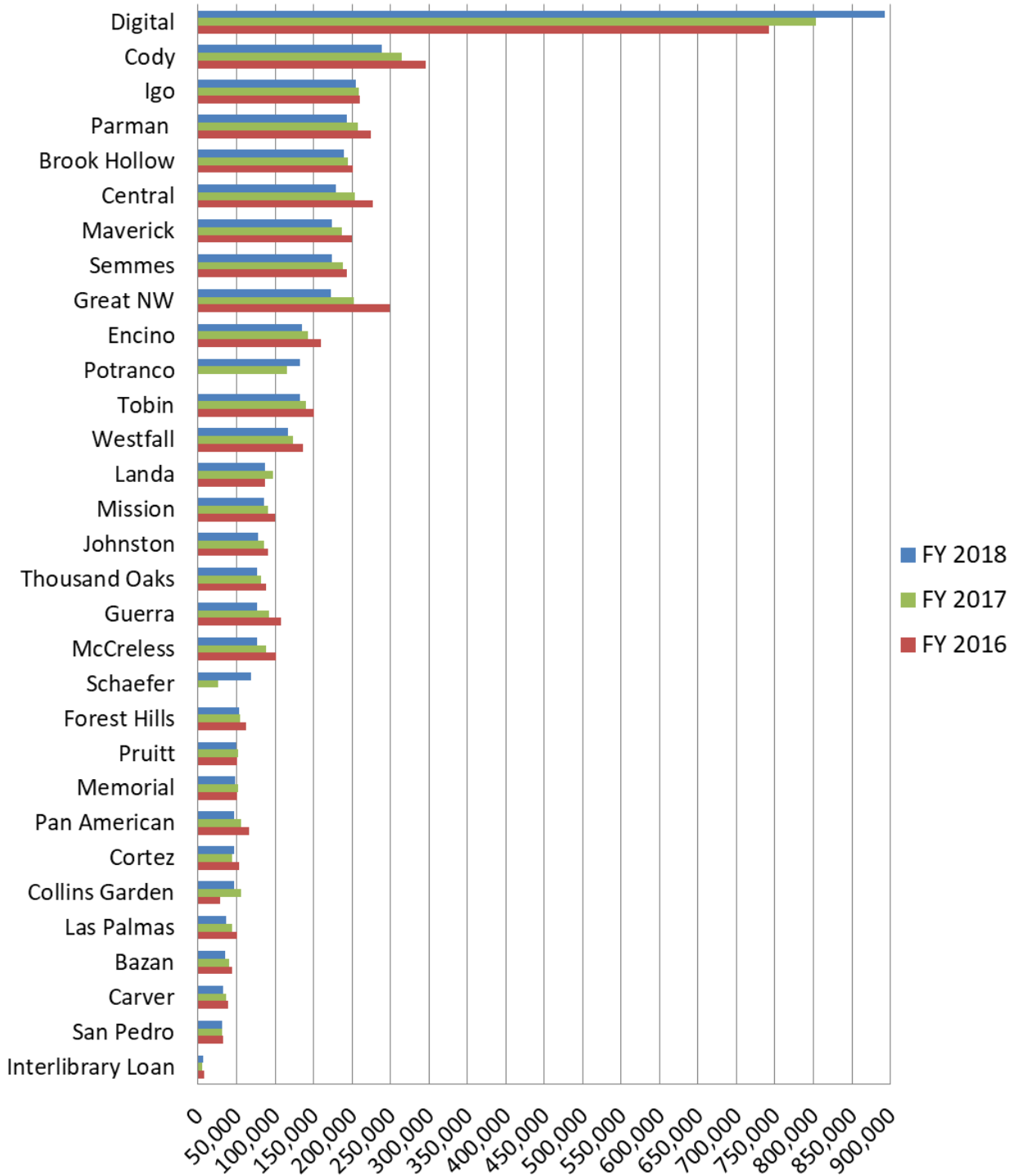
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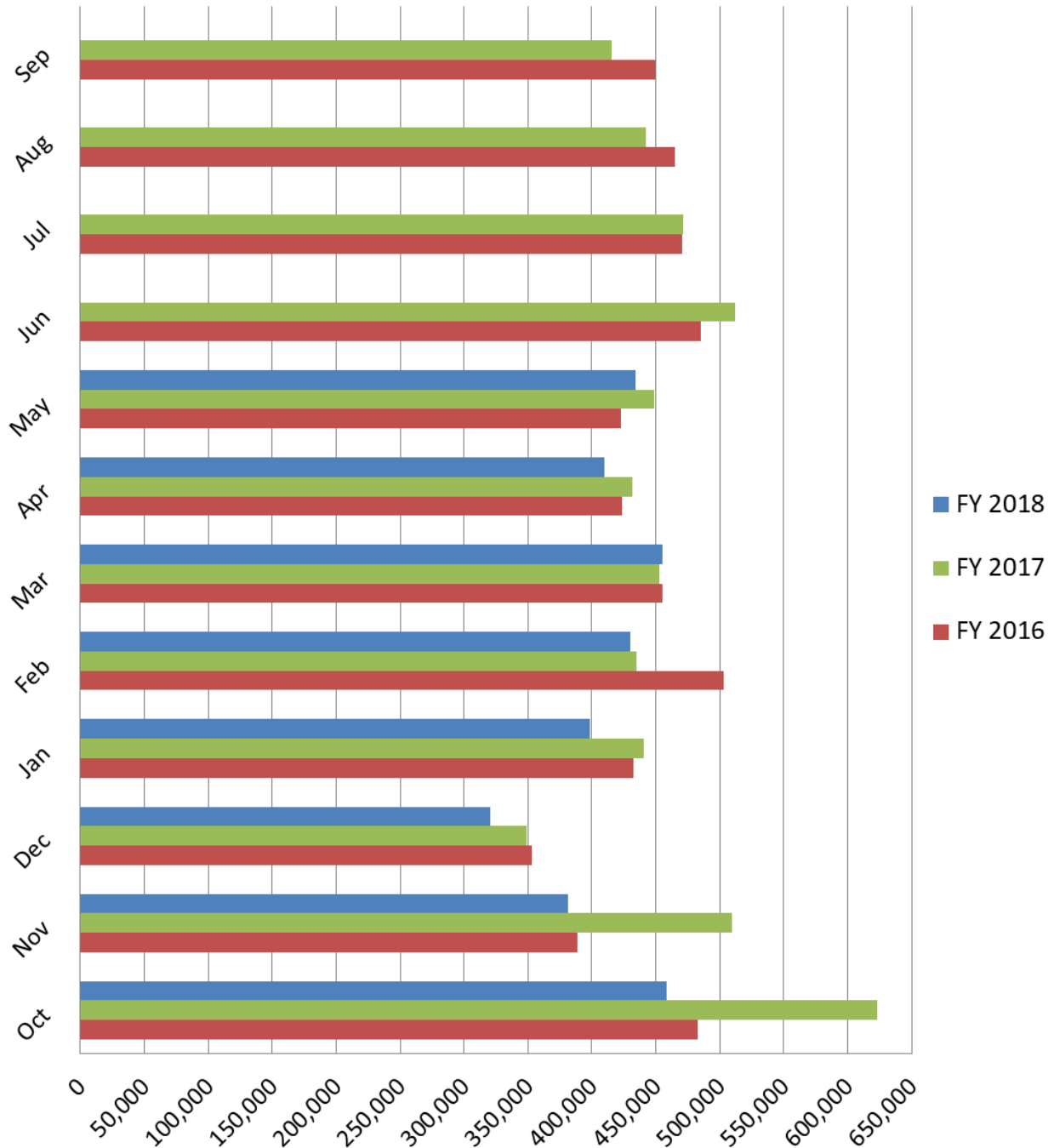
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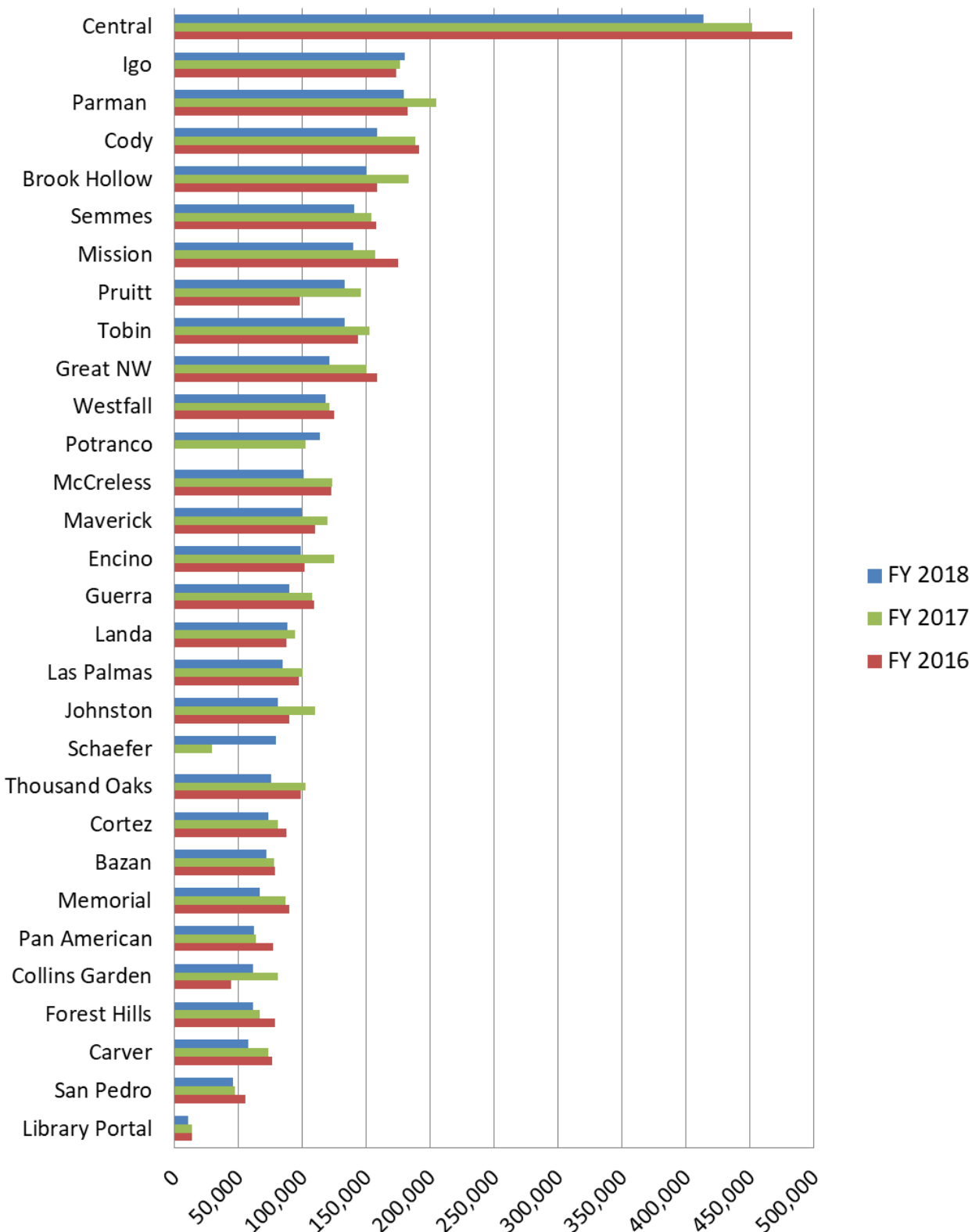
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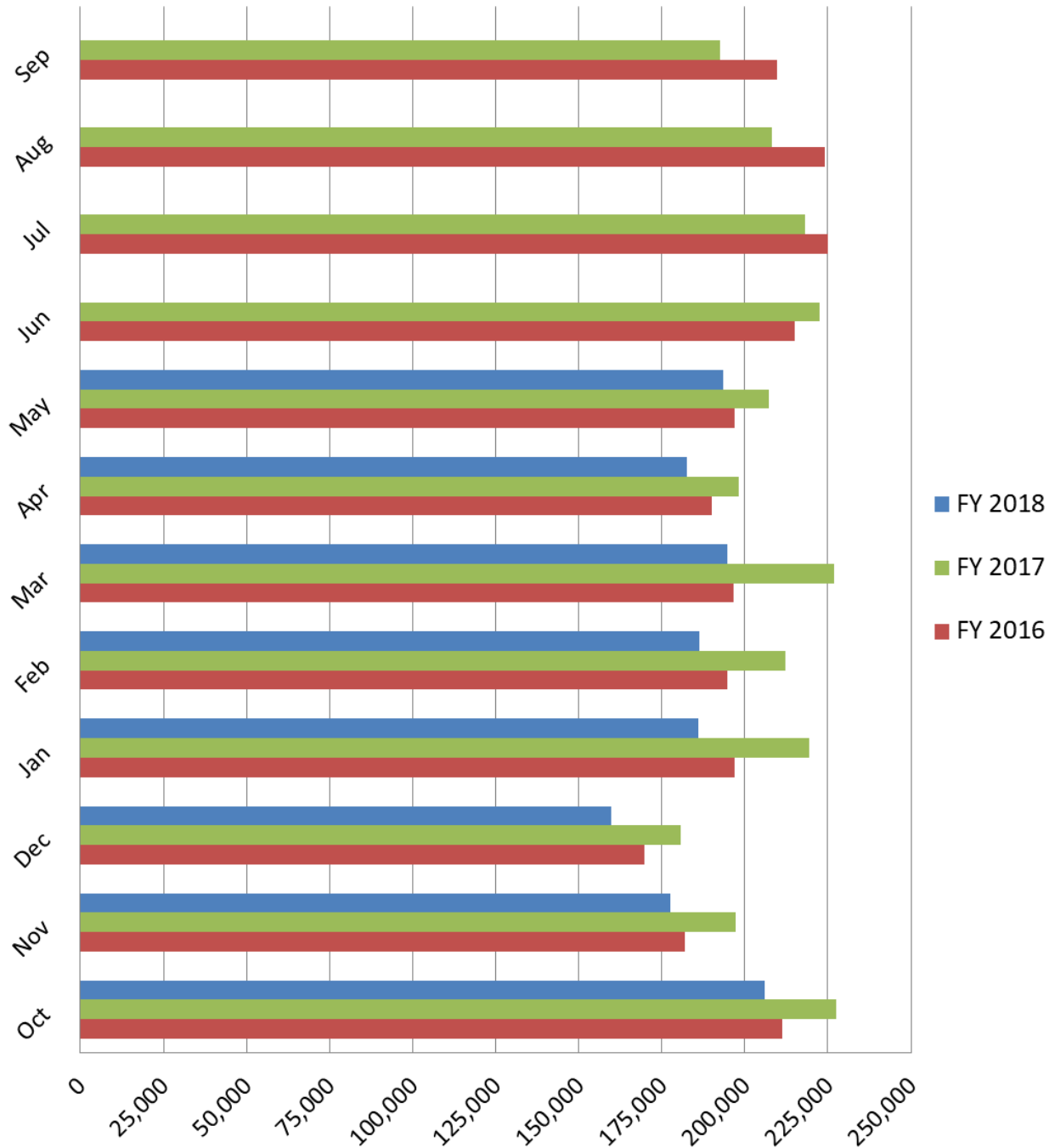
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