



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report July 2018

Roberto Anguiano Meeting Room Dedication, Mission Branch Library, June 28, 2018

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



The Library accepted an invitation from District 6 City Council Office to attend the District 6 City Services Town Hall on August 6, 2018 and setup a table with Library information. The town hall will took place at the Trevino Lopez Senior Center.



On June 18, 2018, the Pan American Branch Library, located in City Council District 3, close for to undergo improvements. The Library reopened to the public on July 5, 2018 as scheduled. Funds were provided in Fiscal Year 2018 to undertake interior improvements of the Pan American Branch Library. Improvements to the Pan American Branch Library building focused on interior work which included the following:

- Replacement of the service desk and consolidation of work areas,
- Replacement of furniture in public computer area, reading area and quiet study,
- Refresh of the Teen area and children's area,
- Re-alignments of bookshelves and
- Re-location of the public printers

During this time, the Pan American Branch Library remained accessible to the library users who have placed reservations on books and other items to be picked-up at Pan American Branch Library.



On June 25, 2018, the Thousand Oaks Branch Library, located in City Council District 10, close to undergo improvements. The Library reopened to the public on July 6, 2018 as scheduled. Funds were provided in Fiscal Year 2018 to undertake interior improvements of the Thousand Oaks Branch Library. Improvements to this library building focus on interior work which includes the following:

- Replacement of the service desk and chairs,
- Replacement of furniture in reading area and the addition of powered tables,
- Refresh of the Teen area and the re-alignments of bookshelves, and
- Improved meeting room amenities to include new projector screen, a 65" monitor.

During this time, the Thousand Oaks Branch Library remained accessible to the library users who have placed reservations on books and other items to be picked-up at Thousand Oaks Branch Library.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month: Spectrum News reported on the temporary closure of Thousand Oaks Branch Library; Fox, News 4, and KENS 5 all reported about the Library's International Day of Yoga events on Thursday, June 21; Fox News and News 4 WOAI featured Central Library in their "Our City, Our History" segment as a part of ongoing Tricentennial news coverage; Spectrum News featured "Queer Collections: A Portal Into San Antonio's LGBTQ Past" at Central Library in celebration of Pride Month; Alta Obscura, an online magazine and digital media company, featured Chihuly's Fiesta Tower at Central Library on their site; Magik Theater mentioned their \$1 off ticket discount for SAPL cardholders during a segment on Great Day SA; News 4 WOAI ran a story about Pan American Branch Library's reopening; SAPL was featured on Where's Cleto? on Fox 29 to promote the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, July 11; Spectrum News continued sharing information about the recent renovations at Pan American, Thousand Oaks, and Cody branch libraries.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: SAPL holiday card; 2019 Fiesta medals; August newsletter; OverDrive digital magazine launch; Mission meeting room dedication plaque, invitation and program; Our Family Reads: The Mayor's Book Club – July edition; van wraps; branch signage; special edition page marker; Forest Hills 30th anniversary invitation; Latino Collection and Resource Center one year anniversary; Low-brary car show at Mission Branch Library; SummerFest; Little Read Wagon materials; and Pride materials.



The team is currently planning for Our Family Reads- District 5 and District 6 editions, the Forest Hills Branch Library 30th Anniversary, the Latino Collection and Resource Center one year anniversary, 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.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

671 people visited mysapl.org through SAPL's Facebook page

Videos on SAPL's Facebook page were viewed 4,000 times during the reporting period

#mysapl was used 820 times on Instagram during the reporting period

A photo of SAPL staff at the Pride "Bigger Than Texas" Parade received 137 likes on Instagram

A tweet announcing Thousand Oaks Branch Library's reopening was seen 12,700 times

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 16,000 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,466 followers
3. Instagram: 2,628 followers
4. Snapchat: 275 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun and Coordinator of Digital Services Ron Suszek have been working to address the issue of providing secure access to remote, digital resources. The adoption of SSL technology by many third party database providers requires procurement of a new proxy service to handle remote user authentication. A new solution has been identified by Digital Services and ITSD. Installation of the new service should be completed within the next three to four weeks.



Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson is leading a SAPL team to formulate an organizational record retention plan. The committee is working on managing long-term storage, version control and workflow. The plan will encompass Library Administrative Directives, Board Policies and Procedures.



Mr. Laun and Mr. Suszek have completed reviewing requirements and specifications for the upcoming Integrate Library System solicitation.



Digital Services updated the list of available online databases to reflect changes in what is being offered by the State's TexShare Database program. New additions include: the Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Reference Center, Consumer Health Complete, Referencia Latina and the Sustainability Reference Center.



Digital Library Services Assistant Michael Sheehan continued to update and customize the new Staff Web in response to feedback from Library staff. Changes to the layout and menu system have been implemented to make the site easier to navigate and the announcement feature has been given improved functionality.

LITTLE READ WAGON



The final early literacy presentation for Avance Early Head Start parents was made by Mary Grace Moreno on June 17 at the Good Samaritan Center. The Little Read Wagon team looks forward to presenting to the ten parent groups (eight center-based and two home-based) each summer.



Story time programs were offered at La Petite Eckhert, Little Oaks Discovery School, and Kelly Child Development Center. Many of the centers Little Read Wagon serves during the school year are out for the summer.



Play & Learn has had wonderfully good attendance at both Martin Luther King and Dellview parks. Although there has been quite a bit of rain, Play & Learn families are eager to participate in the story time and activity stations. There have been stray dogs at each location, which required the attention of staff to either keep the dogs distracted and away from the activities, or on one occasion to call Animal Care Services to attend to the dog.



Center for New Communities, an Early Head Start provider with four locations in the area, requested language and literacy training. On June 29, Little Read Wagon staff presented the Diversity in the Classroom workshop for the group of 41 teachers. Elizabeth Huber presented an early literacy workshop at the June 30 Voices for Children Early Childhood meeting held in City Council District 9. Ms. Huber presented both a morning and afternoon session.

Little Read Wagon staff is working on the new workshop topics for the 2018-19 school year. Julia Lizarin is developing an Early Literacy Basics workshop with assistance from Ms. Moreno. The rest of the team is working on a workshop that will focus on non-fiction and informational texts.



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



Ms. Huber was part of the library entry in the Pride Parade, bringing along her dog in a wagon decorated specifically for the event.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading 2018: *Adventures in Library Land* continued throughout the reporting period with reading club registration and completion in full swing. As of Monday, July 16, almost 19,000 children were registered in the Summer Reading database. An additional five to six thousand children will register through the COSA Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Youth Program bringing the total up to at least 24,000. Library staff continues to encourage registration and completion through the end of August, so an even higher number is anticipated.

Summer Reading programming is also strong this year with special presentations by Dinosaur George, Happy Tails, Magik Theatre and musician Will Parker drawing significant crowds. All library locations will be hosting SummerFest celebrations between July 28 and August 4 to cap off the summer programming season. Special thanks to the Library Foundation, the Najim Family Foundation and Whataburger for their financial and in-kind support of the library's summer activities.

As summer winds down, fall programming comes into play. The children's librarians are making plans for World Elephant Day, National Playdough Day, Octopus Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, Play & Learn and October Halloween celebrations. Funding received through the Library Foundation is underwriting fall drum circles with occupational therapist Jorge Ochoa and late summer nature programs with naturalist Tom Kinsey.



Children's services participated in three outreach events hosted by KLRN that featured appearances by Super Why, a popular PBS character.

- June 28: Brady Park staffed by Children's Coordinator Viki Ash and Collins Garden Children's Librarian Gina Brudi.
- June 29: Kennedy Park staffed by Viki Ash and a library volunteer.
- June 30: Pershing Park staffed by Viki Ash and a library volunteer.
- Princess Presto, another popular PBS character, made an appearance at "Paletas in the Park" on July 14. This event was jointly sponsored by KLRN and the United Way as part of their commitment to the revitalization of the Eastside. The library table featured ice painting and was staffed by Viki Ash and Library Assistant Carolyn Bradley.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The teen summer interns from the Family Service Association's Summer Youth Internship Program began work at the end of June at their respective library locations. Central's intern Joaquin has been a valuable addition to the Teen Library team. He has gained skills and knowledge about the workplace, and staff members are helping him to attain leadership skills.

This year, ten 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 addition to the FSA interns, several library locations have a City Summer Youth Intern. The Teen Library's intern Esteban has been a teen volunteer and "regular" at the Teen Library since its opening in 2015.



In the Teen Library @ Central on June 26, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library) facilitated a special Tuesday evening program in partnership with Fiesta Youth, to celebrate Pride Month. The movie *Love, Simon* was shown, teens participated in fun activities, and refreshments were served. Fiesta Youth – San Antonio's premier LGBTQ program for youth and their allies – has been a partner with the Library for several programs at various SAPL locations, and Teen Services is eager to continue to collaborate with this important organization.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading continues for adults. For every book read or program attended, adults are entered to win the very popular paleta t-shirt. After completing eight books, programs, or a combination of both, adults are entered to win tickets to have an adventure in San Antonio. Prizes include tickets for the botanical gardens, TopGolf, ghost tours 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. Adult sign ups have continued to increase over last year due to the ease with which families can participate together and the popularity of all of the marketing pieces.



About 25 staff members from throughout the system represented the library in the Pride “Bigger Than Texas” Parade on June 30. Staff carried a banner with a rainbow background that says Libraries for All, Las Bibliotecas son para Todos. Staff also gave out 1,000 stickers with the same saying and library logo to parade goers and participants while waiting for the parade to begin. Since it was a night parade, the banner, other signs, and staff were lit with colored lights. Having a library presence in parades is a great way to show the public that the library is engaged in the community and available to all people. In addition, library staff who march get the benefit of being recognized. All along the parade route, in both Battle of Flowers and the Pride parade, people shouted that they love the library and thanked staff for participating.



Adult Services staff are preparing a series of STEAM events in September and October. They are currently learning how to use the recently purchased equipment including 3D printers, snap circuit kits, telescopes, art kits, ukuleles and more in preparation. Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes demonstrated the 3D printer to Texana staff, and they have already identified a few projects they would like to attempt using the printer.



The Re-Visionaries, the group leading Operation Transformation, have continued to work on numerous projects including improved communication and building community within the organization. They recently hosted the first in a series of ten gatherings bringing staff from all over the system together for after-hours social events. The series is called 2nd Fridays with SAPL. The first event was held at Main Event on Hwy 151 and 30 staff and members of administration attended. Each month different members of admin will host the event in a different area of town.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN’S



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin conducted *Play & Learn* and *Toddler Time* programs that continue to be well-received by families. Young children learned about rivers, lakes and ponds with

the classic Denise Fleming book *In the Small, Small Pond* and mimicked the animals from the book. They delighted in playing inside a large plastic swimming tub with pond animal puppets. The children splashed around with a shallow tub full of plastic ducks, frogs, and flowers as well. Toddlers enjoyed reenacting another book when Ms. Seglin read *The Friend Ship* about a group of animals traveling by boat. She made a cardboard ship and filled it with the same animal puppets from the book! Children engaged in sensory play by creating “hedgehogs” out of play dough and a variety of pasta shapes. She shared stories about diverse families in another program series. Children and their parents were encouraged to play in a large cardboard house Ms. Seglin set up, complete with cardboard washing machine, stove, sink and even play dough cookie making!



Librarian Nicole Cubillas continued her new *Bilingual Story Time* program for preschool children. The music-themed program was particularly boisterous as children played child-sized instruments, inspired by the lively bilingual stories Ms. Cubillas shared. They also worked together to create an oversized collaborative art piece that looked like a giant piece of sheet music. Children explored the wonders of the night sky after sharing bilingual songs and stories. They played in an outer space imaginative play area and had a great time experimenting with shadows using flashlights. Ms. Cubillas brought out the paleta cart and fruteria stand for a summer themed bilingual program! Children also enjoyed the sensory experience of playing with homemade slime and a water sensory bin. Children expressed themselves creatively when she facilitated art activities after story time. They painted, made collages and crafted sculptures from play dough.



Programming for school-aged children included engaging Tricentennial themed *Kids Time* programs and a special visit from *Magik Theater!* Librarian Lea Ann McDonald led children on an investigation into river habitats. After hearing stories about river animals, the group worked together to create a river on butcher paper. The highlight of the experience was making “animal tracks” with stamps and paint! Ms. McDonald featured the San Antonio Zoo with a zoo animal guessing game. The children created zoo keeper hats full of things animals need. In honor of the Tricentennial, she presented a program about all things number 3! They imagined that they had three magic wishes and spent a long time crafting just what they most desired. The group also engaged in a STEAM focused activity in which they engineered creations from triangles.



Central Children’s staff took an innovative approach to programming this month and tried several *Pop Up Programs*. Many children gathered on the 3rd floor after the free summer lunch program. Manager Kate Simpson and Library Assistants Mary Elizabeth Fernandez and Judith Slaughter took those opportunities to host impromptu LEGO parties to engage these large groups of children. Families were delighted with the surprise opportunity to build and play together and many took home the LEGO books on display!



Central Children’s Librarians filled in and conducted programs at branch libraries this month when needed. Ms. McDonald presented a *Kids Time* program at McCreless Branch Library and Ms. Cubillas led a group of preschoolers in a *Story Time* program at Cody Branch Library.



Ms. Simpson worked closely with Alamo Heights I.S.D. Summer Camp and branch library staff to plan a series of student visits to several local libraries. When 1st grade students visited the Central Library, Ms. Simpson and Ms. McDonald led them on a tour of the 3rd floor, with a special stop at

the *Fiesta Tower* by Dale Chihuly. After hearing all about the *Mayor's Summer Reading Program*, the students worked together on a collaborative outer space scene collage!



Ms. Seglin led a group of children from Oak Island Summer Camp on a tour of the library. Many of the children had never been to a library before and enjoyed the special experience.



Ms. Cubillas and Ms. McDonald shared information about library resources and the *Mayor's Summer Reading Program* at Healy Murphy Child Development Center's ice cream social.



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. She also began weekly visits to Temple Beth El Summer Day Camp, where she read stories to several groups of preschoolers. 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.

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): Rounding out June, teens kept things cute, sweet, and summery – expressing themselves creatively and actively. Incorporating some science into their crafts, teens used a thermo chromic pigment powder to attempt thermo chromatic kinetic sand. The teens delighted in getting hands-on and messy.

Teens also made flowerpot cookies. They used cookies shaped as mini-flowerpots to fill with chocolate pudding, crushed chocolate graham crackers to use as dirt, then shaped Airheads candies like flowers to stick at the end of lollipop sticks that they stuck in the "flowerpot." Many thanks to teen volunteer Scarlett for her awesome prep work in this craft.

Participating in a Teen Library summer tradition, teens made ice cream the fun science way: using ice cream salt, ice, gallon and quart freezer bags, and ice cream ingredients. The shaking, the dripping cold water, the 5-10 minutes it takes was all worth it as teens enjoyed topping their ice cream bowls with a variety of fruits, nuts, and sauces. As their hands warmed up, teens used fusible perler beads and irons to create plastic figures based on gaming, movie, and cartoon characters.

July began a favorite theme of Japanese July, where teens used Japanese inspiration for crafts and foods. To start, teens made sushi rolls. Using a bamboo rolling mat, teens added imitation crab legs, rice, carrots, cucumbers and sesame seeds on the *nori*. Teens went retro for craft time, making Shrinky Dinks, a plastic shrink film they draw on, then bake in the oven to create plastic charms. Freehand drawings came out adorable. In a prepared Teen Summer 2018 craft box, sweetly provided by the Teen Summer Reading Committee, teens took marshmallows, fruit roll-ups, frosting, NERDS and other candies to manipulate candies to look like sushi. The table was colorful; the smells were sweet, and the results delicious. Scrapbook paper, flat wood sticks, glues, jewelry headpins and gold tassels were also set out for teens to challenge themselves to make a Japanese folding fan.

After most Thursday programs, 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>.

A Thursday kind of Saturday in June with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): In a rare Saturday morning program, teens arrived early enough to get a head start on making popsicles. Using puddings, graham crackers, and vanilla ice cream, teens filled Popsicle molds to make S'mores pops. Also using leftover bananas from Ice Cream Day, teens added them to vanilla pudding and crushed graham crackers to create a layered frozen banana push pop. The banana pudding push pops set first and went over well. Afterwards, with the sewing machines set out, teens used fabrics and Poly-fil stuffing to make pillows.



A group of teens and their families from Boysville visited the Teen Library on June 22. Teen Library staff provided a tour of the library on June 26 for students from Alamo Heights Junior School. 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 Selena Center and the Juvenile Detention Center made regular visits during the reporting period.

REFERENCE

This month, Reference staff presented a final film for Pride Month, celebrated a successful Summer Reading Program and welcomed new staff to the department. Reference also acknowledged a departure and said farewell to long-time staff member Maria Adams.



Ms. Adams joined the Reference Team in 2007 as a Librarian I. During her time in Reference, Ms. Adams was the lead for the periodicals team, and was an integral staff member on the Cinema Soledad program team that was eventually rebranded to Central Cinema. This program is still going strong nearly ten years later and has been a big attendance draw for all ages. She has also played a role in the Library's Geek Out Team, helping facilitate events such as the Back to the Future event. Ms. Adams has been promoted to Librarian II at the Schaefer Branch Library. Reference hosted a farewell (and congratulations) party for Ms. Adams. She will be missed, but Reference staff celebrates with Ms. Adams, not just an ending, but the beginning of a new adventure.



Morgan Quinlan is the Reference Department's new Summer Youth Intern. In the fall, Ms. Quinlan will be a senior at the San Antonio Christian School. She is interested in pursuing a career in the Medical field or, possibly, Computer Sciences at either UTSA or UT at Austin. This summer, Ms. Quinlan will order office supplies and help to create daily schedules for a large department. Thus far Ms. Quinlan

says her knowledge of computer applications has grown and she has gained a better understanding of all the work that goes on within libraries.



Efforts to involve patrons in Adult Summer Reading at Central have been a huge success, surpassing all goals set. As of July 10, staff have registered 712 patrons! Each week, another lucky patron wins the raffle to receive a Library T-shirt. Khadijah Elgaili (Library Assistant) presented a prize to a winning patron and encouraged him to immediately put on the bright lime green t-shirt. He dashed off to put on the shirt and came back to present Ms. Elgaili with several challenging reference queries. Ms. Elgaili believes the effort to sign-up participants has created a resurgence of excitement for reading; several patrons have shared their library experiences from childhood to adulthood. Themed displays have been created to encourage summer reading as well. Near the Library entrance, a cart has Book Bundles that feature themes ranging from World War II to Rocky Relationships to popular authors, such as Lee Child. To support the Mayor's Book Club, staff has set up a prominent display on the first floor that celebrates Mexican culture. On the second floor, patrons will find a display of books from the list of 100 best-loved novels selected in a national survey for PBS's *The Great American Read*. Patrons can follow along and vote for their favorite. Also on the second floor, patrons looking for adventure can find inspiration by perusing a large selection of travel and adventure memoirs.



On June 24 Michelle Mondo, former San Antonio Express News reporter, presented the documentary film *Southwest of Salem: The Story of the San Antonio Four*, a film by Deborah Esquenazi. The film details how junk forensic science was used in the trial of lesbians known as the San Antonio Four. The film was well received and was followed by a Q and A led by Ms. Mondo, who broke the story and conducted extensive interviews. Attendees were eager to learn more about the case and asked Ms. Mondo questions for over an hour. This program was hosted by Cynthia De Leon (Librarian I).

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER





The Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted *Introduction to Son Jarocho with Son Queers* on Saturday, June 16 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 Queers, a group who explore the queer experience through Son Jarocho.




The Latino Collection and Resource Center Coordinator was host to the *Testimonio Writing Workshop* led by author Carolina Cisneros-Hinojosa on June 23. Her work has appeared in *On Being*, *Christianity Today*, and *The Acentos Review*. This one-hour workshop unpacked the connection between body, language and work as writers. Participants wrote one poem or short essay to conclude the workshop. The event drew 30 attendees.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY


 Librarian Sylvia Reyna provided a welcome tour of the Texana/Genealogy service area to Library Assistant Briana Glass from Reference on June 20, highlighting the department's resources.


 On July 5, Ms. Reyna presented the *How to do Your House History* class for staff and interns from the Office of Historic Preservation.


 Texana team members participated in a staff development in-service day on July 9 to focus on team building, programming, vault storage maintenance, as well as shifting and organizing departmental resources.


BRANCH LOCATIONS


BAZAN


 The Bazan Branch Library welcomed many new faces this summer when it became a host site for the San Antonio Food Bank's Summer Lunch Program. Families who attended the program often extended their stay at the library while their children enjoyed a few hours hanging out with their peers or engaging in teen and children's programming.

 Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen's busy summer included outreach visits to DeZavala Elementary School where she read *Chicken Squad* to third through fifth grade summer school students and also visited the American Sunrise program where she read to students attending summer camp. The Magik Theatre's presentation of Dr. Krashundbang at Bazan was a big success and was enjoyed by adults and children alike!

 During programming for young adults this month, teens had fun making vanilla ice cream which quickly went viral on social media tagged as #bazanteens. To capitalize on this summer's scorching heat, teens enjoyed making s'mores outside in solar ovens made out of shoe boxes wrapped in aluminum foil. For a change of pace, Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas brought out the Makey Makey, a small circuit board tactile/programming device. The teens were initially confused by the mechanics of it, but quickly learned to manipulate and program sound and graphics all while having fun.

 Summer teen interns from the FSA and JOVEN programs took the initiative to revamp the Bazan teen space with fun bright colors. The interns along with teen volunteers also enjoyed working together to create fun and friendly programs for their peers, at which they also assisted other teenagers with the activities.

 The Bazan Branch Library hosted the Midnight Paranormal Society on June 9. The program was a huge success with over 40 people in attendance. The group has two more dates scheduled for the rest of the summer in addition to three dates scheduled for October.

 The Bad Girls Romance Book Club celebrated PRIDE month by reading the graphic novel *Blue is the Warmest Color* by Julie Maroh. One new attendee, who said she was happy to have the opportunity to read and discuss the book, explained that she read the book because her granddaughter recently came out and the book helped her understand what her granddaughter was going through.



Indie Film Club at Café Bazan watched *The Station Agent* and served coffee and cookies. The same patrons who attended also came to *International Yoga Day* the following day.



On June 20, Training Officer Emily Flores attended the San Antonio Housing Authority Early Engagement Program Resource Fair held on the KIPP Commerce campus. The event, a mandatory orientation for new housing program residents, had an impressive turnout.



The Learn Center at the Bazan Branch Library began registration for a four-month long citizenship class to start in late July in response to community need and interest.



On June 26, Training Officer Emily Flores attended the San Antonio Digital Inclusion Alliance meeting. The organization is currently in the process of planning for the Digital Inclusion Conference to be held this fall.

BROOK HOLLOW



Library Services Lead Cresencia Huff (Little Read Wagon) presented the Kid's Time program "*Tri Tri Tri*". The program, developed by Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster (Cortez), featured stories with things that come in threes and was designed to highlight San Antonio's Tricentennial celebration. After listening to the book *Sausages!* By Jessica Souhami, a re-telling of the three wishes legend, children had the opportunity to create their own "wishing tree". Following the program, visitors to the library were encouraged to write their own wishes and hang them on the tree which was displayed in the children's area of the branch.



Kids and caregivers enjoyed meeting Ginger the capybara and Kuzco the alpaca during Happy Tails Entertainment's visit to the branch on July 7 for a special *Kid's Time* program. Attendees learned all about animals native to South America and had the chance to pet some of the animal visitors as well.



For the second year in a row, Brook Hollow is one of five branches partnering with the Northeast Independent School District to serve free lunches to children aged 18 years and younger. Lunch is provided Monday – Friday in the meeting room.



During the reporting period, teens at Brook Hollow made slime, experimenting with different recipes to see how the slimes differed from each other and adding different substances, like shaving cream and sand, to make differently textured slime. There were successes and mistakes, and attendees compared their results. Teens enjoyed using the Wii U to play competitive and collaborative games, working together to gather coins and defeat enemies, and using their best moves against each other.



On June 23, the branch welcomed Anthony Delgado from the Canary Islanders Descendants Association to give a presentation titled *Among the First to Settle: Canary Islanders in San Antonio*. Twenty-five people attended and two were all the way from Houston!



On June 30, the branch hosted a presentation entitled *Queen of the Missions*. Susan Snow from the National Park Service gave detailed information about the formation of Mission San Jose.



The branch hosted local author Martha Miller on July 7. She discussed her book, *Times New Roman: How We Quit Our Jobs, Gave Away Our Staff & Moved to Italy* and answered questions.



On July 11, Library Assistant Elissa Vura facilitated a Giant Paper Flowers program at the branch. The twelve patrons in attendance learned to create foot-and-a-half diameter flowers from card stock and copier paper. The patrons remarked that they had fun and expressed interest in upcoming craft programs for adults.

CARVER



Carver Branch Library served as one of several ambassador locations during the recent national conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), welcoming delegates of the organization's Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO).



Nearly a thousand youths from across the nation gathered in the Alamo City to compete, including a 10-member contingent from Seattle who attended a reception at the branch hosted by staff, Friends of Carver Library, and other stakeholders. They were led on a tour of the branch's historical collection and archives. Lunch was served afterward.



According to the organization: "ACT-SO includes 32 competitions in STEM, humanities, business, and performing, visual and culinary arts. Almost 300,000 young people have participated in the program since its inception."



To cultivate writing in the community, the Carver LEARN Center hosted a day-long writing workshop. Published writers were recruited to offer instruction in such techniques as dialogue, scriptwriting, writing structure and time management.



Assistant Branch Manager Monty Holcomb hosted four chess events which continue to be steadily attended by a variety of patrons. Mr. Holcomb also hosted four official Teen Time events with the Wii gaming system and, on seven occasions during this period, provided logistical support and encouragement to a Teen club that frequently utilizes the library. Mr. Holcomb also continues to facilitate both the weekly Tai Chi program and the new weekly Easy Yoga program, both of which consistently have high attendance rates (three of each program was held during this reporting period). Mr. Holcomb also helped coordinate and facilitate Carver Branch Library's International Yoga Day program.



Summer 2018 has been exceptional at Carver! Programming for children has brought in a record number of children and families. More than one hundred participants attended performances of the Magik Theatre and Happy Tails Entertainment, which allowed youngsters to learn about exotic animals such as the alpaca, the Western porcupine, the capybara and other wildlife. During Magik Theatre's performance, children and their parents were invited to take part in STEM demonstrations.



In addition to the presentations, the branch provided other programming opportunities for children. The current summer reading theme has allowed children to learn about COSA values and the city's commitment to the people it serves. Children have learned about zoo animals, toys of the past and the community's proud military presence. Also, craft activities have allowed them to create their own river ecosystem complete with wildlife characteristics and animal paw prints. By July 15, the branch had registered nearly 300 children for the summer reading program. Indeed, an exciting time for Carver!

CODY



On June 21st, *Illusions by Blake* came by and astounded a huge group of magic enthusiasts both young and old, courtesy of the Cody Friends of the Library group.



Cody's Baby and Toddler Time programs have continued in popularity this summer with the help of Librarian Ashley Stubbs from the Encino Branch Library.



The Children's Story Time program continues to go strong with the help of several of the wonderful librarians in the San Antonio system- Nikki Weaver of Encino, Karen Sebasta of Landa, and Nicole Cubillas of Central. The Cody Branch Library appreciates them immensely!



Starting June 23, the Cody Branch Library has been hosting a weekly meet-up of *Pokémon Go* players for trading and making new friends in the game.



On June 26, Cody's *Thriving Through Anxiety and Depression* workshop provided great mental health advice to a thoroughly captivated part of the community.



On June 30, the library got nice and noisy with a special musical performance by Will Parker.



The local "Be a Champion" children's program stopped by on July 11 for their own special story time presentation, courtesy of Librarian Weaver.



On July 12, the Cody Branch Library was all hooped up by the wonderful hula-hooping skills of our own Olivia Bandalan-Isalas' daughter Luna.



The Cody Branch Library hosted a first time homebuyers education session on Saturday, July 14, courtesy of a local realtor and regular Cody patron.



Both June and July have seen an excellent turnout for Cody's summer-long *Kidding Around* yoga program for toddlers and young children. Parents continued the love of yoga on July 7th with their own beginner's yoga program.



With the help of our summer intern Eli, the Cody Lego club is still going strong! Every week more than twenty young builders have shown up to show their creativity in brick form.



Tweens spent an hour crafting their own sun-powered ovens on *Solar S'Mores Day*. Using tinfoil, cardboard boxes, and an abundance of tape and glue, each attendee created a solar oven and took it home that afternoon, along with the ingredients for a sun-melted s'more of their own.



At *Brain Games Day*, tweens built futuristic houses out of Brain Flakes, and then racked their own brains to come up with lists of themed items in a competitive game of Outburst.



San Antonio Art Day gave tweens the opportunity to experiment with a variety of mediums—including watercolors and oil pastels—while creating silhouette art representing the city.



Tweens got a taste of the effort it takes to construct a building on *Tricentennial Tower Day*! Creating blueprints, getting them approved by Tween Time officials, and constructing their own updated Tower of the Americas were all part of the fun.



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



Cody teens have yet to tire of sushi, so they spent an afternoon creating *Fruit Sushi* while playing video games. When the sushi rice didn't stick together as expected, they used their creativity to make the remaining ingredients into a delectable build-your-own fruit salad!



On *Bottle Cap Crafts Day*, teens created magnets and key chains featuring characters from their favorite media, as well as cool patterns and cute pictures. While they worked, they snacked on fruit snacks and played video games.



Chocolate Chip Cookie Day featured a classic recipe for a classic snack, which the teens mixed up together. They were impressed by the quality of what they were able to make with just five ingredients—and enjoyed the fruits of their labor while playing video games.



Teens tested their engineering know-how on *Sweet Engineering Day* by building free-standing towers out of gumdrops and toothpicks. The tallest towers—one over a foot high!—won their builders candy prizes.



By patron request, the Cody Branch Library began a *Writing Club* for young patrons interested in expressing themselves creatively! Using a combination of fun discussions and interesting writing prompts, they've practiced creating characters and writing short fiction alone and in groups.



Cody's Chess Club hasn't slowed down with summer vacation! Patrons of all ages continue to flock to the hour-long chess program, with an average of 28 attendees per week in June.

COLLINS GARDEN



The Collins Garden Branch Library team signed up 355 children, 70 teens and 165 adults for the annual Mayor's Summer Reading Club.



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. Step Fitness offers a place to exercise in the meeting room out of the heat. Loteria, Mexican bingo, attracts a full house and is a hit this summer with an average of 20 participants. Beading is a crowd pleaser and ping pong is open to the community for people of all ages. Adult coloring as a stress reliever is offered once a month and has a small following of community members.



Collins Garden Branch Library hosted International Yoga Day with Mary Martha McNeel with the Connections Program. McNeel also hosted Qui Gong classes at the branch while Pan American Branch Library was under construction.



On June 18, Happy Tails brought animals from the African plain such as a capybara and an alpaca. Children learned about the animals and were able to touch them at the end of the performance. Over 100 people attended.



Movie Time screened four juvenile films during the reporting period with 104 attendees. Collins Garden Branch Library hosted Dr. Krashundbang from Magic Theater on June 26 with science and fun; 67 people attended. It was a prehistoric adventure on July 3 as Dinosaur George featured fossils to an enthusiastic and inquisitive crowd of 46 attendees. Jolly Joey Clown Alley clowns entertained children and adults about clowning and created balloons sculptures ranging from a rose to a shark for each child. There were 30 attendees.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted three Lego Club programs. Lego creations are displayed on the shelves in the reference area for customers to view. 54 people attended. Brudi attended the Calling All Super Readers at the KLRN sponsored event at Brady Park on June 28. She spoke to 100 children and adults and signed up 85 children for summer reading.



The weekly teen program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, averages five teens a week. Teens are playing ping pong, video games and doing crafts for the summer.



Two chess sets in library's public areas are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves, with an average of 10 players daily. Collins Garden Branch Library is continuing weekly Family Game Night this summer with various board games for all ages.



Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies attended Texas Library Association Annual Assembly in Austin, Texas in July 2018 and attended TLA District 10 Meeting and various library programs and planning sessions for TLA Fall Conference. The branch team is assisting library administration/D5 to coordinate Our Family Reads-The Mayor's Book Club event for District 5 on July 28. In addition, the District 5 3rd Annual Back to School Backpack Drive is scheduled for Saturday, August 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CORTEZ



The Cortez staff continued their tendency to celebrate any and all occasions by participating in International Yoga Day on June 19 with guest instructor and former library employee Blanca Hurley leading the way. Then on July 5, the staff gleefully participated in National Chocolate Day with an all-chocolate potluck.



Branch Manager Cammie Brantley attended an all-day workshop at San Antonio College June 19 on “Radical Leadership”. This informative and motivational training was conducted by author, pilot, scholar and cowboy Steve Schmidt who has a national reputation as a speaker to organizations of all sizes.



On June 20, the library hosted the group Project Vote-Smart who encourage citizens to register and vote. The organizers were pleased to register five patrons that day.



The library also welcomed summer intern Ms. Amri Chapa, a junior at South San High School! She is a quick learner, very prompt and friendly. She will be working at Cortez for approximately six to seven weeks helping with adult, teen and children’s programs.



The branch is very sad to announce the departure of children’s librarian extraordinaire Kathy Armbruster as of August 7. Her energy and love of children, literature, and the Cortez community will be impossible to adequately replace as she is wished the best in the future.



Cortez Branch Library is happy to announce that they have exceeded their circulation goals each month for an entire year!



Ms. Armbruster and Ms. Staudt present a series of songs, rhymes, and finger plays in both English and Spanish. Parents and caregivers also sing some of their favorites as well. Babies and their caregivers stay for a few minutes to play together and to visit with each other.



Toddlers have enjoyed playing with bubbles, imaginative play with zoo animals and puppets, and playing with balls and a parachute. Plenty of block play, a reading corner, music center and playdough play round out the offerings during the play portion of this popular program. Stories and songs have included sessions about bubbles, circles and zoo animals. Caregivers attend this program with their toddlers and have plenty of time to interact and enjoy the play setting.



Kids Time is a chance for school-aged children to hear stories and participate in lots of hands-on activities. Sessions included stories about basketball with a comparison activity of each child’s height, hand-size and foot size with those of a Spurs basketball player. There was an interesting opportunity to compare toys of today with toys from long ago and to create an old fashioned toy with paper and a drinking straw! Happy Tails, an educational animal program featuring South American animals, attracted a large crowd. The opportunity to pet the boa constrictor and the alpaca made this a memorable event for many.



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.



Ms. Armbruster visited with the children and teachers at Little Team Texas Daycare in South San Antonio. She read and sang with two preschool classrooms and promoted the summer reading program with the preschool classes and the afterschool crowd.



The teen summer program has changed a bit this year. Instead of video games for the summer, the teens are learning to cook! Mr. Vicente Escobedo with San Antonio Metro Health has been teaching the teens some easy cooking such as: agua frescas, stir-fry with tofu, and a variety of fresh salads.



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



Cortez summer crafters made mini felt purses with eye-popping colors and then created a USA flag wreath made with red, white and blue bandanas to celebrate July 4th. They also created tote bags out of several plastic grocery bags that had been fused together by ironing several layers together to make a stronger plastic. Sewing begins next week!



Night of the Lepus, the second in the series of "Cheesy Summer Flicks" was presented to the Monster Meet fans at the monthly meeting. This 1972 horror, sci-fi thriller offered the crowd a look at mutant rabbits running amok in the southwestern United States desert. Carrots with ranch dressing were served as the signature snack as well as cheesy snacks celebrating this series of seriously cheesy movies!



Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez once again led an evening adult craft time on July 5 where she taught patrons to make paper hyacinth flowers with nothing but paper, scissors, glue and tape. All attending were pleased with the results and have requested that this program continue.



On June 19, Susan Everidge, Director of Countryside Memorial Park, led a presentation discussing environmentally responsible ways of burying a loved one. Mrs. Everidge provided an informative talk that helped patrons understand the process of burials in Texas and how a natural burial can minimally impact the environment.



Anayase Garza led this month's Healthy Cooking Class and prepared a healthy broccoli mac and cheese. All attending were given a copy of the recipe and each ingredient was discussed individually so patrons could understand the health benefits of substituting some ingredients for others. For example: using pureed butternut squash and plain Greek yogurt to maintain the creamy texture and color without having to use as much cheese.



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.



Cortez celebrated International Day of Yoga by hosting a video-led yoga class. The video was supplied through the doyogawithme.com website. The video was meant to help stretch the body through slow, relaxed movements. The program was held in our meeting room and mats were provided.



Stephanie Serrata offered two beginner yoga classes that gently stretched and relaxed the body. Mrs. Serrata was very friendly and excited to work with the library. We hope to invite her back again for more sessions.

ENCINO



Encino Children's Summer Reading programming has drawn large crowds to their story times, Kids Time and Lego Time. Saturday Story Time, a new program, was very popular with the community. One memorable Kids Time, titled Toys from the Past, drew in not only children but adults as well and they all had fun playing with paddle balls and pulling wooden ducks on a string.



Encino Chess Club is the newest children's program that kicked off on July 13 with a small but serious group of attendees.



Teens are once again flocking to the Encino Branch Library during their summer break to hang out during our programs in the teen room. *Teen Club* welcomed back our regulars as well as some newcomers with snacks, bottle caps and felt crafting, and friendly competitive video gaming. In our monthly *Teen Screen* program, viewers were transported to the nation of Wakanda in the blockbuster hit *Black Panther*, while munching on popcorn and pizza brought in by two teens. Encino's *Anime Club* continued to draw a varied crowd with weekly anime showings and a special program featuring candy sushi making. A very sugary and fun time was had by all.



For the second summer in a row, Encino teens welcomed Chef Justin Sparkman from the San Antonio Food Bank for two programs in our *Teen Summer Cooking Series*. Teens prepared, cooked, and tasted yummy dishes from France and Spain while also learning kitchen skills and nutritional factoids. This series will continue with two more programs to take place later in July.



Encino hosted two more programs in our *Cosplay 101* series for teens and adults during the reporting period. The first focused on the basics of sewing, while the second program taught attendees the intricacies of sourcing, styling, and maintaining wigs. With two classes left, the *Cosplay 101* series has been off to an amazing start.



Encino Branch Library established a partnership with local piano instructor Garrett Williford and began offering free piano lessons to the Encino community. The lessons are open to children and adults and have proven to be very popular.



The Collaborate Space at Encino Branch Library continues to be a popular space for the community. Encino's Collaborate space was used by outside groups 22 times during the reporting period. Use of Collaborate included job interviews, STEM tutoring via Skype, video conferences, video job interviews, government security clearance interviews, financial networking meetings, tutoring/study

groups. The Mondopads in Collaborate are used about 30% of the time, and most users of the space utilize their own devices connected to the library's WiFi.

FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch Library has had an active summer. Programming for all ages has been a priority as the community enjoys time away from school and work. Cool temperatures inside make the library a welcomed haven from the hot summer sun.



Adults participated in a fun ice cream making event. They combined ingredients in storage bags and shook until a nice cool treat was created. The adults are certainly enjoying the summer time fun.



On June 30, The First Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary Task Force offered a presentation on immigration rights. The presentation focused on immigrants' constitutional rights, navigating interactions with the law officers and advice to non-immigrant members of the community on how to help their neighbors.



Citizenship classes commenced on June 9. These classes are offered by Academia Americana. The classes will be held at Forest Hills Branch Library every Monday, July 9 - September 16, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The course will be 10 weeks long and include 24 hours of instruction. The course will be offered at no charge to the students, thanks to funding from the Adult Services programming budget.



AARP offered a TEK workshop on job searching in the digital age on June 22. Seniors were instructed on job searching, networking, and interview skills.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Dorris Griffin Senior Center to host the monthly book club. The selection for May was *Leaving Time* by Jodi Piccoul.



Mrs. Naylor also participated in the Parks and Recreation/ Boys and Girls Club Super Summer Readers program. She visited with children at the Martin Elementary School site on June 20 and 27 to be a reading sidekick. As a reading sidekick, she sat with a group of 4th graders and encouraged while they read aloud and silently.



Teen Summer Programs included ice cream making and candy sushi. New teens have joined the group and staff hopes to continue growing the group as the summer progresses.



Forest Hills is hosting a teen intern through a partnership with the Family Services Association. The program offers teens experience in a professional work setting. The teen assigned to Forest Hills has been assisting with tasks that are developing his knowledge of the Dewey system, clerical filing, as well as participating in developing programs for teens.



Mrs. Menchaca is hosting a children's movie time for children and their adults on Fridays.



Mrs. 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.



The Mayor's Summer Reading Club for children has been going beautifully. The percentage of children who have finished their summer reading is impressive. Ms. Menchaca is happy to see that a lot of children who have participated in the Mayor's Summer Reading Club point out to her she came to their school.



The Majik Theater and Will Parker were big hits at Forest Hills. Children who participated in both programs had a lot of fun and it was wonderful to hear a lot of laughter and delight throughout Forest Hills.



Mrs. Menchaca attended the Texas Library Association Annual Assembly 2918 Meeting in Austin, TX. She is a member of the Tejas Star Reading List Committee. This gave her an opportunity to meet her fellow committee members and discuss the direction the Tejas Star Reading List is going to go this year.

GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library hosted many excited children and families this month at the children's programs. The entire children's wing and meeting room were filled up with very enthusiastic kids and families this month. The Kids Time program *Camp Library* averaged 143 people per program. The Story Time program *Color Club* averaged 178 people and *Concrete Ideas*, the older *Tween Time* program, averaged 14.



The *Concrete Ideas* tweens have been given firsthand experience of the intricacies in building. Upon finding out that the kids had no idea about cement, a major material in used in buildings, the group decided to explore. On July 12, the kids were able to mix and work with real cement. The preteens were mesmerized by the chemical bonding and behind-the-scenes look at how buildings were made. During the program, the group discussed the differences between residential and commercial buildings and how to properly categorize them. Several of the students were fascinated to learn about the different repairs that can be made on their own homes. It was also discussed how a building project can utilize aggregated cement to save on material costs. The preteens were fascinated and kept talking about how they would like to share this with their neighbors. They were encouraged to go around their neighborhoods looking for new building projects as well as older ones to celebrate our tricentennial.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest Library. Great Northwest Teens planned *Teen Craft and Movie Nights* for the summer. On June 18, teens watched *Hook* and made glow in the dark fairy lanterns and DIY sorbet in a bag. On June 25, teens planned Wonka night and watched *Willy Wonka* and made chewing gum and fluffy mint slime. On July 2, teens watched *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* and made shrink-dink crafts. On July 9, teens watched *The Wizard of Oz* and made Jolly Rancher lollipops, tornados in a jar, and balloon drawings.



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 June and July, teens colored velvet art, and made bottle cap key chains, Skittles popcorn and pixel art.



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



The Great Northwest Branch Library is hosting two teen interns from the Family Services Association. Ms. Vazquez supervises the interns while they gain work experience and learn about library services.



The program *Artful Aging: Explore the Basics of Art. Drawing & Sketching* was presented on June 18, 25, and July 9 by Barbara Coulter. The programs at Great Northwest focused on drawing and sketching, with additional classes on watercolor and acrylics offered at nearby library branches Igo and Maverick. The program had such high interest that a waitlist developed soon after the programs were announced. Patrons expressed how happy they were with the classes and especially program leader Ms. Coulter. Some patrons attended the related courses as well and hoped for additional classes to be offered soon.



Cindy Moreno, Adult Services Librarian, met with the *Alicia Trevino Senior Book & Movie* group to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin.



Circulation Attendant Robert Hernandez led patrons in a streaming family yoga beginner's course in celebration of *International Day of Yoga* on June 21.

GUERRA



Yamilex Rosales began work as a Library Aide. She attended staff training and orientation June 25, 26 and 27 and started at the branch on June 29. Thirteen of fourteen staff attended a quarterly staff meeting on July 12. There were two guests--Marissa Ryals with the COSA Employee Wellness Program and Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, Public Services Administrator. The Guerra Chess Club met on June 22 and 29 and on July 6 and 13.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on June 20 and 27 and July 11. He attended an EMC Compensation Meeting on July 11. He provided computer instruction on June 18. On June 26, he spoke to 135 COSA staff about the Employee Management Committee and the Service Employees International Union.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams hosted a Celebrate Juneteenth program on June 25. Adults, seniors, and families were encouraged to socialize as they enjoyed puzzles and adult coloring activities. She held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on July 10; participants discussed *Anything Is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented three toddler times, three story times, and three Summer Reading Kids Time programs. Her three Lego Clubs focused on the San Antonio Tricentennial. On June 23, school aged children enjoyed a Kids Time special performer--Dinosaur George who talked about the science and art of understanding dinosaurs. On June 22, Arlene facilitated a Lego Time for 22 children from the Temple of Praise Early Childhood Center. Families enjoyed movies on June 19 and July 10. Children participated in all day Come & Go crafts on June 22 and 23 and on July 7 and 8. On July 6, she planned and presented story times to preschoolers and toddlers at Angelic Smiles Childcare. On July 12, she attended the monthly staff meeting of Children's Librarians at the Central Library. On July 13, Arlene planned and presented story time to one group of toddlers and one group of preschoolers at Greatest Gifts Childcare. Arlene designed and mounted an Independence Day display for children.



The branch's Adult Services Librarian recorded *Mamá la extraterrestre (Mama the Alien)* by René Colato Lainez for Dial-a-Story/Telecuentos on June 20. On June 28, Stephen moderated a discussion of *Olor a rosas invisibles (The Scent of Invisible Roses)* by Laura Restrepo. On July 13, he presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center that focused on Independence Day.



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 healthy 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 June 7, 21, and 28 with Sushi Candy provided by Teen Services. June 14 was Teen Movie Night; teens watched *Spiderman Homecoming* and enjoyed snacks provided by the Guerra Friends.



Library Aides Sabrina Cirilo, Chloe Parham, and Leslie Tolentino helped Arlene Richardson with a range of Summer Reading Program displays and projects.

IGO



As part of the Summer Reading Program, Magik Theatre's "Dr. Krashundbang" brought science education and entertainment to Igo on June 28. On July 12, Happy Tails gave two shows introducing children to a variety of animals.



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



Teen Time events took place every Wednesday evening.



On July 11, the Mystery Club discussed *Secrets of Wishtide*.



On June 18 and July 2, the PoeTree Club met at Igo. This club welcomes new members who are interested in reading and/or writing poetry. Every Sunday afternoon, the Writers' Block creative writing group meets at Igo, while the Igo Stitchery Club meets next door to embroider.



On June 19, the Afternoon Book Club discussed *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos*.



On June 23, Igo hosted the Southwest Blood & Tissue Center's bloodmobile.



Beginning Hatha Yoga classes continue every Friday when the meeting rooms are available.



The Igo Elderberries July 5th program featured Martha Henry of San Antonio's International Relations Office speaking about San Antonio's Sister Cities program.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Library buzzed with activity as Summer Reading activities and computer usage continues to draw in patrons with increasing numbers. From June 30 to July 3, the network went down but staff continued to offer services and material to patrons despite the challenge. The event promoted great teamwork as staff pulled together and redirected computer users to nearby locations until the system was up and running again right before the 4th of July holiday.



On June 18, Johnston Library hosted the San Antonio AIDS Foundation's HIV Mobile Testing Van as a system wide Pride Month event. The organization was well received at Johnston. Foundation staff reported that they received several questions about HIV related issues and were glad they were able to assist people with answers. Branch Manager Monica Bustillo marched with fellow SAPL staff in the June 30 Pride Parade with a large banner reading "Libraries for All."



Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Daryl Gregory's *Spoonbenders* on June 20. Ms. Bustillo contacted author, Mr. Gregory, who answered several questions from the group immediately after the meeting via email. Friday Films continue with the June 22 double feature of both *Jumanji* movies and a July 6 screening of *A Wrinkle in Time*. Ms. Bustillo attended the Texas Library Association Annual Assembly in Austin on July 10 where colleagues discussed plan for Fall Conference. Ms. Bustillo attended two continuing education opportunities provided by TLA including: Helping Us Help You: Serving People with Print Disabilities which highlighted the Talking Book Program and LearningExpress: Resources for EVERY Library in Texas which highlighted the changes to the LearningExpress Library database. Ms. Bustillo started a weekly Pokemon Go Trading Meet Up June 11 which will continue Wednesdays at 4 p.m. until the end of August.



Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila collaborated with Central Reference Librarian Pannaga Prasad on an International Day of Yoga program at Johnston. On June 21, Johnston provided participants light refreshments while Yoga Day provided instruction and Baptist Hospital provided free yoga mats.



Since BiblioTech is one of SAPL's partners, Ms. Davila arranged an information table at Johnston Library on July 10. Many SAPL patrons are unaware of BiblioTech's additional resources available to them. BiblioTech's staff will visit Johnston again on August 10. As an ongoing effort to provide access to affordable healthcare, Ms. Davila arranged for Community First and the UT Health of San Antonio Cancer

Division to visit Johnston Library. Patrons may enroll in healthcare programs, such as Medicaid and CHIP, or learn about cancer resources and studies from the university. Community First visited the library on July 3 and the UT Health cancer division visiting on July 10.



Ms. Bustillo, Ms. Davila and Library Aide Cynthia Blancas worked together to create Teen Summer events including Bubble Magnets on June 20, Rock Painting or Shell Painting June 27, and Candy Sushi on July 11.



Summer programming for children continued at Johnston with Story Time themes including “Dinosaurs,” “Teddy Bears,” “Airplanes,” and “Automobiles.” Tween Time featured making STEM challenges, LEGOs and other building games, making a tower, and Brain Flakes. For Kids Time, children were treated to information about the dinosaurs, antique toys, and the zoo. On June 5, Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth took books for babies and toddlers at the Southwest High School PCI. On June 21, June 28, July 5, and July 12, teachers from Valley Hi Elementary School came in the morning to read to any interested children.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson presented the *Bilingual Story Time* every Monday during the summer. Children enjoyed the book readings, sing-along songs and crafts related to the theme of the day. The themes for the dates of June 18, June 25, July 2 and July 9 were: Flamencos (Flamingos), Montaña (Mountain), 4 de Julio (4th of July), and Playa (Beach), respectively.



Ms. Jackson also served as a regular contributor to *Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story)*, and she recorded a children’s book for the week of July 9. The title of the book is: *El osito polar* by Hans de Beer y traducción de Silvia Arana.

LANDA



Landa Teen Club welcomed several new teens to the branch who visited exclusively for Drop-In Volunteering this month! The group promoted summer reading to families during Kid’s Time programs, signing up numerous participants of all ages, created an awesome teen summer reading display in the teen corner, and worked with the regular teen group in planning the month’s teen activities. With assistance of Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley, they led a massive Movie Night & Cooking Club Mash Up which included a *Jurassic World* film screening, crafts, and treat making. The gang also celebrated Pride month with a film screening, making activist pins, and a tote stenciling tutorial led by one the group’s newest volunteers.



Landa’s adult programs continue to attract large audiences this summer. In keeping with the popular STEAM theme, Adult Programming Librarian Karen Sebesta invited back the team of Tom and Patsy Inglet for Introduction to Birding for Adults. These ornithological experts bring binoculars for everyone, instruct participants in their proper use and give information on how to identify virtually every bird that is native to the area. Those who attended had a great time. Tom and Patsy have given numerous programs at libraries throughout SAPL and are among our best program presenters.



Denise Barkis Richter is a popular Professor of Communications at Palo Alto College and author of the recently-published *100 Things To Do in San Antonio Before You Die*—a book for locals and tourists, alike. Dr. Richter is such an engaging speaker that people clustered around the entrance to the meeting room to hear her when the 40+ chairs in the room were filled.



Another popular guest programmer is watercolor artist Clay McGaughy who has a large following in the art community. He, too, attracted a standing-room only crowd. Clay has a very engaging rapport with his audience, keeping them chuckling at his humorous comments and in awe of his use of color in creating life-like paintings. It is amazing how science plays a part in art. Landa staff thanks Sheila Figueroa of the Landa Friends for helping get the word out on the summer programs.



Landa's book clubs are still going strong. Reader's Ink has brought in some new members. This month, the group read *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann and everyone found it to be a great selection. The Mystery Book Club read *The Sleeping Beauty Killer* by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke (daughter of author James Lee Burke) and it received mixed reviews from the group. The book club at The Village at the Incarnate Word read *The Union Quilters* by Jennifer Chiaverini and, although it contained a good deal of history, it received generally good reviews among the book club members.



Landa has a thriving and rapidly expanding volunteer program—both adults and teens. One of the longest-serving teens is Kyra White, a recent graduate of Incarnate Word High School who will be attending SMU in the fall. She recently returned from vacationing in Washington state where her family owns property. She reported that while there, she volunteered at a small county library. The Landa staff is very proud that Kyra's experience here led her to seek out volunteering at another library while she was on vacation.



Karen has also assisted with Children's Programming here at Landa (Come & Go Crafts and Lego Club) as well as doing Story Time at Cody in the absence of their Children's Services Librarian Kristin Yourdon who is out on maternity leave.



Turn out for special summer performers was strong at Landa. Children and adults especially loved Dinosaur George and his hilarious and informative show about dinosaurs. Landa also hosted the Magik Theater performance of Dr. Krashandbang featuring a mad scientist. Both of these programs with the performers' permission were held outdoors to accommodate the larger crowd sizes expected. In honor of the July 4th holiday, Landa also hosted members of the US military for a special Kids Time program on June 30 where families were able to make thank you cards for troops. Three members of the military came and talked about their jobs and read themed stories to the kids and then joined the families in making their crafts.



The Summer Reading Program is going extremely well with Landa reaching the highest level of sign up for kids since 2014. Landa staff is enthusiastically encouraging all family members to sign up for the program, and much of the branch's success is due to the hard work of the circulation team: Guadalupe Rodriguez and Melissa Carroll. The finisher summer reading display of paletas covering the children's desk is colorful and attractive and prompting questions and incentive for those children who haven't signed up or finished.



Weekly story times with the addition of an art component at the end continue to be well attended and featured themes like art, silly stories, and exploration. Children's Librarian Jasmin hosted the University Presbyterian Child Center's (UPCC) older classroom on Fridays for stories, legos, and crafts.

She also goes to their center every Monday to read stories, promote summer reading, and sing songs with all of the UPCC classes ranging in ages from one to six years old.



Baby Time and Toddler Time continue to draw the highest consistent attendance for Landa programming with many parents coming to on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Toddler Time has focused on learning parts of the body and routines and is very active. Baby Time has many really young babies and fewer walkers, so the songs and rhymes have been geared towards children under the age of one.



Lego Club and Tween Time have attracted their own school-aged crowd that come weekly, and Lego creations fill the mantel and the tops of two bookshelves. Children love to return to the library and point out their own creation. Tween Time has had the kids creating pancake art, watching a movie, and making slime



Come & Go Crafts this month featured make creating your own cactus, designing your own paleta, and making the American Flag. Families will come in searching for this week's craft, and the program has been a consistently well attended summer program at Landa.



Landa staff undertook as a team the charge to weed all of the juvenile DVDs in order to have the collection fit on the shelves and not spill over. The professional work done to the collection looks fantastic and the weeding project is complete.

LAS PALMAS



Las Palmas has embraced Summer Reading and the program theme of Adventures in Library Land. In addition to giving away over 60 books to finishers of the Summer Reading Program, the Las Palmas Branch has welcomed scientists, artists, and animals into the Library.



On June 18, the Las Palmas Library welcomed *Fiesta Farms* to Kid's Time. Through the generous support of the Friends of the Las Palmas Library, children were able to touch, feed, pet, and interact with chickens, bunny rabbits, goats, ducks, a pig and a llama. More than 100 people came to the event.



On June 25, the Las Palmas Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier ran a Kid's Time program in which Tom Kinsey taught children about animals in and around San Antonio. Mr. Kinsey mentioned over 90 types of snakes in Texas and over 20 types of cockroaches in San Antonio. The *Learn Nature* programs included teaching the children about adaptations, behaviors, and needs of different animals. What the children and their adults really loved was interacting and touching different animals. Mr. Kinsey brought many small animals such as a dove, toads, snakes (a tiny baby snake and a large rat snake), and cockroaches. More than 100 people came to the event.



Magik Theatre came to the Las Palmas Library on July 2. Although Dr. Krashundbang's tricks may have seemed like magic, they were actually science. Children learned about the scientific processes, hypotheses, and experimentation. They saw experiments utilizing electricity and optical

illusions. When the children learned about conducting electricity, the children made a 16 person electricity conduction circle.



On July 9, the Las Palmas Branch Library welcomed *Say Sí*, and their Artist Building Communities (ABC) Program. Artists taught children about crafting comics and graphic novels. They learned how to create their own comic strip from the brain storming stage all the way through planning, story boarding, and execution.



Teen summer is going well with teens from the YWCA attending weekly Wednesday programs. They have enjoyed making bottle cap magnets, doing a soda tasting challenge, making candy sushi, and playing a variety of video and board games.

MAVERICK



The Ladies' Choice Book Club met on Saturday, June 30 and the Lady Mav's Book Club met on Tuesday, July 10. Maverick welcomed two new Role Playing Game Groups in June. One group met on Thursday evenings and the other group, South Texas Role Playing Game, met every Sunday throughout the month. Maverick also kicked off a mini Artful Aging Art series in July. The first two classes gathered on Tuesdays, July 3 and 10 and both classes have received tremendous responses!



The Maverick Chess Club met on Mondays, June 18 and 25 and July 2 and 9.



Summer programming is in full swing at the Maverick Library! Dr. Krashundang from Magik Theatre performed twice on Saturday, June 30 for a total of 74 attendees. On July 11, Spikey Mikey the Magician entertained a very large group of people! Ms. Roberts wishes to thank the Friends of the Maverick Library for funding this program. Children's Librarian Amy Roberts continues to see lots of new faces at Lego Time and Story Times, in addition to some of her regular attendees. It has been a great summer so far!



Ms. Roberts wishes to thank the Maverick staff for their incredible teamwork with the summer reading program for children. As of July 10, Maverick had 615 children registered for the program! Also, 109 children have finished the program!



On July 10, Ms. Roberts went to the TLA Annual Assembly to meet with her Children's Round Table committee, the 2x2 Committee. They discussed nearly 100 books that they had already nominated for consideration to be on a list that they will whittle down to 20 in January. They have already received over 400 books from publishers to read and consider.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated four Teen Time programs during the reporting period, with 45 teens in attendance. Three new Teens became volunteers for the Teen Library Leadership Committee; they are eagerly looking forward to taking an active role in shaping their program at Maverick. Teens enthusiastically competed in Wii Sports Bowling and Mario Kart. Other activities included watching *Black Panther*, sewing their own "plushies," a.k.a. mini stuffed animals, and playing board games.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl hosted 9 to 12 year olds weekly for the Tweens Only! Adventures in Library Land: Minute Games. During the first week, participants built structures with play dough and toothpicks and tested the durability of their creations. Tweens also competed in a variety of Minute-to-Win-It games; typical party games with a twist, which needs to be completed in under a minute. So far during Summer Reading 2018, they have had matchbox car races, in which they need to blow their cars off a table with a straw, tossed mini marshmallows for their partner to catch in a cup, played Giant Golf – with ping pong balls and brooms, and tried to land Frisbees into a hula hoop.

McCRELESS



The branch continues to offer several weekly programs for children of a variety of ages. On Mondays, Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales facilitates Lego Time. On Tuesdays, Librarian Marisa DeBow facilitates Tween Time. On Thursdays, Library Services Specialist Carolyn Bradley facilitates Toddler Time and Kids Time. On June 28, the branch was assisted by librarians LeeAnn McDonald and Karen Braeuler for their Kids Time and Toddler Time programs.



Attendance at our weekly Teen Time is steady with a few summer newbies. Librarian DeBow continues to offer a variety of options to the teens who attend Teen Time. Currently, they are working on a sign for the teen area. It is amazing the talent some of these teens have in drawing and illustrating. Additionally, teens had fun playing with the new markers and drawing pencils. Candy sushi making was cut short when the library had to close due to AC issues. Teens missed coming on July 4th when the library was closed for Independence Day.



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.



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



In observation of International Day of Yoga on June 21, McCreless held a beginner's yoga class that was taught by Librarian I Marisa DeBow. This ancient practice uses movement, breathing and posture to improve health. Yoga increases relaxation, strengthens muscles and joints and enriches the mind, body and spirit.



On June 18 and July 2, Library Assistant Al Chavez continued to facilitate the McCreless Walking Club. This program assists participants in meeting their fitness goals while viewing plants and wildlife in the Southside Lions Park trails. They are enjoying simple walks along nature trails suitable for beginners. The program will continue on the first and third Mondays in July and August. Participation has grown from six walkers to ten walkers.

MEMORIAL



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall added a monthly daycare outreach visit to St Paul Learning Center, where she will present Story Time to approximately 20 children and their teachers.



Mrs. Deffendall began a Summer Movie series on different topics for children.



A Salvation Army day camp was hosted by Mrs. Deffendall and it brought 28 children to the program during the early part of the summer.



Under the guidance of children's coordinator Viki Ash and assisted by Mrs. Deffendall, more than 25 children and adults came to see Musician Will Parker as part of the Summer Reading Program events series.



Mrs. Deffendall's LEGO® Club has an average attendance of seven children per week.



Teen Liaison Rene Leija sets up Nintendo Wii for Teen Time.



Mr. Leija hosted Magic the Gathering for Teen Time.



Teens look forward to the set-up of the PS4 for Teen Time.



To promote literature and an interest in authors that craft literature, the branch has started promoting an honorary "Author of the Month" series. A short biography and a photograph are displayed and accompanied by a collection of the author's writings. The display has created an interest and patrons like to read about the author and their publications.



Head Start with the City of San Antonio set up an exhibition table in the open area to register children for the Head Start Program and to provide information to patrons with school-aged children. Forty parents stopped by the display and information table. The Head Start program provides services to children in the Edgewood Independent School District and San Antonio Independent School District areas.



To address higher education interest in the community, an information table from the Texas School of Continuing Education and Recruitment was set up in the open area. Additional literature from Texas Workforce was made available to inform patrons of the financial support Texas Workforce provides for students interested in higher education.



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.



Artist, Vietnam veteran, and San Antonio native Mr. Robert Sifuentes' work continues to be exhibited all around the branch. His exhibit opened on May 11 and has drawn many patrons to the branch. 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 continues until the end of July.



As part of the Digital Inclusion program, the branch hosted two sessions of basic computer classes. Circulation Attendant Michelangelo Sosa provided basic computer and subject specific sessions. Both sessions were very well attended by patrons. Patrons have approached the branch wanting to know if the program is still in effect. The branch has assisted those patrons who still need specific classes to complete the Digital Inclusion program and all the requirements on their registration cards.



The branch hosts crocheting and jewelry making classes on a rotating basis. Both classes draw patrons from all ages with an interest in learning the crafts.



Texas Moves, an organization promoting voting in Texas set up a table in the open area and provided literature and information to the community on the requirements for voting in Texas. Patrons gathered and lined up to speak with the presenters expressing an interest in the voting process.

MISSION



For the summer, Mission Branch Library has had beginner computer classes for adults that have been well attended. For this period, the branch celebrated International Yoga day with a yoga class attended by yoga practitioners as well as newcomers that were at the library that day. The Mission Branch Library hosted a reception for the renaming of the meeting room to the *Roberto Anguiano Meeting Room* after the past president of the Friends of the Mission Library and a pillar of the Southside community.



Summer reading is in full swing with the teens at the Mission Branch Library. Teens had an engineering competition this month to see who could build the tallest tower using marshmallows and toothpicks. Teens also enjoyed the nice weather, with our new *Teen Outdoor Games* program. This month for the program teens played sidewalk chalk Pictionary. *Anime Club* continues to attract new users to the library, who up until attending the program had not visited the Mission Branch Library. Teens are anticipating our *Teen End of Summer Reading Party* at the end of the month where there will be food and carnival type games.



Summer has been very busy at Mission Library with good attendance at all programs. The special summer program, Animal Tails, was a huge success. The kids and their families had a wonderful time seeing and touching animals from South America, including an alpaca and a boa. The children were also treated to a come and go program called Mini Art Museum, presented by the McNay Art Museum, in which they got to create super hero cuffs. Many children have completed their Summer Reading logs and have claimed their book prize.



The Summer Science Time has been very popular in which large groups created mazes, and experimented with baking soda and vinegar. Lego Time also continues to be popular with both children and parents.

PAN AMERICAN



Pan American was closed for renovations from June 18 to July 5, and when the branch reopened patrons were greeted with a new service desk, new computer desks, new furniture throughout and a rearranged layout. The most common sentiment has been that the library “looks a lot more open.” Others have said that it is “nice, open and airy.” Renovations transformed the Children’s area into a family friendly area, with parents and children enjoying the space separately and together. Pan American’s teens also have a new area where they can enjoy programs or just hang out.



A day or so after reopening, a woman who lives near another branch was here for a training session. Afterwards, she stopped by the desk to request books for her son, who has a myriad of learning disabilities. We didn’t have the title of the book she wanted, but Manager Sherrie Hardin took her over to the beginner section so she could make selections. She picked out several books for him and Ms. Hardin got him signed up for Summer Reading Program. Since she lives near another branch she was told that her son could be listed under the other branch’s Summer Reading Program. She said that she would like to make the drive over to Pan American because she likes the way everything is arranged and because we “have everything right there together.”



Even though the branch was closed for a portion of the summer, Children’s Librarian Valerie Shelley has seen a huge increase in registration – 540 so far this year as compared to only 325 last year. More than 100 attended the Happy Tails Program, which is a featured part of this year’s Summer Reading Program. Children and their adults were able to get up close and personal with exotic animals.



Adult Services Librarian Steven Barrera conducted an outreach visit to the Elvira Cisneros Senior Community Center and facilitated an adult coloring session.



Teen Liaison Nicole Garza has seen a lot of growth in the number of people attending the Pokémon Champions programs. Every other week the meeting room is filled with all things Pokémon – card trading, games and videos.



Yoga and Qigong are back with the regulars happy to be returning. The quilters, too, are meeting again. A lady walked up to the desk to show staff a quilt she is working on for her grandchild.

PARMAN



Parman staff welcomed their new Children’s Librarian II, Ms. Katherine Thoren or Katie for short. She comes from the beautiful state of Missouri where she was an adjunct library faculty member and a Library Manager at a K-12 school library. Before that, she served as an Access Specialist at a larger public library in the Kansas City area. She also has a background in theater which seems perfect as the Parman branch has its own amphitheater.



Staff gathered to attend a delightful employee appreciation dinner hosted by the Friends of the Parman Library. The dinner gave staff the chance to meet, mix and mingle with the Friends and get

to know the people (who make a lot at the library possible) a little better. Fajitas, rice, fruit salad, cookies and more filled everyone's plates as they gabbed about family, their daily lives, programming, and all the new ideas they had for the library. It was a night to remember with highest number of staff members ever attending an appreciation dinner and the hope to have many more just like it.



On Saturday, July 14, Parman Branch Library had its first Summer Tech Talk, a new series created by Library Manager Kwiatkowski with community members. The series allows the audience to meet with people in STEM fields and gives them an understanding about various concepts in science, technology, engineering and math. The series caught the attention of Congressman Will Hurd, who has an extensive background in computer science. He made it a point to come by and speak to the program's attendees. Congressman Hurd spoke to the 56 people in attendance, most of whom were teenagers, about the impact of technology, and how vital it is for young people to pursue careers in this field. After the congressman's comments, Ms. Yu Zhang, Trinity University Associate Professor of Computer Science, kicked off the first Tech Talk of the summer with her presentation on artificial intelligence.



Alpacas, capybaras, boas, oh my! Parman Branch Library kicked-off summer programming on the wild side when Happy Tails Mobile Petting Zoo stopped by to share some of their amazing animals with patrons. The outdoor amphitheater was packed with children of all ages as each new animal was delightfully introduced to the audience. Ginger the capybara, Cuzco the alpaca, and Charlie the hyper boa were some of the crowd favorites as were the presenters who taught everyone a lot about their new furry friends. Parman Staff ensured everyone had ice water on this steamy afternoon and encouraged all who attended to sign-up for SAPL's summer reading program. The event ended with photo ops with Cuzco and Charlie, an opportunity the Parman staff took advantage of as they clamored around the alpaca to get a cheerful group photo.



Are you excited about science? The children of the Parman Branch Library are excited about science and it's all thanks to Magik Theatre's Dr. Krashundbang. Using everything from ping pong balls to smoke machines, Dr. Krashundbang showed the audience the magical workings of simple machines, perception, gravity, air pressure and vortexes. More than 200 people attended the scientific show and were treated to all manner of experiments and hilarity during the one-hour event. Mixing knowledge with fun, the good doctor made all the children and adults laugh while imparting a new love for science and the library.



This June, Parman helped the library's youngest patrons beat the heat by creating its very own Ice Cream Parlor. This imaginative transformation station created by Library Assistant Melissa Moser featured everything from cherries, sprinkles, waffle cones, and a register, to tubs of make-believe ice cream made from extra-large pompoms and yarn balls. As children play, they use new vocabulary, interact with each other, place orders, pay and make change. The play center is definitely a branch favorite.



On July 8, Pokémon Go players descended on the Parman Branch Library for the monthly branch's Pokémon Go Squirtle event. As one of the prime locations for Pokémon Go players, the branch manager wanted to organize a meeting place for them so they could further build a community around the popular app game. Players who stopped by to take a break from the outside heat shared tips, strategies and their love of Pokémon while enjoying refreshments and ice water provided by the library. Staff took this opportunity to engage players with other library resources such as WiFi, digital downloads, and of course

the summer reading program. The idea was enthusiastically welcomed by 175 players during the 3 hour gathering.

POTRANCO



On June 16, Happy Tails brought joy to children by introducing them to new and exciting animals. The team at Happy Tails brought the animals out and then gave a few facts and information about the animal. Among the animals showcased for Potranco community members were the coati mundi, Patagonian cavy, boa constrictor, kinkajou, and an alpaca. Afterwards, families lined up to take photos and pet the boa constrictor and alpaca. The alpaca was clearly the star of the show; the children were unmistakably drawn to it.



On June 23, Dinosaur George was a delight for Potranco community members. Dinosaur George not only brought bone replicas of interesting and popular dinosaurs, but he entertained families with his comedic skills. He made dinosaur jokes and gave many demonstrations to the children to try to put in perspective these fascinating and ancient creatures. Afterwards, children were able to take a closer look and take photos with many of the replicas.



After a few months program hiatus, Read to a Dog has returned to Potranco. The Potranco team still mourns the loss of Miracle, who was a sweet and beloved animal. Nero, the new therapy dog, is highly trained to take the pressure off kids when reading creates an uneasy feeling about their skills. Read to a Dog is a program that encourages struggling readers to get comfortable with reading. Having a child read to a therapy dog takes out the pressure that some may feel when, for example, reading to an adult. Children are able to focus on reading instead of being nervous. Reading to a dog creates a safe zone for the children reducing stress and adding some fun to reading again.



Lego club at the Potranco branch engages children and parents to think outside of the box and create. After weeks of hosting Lego club, Children's Librarian Angela Bilbe has observed both child and parent collaborate together to construct imaginative pieces. Working together instills in children the lesson of teamwork, which is an essential skill important to the success of a child. Children's Librarian Angela Bilbe has noticed during Lego time that the older children take the initiative to help the younger kids create. The younger kids are timid and hesitant to create however, after interacting with the older children, they become more comfortable; this kind of interaction supports social skills development. Lego club fosters the idea of limitless creations and encourages unique, as well as, authentic thought process. It also plays a role in helping children to develop a handful of necessary skills that will aid in producing successful and confident adults.



On June 21, Potranco Branch Library held a teen Pride event that consisted of PRIDE rainbow Oreo icing dipping- a delicious and well received activity! Teens also made colorful melted crayon art. During activities, Teen Liaison Lisa Leandro was able to engage teens in conversations about LGBTQ issues. Sine Leandro was able to create a welcoming and safe atmosphere, teens opened up to a well-rounded discussion about the state of how the LGBTQ community is portrayed in media such as music and film or lack thereof. One teen was overjoyed with our YA book display titled LOVE is LOVE which showcased LGBTQ authors and books. The teen was observed saying the fact that Potranco was hosting programs and displays, "for someone like her" allowed her to feel accepted. This teen shared that she felt, as a young LGBTQ teen, often times there were not any spaces for her to be free to express herself and even more so when mainstream media tends to glamorize heterosexuality and think of the LGBTQ as wrong or taboo. During the discussion, a song was discussed by Potranco teens titled: Radio-Friendly Pop Song by Matt Fishel which included such lyrics as, "The lyrics are sound and your voice is fundamentally fine, but face it if you wanna make it onto radio kid, you gotta do as I say change all the 'hims into hers'".

and just don't tell the world that you're... SHHH!!". Because these teens were open with Leandro, she plans to look for more opportunities to meet the needs of LGBTQ teens with programming and resources not just once a year during PRIDE month, but all year round as it should be done.



This month, Potranco Teen Services also held a Teen Time that had the teens do a STEM related craft that included paper circuits and LED lights. The teens had to figure out how to connect conductive metal tape on a paper and a battery together to light up an LED light. The teens were frustrated at first, trying to figure out how circuits work. Teen Liaison Lisa Leandro encouraged them not to give up and keep trying. After some time they figured it out and were attempting to find a way to have multiple lights on the same circuit light up. A little encouragement goes a long way, Leandro managed to inspire the teens by simply not giving failure as an option.



Potranco Branch Library has also served over 250 meals/snacks to children in our Summer Food Program partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank. In addition to providing healthy snacks to community members, the program has afforded Potranco team members the opportunity to chat with patrons to promote our current library events as well ask about what they'd like to see in the future.



Potranco Branch Adult Services Librarian Gamini Haluwana presented a virtual tour of the Taj Mahal in June. Haluwana assembled panoramic photographs and historic tales and trivia to educate and inspire the attendees who were all ages 55+. The seniors were able to interact with the panorama display via Potranco's Mondopad. The virtual tour allowed attendees to view the Taj Mahal building in all directions, from the floor to the ceiling; going from one room to another. The technology allowed for zooming in on the images and reading information.



July Sundays have seen the return of "I Heart Vinyl". After a fan of the program donated a Bluetooth speaker, Potranco librarians have been looking for a chance to bring back the program. The first week, the sounds of Etta James, Aretha Franklin, and Billie Holiday filled the space. During the second week, Tejano music filled the space with a lively energy not always found on early Sunday mornings. Going forward, Circulation Attendant Pascal Booker will DJ and host the weekly program encouraging audiophiles to come in and make requests, groove to some of his favorite music, and hopefully, bring in their own rare vinyl to share with regulars of the program.



Circulation Attendant Miranda O'Neill is garnering much attention from both new members of her virtual book club and from peers in the SAPL system. At Potranco, it is believed imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so O'Neill has happily shared her process of developing the virtual book club so that more homebound community members can participate. The team at Potranco is very thankful for those that have reached out and sought help with their own virtual programs. Team Potranco is also Team SAPL and we are flattered be considered pioneers rather than dreamers!

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Two tween events held recently at Pruitt Library were a big hit as they focused on San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebration. Kids and parents learned about mosaic art and viewed photos of different points of interest throughout the city depicting mosaic art. One example they viewed and talked about is the beautiful painting by artist Juan O'Gorman. The piece is set above the Lila Cockrell Theater on the River Walk. Attendees were impressed with the size of the piece, as well as the origination of the natural stones that compose the artwork. Children had an opportunity to create their own mosaic artwork using a variety of beans in a variety of colors. On another day, tweens read about different symbols and

sights representative of San Antonio. Afterwards, kids had an opportunity to show their creative side as they made silhouette paintings depicting items such as the Spurs logo, the Alamo, and the Hemisfair Tower.



Other popular events this summer are Lego Camp and STEM Building where kids can build with brain flakes, straw connectors, magnetic shapes, and Legos.



The Magik Theatre performance of “Dr. Krashundbang” was especially entertaining for children and families. Kids really enjoyed the different science experiments and were able to see that science can be lots of fun and entertaining.



School is out for summer, but not summer school. Roosevelt High School is the NEISD high school campus for summer school, so Pruitt Branch is seeing new faces from other parts of the city attending Teen Time and Teen Chess. Teens are celebrating the summer with patriotic movies, learning how to make bath bombs, making new friends, and learning how to play chess.



The branch has two Family Services Associates teen interns working at the library. Romeo and De'Myrea are brothers who are hard workers that have won the staffs' hearts. One of the brothers mentioned the paletas on the summer reading t-shirts and saw that the Teen Librarian had checked out the book *Paletas: Authentic Recipes for Mexican Ice Pops, Shaved Ice, Aguas Frescas* by Fany Gerson. They learned that paleta means little stick. The Teen Librarian and the interns have been making a new paleta recipe each week. Each week the paletas keep getting better and better- watermelon, yogurt & blackberry, lime, and this coming week, salted caramel.



Librarian Lynnette Perez led the adult program *Make Your Own Beach Book Bag*. Participants enjoyed interacting with one another as much as they enjoyed the painting. The women expressed interest in future artistic crafts for the fall and brainstormed a variety of ideas.

SAN PEDRO



Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presented monthly story times to children at Laurel Heights Weekday School. Fifteen to 20 books were also delivered to Laurel Heights for the teacher's use during the month. The teachers are very appreciative of this enrichment to their curriculum.



The branch hosted two very popular Family Fun events during this period in connection with the Summer Reading Program. The Magic Theater presented an entertaining STEM program, and a few weeks later, Happy Tails brought several exotic animals for the children to learn about and touch. The children were entranced by the South American animals.



Gamer Monday continues and Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. 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. San Pedro hosted a special program for 75 children from Cambridge and Woodridge Elementary Schools. Betsy showed the students around the library, with special emphasis on the children's area and promoted the summer reading program.



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



On Thursday, June 21, San Pedro Branch participated in the International Day of Yoga. Certified instructor Melissa Backhus led a beginning level class, and demonstrated a series of exercises.



Librarian Wilson Plunkett, Library Assistant Carmen Roja and Library Aide Nick Salenga paid a visit to the Parkview Apartments on July 13. They delivered some more materials for the Community/Reading room. The residents are really enjoying the new materials. Ms. Roja also brought along a Summer Reading Program flyer.

SCHAEFER



Baby Time has been offered this summer for the first time at Schaefer. The parents have had fun introducing songs and rhymes and reading books to their babies. Jasmin Salinas, children's librarian at Landa, generously loaned some baby toys to Schaefer for play time at the end of the program.



Toddler Time and Story Time have each been drawing big crowds this summer. On July 3, Toddler Time had 50 children plus their adults! Themes of the programs have included dinosaurs, bubbles, construction, dragons and kites. The toddlers build with foam blocks once the program concludes. Story Time participants have had a variety of activities that pertain to each program's theme. For the bubble program, the group went outside to blow bubbles, and for the kite program, they made kites and went outside to fly them.



Come & Go Crafts each Friday afternoon has been popular. Each week there's a different craft, which have included fireworks for Independence Day, tropical trees and sharks.



Schaefer Library's Robot Roundup program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron and Library Assistants Mason Matthews and Sheridan Richardson, has continued to see great success! 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 new things like demolition derby and putt-putt golf. 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.



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.



LEGO Time on Wednesday afternoons continues to draw crowds of enthusiastic builders. Kids show off their building skills and imagination each week, and their creations are displayed in the children's area of the library.



Magik Theatre's Dr. Krashundbang presented an exciting show about science on July 12. He demonstrated fun experiments on air pressure, perspective, simple circuits and simple machinery to an enthusiastic audience.



More than 800 children have signed up for the Summer Reading Club at Schaefer! When the kids finish reading eight books and bring their completed game boards back to Schaefer, they receive a free book, a reading certificate, a green screen picture and put their names up on the summer reading display!



On June 21, Schaefer Branch Library celebrated the International Day of Yoga by hosting a free beginner yoga class for the community. A certified instructor from IDoYogaSA taught the class and participants received a free yoga mat.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Kids Time programs during the reporting period. On June 21, kids enjoyed learning all about caves. Kids replicated the process by which limestone caves are formed using sugar cubes and colorful water droplets. Children also learned about the different cave zones and the animals that dwell within each zone.



On June 28, Kids Time celebrated the San Antonio Zoo. Kids enjoyed a story, and then constructed their own zoo using an assortment of materials. Kids also made a zoo hat, decorated with their favorite animals.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On June 28, Science Time was all about animal adaptations. Children learned about animal diets, animal camouflage, and made a chameleon using marbling as a take home craft. On July 12, Science Time explored coding with robots. Children constructed mazes for Bee-Bots to travel through using simple directional controls. Dash from the Wonder Workshop also made his Science Time debut. Children were able to program their own songs for Dash to play on his xylophone.



Teen Services Librarian Cindy Cruz visited Communities in School - ACE summer camp for teens. Cindy brought a velvet coloring craft and perler (melty) bead activity for teens attending the morning session.



Schaefer teen volunteers facilitated an all-ages program on June 20 when the library hosted the Buffalo Soldiers. This historic African American army unit brought a presentation to library patrons along with vintage artifacts for everyone to examine. Teen volunteers helped set up the space, took attendance and photos of the program.



Additional teen programs included Throwback Thursday (a retro movie program), Super Gamers (video gaming), and Teen Time (arts & crafts/technology program).



On June 18, Schaefer showed *Black Panther* as part of the Summer Movie series. Over twenty patrons brought blankets, snacks, and enjoyed free popcorn while rooting for Wakandain victory.



The Skimmers Book Club met the last Monday of June for a free-choice discussion. Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson created a presentation of the Skimmers' book choices, including summaries and bonus information, which aided the discussion and included input from members who couldn't attend! The discussion went better than expected and the club is excited to host another free-choice discussion soon.



On June 30, the Saturday Movie was *Peter Rabbit* and Schaefer was fortunate to have the Alamo City House Rabbit organization bring rescued rabbits and educate patrons on proper rabbit ownership. Over forty patrons played and fed the rabbits, and then stayed to watch the movie. On July 14, the Saturday Movie was *Sherlock Gnomes*. Patrons are really enjoying utilizing Schaefer's meeting room space as a theater!



Schaefer Library's Fortnite Sunday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron and Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson, has gotten off to a fantastic start! On Sundays from 4 – 5 p.m., anyone 13 and older can come and play the most popular game in the world at Schaefer Library. We've gotten quite a few families to come in and give the game a try and they all loved it. Fortnite Sundays gives families a chance to do something different at the library and have fun while doing it!



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.



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 Library hosts a Computer Basics class from 2 – 3 p.m. 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.



Two Saturdays each 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 June 24 and July 15, at 2 p.m., 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.

SEMMES



There was no bad luck at the Semmes Branch Library on Friday, July 13th. Dinosaur George came and delighted Semmes customers with two energetic performances. Children and parents alike were enthralled with George's fossils and amazing stories.



Semmes staff and patrons are glad to have Children's Librarian Brian Douglass back after being on loan to the Parman Branch for several months. He is back in the swing of things and is focusing his programming efforts on tweens and teens, as well as technology training for all ages.



NEISD's summer lunch is proving to be very popular again this summer. Kids from ages 0-18 can get a free, healthy lunch at the library every weekday through Friday, August 3.



Adult Services Librarian Megan Stanley has really been boosting the volunteer program at the branch. Volunteer hours donated to the branch have dramatically increased in the past few weeks.



The Semmes Branch has a brand new monument sign on the corner of Judson and Nacogdoches. Several families have let staff know that they had not realized the library was in the neighborhood until they saw the new sign. Thank you so much to the Semmes Foundation for funding the new sign.

THOUSAND OAKS



Minecraft Mondays have been a popular program at Thousand Oaks. Kids have enjoyed playing the game hands-on while learning tips from a gamer that has played hundreds of hours.

At the Military City USA Kids Time program, kids got to make red white and blue painted fireworks, red and blue star wreaths, and mini bald eagles. Everyone enjoyed the patriotic activities. Nite Owl childcare brought a class to this program, and everyone was well behaved while enjoying it.

Summer Family Movies have also been popular. Movies that have been shown recently are *Jumanji* (1995 version) and *Paddington*. Popcorn and water are served at the movie times.

The Happy Tails program visited Thousand Oaks on July 11. Kids were enthralled by the live animal presentation, and the chance to touch some of the animals.

During the renovations, the Children's Non-Fiction area was relocated and reconfigured to create a study area for school-aged children.



Teens at Thousand Oaks created watercolor masterpieces at Teen Art Tuesday and enjoyed made-to-order Panini's at Teen Time. After being closed for two weeks, the newly refreshed Teen area is ready to welcome teens with a TV, new furniture, and many, many outlets.



Members of the Northeast Senior Center Book Club read *The Child Finder* by Rene Denfeld for their June selection. Readers found much to discuss about the fiction novel, from the abduction to the investigation to the parents in the story. There were many stories shared about how easily children can be lost, as well as stories of local disappearances. Readers also felt the book ended with at least one storyline unfinished and hope Ms. Denfeld will write another novel to finish the story.



The Thursday Book Group read Matt Goldman's debut novel *Gone to Dust*. A small elite suburb of St. Paul Minnesota is rocked by a shocking murder of one of its residents. The unique feature of this murder is the amount of dust and dirt from vacuum cleaner bags at the scene of the crime. The Edina Police Department hires private investigator Nils Shapiro to assist in the detective work. The group enjoyed the discussion. No one was able to figure out who was the murderer until the end. This has been the largest number of members in attendance in quite some time. The group welcomes new members.



Thousand Oaks was closed from June 25 to July 5 for renovations. Service to the public included item drop off and hold pick up. During this time, the branch received a new service desk at the front with more space and a redesigned Vital Records station. The meeting room received a new projector screen and monitor. The reading area of the library received a face lift with additional furniture and the addition of outlets at many of the tables and chairs. Staff and customers have praised the changes.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



All ages have been avidly signing up for summer reading this year at Tobin at Oakwell. The weekly drawing slips for adults and teens are filling the jar to the top which means lots of reading is happening. Brilliant colored paper paletas with children's names on them decorate the reference desk for children finishers who read eight books.



During the month of June, Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler hosted a weekly Beginner Book Club that saw attendance steadily grow each week with early readers. She and Librarian Kimberly Wygant host the popular Kids Time on Tuesday afternoon which utilizes science, math and art activities like making toys from the past and replicating historic buildings around San Antonio from paper bags.



Twice a month, Trainer Margaret Rivera brings her dog Angel for kids to read aloud to to increase their reading skills. Angel presents each child with her own business card thanking them for spending time reading with her after each child's session.



The branch once again is partnering with Northeast School District and the Texas Department of Agriculture to offer free lunches to kids 18 and under Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m. The lunches began on June 18 and last through August 3. In addition, University Health provides giveaway recipe cookbooks which contain nutritious, healthy options for snacks and meals to try at home.



Manager Tracey Knouse conducts outreach at Regency Place Elementary on Wednesdays each week. The school is offering a one hour program called S.O.A.R. (Summer of Awesome Reading) each week to encourage summer reading. Ms. Knouse has kids construct a clever craft which either relates to SAPL's Adventure summer theme or the topic the school's librarian is reading about that day. Many families have signed up for SAPL's summer reading during these outreach sessions.



Teen Librarian Megan Coker continues with weekly Teen Time and Otaku, the anime manga program held twice monthly. The Young Adventurers Guild meets with a local Dungeon Master from San Antonio Gamers each week on Thursday nights with an enthusiastic crowd of pre-teens and teens to play Dungeons and Dragons.



A new partnership began in June with South Texas Veteran's Hospital. Once a month a group of diabetic Veterans meet with VA RN Cristiana Elizondo. Ms. Elizondo facilitates the meetings giving participants information on foods, exercise, and coping tips for living with diabetes.



On June 20, Roads Scholar Mr. William Ball gave a presentation on this travel program that appeal to retirees and seniors planning both national and international trips.



Assistant Manager Rhonda Woolhouse offered an adult craft class painting mini clay pots and then supplying herb seeds for planting on July 10.



Thanks to funds provided by Organizational Health, staff enjoyed a luncheon to celebrate the halfway point of a busy summer at Tobin at Oakwell. Also, two employees were celebrating birthdays and staff sadly bid farewell to Teen Librarian Megan Coker who transferred to Parman Branch Library in mid-July. In addition, the team enjoyed a team building activity making new bright locker name tags. Other personnel changes include Patti Vanlandingham transferring from Parman to Tobin bringing several years of experience to the shelving team.

WESTFALL



During the long days of summer, 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 27, the Westfall Branch hosted Happy Tails Entertainment, which featured exotic animals from around the world. Children and parents got up close and personal with exotic animals, learned about their habits and their habitats, and came away with a new appreciation for the creatures that share our world.



During June and July, 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 and toddler times. The programs consisted of some stories and fun activities to wrap up the day.



During Teen Time on July 28, teens learned valuable skills in the San Antonio Food Bank's presentation of "Cooking Around the World". The session started off with a lesson on the geography and culture of France, and then proper kitchen safety, knife skills, and how to follow a recipe. The teens then dove in, each taking responsibility for one part of the ratatouille and canapés they were making.



Teen Librarian Ms. Daniella Toll had the opportunity to include local teens as partners in fulfilling the library mission through teamwork. Teens helped create the atmosphere and culture at their library by making decorations for the teen area and an interactive board discussing teens' favorite books. Ensuring that teens feel valuable and needed by their local library is important in keeping them engaged in the future.



Teen Time on June 20 was a success, with the three teens and one Joven employee opening up to each other and having fun connecting while making magnets and playing games. This was fun to watch, as some of the teens were of very different age groups. Teens in upper high school usually do not make friends with middle school students, and in the setting of a library program, youth had the opportunity to see that they do have many things in common, in spite of their many differences in interests and hobbies. This could be very valuable for them as they enter the workforce and will need to relate to people of all different ages.



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.



This summer, the Westfall Branch Library made the decision to hold an after-hours Friday program. Beginning on June 22, the library was invaded by the Central Texas Werewolves (CTW) for a night of the social deception game “Are You a Werewolf?” where people try to deduce who a werewolf is preying on innocent villagers. On July 6, CTW again invaded the library. After playing several rounds of Werewolf, they broke out the board games. One group played Black Orchestra, a group of World War II conspirators who try to defeat Hitler before being caught by the Gestapo. Another group tried to win the heart of the Princess Annette in Love Letter. Others attempted to vie for power of Waterdeep, the City of Splendors in The Lords of Waterdeep. The CTW will be at the Westfall Branch Library every other Friday night throughout the summer playing Werewolf and other board games.



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

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

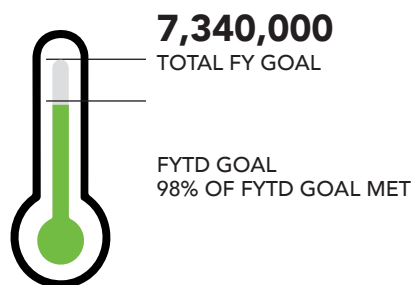
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

JUNE 2018

FY 2018

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

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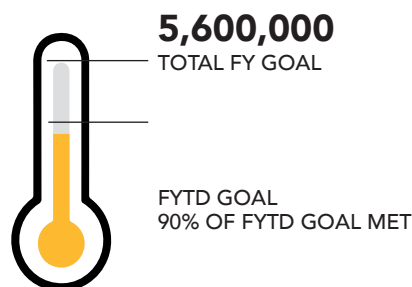
CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



5,231,404 ↓ 2%
ITEMS
BORROWED

Contributing Factors: Branch Projects Closures, Staff Development Day and Weather Closures.

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



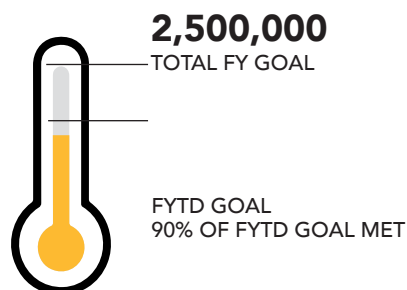
LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



3,740,220 ↓ 11%
VISITS

Contributing Factors: Election Cycle

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



412,622
COMPUTER
HOURS



1,262,974
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

1,675,596

TOTAL HOURS OF
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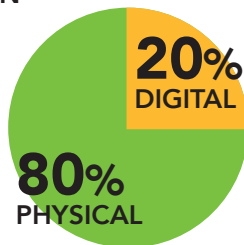
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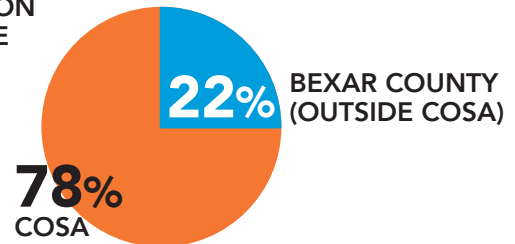
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
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VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



1,915,540

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VISITS

656,931

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APP SESSIONS

1,320,883

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VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



274,553

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

51,593

ADULT PROGRAMS

40,364

TEEN PROGRAMS

182,596

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2018



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Jun 2018 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,874	9,344	5,564	1,376	4,189
Brook Hollow	30,778	19,492	6,176	1,208	4,968
Carver	5,079	7,919	4,392	1,519	2,873
Central	30,291	54,683	41,341	11,253	30,088
Cody	36,588	20,286	6,071	1,434	4,637
Collins Garden	6,944	7,741	5,231	1,854	3,378
Cortez	8,131	11,006	4,810	1,263	3,547
Encino	23,760	15,967	3,898	559	3,339
Forest Hills	7,840	7,338	3,376	997	2,380
Great Northwest	29,056	18,488	5,455	1,262	4,193
Guerra	12,018	10,087	5,292	1,697	3,595
Igo	35,590	27,599	7,629	1,224	6,405
Johnston	12,021	10,997	4,300	1,398	2,902
Landa	14,513	13,246	2,268	685	1,582
Las Palmas	5,714	12,298	5,018	1,907	3,111
Maverick	28,281	13,491	5,379	1,554	3,825
McCreless	11,207	13,911	4,649	1,455	3,194
Memorial	7,192	7,992	4,469	1,169	3,300
Mission	15,280	20,314	9,453	2,862	6,591
Pan American	4,061	5,324	2,142	730	1,412
Parman	32,552	27,783	4,891	631	4,260
Potranco	23,075	20,782	14,311	970	13,341
Pruitt	7,971	12,250	3,167	1,129	2,038
San Pedro	4,201	7,136	2,398	612	1,786
Schaefer	11,796	13,115	5,338	1,082	4,256
Semmes	27,888	20,764	6,391	1,832	4,558
Thousand Oaks	8,834	9,089	3,855	854	3,002
Tobin	20,916	16,868	4,737	1,591	3,146
Westfall	16,678	15,112	6,889	2,116	4,773
Kampmann Library Portal	0	1,342	421	N/A	421
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,129	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	85,502	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	133,375	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	704,135	451,764	189,315	48,223	141,092

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

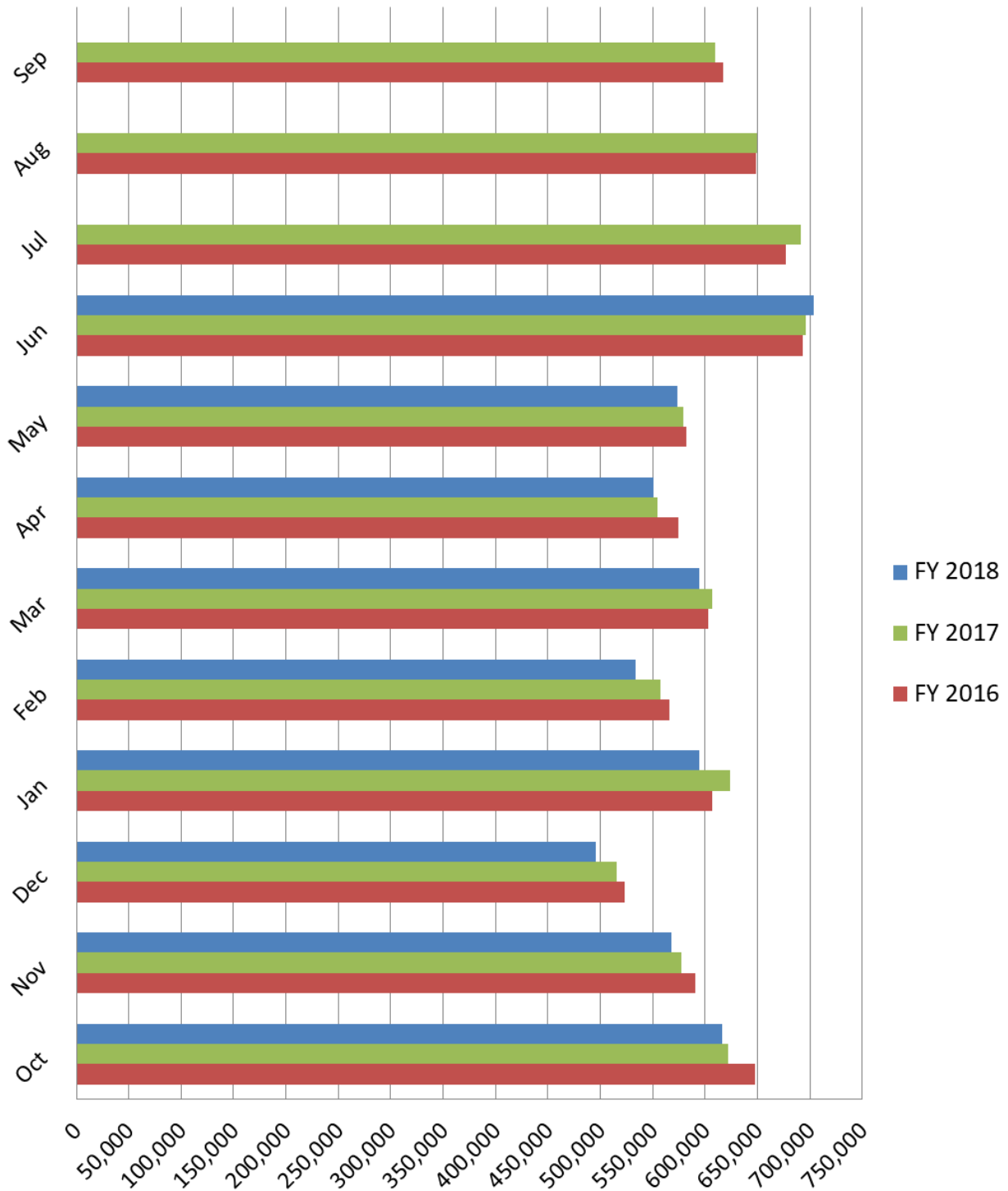
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Jun 2018 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	51	25	12	14	445	172	84	189
Brook Hollow	43	9	4	30	1,302	82	11	1,209
Carver	59	26	19	14	1,022	443	131	448
Central	155	18	90	47	3,407	955	654	1,798
Cody	56	11	9	36	2,082	123	130	1,829
Collins Garden	37	14	4	19	765	90	15	660
Cortez	99	76	3	20	584	240	11	333
Encino	80	26	13	41	1,696	146	210	1,340
Forest Hills	38	12	6	20	534	139	3	392
Great Northwest	45	13	8	24	3,141	498	100	2,543
Guerra	41	14	5	22	1,091	360	23	708
Igo	42	14	3	25	1,628	188	2	1,438
Johnston	41	9	4	27	977	62	21	894
Landa	61	5	9	47	1,913	79	14	1,820
Las Palmas	31	14	0	17	675	135	0	540
Maverick	46	11	4	31	1,324	82	51	1,191
McCreless	31	10	3	18	380	50	20	310
Memorial	20	2	0	18	176	10	0	166
Mission	73	29	14	30	1,970	696	109	1,165
Pan American	43	6	4	33	1,268	49	36	1,183
Parman	81	34	4	43	1,650	369	69	1,212
Potranco	32	3	4	25	1,350	26	20	1,304
Pruitt	41	9	9	23	836	167	67	602
San Pedro	27	4	0	23	297	55	0	242
Schaefer	68	15	10	42	1,470	166	118	1,186
Semmes	48	11	2	35	1,292	53	40	1,199
Thousand Oaks	29	5	6	18	407	24	43	340
Tobin	66	10	11	45	2,068	609	155	1,304
Westfall	36	13	4	19	426	86	11	329
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Little Read Wagon	48	0	0	48	1,149	0	0	1,149
TOTAL	1,568	448	265	855	37,325	6,154	2,148	29,023

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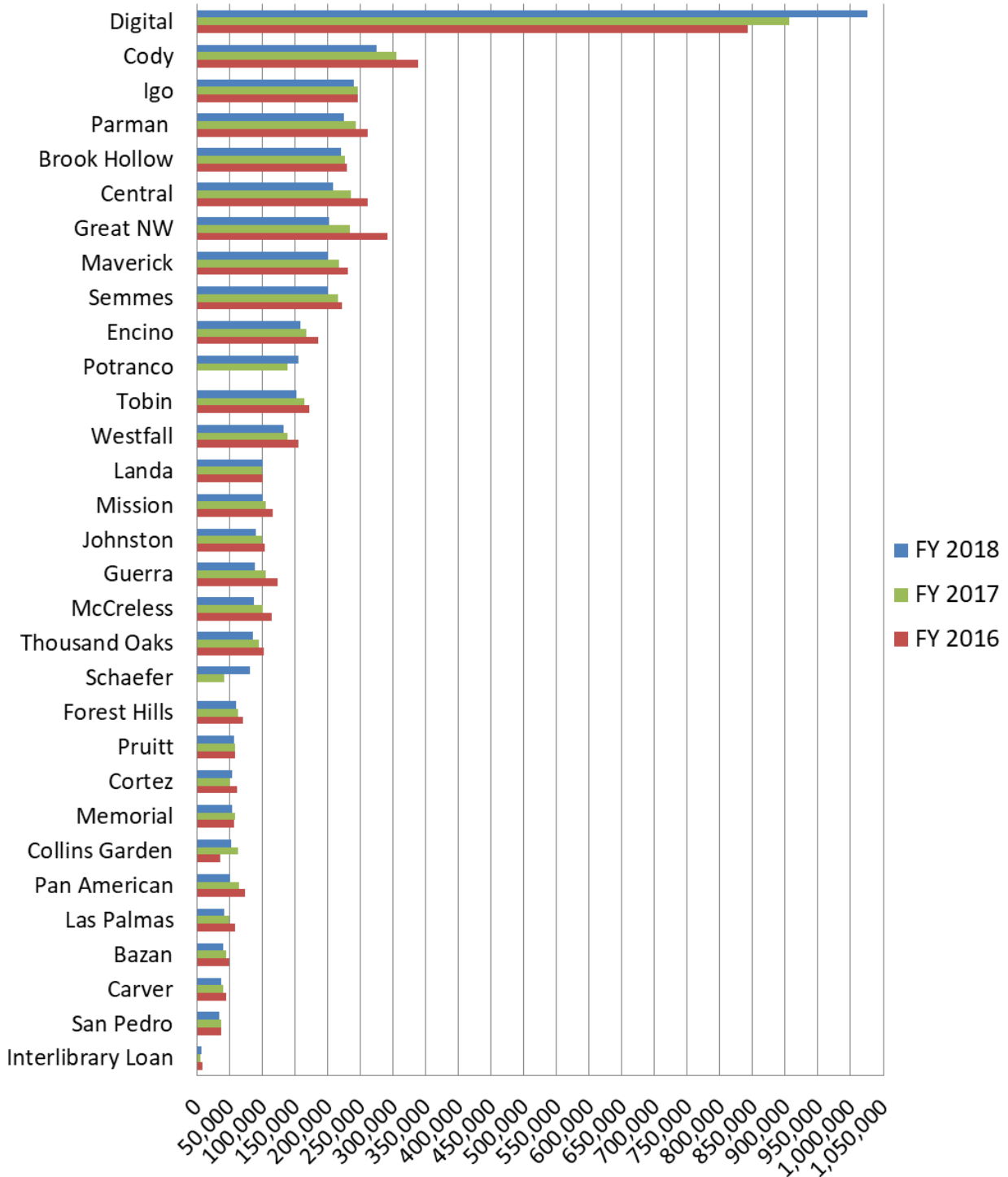
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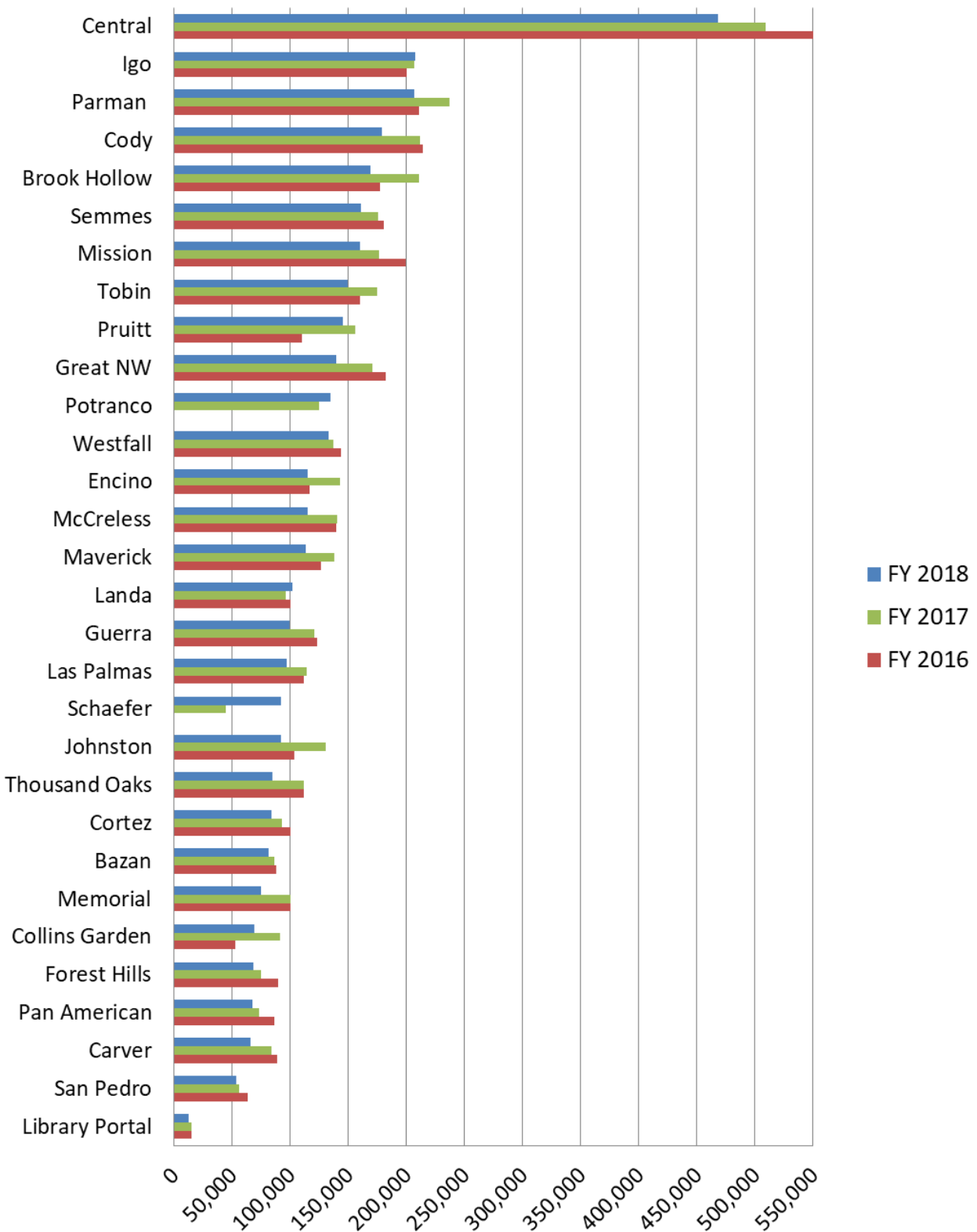


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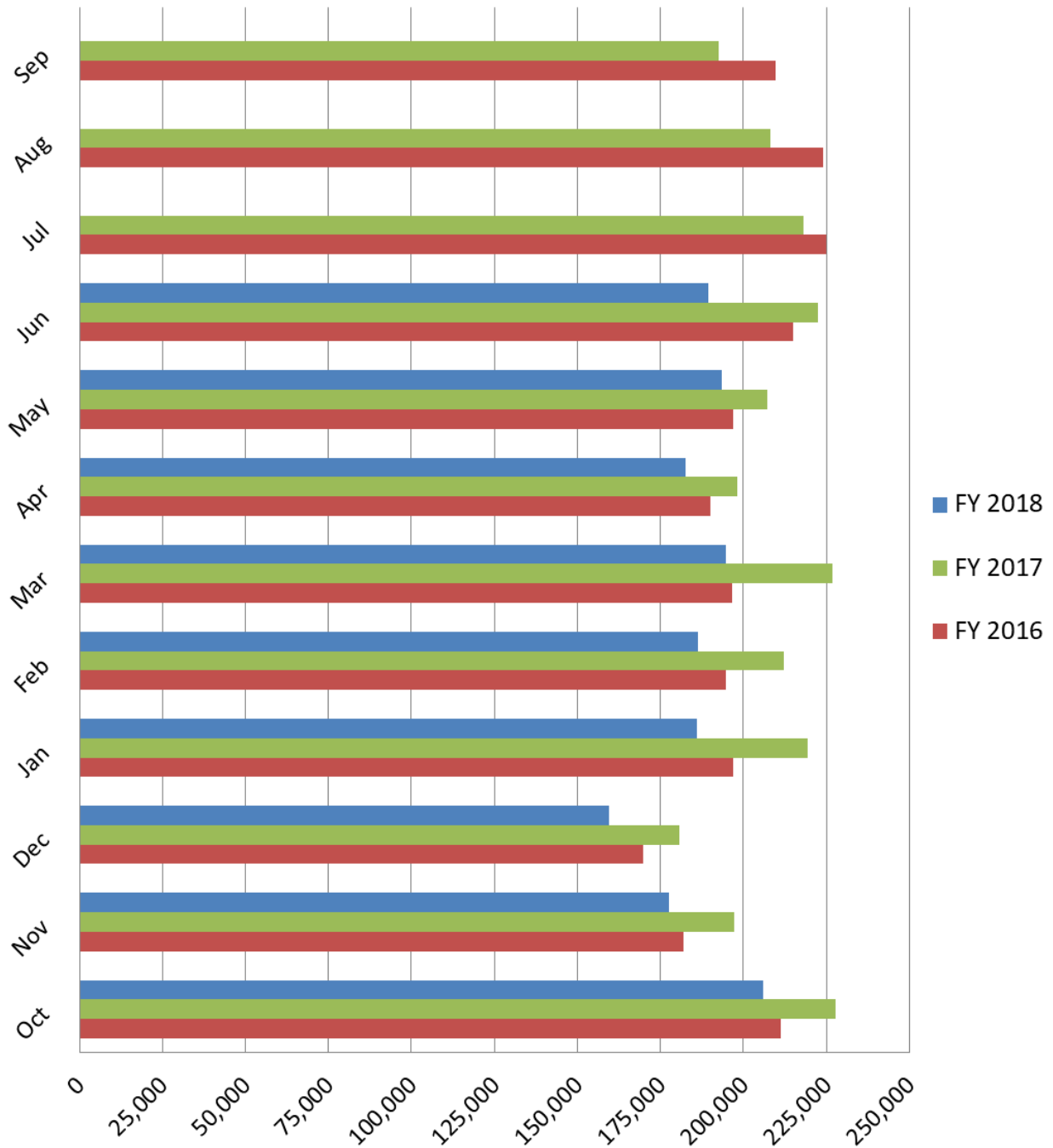
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