



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report August 2018

The newly wrapped SAPL delivery truck hit the streets July 2018

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



As part of the Book Rich Environment initiative, the San Antonio Public Library hosted a media event on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Bazan Branch Library. District 5 Councilwoman Gonzales delivered remarks during the program. Book Rich Environment is a tri-sector collaboration between non-profit organizations, national government agencies, and corporate publishers that aims to infuse public housing communities across the country with a vibrant and accessible culture of books and connect families living in public housing communities with reading-related resources, in service of working to improve opportunities and outcomes for children living in public housing. Joining the Library in this local partnership is San Antonio Housing Authority, Southwest Independent School District, SAREads, and San Antonio Independent School District. Through this initiative, 20,000+ books will be given through a series of events taking place from July to December 2018.



The San Antonio Public Library had a strong presence at the 2018 United Way Charitable Campaign Kick-Off event at the Alamodome on August 15, 2018. Each Library location and service unit has identified a United Way Charitable Campaign liaison to facilitate Library Staff's participation in the campaign.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar attended the Texas Library Association Executive Immersion Program to serve on a panel discussion on the topic of communication. Mr. Salazar joined other Library Executives from across Texas to share insights and perspectives in Library administration.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

San Antonio Business Journal featured a story on the SAPLF's efforts to raise funds for Texana Resource Center; Rivard Report and MySA.com featured the Macondo Writers Workshop and their partnership with Central Library; News 4 featured the Library during its 6:30 p.m. live segment two nights in a row to discuss the Bazan Women's Fair and separately, the Learn at SAPL Job Fair at Carver Branch Library; KENS featured a story about "The Color of Blind" exhibit at Central Library; KSAT features a story about their book drive and partnership with the Library; and KENS and Univision covered the "Book Rich Environment Initiative" at Bazan Branch Library; Architect's Newspaper featured a story about Central Library's architecture.



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support as needed: Elections; Book-Rich Environment materials; Our Family Reads – August materials; Hispanic Heritage Month materials; Back-to-School materials; September newsletter; Speak Up SA event materials; SAPL Fiesta medal design; FH 30th anniversary materials; STEAM materials; YP materials; Latino Collection – first year anniversary materials; Summerfest materials; Vehicle Van Wrap; Forensic Science materials.



The team is currently planning for Our Family Reads- District 6 and District 7 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. Marketing is also working on the Back-to-School and voting (Feed Your Freedom) campaigns, the Lowbrary Car Show during Hispanic Heritage Month and, finally, designing and developing a plan to connect visiting dignitaries with Library cards.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

Videos on SAPL's Facebook page were viewed 3,000 times during the reporting period

#mysapl was used 705 times on Instagram during the reporting period

A photo of an encouraging patron note found in a SAPL book received 136 likes on Instagram

A tweet announcing the Color of Blind new Central Gallery exhibit and opening was seen 10,900 times

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 16,239 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,506 followers
3. Instagram: 2,707 followers
4. Snapchat: 280 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Library Services Analyst, Tricia Masterson, met with the Operation Transformation team to discuss options for modifying the current Staff Q&A and for implementing additional means of online communication for staff. Digital Library Services Assistant, Michael Sheehan, has already begun to identify some potential software solutions based on the information provided from the meeting.



Digital Library Services Supervisor, Rolf Laun, along with David Cooksey (Senior Management Analyst) and Troy Hoyles (Collection Development Supervisor), have begun to examine alternate means of examining Library data to better inform collection development decisions. While sources such as Decision Center provide solid usage data, some of the data in the Millennium system is more difficult to assess. However, sampling and other computational techniques can yield some further, more targeted insight to collection usage.



Digital Services wished a fond farewell to Ambassador Intern Peter Armstrong. Peter worked with the Digital Services team by identifying data clean up issues in the Millennium system and assisted Coordinator of Digital Services, Ron Suszek, in creating concept proposals for upcoming initiatives by providing background research and data collection.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents—With school out for the summer, no parent workshops were presented during this reporting period. However, Little Read Wagon staff used this time to complete an inventory of materials and request supplies for the coming year.



Outreach Story Time Programs—Story Time programs were offered at La Petite Academy-Eckhert, Nurturing Hearts, Little Oaks Discovery School, Kelly Child Development Center, Children's Garden, Joys of Heaven, and Healy Murphy Child Development Center. Megan Cruz has been scheduling outreach story time programs at more centers as they submit requests.



Play & Learn—A request to use several city parks in the coming year was submitted and Play & Learn planning continues in anticipation of final approval.



Workshops for Professionals—Three workshops made their debut this reporting period:

1. Elizabeth Huber presented a workshop highlighting picture books that demonstrate empathy and kindness at the August 4 Voices for Children Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair. The workshop was offered for both the morning and afternoon sessions.
2. The first Early Literacy Basics workshop was presented on the same day in the Latino Collection and Resource Center by Julia Lazarin with assistance from Mary Grace Moreno. The training was very well received by new teachers as well as some more experienced teachers who chose to attend.
3. Teachers from San Antonio Independent School District's Navarro Early Learning Center were the first to participate in the new "Why? Using non-fiction in early childhood settings" training. The small but dedicated group is ideal for piloting new workshops and requests them as part of their staff development at the beginning of each school year.



System-wide support—Clair Larkin and Cresencia Huff concluded their assistance with children's programming at the Brook Hollow Library as part of the Summerfest team on August 4.



Building Connections—Back-to-School season brought many opportunities to connect with the community:

- Pre-K 4SA invited Little Read Wagon to bring the Reading Village to two more Come Play with Me events. One in July at Martin Luther King Park and another in August at Brackenridge Park.
- Communities In Schools had a community resource fair for their staff on August 2. Social workers from across the county visited with Ms. Larkin and Ms. Huff who shared library and early literacy resources.
- On August 7 the Little Read Wagon team represented the San Antonio Public Library in shifts at the all-day South San Antonio Independent School District Back-to-School Expo. Although the invitation came from a head start representative, most of the children who attended were in elementary or middle school.

- On August 11 Monster Moms hosted a Health and Healing event with backpack distribution at the Barbara Jordan Center.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Children's Programs—Summer Reading 2018: Adventures in Library Land continued throughout the reporting period with reading club registration and completion in full swing. As of Monday, August 13, over 21,000 children were registered in the Summer Reading database. SAPL has yet to receive numbers from COSA Parks and Rec's summer youth program but their registration and completion numbers are expected shortly.

During June and July, SAPL locations hosted a variety of special presentations by Happy Tails, Dinosaur George, Magik Theatre and musician Will Parker. Below is a summary of attendance and cost figures for these special events which were generously underwritten with gift funds from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation.

- Happy Tails: 26 presentations at \$195 each. Total attendance 3103 for a cost of \$1.63 per attendee.
- Dinosaur George: 13 presentations at \$250 each. Total attendance 1466 for a cost of \$2.22 per attendee.
- Magik Theatre: 18 presentations at \$250 each. Total attendance 1272 for a cost of \$3.54 per attendee
- Will Parker: 11 presentations at \$250 each. Total attendance 583 for a cost of \$4.72 per attendee.

Planning for these special performances occurs in November and December and requires much negotiation in terms of price and scheduling. Dinosaur George is always popular and is the most difficult to book as his schedule fills up quickly. Of performers, overall, he is the most generous as he offers SAPL reduced pricing. Happy Tails proved to be the most popular presenter of the summer with an average of 119 in attendance at each event and they were the least expensive per show.



Community Connections—Library attendance at Back-to-School events was in high demand in August. Branch children's librarians covered events at local schools while staff members from Marketing and Little Read Wagon assisted the Children's Services Coordinator in hosting tables at two community-wide events:

- Friday, August 10: Back-to-School Bash at the DoSeum. The evening included activities, school supplies and free admission to the children's museum from 6:00 to 8:30.
- Saturday, August 11: Back-to-School Celebration at Main Plaza. In addition multiple activity tables, face painting and temporary hair coloring, the event included free backpacks.

On Tuesday, August 7 the library was one of many agencies represented at Bat-Locho under the Camden Street Bridge near the Pearl. The event started at 6:00 with many bat-themed activities but the draw for

the evening didn't happen until dark when thousands of bats took flight from their hiding places under the bridge.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Teen Summer Reading Program—The 2018 Teen Summer Program wrapped up at the end of July, with 1,865 teens registered system-wide. Each book they read and each library activity they participated in earned them a chance to win a prize in the end-of-summer drawings. Over 3,000 game “chance” cards were received (each chance card represented a book read or an activity completed)! Several prizes were awarded, including: headphones, a wireless speaker, and an HEB gift card. There were 15 prize winners around the system. The following are branch locations that had teen winners (in no particular order): Maverick, Cody, Encino, Tobin, Semmes, Brook Hollow, Schaefer, Mission, Pan American, Westfall, Landa, Central, Potranco, Great Northwest, and Johnston.

The Teen End-of-Summer party took place at the Central Library on Saturday, August 11. Teens enjoyed playing video games, making buttons and hanging out with their friends. They were treated to pizza and snacks. Many thanks to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation for providing the Teen Summer Reading Program prizes and to the teen librarians and liaisons around the system for all their hard work during the summer!



Partnership/San Japan—Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services), Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Adam Tutor (Teen Outreach Specialist), and Esteban (Summer Youth Employee) met with Rudy Alba (Executive Associate, San Japan) to discuss the San Antonio Public Library's Manga Library at San Japan XI. Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons throughout the system will provide a welcoming and relaxing environment for San Japan patrons by offering places to sit while reading some of their favorite manga!



Partnership/Fiesta Youth— Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) met with Erica Alcocer (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth) to discuss future programming between Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library and Fiesta Youth. Fiesta Youth will provide partnership programming at four library locations, once a month, from September to December 2018. Other future plans include sensitivity training (provided by Fiesta Youth for San Antonio Public Library Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons) to ensure we provide welcoming, accessible and safe environments for LGBTQ youth; as well as other partnership programming in 2019.



Teen Summer Interns— Several branches around the system had teen summer interns from the Family Service Association and COSA's Summer Youth Employee program. The interns provided valuable assistance to their branch locations throughout the summer and they, in turn, gained work experience and skills.

At the Central Library, Joaquin (Summer Youth Intern, Family Service Association) and Esteban (Summer Youth Employee) assisted with a variety of jobs and projects throughout the summer. Joaquin and Esteban, supervised by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager), completed a summer-long weeding and shifting project for the Young Adult collection at the Teen Library at Central. Among various other daily

tasks and duties, Joaquin took ownership of assisting with the weekly teen summer reading statistics while Esteban assisted with planning several summer programs. The Teen Library @ Central is eternally grateful for all of their help throughout the summer!



Committee Work—Matthew Loaiza attended a meeting for the 2019 Pop-Con program. Loaiza will be working with the gaming aspect of Pop-Con, as well as other teen-specific endeavors.



Off-Site Service/SAHA Education Summit—Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) and Adam Tutor (Teen Outreach Specialist) represented the Library at the SAHA Education Summit on August 4 at San Antonio College. Over 700 people attended, where Jennifer and Adam spoke to attendees about how the Library's resources can help them during their freshman year and beyond.



Off-Site Service/Teacher Fest—J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Georgina Salinas (Teen Services Librarian II, Bazan), and Karla Vasquez (Marketing Specialist) represented the Library at Teacher Fest on August 1. The event—for educators only—was sponsored by Firstmark Credit Union, in collaboration with SALT (San Antonio Leaders & Teachers) Collective. It was held at the UTSA Downtown campus. J.D., Georgina and Karla spoke to over 250 educators about the services and resources the Library offers for teens.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading for adults concluded on August 4 with over 1200 individuals completing the program out of 7000 registrants. The weekly t-shirt giveaways were a huge success again with 600 individual entries. Grand prize winners will be contacted soon to select from an array of tickets for adventures in San Antonio along with an instant camera to record the fun. Adult Services staff continuously looks to improve services and will meet to evaluate this year's program to determine changes for next year. The theme this year was very popular along with the paleta sub-theme. Participants of all ages loved the graphics and the paleta stickers created by SAPL marketing team member Ana Farr. The end of the summer party for adults will be held after hours on August 25th at the Central Library. Game Night for Grownups will feature games of all types including carnival games, board and card games, laser tag, and Pokemon Go as well as prizes and refreshments.



Adult Services Coordinator, Haley Holmes, accompanied Bazan Library Assistant, Enedina Prater, to News 4 WOAI for her live interview about the Isabel Bazan Women's Fair held on August 4. Enedina did an excellent job in the interview as well as putting together the multifaceted resource fair. Ms. Holmes attended the fair and posted a short video to the SAPL Facebook page with highlights.



Adult Services staff are working on numerous projects to be featured throughout the rest of 2018. This includes a Lowbrary Car Show at the Mission Marquee in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, coding classes for adults, a Harry Potter inspired Yule Ball and the two month long series of STEAM programs.



Ms. Holmes has been a member of the City of San Antonio Toastmasters group since October of 2017 and will be taking over as president of the group in October 2018.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



Summer programs for young children wrapped up with engaging Play & Learn and Toddler Time programs. Assistant Manager, Shannon Seglin, created a celebratory program all about books and reading. Children made their own party hats, played in a sensory bin with tongs and foam alphabet letters, and formed letters from confetti-flecked homemade play-dough. Ms. Seglin led a joyous parade of toddlers wearing their creations. The last programs had a “beachy” summer theme as children played with sea creature puppets in a “pool,” enjoyed the sensory experience of blue spaghetti noodles, and investigated a selection of real sea shells.



Librarian Nicole Cubillas presented the final Bilingual Story Times of the season to her loyal group of families. Her “bibliotecas” program featured stories about visiting the library. Children engaged in a library-themed play space. Children pretended to check out books using a cardboard computer and made bookmarks using old library due date slips. Ms. Cubillas also ended her programs with an ocean theme and sharks! She unveiled her impressive handmade cardboard shark bean bag toss game after children enjoyed bilingual stories. They also had fun with a shallow sensory bin containing water and plastic ocean animals. All children left the program wearing shark fin hats!



Librarian, Lea Ann McDonald, led two special programs for children of all ages. Her Kids Time program focused on the COSA Tricentennial and featured All Things 3. After hearing stories, children made collages from different sized triangles and contributed 3 wishes to a collaborative “wishing tree” on the wall. Ms. McDonald also presented a special evening program: Daddy & Me Campout Party. This program focused on male caregivers and their children. They enjoyed teepees set up for one-on-one story times, camp songs, craft activities and take-home s'mores!



The highlight of the season was the massive SummerFest party created and organized by Ms. McDonald. Inspired by the COSA Tricentennial and Hemisfair '68, she developed a 1960's themed summer blowout party. Over 250 people enjoyed the array of groovy activities like making tie dye coffee filter art, contributing to a “Yellow Submarine” collaborative art piece, adding to the paper chain of acts of kindness, playing with psychedelic-colored slime, dancing to a 1960's playlist and taking photos in a cardboard VW bus photo op! Capping off all the fun was a special visit from Martha from the PBS show Martha Speaks!, in partnership with KLRN, much to the delight of children in attendance.



Ms. McDonald welcomed a group of 40 children from Armstrong Elementary to Central Library and gave them a detailed tour of the 3rd floor Children's Area. Afterwards, she shared stories with them and facilitated an outer space activity and craft.



Library Assistant, Mary Elizabeth Fernandez, led a group of children from the Boysville Children's Shelter on an engaging tour of the Children's Area and Teen Library. The children enjoyed the visit so much, they later sent Ms. Fernandez elaborate handmade thank you cards.



Ms. Cubillas gave an impromptu tour in Spanish to a group of children who visited from a local shelter for asylum-seekers. The group enjoyed a personalized tour for their special visit thanks to Ms. Cubillas' ability to think on her feet!



Ms. McDonald represented the Library along with Thousand Oaks Branch Library staff at Councilman Treviño's District 1 Back-to-School Wellness Fair. They shared information about library resources with hundreds of families.



Ms. Fernandez teamed up with Teen Library staff to represent SAPL at Teacher Fest, a new resource fair created for teachers before school begins. In addition to sharing information about library resources, Ms. Fernandez encouraged teachers to arrange field trips to the Central Library or connect with Central Children's staff about outreach visits to their schools.



Central Children's Department staff continued their monthly outreach visits. Ms. Seglin presented Story Time 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, read an array of books and brought her giant toothbrush prop and sang the Raffi song, "Brush Your Teeth." 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.



The Central Children's Department enjoyed a special end of summer staff meeting and birthday celebration for a staff member. At this gathering, staff shared their best, worst and weirdest moments of the summer in a fun activity that helped evaluate the season for improvement next year in a fun way.

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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)—Throughout the summer, Loaiza continued to enjoy gaming with the teens at Central—including video games, board games, card games, and even some playground games.



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



Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant)—Teens wrapped up Japanese July Thursdays by making ramen, decoupage paper boxes with old manga books, making mochi to wrap around strawberries (*ichigo daifuku*), and attempting the Japanese garden craft *kokedama*, a garden plant ball. Teens celebrated all things unicorn by throwing a unicorn party, making dreamcatchers, rainbow slime, and rainbow grilled cheese sandwiches. Three teens got into the spirit of the day by baking and decorating a unicorn cake the days before. One teen suggested a new food craft: emoji potato fries, which turned out to be a spectacular recipe where each teen who attempted it had success and a tasty treat. Afterwards, teens played board games and video games, like Catchphrase, UNO, Mario Kart 8 and Smash Bros. Pictures of Thursday night programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> and <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



Several community centers brought groups of teens to the Teen Library to use computers and participate in teen library programming. Groups of teens from the Selena Center and the Juvenile Detention Center made regular visits during the reporting period.

REFERENCE



This month Reference wraps up a highly successful Adult Summer Reading Program with record numbers, themed feature films, and a visual treasure hunt. With 865 T-shirt raffle entries and completion goals doubled, Reference takes pride at inspiring so many to participate in this annual Program. One patron, who appreciated the Summer Reading Book Bundle display, took pictures and tweeted, “San Antonio Public Library has these little book bundles grouped by genre, and today they had all my favorite genres!”



In July, Central Library hosted a visual Treasure Hunt. Librarians, Cristine Mitchamore and Vicky Villalobos, arranged a program inspired by the Summer Reading theme: Adventures in Library Land. Participants were given a visual clue and sent out to locate the object. At each site, players found an envelope containing another visual clue. Clues were followed to find the ultimate treasure (offerings included bags, bookmarks, playing cards and cups.) Although Reference hosted the event, many Central Departments (Children’s, Circulation, Shelving, Teen’s, and Texana) participated. Objects were located throughout Central and staff in the various areas provided hints to help in the hunt. All ages participated in the adventure.



To celebrate Adventures in Library Land this summer, Reference hosted five board game themed feature films: *Clue* (1985); *Battleship* (2012); *Zathura, A Space Adventure* (2005); *Jumanji* (1995) and *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* (2017). Although many of the movies were from previous decades,

attendance was impressive. Reactions to the movie series were very positive, with plenty of shared moments of laughter and excitement.



Assistant Reference Manager, Julia Selwyn, was invited to present at the 2018 Comic Conference for Educators and Librarians (CCEL) in San Diego. The San Diego Public Library teamed up with Comic-Con International to provide a conference that explored the role comics play in promoting education and literacy for all ages. Ms. Selwyn's presentation, *Pop Con: An Origin Story*, was inspired by those who created and implemented the successful PopCon event San Antonio Public Library's first popular culture festival. This first year of Pop Con was compared to a superhero origin story with adult programming building upon the past to become new and powerful in service to the community. Ms. Selwyn discussed the multiple parts (planning, community outreach, promotion and execution) involved in hosting such a complex event.



The Podcast Team led by Librarian, Diana Starrett, published a new episode this month. Ms. Starrett and Library Assistants: Adolph Lopez (Sound Engineer), Alejandro "Hondo" Aguilar, Dan Garcia, and Daniel Gonzalez were grateful to begin another series of podcasts with new high quality recording equipment; the equipment purchase was made possible by a generous Library Foundation donation. *San Antonio Public Library's Podcast – Tuned in* aims to shed light on the inner workings (and peculiar vocabulary) of the Library. The recent episode featured an interview with Shelving Department Manager, Carla Conrad; listeners learned that even though the Shelving Unit is located at Central, it functions somewhat like a circulatory system and serves as a life-line for the entire San Antonio Public Library system.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



The Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted the Macondo Writing Workshop's Faculty Reading on Wednesday, July 25. This event included readings by Reyna Grande, Allison Adelle Hedge Coke and Stephanie Elizondo Greist. The event drew 70 attendees and was featured in San Antonio Express-News.



The Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted the 'Women Who Submit' Writer's Workshop on Sunday, August 12. They are a group of women and women-identified writers of color who meet monthly to demystify the publication process and shake up the writing world. This 4-hour workshop presented information and an opportunity for collaboration for women preparing to send polished writing or art to top tier journals around the country.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Librarian, Deborah Countess, led an introduction to family research class at Potranco Library on July 18 titled *Finding Out Who You Are: Beginning Your Genealogy Research*. Ms. Countess spoke about

research strategies and the availability of useful historical records, as well as providing information regarding adoption and DNA testing.



On July 18 Librarian, Matt DeWaelsche, presented the class *Using Ancestry Library Edition*. The event provided an opportunity to help patrons with family history research using the genealogy database resource.



Librarian, Sylvia Reyna, presented a training session for staff at the San Pedro Library on July 19 that focused on Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest online database resources.



On July 24 Librarian, Andy Crews, presented a training session for staff at Collins Garden Library highlighting the popular genealogy databases Ancestry.com and Access Newspaper Archive.



Debbie Countess led a training session on July 31 for staff at the Cortez Library that focused on Ancestry.com and the San Antonio Express-News database.



On August 1, Matt DeWaelsche, provided training for staff at the Thousand Oaks Library that highlighted Ancestry.com and Access Newspaper Archive databases.



Ms. Countess assisted the Librarian/Archivist at the Wilbert M. Curtis Texas Prince Hall Library Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, with information regarding the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church here in San Antonio. In addition to information regarding the church, the library museum was interested in a local African American family living here from 1887 through the 1920's who may have had a connection to the Prince Hall Masons, the largest and oldest group of Masons of African origin in the world.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The Bazan branch library hosted the Book-Rich Environment Celebration and Book Giveaway on August 7. The event was in partnership with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), SAREads, the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) and the San Antonio Public Library. Kids enjoyed craft activities, a trivia match, refreshments and went home with some great books!



SummerFest at Bazan was celebrated on July 30 with a party that included clowns Pandorfus and Lilly Lou who did face painting and balloon sculpting with the children. Additional activities included fun with slime and playdough. The children and caregivers all had a great time and also enjoyed the refreshments that were provided.



The Isabel Bazan Women's Fair held on August 4 had over 140 patrons attend and was a great success. Attendees took advantage of the opportunity to meet with "books" in the all-women's Human Library, gather information from non-profits, attend a finance or resume workshop, receive

resume help and get free wellness and STD screenings. The Dual Language Director of East Central School District was very impressed with the program and asked Bazan staff to talk about the experience with the district's Librarians. Staff received amazing feedback from attendees, several of whom suggested it be made a yearly event.



The Bad Girls Romance Book Club met on July 28 and read the *Best Kind of Trouble* by Lauren Dane. Romance author Dawna River has joined the group. Since a majority of the members who attend the monthly book club are romance writers, it was suggest that a Bad Girls Romance writing group meet right after the book club to share resources and to critique one another's work.



Bazan's new Journal and Planner Club had a positive response when it met on July 22. The goal of the club is to provide a space for journaling enthusiasts to plan and write their thoughts, swap stationery, and chat about all things journal and planner related.



The Midnight Paranormal Society held three programs through the month of July for Summer Reading. Due to the success of the event, the group was invited to present three additional programs in celebration of Halloween! The programs in October will be a part of the system wide STEAM programs highlighting the technology the group uses in its work hunting ghosts.



Training Officer, Emily Flores, attended the San Antonio Housing Authority Early Engagement Program Resource Fair on July 18, held on the KIPP Commerce campus. During the event, she spoke with approximately 100 individuals and signed up participants for the San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading Program.



On August 4, Training Officer, Emily Flores, participated in the Lanier High School Back-to-School Community Fair. She had the opportunity to speak to students and parents about the learning opportunities and resources available at the Bazan Branch Library and the larger San Antonio Public Library System.



Bazan staff bid farewell to the three summer teen interns from JOVEN and the Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc. The interns were a great help during summer programming and lent their interests and personalities in developing teen programs. Teen librarian Georgina Salinas coordinated the end of summer reading teen party to coincide with the departure of two of the interns and celebrated with another successful DIY ice cream program. Several photos were uploaded to the 210Teen Flickr page.



The teen interns took initiative to invite families to participate in the summer free lunch program and encouraged teens hanging out in the branch to participate in teen programming. The interns also worked together with several teens to create a library themed board game based on library routines and fictionalized characters. The board game is akin to Candy Land with a contemporary twist.



Mr. Jim LaVilla-Havelin from Gemini Ink hosted this month's *Teen Writing Workshop* which introduced the teens to memoir, lyric, and observational writing skills.



Teen Librarian Georgina accompanied Library Assistant, JD Elizondo, from the Teen Library at Central in outreach to the Teacher Fest held at UTSA Downtown. The event was well attended. Georgina advocated the library and talked to several teachers about Tutor.com, Learning Express Library, along with other resources students may use to assist with school assignments.

BROOK HOLLOW



On July 17 Brook Hollow Library hosted a special Kid's Time program featuring magician Spikey Mikey. The program was sponsored by Brook Hollow Friends of the Library.



Brook Hollow was one of five branches that partnered with the North East Independent School District to serve free lunches to children 18 years of age and younger. A total of 1,206 lunches were served, from June 18 to August 3.



On Saturday, August 4, Brook Hollow held its annual SummerFest celebration for all ages. Activities included a newspaper hat craft, a jumbo *paleta* craft, bowling, fishing, face painting, a balloon artist, tile art, and bubble magnets. At the event, *Mariachi de Melodias de Mexico* performed while attendees snacked on *paletas* and popcorn. Patrons were also given the opportunity to write about their favorite summer memory. Several people wrote SummerFest. Also, one patron exclaimed, "This is the best day ever!" There were 195 people that attended.



During the reporting period, teens at Brook Hollow made art and craft projects and engaged in some friendly gaming competition. Teens used Perler beads to create unique works of fused bead art. They also used their engineering and spatial awareness skills to build structures out of marshmallows, toothpicks, and gumdrops. These structures, both abstract geometric designs and more representative ones, had varying levels of stability, which were compensated for with structural supports and creative redesign. Teens also enjoyed the camaraderie of a well-matched competition using the branch's Wii U to play Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart.



On July 28th, patrons enjoyed learning how to recycle a discarded book by folding and cutting it into a cat design. It was enjoyed by all who attended.



The Wednesday Evening Book group read *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Frederik Backman. A lively discussion was had by all and the group hopes to read more by the author. The book group membership has increased in the past couple of months.

CARVER



The Carver Library Learn Center had its annual job fair on Tuesday, August 7, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by Dollar General. Twenty-five employers participated, including VIA, City of San Antonio, San Antonio Public Library, and Toyota. They greeted dozens of people hoping to secure openings. An estimated 163 job seekers participated in the fair.

Promotion of this event featured Ms. Johnson on News 4 WOAI with anchor Randy Beamer.



Assistant Branch Manager and Teen Liaison, Monty Holcomb, hosted two Chess Events which continue to be steadily attended by a variety of patrons. Mr. Holcomb, a Teen Services Liaison, also hosted two official Teen Time events with the Wii. He has also 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).



Carver's thriving teen section underwent a kind of transformation in July. Branch Manager, DL Grant, consulted with Teen Services Coordinator, Jennifer Velasquez, on the layout of the space to ensure that it was as inviting, practical and functional as it could be. The space boasts a consistent user group who meet multiple times through the week to play games and hang out. What now greets the teens is a roomier space, with the addition of a sofa relocated from another part of the building and now serves as a centerpiece in the room. They enjoy huddling shoulder to shoulder on it, engaged in good-natured electronic gaming combat.



Dozens of people braved the 90-plus degree weather on Saturday, August 4, to celebrate the SummerFest Party at Carver Branch, signaling the close of the annual reading summer campaign. The afternoon included food, games, crafts and face painting. The paletas and cookies were an absolute hit! Children's Librarian, Braulia Carrillo, planned this event over a number of weeks but she said it was worth it.



Branch Manager, DL Grant, conducted outreach at BiblioTech East's Summer Fun in the Sun festival on Saturday, July 28, seizing the opportunity to connect with community residents and share information about services available by SAPL at nearby Carver Branch.

CODY



Cody's Thursday performances remained popular during this reporting period. Happy Tails visited the library on July 19 to teach children about wild and exotic animals. Children were able to see seven different animals up close and to learn all about their characteristics, habitats, and traits.



The Magik Theater visited Cody on July 26 to put on a performance.



Tween Time activity was consistent throughout the remainder of July. On July 16 Tween Time attendees learned how to make their own mosaics. During Tween Time on July 23, tweens learned how to build roller coasters out of all recyclable materials. On July 30, tweens participated in a buoyancy challenge during Tween Time. Tweens had 45 minutes to create a boat using only craft sticks, straws, aluminum foil, rubber bands, and clay. At the end of the program, tweens tested their boats to see which held the most marbles.



Cody branch celebrated the end of Summer Reading with a SummerFest party on August 2. During this program, families participated in crafts and games based on several classic children's novels. Library Assistant, Angela Olivarez, also provided face painting to the children.



Tweens learned about mosaics, including the world-famous work of Juan O'Gorman, then tried their hand at some bean mosaics of their own! Hearts, stars, and poop emojis featured in their work. Using straws, tape, and a lot of ingenuity, Cody tweens built miniature roller coasters for ping-pong balls!



Teen Services Librarian Amy Rae Weaver worked with area teens to come up with Teen Time programs for the Cody Library. Homemade chocolate chip cookies were the big draw at Teen Time on July 3, along with video games. Teens worked together to mix cookie dough and bake it into delectable snacks.



The remainder of July offered a number of programs for teens. On July 10, teens tried their hand at some Sweet Engineering, competing to build the tallest freestanding tower with a limited number of toothpicks and gumdrops. The winner was over a foot tall!

Also, Cody's teens made psychedelic Tie-Dyed Pancakes on July 17, using common household ingredients and squeeze bottles. Their designs ranged from marbled abstract works to pancake depictions of real-world items! On July 24, teens decided to take it a little more relaxed and made Ramen, then played a variety of exciting video games.

And, finally, July 31 was Harry Potter's Birthday, so Cody teens celebrated with pretzel wands, pumpkin pasties, and handmade wooden wands.



On August 7th, Cody's sports-fiend teens played Paper Basketball at Teen Time while snacking on pretzels.



Programming at Cody brought healthy numbers of participants. Cody's Writing Club continued, featuring fun lessons and activities for young writers interested in practicing their craft! Attendees worked on things like plotting, sensory details, and strong metaphor writing. Chess Club ran strong through the summer, with an average of 24 attendees per session in July. Players of all skill levels challenged each other to games and honed their chess strategy.



The Cody library has begun an ongoing partnership with the non-profit Isha Foundation to bring yoga awareness to the local community.



The Adante Senior Living book club continues to run strong with a feisty group of seniors who love to read.

COLLINS GARDEN



The Collins Garden Library Team signed up 461 children, 70 teens and 175 adults for the annual SAPL Summer Reading Club, exceeding 2017.



In July, Collins Garden hosted San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg's Our Family Reads Program with District 5 Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales. It was attended by the Mayor and his family, along with Gonzales and her family and nearly 50 adults. In conjunction with Our Family Reads program, Children's Librarian Gina Brudi engaged upwards of 30 children in decorating Day of the Dead puppets.



Adult summer programs on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays include; Coffee and a Movie; Ping Pong; Loteria and Beading. Coffee and Movie features Mexican Cinema Flicks. Lotería, 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 with a small following of patrons.



Naturalist Tom Kinsey entertained and educated 36 children about animals and their habitats when he brought native Texas animals, such as a dove, a rat, snakes and hissing cockroaches, to the library. Children were able to pet the animals at the end of the performance.



Movie Time screened two juvenile films during the reporting period with 66 attendees.



Collins Garden Library hosted the San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble July 24. The musicians played Renaissance and marching band music featuring a trumpet; French horn; bassoon; clarinet and snare drum. Nearly 20 patrons and community members enjoyed the music.



Collins Garden's SummerFest Finale was a rousing success with 50 children decorating paletas, meeting San Antonio Fire Department mascot Sparky the Dog and eating real paletas courtesy of the Friends of Collins Garden Library!



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted two Lego Club programs. Lego creations are displayed on the shelves in the reference area for customers to view. Forty-three participants attended. At the Be My Neighbor event, sponsored by KLRN at Calaveras Park in July, Brudi spoke to 186 children and 42 adults about San Antonio Public Library services.



The weekly Teen program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, is an active group. Teens played ping pong, video games and made crafts for the summer.



Collins Garden Library is continuing weekly Family Game Night this summer with various board games for all ages. Also, two chess sets in library's public areas are occupied with patrons of all ages strategizing their moves. Weekly Family Game Night will also continue this summer with various board games for all ages.



Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies, Chair of the Texas Library Association (TLA), District 10, along with other members is in process of planning TLA District 10 Fall

Conference at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Collins Garden Library Team is gearing up for D5/CGL 3rd Annual Back-to-School Backpack Drive Saturday, August 11, 2018, 10-1 pm. Collins Garden Library Team assists District 5 in coordinating the annual backpack drive of community partners and patrons.

CORTEZ



Cortez Branch is happy to announce that they have exceeded their circulation goals each month for more than an entire year! On Monday, August 6, the staff was treated to a pizza party by David Cooksey and Jake Odland in recognition of their hard work. The staff pitched in, as well, for a big send-off to Kathy Armbruster who is moving away.



Branch Manager Brantley participated on a hiring committee for the vacant Children's Librarian position and the Branch staff hopes to have minimal disruption in services when school begins again.



Bilingual Baby Time—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.



Toddler Time—Toddlers have enjoyed digging through beans and peas in search of dinosaurs, playing with their adult caregivers with zoo animals and puppets, and having a weekly dance party with scarves and egg shakers. Plenty of block play, knobbed puzzles, magnetic letters and a cozy reading corner round out the offerings during the play portion of this popular program. A summer reading paleta party was hosted on the last day before a short break.



Kids Time—is a chance for school age children to hear stories and participate in lots of hands-on activities. The final sessions included a collaborative art project, American flag collages and the final Summerfest party complete with popsicles and aguas frescas.



Tween Time—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 created Texas-themed silhouette art and continued playing with the Just Dance video game.



Outreach Visits (Kathy Armbruster)—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.

Ms. Armbruster was very pleased to represent SAPL at the popular District 4 Back-to-School Event on August 4. She distributed Cortez Branch calendars, bookmarks, pencils, and other great SAPL logo items to children and their parents. Ms. Armbruster also encouraged children to sign up for the Summer Reading program.



Adventures in Library Land—Cortez staff has actively promoted the Adventures in Library Land summer reading initiative since day one. From colorful displays, bulletin boards, and wall decorations to engaging with children and their parents to sign up for reading logs and to promote programs, all staff members have been enthusiastic advocates for all things summer reading. The children's portion of this initiative continues until the end of August. Final registration and finisher numbers are not yet available but the branch is on track for a respectable showing in our area.



Learn Nature – On August 6, Mr. Kinsey returned to the Cortez Branch with his live animal ecology program. He brought a variety of animals including a snake, a dove, a rat, and even large cockroaches! Most animals were available for touching and the Cortez patrons were willing participants!



Teens attending Teen Time enjoyed the presence of Mr. Vicente Escobedo with SA Metro Health. They learned to make different recipes and to make healthier choices. Ms. Amri Chapa (Cortez teen summer intern) assisted with the program as well.



COAST – Cortez Older Adult Social Time—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.



Getting Crafty Program—The crafting class completed the tote bag made from fusing together several plastic grocery bags. They also made a fall wreath to welcome the upcoming season. Creative rock art is next and many have begun planning their designs.



Overall programming at Cortez Library has shown a lot of activity and participation. **Monster Meet**—On August 11, the crowd of 16 thoroughly enjoyed the last “cheesy” film of the summer: “Zombeavers”. **Adult Craft Time**—On August 2, Circulation Attendant, Madeline Vasquez, continued her adult craft time program by teaching patrons how to make bamboo flower vases out of rolled up newspaper, paint, glue and markers. Patrons are highly enjoying this relaxing, fun program and due to its popularity, it will continue into the branch’s regular schedule of events now that Summer Reading is over.

Healthy Cooking Class—On June 28, Vicente Escobedo returned for his healthy cooking class and taught patrons how to make fresh fruit salad with dragon fruit. Recipe booklets for other meals were provided. Patrons enjoyed helping create and prepare the food and then serving themselves a delicious snack.

Thriving Through Anxiety and Depression—On July 31, Luis E. Cavazos led an informative and interactive presentation teaching people the types of anxiety and depression, its symptoms and how to cope with them better. He performed exercises and did simple counseling with an attending married couple. Mr. Cavazos was knowledgeable, personable and polite. Cortez Library is interested in bringing him back for future programs.



Cortez Chess Club—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.



District 4 Back-to-School—On August 4 Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster represented Cortez at the highly successful event held at CentroMed. Kathy staffed a booth and estimated she personally spoke to close to 400 people. There were over 1200 in attendance. There was a last push for summer reading as well as getting the word out about programming for the Fall.



LEARN Center Activities—A total of 44 patrons utilized computers to complete online job applications. A number of these patrons reported successful employment.

LEARN Center announced registration for the upcoming citizenship classes which are scheduled to start on September 6. Five patrons have registered so far. On August 14 the LEARN training officer is expected to meet with Catalina Berry, Director of Community Health and Outreach for Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio, to register members of their church community for classes.

ENCINO



Encino hosted its End of Summer Harry Potter Party on August 4 in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the first book as well as a re-release of all seven books with new cover art. Over three-hundred witches, wizards and muggles descended on Encino for potions and herbology classes. Other activities included quidditch, trivia, a movie screening, crafts, and games. Staff participation for this event was unprecedented, with staff members making and bringing items from home for set dressing, wearing Harry Potter-inspired clothing for the event and working tirelessly to make sure our patrons had an amazing experience. The Encino staff would like to thank Marcie Ince, The Burbank High School Harry Potter Club and all of our party volunteers for joining us for this celebration. We appreciate all of the help from the collection development team for their assistance acquiring books and giveaway items for the party. Big thanks to Nohemi Lopez Rosdahl.



Children's librarians, Nicki Weaver and Ashley Stubbs wrapped up a busy summer with full houses at Baby Time, Toddler Time, and all Story Times. Enthusiastic children sang and danced to old favorites and enjoyed classic children's stories. Miss Stubbs' Saturday Story Time was a big success and sounds of "Heads and Shoulders" rang through the meeting room livening up the weekends. Both Kid's Time and Lego Time provided summer fun inside for families, while the Summer Reading Program continues to be a success as children turn in their Adventures in Library Land game boards filled with all the wonderful books they have read.



Encino hosted Dinosaur George in late July, rounding out the festivities for children this summer with his dynamic display of dinosaur bones and fossils. Entertaining as ever, he captivated his audience providing a humor filled educational program.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot and the Encino teens were busy throughout the summer in both Teen Club and Teen Screen programs. Teen Club participants made some very cute crafts including dinosaur terrariums for some new decoration in Encino's teen room and shrinky dink plastic key chains to put on their backpacks for the new school year. Teens cooled down with sno cones and cheered on our favorite videogame turned movie heroine Lara Croft in Tomb Raider for this month's Teen Screen.



Encino's Anime Club hosted Chinatsu Oku from the East Asia Institute at UTSA for two programs during the reporting period. Both programs different highlighted a part of Japanese culture. In the first teens got to try their hand at traditional Japanese calligraphy, while in the second teens learned about the history of anime and manga in Japan and got to make and eat their own onigiri (rice balls).



Finishing out our Summer Cooking Series in partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, Encino teens delved into recipes from India, China, and Japan. Teens enjoyed working with produce from the Food Bank's garden and trying new flavors and spices like matcha and coriander.



Encino welcomed back our Cosplay 101 Series facilitators for the conclusion of the five part series for teens and adults. Prop-making 101 and Photography, Posing & You were the last two classes and saw participants getting hands on with EVA foam and DSLR cameras provided by Teen Services. This series was a great success bringing together two different age groups as well as patrons from outside Encino's community. With the help of both Teen and Adult services, librarians Julia Pouliot and Michelle Ricondo were able to branch out in the program offerings at Encino, while also drumming up excitement for our 2nd Annual Encino Cosplay Con to take place on Saturday, September 22.



Summer Youth Employee Anthony Islas assisted Encino through a busy summer with his focus on shelving and circulation at the drive thru window and we are grateful for the opportunity to host such a hardworking young person.

FOREST HILLS



Ms. Menchaca hosted a special story time for the last session of the summer. Several of the children who attended story time on the regular basis are going to attend school in the fall and this was their last story time. Therefore, Ms. Menchaca made slime, playdoh, and had a fishing game in addition to the regular toys and crafts available. The children had a blast; Ms. Menchaca got a thank you card from a young patron who used to be very quiet and shy when she first started attending Story Time. She is now a lot more extroverted and comfortable around other children. Ms. Menchaca, of course, got teary eyed. She'll miss the children going off to school.



Ms. Menchaca hosted SummerFest to celebrate the finale of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. Ms. Menchaca had a Come and Go Craft, a bean bag toss game, LEGOs, and Extra Large LEGOs available for patrons to play with. Ms. Menchaca also had a "make your own ice cream sundae" station. She also gave out Whataburger chocolate chunk cookies. Needless to say, this event was a big success.



Forest Hills was thrilled to host the Magik Theater and Will Parker. Having both performers was a real treat and the children in attendance enjoyed themselves immensely. Shrieks of joy and surprise were heard throughout the library.



Ms. Menchaca attended the Texas Library Association Meeting as she is on the Tejas Star Committee. This is proving to be an educational experience as Ms. Menchaca is learning how committees work and how they have the power to encourage and educate their communities.



Adults also enjoyed wrapping up the summer with a Bird Feeder craft. Participants molded shapes out of bird seed and corn syrup to create a yummy treat for their feathered friends. Weekly winners for the adult summer reading t-shirts were celebrated as their photos were put on display for all to see.



Branch Manager, Mary Naylor, visited the Doris Griffin Senior Center for the monthly book club meeting on July 18. The group discussed *The Lake House* by Kate Morton. The group expressed an interest in learning more about the digital collection and will receive training on the Libby app at the next meeting in August.



Citizenship classes continue with steady attendance. 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 pm. The course will be 10-weeks long and include 24 hours of instruction. The course will be offered for no charge to the students thanks to funding from the Adult Services programming budget. Adult Services Librarian Sandra Griffin was the driving force behind the effort to bring these classes to the Forest Hills Branch Library.



Forest Hills hosted Teen Intern Arturo Bernal from the Family Services Association summer intern program. This teen intern gained valuable job experience as he learned about the library work processes, developed skills in shelving and filing, and provided critical support for the staff during the very busy summer months.

GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library had the privilege of hosting Happy Tails in July in which over 300 excited kids and adults were able to have the opportunity to pet an alpaca and hold a snake around their necks. Thanks to the Friends of the Great Northwest Library, Spikey Mikey the magician appeared at the branch's Summerfest celebration and caused much laughter and amazement with all of his talents. It was thoroughly enjoyed. The summer children's events were well attended with 4,845 people, which was over 800 more than last year.



Camp Library provided school-aged children and their families a chance to explore retelling stories in the form of puppets, story hats, watercolor and other hands-on activities. They also learned about characters and had the opportunity to make up their own and create a story.



Color Camp had a great turnout with lots of participation. The library was full of families wearing the celebrated color of the day. The library has recognized that loud wails and cries at the end of a program were the evidence that the children loved what they were doing and did not want to go. With that as the measure, Color Camp has been very successful.



Concrete Ideas, a tween program, proved to all that kids can be successful. In this program, the library team tried to bring concrete ideas, activities and real-life stories to show kids that by using their imaginations and gaining knowledge when needed, many wonderful ideas can be brought into real life. On the last day, the kids were surprised by Jason Gassaway from the Southwest Research Center who

brought a 3D printer and, for each tween, created a printed souvenir of one of their ideas that they had designed. Information, ideas and imagination were the keys to success at this program.



The Great Northwest Branch hosted a special summer cooking series Kids in the Kitchen presented by community member Ann-Carolin Jahn. Ms. Jahn developed a series of programs that taught kids aged 8-12 how to prepare healthy snacks that don't require cooking or dangerous utensils. Kids left the program having tried new foods like quinoa and were excited to be able to be able to make healthy after-school snacks by themselves.



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 July 16 teens watched *Coco* and decorated sugar skulls. On July 23 teens watched *Mary Poppins* and made DIY kites. On July 30 teens had an End of Summer Party and watched *Jumanji* and made DIY game boards. On August 6 teens watched *The Never Ending Story* and made painted rock crafts.



Great Northwest teens meet every Wednesday afternoon for Teen Video Gaming and Other Stuff. Ms. Vazquez worked with teen gamers to provide a space for them to compete against other teens who share a common interest in gaming. Teens also had the opportunity to make a variety of crafts and art to display in the teen space of the library or to take home. In July and August teens made friendship bracelets and Perler bead crafts. On July 25 teens held a Super Smash Video Game Tournament. Teens gave out door prizes and a prize to the winner.



The Great Northwest Library partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to provide teens in the community with a Teen Summer Cooking Camp. The San Antonio Food Bank and Chef Roman Longoria provided four classes in July and August that focused on a different country and culture each week. Chef Roman introduced Great Northwest Teens to a variety of recipes and healthy alternatives while teaching teens some basic cooking skills and kitchen safety.



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



The Great Northwest Library hosted two teen interns from the Family Services Association. Ms. Vazquez supervised the interns while they gained work experience and learned about library services.



Cindy Moreno, Adult Services Librarian, moderated the Alicia Trevino Senior Center Book & Movie group. The group discussed *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio which focuses on choosing kindness.

GUERRA



Branch Manager, Dexter Katzman, presented music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on August 1 and 8. On August 7, he joined other members of the Employee Management

Committee for a 2019 budget briefing from City Manager Sheryl Sculley. The Guerra Chess Club met on July 20 and 27 and again on August 2 and 10. Library Aide Chloe Parham left Guerra for greener pastures in Austin, Texas.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams hosted a Celebrate Summer program on July 28. Adults, seniors and families were encouraged to socialize as they enjoyed adult coloring and origami activities. Jernell held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on August 3; participants discussed *The Book of Speculation* by Erika Swyler.



Children's Librarian, Arlene Richardson, planned and presented three toddler times, three story times, three Lego Clubs, and two Summer Reading Kids Time programs. On June 21 and 22, children participated in all day Come & Go crafts where children decorated paper plates with watermelon slices and paletas and made paper fans. On July 27, Arlene planned and presented a story time to a group of 65 preschoolers and toddlers at the Marbach Christian Church Childcare. On August 3, she did the same at Li'l Dragon Den Childcare for two toddler groups. On July 31, school age summer reading programs ended with a SummerFest celebration. Children and their grownups enjoyed a presentation by Alamo City Reptile Rescue, created a paleta board, and enjoyed light refreshments provided by the Guerra Branch Friends. Early literacy programs ended on August 1. Arlene designed and installed a Back-to-School display.



Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, recorded *El Cuento de Ratapón* by Asunción Lissón for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on July 16. On July 26, Stephen held Club de Lectura; the group discussed *Ola de calor* (*Heat Wave*) by Richard Castle.



Library Assistant Edward Mayberry returned to Guerra from his special assignment with Neighborhood and Housing Services Department. While there, he worked with the Mayor's Housing Policy Task Force, with the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic Neighborhoods, and with the San Antonio Housing Trust.

IGO

Voting kept one of Igo's meeting rooms occupied through most of this month. The Friends of Igo Library held a large and very successful book sale on July 28-29.



Story Time will continue weekly through September and October.



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



Teen Time events took place every Wednesday evening.



On July 16 and August 6, 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.



Two book clubs met this reporting period. On July 17, the Afternoon Book Club discussed *The Richest Woman in America*. And on August 1, the Mystery Club discussed *Long Upon the Land*.



Beginning Hatha Yoga classes continued on Fridays when the meeting rooms were not being used for voting and other activities.



The Igo Elderberries met on August 2 to hear Frank Faulkner discuss his book, *Historic Photos of San Antonio*, and to socialize at our annual Ice Cream Social.



The first ARTful Aging class for Acrylics was held on Friday, August 3. Three more classes will be held on August 10, 17, and 24.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library served as an Early Voting Site for the Texas State Senate District 19 Election from July 16 to July 27 with over 350 voters casting their ballots. Johnston hosted several homeowners associations including Kriewald HOA on July 16 and on August 6 and Hallie Heights HOA July 30. The Friends of the Johnston Library meeting was held July 29.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club's discussion of Kevin Kwan's soon-to-be-movie *Crazy Rich Asians* on July 18. Ms. Bustillo organized a Friday Film screening of the newly released *Ready Player One* on July 27 and Ms. Bustillo continues to host Pokemon Go Trade and Meet-up sessions, Wednesdays, at 4:00 pm, until the end of August.



As part of SAPL's STEAM initiative, Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila obtained two mini Star Wars robots from Adult Services to host a program. Ms. Davila opened the event to all ages and patrons got a chance to learn how to operate the droids. The robots were the iconic R2-D2 and BB-8 droids. Patrons had fun operating the robots with a mini iPad on July 18 and on July 25.



Move Texas, a grassroots non-partisan group, was invited by Ms. Davila to register patrons to vote. The non-profit group had an information table on July 18 and July 25. The group reported that Johnston's patrons were the most responsive to registering to vote. We look forward to hosting them again.



Summer programming for children continued at Johnston with Story Time themes including Trains, Rain and Beach. Tween Time featured a My Little Pony program, LEGOs and other building games, and creating art with modeling clay. During Kids Time, children were treated to programs about music and local author James Marshall. On July 20, musician Will Parker entertained children and their families with bouncy, lively music, which had 19 kids hopping and bopping all over the library. On August 1, Johnston held its SummerFest for kids of all ages. There were crafts, LEGOs, Straws and Connectors, and other activities. Children were treated to cookies, fruit chews, and Capri Sun drinks. There was an excellent turnout of 63 people for the program.



One of Johnston's teens won a Summer Reading prize. Christina Smith received an HEB gift card worth \$25. The drawing was on Monday, Aug. 6; a special thanks to the Library Foundation for rewarding our teens for participating in our Summer Reading Program.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson presented the Bilingual Storytime every Monday during the summer. Children enjoyed the book readings, sing-alongs and crafts related to the theme of the day. The themes for the dates of July 16, July 23, and July 30 were *Delfines* (Dolphins), *Mascotas* (Pets), and *A acampar* (Camping), respectively.

LANDA



The Landa branch has been very busy with our Adventures in Library Land Summer Reading. The branch hosted 102 children's program between June 1 and August 4. Readers also continue to come in to turn in their gameboards! Landa has signed up over 1150 children to participate in the summer reading program. The children's desk, shelves, and windows in the children's area are lined with almost 400 paletas with the names of the summer reading finishers.



Storytime and Art hit record attendance numbers its final week in the summer with over 30 children and their caregivers attending the program. The families really enjoyed the art activities after the program. After one week of crocodile stories, one family came up to compliment the book choices and ask to check them all out to read again at home.



Tween Time also continues to be very well attended each week. The most popular programs revolved around construction with one week splitting the tweens into teams to build a tower out of leftover craft supplies and the final program where all the Tweens worked together to build something with every single straw and connector. The last Tween Time of the summer was extra special at Landa as the Tweens got to make their own ice cream in a zip lock bag treats.



During Kids Time on Saturday mornings Landa had two special guests. Corliss Crabtree who also volunteers at the zoo donated her time to come and talk to parents and kids about animals and show them fun animal artifacts like fur, feathers, and shells. Also, the Wildlife Refuge joined us to talk about animals in the area and what to do if we find them injured or abandoned. Both of these programs were paired with story books and crafts for families of all ages to enjoy.



Librarian, Jasmin Salinas, finished the weekly visits to University Presbyterian Children's Center. On the last Monday school visit, each classroom gifted her with homemade crafts, such as a fingerprint book made by all the children, a storybook of children's artwork, and giant thank you cards. They also presented Ms. Salinas with a giant tri-fold cardboard card filled with drawings and thanks from each of the children.



SummerFest on August 4 at Landa featured The Astonishing Mr. Pitts performing magic, ventriloquism, and tons of humor. His visit tied beautifully into the importance of the reading and the value of the library. In fact, after the program, one of the kids asked the Children's Librarian for one of the

Goosebump books he featured. Almost 100 people attended our event. After the show, all of the families could participate in a variety of treats and art activities on the terrace. Families ate popcorn and pretzels and then got to play with play-dough, create their own paper paleta, build with Legos and paint.



Adult Summer Reading enrollment is looking good. There has been much excitement about the list of grand prizes and those that have won the lime green t-shirts have been delighted. Much thanks to those who worked hard to get such great prizes and, particularly, to Haley Holmes for all the work she has done to promote adult services for SAPL.



Landa's regular book clubs have been meeting throughout the summer. The Reader's Ink group, as reported previously, thoroughly enjoyed the engaging (but troubling) *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann, an account of the treatment of the Osage Indians in Oklahoma in the mid-20th century. The Mystery Book Club read *Extreme Prey* by John Sandford with varied reviews. The book club at the Village at the Incarnate Word read *Hank & Jim*, an excellent dual biography of Henry Fonda and Jimmy Stewart. These film legends, whose names are often linked, were actually real-life best friends. The book is also an excellent history of the Golden Age of Hollywood.



In July, the members of the senior center made their own Chihuly-style "sculptures" from photographic film, creating designs with colored markers. They produced some very elaborate motifs. Many thanks to Landa staff member, Melissa Carroll, for this idea.



Landa's staff bid a sad farewell to Kyra White who has been a faithful Sunday volunteer for nearly three years. Kyra is a recent graduate of Incarnate Word High School and is going to be attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas this fall with a dual major in engineering and music. She will be very much missed at Landa. The staff thanked her with a little gift and some terrific tacos from Central Market.



Teen Liaison, Rebekah Corley, continued collaborations with Landa teens to create many successful programs this month; which saw the end of their summer club. The group held their monthly cooking class, created a Landa Game Board in theme with Summer Reading, made ice-cream, and had a massive gaming/collage day creating art to go in the Teen Corner. With the success of Drop-In Volunteering, Teen Club once again welcomed several new regulars who helped plan a terrific end of summer celebration—filled with big goodbyes, snacks, and even unicorns.

LAS PALMAS



The Las Palmas Library took a new approach to story-time to take advantage of the many talents of its staff. Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, teamed up with Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos, and Circulation Attendant, Patricia Perez, to perform dual language story-times. On July 24, the Smithsonian Latino Center visited our story-time to present stories that taught children about music.



Continuing with the Adventures in Library Land theme, the Las Palmas Library had a food-themed program integrated into Bilingual story time on Tuesday, July 31. Children used play-dough, cookie cutters and their imagination to create shapes for fruits, vegetables, pasta, and whatever else

came to mind. Las Palmas borrowed play kitchen supplies from Little Red Wagon to create a kitchen with dishes, pots, pans, two stoves, and even a kitchen sink. They learned new words in Spanish and English through different signs and games placed throughout the play sets. The great teamwork of Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos and Circulation Attendant, Patricia Perez, made Play and Learn a success.



On Monday, July 16, we welcomed Happy Tails to the Las Palmas Library. Happy Tails brought six animals into the library: two from Australia and four from Africa. The children were able to touch the animals: a hedgehog, a porcupine, a tortoise, bearded dragons, a boa constrictor, and a wallaby kangaroo. Children learned about animal domestication and the different personality types of animals. This program was made possible through the generous support of the Las Palmas Friends group.



On Monday, July 23, the Las Palmas Library celebrated dinosaurs during Kid's Time. Children learned about different types of dinosaurs that roamed Texas millions of years ago. They made their own dinosaur fossils using air-dry clay. In addition, children played dinosaur themed games, such as a sensory bin dig for mini dinosaurs.



On Monday, July 30, Ellen White, an Early Childhood Consultant, came to the Las Palmas Library to teach children about the sun in a program called Fun in the Sun. During the program children learned about the sun, UV Rays, protecting our bodies (especially our skin), what the sun does for the earth, and how far away the sun is from the Earth. Children made sun crafts such as sun catchers and jewelry made with UV detecting beads. This program was made possible through the generous support of the Las Palmas Friends group.



On Wednesday, August 1, the Las Palmas Branch had a SummerFest party to celebrate Summer Reading, over 60 people attended. Children and their families played board games and video games in the meeting room with Teen Librarian Connie Hejl. In the hallway, children used chalk on butcher paper to create an art project. Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, guided the children through crafts where kids could make hats that celebrated summer fruits. Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos, distributed snacks; we also had a paleta cart that was used to give out over 100 frozen treats.



On Monday, August 6, the Las Palmas Branch Kid's Time was STEM themed. Children started the event by making slime. They experimented with different ingredients to see how they changed the consistency of their slime. The children then made racers using paper plates, card stock paper, a bolt and nut, tape, and rubber bands, which helped children learn about energy and motion. After creating the racers there was a race in the hallway and the children learned how to calculate the speed of a moving object.



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

MAVERICK



The Ladies' Choice Book Club met on Saturday, July 28. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group met on Sundays in July and August. Maverick concluded its final mini Artful Aging art class on July 24. The mini-series had a tremendous turnout.



Several community homeowner associations met at Maverick Library. The Oaks of French Creek Homeowners Association gathered on July 19 and Sagewood Homeowners Association met on July 21. Silverbrook Homeowners Association met on August 7 and Parklands Homeowners Association met on August 9.



The Maverick Chess Club met on Monday, July 16 and 23. The Chess Club will resume on Monday, August 20.



Summer programming was a success here at the Maverick Library. In fact, there was no July "slump" in attendance at children's programs at all! On July 25, Happy Tails brought an alpaca, a snake and more animals from South America for two performances. Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, is happy to report that 109 people came to the 2:00 p.m. performance and 101 people attended the 4:00 p.m. performance! SummerFest at Maverick occurred on August 1 and featured Dinosaur George. Ms. Roberts thanks the Friends of the Maverick Library for funding his performance. Over 220 patrons attended the Dinosaur George show and enjoyed cookies donated by Summer Reading sponsor, Whataburger.



Ms. Roberts continues to comb through Maverick's collection, focusing on board books and beginner books during this time period. She thanks Maverick staff for their incredible teamwork with the summer reading program for children, especially in light of staff shortages. As of August 6, Maverick's Summer Reading Program had 670 children registered and 212 who completed the program! Our bulletin board is overflowing with the names of the finishers on die-cut paletas.



Library Assistant, Mary Lou Bleichwehl, facilitated three Teen Time programs during the reporting period, and Library Aide, Sarina Hackworth, also facilitated a Teen Time. Ms. Hackworth was herself an active participant in Teen programming several years ago and enjoyed it so much that she volunteered to assist at the program at Johnston for many years after high school graduation. Her enthusiasm for SAPL and Teen Programming is an asset and is making a positive impact on Maverick Teens.



Teens continued their Adventures in Library Land and played a variety of board games, used the VR accessories with the PS4, and made their own snacks; grilled cheese, candy sushi and s'mores.



The Maverick Teen Library Leadership Committee met three times and planned all of the August programs.



Library Assistant, Mary Lou Bleichwehl, continued to host 9 to 12 year-olds weekly for the Tweens Only!, Adventures in Library Land: Minute Games. The program concluded with an exploration of San Antonio's mosaic art and the Tweens were able to create their own San Antonio mosaic.

McCRELESS



On July 26, McCreless Branch hosted its second performer for the summer reading program. Musician, Will Parker, delighted children and their families with his energetic renditions of many original songs surrounding the theme of animals. Participants enjoyed the various musical styles that Parker used throughout his presentation. One family who attended has visited at least four branches throughout the summer to hear Parker's performances. It was an afternoon that was enjoyed by all!



McCreless Branch hosted its end of summer SummerFest celebration for children and their families on August 2. This celebration was a collaborative effort of many staff members. Circulation Attendants, Monica Suarez and Maria (Krys) Hernandez, along with Library Aide, Bella Reyna, made a life-size "Library Land" adventure game for children to play during SummerFest. Everyone was a winner and they all enjoyed delicious paletas at the end. Other activities were organized by Librarian I, Marisa DeBow, and Library Services Specialist, Carolyn Bradley. Activities offered included crafts such as paper paletas, maracas, and crazy hats. DeBow also scheduled several volunteers to assist with the event. McCreless Branch has not offered a SummerFest in several years, and this effort was a great success and very well attended.



McCreless Teens enjoyed making felt plushies, candy sushi and yarn-wrapped bottles while competing against one another in Super Mario Smash Brothers.



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.



McCreless hosted the COSA's Metro Health Mobile Unit in July and August. The unit provided free sexual health screenings to teens and adults. Information on sexual health and safe sex were handed out to all who attended.



The branch also hosted UT Health San Antonio. A table was setup and UT Health provided free health information about cancer and diabetes to adults.

MEMORIAL



Children's librarian, Christine Deffendall, contributes to early literature appreciation by presenting Story Time to approximately 20 children at St. Paul Learning Center. She is scheduled to perform this outreach program on a monthly basis. Mrs. Deffendall also began a Summer Movie series on different topics for children. Popcorn and punch were served to the delight of children of all ages and their parents.

Mrs. Deffendall and circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa participated in this year's "Community Resource Fair" at Lanier High School. Parents were invited to visit the library for their children's literary

needs and teens were advised of the branch's many opportunities for teens to gather to learn and have enjoyable afternoons and weekends.



Teen Liaison, Rene Leija, attended Barrio Network meeting for the Back-to-School Backpack Drive. The goal of the meeting was to coordinate efforts to provide backpacks to students in the Edgewood and San Antonio Independent School Districts. Mr. Leija also hosted the fantasy card game; "Magic the Gathering" for Teen Time. This card game attracts teens of different ages as they learn the complexities of the card game. Teens look forward to the Set-up for PS4 for Teen Time as Mr. Leija accommodates the students for this entertaining afternoon game.



New Adult Services Librarian, Freddy Hudson, has been welcomed to the branch. Mr. Hudson hit the ground running by creating a book and media display on Mexico's contributions to the City of San Antonio. Patrons of different ages took an interest in the display by checking out several items



To promote literature the branch has started promoting an honorary "Author of the Month" series. A short biography and a photograph are on displayed accompanied with a collection of the author's writings. The display has created interest as we have found that patrons like to read about the authors and their collections. The author for the month of August is Sandra Cisneros. Patrons eagerly picked up her books on display and inquired about her books online.



Circulation attendant, Michelangelo Sosa, created library bookmarks with a variety of SAPL themes related to San Antonio's Tricentennial celebration.



The branch hosted the UT Health Cancer Research Center with an information table to provide information on the diagnosis and treatment of cancer at the Research Center.



Catholic Charities continues to provide a counselor on a bi-weekly basis to assist patrons in enrolling for the Affordable Care Act or children's CHIP program.



Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association held its monthly meeting at the branch. Invited speakers were the SAFFE officer, C. Martinez, Code Compliance Officer, D. Dromgole, Housing Services Department staff, J. Buxton, Edgewood ISD and staff members from the offices of State Senator José Menendez and State Representative Justin Rodriguez. City Councilwoman Shirley Gonzalez's staff member Richard Garcia coordinated the presenters and their agenda. Everyone in attendance was very interested in the topics presented and asked questions of the presenters.



To help control the stray cat population, Memorial 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 combat veteran and San Antonio native, Mr. Robert Sifuentes', works were 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. This exhibit ended at the close of July.



Memorial hosted two sessions of basic computer classes using the micro computer lab. Circulation Attendant, Michelangelo Sosa, provided basic computer and subject specific sessions. Both sessions were very well attended by patrons. Patrons have approached the branch eager to learn how to work with computers. Memorial also hosted jewelry making and paper flower craft classes on a rotating basis. Both classes draw patrons from all ages with an interest in learning the crafts.



Other meetings hosted at Memorial include a meeting of the Red Hat Chapter committee and SA Needlework Guild Stitch-In. The Guild Stick-In is open to all patrons wanting to learn or increase their knowledge of the various stitching/sewing craft.



Memorial hosted the COSA STEM Ecosystem Committee meeting with SAPL staff Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and Jennifer Velasquez in attendance.



The branch partnered with the Urban Soccer League Academy by hosting a program for parents, coaches and youth interested in pursuing a career in soccer. The Academy provides information on guidance and financial assistance for all in attendance.



The branch hosted a TCI planning and discussion meeting regarding the Bond. TCI staff, architects and SAPL administrators were in attendance.

MISSION



Mission Library was an early voting site for run-off elections.



Mission Library continued its participate in the Mission Marquee Plaza Farmers and Artisan Market on July 21 and August 4



This month, the Summer Reading Program was in full swing at Mission Branch Library. Teens enjoyed building board games using the summer reading theme, Adventures in Library Land. The board game is being added to the teen corner so that all can enjoy. Teens were excited about wrapping up summer reading with an End of Summer Reading Party. Teens competed for prizes in Minute to Win It games of skill. Door prizes and free t-shirts were also a big hit among the teens that attended. This month the teens at Mission also enjoyed cooling off with an ice cream sundae themed *Teen Cooking Class*.



The Children's end of Summer Reading party, SummerFest, was a lot of fun. Approximately 90 children and their adults celebrated by playing games, winning prizes, crafting, snacking and playing with a large parachute. Many children picked up their book prizes for completing their logs.



Science Time and Lego time continued attracting large numbers.



The McNay Art Museum came by and led the children in creating art for their mini museum. Many little artists had a great time making wearable art. The children also had a visit from a local group promoting community involvement by painting rocks for exchanging in a new rock art display outside the library. The response was so overwhelming that they ran out of rocks.

PAN AMERICAN

The Pan American Branch has had an active summer. Regular programming has returned after a 3 week break due to renovations. The patrons of Pan American Branch Library have had nothing but positive feedback about the newly renovated space.



Pan American Library created and hosted Escape Pan Am. In this adult services program, the meeting room was turned into mysterious and creepy room of unique puzzles and riddles. Those that participated had 30 minutes to solve a series of puzzles that led to a key that unlocks the exit door.



Pan American library has put on 3D printing demonstrations throughout the month of July. The 3D printer is set up near the public computers and has garnered a large amount of interest. We run demonstrations periodically throughout the day that draws a small crowd to watch it work. Patrons of all ages are amazed at the technology on display.



Adult Services Librarian Steven Barrera spent a morning at the Elivra Cisneros Senior Community Center hosting an adult coloring program. The seniors spent their time coloring mandala designs while listening to relaxing new age music.



Library Assistant/teen liaison, Nicole Garza, has collaborated with several of Pan American's Teen Time group to develop teen programs made for teens by teens. Each program focuses on an art, science & technology, or food aspect for each activity.



On July 23, the teen group truly was the most creative when developing this food demo based on a favorite treat from one of their popular TV shows. The teens decided to learn how to make ice-cream sandwiches in the shape of a cat head. Ms. Garza used a 3D printer to print out a cookie cutter in the shape of a cat head and the teens used that to shape chocolate dough they had made earlier. They then used the same cookie cutter to help shape the ice-cream to fit in their cat faced ice-cream sandwiches.



On July 30, Central Library Teen Services provided snacks and crafts for the teens at Pan American library. Teens celebrated the end of summer with a bash full of edible crafts and treats. The group made candy sushi and were able to decorate velvet coloring sheets as well as make bottle cap key chains. Teen summer reading shirts were given away during the party.



On July 29, Ms. Garza has continued with Pan American's regular Pokémon champions group. This week the group did a craft with pictures of their favorite Pokémon's and bottle caps. They cut and arranged the pictures on the bottle cap and used Mod Podge to create a lasting seal on the bottle cap. Then group attached a keychain ring to finish their Pokémon key chains.



On August 8, Pan American teens created their own pixel art using graph paper and markers of assorted colors. They used the internet to find pixilated versions of their favorite characters and used those images to make their artistic versions.



Summer programming is coming to an end. Kids Time participants enjoyed Will Parker and his musical show. Two children even brought instruments to share with him. Summerfest was a huge success.



The Branch hosted clowns who showed the group how to make swords and animals with balloons. Also Sparky the firehouse dog amused the children.



Most of all the new seating in the children's area has been well used by children and families. It is great to see how people use the new furniture to share books, games, and drawing or just get some time away from everyone. It has been a good use of space and furniture with places for families and seating for individuals.



Pan American Branch Library continues to provide a safe and cool, air conditioned space for the community. Many of the regular patrons of Pan American Library use the facility to get out of the heat and spend their day in a cool environment.



Pan American Branch Library continues to host a weekly Qigong and Yoga classes. These are put on in partnership with the COSA Parks and Recreation department and are a part of the Family Fit Pass Program.

PARMAN



During this reporting period, all recurring programs were delivered as planned. The Parman branch's successful Tech Talk Series continued throughout the month of July and the first week of August, ranging in topics from cyber security to STEM, engineering and its history. The series has been one of Parman's most well attended programs, with an average of 60 people per program.



Parman Library welcomed two new members to its team, Leissa Kimball, new Librarian II / assistant manager, and Megan Coker. Leissa Kimball is a native Texan with vast experience in a wide range of libraries from school to academic.

Megan Coker is the new Teen Librarian at Parman Library! Megan comes from Tobin and has been with SAPL for little over a year. In that short time she has made an impact in many aspects of teen services. She earned her Master's in Library Science at South Carolina University. In her first few weeks at Parman, Megan, with the support of our teen services coordinator Jennifer Velasquez, reorganized and revamped the teen space. It is now much more accessible and inviting to our local teens. Last Saturday, Megan represented SAPL and Parman in an outreach event sponsored by Texas Public Radio titled "When I Grow Up". In this event, children were encouraged to meet and speak to mentors in the career field that they were most interested in.

We also welcomed Connor Cooksy, PT Library Aide. After completing an internship at Parman last year, he decided to apply to join SAPL as an employee, and was hired. Parman staff enthusiastically welcomed him back.



Parman had a potluck celebration to say goodbye to their wonderful interns that helped the branch all summer long. The day ended with well wishes from staff, followed by manager Barbara Kwiatkowski presenting a thank you speech and going-away cards signed by employees to Isabella Garza, Jacquelyn Percy, and Edison Centeno for all their hard work. Parman also said goodbye to Kassandra Vela-Laosa and Carolyn Bradley this month. Both ladies filled in at the branch to help out during staff shortages. Carolyn's children's programs always attracted a large audience. Her work ethic over this year was impressive. It never wavered as she came to help from across town, even only for a two hour program. She worked fluidly with the Parman team and her help was greatly appreciated. Kassandra was temporarily transferred from Mission in June. Temporary branch to branch transitions are never easy, but she adjusted quickly to the change and proved to be a very fast learner. She presented her own program for adults on creating a journal from cereal boxes and we were able to help her to attend program she set- up for Mission Branch before the transfer. Carolyn and Kassandra will always be a part of Parman family.

POTRANCO



Family Reads: The Mayor's Book Club comes to Potranco Branch Library in August. During the month of August, community members are invited to discover the rich history of African-Americans and the pivotal role they have played in America's story. The Branch's main event will be held on Saturday August 25. However, Potranco Branch Teammates are not limiting Black History programming to only this event. Every week brings a chance for community members to gather and celebrate Black History.



On August 4, more than 60 parents and children joined Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta to celebrate Jazz at Story Time. The children had fun listening to jazz vinyl records and painting to the music.



Potranco Teen Liaison, Lisa Leandro, was thrilled to announce that local teen Ashlie C. had won the Summer Reading Program teen grand prize. Ashlie is a regular patron at Potranco; she and Leandro talk often about books. Ashlie read over 40 books this summer and won herself a pair of Skullcandy wireless headphones.



Potranco Summer Reading Program teen registration numbers increased as much as 11% from the previous year. The Team at Potranco worked hard to engage patrons and get as many people as possible excited and signed up for the program. Potranco Teen Liaison Lisa Leandro spent a great deal of her full time schedule speaking with the teens and making reading recommendations.



Potranco Teen services has also partnered with Great Northwest Library Teen Services and Stevens High School for Nerdvana Con which will be going on later this year. Nerdvana Con is "Northside's ISD's first and only event dedicated to encourage awareness and appreciation of the artistic and literary depth of anime, manga, and graphic art, and educate students about possible careers in these fields." The two District 6 branches have been looking for opportunities to work together on programming since so many

community members patronize both branches. Read more about Nerdvana Con at <https://www.nisdnerdvanacon.com/>



Adult Services worked with Texana Librarian II Debbie Countess to bring beginner genealogy to the Potranco community. More than half a dozen locals learned how to begin un-puzzling their family history. Attendees got tips on how to start researching such resources as courthouse records, church records, cemeteries, and library archives. Participants commented that they enjoyed having the class so close, since they don't travel down town very often due to traffic and construction.



In May, Branch Manager, Cindy Pope, attended active shooter training in cooperation with the Potranco YMCA. The class, ALICE: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate is one part webinar and one part instructor led training. The class instructs attendees on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. The ALICE Training program is designed to educate attendees regarding attack by an individual person or group intent on violence. ALICE Training option based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional "lockdown only" approach and is similar to the program offered by the City to Library staff. Between May and June, the Team at Potranco took the same webinar training as Pope. Read more about ALICE at <https://www.alicetraining.com/about-us/>

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Children's giggles and squeals of delight were heard with the music and singing of Will Parker, recently, at Pruitt Library. Kids and parents were up dancing, jumping, marching, and singing to the amazing, original tunes of Mr. Parker. Parents remarked that the event was a big hit and a great way to kick off their weekend.



One popular kids' time event, Dinosaurs of San Antonio, was certainly informative and very interesting. Children's librarian, Cynthia Saenz, showed attendees a slideshow presentation depicting photos of actual fossils and interesting facts about dinosaurs that lived in Texas and the San Antonio area. Kids had an opportunity to construct their own dinosaur fossils using modeling clay, paints and various instruments. Children proposed and shared their own hypothesis explaining what they believe caused dinosaurs to become extinct. Parents expressed an interest in visiting the sites where children can see some of the dinosaur fossils.



The library is continuing to see an influx of children who have completed the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. Kids are delighted to receive their free book, certificate signed by the mayor, and "paleta" with their name to display on the wall of finishers. Kids were thrilled with the announcement in the library, and the patrons' applause for them.



Teens at Pruitt had a great summer. They watched *The Sandlot* (their 4th of July inspired movie) and had Pop Rocks (fireworks in your moth!), made fairy light necklaces with LEDs, made wallets, sand art, Sculpey clay figurines and tiny cute foods and jewelry. They read a ton of manga and filled the SRP drawing box multiple times with their slips.



The Losoya brothers, our summer FSA interns, were a great help and adored by the staff. They should have been named the Paleta Brothers. Teen Librarian, Rae Downen, checked out the book *Paletas: Authentic Recipes for Mexican Ice Pops, Shaved Ice & and Aguas Frescas* because of the paleta theme on the Summer Reading Program t-shirts. The teen interns made paletas de sandia, paletas de limón, yogurt ice pops with berries, and their favorite paletas de cajeta to share with the staff.



Librarian, Lynnette Perez, led the adult program Rock Painting for Adults (Beginners). Participants enjoyed interacting and painting designs on polished river stones. She also facilitated Rock Art for Adults (Intermediate). Participants enjoyed refreshments as they tried painting multiple layered designs and using dotting tools on large river stones.



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.



The Rackspace Community Chess Tournament is how we closed down Teen Chess and Family Chess for the summer. Children, teens and adults play. The Losoya brothers, who have never played in a tournament, took home 1st and 3rd in the Teen Division. With just 6 weekly lessons, they beat our regulars that have been coming for years.

SAN PEDRO



Outreach Story Time—Children's Librarian, Betsy Dalton, presented a monthly story time to children at Laurel Heights Weekday School. Fifteen to twenty books were also delivered to Laurel Heights for the teacher's use during the month. She was quite appreciative for the supplementation to her curriculum.



Family Fun—The branch hosted Summer Fest, the final Family Fun event for the summer, on July 29.



Kids Time Programs—Gamer Monday continued and Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club. In addition, for the summer a weekly art/science program, World Explorers Club, is held on Thursdays. The branch also hosts a weekly Kids Time on Sundays focusing on books and activities related to San Antonio. All summer programming ended on July 31.



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



Adult Services Librarian, Wilson Plunkett, and Library Assistant, Carmen Roja, kept adult readers engaged in the Summer Reading Program this year. The Branch had 93 adult readers sign up and 27 completed the program.



Carmen Roja continues to offer her bi-weekly Family Art Club. The attendees were polled and wanted to keep it going even during the summer. There is a core group, but new people often drop in too.

Circulation Attendant, Greg Cruz, created a unique bookmark for San Pedro. It includes a number of photos he took in the San Pedro Springs Park. It has been posted to the Library's Facebook page and has received a number of likes.

The Friends of San Pedro Library approved the purchase of a ChargeTech Power Strip Charging Station. It takes up very little room on the table and will charge and power up to 8 devices.

SCHAEFER



More than 900 kids signed up for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club at Schaefer since the beginning of June. Kids continue to bring their completed game boards back to receive their free book, green screen pictures, reading certificate and name on the finisher display.



Weekly summer programs for kids ran through the end of July. Toddler Time and Story Time participants experienced programs on kites, cars and ice cream. In Story Time, the kids made kites and flew them outside, they made roads out of masking tape on the floor to play with toy cars and they had an ice cream party after ice cream story time! The toddlers love building with blocks once the story portion of Toddler Time concludes. LEGO Time kids continued to be creative and were proud of their creations that they displayed in the library. Come & Go Crafts took place each Friday afternoon, and each week kids had a different activity create.



SummerFest at Schaefer took place Aug. 1 and around 300 kids and their grown-ups celebrated the end of summer programming with a variety of fun activities. The Friends of Schaefer donated money to hire a balloon artist and to rent a paleta cart with 100 paletas for the kids at the party. There were two crafts: one was to decorate a popsicle made out of cardstock for them to take home; and the other was a collaborate craft where the kids decorated paper dolls and added them to a larger-than-life replica of the Summer Reading game board. Kids played Pin the Stick on the Popsicle and tossed bean bags into a paleta cart. There were two obstacle courses: one with Schaefer's robots where kids could use the iPads to maneuver the robots through the course and the other was a Library Land course for the kids to test their own skills. Library Assistant, Sara Ramirez, coordinated the construction of the obstacle course modeled after the Library Land game board. The obstacle course included Paleta Pond, an Alamo reconstruction kids could crawl through, Pan Dulce Pass with a bean bag toss challenge and a bluebonnet maze. All of this was set-up in between the juvenile book shelves.

There were also life-size popsicles created out of foam board and tissue paper for fun photo opportunities. The entire staff worked together to make the party a success!



Library Assistant, Sara Ramirez, facilitated a dinosaur themed Science Time on July 26. Children learned about paleontologists, constructed a stegosaurus skeleton and worked on a collaborative habitat mural. Children also searched for homemade "dinosaur eggs" outside near the Schaefer playground. After finding an egg, children used a series of tools such as hammers, brushes, and eye droppers to

“hatch” the dinosaur. On July 19, Kids Time was Spurs themed. Children played a game of H.O.R.S.E, decorated their own Spurs logo and measured themselves against a life size Tim Duncan.



Schaefer Library's Robot Roundup program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant, Reuben Duron, and Library Assistants, Mason Matthews and Sheridan Richardson, has been a hit all summer long! On Mondays from 1:00-2:00pm, 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 put-put golf. We also utilize our 3D Printer to create small trophies and collectables for the winners. Robot Roundup allows kids to become familiar with STEAM based devices and have fun at the same time.



Schaefer Library's Fortnite Sunday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant, Reuben Duron, and Library Assistant, Sheridan Richardson, has been a great event! On Sundays from 4:00-5:00 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.



The Summer Movie for July was *A Wrinkle In Time*, and patrons enjoyed bringing their own snacks and blankets to spread out in the Schaefer meeting room. The Learn To Blog Computer Class was held on July 22. Patrons explored setting up blogs through Tumblr and Wordpress, in addition to learning the basics of using blogging to make money.



The second July Saturday Movie was *Early Man* with a quiz game about dinosaurs and cave people taking place before the showing. The winners of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire Schaefer-aire were regular patrons Sarah and Brandon M., a mom and son team, who took home SAPL t-shirts and T-Rex buttons! The first Saturday Movie of August was *Son of Bigfoot*, and over twenty patrons were spoiled with cookies and popcorn as they laughed through the heartwarming comedy.



The Skimmers met once more on Monday, July 30 to discuss *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney. The book was nearly universally liked, as only one Skimmer did not enjoy the read. It was a lively discussion covering topics like money and family, and the Skimmers are excited for next month's challenge-two books!



Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, hosted a Teen Volunteer Information Session for those interested in earning community service hours at the library. Cindy spoke to teens and parents about opportunities for helping out at the library as well as assisting them with volunteer applications. Community Connections



Teen programs for the reporting period included Cotton Candy Slime, Instant Camera Selfies, Cubees, and a Nintendo 1-2 Switch tournament. Prizes for the video gaming included Teen Summer Reading t-shirts and items created on the library's 3D printer. STEM



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. 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 a fortnight beginning on June 12th.



Monday evenings at Schaefer patrons gather for Chess Club. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Tournament Style Chess Sets provided by a generous donation from our friends at Dollar General.



Every Friday during reporting, the Schaefer Library has been having beginner yoga classes for adults. 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.

SEMMEs



Summer programming ended with Semmes SummerFest on Saturday, August 4. Over 80 people came and enjoyed stories, crafts and games. As a special treat, paletas from a paleta cart were given to attendees. Everyone enjoyed the icy treats on a hot day.



Children's programming will be on a short break during the first full week of August with no Story Time or Tween Time programming planned. Programming will resume for the Fall Quarter on Monday, August 13, with all of the regularly scheduled programs.



The bi-weekly Semmes Sunday Stitchers group is steadily gaining new members. There were several people doing cross stitch, some doing crochet and one tween who was sewing a historical doll costume.



On Saturday, July 28, author Dick Buckles came to the branch and shared his book, *My Elderquest*. He discussed how, in our society, there are no rituals or rites-of-passage for growing older or becoming an elder. Elderhood is not that highly valued. Mr. Buckles shared personal experiences, action plans and exercises to show how program attendees could cross that chasm from older to elder.

THOUSAND OAKS



Children at the Thousand Oaks Library had a great time attending the last Kids Time events of the Summer Reading Program. On July 18 children celebrated the Music of San Antonio by making craft stick harmonicas, maracas, and castanets. On July 25 kids celebrated Prehistoric San Antonio by making dinosaur eggs, paper dinosaurs, and dinosaur fossils out of clay.

On July 27 Thousand Oaks hosted Will Parker. Kids had a great time laughing, singing and dancing along. SummerFest was celebrated in conjunction with this program. Thanks to funding from the San

Antonio Public Library Foundation, participants were able to enjoy drinks and a light snack. Crafts and games rounded out the fun.

During the last Kids Time of the summer on August 1 families went outside to dip dye t-shirts. Kids brought their own shirts to dye, and a great time was had by all. It was one of the highest attended programs with over 30 in attendance.

Thousand Oaks has welcomed Nite Owl Childcare to several of our programs this summer – including Kids Time programs and story times. Thousand Oaks is glad to partner with this facility in the area to provide them services, and provide exposure to the library and what it has to offer.



Teens at Thousand Oaks have been enjoying their new Teen Space this summer. Hosted by Librarian, Theresa Garza, Teens have explored art projects at Teen Art Tuesdays and have made many Perler bead creations during the regular Teen Time Wednesdays. Teens were treated to an end of summer party on July 25, playing Chubby Bunny, making clay art and coloring. They were surprised with Summer Reading t-shirts provided by Teen Services. Teens have especially enjoyed having a TV in their new space and have utilized it to play YouTube games of *Guess That Disney Song*.



The members of the Thousand Oaks Thursday Book Group enjoyed reading and discussing A. J. Finn's debut novel *The Woman in the Window*. A child psychologist suffering from agoraphobia and alcoholism spies on her neighbors. A seemingly sweet nuclear family moves in across the park. She thinks she sees something amiss one afternoon. She is unaware of the underlying dysfunction of the family across the park and isn't interested in dealing with her own dysfunctions. Mr. Finn's plot twists kept the members in suspense. Refreshments are served with each book club meeting.



The Northeast Senior Book Club continues to draw readers every month. The latest selection, *The Summer that Made Us*, by Robyn Carr, brought out much discussion on families and the benefits of therapy and reconciliation. Readers enjoyed the family drama, the female dominated cast of characters and the possibility of a sequel.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



With summer coming to an end the branch has had many patrons finishing the Summer Reading program. Both Teens and Adults have completed the program in higher numbers than last year. One of the Tobin teens was the winner of the wireless headphones and was very excited to receive her prize.



Summer Reading programs for children have been very popular. Kids loved seeing dinosaur bones with Dinosaur George and being able to pet a snake with Tom Kinsey. The branch also held SummerFest to celebrate the end of Summer Reading. Patrons were able to participate in activities such as a drum circle, balloon animals and games. Paletas were on offer to help everyone stay cool.



The summer lunch program, in partnership with Northeast Independent School District and the Texas Department of Agriculture ended on August 3. Many families enjoyed the lunches over the summer as we offered free lunches to kids 18 and under Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m.



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. The group has become so popular that some of the teens are now training as Dungeon Masters in order to run more adventures.



The Diabetes Healthy Lifestyle program for veterans with South Texas Veteran's Hospital continues to meet once a month. Cristiana Elizondo, VA RN, facilitates the meetings giving participants information on foods, exercise and coping tips for living with diabetes.



Summer Youth Employment Program intern, Liliana Briseno, worked hard to assist as both circulation attendant and library aide. She was cheerful, a very quick learner, and she was a great help over the summer.



Assistant Manager, Rhonda Woolhouse, presented a Vampire Brunch on July 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the publication of the first book in a trilogy by a member of the Tobin Writers Group, called *Bloodline Origins*. Author, Iuliana Foos, read selections and signed books while attendees enjoyed vampire themed snacks.



The Learn Russian classes with native speaker, Inna Jackson, began in August and will run through October. Students enjoy learning the basics of the Russian language and learning about the country itself.

WESTFALL



During the final 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.



In July and August, Children, Teens and Adults were busy finishing the summer reading program and turning in their logs. This summer many people participated in the program and won some great prizes, and the children got a free book. In addition to the Summer Reading Program, Children, Teens and Adults all had the opportunity to attend programs at the branch. Some of these included Story Time, Kids Time, Teen Time, and book clubs.



During August 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.



Continuing in July and August, Teens at Westfall learned valuable skills at 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 another country. It followed with proper kitchen safety, knife skills and how to follow a recipe.



Westfall continued to host the Stranger than Fiction and Third Thursday book clubs. Books read this month included *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanith and *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



In August, the Westfall Branch library continued to host the Central Texas Werewolves (CTW) for a night of the social deception game Are You a Werewolf? where people try to deduce who is a werewolf preying on innocent villagers. After playing several round 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. The CTW will be at the Westfall library every other Friday night throughout the end of summer and into the fall playing Werewolf and other board games.



The Westfall LEARN @ SAPL Center continued to be busy throughout the month of August. Over 200 people have stopped by the center for assistance with resume 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 August, the Westfall LEARN @ SAPL offered a variety of computer classes and one-one-one coaching that included: Microsoft Word, Excel, online searching, social media and email basics.



At the end of July the Westfall Branch staff wished Hayley Latshaw farewell and good luck as she starts a new chapter in her life. Ms. Latshaw officially retired from city service with SAPL for over 21 years. The branch held a small celebration to commemorate the occasion. The Library Director also presented Ms. Latshaw with a plaque to recognize her service to the community.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

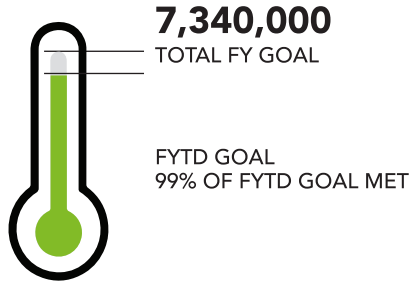
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

JULY 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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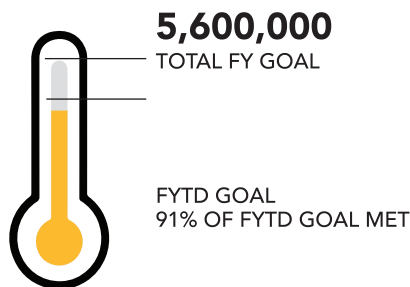
CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



5,982,283 ↓ 1%
ITEMS
BORROWED

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

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



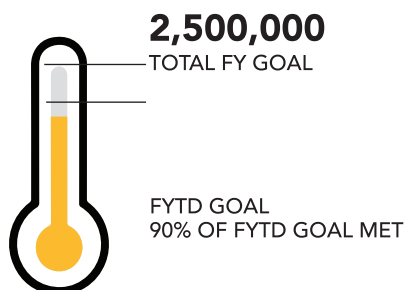
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4,205,412 ↓ 10%
VISITS

Contributing Factors: Election Cycle

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



463,412
COMPUTER
HOURS



1,424,254
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

1,887,666

TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

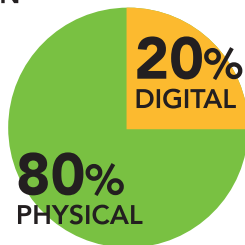
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SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

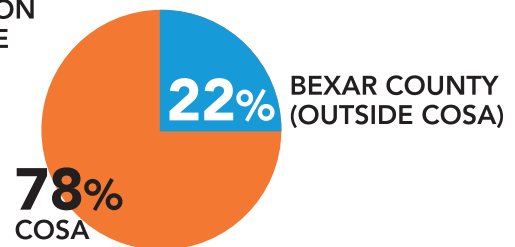
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
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AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



2,157,881

MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

746,979

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1,474,048

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VISITS

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR TO DATE



307,141

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

57,553

ADULT PROGRAMS

42,606

TEEN PROGRAMS

206,982

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2018



Paper-Bag Cities, Carver Branch Library



Dr. Krashunbang at San Pedro Branch Library

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Jul 2018 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	5,929	10,487	6,101	1,639	4,462
Brook Hollow	31,723	20,266	7,181	1,325	5,856
Carver	4,970	8,136	5,087	1,460	3,628
Central	30,519	56,146	44,819	11,210	33,609
Cody	38,043	21,062	7,084	1,534	5,549
Collins Garden	7,649	8,303	5,330	1,903	3,427
Cortez	7,641	11,429	5,395	1,347	4,048
Encino	23,562	15,520	5,021	637	4,384
Forest Hills	8,738	7,396	4,064	1,079	2,985
Great Northwest	29,658	18,677	6,259	1,579	4,681
Guerra	13,304	10,094	5,695	1,924	3,771
Igo	37,531	31,855	7,947	1,234	6,713
Johnston	11,933	11,418	4,679	1,435	3,244
Landa	13,856	12,764	2,648	732	1,916
Las Palmas	5,785	10,888	5,287	1,851	3,436
Maverick	28,193	14,702	5,813	1,549	4,264
McCreless	11,577	14,123	5,877	1,584	4,293
Memorial	7,205	8,019	4,289	1,368	2,921
Mission	15,882	20,374	10,196	2,664	7,532
Pan American	6,050	6,631	3,104	1,154	1,950
Parman	31,079	26,823	5,178	654	4,524
Potranco	21,867	19,961	16,765	983	15,781
Pruitt	8,082	13,916	3,169	1,363	1,806
San Pedro	4,572	7,246	3,100	641	2,460
Schaefer	12,338	14,035	6,895	977	5,918
Semmes	28,404	22,049	7,484	2,069	5,415
Thousand Oaks	9,722	10,550	4,601	972	3,629
Tobin	21,131	15,302	4,791	1,504	3,287
Westfall	18,073	15,213	7,717	2,419	5,298
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,805	495	N/A	495
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,047	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	104,699	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	150,117	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	750,879	465,190	212,071	50,790	161,280

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

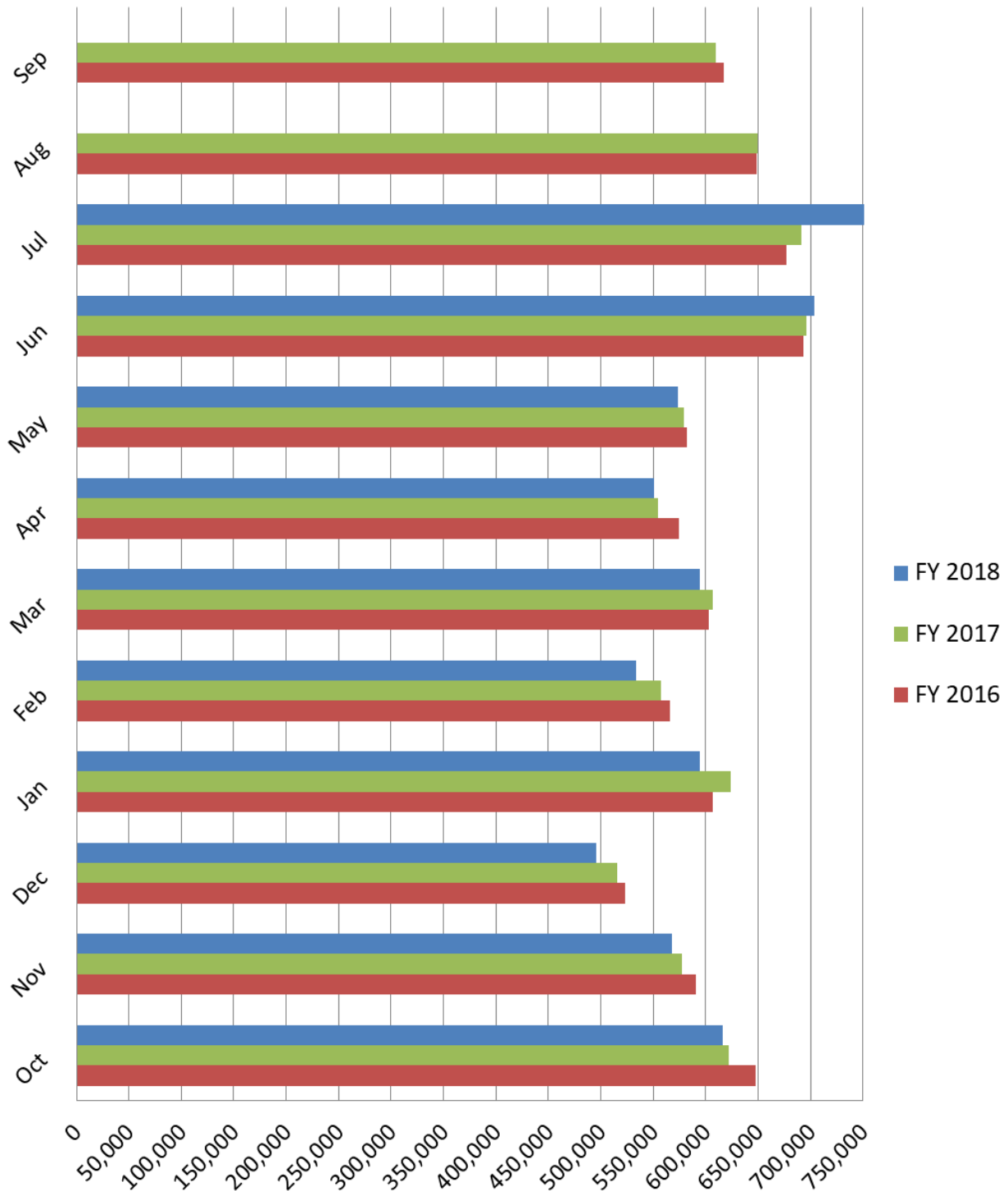
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Jul 2018 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	47	25	8	14	579	368	59	152
Brook Hollow	46	10	3	33	1,496	86	13	1,397
Carver	42	29	12	1	572	333	96	143
Central	172	15	119	38	2,774	609	737	1,428
Cody	55	15	14	26	1,031	12	138	881
Collins Garden	42	16	3	23	852	156	10	686
Cortez	90	72	3	15	716	229	9	478
Encino	75	30	14	31	1,210	201	109	900
Forest Hills	38	14	6	18	340	95	12	233
Great Northwest	38	8	10	20	2,291	91	110	2,090
Guerra	37	9	2	26	860	132	13	715
Igo	59	27	4	29	2,082	218	0	1,864
Johnston	40	11	3	26	472	123	29	320
Landa	61	5	7	49	1,836	85	23	1,728
Las Palmas	64	41	5	18	668	137	187	344
Maverick	48	14	5	29	1,453	199	55	1,199
McCreless	31	9	3	19	361	59	18	284
Memorial	25	5	3	17	197	44	4	149
Mission	71	32	14	25	1,355	569	79	707
Pan American	44	26	4	14	467	266	25	176
Parman	82	34	3	45	1,964	637	10	1,317
Potranco	44	3	11	30	1,183	29	111	1,043
Pruitt	53	14	11	28	1,269	147	161	961
San Pedro	25	2	0	23	228	15	0	213
Schaefer	74	22	9	43	1,444	140	81	1,223
Semmes	54	10	6	38	1,307	58	59	1,190
Thousand Oaks	26	2	7	17	598	16	45	537
Tobin	65	12	5	48	1,196	91	37	1,068
Westfall	33	11	4	18	408	95	12	301
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	26	0	0	26	659	0	0	659
TOTAL	1,607	523	298	786	31,868	5,240	2,242	24,386

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Location Closures

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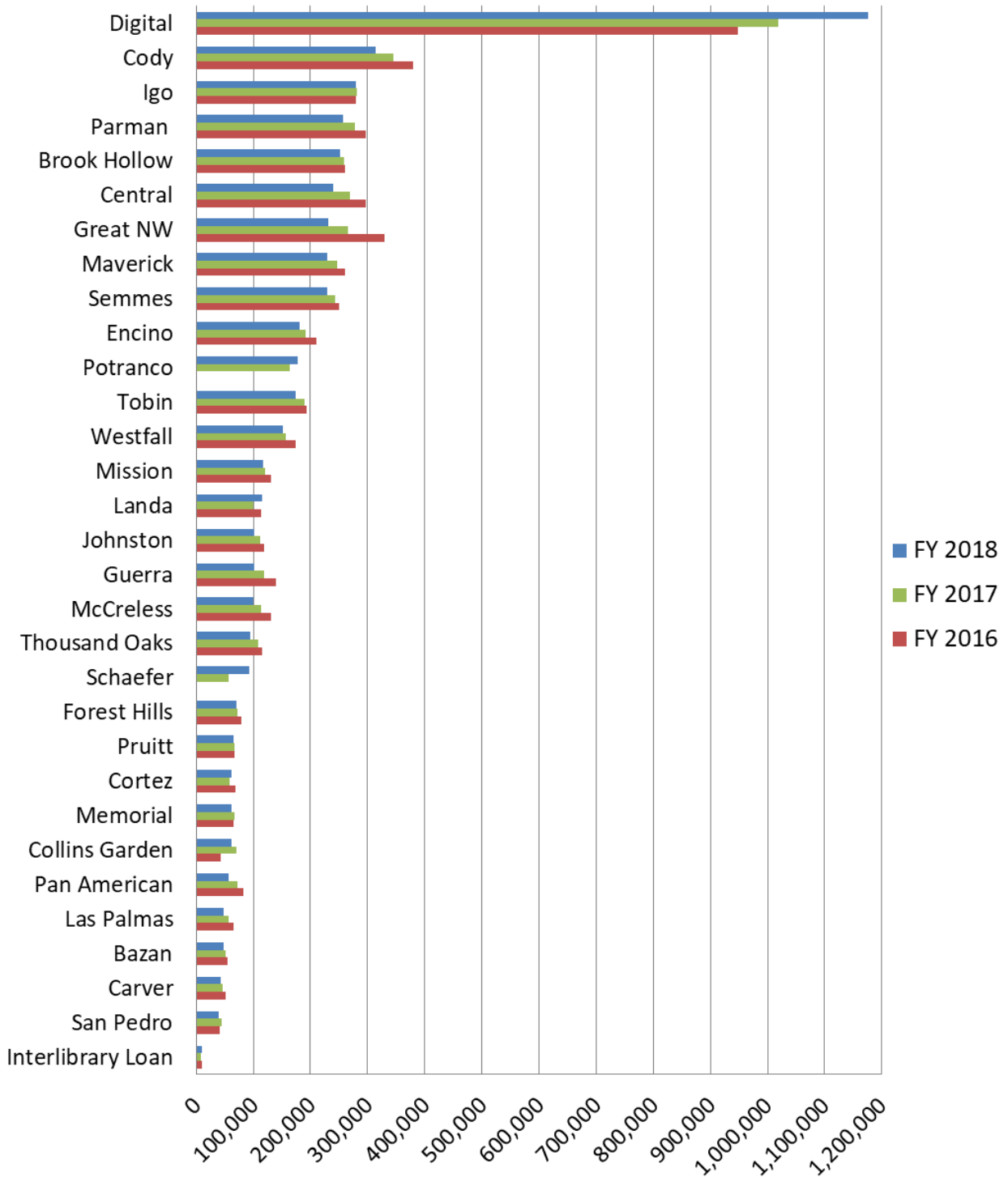
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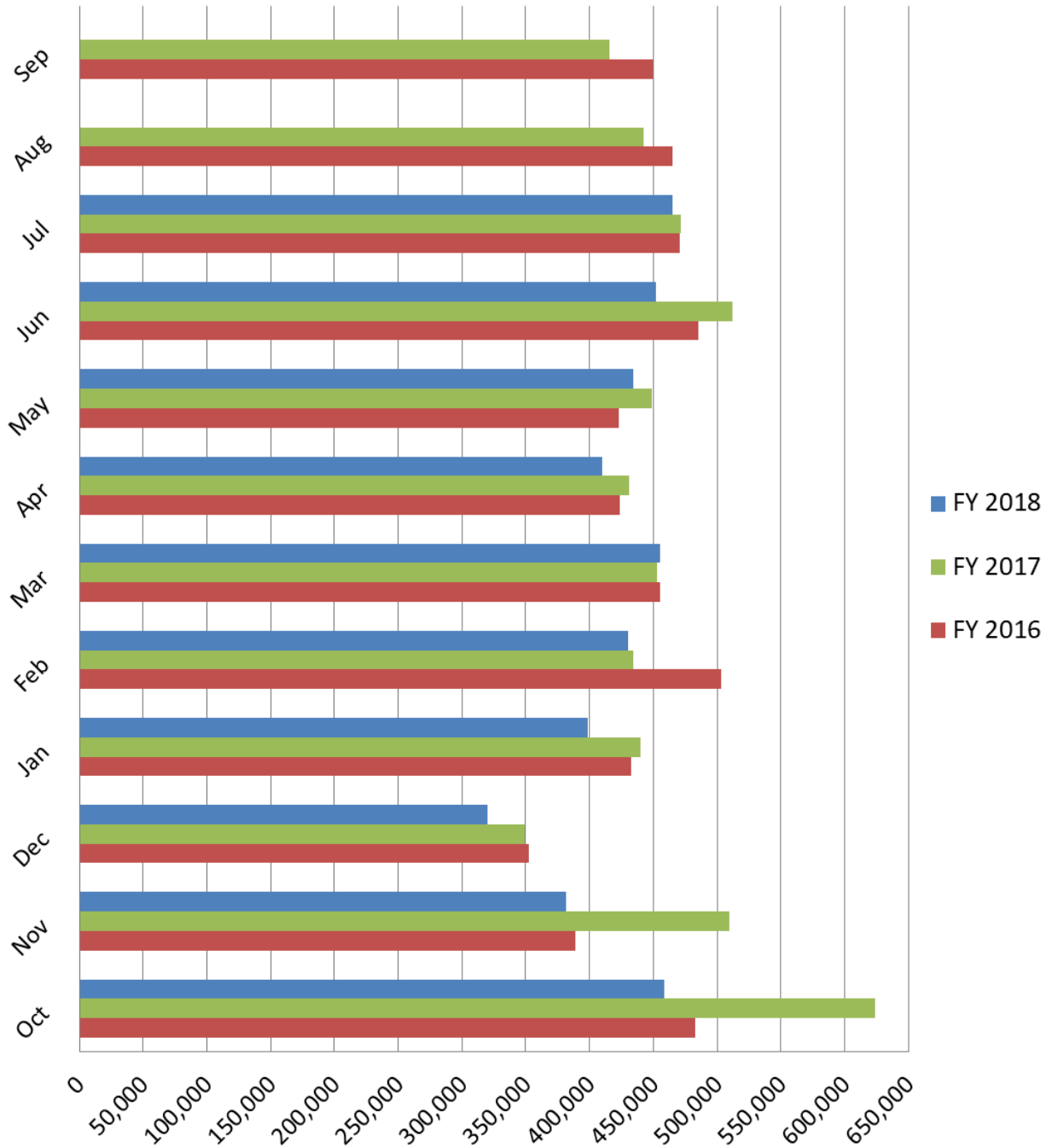
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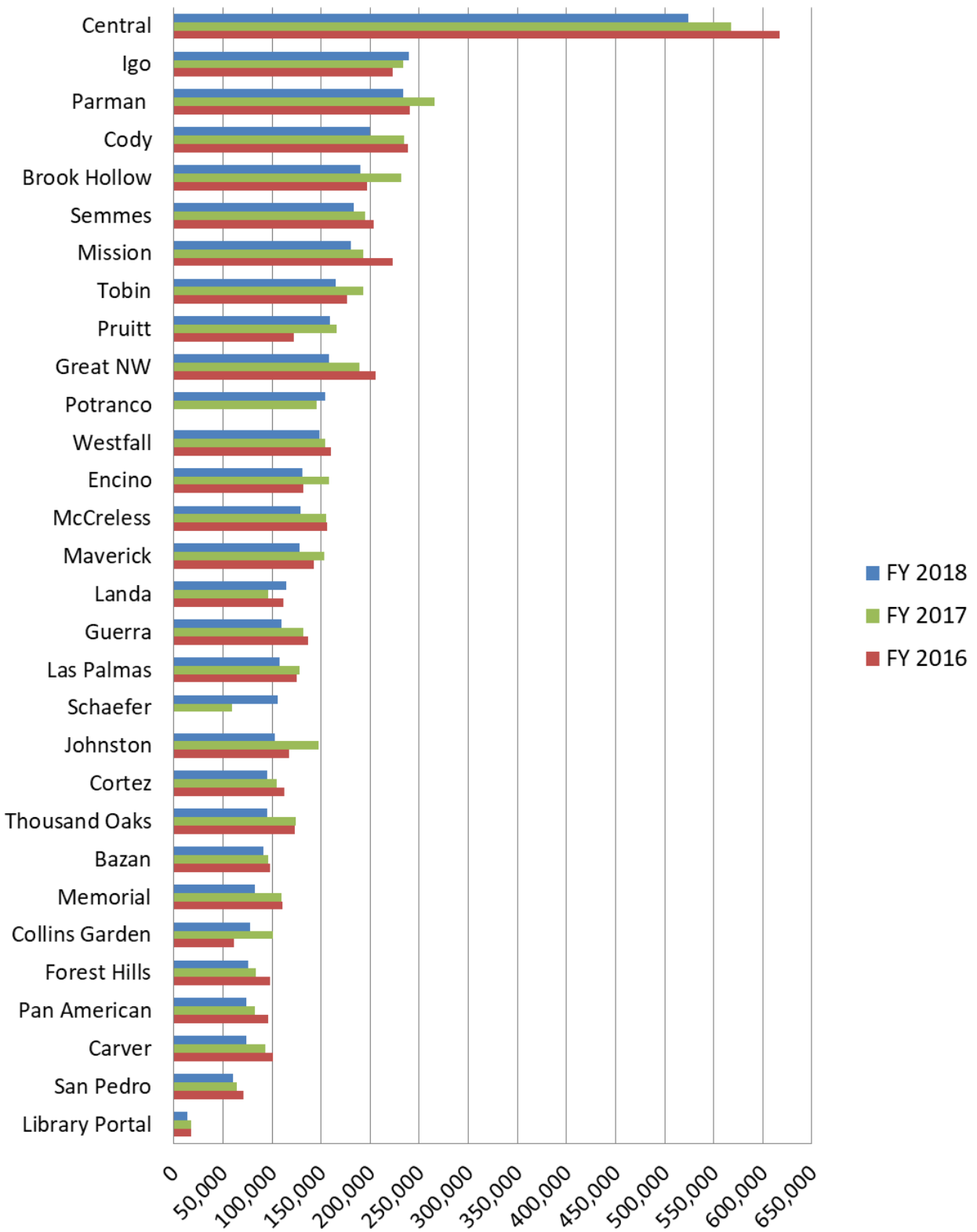
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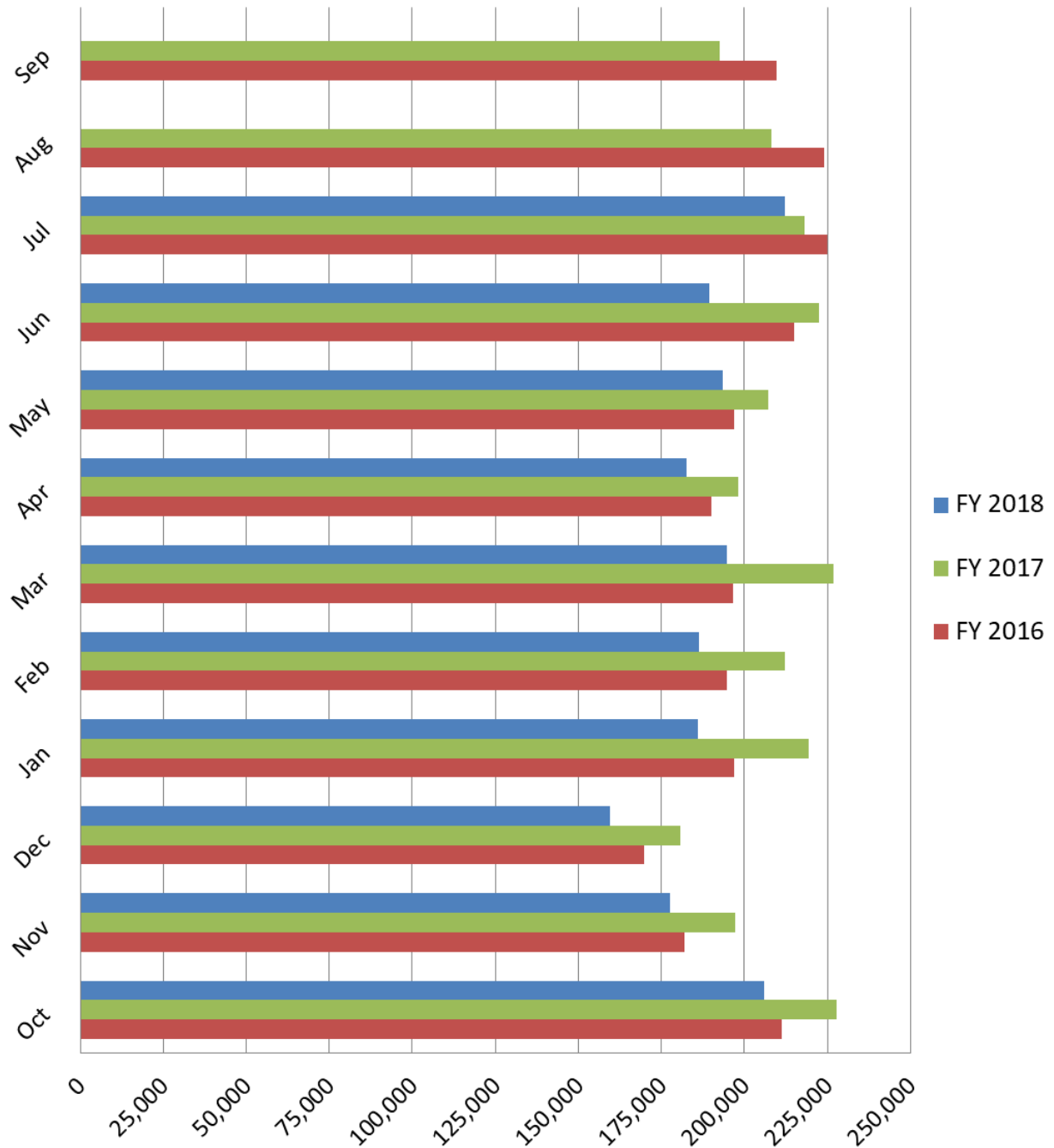
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