



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

District 7 Councilwoman Ana E. Sandoval (fourth from left), Library Director Ramiro Salazar, Friends of Forest Hills Library president Ruben Sanchez and SAPL Board Chair Paul Stahl (far right) join library staff at Forest Hills Branch Library 30th Anniversary Celebration, October 13, 2018.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation on October 17, 2018 and provided an update on Library initiatives.



The Library celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Forest Hills Branch Library on Saturday, October 13, 2018. District 7 Councilwoman Ana Sandoval and Board Chair Paul Stahl attended and delivered remarks as part of the program. The Library featured programs and activities around the theme of 1980's – the decade the Forest Hills Branch Library opened- throughout the day.



Assistant Director Kathy Donellan represented Library Administration at the City of San Antonio Service Appreciation Event on October 7, 2018. The event celebrates City staff, Library included, who have reached years of service milestones in their career with the City of San Antonio.



Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with Alexandra van de Kamp, the new Executive Director GeminilNK, a local literary organization to discuss potential partnership opportunities.



On October 14, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library's Arts and Letters Award Ceremony to introduce acclaimed author John Philip Santos who was recognized as part of the awards ceremony.

## MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

- SAPL was mentioned over a dozen times related to Voter Registration Day. All television stations as well as radio outlets reported about Voter Registration Day.
- KENS5 and WOAI News 4 reported about the Uniform 300 Opening Reception at Central Library and participation branch exhibits.
- Library Director, Ramiro Salazar was featured in SAC Alumni Magazine
- San Antonio Magazine included the Library on *The San Antonio Bucket List, 58 things every true San Antonio must do—at least once.*



The design team has created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support: Homework Help Brainfuse to transition to a new vendor contract, Gabriela Gonzalez author event, Native American Heritage Month materials, 123 Andres materials, Mission City Film Fest call for submissions and Teen Arts Fest.



The team is currently planning for Our Family Reads: The Mayor's Book Club, Teen Arts Fest and preparation for upcoming public input meetings on the Bond projects at branch locations. In addition, the team has been busy with preparations for the Catrina Ball. The Forest Hills 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event was a big success with more than 200 in attendance. Also, the Voter Registration Day Press Conference on September 25 drew in a crowd of about 60 and three different media outlets. The voting campaign will continue through the November 6 election.

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

- Over 27,000 Facebook users were reached, related to SAPL content post during the reporting period.
- There were 15,700 organic impressions on Twitter during the reporting period. (Organic impressions represent the number of unique people who saw your content.)
- There was a total of 580 likes on Instagram this reporting period
- A re-tweet with comment mentioning SAPL's inclusion in San Antonio Magazine's Bucket List—58 things every San Antonio must do-at least once was seen over 53,000 times

### Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 16,611 page likes
2. Twitter: 4,566 followers
3. Instagram: 2,959 followers
4. Snapchat: 285 followers

## DIGITAL SERVICES



On September 19, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun worked with Innovative Interfaces to remove old fine data in accordance with Fiscal policy. This annual procedure freed up over 9,000 juvenile patron accounts and 19,000 adult patron accounts.



Coordinator of Digital Services Ron Suszek and Mr. Laun participated in the October 9 kickoff meeting for the SAPL Digital Signage Project. The Digital Signage Project committee is looking to define specifications and identify a system-wide, digital signage solution. Digital Services Specialist Adam Spana will also be working with this committee.



The Mr. Suszek, Mr. Laun, Digital Services Analyst Tricia Masterson, and Mr. Spana met with Library Services Administrator Candelaria Mendoza and ITSD to outline plans for the next steps in Pharos implementation. Next phases will include unlimited sessions, scanning, wireless printing, faxing at selected locations and the payment kiosks.



On October 12, Mr. Suszek and Mr. Laun as part of the Committee for selecting a new Incident Reporting System for SAPL began reviewing proposals for systems to replace the Library's current Incident database.



Ms. Masterson has begun scheduling the retro-fitting of the Pharos payment kiosks to bring them into compliance with newer technologies and other requirements.

## LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents—Last May, Family Specialists in Northeast Independent School District scheduled workshops for the 2018-19 school year. Encino Park,

Montgomery, and Roan Forest elementary schools hosted parent workshops during this reporting period, with several more campuses scheduled in the next two months. Parent workshops were also presented at John Glenn Elementary, Glenoaks Elementary, Martin Elementary, and Pre-K 4SA North.



**Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens**—Early literacy workshops were offered at Excel Academy, and Brackenridge, LEE, Burbank, Jefferson, and Churchill high schools. Although there have been changes to the manner in which school districts support school age parents, the social workers, counselors, and family specialists across Bexar County remain dedicated to inviting Little Read Wagon to share library and early literacy information with students.



**Outreach Story Time Programs**—Story time programs were offered at Nurturing Hearts, Navarro Early Learning Center, Joys of Heaven, Naomi, and King of Kings early childhood centers. Using data from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the American Community Survey, several additional centers in zip codes with high poverty rates have been identified for outreach in coming months.



**Play & Learn**—The wildly popular series at Rolling Oaks Mall concluded September 25 with lots of questions about when the program might return. A mini Play & Learn was offered at House of Neighborly Service in conjunction with a puppet show presented by Say Si. Play & Learn returned to the park with the series kickoff at Southside Lions on October 10. This series will feature the use of loose parts: collections of items for open-ended play such as cardboard tubes, blocks, scarves and other pieces of fabric.



**Workshops for Professionals**—Another “Early Literacy Basics” workshop was presented October 6. The third “Why? Using nonfiction books in early childhood settings” workshop was presented October 13. The very full crowd commented on how much they appreciated the book pairings, scavenger hunt, and discussion of nonfiction and informational books for young children.



**Building Connections**—Staff from the Metro Health Department visited the Little Read Wagon office to talk about Project Worth and our common audiences (pregnant and parenting teens, parents of young children). Both teams hope to do more collaborative work in the future, starting with cross-referrals.

Cresencia Huff accompanied Viki Ash at the Library Resource Roundup hosted by the Region 20 Education Service Center. Ms. Huff helped promote the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition and invited librarians from across the region to attend the National Latino Children’s Literature Conference, to be held at the end of February at the downtown campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Plans for a play group with Brighton Early Childhood Intervention were cancelled by Brighton hosts due to weather.

Julia Lazarin, Clair Lark, Megan Cruz, and Mary Grace Moreno attended the Congress on Children hosted by Voices for Children. Speakers included Father Boyle and a legislative panel.

Ms. Huff represented the Library at Siclovía. Balance challenges and bubbles were provided along with library information.

Elizabeth Huber, a volunteer deputy voter registrar, assisted with voter registration at Tynan Early Childhood Center and Avance San Antonio’s Día de la Familia.



Ms. Larkin presented library information with a focus on BrainFuse at the monthly meeting of Northeast Independent School District Family Specialists. She encouraged the group to contact their local branch to arrange presentations for parents on school age services.



System wide support—Mary Grace Moreno and Megan Cruz presented Toddler Time at the Cortez Library while the new children's librarian was completing processing and orientation.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Fall Outreach—With school back in session, fall is a season filled with opportunities for children's services to reach out into the community and promote the library. The following outreach events were scheduled through the Children's Coordinator's office. Additional outreach events, handled exclusively at the Branch level, are not included in these highlights.

- September 20: Library Resources Roundup at Region 20. SAPL hosted a table at this full day event for regional school librarians. Staff promoted temporary electronic library cards for students needing eBooks and/or Homework Help, the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition and the upcoming National Latino Children's Literature Conference hosted by UTSA.
- September 22: Dorrie Miller Academy Family Resource Fair. Braulia Carrillo (Carver Children's Librarian) and Viki Ash (Children's Coordinator) invited participants to enjoy building with Straws & Connectors – experiencing first-hand the challenges of engineering a stable and sturdy structure. Councilman Cruz dropped by to assist with the construction.
- September 26: Bonham Academy Literacy Night—Newly-appointed Principal David Nungaray used "Our Family Reads" as his inspiration for a school-sponsored family reading challenge. Both SAPL and the Bibliotech were both on hand to register students and parents for cards after hearing Councilwoman Sandoval and Councilman Treviño discuss September's theme of sustainability.
- October 2 & 3: Bonham Academy Book Clubs. For the ninth year in a row, Viki is hosting in-school book clubs at Bonham for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The book clubs, held in the school library during lunch period, invite students to read, enjoy and discuss 8 to 10 books over the course of the school year. This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade book club began their reading adventure with *Dying to Meet You* by Kate Klise while the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are reading *Wait Till Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn.



In House Special Events—Included among the many programs offered for children and adults working on behalf of children are three events of particular note.

- October 6: KLRN SciGirls Meet-Up. The SciGirls project provides opportunities for girls ages 8-13 to share and embrace their love for ALL KINDS of science. The October Meet-Up, hosted at the Thousand Oaks Branch, included conversation about Viki's academic journey from kindergarten to a PhD in Library and Information Science as well as problem-solving experiences building a homemade hovercraft and engineering tissue paper parachutes.
- October 8: Students preparing to be teachers at UTSA visited the Central Library for an orientation of what the library offers and insights into how SAPL can be assistance once they have their own classrooms. Dr. Miriam Martinez, who teaches the children's literature course at UTSA reached out to arrange this visit after discovering that none of her students had visited the Central Library and very few had library cards.

# TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Partnership/Fiesta Youth—Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) worked with Erica Alcocer (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth) to host two of four partnership programs scheduled for Fall 2018. In September, the teens at Pan American were excited about their upcoming Haunted House event at the branch and decided to promote it with a video. Teens took on a variety of roles such as director, actor/actress, and stylist in order to create a short promotional video with the help of Alcocer's background in film.

In October, the teens at Encino got into the Halloween spirit by making "Hallo-memes." Taking inspiration from popular memes, famous LGBTQ icons, and other relatable content, teens used blank templates as well as cutouts from magazines to create their own memes that utilized the humorous aspect of meme culture to convey personal and powerful messages. A special thanks to Nicole Garza (Library Assistant/Teen Liaison, Pan American) and Julia Pouliot (Teen Services Librarian I, Encino) for welcoming Fiesta Youth to their branches and helping facilitate this program.



Partnership/Off-Site Service—J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) organized a book club with the librarian at Providence High School. The book club will be hosted at the Teen Library beginning in November.

During the reporting period, J.D. organized a visit to the Teen library for the principal and 29 teachers from Fox Tech High School. Teen Library staff will discuss resources available for teens at the Teen Library.



Off-Site Service—Adam Tutor, Teen Outreach Specialist for the system, visited several high schools during the reporting period:

*Brennan HS – September 26*—In partnership with Teen Services Librarian I Stephanie Vasquez of Great Northwest Library, Adam Tutor has begun a unique partnership with Brennan High School and their library department. In an effort to bring more students into their library, Brennan HS asked SAPL to provide programming and offer resources to teens during their lunch periods.

Adam demonstrated the value of the new portable recording system that Teen Services is utilizing as an example of the resources available at Central's Teen Library. Adam engaged with students interested in music production, as well as special needs students, by showcasing music production programs, live instruments, and new technology. The students then created their own music with Adam's help, and it created an atmosphere where all were able to participate.

*Jefferson HS –October 1-4 & 12*—Adam joined Jefferson HS Librarian Esperanza Garza-Danweber for a full week of day-long engagement and connection with teens from sophomores to seniors. This was a unique outreach, as it was the first time to display the new portable recording studio in a more formal setting, and offer a more hands-on approach to how to enjoy the library's vast resources.

Adam did this by creating unique beats and songs via the program Garage Band, sharing it with students, and then inviting them to contribute to the song with live instruments/vocals. Over the course of the engagement students created their own songs using the keyboard, recorded an official theme song for Jefferson Library, and participated in a live improvised session including guitar, violin, and trombone. The music also got the teachers and librarian engaged and culminated in the whole library clapping along as if a true concert were underway.

Adam also used this opportunity to promote a new initiative, *Live @ Teen Central*, a behind the scenes look at local singer /songwriters, producers, and bands that are actively creating music as a part of their living. They are coming into the Teen Library's professional recording studio to perform a live concert, share stories about their creative process, and engage with teens in an organic jam session or musical lesson. Students will come away with new musical skills, practical resources for contributing to the creative class, and inspiration from top artists in our city. *Live @ Teen Central* will kick-off on October 17, with special guest artists Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson and Jeff Palacios

*Edison HS- October 9*—Adam brought the *Live @ Teen Central* promotion to Edison for a full day of demonstration with the recording studio. This outreach specifically targeted art, choir, mariachi, and band students in order to create a deeper level of connection. Highlights included a live mariachi performance recorded, and vocalists stepping up to explore their sound in front of their classmates.

*Clark HS- October 11*—Adam joined Amy Rae Weaver, Teen Services Librarian I at Cody Branch, for a lunchtime session with the *Live @ Teen Central* promotion. Students stepped out of their traditional lunchtime socializing to take part in presentations from Adam and Amy, which culminated in a live jam session and students creating their own unique songs with the portable recording studio.



**Programming**—The annual Rock the Plaza event took place on the Central Library Plaza on Saturday, October 6. J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has organized the event for several years (in coordination with a committee comprised of teen librarians and liaisons from around the system). Rock the Plaza proved to be not only a great concert with teen performers, but also a community-building event. There were several talented teen musicians, as well as the Providence Progressions dance team. The Teen library has gained valuable partners in the Network for Young Artists, High Voltage Music, and Guitar Center, in addition to past and present partners in Providence Progressions Dance and the AM project.

J.D. and Georgina Salinas (Teen Services Librarian II, Bazan Library), along with a committee of teen librarians and liaisons, have been planning and organizing the upcoming annual Teen Arts Fest, which will take place at the Central Library on Saturday, November 3. J.D. and Georgina appeared on the SAPL podcast to promote both Rock the Plaza and the Teen Arts Fest.

To promote both Rock the Plaza and Teen Arts Fest, J.D. visited several schools and youth-serving organizations during the reporting period, including: Taft High School, Marshall High School, Cornerstone Christian Schools, Brennan High School, East Central High School, the NISD Fine Arts Director, Artpace, and local artist Alex Rubio.



**System-wide support**—Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) assisted with the Encino Branch Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cosplay Con on Saturday, September 22. Dressed in a unicorn onesie, Loaiza greeted patrons as they entered the building, directed attendees to the different activities at the event, signed up contestants for the cosplay competition, and served as a judge for the cosplay competition. Loaiza also coordinated with a volunteer to take photos of the event.



In support of the new Youth Re-engagement Center being opened by the Department of Human Services in the coming year, Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) and Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) worked with the DHS Committee as well as Project Worth/Metropolitan Health District and Fiesta Youth to organize a focus group of teens. On Tuesday, September 25, this teen group met at the Teen Library @ Central to provide their insights on the center's purpose, message, name, logo, and a variety of other topics.



Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) led a Teen Services Convention & Outreach Workgroup meeting with other Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons. This workgroup is



seeking to identify new local conventions and events for Teen Services to have a presence at, as well as new ways to promote Teen Services, our resources, and the San Antonio Public Library at these conventions and events. In November, Teen Services will be at two local conventions: Nerdvana Con (presented by Northside ISD at Stevens High School) as well as PokéFest SA. At both conventions, Teen Services will be hosting console/virtual reality gaming areas.



Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) are participating in the SAPL's Mentor Program for the second time. Kathleen and J.D. will both serve as mentors during the six-month program.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



As part of a grant obtained by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, a digital literacy instructor has been engaged for the rest of 2018. Daniel Gomez will be traveling to various branch libraries to provide computer classes including the following topics: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Introduction to Email, Resume Writing, Online Job Searching, Introduction to Microsoft Word, and Introduction to Microsoft Excel. Some of the classes will be offered in Spanish as well. The most up-to-date class schedule can be found on the Library's online calendar. In addition, the instructor will be offering one on one technology assistance when he is not leading classes. Mr. Gomez has been a volunteer at the Bazan Branch Library for three years leading a weekly ESL book club as part of Learn and SAPL.



The STEAM for Adults series of programs will continue throughout the rest of October. Sessions focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math are being offered at 25 locations. Some highlights include astronomy nights at Collins Garden on October 23 and at San Pedro on October 30, exploring the paranormal at Bazan on October 24, and Forest Hills' annual STEM day on October 27. This year's topic is Forensic Science and experts will be on hand to discuss Crime Scene Investigation, Forensic Pathology, and more.



Coordinator of Services to Adult Haley Holmes completed ten speeches in the past year to become a Competent Communicator through Toastmasters International. She will be serving as President for the City of San Antonio Toastmasters Club for FY2019.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

### CHILDREN'S



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin presented engaging *Play & Learn* and *Toddler Time* programs this month. She and Librarian Nicole Cubillas teamed up to present pizza themed programs that saw children "cooking" play dough pizzas in a cardboard "oven" and experiencing a tub full of plastic vegetables. Needless to say, everyone left the events hungry! Ms. Seglin created story times with a bath time theme. Children gave baby dolls baths in soapy warm water, "splashed" in a kiddie pool full of bubble wrap, filled a butcher paper bathtub with paper ducks and bubble shapes, and enjoyed a sensory bin full of white pompoms. The imaginative play continued with a seasonal fall theme. Toddlers gleefully jumped into a large pile of paper leaves and showered them down onto forest animal puppets. They experienced the sensory elements of play dough mixed with bird seed, examined a variety of acorns using magnifying glasses and made their own leaf rubbings. Ms. Seglin crafted a scavenger hunt series of programs in which children were challenged to spot hidden shapes around the Story Room. They got in the detective

spirit with guessing game books and special “I Spy” wands to help them on their hunt. They also tried to discover items hidden inside the play dough they kneaded.



Librarian Nicole Cubillas presented *Bilingual Story Times* to a preschool audience. In celebration of “Talk Like a Pirate Day,” she read stories about pirates and introduced a shark bean bag toss game and encouraged them to explore a “treasure chest” full of plastic bead necklaces. Children enjoyed a food themed program that celebrated traditional Latino dishes. They crafted tamales from play dough and wrapped them in real *hojas*. Ms. Cubillas presented her own spin on the system-wide Hispanic Heritage Month program, *Celebrando el Sol*, by sharing bilingual songs and imaginative play experiences that featured the sun. Children planted seeds in a cardboard “garden” and gave a weather forecast in front of a cardboard camera! Bilingual Story Time focused on animals with sensory bins full of animal toys, an animal collaborative art activity and animal habitat building using DUPLO bricks.



Librarian Lea Ann McDonald continued to create unique *Family Fun* experiences for families visiting on Saturdays. She shared stories and information about Native American cultures of the Pacific Northwest, focusing on the totem art form for further creative exploration. Ms. McDonald presented an engaging program with a seashore theme by providing real seashell specimens and magnifying glasses. Children learned the names of common shells with a matching game and contributed to a collaborative seashore art piece. Children also decorated boxes with colored sand designs to take home and store their treasures in. Ms. McDonald shared stories featuring African American artists including Kadir Nelson, Maya Angelou, Kehinde Wiley, Romare Bearden, Jean Michel Basquiat, and Langston Hughes. Her selections represented a wide variety of successful African American artists, including their creativity, talent and contributions to our world. Children discovered new approaches to artwork and poetry with collage activities and writing prompts.



The Central Children’s department enjoyed a visit from Jorge Ochoa of Tambo Rhythms. He led the group of over 50 people on an interactive drumming and rhythm experience. Children took turns leading the group of enthusiastic drummers, much to their delight.



Ms. McDonald led a group of homeschooling families on a tour of the Central Library. She shared the wealth of resources available at the library for children of all ages, especially those specific to the needs of homeschoolers. In what has become a reoccurring event every semester, students from San Antonio College’s Early Childhood Studies program and the Family Services Association Early Childhood Education program visited the Central Children’s Department as part of their coursework. Central Children’s staff gathered book selections on a wide array of topics that were central to their education in early childhood development, such as different family types, cycles of life and multiculturalism. It can be time-consuming for the novice library user to track books like these down, so the students benefited greatly from the librarians’ expertise in gathering materials for them.



An array of spooky book displays popped up in the Central Children’s department in anticipation of Halloween. Ms. McDonald created a large Halloween picture book display, complete with a decorated cart to hold all the chilling reads. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez crafted a display sign full of question marks to entice patrons to her selection non-fiction books about unexplained phenomenon. Ms. Cubillas highlighted middle grade novels featuring cryptid creatures and monsters with an eye-catching collage poster with images of Bigfoot, UFOs and the Loch Ness monster.



Central Children’s department staff continued their monthly outreach visits. Ms. Seglin shared stories and songs with students in two classes at Madison Square Child Development Center, where she delivered several bags of books in support of the school’s curriculum. Ms. Cubillas worked with administrators at Central Christian Childcare Center to select and deliver books for use in their classrooms. Ms. McDonald started a new relationship with The Discovery School, delivering them their

first set of specially selected books relating to their lesson plans this month. Ms. Fernandez visited the San Antonio College Early Childhood Center and read Halloween stories to two classes of children. She also dropped off Halloween books for the groups to enjoy all month.



Ms. Seglin attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress on Children Conference, which educated professionals on the stress and adverse childhood experiences that many children face. Several speakers who have had success in creating a positive change for kids with negative childhood experiences shared their stories with the group. Ms. Seglin came away from the experience with a renewed sense of compassion and determination to ensure that the library be a place where kids and families feel welcome, accepted, and safe.



Manager Kate Simpson is participating in the SAPL Mentor Program as a mentor to Landa Branch Manager Kiyanna Stephens.

## 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. With J.D. facilitating, teens have been planning and creating the annual Teen Library Haunted House.

J.D. took on the role of advisor for teen Morgan's Girl Scout Golden Project. Morgan is planning on creating an art installation with the theme of recycling and would like to display her work at the Library in the winter.



Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager—): The Nintendo Switch continues to attract new and veteran gamers to Tuesday night's programming. Teens continued to play through "Lovers in a Dangerous Spacetime," with one group finally beating the game—on easy. Although they were determined to continue their winning streak, teens quickly realized that their spacecraft-flying skills needed a little more fine-tuning before conquering a harder difficulty mode. Taking a departure from indie gaming, "Mario Kart 8 Deluxe" has also been a hit for teens looking for something a little more competitive and familiar. The amount of customization available for teens throughout the game allows for a great deal of creativity and independence, and although teens are quick to race for first place, they are just as willing to cooperate during team modes. Due to a high interest in "Fortnite," Loaiza is also working with a group of teens who are eager to plan a series of events around the game.

Dungeons & Dragons—: In mid-September, a group of teens officially embarked on a new adventure through the magic of Dungeons & Dragons at the Teen Library @ Central. Matthew previously worked with the group to determine what resources they would like to request, as well as when and how often they would like to meet. With one teen taking on the role of the Dungeon Master and the others embodying brave adventurers, the group will meet every Sunday at the Teen Library @ Central to continue their campaign.



Wednesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT)—Every Wednesday evening, Ciana facilitates technology programming in 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)—Celebrating culture, both genuine and pop, teens created, cooked, and crafted during programming sessions, some that they took an active part in planning with staff encouragement. For a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens imitated an Aztec hot chocolate in a more palatable way, using chocolate, cinnamon and chiles, in honor of Aztecs who ground the cacao bean into a thick spicy drink. Teens also used pushpins to mark outlines in photo mat frames that they threaded embroidery floss through to create stitched artworks.

Natalie, Teen Library volunteer, suggested a Star Wars night, complete with movies and crafts. Teens made Yoda Soda, character-themed pancakes, bubble magnets and paper lanterns with character cutouts.

The start of October began a series of Halloween-themed programs. The first saw teens use a recipe chosen from a new library book based on the popular online cooking channel Tasty, two teen boys recommended the pretzel cheeseburger bombs, that they would make skull-shaped for Halloween. The recipe proved doable and delicious. Teens paired the skulls with a candy corn layered drink. Teen Brianna wondered if Teen Library could have a Halloween tree. Using the top half of a Christmas tree headed to the trash, Brianna painted it black and began making Halloween ornaments, encouraging her friends to participate. The tree is set at the end of the computer table at Teen Library. Other teens have been encouraged to contribute to the tree by making items using craft supplies from the craft box area.

A crowd favorite, baking and decorating cookies was brought back. Teen shaped cookies like skulls, cats, pumpkins and bats. Afterwards, teens took Model Magic to create eerie coverings for plastic stemware.

Fulfilling the nutrition lesson for the month (for the San Antonio Food Bank's sponsorship requirements), teens learned of the benefits of popcorn. Learning that the nutritional value of popcorn is at its highest when unflavored, teens knew they wouldn't eat it without some sort of flavoring. So, without adding loads of melted butter and salt that they would get with microwave or pre-packaged bags, teens used a sprinkle of canola oil, cinnamon, and mini chocolate chips on air-popped popcorn that required no oils to pop. This newfound way to appreciate a favorite snack in a heart-healthy way lessened calories as well.

After most Thursday night food and craft times, teens request a gaming system, where they engage in some friendly competition. Pictures of Thursday night programs at Teen Library, as well as other fantastic system-wide teen programs, can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> and also <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.

Harry Potter Party Saturday (September)—Pairing nicely with the recent hubbub of the 20th anniversary of the first Harry Potter book, teen volunteers Esteban and Olivia collaborated to make signage, decorations, and produce a list of activities and foods for the traditional Harry Potter teen party. Teens made butterbeer, chocolate and non-chocolate frogs, stenciled painted banners, beadsprites, potion bottle jewelry, keychains, and wands, pumpkin caramel crescents and had cake, jellybeans and slugs.

Basketball Saturday (October) —To celebrate the beginning of a new basketball season, one sporty teen suggested having a basketball day. The day consisted of making basketball decorated cupcakes, using the buttonmaker to make team buttons and making perler bead items. Watching basketball-themed movies: a new funny favorite *Uncle Drew* and an old favorite *Space Jam*, and eating popcorn made for a pleasant Library Saturday.

## REFERENCE





During a recent New Employee Training at Central, Reference staff learned that Heather Swindell, a new Library Assistant at Westfall Branch, used the Jobs and Small Business Center to apply for the job. Ms. Swindell recalled that Reference Librarian, Deedee Lu helped with her application. Ms. Swindell also rang in her good news by ringing the JSBC Bell which is encouraged when someone gets a job!



This month San Antonio Public Library's podcast *Tuned In* discussed current reading selections for the team and books that inspired them to re-read over and over in a segment called *What's on your bookshelf?* Online listeners were also encouraged to share what was on their bookshelf in the comment section. Teen Services staff members J. D. Elizondo and Georgina Salinas, representing Central and Bazan branches respectively and were interviewed for the *Teen Arts Fest/Rock the Plaza* segment. The SAPL Podcast celebrated receiving 1,000 visits on *Soundcloud*!



In recognition of Hunger Action Month the Reference team not only created a display with books about the socioeconomic, cultural, and global impacts of hunger but, partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to host a food drive at Central and four other branches. With the help of staff and patrons, Central was able to fill its fifty-five gallon donation container to help reach the goal of 1,000 pounds of food!



In the Computer Basics Class held at the end of September, participating patrons were introduced to the parts of a computer. From that beginning, attendees learned how to navigate the Desktop and gain access to the Internet; time was also spent on developing "mouse" skills. Upon completing the course, students were happy to save their well-deserved certificates on brand new flash drives.



To support the National Voter's Registration Day event held at Central on September 24, Reference staff created a display which included eye-catching signs (shared on social media and seen on KSAT 12 evening news); one sign in English – "Your Vote, Your Voice" and a sign in Spanish – "Su Voto, Su Voz".



A Frankenstein themed display greets Central Library visitors in the first floor lobby. It was created under the direction of Vicky Villalobos (Librarian I). The display celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. The display design uses imagery suggesting lightening and the Monster's neck bolts. Books displayed are inspired by and adapted the original novel.

## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted the workshop 'Border/Bordad: Writing, Embroider, Creating Autohistoria in San Antonio' with Laurie Ann Guerrero, Bonnie Cisneros, and Sarah Castillo. All three women carry the legacy of culture making and art through their mothers, who first taught them how to wield both ink and thread as children. Guerrero is a local writer, 2016-17 Poet Laureate of the State of Texas, and Writer-in-Residence at Texas A&M-San Antonio. Cisneros has taught middle school English and Social Studies at an inner-city charter school and earned an MFA in Creative Writing from Texas State University. Castillo is a local mixed media artist and earned her MA in Bicultural Studies. The event drew 30 attendees.



On Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted acclaimed author David Bowles for a unique presentation where he discussed his book "Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky: Myths of Mexico" and his unparalleled research of Mexican folklore, which includes speaking Nahuatl, the Uto-Aztecan language.



On Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center partnered with the Texana/Genealogy unit to present a lecture by author and scholar of Chicano arts and culture Tomás Ybarra-Frausto. The presentation was in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month and American Archives month, highlighting the importance of documenting and preserving Latino archives.



On Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center partnered with Gemini Ink to present 'Three Centuries of Latino Writing and Resistance in San Antonio', a public conversation to discuss the history of Tejana writing and the role of newspapers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century San Antonio. Moderated by moderated by Tomás Ybarra-Frausto & Carmen Tafolla, with guest panelists Jerry Poyo, and Raúl Coronado. This event drew 60 attendees.



On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center was host to UTSA Associate Professor Gabriela Gonzalez who provided a unique presentation regarding her recent publication 'Redeeming La Raza: Transborder Modernity, Race, Respectability and Rights'. This event drew 20 attendees who learned the history of Mexican-American transborder activism in the United States, how Mexican women challenged patriarchal structures, and more.



On Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center was host to photographer Joel Salcido Ruiz who read excerpts from his book, "The Spirit of Tequila" and provided a guided tour of his photo exhibit in the Central Library Gallery. Salcido, who now lives in San Antonio, documented the tequila-making process in Mexico and has returned to South Texas to display his work. This partnership with the San Antonio Cocktail conference drew 45 attendees who enjoyed a tequila tasting after the program.



On Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center was host to 'Chocolate and Tequila' in partnership with the San Antonio Cocktail Conference. 30 participants enjoyed a variety of dark, flavorful chocolate with sips of a variety of tequilas courtesy of Chocollazo.



On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center was host to 'My Tejano Roots' with author and historical researcher Edna Campos Gravenhorst in partnership with the Texana/Genealogy unit. Gravenhorst's focus is to encourage Latinos, Hispanics, Mexican-Americans and Tejanos to find their sense of place in Texas history with a mission is "to encourage nuestra gente, our people, to donate information to our institutions". Additionally, Gravenhorst is San Antonio Certified Tourism Ambassador. This event drew 18 attendees, who were also able to digitize their personal photos and videos using SAPL memory lab equipment.

## TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Texana team members participated in the White Glove Fundraising Event that was hosted by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in the Texana room on September 24. Staff curated seven table-top exhibits and engaged with guests in sharing their knowledge of the special collections held in Texana.



Librarian II Matt DeWaelche presented a Preserving Family Treasures class on September 18 for patrons at the Igo Library.



On September 28-29 Texana staff members Debbie Countess (Assistant Manager), Sylvia Reyna (Librarian I), and Clarissa Chavira (Library Assistant) attended the 39<sup>th</sup> State Hispanic Genealogical & Historical Conference organized by the Los Bexarenos Genealogical Historical Society. The event included daily workshops with a focus on history, education and genealogy related to the San Antonio's Tricentennial as well as presentations by international speakers on history and genealogy topics. Librarian Sylvia Reyna was an invited speaker and presented a lecture on Texana/Genealogy resources.



Ms. Reyna participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Homeowner Fair at the Pearl Stable on September 29. The free event hosted by the City's Office of Historical Preservation provided an opportunity for owners of aging and historic homes to connect with local professionals learn about caring for and maintaining their properties.



Ms. Countess presented a Beginning Genealogy class on October 2 for seniors at the Morningside Manor through Oasis San Antonio, a unique educational program for older adults.



In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month and American Archives Month, on Oct 3 Author and scholar of Chicano arts and culture Tomás Ybarra-Frausto presented his lecture *Bringing Shadows into Light: The Latino Archive to Be*, which highlighted the importance of documenting and preserving Latino archives.



Ms. Countess led the class *Intro to Ancestry (Library Edition)* for patrons at the Pan Am Library on October 4.



On Saturday, October 6 staff provided a tour of Texana to visiting 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade educators who participated in the Alamo Educator Workshop *Texas History and ELA*.



On October 13 Author, historical researcher, Edna Campos Gravenhorst, presented "My Tejano Roots" tracing her lineage which touches on ranching in South Texas. Her focus was to encourage Latinos, Hispanics, Mexican-Americans and Tejanos to find their sense of place in Texas history. Additionally, Mrs. Gravenhorst autographed her most current book *San Antonio's Historic Market Square and Té de Canela, A Mexican-American In the United States*. In conjunction with the book signing, Texana staff led a presentation on digitizing family photographs. Guests were encouraged to bring personal photos that were scanned using the Memory Preservation Lab equipment.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen was invited to Irving Academy's Open House Night on September 18 to promote the library to attendees. She saw fourteen adults and sixteen children visit her table and learn about library resources and programs. Ms. Sonnen also started her book clubs at Crockett and Margil Academies in late September. The book clubs will meet through the year.



On October 2 Ms. Sonnen was invited to attend National Night Out at La Trinidad United Methodist Church. The event saw a good turnout and Ms. Sonnen shared library information with a number of families.



Students from the Bazan library Learn center's citizenship class visited the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office in September for an informative tour and overview of the citizenship application process. All students agreed that the tour helped to allay their fears and anxiety about the citizenship application process. The group was personally escorted by District Director Mario Ortiz, who oversees USCIS services from San Antonio to El Paso.



On Wednesday, September 19, Training Officer Emily Flores attended the San Antonio Housing Authority Early Engagement Program Resource Fair held on the KIPP St. Anne's Campus. The event, a mandatory orientation for new housing program residents, had an incredible turnout.



Bazan library partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to offer afterschool snacks on Mondays and Wednesdays for children eighteen and younger starting in October and ending in May. Teen librarian Georgina Salinas offered teen programs following the afterschool snack program on Mondays and Wednesdays.



On Tuesday October 2 Ms. Salinas represented Bazan Library at the Guadalupe Arts Center during National Night Out, a well-attended event. Ms. Salinas along with library assistant Edward Mayberry visited Lanier High School during Teen Read Week to advocate reading to young adults. Teenagers who visited the library booth left with free young adult books along with other library swag and information about programming events at Bazan Library.



In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Bazan branch showed the movie *Cesar Chavez* and the documentary *Willie Velasquez: Your Vote Is Your Voice*.



On September 26, Coloring for Grown-Ups welcomed several new patrons who came to listen to some music, eat snacks and color along with some of our regular attendees.



The Bad Girls Romance Club met on September 29. Three new patrons attended in addition to our regulars who meet monthly to discuss romance books, movies and TV shows. Although the reading club is open to all adults, the group saw its first male attend in September! He decided to join when he overheard his fiancée listening to the audio version of the current read, *Stuck up Suit* by VI Keeland and Penelope Ward, and became interested in the story.



The Alamo City Browncoats met on Sunday September 30 with its regular members in attendance. They discussed cosplay in relation to the Firefly series and episodes that had the best costumes/outfits.



On October 3 Bazan held a sushi making workshop with Chinatsu Oku from UTSA's East Asia Institute. Over a dozen patrons came to learn about food in Japan and how sushi differs in America versus Japan. After the presentation by Chinatsu, patrons had the opportunity to put their culinary skills to the test and made their very own rolls to eat. The participation was great and families really enjoyed the experience!





The Midnight Paranormal Group gathered again at Bazan on October 10 for another series of ghost hunting programs. The group presented three previous successful programs in the summer at Bazan and has returned for fall STEAM programming.



The Bazan journaling meet up group is going very well! Several patrons have been attending monthly meetings to learn and discuss journaling techniques with program facilitator Library Aide Stephanie Perez. The group swaps materials, shares ideas while enjoying music and snacks.

## BROOK HOLLOW



In September, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas continued weekly early literacy programming at Brook Hollow with Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time. Baby Time program attendance numbers continue to grow with over twenty babies and their caregivers attending weekly. The addition of a play element after Toddler Time continues to be a big hit with families as the majority of children and their caregivers stay after the stories to play for the remainder of the hour.



Brook Hollow branch continues to provide children's programs after school for older children with Read to a Dog, Come & Go Crafts, and Tween Time offered weekly and a bimonthly Lego Club. Lego Club still struggles to get a regular attendance, but every week families visit Brook Hollow to build together and tackle the building challenge. The Read to a Dog program at Brook Hollow continues to draw over forty people a week as children pet and read and cuddle with various therapy dogs that visit Brook Hollow on Friday afternoons. Tween Time attendance continues to grow with children ages nine to twelve dropping in for fun activities ranging from games to art. Library Assistant Elissa Vura continues to share in the responsibility of Tween Time with Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas as they alternate who develops and runs the weekly program. In September, Assistant Manager Caroline Mossing also assisted with Tween Time engaging the tweens in various one minute challenge games.



For the last two Fridays in September, Brook Hollow also hosted in-house storytimes for the Country Home #2 three year and four year old classrooms. Ms. Salinas arranged storytimes and fun activities that included playing with play dough and straws and connectors. After the storytime, one of the teachers of the four year old classroom came back to the library during her break to check out the books read and grab a few other books recommended by Ms. Salinas. She commented that Ms. Salinas was really good with children and in the perfect job.



On the first Tuesday in October, Ms. Salinas also presented the first Play and Learn program for the fall. The program was all about blocks and building and included playdough, art, and sensory bin activities for ages one to five years old. Almost fifty children attended the program with their caregivers, and the children had fun building and playing for the entire hour.



Brook Hollow hosted artist Sierra Kioko Arteaga who taught an art class for school age children on how to draw ponies. Several children came with their caregivers for the art lesson, and enjoyed their time learning how to perfect their drawing abilities.



Also in October, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas and Part-Time Library Aide Elizabeth Jimenez, a native Spanish speaker, presented a bilingual story time for Hispanic Heritage month. Twenty-five children along with their caregivers joined us for fun movement songs and books about the sun. After dancing, singing, and stories, the children made a sun craft to take home and played with bright sunny yellow play dough.



Ms Salinas also visited the Head Start Rhapsody and presented story times and dropped off books to five classrooms ranging in age from three to five years in September. She made arrangements to visit the site monthly for the coming school year. Additionally, in October, Ms. Salinas began visiting the Heimer KinderCare location, and provided storytimes for three classrooms. She is in the process of coordinating monthly visits with this day care center, and will in the future also drop off books for classroom use.



Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez helped Ms. Salinas design two book displays in the children's area that featured books that rhyme in honor of the kickoff of Young Pegasus and books that featured Latino authors and illustrators in honor Hispanic Heritage Month.



During the reporting period, teens at Brook Hollow played video games and crafted unique slimes. Teens used the branch's Wii U to play in Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. Participants compared their best moves and engaged in friendly competition, complete with some gentle ribbing about players' skill and misfortune in the game. On another day, participants opted to experiment with chemistry and made slimes using different formulas. Most opted to include glitter for pizzazz and shaving cream for maximum fluff. Some combinations worked better than others, and when a slime was insufficiently goopy, the group researched possible fixes and experimented with these. (Hot tip: warm water worked better than lotion for the teens at Brook Hollow.)



On Wednesday, September 19, the Wednesday Evening Book group met to discuss *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee. The group also added a new member to have eleven members total. The group continues to grow and looks forward to meeting at the library each month.



On September 26, Brook Hollow hosted its second program on Acrylic Pouring. At this program, back by popular demand, thirteen patrons had the hands on experience of learning this messy art technique.



Brook Hollow Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez presented a Jack O'Lantern book craft on October 10. Discarded books were used to make jack o'lanterns with the pages of the book. Patrons found it festive and wanted to try more in the future.

## CARVER



Assistant Manager Monty Holcomb hosted four Chess Events which continue to be steadily attended by a variety of patrons. Mr. Holcomb also hosted four official Teen Time events with the Wii. Mr. Holcomb also continues to facilitate both the weekly Tai Chi program and Easy Yoga program, both of which consistently have high attendance rates. Mr. Holcomb continued to host the Book Club at the District 2 Senior Center, making four visits during this period.



Mr. Holcomb also did an outreach visit to Davis Middle School, where he taught several dozen students chess and presented details about the chess and teen programs at Carver Library. Mr. Holcomb and a work study student also gave a digital camera presentation as part of the system-wide STEAM programming.

## CODY



During *Tween Time* on September 17<sup>th</sup> tweens learned how to make ice cream using an ice cream ball. All of the ice cream materials were placed in one compartment in the ice cream ball, the ice and rock salt were placed in another compartment, and then the fun began! Tweens sat in a circle on the floor and rolled the ball back and forth. While rolling the ball back and forth, tweens asked ice breaker questions that everyone answered on their turn.



The Music Fairy stopped by during *Story Time* on September 19<sup>th</sup> to share action songs and stories set to music. The children were delighted by the talented singing fairy and learned a lot more about music.



During a *Come & Go Crafts* program on September 20<sup>th</sup> children made coffee filter fall leaves. First they cut leaf shapes out of the coffee filters, and then they colored the leaves with markers. Once they were finished coloring, they sprayed their leaves with water, a favorite fine-motor skill building activity, and watched the colors diffuse throughout their leaves.



On September 24<sup>th</sup> tweens learned how to make soap slime, a type of slime that you can actually use to wash your hands. Tweens learned the importance of measuring the ingredients correctly when making slime.



Children made fun out of all the rain that we've had lately with a rain themed *Kid's Time* on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Children learned how to make rain sticks, did a science experiment with shaving cream to see how clouds release rain, and created shaved crayon raindrops.



Tweens made Pumpkin Cake Pops during *Tween Time* on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Tweens learned how to make cake pops and then learned how to decorate them to look like pumpkins.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited Locke Hill Elementary School on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to lead an after-school writing club for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.



Children celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a craft program on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Kids made both individual Folk Art Mexican suns and one big collaborative sun to hang in the children's area.



Children shared their love of the Goosebumps series with a Goosebumps Party on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Children gathered to watch the first film and to create their own creepy Goosebumps book cover.



Librarian Yourdon visited the BASIS Shavano campus on November 9<sup>th</sup> for a presentation about library services available for student research. The parents and students in attendance were amazed at all the resources the library has to offer!



*Kid's Time* on October 10<sup>th</sup> was all about pumpkins! Kids made pumpkin slime using pumpkin seeds and pulp, made an erupting volcano out of another pumpkin, and decorated construction paper pumpkins.



Library Assistant Eva Banda implemented the first *Bilingual Story Time* at the Cody Library on October 18<sup>th</sup>.



On October 13<sup>th</sup>, adults participated in the ongoing STEAM initiative at the Cody branch by creating wire and string art pieces on wood blocks.



The Adante Senior Living book club continues to grow with 15 ongoing members attending each month.



On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, manager Samantha Gordano represented the Cody library at the Charter Oaks inaugural National Night Out event.



The Cody library is hosting the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Kiosk for the month of October. Customers can stop by to charge their device while learning about how the aquifer works and taking silly photos to share with friends on social media!



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



*Teen Gaming* is a popular destination after school on Tuesdays, with an average of 15 teens coming by each week to socialize over card, board, and video games!



*Teen Time*, Cody's evening programming for teens, draws dedicated attendees, who have started making spooky decorations for their upcoming Halloween party. Environmentally friendly *galaxy snowglobes*, using mica instead of glitter, have also been a big hit!



The *Cody Chess Club* continues to bring players and observers of all ages into the library each Thursday for games and chess puzzles.



In celebration of National Library Card Month, Teen Services Librarian Amy Rae Weaver teamed up with Central Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo to sign up high-school students with library cards at Cornerstone Christian School! Over 250 teens had the opportunity to get familiar with San Antonio Public Library events, sign up for cards, get information on volunteer opportunities, and design their own buttons to take home with them. Thanks to Victoria Ruiz and the rest of Cornerstone's staff for providing such a great welcome!



Adult Services Librarian, Marcella L. McGowan, welcomed Wellmed to conduct a series of workshops. These workshops include: October 4<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Joshua Beck, Bone Health and October 5<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Sheetal Kanjee, Reducing the Risk of Stroke.



On October 7<sup>th</sup> Cody hosted adult movie time. The feature film was *Space Cowboys*.



Ms. McGowan hosted several programs in recognition of National Bullying Prevention: October 11<sup>th</sup>, Laura M. Robles from The Center for Health Care Services was on-site to discuss Suicide Prevention. October 12<sup>th</sup> Author Luis E. Cavazos presented "Stepping Between Bullies".



Adult Services Librarian Marcella L. McGowan visited Madison Estates on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to start up a book club.





Cody hosted its first Tech Tuesday with QuickBooks for Small Businesses.



Adult Services Librarian held the first Adult Craft and Game Hour.

## COLLINS GARDEN



Library Assistant Carlos Loera attended National Night Out hosted by the Collins Garden Neighborhood Association. Loera spoke to 50 adults & eight children about library services. Adult coloring, as a stress reliever, is offered once a month with a small following of patrons. CGL Coffee & a Movie features Mexican Classic Cinema with a loyal following of 6-8 community residents. Library Volunteer Rosemary Nino donates her time and supplies during her monthly Beading Class at the library. Nino attracts 10-12 community residents who made fashionable chokers in September.



San Antonio photographer Bernadette Pena's photography series, "Nuestra Gente: A Tribute to Hispanic Innovators and Dreamers" featuring local children as famous Hispanics was displayed throughout Collins Garden Library during Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>'s Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Pena's photographs included children who are regular patrons of Collins Garden Library. Pena is invited to display her photography at the Texas Library Association (TLA) District 10 Conference, Saturday, October 27, 9-3 pm at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.



Poetry group Voices Cosmas read poetry from their chap book "Bailando con la Suerte/To Dance with Luck" while musical duo, guitar players Jorge and Nicole serenaded the audience of more than 50 people between poems. During the event UT Health Science Center offered patrons free health screening including, blood pressure, BMI and blood sugar readings.



LegoClub, hosted by Children's Librarian Gina Brudi, continues to be a HIT at Collins Garden Library! More than 47 participants, primarily children & parents, attended five Lego programs. Brudi displays the children's creations in the reference area for public viewing. This is popular among the children who bring their friends and family to see their artwork.



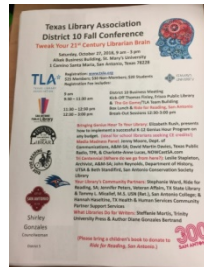
Brudi hosted three in-house Family Fun programs during this reporting period including Jorge Ochoa from Tambo Rhythms with drums and various percussion instruments for children, 15 attendees, to play. During Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Celebra Sol/Celebrate the Sun honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, 20 children crafted folk art creations.



CGL's weekly Teen Tuesdays, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, attracts 10-12 teens to play ping pong, video games and create crafts. Teens are gearing up to assist the Friends of Collins Garden Library make holiday wreaths to raise money for the library.



Collins Garden Library continues to host weekly Family Game Night with various board games and ping pong for all ages.



Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies visited libraries in Paris, France while vacationing in September. As Chair of the Texas Library Association (TLA), District 10, Davies and committee are preparing for the upcoming TLA, D10, Fall Conference, Saturday, October 27, 9-3 pm at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. SAPL board members and Friends are invited. Registration available via [www.tla.org](http://www.tla.org)

## CORTEZ



On Tuesday October 2 Cortez Branch hosted their second annual "National Night IN" event. Over fifty local customers came to play games, color, snack, and socialize. During the event the Branch was visited by Library Board Member Andrea Sanchez, SAFFE Officer Lupe Rodriguez and PSA Jake Odland.



The Branch is happy to announce that Children's Librarian Angela O'Malley began working for SAPL on September 29. Her welcome brunch was held at the Branch on October 11 after her training and orientation were completed.



Branch Manager Brantley wants to again recognize those who helped get the Branch through the month of September without a Children's Librarian: Rozanna Bennett from McCreless as well as Mary Grace Moreno and Megan Cruz from Little Read Wagon. She would also like to extend a huge thank you to Cortez staff members Madeline Vasquez and Esmeralda Staudt for conducting programming during this period.



On September 19 the staff continued their practice of celebrating anything and everything by taking part in "Talk Like a Pirate Day". Several staff members wore costumes and all of the Children's activities that day included pirate stories and related crafts.



Bilingual Baby Time (Esmeralda Staudt)—Mrs. Staudt presented a series of lap songs and rhymes about counting, clapping, and playing peek-a-boo in both English and Spanish. Music and dancing were a welcome addition to this month's programs. Board books focusing on the ocean, sea animals, and pirates were read aloud. Afterward babies enjoyed some time to crawl around and play while parents socialized with Mrs. Staudt and each other. As the only bilingual Baby Time in the city Cortez receives visitors from near and far.



**Toddler Time** (Rozanna Bennett, Mary Grace Moreno, Megan Cruz, Esmeralda Staudt)—Toddlers enjoyed learning about strong structural foundations through the story *The Three Little Pigs* with Ms. Bennett. “Talk Like a Pirate Day” was an amusing one for tiny pirates making telescopes to find sea animals around the room, and making silly pirate sounds throughout the program. Ms. Moreno taught the toddlers about the butterfly life cycle and brought lots of butterfly themed play options such as magnifying glasses with real butterflies in glass, and butterfly puzzles.



**Family Fun** (Madeline Vasquez)—In the absence of a Children’s Librarian Madeline stepped in and did a variety of fun crafts and activities. Family Fun included making parrots and pirate hats for Talk Like a Pirated Day, gorilla stories and a gorilla hand puppet, Legos, and stories and activities with Fall Leaves and beavers.



**Teen Time** (JoAnn Paredes)—Teens are back! Not by the score, but one by one they are returning to teen time at Cortez. This is their time and whether it’s playing video games, doing homework or painting...at least they have found their way back to us.



**COAST—Cortez Older Adult Social Time** (Madeline Vasquez)—Every Tuesday, staff member Madeline Vasquez leads Adult Coloring. This weekly community program features advanced coloring for adults, board games, puzzles and light refreshments.



**Getting Crafty Program** (JoAnn Paredes)—Cortez Crafters had fun making gingerbread men out of felt fabric and/or crochet. One crafter put a tutu on her gingerbread “girl”. The other project was to paint or “mod podge” a design on a watering pail or wood platform.

Future projects will include: Button art, quilling, cinnamon ornaments, and clay pot wind chimes.



**Monster Meet** (Madeline Vasquez)—A good-sized crowd was treated to the film “Arsenic and Old Lace” on October 13. This monthly popular event brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



**Adult Craft Time** (Madeline Vasquez)—On October 9, staff member Madeline Vasquez taught patrons to create a simple but beautiful craft using basic supplies. Patrons made a mixed media project out of pictures, magazines, yarn, buttons and more. Light refreshments were served.



**STEAM for Adults: Shrinky Dinks** (Brooke Mjolsness)—On September 17, sixteen patrons were treated to making multiple shrinky dink projects while learning the science behind how shrinky dinks work. Patrons were provided with all supplies including tracings, markers, shrinky dink plastic, scissors, tape and hole punchers. Patrons were very enthusiastic to make as many projects as possible.



**Healthy Cooking Class** (Vince Escobedo, Metro Health)—On September 20, Vince Escobedo led the group in making broccoli and cheese frittatas. Patrons helped prepare all the ingredients and then Mr. Escobedo made the frittatas and passed out free samples to all attendees.



**Cortez Chess Club** (David Pacheco)—David Pacheco continues to lead our weekly chess club. He enthusiastically teaches attendees of all ages about chess.



On Saturday October 6 the **Friends of Cortez** held their semi-annual Book Sale with media and books available for patrons of all ages at reasonable prices. They made \$186 which was a huge

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improvement over the last sale which netted only \$40. They had several volunteers and lots of donations of children's books which helped make it a success.



**Diabetes Workshops** (Veronica Ramirez, Metro Health)—Led by Veronica Ramirez from the Metro Health department, beginning August 28 and ending October 2, patrons were taught how to take control of their health while living with diabetes. Topics covered included healthy eating, setting goals, exercise, controlling symptoms, working through negative emotions and talking to your doctor. Patrons also received a free book, relaxation CD and journal to help them through their health journey.



**LEARN Center Activities** (Melody Ayala)—This month eighteen patrons completed online job applications and three patrons obtained employment. LEARN computer classes have had a significant increase in attendance, averaging 8 to 12 patrons for both sessions: "Intro to computer basics" and "Intro to Internet".

Citizenship classes have increased in attendance from the four patrons that started in September to ten patrons as of October.

## ENCINO



Encino hosted its second annual Cosplay Con on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Teens and adults mingled at multiple craft tables, listened to the musical stylings of local band Bitforce, and strutted their stuff on the Cosplay Catwalk for a chance to win trophies. The event was enjoyed by everyone that attended and marked another success for Encino's co-age group programming. Branch Manager Michelle Ricondo and Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot would like to thank everyone who helped at the event including Encino's staff, Central Teen Services Librarian Matthew Loaiza, and our Cosplay Contest judges.



The Friends of the Encino Library hosted their annual fall *Book Sale* on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sales of donated books, DVDs, and other materials totaled \$700. The funds will help provide programming materials for all age-based programs at Encino.



During the month of September, Librarian I Ashley Stubbs took responsibility for Encino's children's programming, as Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver transitioned into retirement. Ms. Weaver retired from Encino on September 30. All of the staff and patrons wish her all the best.

On September 30, Children's Librarian Ann Laird transferred from the Thousand Oaks Branch to Encino. Since her move, Ann has been performing *Baby Time*, *Toddler Time*, and *Story Time* while also making plans for other great fall and winter programs at Encino.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot hosted eight programs for teens during this reporting period including a joint program with San Antonio's LGBTQ organization for teens, Fiesta Youth. For this special edition *Teen Club*, teens got in the Halloween spirit by making Hallow-memes with upcycled magazines, comic books, and manga from the teen closet, all of which are now on display in the teen room. Our monthly *Teen Board Gaming* was extra fun this month with two teens bringing games from home to share with the group. Lastly, our weekly *Teen Anime Club* screened over six different anime shows this month, finally settling on one we have all been enjoying about a demon who works part-time at a fast food restaurant.





Ms. Pouliot visited David Lee “Tex” Hill Middle school for Teen Read Week again this year. She presented to five classes of 8<sup>th</sup> grade English students about the resources that the public library has to offer, as well as the continuing and the upcoming programs for teens at the Encino Library. Twenty students also received new library cards during her visit.

## FOREST HILLS



Citizenship Classes offered by Academia America concluded on September 17. On that evening Forest Hills celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a performance by a student Mariachi group sponsored by Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza.



The Forest Hills Branch Library celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Totally Awesome 80s event on October 13. The event featured an Arcade Room, 80s hair makeovers, green screen photos, a performance by Parks and Recreation dancers, Rubix cubes, and a 80s toy display. The Holmes High School ROTC provided the presentation of colors. Patrons were treated to a commemorative cake and lemondade. District 7 Councilperson Ana Sandoval was in attendance and presented the branch with a gift of flags to commemorate the occasion.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Dorris Griffin Senior Center on September 19 to lead a book club discussion. The group discussed *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. This was the first time the group had read an Australian author. The readers were intrigued by the storyline and noted the difference in the Australian setting versus an American setting.



Story Time, Kids Time, Lego Builders, and La Hora de Cuentos were offered as usual during the month by Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca. The rain themes story time that was appropriate given the recent San Antonio weather. Children and their parents were able to enjoy the stories about rain and discuss what they observed with the recent weather.

During Kids Time a slime time and an origami demonstration were the hit of the month. Children and their adults really enjoyed making slime and discussing what colors are used to create other colors. At the end of kids time children were able to take their slime home with them. The origami demonstration was popular as kids made different animals with the origami paper and instructions provided. The library was practically a zoo of origami animals. World Octopus day was celebrated with much joy and wonder at Forest Hills. Children were given paper, colors, markers, scissors and glue to create their own take-home octopus.



As always Lego Builders is a very popular program with children and parents making amazing creations with Lego bricks. Ms. Ana and the staff of Forest Hills are always in awe of the creativity that children show when they are allowed to build freely.



Ms. Menchaca hosted a Hispanic Heritage Program at Forest Hills. Children and their adults were invited to make the sun, moon, and stars from clay. The Sun theme was picked as pottery in the shape of the sun and moon is popular throughout Latin America. Children had a blast making the clay creations and then painting.



Ms. Menchaca was a presenter at the Region 20 Library Resource Roundup as a committee member of the Tejas Star Reading List which is a part of the Texas Library Association. Ms. Menchaca and another committee member, Priscilla Delgado, spoke about the importance of including multicultural



books in children's literature. They discussed books that have previously been on the Tejas Star List and why they were chosen and what extension activities could be done.



Ms. Menchaca visited Villarreal elementary to participate in the school's open house. Ms. Menchaca provided parents, students, and teachers with information about the San Antonio Public Library. She was thrilled to see regular patrons at the function. She was able to meet the parents of some of the children who visit Forest Hills afterschool.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library's children's programs had visitors this month. While Children's librarian Cari Raley was on vacation, staff and library volunteers took over her programs to help out! On Wednesdays during *Library Adventures* homeschool families explored smells and tastes with library assistant Jose and library volunteer Shayla. The kids guessed mystery smells and played Jeopardy to explore the senses.



During *Camp Library* and *ABC Club* circulation attendant Karen Davis and library volunteers Polleen and Leah had fun singing songs and sharing stories with the youngest patrons and their adults. After the story they explored learning stations related to the books.



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 fall. On September 17 teens watched *Wreck It Ralph* and made multi colored stress balls. On September 24 teens watched *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* and made shrinky dink crafts. On October 1 teens watched *Frankenweenie* and made black and white cookies. On October 8 teens celebrated Teen Read Week by watching *Ready Player One* and made some chocolate Easter eggs candy.



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 September and October teens had the opportunity to make felt crafts, buttons, magnet crafts, and perler bead crafts.



Ms. Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on September 19 for an outreach event where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make button crafts, and compete in a video game competition. On September 26 Ms. Vazquez visited the school library at Brennan High School for an outreach event where she and fellow teen services staff provided teens the opportunity to make button crafts, take green screen pictures, and create music.



Library Assistant Christina Martinez offered the last of the introductory computer training courses this month. Ms. Martinez helped patrons learn more about Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.



The branch offered two programs in the *STEAM for Adults* program series. Patrons learned how to make homemade salsa and got to sample the delicious results, and patrons had family fun with board games for all ages.



To celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, library assistant Christina Martinez hosted a movie and craft event with *Tortilla Soup* and related art activities.



Patrons have been learning about how to use essential oils in their daily lives with the *Essential Oils 101* monthly program series. Program leaders Charlotte Friske and Angela Walker share their tips on how to keep a natural home and how to most effectively use essential oils every day.

## GUERRA



The Guerra Chess Club met September 21 and 28 and on October 5 and 12. Volunteer Ruben Lozano continued to provide lessons, inspiration, and an opportunity for adults, teens, and children to learn about the game. Technicians began the installation of a security door between the public and staff areas of the branch during the reporting month.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman made both morning and afternoon presentations--two groups of about 135 new COSA staff each--about the Employee Management Committee and the Service Employees International Union on Monday, September 17. Having been selected for the third round of the SAPL Mentor/Mentee Program, he attended the first meeting of the year on September 19. He presented music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays--September 26 and October 3 and 10. He provided program resources for Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos to Careplex staff during the reporting period. He represented the branch and SAPL at the Cable Elementary School/Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association National Night Out event on October 2.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on October 5; participants discussed *The Last Tudor* by Philippa Gregory. She held a STEAM for Adults program entitled "Do You Sudoku?" on October 6. Attendees enjoyed friendly conversation while solving Sudoku puzzles.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented 21 in house programs--four toddler times, four story times, four Lego Clubs, four Little Builders Duplo Clubs, four Art Clubs, and one bilingual (Spanish and English) story time; Library Aide Yamilex Rosales assisted with the bilingual story time. On September 22, she conducted outreach at Lil' Dragon Den Childcare where she presented story time to two groups of toddlers. She reprised the program at Marbach Christian Church Childcare on October 12. Arlene sat on an interview panel with Gamimi Haluwana, Librarian II/Potranco, and Raquel Reyes, Circulation Attendant/Potranco to conduct interviews to fill vacant Library Aide positions at both locations. At the monthly children's meeting at Mission, she participated in a one-hour training session on Brainfuse. Arlene installed two displays--"Football" and "Fall into a Good Book." On October 13, families participated in a Come and Go craft in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month--Celebra el sol/Celebrate the Sun.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on September 17. As a member of the September Hunger Action Month Committee, he assisted in planning a program to encourage people to grow their own healthy food. He arranged for a presentation by Don Crites, local master gardener, to speak at Guerra on vegetable gardening on September 22. He moderated the Club de Lectura on September 27. This group discussed *El último secreto de Da Vinci* (Da Vinci's Last Secret) by David Zurdo. He recorded *No lavar este oso* (Don't Wash This Bear) by Sam Hay for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on October 8.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on September 20 and 27 and on October 11. There was a movie night on October 4 (*Jurassic World*). Edward participated in Woodard Community

Center's National Night Out on October 2. He assisted Gina Salinas, Teen Librarian/Bazan, with an outreach at Lanier High School on October 10 and 11.

## IGO



Weekly story times continued as scheduled.



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



The Dark Knights Chess Club met on September 24 and October 8.



Teen Time is scheduled for Wednesdays starting October 3 from 5-6pm. Teens will have the opportunity to connect with their peers, play games, make crafts, build with Legos or even study. Activities will be different each week.



Board Game Night was scheduled for September 26 from 5-7pm. Teens were able to choose from a variety of board games to play with their friends or by themselves.



Art Space is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month starting October 1 from 5-6.



A book club will meet the last Monday of the month and a book will be discussed each month.



On October 19, Igo hosted a Nerf Zombie Tag Night in which players who got “shot” were turned into zombies. Solving riddles gave the zombies a potion that would rehumanize them.



Every Sunday, the Writer's Block writing group and the Stitchery Club met at Igo.



On September 17, October 1 and October 15, the PoeTree Club met.



On September 18, the Afternoon Book Club discussed *Hillbilly Elegy*, while Matt DeWalesche of Texana/Genealogy shared with the Genealogy Club tips for preserving family treasures.



On September 27, Igo Library Aide Carlos Hernandez and Librarian Ramona Lucius demonstrated the Oculus Go headsets and gave visitors a chance to try them out. Thirteen patrons experimented with the apps and all agreed that if the headsets are made available for circulation, they would check them out.



On October 3, the Mystery Club discussed *Assassins of Athens*.



On October 4, Bill Ball of the Active Seniors group gave a talk about the Roads Scholars program for seniors.



On October 13-14, the Friends of Igo Library held their fall book sale.



On October 15, Igo Library Assistant Cara Sifuentes taught a class on making holiday art projects from discarded books.



The Elderberries held its monthly meeting on October 4. Peter Myers, History Professor at Palo Alto College, discussed his multi-decade project of collecting oral family history projects from his students. This program is part of the October Mayor's Book Club at Igo with its Multiculturalism and Diversity theme.



Beginning Hatha Yoga classes continued on October 5 and 19.

## JOHNSTON



Johnston Library celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a Learn to Make Homemade Tortillas program on September 22. Johnston staff promoted the Voter Registration drive and encouraged patrons to register before the October 9 deadline. Information about upcoming Early Voting is posted throughout the library and flyers available to all patrons that enter. During the reporting period Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila transferred to Las Palmas Library.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo provided information about library services and programs to families during the first open house event for Armstrong Elementary on September 18. Ms. Bustillo attended the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Albuquerque, New Mexico September 27 to 29. On September 19 Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Reader's Book Discussion of *Her Pretty Face* by Robyn Harding. Ms. Bustillo supported the community during National Night Out on October 2 by hosting a table at the Blues Skies of Texas Retirement Community who partners with the Valley Hi North Neighborhood Association. Ms. Bustillo continued her membership in the City of San Antonio's Toastmaster Club who held their first meeting of the year on October 3. On October 6 Ms. Bustillo partnered with Parks and Recreation's Fitness in the Park program to bring an introductory Yoga program to Johnston patrons. Ms. Bustillo organized two Friday Film showings: on October 5 Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom and October 12 Solo: A Star Wars story. Ms. Bustillo supported the system-wide STEAM initiative with a Star Wars Droids event on October 8. On October 13, Ms. Bustillo organized the very popular annual Pumpkin Carving event.



Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila attended the Springvale Neighborhood Association meeting on Tuesday, September 25 at Allen Elementary. Ms. Davila provided information about programs for children, teens, adults and election and voting information to all present.



Ms. Davila assisted Ms. Bustillo and Library Aide Cynthia Blancas with a series of enriching programs ranging from video games, upcycling books for crafts, holiday films and celebrations for teens at Johnston. On October 2 the teens celebrated a member's birthday and on October 10 they baked waffle brownies.



On October 3, Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth promoted the Young Pegasus poetry contest to 363 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at the Sun Valley Elementary School. She hopes that the students will be inspired to submit poems for the contest. On October 4, Ms. Wrigglesworth delivered books to the Head Start and PCI classes at the Southwest High School location. She also read "Bear" stories to the Head Start class.





Fall programming continued at Johnston Library: Toddler themes included dogs, ducks, colors, and Me. Story Time themes included horses, whales, bears, and fairies. The LEGO Club has had a very good attendance, averaging 14 attendees per week. In addition to LEGOs, children also have the opportunity to build with “Straws and Connectors,” “Playstix,” “Duplos,” “Brain Flakes,” foam blocks, and wooden blocks.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish), and she recorded a children's book for the week of October 1: *Piensa en grande! (Think Big!)* by Nancy L Carlson. She is also teaching a weekly class, *Conversational Spanish for Beginners*: On Monday, September 17, September 24, and October 1, respectively, Members learned interactive lessons about El Pretérito Perfecto e Imperfecto (Past Tense) Ser vs. Estar (To Be) y el Verbo Haber (To Have,) and La Cocina (The Kitchen) followed by sing-along Spanish songs and games.

## LANDA



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta continues to get excellent attendance to Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time. Each story time is scheduled for one hour, with about 40 minutes focused on literacy, rhymes, and song; and the second part focused on play. Play is one of the most important parts of Toddler Time. The branch has a variety of toys available to play with, but Ms. Alcorta wanted to show that not all toys have to be bought. Ms. Alcorta has made several learning toys from recycled oatmeal containers, water bottles, and boxes. The favorite of the Toddler Time group was a plain oatmeal container decorated with red, yellow, blue, and green shapes. The lid had holes punched in it. Children can practice their fine motor and color matching skills by inserting straws into the holes. Many of the parents were impressed with the way their children interacted and paid attention to the simple homemade toy.



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta started a new STEM+ focused program for elementary-aged children. STEAM Tuesdays have been quite fun and exciting. Bubble experiment day was the most enjoyable! Children pondered questions like “why do bubbles pop?” and “does the shape of the wand determine the shape of the bubble?” Children made their own bubble solution and watched a short demonstration by Ms. Alcorta on bubbles. She explained that if a person wets anything, they can make a bubble as big as the table. The children talked about air taking up space and the more gas there is, the bigger the bubble will be. Children designed their own bubble wands and went outside to experiment with them. Lastly, food coloring was added to some of the bubble solution and the children made bubble art.



Tween Time is a regular favorite program at Landa. This month, the tweens experimented with bath bombs. They made their own customized bath bombs. The tweens experimented with different colors and scents. They even created their own shapes. The best part was watching the bath bombs fizz and dissolve in water.



Landa Teen programming continued to grow this month. Alongside Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley, the group held their bi-annual Movie Month, this time celebrating all things Marvel via film screenings, crafts and thematic cooking how-tos. Teen Study Spot continued to provide a dedicated space for teens to study and socialize afterschool and Drop In Volunteering had teens building book displays, posting pics on SAPL Teens' 210 Flickr, and continuing to help plan for Landa Boo.



Ms. Corley attended the Texas Teen Book Festival in Austin, attending several YA author panels, information sessions and even seeing some of SAPL's teens! She also attended a community National Night Out with Landa's Assistant Branch Manager, Karen Sebesta, where they promoted Landa events and took photos with the branch green screen.



Additionally, Ms. Corley supported an outreach at Edison High School with Teen Outreach Specialist, Adam Tutor, where they spoke to over 200 students, sharing information about SAPL's homework resources and teen programs across the system. Teens had the chance to participate in a live demonstration of Teen Libraries' mobile music studio, too



Adult programming is back in gear for the fall. Expert financial planner Paul Darr was here for a return visit to talk about his "boxes" method for securing one's retirement income. His method is a good mix of stocks, savings, and real estate. Paul is very personable and low-key and always gets good comments from his audience.

Teen Librarian Rebekah Corley teamed up with Adult Programming Librarian Karen Sebesta once again to represent Landa at the National Night Out at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church. They greeted a number of regular Landa patrons and introduced others to the programs, materials, and services that Landa has to offer.



Ms. Corley and Ms. Sebesta also team up to supervise Landa's volunteers. Several of them are teens who work with the Teen Leadership Committee to plan and produce teen programs (and clean up afterward!). Others work at library tasks such as assisting with router, shelving holds, pulling items from created lists and helping produce children's craft material. Landa also has a Trinity University



Landa's adult book programs, Reader's Ink, the Mystery Book Club, and the Book Club at the Village at the Incarnate Word are all growing in members. This session, Reader's Ink read John Berendt's *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, a true-crime book that reads like a novel. It is set in the colorful city of Savannah, Georgia which is as much a character as the people in the book. The Mystery Book Club read M.C. Beaton's *Death of a Ghost*—a light mystery set in Scotland featuring Police Detective Hamish MacBeth. In fact, this volume is number thirty-three in the MacBeth series. The Village at the Incarnate Word group read *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick. Set primarily in England, it is the story of a recent widower who discovers a charm bracelet that belonged to his late wife. It's bangles lead him on a series of adventures to uncover facts about the life his wife led before they met. It is delightful.



On Sunday, October 14, Landa hosted Martha Miller, author of *New Times Roman*, a memoir about a couple who sell their possessions and move to Italy. This local author is a delightful presenter and loves to present to book groups. Adult Program Librarians should contact Karen at Landa for Ms. Miller's contact information.

## LAS PALMAS



On Monday, September 17, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos attended the Literacy Night event held at *Kipp Un Mundo Dual* Language Academy. Ms. Frazier and Ms. Ramos promoted Las Palmas Branch programs, especially for children, and spoke with families about library cards and resources available through the San Antonio Public Library.



The Las Palmas Library celebrated National Play Dough Day twice. Once on Monday, September 17 during Family Fun, and on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> during Bilingual Story Time, where children learned the names of different colors in Spanish and English before practicing with the colors of the play dough. Play dough is an excellent medium for helping children develop fine motor skills and exercise their imaginations.



On Monday September 24, children learned about Zoos during Family Fun. In addition to learning about animals and playing a game to recognize different species of animals, children also created crafts to make their own “dream” zoo.



During Family Fun on Monday, October 1, Las Palmas families learned about the ecosystems of rivers, including animals that might be found around rivers. Children played a guessing game to identify animal tracks or did a craft for making animal tracks. The books *A City Through Time: From Ancient Colony to Vast Metropolis* and *A Street Through Time* by Steve Noon were used to show children how humans have used rivers to develop cities and settlements throughout history. Children helped create a cooperative riverbed craft and their own riverbed creation to take home.



On Tuesday, October 3, Children’s Librarian Barbaraella Frazier participated in *National Night Out* at Jubilee Lakeview University Prep, promoting library events, programs and resources.



On Monday, October 8, Las Palmas celebrated Hispanic Heritage during Family Fun. Families made craft projects with *Mosaic* and traditional designs.



On Friday September 21st and Friday October 5th, Children’s Librarian Barbaraella Frazier visited Jubilee Lakeview University Prep and performed story-time for different classes with children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade. Ms. Frazier read *Spoon* and the sequel *Chopsticks* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Halloween themed books such as *Frankenbunny* by Jill Esbaum and *Bonaparte Falls Apart* by Margery Cuyler. Most of the Halloween books were items that the San Antonio Public Library just added in 2018.



Las Palmas held a Walking Dead Day for teens and adults to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the graphic novel. There were three types of zombie tabletop games plus the Plants Vs Zombies video game. Each participant received a gift bag with a Walking Dead comic, buttons, bandanas and other goodies.

## MAVERICK



While the Ladies Choice Book Club met on September 29, the Lady Mavs Book Club met on Tuesday, October 9. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group met on the remaining two Sundays in September and the first two Sundays in October. The Granaderos y Damas de Galvez provided a thorough living history presentation of Spain’s contribution toward the American Revolution. The audience was captivated with the presenter’s colonial uniforms, relics and interesting historic stories.



Braun Hollow Homeowners Association met on September 28. Maverick’s Friends of the Library held its Fall Used Book sale on October 13 and 14. The Friends Group diligently planned and worked together to have another successful book sale event.



The Maverick Chess Club met on Monday, September 17 and October 1.



Maverick Library welcomed a couple groups of children to the branch. On September 24, Pre-K and Kinder students from Scenic Hills Adventist School attended preschool story time and then Children’s Librarian, Amy Roberts, gave them a tour of the library. Also, preschool aged kids from Kids R Kids Daycare came to preschool story time on October 1. Ms. Roberts also provided the children a tour after storytime.



Children's Librarian, Ms. Roberts, conducted outreach to the afterschool program at Bandera TLC Daycare on October 9. Ms. Roberts read a STEM related book and then the children created things out of straws and connectors that she provided.



Amy Roberts attended the children's Librarian's Meeting on October 11. Ms. Roberts read two books from the 700's to discuss and was the note taker for the meeting. Ms. Roberts continues to serve on the TLA's Children's Round Table 2x2 Selection Committee. So far, she and her colleagues have read over 750 books geared from ages 2 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The committee will narrow the list to 20 titles in January 2019.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated four Teen Time programs during the reporting period, assisted by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth. Maverick Teens attended at least 3 different high schools and 2 middle schools. It has been a wonderful opportunity to see teens from different areas come together, engage and connect with one another.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl and Circulation Attendant Eraani Perez created a large, attention getting display during Banned Books week. Bleichwehl and Perez exhibited several books and audiobooks as well as a few DVDs and a music CD. Several of the items had information regarding its challenge and lists of the top 100 books challenged were available for patrons to take. The attractive display elicited many comments from patrons.

## McCRELESS



Rozanna Bennett, Children's Librarian has been doing weekly Toddler Times that include stories, songs and activities. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Librarian Bennett invited San Antonio Fire Department to Toddler Time. Staff from the department read stories to children and their families and gave them a chance to tour a fire truck. One parent was heard saying "I'm so glad we came today."



The branch hosted a come and go craft day celebrating Spanish Heritage Month, making suns from tissue paper and paper plates on Saturday Oct. 6th.



McCreless teens continued to enjoy the use of Teen Services' Oculus Rift virtual reality game during weekly Teen Time. In addition, this month teens made tasty cake balls, colored bookmarks and played Unstable Unicorns. At the teens request, Librarian DeBow will start hosting a monthly Anime club on the third Saturday of every month starting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Teens are hard at work designing the promotional flyer.



Librarian DeBow, along with the Highlands High School Engineering Magnet School coordinator, Michelle Garcia, facilitated a STEAM for Adults event on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were able to explore the fun of robotics with R2D2 and BB8 Spheros, mini-spheros and Finch robots. Everyone enjoyed the SAPL branded VR glasses which were given out to all participants. Librarian DeBow demonstrated their use on her phone with a VR Rollercoaster ride app.



Librarian DeBow prepared and presented another STEAM for Adults program which involved making alcohol ink coasters. Participants enjoyed the process of using liquid watercolors and alcohol spray to create beautiful felt-padded coasters.



Patrons and staff of McCreless continued the summer's McCreless Walking Club Program with new fall hours. The Walking Club is enjoying earlier hours and cooler temperatures along the Salado Creek Green Way on our 2 mile hike from Southside Lions East to Comanche Park and back. This program is an ongoing program due to popularity and will continue throughout the fall on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.



Patrons of all ages and all skill levels created scrapbook pages of photos, mementos and keepsakes. Well over a dozen crafters learned new techniques and brushed up on old skills. Pages were designed and assembled using both pre-fabbed kits and handmade custom pieces. Art journal painting and collage techniques were also demonstrated and used by the participants. Each participant received a scrapbook album to catalogue their ongoing and growing collection. Due to popularity this class will be a monthly program for October through December.



New teen volunteer, Jemma, designed and created a new bulletin board for the teen area as well as a "Hot YA Reads" book display. Her creativity and artistic talent is much appreciated.

## MEMORIAL



The branch celebrated Play-Doh Day on Saturday, September 15. The family of a child with special needs was among the attendees. The child was very engaged and, while largely non-verbal, appeared to have a great time.



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall held a special story time to celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Attendees made an eyepatch from craft foam, sang pirate-themed songs, and listened to pirate-themed stories.



In observance of International Talk Like a Pirate Day, the branch showed the animated film, *The Pirates!: Band of Misfits*.



Library manager Maria Gonzales presented "Colorin Colorado" a bilingual story time for children. Her music selection by Jose-Luis Orozco was "Esta es mi Tierra" (This Land is Your Land) *Animal Talk* by Cynthia Weill was the selected story book.



Interim Teen Liaison Circulation Attendant Michelangelo Sosa attended an outreach event at Sam Houston High School where he presented on E Commerce to 6 classes.



Michelangelo also attended an outreach event and presented library resources to approximately 300 students and parents at Longfellow Middle School as the school presented free iPads for every 1-2 children in a family



Mr. Sosa assisted with hosting Rock the Plaza at Central Library. The event drew a significantly large audience of teens.



Teen liaison Rene Leija attended the Barrio Network meeting for the back to school Backpack Drive.





The branch set up a welcoming table by the entrance doors and offered chips, salsa, and queso dips to patrons in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. About thirty-six patrons freely indulged in this tasty treat.



Library aide Guadalupe Pinales and librarian Freddy Hudson created a hybrid Hispanic Heritage Month/Halloween display. It featured both home-made sugar skulls for Hispanic Heritage Month and theme books for Halloween.



The branch hosted a fun adult sugar skulls creating program on September 25. Twenty-one patrons attended this event and enjoyed creating and decorating their own sugar skulls. Thanks to Angelita Merla from the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center for teaching the workshop.



Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson attended and completed all SET Modules training during the month of September.



On October 9<sup>th</sup>, the branch screened the documentary, *Suicide: The Ripple Effect*, in conjunction with the San Antonio Behavioral Healthcare Hospital. The film tells the story of Kevin Hines, how his attempted suicide affected others in his life. A mental health advocate since that time Kevin Hines has made this health issue his dedicated work. The purpose of the documentary is to spread awareness of mental health issues and bring hope to those suffering from them. The branch also did a display to promote the program.



The branch continued its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a film festival on during October. Three films were screened throughout the day: *Todo México*, a history of Mexico in the Spanish language, *Los Hermanos Muerte*, a story of three brothers with a cry of “Land and Freedom” but in reality are seeking to enrich themselves within the spirit of the Mexican Revolution and *Viva la Raza: The Legacy of Eddie Guerrero*, although he came from a line of wrestlers, he was born with charisma and his championships are exhibited in footage from some of his popular matches in Mexico, Japan and the World Wide Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) .



The branch hosted National Night Out, an event designed to fight crime and drugs in the neighborhood. This event is also an opportunity for all community to come together to share recent events, concerns and to enjoy each other's company. Amigos Friends of the branch provided hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, water and delicious paletas for all attendees. Several community organizations came by to speak with the community. Members of the San Antonio Police Department, State Representative Justin Rodriguez, United States Representative Joaquin Castro, Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, Edgewood ISD, San Antonio Water System and various departments of the City of San Antonio addressed the attendees to reinforce their commitment to make San Antonio a better city to live and work in.



To promote literature and an interest in authors that craft literature the branch has started promoting an honorary “Author of the Month” series. This month's selected author was Gabriel Garcia Marquez. A short biography and a photograph are on displayed accompanied with a collection of the author's writings. The display has created an interest and patrons like to read about the authors' publications.



The branch continues to exhibit artwork by Dolores Murff. Her exhibit will be on display until the end of October.



Sugar skulls are on exhibit in a display case. These creations are donations from patrons that participated in the Sugar Skulls workshop.



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



Amigos Friends of the branch held their quarterly meeting at the branch. Topics of discussion were planning for National Night Out, recruitment efforts, their current budget and upcoming fundraisers. Branch manager Maria Gonzales presented a list of expenditures made possible by funding from the group.



The branch hosted Representative Justin Rodriguez meeting with the Westside Neighborhood Associations to address community concerns in this area of the city.

## MISSION



On October 2nd, the Friends of Mission Library hosted National Night Out in the courtyard space. It was very well-attended and on October 6th, the Friends of Mission Library hosted their semi-annual Book Sale.



With the system-wide initiative to have STEAM programs for adults, Mission offered these programs: On September 18th, STEAM for Adults: Cereal Box Journal. On September 25th: STEAM for Adults: Planner Night. On October 9th: STEAM for Adults: Craft Night--Book Art.



The studious teens at Mission Library came in for homework and snacks this month, many spending Teen Time working on school assignments. The Wii U, always a popular choice, was a favorite this month with teens playing games like Super Smash Brothers and Super Mario 3D World.



National Play Dough Day on September 17th, was a lot of fun. The kids had a great time getting creative with lots of different play-dough, including black with glitter.



A group of teachers from PreK4SA visited for the first time and were given a tour of the library and catalog instruction. The children's librarian spoke to them about the many services the library has that will help them in the classroom.

## PAN AMERICAN

Pan American branch started fall in style with brand new carpet throughout the library. The library was closed the last week of September to complete our makeover. New carpet, endcap signs and desk signs were installed. Pan American has received positive feedback from the community on the changes to the library.



Pan American Branch hosted a National Night Out program for the community. The branch stayed open past usual business hours to host this event. A large Jenga, Connect 4, bean bag toss and other yard games were set up in the East parking lot. Representatives from the Friends of the Library group were on hand to meet with the Pan American community. CPS Energy came out to give out information on energy conservation and reducing your electric bill. MoveOn Texas setup a table to

register eligible voters. Every member of the Pan American staff played an integral role in this program for the community.



Every month the Pan American Library hosts Pan Am Pix Flix, a movie screening where patrons decide which movie will be shown. This month, the theme was pigskin classics. Patrons voted for a screening of the movie "Remember the Titans". Pan Am staff provided popcorn, snacks and crafts related to the movie.



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



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.



Steven Barrera and Library Assistant Cassandra Garza represented Pan American Branch Library at the Low-Brary Car Show at Mission Marquee Plaza. Although the event was canceled due to weather, they worked as a team with other SAPL employees to set up and prepare for the event. It provided an excellent team building opportunity for all those that worked to get the program together.



The Children and their families have greatly enjoyed the new furniture from our renovation. There is more shared activities within the families being it reading together, crafting, or using the AWE computers.



Valerie Shelley, Children's Librarian, had Community Helpers as the theme for Toddler Time. Lego Club met biweekly with crafts being the weeks between. Craft activities were also available on a daily basis.



Outreach was held at Stonewall-Flanders ES during their Literacy Night. Library cards were issued to those who wanted the card.



On September 19, library assistant and teen liaison Nicole Garza facilitated a food demonstration with Pan American teens. Last month the teen group learned how to create a bento box lunch and this teen time they learned how to master the art of making rice balls. The teens used a rice maker to make sushi rice and then used a rice ball mold to easily shape their rice balls. There was also an array of various rice ball spices and seasonings that the teen group used to spice up their rice balls.



On October 2, Ms. Garza assisted with the branch's first national night out event. The teen services Vroom van made a lasting impression with the community. The Vroom van was equipped with children sized chairs, tables and crafts for all ages. A button maker was the top choice for crafts included within the Vroom van.



On October 3, Ms. Garza and the teen group at Pan American began decorating the meeting room for our first ever Haunted house. The teen group decided to create, design and build their

own haunted house this year and hopefully many years to come. Several of teens invited their friends to help participate with building the haunted house.



On October 6, Eclectic Electric presented Rock the Plaza event at Central library and Ms. Garza assisted event coordinator J.D Elizondo. Ms. Garza reached out to the Network of Young Artists with Mr. Elizondo and was able to secure teen performers for Rock the Plaza. The event was a showcase of local teen musicians.



On October 9, Ms. Garza and Mr. Elizondo conducted informational sessions at Brennan High school to speak about Teen Art Fest. The informational sessions focused on a call to artists to submit their pieces to display at the Teen Art Fest. The team spoke to during all the art class students throughout the entire day.



On October 10 and October 17, during teen time Ms. Garza and the teen group continued to work on building decorations for Pan American's Haunted house. The teens were able to build an entire movable wall for one of the rooms in the haunted house. A group of teens also were working on coverings to help black out the meeting room walls. The teen group decided to add an extra day for the haunted house to be open for a kid friendly viewing.



On September 23 and October 7, Pan American hosted the Pokémon champions group. The group was informed of a new Pokémon trading card set coming out and we reviewed several of the new additions to the set. Ms. Garza showed the group how to price some of their valuable cards as well as how to protect their valuable cards with special card sleeves.

## PARMAN



In the reporting period, Children's Librarian II Katie Thonen went to Lopez Middle School for an outreach and library card sign-up event. A table was set up during lunch and in the library until the end of the school day to connect with students and faculty while providing library cards and information on tween/teen services at Parman. Additional outreach events with local elementary and middle schools are in planning stages.



The children's department at Parman continued with its weekly programming schedule and recorded one of the highest weekly program attendances in 2018 FY during one of our Friday Toddler Times presented by Melissa Moser. Program numbers are steadily growing for and there is an increase in repeat program attendees from week to week. A Kid's Discovery Time program has been added to the program schedule. This program, presented by children's Librarian I, Katy Dillard, offers S.T.E.A.M. based projects and crafts for children aged 5-8.



Parman is very excited to have Katy Dillard on board! She stepped up and took over programming when Katie T. was out on vacation and has fully taken over Baby Time on Mondays. She has jumped in with two feet and has already proven to be a great addition to the Parman Team!



The Dungeons and Dragons group organized by teen librarian Megan Coker and presented by the volunteer /professional DD master, has continued to grow, with a core group of about a half dozen students who are always eager to go on epic adventures. Tabletop roleplaying games like Dungeons and

Dragons are not only a wonderfully fun way to spend an evening, but also develop creative writing skills, allow participants an excellent way to exercise mathematical capabilities (as well as providing deft examples of the laws of probability through the rolls of various many-sided dice), and even cultivate students' emotional intelligence as they walk a mile in someone else's shoes and consider how someone would behave in different circumstances based on their motivations. And who wouldn't enjoy the opportunity to do all of that while making friends and going on magical quests?



Tween Time has facilitated several adventures for ages 9-12. The tweens have discovered an enthusiasm for making pixel art with perler beads, as well as several other activities, including making their own shadow puppets (and acting out scenes from favorite series) and trying out different board games – not only well-known classics like the Game of Life (which has changed a lot since yesteryear), but also less well-known favorites like Ravensburger's Labyrinth game of finding magical objects in an ever-changing maze. Whether it's trying a new medium or sharing with others their favorite activities, the tweens have displayed great eagerness and gusto, and are always interested in what we're going to do next.



Adult Programming returned for the fall with a new adult series: "Making it @ Parman" - programs for crafters and makers! Barbara K. presented a program in which patrons learned and tasted differences between white, green, oolong and black teas, Moroccan mint tea, Turkish vs. English black tea, Russian chai vs. Indian chai, loose tea vs. tea bags etc. In her second program secrets of afternoon tea were revealed. Program was very well received and attendees (another record number 2018 FY) requested a creation of regular program "Adults Night Out".



Leissa Kimball adult librarian II and a new assistant manager prepared and delivered smashing program to celebrate the 200th birthday of Frankenstein's Monster. In this program patrons learned how to do a monster makeup for Halloween, and watched the classic 1931 thriller. In another edition of "Making it at Parman" patrons learned to make their own prickly plants out of felt.



Now Parman Branch Library is offering weekly programs for all ages from birth to adults.

## POTRANCO



The Potranco library hosted Celebra el Sol/ Celebrate the Sun, a program that highlighted and celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. The program brought to attention the prominence of the sun in connection with Hispanic culture. The presentation featured arts and crafts, poems, and stories praising Hispanic Heritage for school-age children. Children's librarian, Angela Bilbe, observed parents bonding with children over the literature and developing deeper connections with themselves and their Latino neighbors. They became engaged in the beautiful art and history, and expressed themselves through the artwork of the suns. Children's librarian, Bilbe, detected a sense of delight radiating from the Latino children. Their culture was being represented and praised at the library; giving them a sense of belonging. Within the Hispanic culture, the sun symbolizes beauty, and flourishing of life. The children blossomed and beamed with pride during the program.



Early literacy skills and development begin at birth, therefore the Potranco library hosts baby time every Tuesday in the early morning hours. Children's librarian, Angela Bilbe, has noticed parents become more active in participating in the songs, and motions during baby time. Bilbe reports an increased engagement between guardian and child during the program. Due to this, the infants appear to be able to recognize the sounds, and rhythms of the nursery rhymes that are being sung and read from the books. The program is inspiring parents to be more engaged in reading activities, which greatly benefits their child in early literacy development.





During the reporting period September 17 – October 14, Potranco continued hosting the Sunday morning I Heart Vinyl series, curated and deejayed by Paschal Booker. Audio lineups included such themes as Indie Music, Hispanic Heritage Month, and the music of Tejas/Texas. Awareness of the series in the Potranco Library community continues to grow, as reflected by our regular attendees. Booker has observed increased and ongoing discussions throughout the week with vinyl-collecting patrons. Patrons enjoy offering suggestions for future themes. Patrons are required to turn in records at the Ask Desk due to the vulnerability of possible breakage. The Potranco Team works together to at the Ask Desk to engage patrons in conversations about their likes and dislikes regarding music. The Team has found it is a wonderful way to build relationships, much akin to our chats with patrons about their reading preferences. Booker reports the Potranco community makes phone calls during the week inquiring about the upcoming Sunday theme. Booker and Team, believe patrons going out of their way to come to Potranco Branch for a Sunday morning listening experience is a particularly noteworthy development. While the ongoing goal in the future is to build a listening community whose participants will bring their own music to share, we also want to continue to build a vinyl collection that reflects the lives, heritage, and interests of community patrons.



October 4th the Potranco book club gathered to discuss the book, *The World According to Garp* by John Irving. Facilitator and Circulation Attendant Miranda O'Neill chose this book because it was on the banned book list. This year Banned Books Week fell between September 23 and 29. In an effort to engage patrons at the book club, O'Neill felt this would be a great pick offering plenty of discussion. Irving touches on feminism, rape, transgender, and infidelity in this novel. Although the novel was published decades ago, these same topics hold relevancy in 2018. As the meeting drew closer, O'Neill realized the books topics paralleled several heated national debates. Court hearings were recently been held between Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and now Justice Brett Kavanaugh. O'Neill reports attendees sparked a thoughtful conversation about these topics and easily drew similarities in the main character and what they see happening to women today. O'Neill says, "It's these meaningful conversations with these women that reinvigorate my joy in being a part of this book club."

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Children's fall events at Pruitt Library are off to an exciting start. Kids and parents enjoyed a fun-filled time celebrating National Playdough Day. Participants were thrilled for the opportunity to make their own homemade playdough in a variety of colors and shaping it to form all kinds of objects and animals.



What a terrific time families had during the children's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration of the sun! Attendees learned about different forms of Mexican folk art. They constructed their own form of folk art featuring colorful suns made with paper plates and colorful ribbons. It was evident to see how library events can bring families together. In attendance was a ninety-seven-year old great grandmother and her great granddaughters. All had a great time preparing their craft while discussing the day's events.



Librarian Cynthia Saenz recently participated in an outreach event at Harmony School of Innovation's Language Arts and Math Night. She met with several parents, students, and teachers and informed them about the many resources available with their San Antonio Public Library card. Everyone expressed interest in attending programs offered for patrons of all ages at the various branches throughout the city.



The new Teen Librarian Sheri Watkins joined the Molly Pruitt staff on September 24. The Monday lunchtime chess lessons with Chess Master Alex Weinberg continued, allowing teens to have another opportunity to hone their critical-thinking skills and improve their chess game in their leisure time.



Pruitt teens completed a survey to determine their preferences for programming activities at their library branch. Based on the results, activities will rotate throughout the month and will include movies, crafts, board games, and periodic holiday celebration events.



During Teen Read Week, Pruitt teens kept with the theme, “Its Written in the Stars,” by creating LED light constellation canvas art. Participants in this activity explored their STEM creativity during conception and creation of circuits that took the shape of constellations in the sky.



The first STEAM for Adults activity, calligraphy, was a big hit. Sümeyye Akin, the calligraphy artist hails from Turkey where she learned from a master teacher. She has spent years perfecting her craft and it showed. The class used the sets of calligraphy pens that were provided for the STEAM for Adults grant from USAA. The adults really enjoyed the bookmark she made for each participant.



Due to the multiple requests, Librarian Rae Downen began conducting classes on Sundays to prepare adults to become naturalized citizens. On Wednesdays, she is hoping that Roosevelt High School LEO Club and National Honor Society students will provide free childcare in exchange for service hours. Some women that are getting ready to apply for citizenship are bound to the house because they are the primary caregiver of their children, and the cost of childcare is too much for most. By providing childcare during the Wednesday night classes, Ms. Downen is trying to ensure that our community can help break this barrier.



For Hispanic Heritage Month adults prepared for Dia de los Muertos by decorating clay that was rolled out flat and imprinted with the decorative sugar skull patterns. Patrons enjoyed letting their creative juices flow.

## SAN PEDRO



Outreach Story Time Programs—Ms. Dalton presented monthly story times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes), Monte Vista Montessori (two classes), and Laurel Heights Weekday School (1 class). This school year Betsy added the eleven Will Smith Zoo School classes and four Respite Care classes. Fifteen to twenty books were also delivered to each child care/preschool class for their use during the month. Monte Vista, Will Smith Zoo School, and Laurel Heights request thematic books for topics they will be discussing in their respective classes and the teachers are very appreciative to this enrichment to their curriculum.



Kids Time Programs—Minecraft Monday and LEGO® Club on Wednesdays are continuing.



Toddler Time Programs—This program continued during this reporting time with a small but very loyal group.



Outreach School Age Book Club—Ms. Dalton spoke with the librarians at several schools and has set up eight book clubs in the service area for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders for this school year. These schools include Monte Vista Montessori, St. Anthony’s School, and 3 SAISD schools: Hawthorne

Academy, Rogers Academy and Twain Academy. She also assists the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Advanced Learning Academy by providing them on a monthly basis with thematic books.



**Family Fun**—Two Family Fun events were held during this reporting period. On September 23, Tambo Rhythms provided a lively program, allowing families to release their inner percussionists! On October 14, families made celebrated Hispanic Heritage by making collage suns.

**Hawthorne Family Literacy Night**—Ms. Dalton represented SAPL at Hawthorne Academy's Family Literacy Night, promoting the various services the library provides to families.



Ms. Dalton and Ms. Roja attended training on the use of Brain Fuse, the replacement for Homework Help.



Becky Grissom, Friends of San Pedro Library Vice President, attended the Beacon Hill National Night Out event on Tuesday, Oct. 6. She spoke to fifty neighbors about library services and invited them in for a visit.



Circulation attendant Chrystal Hernandez is participating in a group known as San Antonio Rocks. She has painted designs on several small rocks, and is placing them in easy to find places, such as the San Pedro Park and on the San Antonio College campus. When the rock is found, the person is able to keep it or rehide it. They can post a picture on Facebook, too. The note on the back of the rock invites the person to come visit the library. So far 2 of the rocks have been found and posted on Facebook!

## SCHAEFER



Kids at Schaefer celebrated Hispanic Heritage month on Monday, Oct. 8 by making colorful mosaic suns out of paper plates and tissue paper.



Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser and library assistant Sara Ramirez made an appearance on Salado Intermediate School's morning show on Sept. 19. They promoted library cards, fall programs and Young Pegasus. Leslie Elsasser also went to Evelyn King PCI on Oct. 3 for her monthly outreach. She read stories to the preschool and toddler classrooms.



Weekly children's programs continue to be popular at Schaefer. Baby Time is steadily increasing in numbers and LEGO Time continues to draw in large crowds of enthusiastic builders. During the past few weeks, Story Time and Toddler Time participants have heard stories about squirrels, autumn, monsters and owls.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez facilitated one Science Time program during the reporting period. On October 9th, Science Time explored the world of animal superheroes. Children enjoyed a reading of the book "Superbat" about a bat with super powers including supersonic hearing, echolocation, the ability to fly, and the most important superpower, courage. To learn about how echolocation works, children played a bat version of Marco Polo. Children were also welcomed to create their own superhero capes as a fun take-home craft.



Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, visited S.T.E.M. Early College High School students and provided a button making activity.

Cindy provided volunteer opportunities from East Central's Vocational Ed dept. These teens helped organize and sort through arts and crafts materials as well as check through DVD cases, searching for lost items.



Teen programs for the reporting period included a metal art tile project in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, two 3D print labs, and a robot program. Teen volunteers also facilitated their own program, the Teen Coloring Club.



Schaefer Library's Robot Roundup program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron, has continued its success into the school year! Every other Thursday, from 4:00-5:00, 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, tag, and robot soccer. To get in the Halloween spirit this month we did monster bowling and the kids enjoyed it! We also utilize our 3D Printer to create small trophies and collectables for the winners. Robot Roundup allows the kids to learn more about these droid devices every time they attend the program, which is an important tool as these devices will become more and more prevalent in the future. Robot Roundup allows kids to become familiar with STEAM based devices and have fun at the same time.



Schaefer Library's Fortnite Sunday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendants Reuben Duron and Noah Reese, has stayed a popular program for kids/teens! On Sundays from 4:00-5:00, anyone 13 and older can come and play the most popular game in the world at Schaefer Library. Kids 12 and under are allowed to play with parent's permission. We've gotten quite a few families to come in and give the game a try and they all loved it. This past Sunday we had our highest amount of patrons come to our program with 23! Fortnite Sundays gives families a chance to do something different at the library and have fun while doing it!



For the 2018 Nation Night Out on October 2nd, Library Assistant Mason Matthews provided a chess program to the Lavaca & King William Neighborhood Associations. LA Matthews taught chess skills and facilitated friendly chess matches between National Night Out participants at G.W. Brackenridge High School. Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson attended the Lakeside Neighborhood Association's National Night Out event at Tealer Park. Community members enjoyed playing with Legos and hearing about the programs Schaefer offers. The Schaefer branch library was also invited to attend the Artisan at Willow Springs Apartments National Night Out event. Maria Adams represented the library by sharing information and explaining the benefits of having a library card to residents of the complex.



Monday evenings at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 1800 to 1930 hours children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer's Community Flex Space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason Matthews. Tournament Style Chess Sets provided by a generous donation from our friends at Dollar General.



Every other Thursday afternoon, Schaefer hosts the Kid's Gaming Program. School age children gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Wii U, and Nintendo Switch games in an environment which promotes teamwork, friendly competition, and social interaction. Library Assistant Mason Matthews offers instruction and mediation.



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.



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



September's Saturday Movie was especially fun as PAWS for Service brought therapy dogs and talked about the work they do in the community. Over thirty patrons asked questions and petted dogs before viewing the movie "Show Dogs". The first Saturday Movie in October was "Planet 51" and patrons got a kick out of seeing an oldie-but-goodie



The Skimmers met in September to discuss "The Child" by Fiona Barton. The twist ending got almost every Skimmer and they thoroughly enjoyed the read!



October's Learn Computer Class covered Google Sheets. Patrons remarked how they have slowly been incorporating Learn lessons into their daily lives-including switching from Microsoft Suite to Google Apps!



District 2 outreach continues with The Schaefer branch hosting programs at the senior center. Librarian Maria Adams hosted a device support program for seniors at the senior center on September 17. The attendees had their devices in hand and had questions about archiving photos on a smartphone, how to view videos on YouTube, and how to turn off the screen reader on a flip phone.



On Wednesday, September 19 Schaefer Library hosted a Bexar County Master Gardener for an informative session on container gardening. September is Hunger Action Month and attendees learned about the benefits of container gardening to supplement healthier eating habits. The library also hosted a food drive to benefit the San Antonio Food Bank during the month.



Hispanic Heritage month celebrations kicked off the at the Schaefer branch library on Sunday, September 30 with a special screening of the movie Coco. A Day of the Dead coloring craft preceded a screening of the movie. Circulation Attendant, Christina Cardenas assisted with program preparations and Librarian Maria Adams hosted the event.



An additional event in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month Schaefer Branch staff members (Sara Rodriguez, Cindy Cruz, Susie Criado, and Maria Adams) assembled an ofrenda for El Dia de Los Muertos. Patrons and staff are invited to participate in the decorating of the altar by placing a photo of a lost loved one on the ofrenda as a way to honor those they have lost.



Librarian Maria Adams offered a coloring session for seniors at the District 2 Senior Center as part of the monthly adult coloring program at the center on Tuesday, October 9,.



The Schaefer Branch library hosted a tour group from the D2 Senior Center on Thursday, October 11. Attendees toured the library, learned about services we provide, and also viewed a 3-D printing demonstration



# SEMMEES



Regular story times continue to be well attended at the Branch. On Saturday, October 13, Children's Librarian II, Randi Jones presented the Celebra el Sol/Celebrate the Sun program in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Children and their grownups enjoyed making folk art that celebrated the warmth and light of the sun.



The Seasons Alzheimer's Care and Assisted Living has started visiting the branch regularly. Librarian II, Megan Stanley, selects books for the residents to browse while they are at the library. During future visits, she will also provide a small craft or play a game with them.



In late September, the Busy Writers Society began meeting monthly at the branch. This is a group for folks carving out time in their busy schedules to write, to think about writing, to learn about writing and publishing, to promote their own writing ventures, and to meet and socialize with other writers.



On Saturday, September 22, staff participated in the Pokémon Community Day for September. Community Day is a 3 hour event tied to the mobile game Pokémon Go. Staff set up in the Comanche Lookout Park classroom area and provided refreshments, a phone charging station, a Pokémon related craft and team buttons. About 150 people came by and picked up a button or made the craft. Special thanks to the Semmes Friends for providing the button making supplies.



The Friends held their fall book sale on Saturday, October 2, with the preview sale for Friends Members on Friday, October 1. A great many Friends turned out to help with the setup and running of the sale. The Friends made almost \$1700.00 over the two day sale. Staff already has plans on how to spend their earnings.



The Friends also held their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, October 10. The Friends approved the FY2019 Donation Plan during their meeting.



Several people turned out for the Coding for Adults class on Saturday, October 13. A presenter from the San Antonio Coding Academy came out and gave the group an introduction to computer coding.



Circulation Attendant Priscilla Boatwright, an accomplished artist, has begun a new Introduction to Art class twice per month. The class will be exploring basic drawing and painting techniques.

# THOUSAND OAKS



Branch Manager Troy Lawrence has stepped into the role of part time children's librarian until a new children's librarian can be located. Librarian Ann Laird moved to the Encino Branch to be closer to her home. Toddler times continue on Thursdays at 10:30 AM and Story Time at 11:15. These early literacy programs feature popular children's songs, nursery rhymes, and literature. Story Time includes a craft.



Thousand Oaks had rousing Teen Times with gaming on the WiiU, creating things out of clay, and watching a movie with popcorn! Kimberly King has joined the Thousand Oaks staff as the Teen Librarian.



Jane Harper's *The Dry* was September's selection for the Thursday Book Group. The group enjoyed the story however they pointed out several missing elements. One of those being the lack of a medical examiner. With a medical examiner's expertise the murder would have been exposed sooner. The group agreed they would not have guessed the ending of the story so the story was well told. They particularly liked how well the characters were fleshed out by the author.



Readers of the Northeast Senior Center Book Group discussed Isabel Allende's latest work, *In the Midst of Winter*. Several readers are fans of Ms. Allende and were able to compare the new book to previous books. Many enjoyed the historical accounts that played important roles in each character's development, as well as the strong female leads. Facilitated by Librarian Theresa Garza, the group discussed the many issues raised in the book, including immigration, alcoholism, political unrest, human trafficking, aging, and relationships.



On September 27, Librarian Theresa Garza participated in the Northeast Senior Center Open House to promote the monthly Book Group to members. The NESC Book Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center and reads a variety of books, both Fiction and Non-Fiction. Each month, selections are available in print, large print, ebook, and audio, so that all readers may participate.



In partnership with UTSA Doctoral Candidate Holly May, the Smithsonian Outbreak Exhibit educated Thousand Oaks patrons on how diseases spread and how scientists treat and contain outbreaks. The sixteen posters, in English and Spanish, were exhibited throughout the Adult stacks from October 3 - 10.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Rhonda Woolhouse, Adult Services Librarian and Assistant Manager, put together an innovative program as Tobin at Oakwell celebrated the new season of Doctor Who and the first female doctor. On September 29, a special Doctor Who Brunch was held that included Whovian snacks such as Jammie Dodgers, fish fingers and custard, and bananas being served. Patrons could also make Gallifreyan tiles with their names, red bow ties, and baby adipose (one of the creatures from the show). This event was marketed to the San Antonio Dr. Who Meet-Up group and had a sizeable fan club come.



The Diabetic Healthy Lifestyle Program for Veterans is continuing to meet once a month at the branch. Based on the three month pilot, Coordinator Cristina Elizondo from the Veteran's Hospital, has been pleased with participation so she will be hosting the program through December.



Voices De La Luna is a group of local poets that gather monthly to share poems they have written. Periodically, guest poets give readings or speakers present relevant information on writing for attendees.



Russian immigrant, Inna Yaroslavovna Jackson, teaches about the language, culture and what life is like living in Russia with weekly Sunday classes. Ms. Jackson has seen solid attendance with enthusiastic students for these classes so they will extend in upcoming months.



Tobin at Oakwell celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* on October 13. The classic movie was shown along with snacks and clever crafts related to the movie.



Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler, has numerous children's programs she prepares and presents, including Toddler and Story Time, Baby Time, Lego Time, and Read to a Dog. Most sessions incorporate art activities or creative play so that STEAM skills are utilized.



Ms. Braeuler celebrated National Play dough Day on September 18. Kids and adults of all ages enjoyed this long time favorite unique activity with squishing and mashing the multi-colored home made into various shapes.



Library Assistant, Auriel Pinales is hosting the anime manga club, Otaku, that's held twice a month. Ms. Pinales is teaching students how to draw anime figures and lets teens pick a movie to watch in this genre during many sessions as well.



The Young Adult Adventurer's Guild gathers weekly to mainly play Dungeons and Dragons with San Antonio Gamers being the main Dungeon Masters leading the crowd. This role playing game encompasses creative thinking and math proficiency still while having loads of fun.



Friends of Tobin at Oakwell Library held a very successful Book Sale on September 28 – 30. President Alethea Bugg coordinated with Cody's Friends group so that buyers at both sales could pick up a coupon good for \$1 off at the other branch's sale as they were held the same weekend.



Ms. Woolhouse visits North East Rehab Center for seniors one time each month now for residents to enjoy activities like coloring or simple crafts. Ms. K. Braeuler visited Southwest Preparatory Charter School on September 25 to partake in the school's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.



Staff had to sadly say goodbye to Circulation Attendant, Carmen Zapata, as she transferred to Brookhollow September 21. Ms. Zapata will be really missed as she co-hosted the monthly bilingual story time with Librarian, K. Braeuler.

## WESTFALL



During the months of September and October, 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 September a 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 win some great prizes and the children got a free book. In addition to the summer reading program, children, teen 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 the reporting period, Children's Librarian, Imelda Merino, visited daycares in the service areas 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.



On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Westfall branch hosted Walking Dead Day, where fans of the hit show could join together to celebrate the survival comic by Robert Kirkman and Charlie Adlard. The community was given the opportunity to play Walking Dead trivia, make a fandom pin-back button, and have some snacks. Cosplayers were also welcomed at the branch. Branch staff would like to give a special thanks to Diamond Comics for the Walking Dead swag!

Teen Librarian, Daniella Toll, also hosted a monthly dungeons and dragons program for the Westfall teen. Additionally, the branch continued to offer free math tutoring to teens.



The Westfall Branch Library 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 Astronaut Wives’ Club: A True Story” by Lily Koppel. 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 September and October, 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. Another group tried to win the heart of the Princess Annette in Love Letter. Others attempted to vie for power of Waterdeep, the City of Splendors in The Lords of Waterdeep The CTW will be at the Westfall 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 reporting period. 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 October, 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.



In September, the Westfall branch staff welcomed new part-time library assistant, Heather Swindell to the team. Ms. Swindell, holds a Master’s degree in library and information science and bring a diverse background including time in the military and at book stores. Ms. Swindell is eager to assist the Westfall community and hopes to one day be a full time librarian at San Antonio Public Library.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

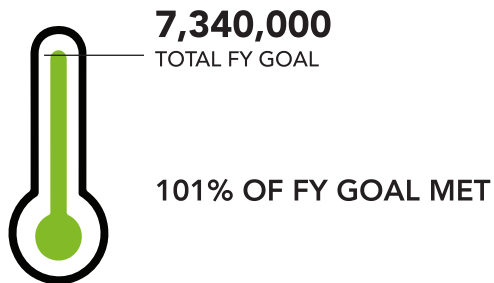
## SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

Presented below are key indicators that align with the Library's Strategic Plan.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

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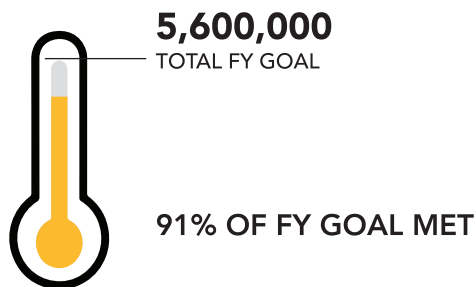
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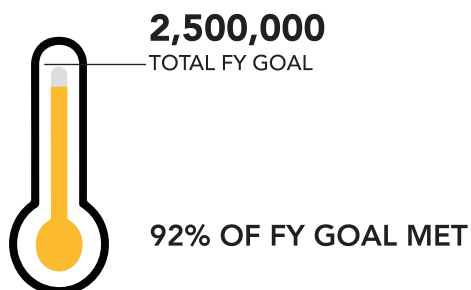
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TOTAL HOURS OF  
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

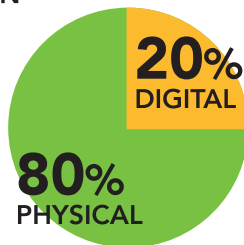


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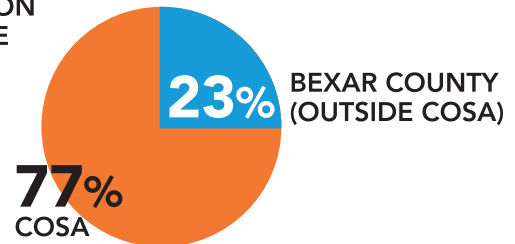
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### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2018

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



### VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2018



**2,614,391**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**923,458**  
MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**1,759,229**  
SANANTONIO.OVERDRIVE.COM  
VISITS

### PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2018



**357,958**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**71,719**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**49,415**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**236,824**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



# San Antonio Public Library

## Sep 2018 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	4,941	8,853	7,038	1,797	5,242
Brook Hollow	27,509	17,918	6,613	1,266	5,347
Carver	5,278	8,294	4,101	1,507	2,594
Central	27,111	50,968	40,513	10,508	30,004
Cody	35,965	20,875	7,199	1,750	5,449
Collins Garden	6,786	7,259	6,162	2,285	3,877
Cortez	7,332	9,668	4,456	1,263	3,193
Encino	18,862	12,499	4,417	541	3,877
Forest Hills	7,722	7,029	3,134	869	2,265
Great Northwest	25,702	15,823	6,124	1,573	4,551
Guerra	11,509	9,568	6,231	1,819	4,412
Igo	31,094	28,735	8,392	1,348	7,043
Johnston	11,545	11,221	4,565	1,568	2,996
Landa	12,816	11,748	2,130	722	1,408
Las Palmas	5,926	10,404	5,020	1,707	3,313
Maverick	23,356	11,591	5,735	1,603	4,132
McCreless	10,511	12,873	4,906	1,542	3,364
Memorial	7,483	8,495	4,253	1,315	2,939
Mission	14,735	19,289	8,519	2,441	6,078
Pan American	4,626	6,208	2,564	955	1,610
Parman	27,121	22,962	6,247	866	5,381
Potranco	19,136	15,344	14,528	960	13,568
Pruitt	7,345	14,892	3,204	1,216	1,989
San Pedro	4,366	7,932	2,956	535	2,421
Schaefer	9,637	10,757	4,466	952	3,514
Semmes	25,234	16,904	7,117	1,874	5,242
Thousand Oaks	9,474	9,322	5,247	1,100	4,147
Tobin	18,667	15,228	5,287	1,486	3,802
Westfall	16,460	14,744	8,130	2,542	5,588
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,038	504	N/A	504
Interlibrary Loan Lending	903	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	104,045	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	142,737	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>685,934</b>	<b>418,441</b>	<b>199,756</b>	<b>49,908</b>	<b>149,848</b>

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

# San Antonio Public Library

## Sep 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	44	21	7	16	394	165	122	107
Brook Hollow	44	8	4	32	1,011	77	7	927
Carver	47	22	9	16	667	261	106	300
Central	140	13	90	37	2,829	896	744	1,189
Cody	40	8	11	21	1,111	71	358	682
Collins Garden	33	6	4	23	431	38	31	362
Cortez	88	73	3	12	427	281	5	141
Encino	63	28	8	27	1,178	125	154	899
Forest Hills	25	7	1	16	316	80	3	233
Great Northwest	39	17	9	13	1,322	104	142	1,076
Guerra	39	12	4	23	620	197	4	419
Igo	46	21	1	24	1,463	257	2	1,204
Johnston	27	10	4	13	394	74	13	307
Landa	59	4	24	31	1,147	66	110	971
Las Palmas	31	10	4	17	403	39	3	361
Maverick	33	10	5	18	858	89	144	625
McCreless	20	7	4	9	232	35	30	167
Memorial	26	3	6	17	1,176	71	1,066	39
Mission	49	27	7	15	763	443	52	268
Pan American	30	17	6	7	430	247	147	36
Parman	75	34	7	34	1,585	423	17	1,145
Potranco	24	4	0	20	513	18	0	495
Pruitt	39	8	8	23	890	297	103	490
San Pedro	25	2	0	23	271	17	0	254
Schaefer	67	22	14	31	1,635	93	145	1,397
Semmes	50	13	6	31	1,142	165	59	918
Thousand Oaks	21	4	4	13	294	79	24	191
Tobin	68	18	11	39	1,693	202	408	1,083
Westfall	31	3	10	18	253	25	43	185
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	39	N/A	N/A	39	787	N/A	N/A	787
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>26,235</b>	<b>4,935</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>17,258</b>

# San Antonio Public Library

## FY 2018 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	57,776	110,475	74,760	19,511	55,249
Brook Hollow	309,714	227,116	71,371	14,164	57,207
Carver	53,186	90,293	49,549	16,835	32,713
Central	295,622	631,432	501,180	130,003	371,177
Cody	386,707	241,662	76,002	16,218	59,784
Collins Garden	74,445	93,209	60,804	20,943	39,861
Cortez	76,899	115,805	52,301	14,383	37,917
Encino	221,908	157,786	46,084	5,556	40,528
Forest Hills	85,410	90,131	43,306	12,094	31,212
Great Northwest	284,439	192,154	69,535	17,454	52,082
Guerra	126,050	129,599	70,117	20,361	49,757
Igo	343,490	293,601	87,940	13,277	74,663
Johnston	125,920	125,463	53,179	16,152	37,027
Landa	141,480	137,773	28,633	8,272	20,360
Las Palmas	59,640	131,261	54,876	19,844	35,032
Maverick	278,886	152,124	64,662	18,285	46,378
McCreless	120,896	156,295	57,268	17,377	39,891
Memorial	76,708	100,063	53,121	14,907	38,214
Mission	144,895	219,989	95,940	27,401	68,539
Pan American	68,912	87,488	37,828	15,158	22,670
Parman	314,642	283,018	61,284	7,955	53,329
Potranco	217,657	187,296	163,937	11,134	152,803
Pruitt	79,486	184,796	44,076	13,690	30,387
San Pedro	48,848	75,577	29,466	7,426	22,040
Schaefer	113,886	128,918	63,434	10,232	53,202
Semmes	280,689	218,368	75,371	19,560	55,812
Thousand Oaks	114,976	116,298	58,319	12,918	45,401
Tobin	212,427	194,378	57,647	18,271	39,376
Westfall	185,132	178,441	91,450	28,464	62,986
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	16,417	5,433	N/A	5,433
Interlibrary Loan Lending	11,385	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	1,003,411	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	1,468,542	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,384,064</b>	<b>5,067,226</b>	<b>2,298,873</b>	<b>567,844</b>	<b>1,731,029</b>

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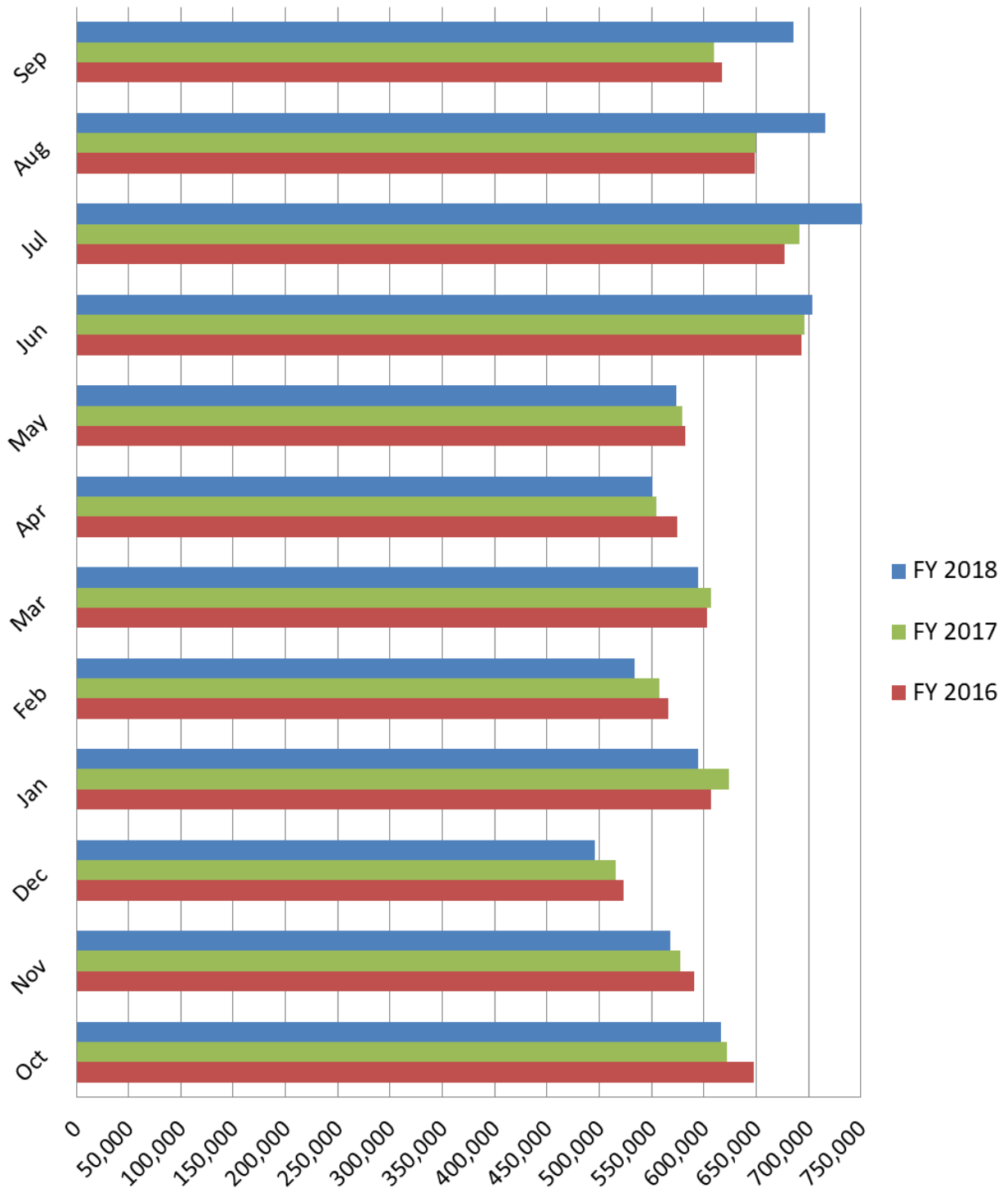
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Brook Hollow	466	101	50	315	11,337	1,962	232	9,143
Carver	486	297	101	87	8,326	5,398	720	2,208
Central	1,598	165	1,028	406	40,455	13,384	12,855	14,216
Cody	495	96	102	296	14,605	1,059	1,756	11,790
Collins Garden	471	122	44	305	8,320	1,246	525	6,549
Cortez	1,053	785	40	229	7,066	2,420	130	4,516
Encino	686	232	108	346	14,409	1,831	2,278	10,300
Forest Hills	357	130	24	203	5,415	1,584	101	3,730
Great Northwest	470	123	117	229	19,169	2,701	2,391	14,077
Guerra	449	154	59	236	11,055	2,696	3,116	5,243
Igo	495	195	56	244	15,127	2,113	760	12,254
Johnston	408	128	83	198	7,824	1,391	2,069	4,364
Landa	628	70	150	408	14,466	809	691	12,966
Las Palmas	448	185	57	206	6,784	2,058	438	4,288
Maverick	416	98	57	260	13,349	1,336	855	11,158
McCreless	318	65	61	192	5,880	414	2,020	3,446
Memorial	366	107	31	227	5,551	1,259	1,146	3,146
Mission	748	385	170	193	13,026	6,806	1,912	4,308
Pan American	479	200	61	218	8,687	1,747	1,859	5,081
Parman	858	360	54	444	22,808	5,947	371	16,490
Potranco	279	33	43	203	10,056	292	254	9,510
Pruitt	554	117	164	273	11,590	1,674	3,270	6,646
San Pedro	313	23	0	290	3,934	198	0	3,736
Schaefer	698	217	128	353	14,356	2,099	1,783	10,474
Semmes	535	98	70	367	11,328	660	607	10,061
Thousand Oaks	303	42	56	205	6,789	1,270	644	4,875
Tobin	640	126	117	397	16,484	3,166	4,013	9,305
Westfall	392	118	60	214	4,244	1,066	529	2,649
Kampmann Library Portal	1	1	0	0	8	8	0	0
Little Read Wagon	801	0	0	801	18,650	0	0	18,650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,782</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>8,519</b>	<b>357,958</b>	<b>71,719</b>	<b>49,415</b>	<b>236,824</b>



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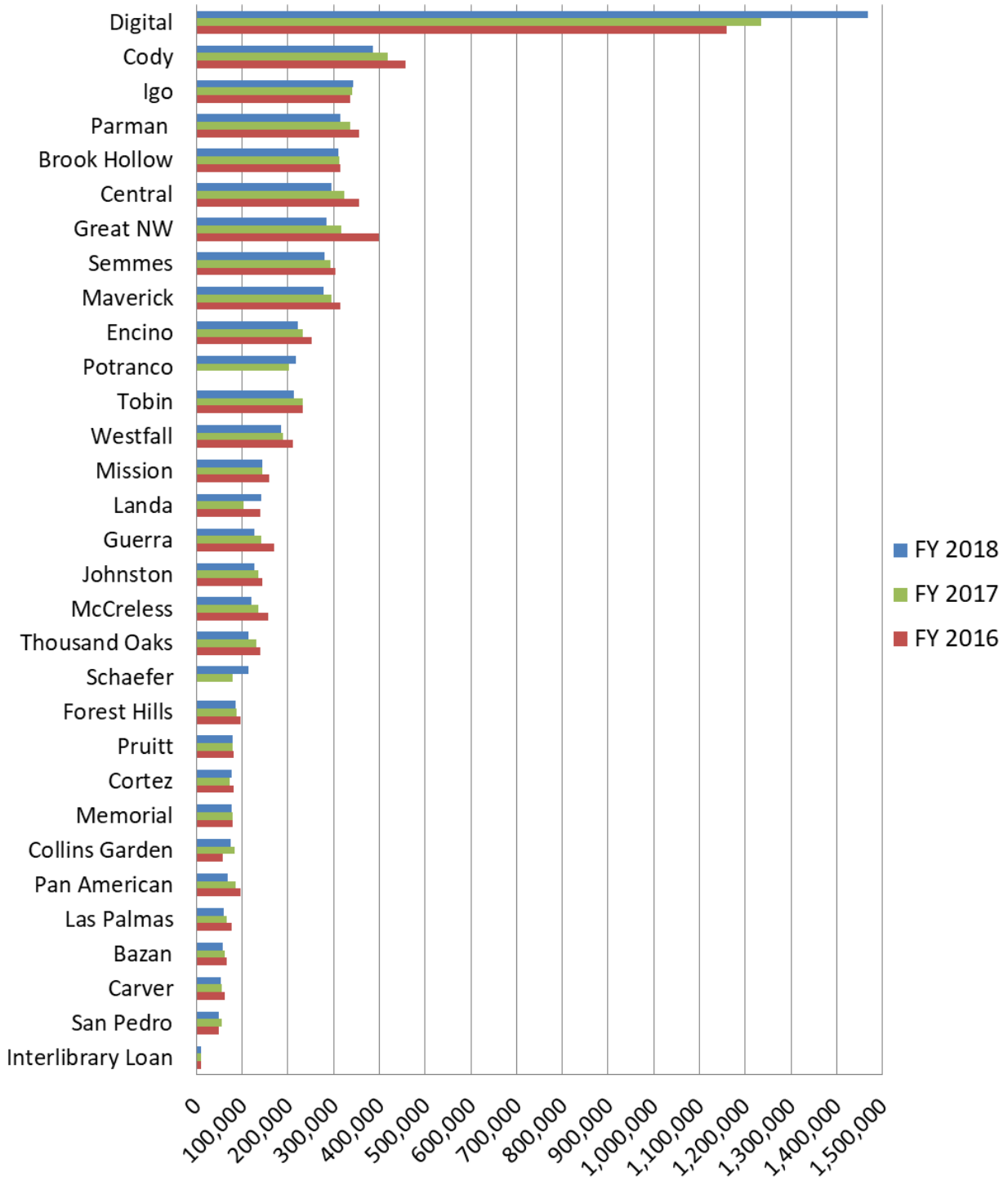
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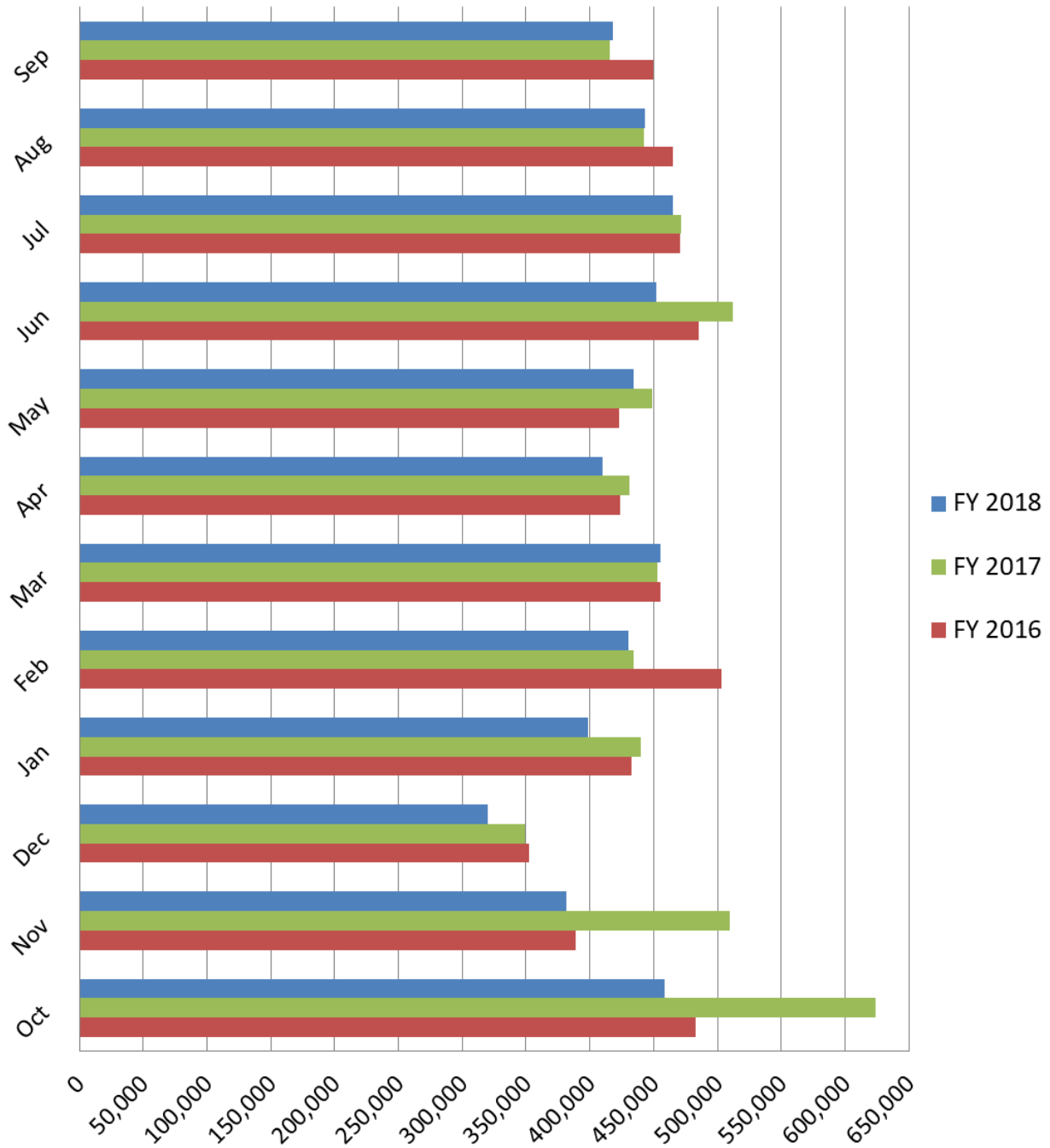
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## Visits



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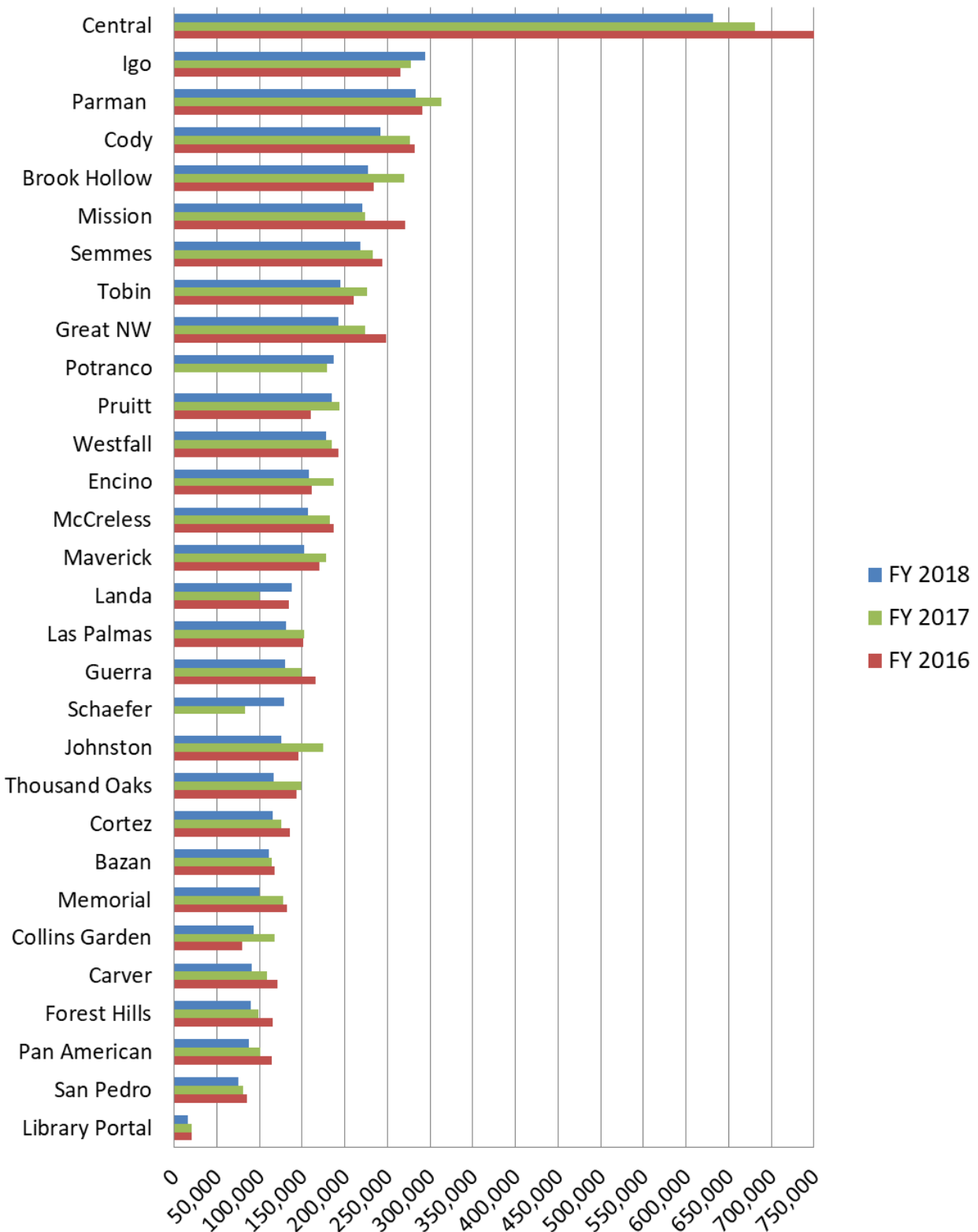
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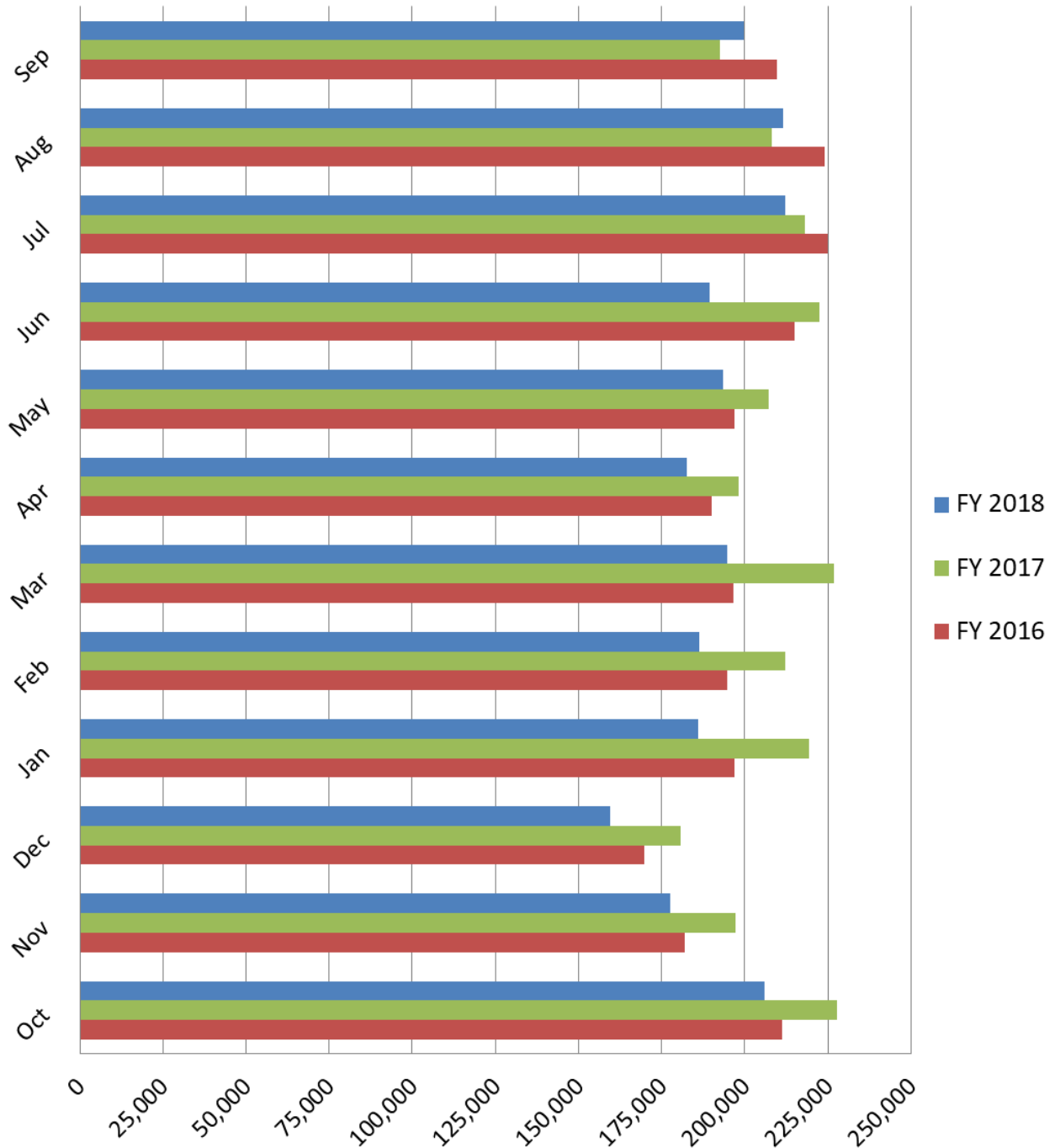
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