



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report March 2019

The Library's Low-brary Lowrider Show took place March 16th at the Central Library. Approximately 300 people attended the event, with about 25 lowriders and 20 lowrider bicycles on display throughout the day. Pictured above is Israel Lerma with Citywide Car Club, the winner of the "People's Choice" Award.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



Library Director Ramiro Salazar and Public Services Administrator Elma Nieto-Rodriguez participated in an American Library Association Census 2020 Taskforce Meeting on March 5, 2019. Mr. Salazar serves as a member of the Taskforce in his role as Library Director for the San Antonio Public Library and President-Elect of the Public Library Association. Ms. Nieto-Rodriguez serves as the Library Department's liaison to the City of San Antonio Census 2020 effort. The Library Department remains engaged with the efforts related to Census 2020 at both the national and local level.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar attended the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2019 and delivered a report regarding the Library Department. Mr. Salazar welcomed the newly Executive Committee members of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

## MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

- Computers in Library magazine featured SAPL in their March issue. The article featured "Technology Planning: Using the IT Road Map to Build the Library of the Future" written by SAPL Public Relations and Community manager Caitlin Cowart and Candelaria Mendoza.
- In March, the SAPL team participated in 5 live media interviews. This includes KENS 5 Great Day SA, KSAT SA Live, Fox News and News 4.
  - 3/01/19 KENS 5 Great Day SA featured SAPL's DIY U event. Samantha Gordano, Cody Branch Manager, represented the SAPL team.
  - 3/05/19 Little Read Wagon did a recorded segment on KSAT SA Live.
  - 3/08/19 Molly Pruitt Branch Manager, Rae Downen featured her Song of Peace library concert on News 4 and Fox.
  - 3/11/19 Lowbrary event was highlighted on KENS 5 Great Day SA.



The design team created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support: April newsletter; National Poetry Month; Fiesta SAPL branch events; Meet the Author Jim Denning at Cody; Pop Con; Spring Break passport (Cody); Texana Resource Center invitation and bond meeting; Summer Reading; New online catalog; Online chat; National Library Week; and Las Palmas 50th Anniversary.



The Team is currently planning for the Pan American 50th Anniversary event, Book Festival, National Library Week and Summer Reading Program.

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

- International Women's Day social media campaign asking fans to "Share a female author everyone should know about" received over 100 replies throughout Facebook and Instagram!
- SAPL Facebook page reached 17k fans this March! A new milestone reached as SAPL focuses on growing its social media presence.

### Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 17,104
2. Twitter: 4,621
3. Instagram: 3,363

## DIGITAL SERVICES



On February 19, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, Digital Library Services Specialist Adam Spana and Performance & Innovation Manager David Cooksey (Administration) met with student members of the Texas A&M SA JagCoders club to begin a project to provide library services through voice-enabled devices, such as the Amazon Echo. The meeting was facilitated by CivTechSA, a partnership between the COSA Office of Innovation and Geekdom that seeks to connect students and entrepreneurs with local government in the solving of civic technological challenges.



The public preview for the new Library online catalog began on February 25. Through an advertising campaign consisting of a banner ad on mysapl.org and social media and direct email marketing, patrons were invited to explore the new catalog and its features and provide their feedback to Digital Services staff. The feedback was instrumental in identifying areas to address through FAQs and in fine-tuning some features before the full-scale launch scheduled for March 25.

## LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents—Early literacy workshops were presented at the following schools: Elm Creek, Vinyard Ranch, Olmos, Irving Dual Language Academy, Bob Hope, Menchaca Early Childhood Center, Pre-K 4SA West, and Pre-K 4SA East.



Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens—During this reporting period Little Read Wagon staff visited these high school campuses: Churchill, Marshall (2), Roosevelt, LEE, O'Connor, Stevens, Healy Murphy, ACE, and Southwest.



Outreach Story Time Programs—Youth outreach story time programs were presented at Navarro Early Learning Center, Naomi Child Development Center, and House of Neighborly Service.



Play & Learn—Little Read Wagon has facilitated four of the five Play & Learn sessions to be held at OP Schnabel Park. The weather has been wet, cold, or wet AND cold at each event. Families have shown up to enjoy story time, art, blocks, and more activities even when the morning temperatures hovered near freezing!

During spring break the team added three pop-up programs to the schedule. Staff brought art activities, playdough, and a few reading kits to Hardberger, Elmendorf Lake, and Jane Dubel parks.



Reading Village—The Reading Village traveled to Pre-K 4SA West and Pre-K 4SA North for four afternoons each.



Workshops for Professionals—Julia Lazarin presented another Early Literacy Basics workshop on March 2.



**Building Connections**—Cresencia Huff hosted an information table for Literacy Night at Elm Creek Elementary. Ms. Huff also taped a segment for SA Live. Little Read Wagon represented the Library at South San Independent School District's annual Careers on Wheels day, busing all students in second grade to Shepard Middle School for the event. Julia Lazarin presented briefly on her experience at the Adventure Play Campference at the NEST (Nature Education Support in Texas) meeting held at Eco Centro. Megan Cruz, Clair Larkin, and Cresencia Huff also attended. Ms. Huff was allowed a few minutes to promote the upcoming Autism Accessible Browsing Hour at the Family Empowerment Autism Conference.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



**Summer Reading 2019: Over the Moon**—Plans are well underway for the 2019 Summer Reading program. This summer's theme, Over the Moon, celebrates the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 and the lunar landing. At the monthly children's meeting on March 14, the Summer Tween Time Committee previewed their program ideas for the summer which feature creative constructions from recycled materials, arts & crafts, a space-themed escape room as well as coding and robotics. Coordinator Viki Ash has been working with the Marketing Team to develop the print and electronic graphics that support summer reading. Over the Moon bookmarks and reading logs, which feature a dramatic black background and a close-up of the lunar surface, are ready for printing. Viki has also begun work on the Summer Reading guide which will be available to the public on April 1.



**Children's Services and the Library Foundation**—Viki has been working closely with members of the Foundation's Born to Read Committee in anticipation of the upcoming Texas Public Health Association Conference. The Conference planners selected Born to Read and the Literacy Caravan as recipients of their charitable contribution this year. Attendees are being asked to bring book donations to the conference that will ultimately be given to children through the Foundation's two childhood literacy projects. Viki will join Born to Read Committee Chair and Vice Chair in a presentation at the conference entitled *The Power of Partnerships: The San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Working Together for Childhood Literacy*. The presentation will take place on March 19 at the Convention Center.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



**Fiesta Youth Partnership**—On February 27, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Erica Alcocer (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth) attended Bonham Academy's Health Fair and Mindfulness Workshop. Tabling together, Loaiza and Alcocer informed attendees about Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library, Fiesta Youth's weekly meetings, and the variety of ways the San Antonio Public Library and Fiesta Youth work together to create comfortable and inclusive LGBTQ+ environments throughout the city. On March 5, Loaiza attended Fiesta Youth's weekly meeting to promote the upcoming Mini Maker Faire event. On March 16, Loaiza attended Fiesta Youth's Open House event at their new location at Woodlawn Pointe. Loaiza continued to promote the San Antonio Public Library's strong and growing relationship with Fiesta Youth, and also showcased many of the LGBTQ+ books that Fiesta Youth donated to the San Antonio Public Library.



**Teen Pride Initiative**—Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) continued to coordinate efforts for the Just One Night campaign on April 6, which will directly benefit two organizations (Thrive Youth Center and Stand Up for Kids) doing critical work with homeless youth in San Antonio.



Loaiza is enlisting the help of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons as well as Children's Librarians to provide park games for the pre-fundraiser activities at the event. Loaiza is also working with staff to have a presence at Thrive Youth Center's Street Outreach event on April 27.



Off-Site Service—Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist), Karah Garcia (Teen Services Librarian I, Tobin @ Oakwell), and Edward Mayberry (Teen Liaison, Guerra) attended the GaMExpo gaming convention on March 16 and 17. They spoke with teens about SAPL's Teen Services and provided some materials for teens' cosplay items. Staff also provided a perler bead craft activity for teens during the event.



Professional Development—The Teen Services Librarians met on March 13 at Great Northwest Library. Stephanie Vazquez (Teen Services Librarian I) provided a tour of the library for the group and spoke in depth about the teen space.



System-wide Support—In February, Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) and Cassie Garza (Teen Liaison, Pan American) filmed a how-to video demonstrating how to use the new Teen Services 3D printers. The video will be posted on the Teen Services Web so that Teen Services staff sytemwide can learn how to use the machines for programming. Ami and Cassie are planning to record more videos for staff.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The Adult Services librarians were invited to attend a half day training on Health Literacy at the UT Health Science Briscoe Library. Librarian Peg Seeger presented resources available to the public at the Briscoe and virtually. Paula Winkler, director of the South Central Area Health Education Center presented regarding the work of the Bexar County Translational Advisory Board (TAB). As a member of the Bexar County TAB, Haley Holmes coordinates the Library's involvement in community health initiatives. At the end of the training, SAPL librarians were given a tour of the Briscoe Library. Ms. Holmes was also interviewed by a visiting National Library of Medicine Fellow who was touring local medical libraries and wanted to learn how the public library contributes to health literacy.



From March through May, the Library is presenting a series of classes called DIY U. More than 30 programs are being held at 18 locations. Some topics include how to make yogurt, sewing, scrapbooking, natural cleaning, and t-shirt stamping. Several of the classes require pre-registration which can be done through the online calendar of events.



The Library's Low-brary Lowrider Show took place on March 16th at the Central Library. Arrangements were made with Center City Development and Operations to host the event on the 3rd floor of the parking garage. About 25 lowriders and 20 lowrider bicycles were on display throughout the day for patrons to admire. As they left the event, patrons were asked to vote for their favorite cars and bikes which were awarded trophies at the end of the day. A vinyl DJ played music throughout the day and three San Antonio poets performed at the top of each hour. Latina art was also available for purchase. Rob the Original, a San Antonio based artist/barber, did a demonstration where he created the SAPL logo on a hair model. Towards the end of the day, several cars demonstrated their hydraulics by hopping for the audience. The low and slow day of Latinx culture planned by Steven Barrera (Pan American Branch Manager), Emma Hernandez (Program Manager for the LCRC), and Joseph Gonzales (McCreless Library Assistant) brought in about 300 attendees.



The Library will be partnering with Urban-15 to promote their Mega Corazon live poetry event for the second year in coordination with National Poetry Month. Several branch libraries will have the event livestreaming throughout the day on April 1. Urban-15 also recently received an NEH grant in support of their Hidden Histories, monthly magazine format video series. Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes and Community and Publics Relations Manager Caitlin Cowart are serving on the advisory committee for this project.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

### CHILDREN



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin presented engaging Toddler Time programs this month. Ms. Seglin starting using loose parts in Toddler Time after being inspired by Loose Parts: Inspiring Play in Young Children by Lisa Daly. Loose parts are natural, synthetic, bought or upcycled materials that children can manipulate, move, carry, and redesign and put back together in any way they want. Ms. Seglin incorporated baking sheets with sand, rocks and paintbrushes, painting with toilet paper rolls, sponges, feathers, and macaroni, playing with cars on bubble wrap, plastic tops, and cardboard cartons. One week toddlers enjoyed a lively interactive reading of Hooray for Birds by Lucy Cousins. Toddlers had a flapping good time birdwings and a huge nest made out recycled butcher paper that held giant eggs and bird puppets. They also have fun with feeling and rolling playdough made with bird seed. Zoo animals made an appearance in a fun animal themed program. Children had fun with imaginative play with a lion, elephant, monkey, tiger, cheetah, and huge snake puppet. The best part of the “zoo visit” was feeding the seal fresh fish in the baby pool.



Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Central Library Children's department hosted Play and Learn Zoo animals. Librarian Angela Bilbe, read pop up and interactive stories showcasing different animals around the world. The children were mimicking the motions of the animals, and repeating the sounds of each mentioned animal. Infants were exposed to the feel of animals through sensory activities, and toddlers were fascinated by the size of the animals. Ms. Bilbe presented an engaging Play & Learn about vegetables and fruits. Children had a blast stirring a huge cauldron of pretend vegetable soup and chopping up fruit. One week Ms. Bilbe created a pretend train made out of cardboard boxes this provided children the opportunity to pretend to be train riders and conductors. Children also enjoyed pushing little trains in a sensory bin of rice.

On National Read across America day the Children's department hosted a Family Fun time embracing multicultural literature, and incorporating diverse crafts. Children and families read Aztec folktales, and made their own creations inspired by the indigenous art. When discussing the Aztec crops, Ms. Bilbe noticed children recognize familiar foods such as corn, and chocolate. Toddlers were fascinated by pictures of the magnificent pyramids, and were quick to try and recreate the temples out of Lego blocks. School aged children were engaged in the story, and interested in another cultures belief of the Sun God. Overall the families and children were engrossed in the program, and through SAPL were exposed to “Window books”. Patrons were given a glance into another life that featured different people, and places that they may not be familiar with. To promote the Low-Brary event Ms. Bilbe read and talked about about cars and vehicles of all types. Children enjoyed make their own blingy license plates and decking out die cut cars on popsicle sticks to show off at the event.



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, diversity. 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.



The Children's Department hosted a tour and a story time for CHILD Montessori School for 3-6 year old students, their parents, and teachers. Students were in awe as Ms. Seglin showed off the Fiesta Tower. The tour ended with a special story time and a collaborative art experience with recycled materials.



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 with seasonal themes in support of the school's curriculum. She also dropped off bags of books to SA Youth for children to read afterschool, and to The Discovery School relating to their current lesson plans. Ms. Bilbe visited Nurturing Hearts Daycare and read stories interactive books to the children.

## TEENS

### TEEN LIBRARY @ CENTRAL



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



**Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager):** Teens continue to enjoy games that allow them to choose between working together or against each other, which makes for an exciting cooperative/competitive balance. "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" on the Nintendo Switch will likely always retain its status as the most requested game of choice, but games such as "Super Bomberman R" prove to be just as popular with teens due to their more simplistic nature. Teens have also rekindled their interest in card games; "Unstable Unicorns" and "Munchkin" are consistently picked, with both games offering humorous approaches to magical card game genre. Regardless of the game, teens are always eager to invite newcomers to try out these games and give them pointers on how to master the appropriate techniques.



**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): With spirited originality, teens suggested unique ideas and activities to fulfill their Thursday night program time. From arts to crafts to food crafts to gaming, teens were in no shortage of participating in activities that highlighted peer-to-peer encouragement, friendly competition and creativity.

Preparing individual cups of acrylic paint with a paint additive to make the paint flow smoothly and maintain each individual color helped teens do a risky and messy technique where teens poured the paint on canvases or pottery. With a nod to food science, teens melted sugar to a certain temperature, then dipped skewered fruits in the syrup to let it dry for a glacé effect. Teens fulfilled the Food Bank's nutritional requirement by making broccoli tots, a tater tot without the tater. Afterwards, teens printed a favorite picture and using an image transfer technique on rolled out polymer clay that they baked. Inspired after a trip to a Mexican bakery, one teen asked if making polvorones would be possible to bring this kind of culture to Teen Library. With staff encouragement, the teen found a recipe and on the day of making, had a blast telling his peers that his idea was the best, as the cookies came out amazing.

During Spring Break, teens used their Thursday to do anything and everything. From playing new board games, old card games, video games playing ping pong, making graham cracker crusts for a frozen yogurt pie with bananas and Cool Whip, practicing in the recording studio, doing a moment of improv, and also making some pretty layered bath salts in a jar, there was no shortage of activity. After most Thursday programs, teens request video game systems, and lately the Nintendo Switch seems to be the preferred one. Pictures of Thursday night programs, as well as system-wide programs can be found at Teen Library's Flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> and <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.

Saturday Cooking Club with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teens participated in their second Cooking Club, a monthly club held one Saturday a month, where teens are encouraged to read carefully through recipes, then decipher. This time teens attempted the omelette. Reading and watching a variety of sources, each teen chose the method they wanted to try. From cracking eggs, beating eggs, preparing their fillings ahead of time, to heating the butter in the pan, the skills and patience teens demonstrated was next level. Teens practiced slowly swirling the egg in the pan, gathering up cooked edges, cooking it through, filling it, then the folding it (which produced gasps from most of them). For something that appeared easy, the pressure level was high, but handled carefully and produced tasty results.



## Tours and Groups

Several community centers brought groups of teens to the Teen Library to use computers and participate in teen library programming. Groups of teens from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, George Gervin Center, and Roy Maas made regular visits during the reporting period.

Classes from the Henry Ford Academy made regular visits to the Teen Library to use the computers for research.

On February 20, seniors working on their Capstone projects from the School of Science and Technology received a tour of the library from Regina Almanza (Library Assistant). Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library) provided an introduction to research and catalog and database instruction. In addition, several students had fun playing the instruments in the Teen Library studio.

On February 26, 150 students from Kipp UPrep visited the Central Library to find sources for research projects. They received a tour of the library and catalog and database instruction. In collaboration with the Children's Department, Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) provided a tour of the Teen Library to a group of University of Incarnate Word students on February 12. The students are studying to become teachers and visited the library with their professor to learn about the resources available at the library for teachers.

## REFERENCE



Central Library hosted Pop Con for the second year; the Con continues to be a huge draw. Reference Library Assistant Dan Garcia oversaw the Artist Area and hosted the Pop Con Artist Guest of Honor, Gregory Manchess, and several other returning and new guests (John Picacio, Freddy Lopez Jr., Allison Stanley, Gonzalo Alvarez, and Wes Hartman). The Artist Area was very popular this year, featuring some incredible talent and eye-catching images from all of the artists. Many attendees had a chance to speak to the artists about their concepts and techniques, an opportunity that isn't typically available at larger pop culture conventions. By the end of the day the artists were quite happily extolling their experience at Pop Con. All the artists commented that they would return if invited.



Reference staff hosted Just a Little Note: Make Your Own Pop-up Greeting Card, part of the new DIY U series. In preparation, staff created prototypes, shared troubleshooting tips, and illustrated an instruction sheet. Supplies (post-its, scissors, glue sticks) were provided to attendees. Participants enjoyed the project and being able to work one-on-one with staff to create a beautiful result.





This Month Librarian Julia Selwyn conducted a tour of the Library for McNay Art Museum docents and benefactors. Ms. Selwyn focused on the Library's art installations and specialized collections. On the first floor, the group toured the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC). They also examined several art works, including *Days* by Jesse Amado; the commemorative installation of 22,722 crystals represents days in the life of Linda Pace; *Caballo Tamaño Grande* by Fernando Botero; *Axis Mundi* by Sabastien; and, Dale Chihuly's glass sculpture. The group concluded their tour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as Ms. Selwyn introduced them to the Marie Swartz Art Resource Center (MSARC) Collection.



The Reference Display Team celebrated Women's History Month in February with several displays throughout the Library. The displays featured books written by and about the brilliant and brave women who've contributed to art, science, politics, and humanitarian causes as well strong and inspirational fictional characters. The themed displays included: Visionary Women and Biographies; Powerful Women of Action & Adventure; The Powerful Women of Urban Fantasy; Sinister Sisters: Women Writing Horror; Well Mannered Women Rarely Make History; and, Femme Fatales.

In the Lobby the theme was: We're going on an adventure! Books to inspire real or imagined adventures are perched on a classic. The display is Inspired by the VW Bus, loved and decorated by a generation of counterculture hippies and surfers; a vehicle emblematic of freedom and adventure.



## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On Saturday, February 23, the Latino Collection and Resource Center continued its first bilingual book club Rincon Literario which meets every Saturday in February to discuss Laura Esquivel's *Like Water for Chocolate*. The group has grown to 15 members.



On Saturday, February 23, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted *I Want To Eat The Empanada: Writing for the Liberation of our Bodies*, a writing workshop led by Anel Flores, awarded



Women's Advocate of the Year 2018 from University of Texas San Antonio and the Nebrija Creadores Award from the Universidad de Alcala de Henares in Madrid, Spain. It drew 10 attendees.



On Saturday, March 16, the Latino Collection and Resource Center collaborated with Adult Services to present the Lowbrary Car Show. With over 50 local cars and bikes on display, the Lowbrary Car Show was the perfect way for familias of all ages to get the lowdown on lowriders. It drew 300 attendees.

## TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Librarian I Andrew Crews presented the class Researching Divorce Records to members of the Igo Library Genealogy Club on February 19.



On February 22 Texana staff assisted in the installation of the Los Courts exhibit by contributing archival materials for a display case in the Central Library's first floor lobby. Created by the Westside Preservation Alliance and the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center, the Los Courts exhibition documents the history of the Alazan-Apache Courts, San Antonio's oldest and largest public housing development. The exhibition will be on view at the Central Library February 23 – March 31.



In collaboration with the San Antonio Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants, Texana staff hosted a movie screening for The Pilgrims (2015) from award-winning director Ric Burns on February 23 in the Central Library Auditorium.



Assistant Manager Deborah Countess led the class Beginning Genealogy: Growing Your Family Tree on February 24 to a very enthusiastic group of budding family historians. Ms. Countess walked the group through how to find clues to your family's history at home and then what resources can be found in the Texana/Genealogy collection. She also went over the genealogy information available on our library databases.



On February 25 Andrew Crews and Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson participated in the workshop Introduction to TARO: Encoding and Submitting Finding Aids hosted by the Society of Southwest Archivists. This workshop taught hands-on basic skills needed to participate in Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO), including basic XML familiarity and editing, EAD familiarity, how to upload files to TARO, and troubleshooting.



Librarian I Sylvia Reyna attended the Faith Based Initiative meeting on February 26, which brought together various assistance groups from throughout the city. The mission of their endeavor is to promote Compassion and create a system of networks connecting various organizations and encouraging them to abide by the "Golden Rule" Do unto Others—All Others.



In honor of Cesar Chavez Month, Ms. Reyna and Ms. Countess invited Erika Prosper Nirenberg to discuss her experiences growing up as a migrant worker in the Rio Grande Valley. During the program held on March 5, Ms. Nirenberg told a very passionate and inspiring tale of family, pride, and leadership.

She also emphasized that you don't have to let "Life" happen to you, you can create who you are. Library Director Ramiro Salazar delivered welcoming remarks as part of the program.



Andrew Crews presented the computer class An Overview of RootsMagic on March 7. RootsMagic is the award-winning genealogy software which makes researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy.



Texana helped celebrate Women's History Month by presenting the March 10 class, Finding Female Ancestors, given by Ms. Countess. Locating women in the family can be challenging for genealogy researchers. This class discussed various strategies and resources that are available to help find this often hidden half of the family tree.



The Friends of Texana provided support for staff members Andrew Crews and Heather Ferguson to attend the professional development course Encoded Archival Description #1936 hosted by the Society of American Archivists on March 11-12. This two-day course provided instruction and hands-on practice needed to bridge the digital divide and get acquainted with the language of XML and the most up-to-date version of Encoded Archival Description (EAD), which is the international metadata transmission standard for hierarchical descriptions of archival records.



The Friends of Texana provided support for Sylvia Reyna's participation in the professional development workshop Arrangement and Description: Fundamentals #1937 hosted by the Society of American Archivists on March 14-15. This course introduced the basic principles, concepts, and tools that archivists use to establish both physical and intellectual control over archival records. Particular emphasis was placed on the day-to-day decisions made in arranging and describing archival materials.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen was invited to Irving Dual Language Academy and J.T. Brackenridge Elementary for Read across America where she read Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham" to second grade and kindergarten classes. The children enjoyed the stories and had a lot of fun participating.



Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas offered teens who visited the teen space during off peak hour's table top games for entertainment during their stay. In the evenings during regular programming hours on Monday and Wednesday, the participating teens were introduced to virtual reality via the Oculus Go. For many, this was their first time using VR and they were thrilled to always be introduced to different experience at the library.



Jim LaVilla from Gemini Ink hosted March's Teen Writing Workshop giving teens an opportunity to elevate their creative writing skills.





Ms. Salinas also joined teen librarians from Great Northwest and Pan Am for Literacy Night at Brennan High School where they provided button making and VR games to students. This outreach event was well attended and helped bridge the gap between school and public libraries.



Training Officer Emily Flores attended the 2019 NTEN Digital Inclusion Fellowship training in Portland, Oregon in February. NTEN's mission is to support nonprofit tech professionals in underserved communities, and as part of her responsibilities as a Digital Inclusion Fellow, Mrs. Flores will be developing a digital training program targeting patrons at SAPL's Learn Centers.



Additionally, Mrs. Flores met with Clarissa Ramos of Google Fiber on March 5. Google Fiber is the sponsor of Mrs. Flores' 2019 NTEN Digital Inclusion Fellowship. The two discussed Mrs. Flores' proposed project.

## BROOK HOLLOW



Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas continued the winter programming schedule through February with weekly Story Time, Toddler Two, Toddler Time, and Baby Times for children zero to five years of age. Attendance at the newly added Friday Baby Time and Toddler Time programs continues to increase. Both of these new program additions will continue through May since demand for early literacy programming continues to be strong at Brook Hollow. In February, Brook Hollow offered twenty-one early literacy programs with a grand total of over 850 children and caregivers in attendance.



Afterschool programming continues to thrive at Brook Hollow. Lego Time and Come & Go Crafts have attracted families that attend weekly. Read to A Dog also continues to be a program that is growing at Brook Hollow with four therapy dogs that come weekly to visit. One family comes faithfully every week to say hello and spend time with their favorite therapy dog Sunny.



The Brook Hollow Tween Time program continues to draw in afterschool kids from the nearby elementary school. Weekly the branch hosts between twelve and sixteen tweens that come for the program. In late February and early March, tween programming at Brook Hollow began to focus more on a variety of station activities than just one big project each week. Favorite activities include: Monopoly, Spoons (a card game), drawing, and Magnet Tile building.



At the end of February, Brook Hollow hosted its second Graphic Novel Book Club for kids. Twenty-one children came to the program. Ms. Salinas led a discussion about robots and circuits to tie in to the book she had read, and then the children made slime. Everyone had a great time, and several younger children joined in the fun.



In the Brook Hollow children's area, the décor and book displays continue to highlight the collection. In February, the Children's area displayed books related to Black History Month with people of color featured in stories and nonfiction titles on the display. In March, Ms. Salinas added a Women's History Month display that features outstanding girls – both biographical accounts and in stories. Additionally, Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Library Aide Jillian Kimak helped changed the décor to a field of flowers in the Children's area while, Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez created a flower shop for the dramatic

play area. All these changes have made the Brook Hollow library a more inviting places for families to spend time together playing and checking out books.



With March underway, Ms. Salinas continues her monthly visits to her outreach center, KinderCare. When she walks in the door to start a story time, she is greeted with cheers and enthusiasm in every classroom. The children become really engaged in the songs and books she brings. Every month, she leaves the center with big goodbye waves, smiles, and hugs.



During the reporting period, teens at Brook Hollow engaged in friendly competition, battling it out on the Wii U in games of Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, and Super Mario U. They also played board games together, discovering who finished first in the Game of Life, sinking battleships, and debating the rules of Uno.



On March 13, Adult Services Librarian Jenny Borrero presented DIY Mosaic Tile Flower Pot as part of the Adult DIY U crafting series. Patrons created original tile designs then adhered them to terra cotta pots and applied sanded grout. All were very happy to learn the process and take their finished pots home with them. Patrons have been enjoying the adult crafting series at Brook Hollow and are looking forward to more in the next few months.

## CARVER



Carver Branch Learn Center partnered with the San Antonio International Black Film Festival (SABIFF) to host a film venue in honor of Black History Month. The event attracted nearly 500 enthusiasts. Filmmakers screening their work included Ada M. Babino, I Don' Been Through the Snake & Come Out Clean; Cedric Smith, Melissa; Baba Aundar Ma'at and Born Logic Allah, Malcolm X; and DeeWayne, Freeword. In addition to screenings, the film festival included an educational component. Writers and directors offered breakout sessions focusing on such topics as film technique and the history of African American filmmaking in San Antonio dating back to the 1940s, when local filmmakers on the city's East Side produced so-called "race" films that played to Black audiences through the South.



About 80 alumni and supporters of historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) turned out for HBCU Appreciation Day, which was also offered as part of the branch's celebration of Black History Month. Younger members of the audience were able to learn about the legacy and traditions of the HBCUs and why they are relevant today in helping students obtain an education and prepare for careers.



On March 2, Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo invited youngsters to a special play and learn session honoring the birthday of the late children's author Dr. Seuss. Highlights of the event included the making of top hats inspired by Seuss's Cat in the Hat, fashioned out of white card stock and red party cups.

## CODY



*Teen Gaming* has moved to Thursdays, but it still provides teens with opportunities to hang out and play video, board, and card games!



*Teen Time*, Cody's evening programming for teens, draws dedicated attendees interested in creating delicious food, playing games, and doing light crafts and art projects. Recently, teens have made red velvet microwave mug cakes, cookie sandwiches, and waffles. They've also experimented with perler beads and colored scenes from their favorite anime.



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



As part of Cody's *Passport to Spring Break* weeklong adventure at the library, Cody patrons explored the country of France. They made clay macarons, created art in the style of the great masters Matisse and Seurat, used perler beads, and learned songs and words in French!



Members of the Health Careers High School Gay-Straight Alliance had a great afternoon of book talks and crafts with Teen Services Librarian Amy Rae Weaver! While the teens used perler beads to create LGBTQ- themed magnets, Amy Rae told them about some recent teen books featuring LGBTQ characters.



Teen Services Librarian Amy Rae Weaver represented the Cody Branch Library, in conjunction with several other Teen Services Librarians, at Brandeis High School's Librarypalooza. More than a thousand congoers had the chance to make custom buttons and learn about the great resources SAPL provides for teens!



Sunday's adult movie hour continues at our branch with the following films:

February 24, *A Soldier's Story* (Black History Month)

March 3, *Inception*

March 10, *Prince of Tides*

March 14, Cody Passport to Spring – Movie Day (*The Forbidden Kingdom* and *The Black Panther*)

March 17, *Memento*



During spring break, the Adult Services Librarian, Ms. McGowan, asked Ms. Chinatsu Oku to present during the Cody Passport to Spring to speak on Japanese customs. During her presentation she had the kids try on and walk around with a traditional randoseru. In addition, Ms. Chinatsu, instructed the patrons on creating leaping origami frogs which was a huge hit.



In celebration of the city wide DIY campaign, Cody provided a class on Natural Cleaning and provided organic air fresheners for the participants.



Cody's Adult Librarian partnered with Mr. Lloyd Miller, from the Census Bureau to hold a mini-job fair to get patrons to registered for the current job openings.



The following STEM classes were led by Adult Services Librarian, Marcella McGowan on various topics:

February 22, Gale Legal Forms

February 25, Interviewing Techniques

February 27, Universal Class

February 29, Job Now  
March 7, Scholarship Searching  
March 8, Basic Research Techniques  
March 13, Scholarship Searching



During a Come & Go Crafts program on February 21st children made diffusion artwork. Children colored coffee filters with water and then sprayed the coffee filters with water to see how the colors mixed as the water diffused across the coffee filter.



On February 25th tweens created their own mini golf course using all recycled materials. During this *Tween Time* program one tween made a book with a bookmark out of cardboard and stood it up in a triangle shape, another child made a castle out of a shoebox, while another made a long tunnel out of paper towel rolls. Once the tweens were done creating their mini golf obstacle, they all took turns to play the course.



During *Kid's Time* on February 27th children learned all about the country of Brazil through games, crafts, and activities. Children crafted giant anacondas, rain sticks, and carnival masks. Children also played a game of table soccer and listened to Brazilian music.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited the Locke Hill Elementary School on February 28th to read a story to the students for their Read across America celebration. Later that day, Yourdon visited Larkspur Elementary School to attend their Literacy Night. Yourdon shared information about library resources with the parents, helped parents and children sign up for temporary library cards online, and told parents and children about upcoming programs that the Cody Library.



During Tween Time on March 4th tweens learned how to make Beignets from scratch. Tweens learned how to measure the ingredients, mix the dough, let the dough rest so the yeast could make the dough puff up, knead the dough, and prepare it to go in the oven. At the end of the program, tweens were able to try their tasty creations.



On March 5th Yourdon visited the Locke Hill Elementary School for their monthly writing club. The students worked on revising their writing pieces for submission to a magazine that will be put together for their artwork and writings.



Yourdon visited the Blue Roof School on March 7th to put on a Dr. Seuss story time for their preschool and toddler students.



On March 7th children made paper model hot air balloons during a Come & Go Crafts program.



On March 11th families gathered to watch Ralph Breaks the Internet and to craft their own edible racecars.



During the week of Spring Break, the Cody Library hosted special children's programs about different countries. On March 11th children learned about Mexico through crafts and activities, including making their own panchos, making felt tacos, playing with sensory Mexican flags, etc. On March 12th children learned about Ancient Egypt by playing in a child-sized pyramid, excavating for treasure, making Egyptian necklaces, building a pyramid with blocks, and writing their name in hieroglyphs.



The Literacy Caravan visited the Cody Library on March 13th. There were many literacy activities

## COLLINS GARDEN

### Adults



CGL Adult Coloring has a regular following that enjoys meeting at the library, relaxing and coloring various patterns. Coffee and a Movie featuring Mexican classic and recent cinema releases remain popular among a core group of attendees. CGL began hosting series of photography class facilitated by Jamie Garcia for adults, the number of attendees were five. CGL Assistant Manager Tasha Martinez presented a Black History Month film of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks. Assistant Manager Tasha Martinez continued weekly Tech-Tuesdays, which helps the community answers their questions about their cell phones and tablets.

### Children



LegoClub continues to be a popular program. Sixty-four participants attended five Lego programs. Children's Lego creations are displayed for public enjoyment in the reference area. Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi hosted four in-house Family Fun programs for the reporting period which included sculptures from recycled materials and a St. Patrick's Day celebration. On March 14 the branch hosted a Spring Break movie for kids, there were twenty attendees.

Ms. Brudi created questions from the book Me and Marvin Gardens by A.S. King for the upcoming Battle of the Bluebonnet competition at schools across the city.



On February 27 the Children's Librarian attended Parent's Night at Collins Garden Elementary School. She spoke to parents and children about programs and services at the San Antonio Public Library. There were 125 attendees.

### Teens



Weekly Teen program, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, averages 10 teens a week. Teens play Ping Pong, video games and do crafts.

### Other



Collins Garden Library continues weekly Family Game Night with various board games and Ping Pong for all ages.



Outreach—Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies is working with Ride for Reading San Antonio regarding donated book sorts and delivery to a Title One Elementary Schools. Davies has been selected to participate in COSA Toastmasters on Wednesdays at Café College. Finally, CGL manager had attended the Collins Garden Neighborhood Association Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6 pm and informed them about library services; Friends of Collins Garden Library organization/membership; SA Book Fest and other library services.



# CORTEZ



On March 7 the TCI Office and the District 4 Office collaborated with the Library to give citizens a chance to express opinions on the renovation of Palo Alto Park. Only one person came in to the Library for this purpose so Councilman Saldana and Desiree Salmon from TCI walked across the street to the Park to solicit input there. They both expressed gratitude for the support of the Cortez Library staff throughout this process.



On March 6 Manager Brantley, accompanied by Krystal Bermea Financial Counselor from Cortez LEARN, attended a health fair at the CentroMed Palo Alto arranged by the WIC Clinic. Information was provided to participants on all of the services that the Library provides. Several customers did not know that there was a Library Branch directly across the street so the determination was made to do additional outreach at this location.



The COSA Office of Sustainability had staff at the Branch on February 18 to provide information about their “Climate Action and Adaptation Plan”.

## Children’s Programs



Toddler Time (Nicole Cubillas)— Toddlers celebrated Black History Month with rainbow art and freedom quilts, prepared paper polar bears and salt paintings, collaborated on process art, and planted seeds for Spring. They enjoyed digging through sensory bins, making music with soft rattles, putting together puzzles, and building with foam blocks.



Family Fun (Nicole Cubillas, Madeline Vasquez)— Cortez families collaborated on process art, celebrated Black History Month with rainbow art and freedom quilts, competed in a “feed the polar bear” toss, and planted seeds for Spring.



Harlandale STEM Night Outreach (Nicole Cubillas)—Students and families visited the Library’s table on Wednesday March 27 to build with straws and connectors and play with slime. They were given Library bookmarks, monthly schedules, and program flyers.

## Adult Programs



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.



Contemporary Art Month Exhibit (Nicole Poole)—Local artist Nicole Poole will be displaying her work for Contemporary Art Month from March 10-May 12. There are nine pieces on display throughout the building.



Getting Crafty Program (JoAnn Paredes)—Crafting class is going well. In February, the class finished up with making their quilts. In March, the class started making Number bean bags (sewing). These can also be made with sewn on “x” and “o” for tic-tac-toe games.



**Quilter's Corner (Jo Ann Paredes)**—Since the quilting classes went well, Cortez started having a “Quilter's Corner” every other Sunday for the month of March. It will be only basic quilting and if all goes well, we will continue the program for the following months.



**Monster Meet (Madeline Vasquez)**— A good-sized crowd was treated to the film “Army of Darkness” on March 9. This popular monthly movie showing brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



**Calligraphy Class (Leslie Winakur)**—Ms. Winakur from the San Antonio Calligrapher's Guild led a calligraphy class on March 12. She showed attendees different types of calligraphy, passed out handouts with examples and had patrons then practice by making bookmarks.



**Healthy Cooking Class (Vince Escobedo, Metro Health)**— On February 28, Mr. Escobedo led the group in making cauliflower rice. Patrons helped prepare all the ingredients. After, Mr. Escobedo made the recipes and passed out free samples to all attendees.



**National Retro Day-the 80's (Brooke Mjolsness)**—On February 27, Cortez celebrated National Retro Day by hosting an 80's themed afternoon. There were shrinky dinks, a popular 80's activity, a green screen with 80's images and props, and 80's music and snacks.

## Community Programs



**Small Business Workshop (Judith Canales)**—South Side First's Mrs. Canales hosted a small business workshop on March 6. The session informed attendees how to obtain capital for their small business. Professionals from Frost Bank and Liftfund also provided information.



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



**LEARN Center Activities**— The LEARN Center is currently without a Training Officer but interviews were conducted on February 25. The Cortez staff are helping customers as much as they can and are looking forward to having the vacancy filled soon.

## ENCINO



**Encino's Adult Services** continues to engage and reach out in February and March. Our ongoing programs, such as Hand Bee and Yoga, have an enduring popularity, and our spaces are filled with art provided by local artist Yuri Martinez. February 23rd saw a reception where our patrons could meet the artist, and many have commented on the distinctive look of his paintings.



March also saw the beginning of a new intergenerational program for adults and teens called Labyrinths and Libraries. Designed to introduce our patrons to role-playing games, this is a series of short campaigns in a variety of different modern systems. If the program proves popular, longer campaigns or older systems may be explored.



The Encino teen room was the site of lots of fun and games throughout this reporting period. On the game side, teens tried their hands at a new board game in our monthly Teen Board Gaming program. The competitive game saw teens working cooperatively to save their characters from drowning on a forbidden island. In Teen Club participants spent their spring breaks making DIY plushie toys and playing video games. Teen Anime Club met four times this month with a surge in attendance for spring break coinciding with lots of suggestions for new anime to watch. Teens were sad to see two of their favorite anime series come to their season's end, but excited at the possibility of watching something new.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot visited Johnson High School on the last Tuesday of the month for her now monthly visits to the library. She was happy to be recognized by some of the teens and shared new upcoming events like the San Antonio Book Festival with those that stopped by to visit. Ms. Pouliot was also interviewed for the Johnson High School student news outlet that produces the morning video announcements for the school. Her segment focused on the unique features of the Encino teen space and the weekly teen programming at Encino.



Children's Librarian Ann Laird was invited to have an informational table at Encino Park Elementary for their Kinder Round-Up night. She brought information about SAPL, happenings at Encino, and a small craft for the children's to enjoy. Several children recognized Ms. Laird from attending storytimes, or her outreach to Country Kids Academy.



March has been an exciting month for children at the Encino Branch. Encino hosted our first ever Truck Fest. There was a school bus and police car from NEISD, two fire trucks from SAFD, a police truck from SAPD, and several big trucks (including a monster truck) from a local truck enthusiasts club. Children enjoyed being able to climb into the vehicles, and even operate the lights and sirens. The Friends of the Library also paid for the Kona Ice truck to come and serve free snow cones to the first 100 participants.



Every day during Spring Break Come and Go Crafts were available to keep children's busy. Encino also showed a Spring Break Family movie, Small Foot, that was well attended.



Encino's Children's Librarian had an opportunity to give a library tour to Joy School Co-op. The children got a tour of the library, had a short story time, and checked out some books!



Ongoing in the Children's Room through the month of March is a Wildflower Hunt. In this scavenger hunt type program children get a list of hints (changed each week) that will help them find laminated wildflowers hidden around the children's room. When they find all the different wildflowers they turn them in at the reference desk for a candy prize.



Children's Librarian Ann Laird created two "I Spy" bottles for the children's room as a passive element that stays out on display, and many children have been enjoying shaking the bottles and looking for all the items.



Tweens Create! has continued to be a popular program, and due to attendance and demand it is now being offered on a weekly basis instead of a bi-weekly basis. Recently the tweens have created 8-bit crafts (perler beads), and paracord keychain buddies.

## FOREST HILLS



Currently on exhibit is the art of Lauri Garcia Jones for Contemporary Art Month 2019. Every March, during Contemporary Art Month (CAM), San Antonio artists, performers and curators present the best our community has to offer at galleries, museums, performing arts spaces, schools, artist studios and various unconventional locations around the city.



Adult Services Librarian Sandra Griffin attended a National Medical Library Training at the Briscoe Medical Library and learned more about the resources the NLM has to offer public libraries and their patrons. Staff were provided with pamphlets to promote the MedlinePlus database as a trusted source of information regarding health concerns for patrons. Ms. Griffin also met with the organization American Gateways to discuss scheduling "Citizenship 101" sessions throughout the system. Fourteen libraries will be holding the sessions between the end of March and the beginning of May 2019. The Adult Services Committee has created an Immigration Sub-Committee to plan on a SAPL response to immigration issues that affect the San Antonio community.



The San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble presented a concert for a Black History Month concert on February 23.



Author Monica M. Martinez visited the library on February 25. She presented information from her recently published book, *The Injustice Never Leaves You: Anti-Mexican Violence in the Texas Borderlands*. Almost 40 patrons attended the presentation. The audience was engaged with the topic and had many questions for Ms. Martinez. Many connections were made between organizations dealing with LatinX issues.



Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca continues to host her regular programs. This past period she hosted Story Time, Kids Time, Lego Builders, Come and Go Crafts, and Bilingual Story Time To celebrate Black History Month Ms. Menchaca had the children of kids time build 3-D paper art to emulate Black artists Radcliff Baily and Chakaia Booker. The children had a lot of fun trying to bend and twist paper in order to make their sculpture. Ms. Menchaca showed them Mr. Baily and Ms. Booker's art to show them what the artists had created and that sometimes art can be made out of anything.



Ms. Menchaca has intended to add more STEM activities during Kids Time therefore she had the children make structures out of gumdrops and toothpicks. Some interestingly sweet creations were a result, Ms. Menchaca discussed with kids: width, length, foundation, and the strength of triangles in buildings. Ms. Menchaca also had children do salt painting using liquid watercolors. The children were amazed to see how fast water moves through salt particles. To celebrate the upcoming St. Patrick's Day, Ms. Menchaca made green slime with the kids and they also made Celtic knots out of construction paper. Ms. Menchaca spoke to the children about Ireland culture and history and a little bit about the history and meaning of Celtic knots.



Attendance at Storytime has increased. Ms. Menchaca had a shark themed story time – it was so much fun; children were able to fish for sharks using magnets and paperclips. It goes without saying that a shark themed story time is not complete without singing the song “Baby Shark” as loud as possible. Ms. Menchaca also had a St. Patrick’s themed story time. The color green was discussed at length and the play portion included homemade green playdough. Ms. Menchaca gave everyone a green button to wear on St. Patrick’s Day so they have something green.



When Ms. Menchaca visited PCI Head Start at the beginning of March she read “Don’t Let the Pigeon Stay up Late” - due to popular demand. The reading was a big hit and Ms. Menchaca is going to have to find a way to top herself. Due to the theme of the books Ms. Menchaca discussed with the kids the importance of taking a bath.



To celebrate Women’s History Month, Ms. Menchaca has a book display to celebrate women throughout history. Ms. Menchaca carefully curated the display so that it reflects diversity.



Esparza Elementary invited Ms. Menchaca to attend their “Read Across America” event. Ms. Menchaca was encouraged to dress-up like a character in a book; Ms. Menchaca went as the Mad Hatter (because she had the hat) from “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.” Ms. Menchaca took plenty of library information and also took a craft that had to do with literacy. The children who visited Ms. Menchaca’s table had a good time were very amused by Ms. Menchaca’s costume.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Library had some fun during the children’s programs this month. The Toddler Time program ABC Club continued to learn the alphabet. During February the toddlers learned about the letter Tt and related transportation activities. Candice Nishimura created one-of-a-kind planes from cardboard and duct tape to use in the pretend room and the children thoroughly enjoyed “flying” in them.



The Storytime program Camp Library learned all about narwhals and inspired several of the kids to move to the ocean when they grow up. Imaginations ran wild as they discovered awesome facts about unusual animals this month.



The homeschool group Who’s Who of History highlighted heroes and historical figures to celebrate Black History Month and Women’s History Month.



The Great Northwest Library held an all ages Tech Challenge on March 6. Patrons were welcomed to complete 6 different technology challenges that included a Sphero maze, a Little Bits wind tunnel project, and a Makey Makey play dough controller.



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 February and March. In February teens watched *Aladdin* and made mosaic paper art. Teens also watched *How to Train Your Dragon* and made clay model creatures. In March teens watched



*Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* and made LED cubee crafts. Teens also watched *Wallace and Gromit* and made perler bead crafts.



Great Northwest Teens celebrated *Teen Tech Week* on March 6. The Robotics Team from Brennan High School visited the library for a Robotics Demonstration and showed off their projects. The team members explained to parents and kids how the robots work and let them take some for a test drive.



Great Northwest Library held Spring Break programs for teens. On March 12 teens had the opportunity to participate in an *Hour of Code* program. Teens used Code.org and Scratch to complete code tutorials. On March 13 teens had the opportunity to participate in a *Super Smash Video Gaming* program. Teens and their friends could compete against other teens who share a common interest in gaming.



Great Northwest Library partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to provide a *Teen Cooking Class* on February 27. Teens learned about healthy alternatives and basic cooking skills.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on February 20 for an outreach event where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make buttons, and play games. On February 21 Ms. Vazquez visited Brennan High School for a Literacy Fair event where she provided teens the opportunity to make button crafts and try out the Oculus Go virtual reality head set. On February 27 Ms. Vazquez visited the school library at Brennan High School where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards and make button crafts.



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



The Great Northwest Library hosted a College Intern through a partnership with the Alamo College Work Study Program. While at Great Northwest Library Mr. Covarrubias has gained work experience and learned about library services with hands on experience serving the public.

## GUERRA



The VITA Program provided taxpayer assistance to 549 community members. The Guerra Chess Club met on Fridays--February 22 and March 1, 8, and 15.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided literature and music outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on February 20 and 27 and on March 13. On March 6, he joined his mentee Cassandra Garza, Library Assistant/Pan American for a presentation by Joel Jenks, a COSA Human Resources Recruiter.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an adult coloring program on February 23. She held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on March 01. Participants discussed *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented five toddler times, five story times, five Lego Clubs, five Little Builders Duplo Clubs, and five After School Arts and Crafts programs. On

February 25, she served on another interview panel along with Viki Ash, Coordinator of Children's Services/Central and Shannon Seglin, Children's Librarian/Central to fill two Librarian I positions at the Central Library. On February 27, Arlene met with Julia Lazarin, Library Services Specialist/Little Read Wagon to continue planning for a program for children on the autism spectrum and their adult caregivers. She conducted outreach at Greatest Gifts Childcare on March 1. On March 9, she attended an outreach event at Jubilee Academies where she spoke to parents and children about library services and programs. During spring break, on March 12, families enjoyed "Hello Spring" Come and Go Crafts. On March 15, she visited the following childcare centers--Angelic Smiles, Temple of Praise ECC, Lil Dragon Den, Silver Spoons, Marbach Christian Church, and Greatest Gifts-- to provide information about the March 30 program for children on the autism spectrum at Guerra.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry, Teen Liaison held Game-Ra sessions on February 21, and March 7. Guerra held a movie night on February 28 (Incredibles 2) and refreshments were provided by the Guerra Friends.



Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca planned and presented a Knit and Crochet Programs on February 26 and March 12.



Library Aide, Sabrina Cirilo assisted Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson with Lego Club.

## IGO

### Children's Services



Igo Branch Library was fortunate enough to have a large enough space to host a special performance of Galileo and the Wonders of the Telescope from Ballet San Antonio on March 13. Over 150 people came out during Spring Break to enjoy the show – many people reported they had adjusted their travel plans just for the performance. People of all ages were absolutely enthralled with the 20 minute show, clapping and cheering, "Bravo!" as the performers danced, leaped, and twirled to music both classical and modern.

### Teen Services



During Spring Break the teen librarian showcased the many online and digital resources available to teens through the library such as Brainfuse and Libby by Overdrive since it is also Teen Tech Week. A robotics group, Makbots of San Antonio came to the branch that same week and they taught teens about different coding methods and practices that they might not have known before.



On February 23 several teen librarians from SAPL represented the library at Brandeis High School for Librarypalooza. Over 1,000 people came to the library table to ask about library information and receive a homemade button and homemade bookmark. Teens were able to get information about homework help, volunteering at the library and information about upcoming programs at the different branches.

### Adult Services



On February 19, Igo Branch Library arranged a genealogy club for those customers who are interested in researching divorce records. Andy Crews, the librarian from Texana/Genealogy Department conducted the class and eleven people attended. This program was well received by Igo community and a lively and engaging discussion was experienced by the attendees.



On March 12 and March 15, Igo Adult Services Librarian arranged and demonstrated two 3D printing demonstrations. This was a family program and children and parents enjoyed watching how 3D printers actually work and seeing the final print. Both children and parents very inquisitive and asked a lot of questions about 3D printing.



On March 6, Igo Mystery Club celebrated its 10th anniversary. 20 members attended the club followed by a birthday celebration. Members brought food and tea and enjoyed the meeting while Igo staff sang the birthday song for the club.



On March 22, Igo Branch library hosted its first ever Spanish book club. Staff member Aleida Ireta being the lead of the book club worked tirelessly to get enough copies for the program. 8 members attended the program and they were very appreciative for the initiative Igo library took in arranging this book club for Spanish speaking community.

## Senior Services



On February 27, the University of the Incarnate Word's Extended Run Players returned to Igo for their second Reader's Theater. This one was entitled "Hiding in the Spotlight". It was the story of two young Ukrainian sisters who survived the 1940s European Holocaust by becoming pianists. They were invited to play for NAZI galas and events, with their Jewish heritage never being discovered.



On March 14, the Igo Elderberries, in honor of Women's History Month, had a program on medieval women. A good discussion ensued on what women have endured through the ages. Current issues of women in the military, in sports, in financial matters, etc. were also discussed.



Hatha Yoga Level I continued on Fridays.

## JOHNSTON



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Sandie Jones's *The Other Woman* on February 20. Ms. Bustillo organized the ongoing Zumba class for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays: February 23 and March 9.



Adult Services Library Cristine Mitchamore attended two Supervisor Essential Training classes and will serve as Assistant Manager of Johnston Branch. Ms. Mitchamore organized a Resume/Job Skills Workshop presented by volunteer John Horton on March 7. Ms. Mitchamore encouraged voter awareness by hosting a "Make your own Campaign Poster" session during Johnston's Spring Break "Come and Go Fun—Spring into Action" activities on March 14.



The Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham hosted five Toddler Times and five Story Times based on spring-time themes using books, songs and crafts to explore and strengthen early literacy skills. Miss Tiffany, along with Library Aide, Victoria Liendo hosted five Lego Times building, playing and creating unique Lego masterpieces. Miss Tiffany hosted a celebration for Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a Come and Go Fun session making Hats for Cats on March 1st. During Spring Break the library hosted a week of Come and Go Fun: Spring into Action and Miss Tiffany ran the sessions on March 11th, Animated Flip Books and March 17th, Paper Skyscrapers. Miss Tiffany completed Safe Lifting training online and has several trainings in the upcoming weeks including New Employee Orientation, Editor's Holding, Fines & Adjustments and Customer Excellence all aimed to continue building and reinforcing her knowledge of COSA and SAPL policies and procedures.



Teen Librarian Raishell Williams, with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas coordinated weekly Wednesday night Teen programs on February 20, 27 and March 6, and 13th. Teens made easy microwavable – from scratch pizzas, candles, candy sushi, and Mardi Gras masks while watching movies and socializing with new and old friends of the library. On March 6th Johnston Teens dined on King Cake while learning its significance during Mardi Gras.



Teen Services Library Raishell Williams concluded her on boarding process with SAPL by attending New Hire Orientation. This course allows her to increase her professional skills by gaining a better insight to SAPL standards and procedures.



Ms. Williams attended two outreach events, both yielding more than 50+ participants. Ms. Williams along with four Teen Librarians/Liaisons (Laura Herman, Marisa DeBow, Amy Rae Weaver, and Megan Coker) attended Library Palooza at Brandeis High School where they created buttons for and informed more than 1000+ Library Palooza attendees about resources and events at San Antonio Public Library. Ms. Williams also established a new community partner with Librarian Christi Larkins at Stacey Jr/Sr. High School located on Lackland AFB.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson is teaching a weekly class, *Conversational Spanish* on Mondays: February 18 and 25, and March 4 and 11, 2019. Members learned interactive lessons about *Estereotipos* (Stereotypes), *Hacer trabajo voluntario* (Volunteering), *Viajes y viajeros* (Traveling and Travelers), and *Educación* (Education).

## LANDA

### Children



On February 16, families and library guests enjoyed the musical sounds from Aimee Lopez Suzuki's Violin Studio. Aimee Lopez brought in children who are learning how to play the violin for a concert that had the meeting room overflowing with guests! The event was a huge success. Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta is considering having the group come back in the summer.



During STEAM Time this month, Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta worked with the kids to practice sink/float concepts. The kids learned about density of an object. They then used different objects in water to find whether they sink or float. Kids also learned about seeds. They planted their own beans and were asked to keep track of the plant's growth. The kids created their own works of art using leaves, branches, dirt, and recycled materials.



During Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, tweens read Nathan Hale's *The Underground Railroad* and *Lunch Lady* and the *Cyborg Robots*. With their reading of *The Underground Railroad*, tweens created origami freedom doves. With their reading of the *Lunch Lady*, tweens used recycled materials to create their own evil robots.



Every month for the past six months, Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta has coordinated book drop offs with Circle School. It is a school located near Brackenridge Park and the Witte Museum. The teachers at the school will submit requests for topics and/or authors. Robin will put the books together and deliver them once a month. The Circle School sent a big thank you to the Landa Library and Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta. The school thanked Robin for the drop offs, especially this month with the theme of science and technology. A team of students won 2nd place out of 16 teams in the First® LEGO® League Robotics qualifier tournament. The students will move on to compete in Washington DC!

## Teen



Landa Teens explored art and cooking DIYs this month in their weekly programming. Alongside Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley, the group held their monthly cooking club with a late Valentine's themed treat making session, created cityscape jar lights via upcycled mason jars, experimented with abstract painting by creating galaxy scenes on miniature canvases, and voted for their Movie & Craft night for the week of Spring Break.

## Adult



Landa's adult programming had an added attraction this month: an author visit. Back in January, Col. Rod Pattan, M.D., recently assigned to SAMMC, came in to Landa to get a library card. He asked about the possibility of giving a program to talk about two books he recently had published. Contrary to what Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta thought, his books were not about the military or about medicine. One was a book of poetry (*In Cadence*) and the other was a novel (*Uphill, Against the Wind*). Karen immediately accepted his offer and on March 10, Dr. Pattan talked about the inspiration for his books to a group that included another physician, a pharmacist, two budding poets and others.



Reader's Ink meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This month they discussed Alice McDermott's *The Ninth Hour*, a novel about Irish immigrants set in Brooklyn about the time of the first World War. The Mystery Book Club read Donna Leon's *Earthly Remains*, a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery. This month, the members decided they wanted to meet off-site at La Madeleine restaurant. There was a large group and everyone had a good time—and good food.



Those who attended Karen's Arts & Crafts event at the Kenwood Senior Center did a Mardi Gras mask craft and learned a little about the history of this popular New Orleans event. During Karen's other outreach—a book club at The Village at the Incarnate Word—the group discussed Erike Larson's *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*. Larson presents a tremendous amount of history, including little-known facts—in his provocative works.



# LAS PALMAS



On Monday, March 18, the Las Palmas Branch Library celebrated President's Day during Family Fun with a Come & Go Craft. Children and their families created United States flags or participated in US president crossword and trivia puzzle games.



On Monday, March 25, the Las Palmas Library had an art-centered Family Fun using watercolors, eye droppers, and construction paper. Children could use the eye droppers on newspaper, which was then dried and used to make a collage.



On Friday, February 22, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier did multiple storytimes at Jubilee Lakeview University Prep. For the Kindergarten, Ms. Frazier read interactive books, including *Don't Push the Button!* by Bill Cotter, *Just Add Glitter* by Angela DiTerli, and *There's a Dragon in Your Book* by Tom Fletcher and illustrated by Greg Abbott. Children were encouraged to interact with the stories using gestures and movements. For the first grade classes, Ms. Frazier read the *Bad Seed* by Jory John, *The Case of the Missing Chalk Drawings* by Richard Byrne, and *I Need a Hug* by Aaron Blabey. Ms. Frazier discussed reading comprehension, tone, and mood with the second grade class and read *The Day the Crayons Quit* and the sequel *The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt as well as the book *Terrific* by Jon Agee.



On March 1st, Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday at Cleto L. Rodriguez Elementary School's Literacy Night. She promoted SAPL programs, events, and collections.



On March 4th and 5th the Las Palmas Branch Library had Zoo-centered Play and Learn programs. Both programs had interactive activities such as an animal matching game, where children matched the mature adult animal with the newborn of the same animal. They learned about animals in multiple ways, such as comparing the life-size footprints of zoo animals such as elephants, giraffes, rhinoceroses, and grizzly bears. Older children could participate in zoo spelling games. In addition, there was a sensory area for younger children with touch and feel activities and books.



For the week of Spring Break the Las Palmas Library had activities for children who were out of school. In addition to the regular programs, Come and Go crafts were added. During Family Fun on Monday, March 11, children participated in an Escape Room and made Superhero crafts.



During Spring Break, Las Palmas held several successful teen programs. Teens had the opportunity to fly a drone. There was also a program featuring the making of *Spider-Man: Into the Spideverse* with a simple animation craft following the video. During the regular teen program, teens had fun playing video games, Zombie Dice and Sushi Go.



In the interest of increasing adult crafting, Las Palmas is bringing back adult coloring. Patrons, young and old have enjoyed coloring as an on-going basis. The program will run through the end of March.



To make connections to the Las Palmas community, on Feb. 19, Librarian Rhonda Davila visited the local YWCA, which is next to the library, and several laundromats near the library.



As part of Adult Programming on Feb. 21, Librarian Rhonda Davila attended a workshop at the UT Briscoe Library to learn more about resources for consumer health information, community initiatives, and professional development opportunities.



On Feb 21, Ms. Davila set up a visit from the SA Metro health HIV mobile van. Staff from Metro Health provided information on sexual health and provided HIV testing.



For on-going programs, Ms. Davila arranged for the San Antonio Cat Coalition to do periodic workshops to curb the feral cat population. The group was present on Feb. 24th, and the UT Health center also visits Las Palmas to provide information on programs for cancer treatment. UT Health staff visited Las Palmas on Feb. 20.



On Feb 28, Ms. Davila conducted a PowerPoint presentation for the Westside Resident Leadership Team. The presentation covered library resources and specific services at Las Palmas. She emphasized how libraries help communities and empower patrons with information. Several neighborhood organizations were present along with Metro Health.



As part of an adult programming initiative, Ms. Davila co-chairs the Immigrant committee and set up a library table at an immigrant workshop held at Palo Alto College on March 9. American Gateways, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and other local groups were there to support the events.



Presently the Library is running a DIY crafts and Ms. Davila demonstrated techniques in needle felting on March 13. Six patrons attended the event.



March 14, the movie *Black Panther* was shown at Las Palmas, 14 patrons attended the movie screening.

## MAVERICK



The Ladies Choice Book Club met on February 23 and Lady Mav's Book Club met March 12. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group continued meeting on Sundays in February and March excluding the weekends when the meeting was occupied by the Bexar County Election Department. The Maverick Writer's Group met on March 9 for its monthly meeting. Maverick was one the sites for the Early Run-Off Election from March 3 - March 8 and Run-Off Election Day on March 12 for the Special State Representative District 125. Once again, the Maverick staff worked together assuring opening and closing schedules were met for the election judges.



Silver Brooke Homeowners' Association met on February 21 and Sagewood Homeowners' Association met on March 2. The Chess Club continued meeting of the second and fourth Mondays in February and March. The fairly new yoga group met on March 9 and slowly continues to grow.



Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, completed LibGuide training with Digital Services Librarian, Adam Spana. She then created a LibGuide for the current Texas Library Association 2x2 list; 20 books for ages 2-2nd grade, chosen by her committee. Ms. Roberts also created a display for the 80th anniversary

of “The Wizard of Oz” movie, utilizing her personal collection of memorabilia. In early March, a patron contributed some great photos to the display that related to the production of the movie, so the display will be up until early April.



A special Spring Break event was another Gerald and Piggie puppet show, reading, craft and food! Headed up by Library Aides Laura Lopez and Katy Camacho and Circulation Attendant, Eraani Perez, with support and suggestions from Ms. Roberts, 92 people attended this event on the first Saturday of Spring Break on March 9!



Library Assistant, Mary Lou, Bleichwehl facilitated four Teen Time programs during the reporting period, assisted by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth. Maverick Teens take advantage of the time set aside just for them. Two of the high school students recently started working jobs after school and on the weekends, but let their new employers know that they are not available to work on Tuesday evenings. Some teens come in and work on home work, others enjoy the video and table top games, but they mostly seem to enjoy getting to know one another.



Maverick Teens continue to impress the staff with their generous hearts and community spirit. One teen from Brandeis gave her old iPhone to another from Marshall, who has no computer and wanted extra storage for her music. The teen had the screen repaired, but was unable to get it started. A third teen - who attends a charter school - offered to assist in setting up the old phone. When they exhausted all Library computer resources, he took it home, fixed it and returned it the following week. No money was exchanged by any of the teens; they simply saw a friend in need and helped.



Library Assistant, Mary Lou Bleichwehl, assisted Librarian Stephanie Vasquez (GNW) at Outreach at Taft High School. Bleichwehl borrowed the large Jenga from Adult Services, while Vasquez assisted students on the button maker. Teens enjoyed challenging their friends to a quick game of Jenga either on the large set or the regular size.

## McCRELESS

### Children



Rozanna Bennett, Children’s Librarian, has been doing a weekly Toddler’s Time program. Each week hosts a different theme, and includes stories, songs and crafts.



Also, Librarian Bennett has hosted a weekly Tween Time. Attendance for this isn’t consistent but they have fun when tweens come. Typically there are games and a craft. An escape room was planned for one week, unfortunately it was week no one came. The escape room kit then traveled to a different branch but Bennett plans to try again later this spring.



Librarian Bennett was invited to a few outreach events. One was a parent teacher coffee at Highland Hills Elementary School. The other 2 were for Read Across America week, where she read to various classes at both Herff Academy and Steele Montessori Academy. Librarian Marisa DeBow

assisted at Steele Montessori Academy in reading for 20 minutes to 9 groups of students. DeBow received several hugs, which made her day.



On March 15th, the branch hosted a dinosaur program. Librarian Bennett borrowed the T Rex costume from Adult Services, and it was worn by Branch Manager Morgan Yoshimura. Children in attendance enjoyed getting their picture taken with T Rex. Librarian Bennett also planned a variety of other dinosaur themed activities including fizzing dinosaur eggs, an archeological dig, and a dinosaur ring toss.

## Teens



McCreless teens enjoyed make fruit smoothies, pizza art, & slime. They also escaped from the Avengers escape room! In the process of making pizzas, teens created an Instagram account for Pizza George and his 3 babies and had a hilarious time. 3 new teens were welcomed by our regular, reliable teens and the group is becoming close, week after week.



The Teen Anime Club is slowly growing. Teens have learned how to make an origami crane and other origami shapes and they experimented with many different Japanese snacks., some delicious and others questionable!



Librarian DeBow attended outreach with several other Teen librarians and liaisons at Librarypalooza at Brandeis High School.

## Adults



As part of SAPL's "DIY U" for adults, staff at McCreless hosted our monthly Scrapbooking and Art Journaling class. Patrons attended and created their own scrapbooking pages with mementos and pictures they brought from home. Along with scrapbooking supplies, staff also provided paints, inks, paper and other art materials for creative art journaling. There was a nice turnout of 9 people.

# MEMORIAL

## Children's Services



L.B. Johnson Elementary School invited Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall to participate in their Read Across America event on February 26. She read to more than 60 students.



Mrs. Deffendall visited Southwest Preparatory School's elementary campus as part of Read Across America week. She promoted SAPL and read to over 100 students during their morning assembly on February 27.



Baskin Elementary invited Mrs. Deffendall to a Read Across America event. On Thursday, February 28, she read to 60 students.



SAPL and the branch were represented by children's librarian Christine Deffendall at Career Day at Loma Park Elementary on March 8. She spoke to nearly 90 students during four sessions.



Mrs. Deffendall contributed to the SAPL Children's Services blog, with a recommendation of the book, *Pick, Spit, & Scratch: The Science of Disgusting Habits*, by Julia Garstecki.



Mrs. Deffendall read *Baby Says "Moo!"* by JoAnn Early Macken for Dial-a-Story.

## Teen Services



Circulation attendant and Teen services liaison Michelangelo Sosa coordinates activities for Teen Time where they experiment with young adult engagement and occasionally are allowed to decide what the group does for the following two hours. Mr. Sosa has served energetic and wholesome activities to local youth. Teens have been introduced to arts and crafts, friendly competition with video games, chess and cooking. During Spring Break Mr. Sosa provided a cooking lesson in the teen area since the meeting room was occupied by Bexar County Elections. Pancakes with syrup and butter were on the menu. Mr. Sosa explained how the batter is mixed and he used food coloring to prepare separate batches of batter. Utilizing an electric skillet he poured the different colored batter to the delight of the teens in attendance. The results were delicious and colorful pancakes served with cold orange juice. Adults nearby wandered to the teen area and asked if they could have some pancakes since they smelled so good. Mr. Sosa kindly served adults after the teens were served.



The TolTech Academy (STEM campus) with Memorial High School has been conducting a series of meet ups, where the branch has been providing the teens with a safe and quiet space to create video games from scratch. For the past, 3 months Mr. Sosa has been hosting the TolTech Academy in coordination with Memorial High School staff, teaching them how to think logically, create systems for a game to function and develop their project from JavaScript and HTML5/CSS best practices. To conclude these sessions, the group will be selling their product, along with the help of industrial partners such as Youth Code Jam and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, to Rectify (a local San Antonio business) as a way to display the pain point of officially redacting information on any scale.



Teens under the guidance of Mr. Sosa have also very recently started a chess club where any young adult who wants to learn to play chess will be taught to do so. They are learning how to play chess and improve their tactical and logical skills with peers.



Mr. Sosa has been engaging teens by also starting passive programming by providing them with crayons, color pencils, coloring pages and book marks. So far there have been approximately 20 bookmarks and color pages completed.

## Adult Services





Adult services library Freddy Hudson attended training at the Briscoe Library of the UT Health Science Center. The training focused on resources to help patrons research health issues. Mr. Hudson shared information with staff during branch meeting.



The branch concluded Library Lovers Month in February with eighteen hearts posted. Patrons posted a variety of reasons why they loved the branch library. It was heartwarming to read what the patrons said.



Mr. Freddy Hudson, adult services librarian did outreach at Fenwick Academy on March 7. He spoke to several classes with an overall total of 100 students. Mr. Hudson promoted programs, and the benefits of applying for a library card. He explained the wonders of libraries that can be reached by use of their library card. Mr. Hudson also answered their questions and promoted the upcoming Summer Reading Program as well as the current branch programs for March.



The branch hosted an art exhibit by Circulation Attendant Ms Maria E. Trevino. Her artistic abilities are showcased in the works illustrated throughout the branch. The branch is appreciative of her showcasing her wonderful artwork.

## Branch Services



The branch served as a Runoff polling place for Bexar County Special Elections and Election Day Runoff voting site. This was a special Runoff election held to select between 2 candidates to fill state legislative seat formerly held by Rep. Justin Rodriguez who is now a Bexar County Commissioner.



Library Assistant Rene Leija represented the branch at the monthly Barrio Network meeting.



Mr. Leija screened the movie *Selma* for Black History Month.



Author of the month selected is Ana Castillo. Ms Castillo is a Chicana novelist, poet, short story writer, essayist, editor, playwright, translator and independent scholar. The author's biography is above the book display where it attracts the attention of patrons as they select one or two of her works to take home and read.



Basic crochet class and jewelry making continue to attract different ages and gender. Both classes are held on Wednesdays: morning and afternoon every week.



Friends of the Central Library held their quarterly meeting in the meeting room of the branch. Friends from other branches were present.

## MISSION



VITA continues to be a popular and well-attended service at Mission library.



As part of an awareness campaign for trafficked youth, Mission displayed a “Trafficked Teens” figurine and handouts. The display will be for one month and began February 20th.



Mission provided a space for the U.S. Census Bureau’s job recruitment team to reach out to library visitors who may be interested in working for the 2020 U.S. Census.



On March 16th, the commencement of the Farmers & Artisans Market at the Marquee Plaza began for this year; it occurs on the 3rd Saturday of every month until November 16th. Library Aide Briana Rangel represented Mission Library at the Market with games, activities, and information on library services.



On February 26th, the MetroHealth Mobile Clinic van offered its services to members of the local community.

## Adults



Two computer basic classes were offered at Mission Library on February 21st and 22nd. Additionally, Adult Services Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, conducted 5 additional one-on-one computer sessions with customers in an effort to meet each individual’s unique needs.



Mission has begun a partnership with community member and Tai Chi instructor, A. Rogers, who needed a new venue for her weekly Tai Chi for Seniors class. She began the weekly class on March 1st. It’s been very well attended and participants very much enjoy coming to Mission Library for their class.



On March 5th, Mission hosted its first ever dance program, in which attendees learned and practiced a modern/contemporary choreographed dance routine taught by Library Assistant Jessica Viera, who has her Associates in Arts and Dance.

## Teens



Teens at the Mission Branch Library this month participated in a variety of activities this month including our Teen Cooking Class, in which teens were able to make hot dogs and grilled cheese sandwiches. Teens enjoyed challenging each other with our Wii U and Oculus Rift gaming systems.



Teen Librarian Emily Young facilitated a tour of the Mission Branch Library for the teens at Saint PJ’s Children’s Home. The teens living in the facility had never before participated in library services and Librarian Young had the opportunity to explain to them what resources libraries have to offer. Librarian Young also participated in Harlandale ISD’s *What’s Next Symposium* which allowed her to discuss resources that SAPL provides for teens with disabilities both during high school and beyond.

## Children



Spring Break was very busy for the children of Mission Library. Come and Go Crafts provided a creative outlet for families with children looking for some fun activities.



An especially wonderful event was a performance by Ballet San Antonio who presented a narrated program with music and dance for the children about Galileo and the discovery of the telescope. Never has a group of parents and children been more enthralled with such a special program and Mission was honored to be able to sponsor such an event.

## PAN AMERICAN



Pan American branch hosted representatives from the Solid Waste department to teach our patrons what can be recycled. This informational program showed everyone what is acceptable to be placed in the recycle bin and what is garbage.



Pan American Branch continues to hold 3D printing demonstrations. On average, 10-15 patrons per day stop to watch and inquire about the 3D printer. Small key chains are printed to show the how the printer works and for patrons to have a small trinket to take home with them.



Children are busy attending programs and playing with the new block toy in the children's area. Art ideas are made into crafts and children freely color on blank paper. These are the ways the library staff and children/families engage together.



Legos and crafts draw more children on a regular basis. The school-age children like the freedom the children's area gives them. Spring Break brought many 5-9 year olds to the library. A tween STEM program was scheduled during the break.



Outreach involved going to the day care center and to an elementary school to read stories. The elementary students used their imaginations to guess what was next in the books. The Children's Librarian, Valerie Shelley, also went to a Literacy Night for the Cortez Branch Librarian as their Children's Librarian had another commitment for the evening.



Valerie has been working on an outreach program, Texas Storytime, in cooperation with Humanities Texas out of Austin. Cheryl Sheehan, PSA, and Steven Barrera, Branch Manager, are working on the project as well. The program will work with a local school for six weeks to bring 25 families into the library for a special storytime that includes a group discussion and activities.



On February 20, library assistant and teen liaison Cassie Garza helped facilitate a teen led library program. Every month the Pan American teen group works together to plan, prepare and execute a teen program. This time the program was a cooking demo and the recipe was pulled from a popular animated show. The food demo by the teen group was exciting and the end result was delicious.



On February 21, Ms. Garza assisted Great Northwest Teen Librarian Stephanie Vasquez with literacy night at Brennan High school. The event was well attended and the library craft table was a big hit.



On March 13, Ms. Garza showcased the Oculus GO virtual reality headset to the teen group. The teen group is familiar with the Oculus desktop computer system but the Oculus Go is portable. The

teens were able to walk around the meeting room area to experience a fully immersed version of virtual reality.



On March 5, Ms. Garza was invited to a community information event at Scobee Middle School. Ms. Garza set up an information table and conducted a small craft. The craft drew the students and parents to the table and Ms. Garza answered any questions parents and students had about the San Antonio Library.



On February 24 and March 10, Ms. Garza continued to host the Pokémon champions group at the Pan American library. The group continues to grow now going on its second year. The group incorporates the trading card game, video game series and now the Pokémon Go mobile game.



Adult Services Librarian Adrian Leal hosted adult coloring at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. Adrian returned to the senior center with a book full of intricate mandalas for people to color.



Community First Health Plans set up a table in the library to assist our patrons that are applying for the SNAP program. They informed patrons on how their staff can assist families by providing CHIP application assistance and provide explanations regarding the benefits of CHIP, Medicaid and/or the CHIP Perinate programs.



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.

## PARMAN



The Friends of the Parman Library had their bi-monthly meeting during this period here at Parman Library. Their meeting was attended by Barbara Kwiatkowski, who provided Friends with the branch report. The next meeting has been scheduled for June 1st, 2019.



Since the new assistant manager Mr. Holcomb has taken on the Parman Knights Chess program an increase in attendance has been noticed. Mr. Holcomb has provided a more structured type of chess instruction for the patrons and as a result has seen many of the same players return each week and each happy patron in turn steers new ones Parman's way.



Parman focused on teens during the Spring break and, on March 12, Parman library's teen weekly program was attended by 14 teens. Various options for teens looking for volunteer opportunities have been discussed and several students showed interest in becoming Teen Leaders. One of them presented a watercolor program attended by 12 teenagers. Parman staff is pleased that these Teen Leadership volunteers intend to help the library to do more teen programs in the near future. Monty Holcomb, who is filling the void for the Teen Librarian and also serves as a temporary volunteer's coordinator, is already making a difference.



In a first week of March, the Parman manager met with the newly elected leaders of the Reagan High School UNICEF Club. As a result of the meeting, half a dozen teens representing UNICEF volunteered for Parman during the Spring Break. Since UNICEF helps children around the globe, students from the Reagan chapter were assigned to children's librarians to help with the upcoming children's programs by preparing elements of the craft projects.



The Valentine's Day Story Time that was presented by Katie Thonen was well attended and Parman staff and volunteers pulled together to ensure that each child had a craft to take home that day. Their joint efforts made for a fun and memorable Valentine's event. Katie Thonen also organized monthly outreach visits with Little Sunshine Playhouse and Preschool will start at the end of March.



During the very popular among patrons Discovery Time with Katy Dillard, the children learned about the history of Ireland and played the hilarious games involving potatoes and cabbage. Lego Club presented by Katie Dillard continues to be the most attended weekly program at Parman.



Library Aide Nia Meissler, presenting and preparing monthly "Come and Go" craft, once again delivered a creative and very successful activity for the kids. Due to the popularity and public demand of the come and go craft celebrating St. Patrick's Day, it was extended for another day.



In adult programming, initiated by Barbara Kwiatkowski, Parman now has a new weekly initiative called "Parman Café", with rotating activities and special presentations. The program is already gaining in popularity and special presentations are reflecting the community needs. Some of the special presentations so far have included candle making, bath bombs, yoga, and most popular activity: talking and tea and coffee drinking. Parman hopes to continue to create adult programs which address the community needs. Parman Café is prepared and presented by Krystal Owen - Parman circulation attendant, the manager and outside speakers and vendors.



The Parman staff is also pleased that regular weekly events such as "Fitness in the Park," "Yarn, Needle and Hooks," and the "Alamo Woodcarvers" continue to have high turnouts.



Staff members celebrated St. Patrick's Day as well, by creating displays featuring Irish authors, drinking macha and green tea, eating very green cookies, wearing green and even growing a green hair.

## POTRANCO



Twisted Stitches is a well-liked sew, knit, crochet, anything fiber related group that meets weekly on Tuesday evenings for ages 9 and up. The moderator is Miranda O'Neill, Circulation Attendant, who teaches and moderates the group.



This time around the Potranco Book Club monthly book discussion moderated by Circulation Attendant Paschal Booker, discussed on March 7th *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan.





Read to A Dog on Tuesdays with Elizabeth and Nero is always popular with the kids. Nero is a certified therapy dog and he loves to be read to! Nero will happily sit patiently as children read books to him!



Potranco continued with the Sunday morning I Heart Vinyl series, curated and deejayed by Paschal Booker, with the continuing assistance and suggestions from the entire Potranco staff, as well as patrons themselves.



For this reporting period two new programs were created at Potranco Branch Library; A Chess for Beginners class held on Sunday mornings and a Ukulele Class on Fridays, in the afternoon. Both programs were well attended for the month.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

### Children



In recognition of Black History Month, the Family Circle Book Club discussed award-winning author Rita Williams-Garcia's novel, *P.S. Be Eleven*. Tweens, parents, and grandparents enjoyed reading this sequel to the popular novel *One Crazy Summer* about the adventures of eleven-year old Delphine and her two younger sisters as they grow up in Baltimore raised by their father and grandmother.



The San Antonio Symphony event was a big hit at Pruitt Library. Violinist Mary Ellen Goree delighted patrons of all ages with her beautiful music and talk of experiences as a musician and member of the symphony. Some patrons were thrilled to receive free tickets to future symphony performances. Even some of her former students were in the audience and offered advice to some of the young, aspiring musicians.



In line with the San Antonio Rodeo, children visiting the library recently had the opportunity to make bright, colorful posters depicting horses made with watercolors. Parents and children visiting enjoyed the reading of Rodeo Red by Maripat Perkins.



In celebration of Black History Month, Pruitt sponsored two events for teens: A screening of the film *Hidden Figures* and a Black History Trivia event. Both events provided teens in our local community with an opportunity to learn about the notable contributions African Americans have made to our country and to society at large.



During Teen Tech Week, Pruitt Teens spent a multiple days exploring technology using a variety of resources to include Cubelets for making mini robots, Green Screen animated creations/photos/videos with the DoInk Green Screen app, and circuitry using Snap Circuits.



In February, the Adults put away their DIY: Loom Knitting and picked up DIY: Card Making in March. The DIY: Card Making for Adults will run twice a month from March to June.



The Citizenship class is on a break in March, but will be back from April to July on Wednesdays at 6:00PM.

## SAN PEDRO



Outreach Story Time Programs—Due to an injury, she was unable to present her usual story times at Laurel Heights Methodist Weekday School, Will Smith Zoo School, Respite Care and MonteVista Montessori.



Tween Time—Betsy hosted a Tween Time event during the week of Spring Break entitled Science and Engineering for Kids. The kids enjoyed planning and implementing their design using only clothes pins and pop cycle sticks to build a structure at least two pop cycle sticks high that could hold a cell phone without toppling over!



Kids Time Programs—Kids Time on Wednesdays has been converted to a weekly LEGO® Club.



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



Outreach School Age Book Club Facilitation—Due to an injury, Betsy was unable to facilitate her usual book clubs at MonteVista Montessori and 2 SAISD schools: Hawthorne Academy and Twain Dual Language Academy. In addition, outreach programs were postponed until she recovers from the knee injury.



Betsy serves on the Committee of Thinkers subcommittee, the iPad subcommittee and the Summer Reading Committee. She also represents San Pedro on the Wellness Committee.

## SCHAEFER



The Scholastic Literacy Caravan visited Schaefer Feb. 19 after Toddler Time and Story Time. The kids enjoyed playing and exploring the caravan and receiving free book.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser visited Hirsch Elementary Feb. 28 to attend the Principal's Coffee. She spoke to the parents who attended about library information, in particular, about how to get a library card and programs for kids at Schaefer.



The Symphony at SAPL program took place at Schaefer March 2. Lauren Eberhart from the San Antonio Symphony played the trumpet for the audience and taught them about different types of trumpets.



During the week of Spring Break, kids at Schaefer could participate in a scavenger hunt. Each morning staff placed pictures of insects and animals around the children's area. Kids received a checklist

on a clipboard with a marker and marked off the items on the list once they found them! They had fun being scientists on a mission to collect data, and many kids participated in the hunt multiple times!



Children's programming continues to be popular at Schaefer. Weekly programs include Baby Time, Toddler Time, Story Time and LEGO Time.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On February 19, Robot Science Time had an assortment of robots for a bot extravaganza. The mini Spheros, Bee Bots, and Dash and Dot were all available for hands on exploration. On March 5, children created a pom-pom maze using recycled materials and masking tape. At the end of Science Time, each child had the opportunity to try out all the different mazes.



Schaefer's Teen Space is functioning as an impromptu art gallery providing a space for local teens to exhibit their work. Schaefer Library and East Central ISD partnered to bring the art of students from East Central HS to the library, utilizing the arakawa wall hanging system in the teen space. Art department teachers and Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, plan to have the art rotate to showcase the work of local teens.



During the reporting period, Cindy also visited teens at STEM Early College H.S. and facilitated a button making program.



Teens participated in pancake art, an engineering challenge, perler bead crafts, and a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt during Teen Time. Teens also printed shamrock 3D designs and used these to make keychains. STEM



Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosted a device support program for seniors at the District 2 Senior Center on February 20. One on one assistance is provided for seniors and their mobile devices.



Friday, March 1st kicked off Fitness in the Park at the Schaefer Library. A yoga instructor from Parks and Recreation leads an hour long class in the library's meeting room every Friday afternoon.



On Saturday, March 9, Schaefer Library hosted a resume and job search workshop. JSBC volunteer John Horton presented a workshop on resume writing and how social media can be used to further your job search.



Schaefer hosted a screening of the second Marvel Avengers Movie (*The Avengers: Age of Ultron*) the afternoon of Sunday, March 10 in anticipation of the release of the final installment of the Avengers film series next month in April.



Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosted an hour of coloring for seniors at the District 2 Senior Center on Tuesday, March 12. Sprint and St. Patrick's Day coloring sheets were available to celebrate the upcoming holiday.



Monday evenings at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. 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.



On January 6th 2019 at 1400 hours, patrons gathered at Schaefer Library's H-E-B Collaborate Room to participate in a cooperative storytelling experience. For three hours, patrons designed characters and participated in a fantasy roleplaying game led by Library Assistant Mason Matthews.



Beginning on February 21st, and continuing every other Thursday - Schaefer Library has hosted the patron requested Pokemon Time. School age patrons gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to share their love of Pokemon and enjoy Pokemon related activities.



Schaefer Library's Fortnite Sunday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron, has been quite 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.

## SEMMES



On Monday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 20, children and their grownups at Semmes Library listened to Ms. Randi's reading of Bunny Money by Rosemary Wells and made and decorated a money box out of paper.



In anticipation of Shrove Tuesday, February 25 and 27 and March 2, children and their grownups at Semmes Library listened to Ms. Randi's reading of Pancakes in Pajamas by Frank Asch. They accompanied her for songs about pancakes that she learned from two CDs in the collection. Then, they all made a pancakes-with-butter-and-syrup sculpture out of a paper plates and construction paper. Their "syrup" was made from white glue and brown paint and applied with a plastic dropper.



On March 4 and March 6, children and their grownups at Semmes Library celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with Ms. Randi's reading of I Am Not Going to Get Up Today by Dr. Seuss. Puppet Foxy Loxy introduced the story with her Top of the Morning song, much to puppet, Bubba Bear's chagrin! Children made a Cat in the Hat hat to take home.



On March 11 and 13, children and their grownups at Semmes Library celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Irish songs ("Michael Finnegan", "Cockles and Mussels", "Saint Patrick Was a Gentleman") and stories, Mrs. McCool and the Giant Cuhullin : an Irish tale by Jessica Souhami and The Luck of the Irish by Margaret McNamara. For the craft project, they made some leprechaun-spotting binoculars from toilet paper tubes and construction paper.



On Friday, March 8, Ms. Randi was a presenter at Converse Elementary School's Career Day. She spoke to five groups of second and third graders about the library profession, specifically children's services.



On March 11 from 1-2:30 PM, 39 children and 27 adults read, wrote, sang, talked and played together at the Zoo Animals Play & Learn. The animal washing station was the most popular with the clothesline-telling of Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear? coming in a close second. Ms. Randi also played a lively game of Concentration with several of the children.



On March 15, Ms. Randi visited the KinderCare on Nacogdoches Road with a story time about snakes. Using the Folkmanis snake puppet borrowed from Central Library, she did a puppet-telling of Mouse Count by Ellen Stoll Walsh. All of the children, including the school-age children that joined the prekinders as it was their spring break, were very quiet during the telling! In Ms. Randi's experience, that usually means they are loving it.



The Semmes Library hosted a Medicare 101 session that patrons found informative where adults could bring any questions they had and receive assistance.



Semmes Library has continued offering Circuit Training, Yoga, and a Saturday morning walking group as options for patrons to keep healthy and fit throughout the year.



This month the Semmes branch also continued to host a Semmes Sunday Stitchers meetup and an Anyone Can Draw class on alternating Sundays.



The Busy Writer's society met the final day in February and continued on their writing ventures.



Librarian Megan Stanley led a DIY: T-Shirt class where adult participants painted the phases of the moon on a black T-shirt in preparation for the upcoming Summer Reading theme.



The Semmes Circulation Attendants hosted a Magically Delicious Crafts Night in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, complete with green cupcakes. Children and their parents created shamrock wreaths, pots of gold door hangers, and colorful wax shapes.

## THOUSAND OAKS



Thousand Oaks Children's focused on Black History Month in the month of February with book displays in Non- Fiction and Biography. This included a month-long collaborative poster of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. asking children and families to write their dreams for a better world on the poster. Women's history month was highlighted in March by displaying books featuring accomplished women from around the world.





A Star Wars Lego Character Scavenger Hunt was added to the Easy Book and Express Collection area as a passive program allowing families to have fun searching for the characters while exploring the collection. Children and their adults enjoyed the Lego pop up program on Sunday March 10.



Thousand Oak's children enjoyed Bear-themed toddler and story times on February 28. Families made bears in their beds with a paper folding and decorating activity. Included each week is an informal tip from vroom.org that gives parents practical activities to positively interact with their children.



Toddler Time and Story Time themes were Cats and Dogs for March 7. Children and families heard stories about how cats see at night and created an artwork of how the cat sees at night on black paper with bright colored die cuts and painting with chalk. Several children enjoyed the homemade play dough and requested to have it each time! The recipe was handed out to parents and caregivers to encourage more hands on play at home.



For March 14, Toddler and Story time themes were Outdoors/Camping, with children and caregivers hearing stories about all there is to discover in nature. Highlights included: Creating a camping scene on paper with magazine and die cuts, looking at items from nature—rocks, leaves and plant life and leaf rubbing activity. Additionally toys for babies like soft blocks and developmentally appropriate toys and board books are out for patrons attending with babies.



Both toddler time and story time attendance increased over the past 3 weeks— culminating in approximately 20 attendees per program.



Initial contact was made with Little Red Engine, a local preschool that is underserved to reestablish a monthly story time, the director was receptive and excited to have Lea Ann come in the near future.



The teens at Thousand Oaks had a busy month; they watched Frozen and ate candy, made very creative pancake art and played Mario Kart. They also played board games and made a craft while listening to music.



Diane Setterfield's *The Thirteenth Tale* was the book selected for the February meeting of the Thursday Book Group. Margaret Lee, a young girl, is given the opportunity to pen the biography of famous mystery writer Vida Winter. The writer has written a popular book entitled *The Thirteenth Tale* with only twelve tales in the book. This phenomenon has her readers eagerly awaiting the last and final tale in the story. Little does Margaret realize that as she is recording Ms. Winter's exciting and mysterious biography she is also writing the final tale. The group members enjoyed the book and light refreshments.



Readers of the NESC book club thoroughly enjoyed the February selection, *By Invitation Only*, by Dorothea Benton Frank. Facilitated by librarian Theresa Garza, the group loved the growth the characters showed, especially in Shelby and Susan. The family story had many rich characters and surprisingly believable situations that in the end, served to bring the family together in a harmonious ending.



The Sunday Crafternoon - crafting for adults program, continues to draw in new attendees. The project for March will have crafters starting their own mini herb garden, to take home and tend for fresh basil, rosemary, oregano, and thyme.



In addition to movies to commemorate Black History Month throughout February, Thousand Oaks added weekend movies for Women's History Month in March, including *Oceans 8*, *Book Club*, *Queen of Katwe* and *Wonder Woman*. To commemorate Cesar Chavez, the branch showed a series of movies on the Latino experience, showing Cesar Chavez, *Mi Familia*, *Selena*, *La Bamba*, and *Spare Parts* during Spring Break.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



The Learn Russian class meets once a week on Sunday mornings. There's a solid group of students learning about the culture, language and what life is like in Russia.



The local San Antonio Cosplay Adventure Group, LOCASA, meets on the first Saturday of the month at Tobin at Oakwell. These sessions are to enjoy prepping, sewing a costume or to get help and advice to start a new project with this group that celebrates all things Cosplay.



Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler, continues to host weekly programs consisting of two toddler times, one story time and baby time, twice monthly Read to a Dog and once a month Lego time. Library Assistant, Terry Verner, is the lead designer for preparing crafts for the weekend Come and Go Crafts. On St. Patrick's Day Weekend, kids particularly enjoyed decorating Leprechaun Binoculars.



Teen Librarian, Karah Garcia, has diligently pursued a partnership with SA Food Bank that came to fruition with after school snacks being served to middle school students starting on February 25. Ms. Garcia and Librarians, Tracey Knouse, Rhonda Woolhouse and Karen Braeuler attended specialized training, along with an on-line Civil Rights course in order to serve the snacks. An impressive 55 kids attend each school day to enjoy healthy snacks. Prior to this partnership, the generous Friends of the Tobin at Oakwell Library provided funds for purchasing snacks or refreshments for after school.



Many kids stay for After School Fun Time on school days with the activities provided or they just hang out together. Ms. Garcia and other branch personnel host the program with art and crafts like making bracelets, Shrinky Dink art, glass pebble magnets and gaming with both board games and the Wii.



SA Food Bank's, Chef Gregory Williams, teaches Cooking Around the World classes to teens once a month. On February 25, teens learned about India and helped cook Indian Vegetable Curry and Mango Lassi smoothies. On March 8, teens assisted Chef Gregory prepare an Italian Caprese Salad and an eggplant dish, Capanata. Recipes and nutritional information are provided with each class and of course, teens really enjoy learning how to cook and then getting to eat their creations.



The Young Adventurer's Guild group of teens meets weekly on Thursday's to participate in the role playing game of Dungeons and Dragons. The program is hosted by one of San Antonio Gamers Association that is an official Dungeon Master.



Librarian, Rhonda Woolhouse and Ms. Garcia host a SAPL booth at San Antonio's Game Expo on March 16 at a hotel nearby. This event features all types of gaming from board games to videos for active participation and fun.



Thanks to Carla Conrad, Central's Shelving Unit Manager, for sending three Library Aides, Pristina Pinales, Christopher Lopez and Jonathan Lopez, to help with shelving needs over a six week period at Tobin at Oakwell. Ms. Conrad and her team have embraced the City of San Antonio's Value of Teamwork and all of Tobin's staff appreciates their extra efforts.

## WESTFALL



In February and March, 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.



The Westfall Branch continued to host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The program offers free tax preparation services for income of \$55,000 or less to residents in San Antonio. Tax returns are prepared by trained and certified volunteers. VITA volunteers received 20 hours of training and must pass an IRS approved exam in order to prepare and submit tax returns for the public.



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.



Westfall Branch Library was invited to visit Franklin Elementary on Friday, March 1st for "Read Across America" Day. Children's Librarian, Imelda Merino, shared a wide variety of picture book stories with four groups of children. Attendance, overall, was about 108. The children, in turn shared with her the titles of their favorite books. The "Wimpy Kid" books, Dr. Seuss books and the "Percy Jackson" series were among the favorites.



On Fridays, the Westfall Branch continued to host students from the One for Autism Academy located in the neighborhood. The students visited the branch to check out library books as well as participate in an activity. Teen Librarian, Daniella Toll has been working with the students since the beginning of the school year.



Teen Librarian, Daniella Toll continued to host math tutoring on Saturdays from 1-3pm at Westfall. Three 10th and 11th grade volunteers from Health Careers help mostly middle school students with math up to algebra II. Additionally, the branch has Teen Time every Wednesday from 5-7pm, where young adults participated in fun activities and games.



Ms. Daniella Toll reports that one of the branch volunteers has been very enthusiastic during her time volunteering at the Westfall Teen Time. She energizes the other teens and the brainstorming process - inspiring teens come up with new ideas for activities and events at the library. Very interested in promoting wellness, the high school volunteer also made two posters for the teen area, one promoting caring for others and the other avoiding drug usage. Both posters were a lively addition to the Teen Area décor.



The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the “Stranger than Fiction” and “Third Thursday” book clubs. Books read this month included *The Wangs vs the World* by Jade Chang and *The Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher. 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 February the LEARN @ SAPL center expanded the technology class offerings with the help of longtime volunteer Nathan Lott. Nathan designed a comprehensive Libby training and produced a video that can be reused and referenced on YouTube. Patrons were guided through downloading the Libby app on their mobile devices and shown how to access and navigate the library’s vast digital collection. The class was offered two times in February, and LEARN staff received two outside requests for the training as well. Because of Nathan’s efforts, the LEARN Center was able to bring Libby not only to regular library patrons, but to staff, and families at NEISD. It was a win-win-win, and we are grateful for Nathan’s continued service to the library and the community.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

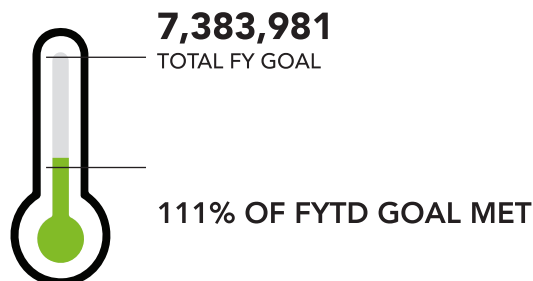
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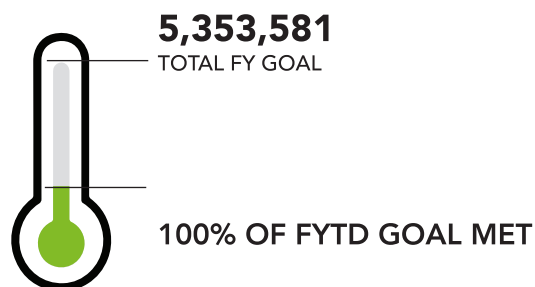
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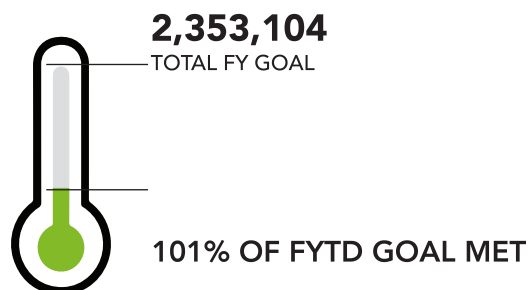
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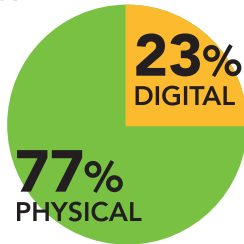


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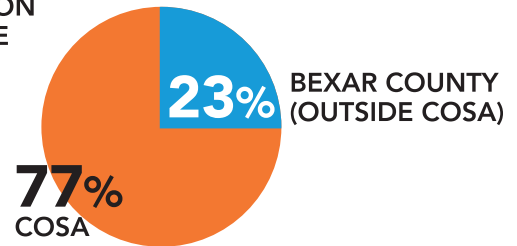
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### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2019

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



### VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2019



**1,014,777**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**420,552**  
MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**639,823**  
SANANTONIO.  
OVERDRIVE.COM  
VISITS

**617,898**  
FACEBOOK  
REACH

### PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2019



**141,595**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**4,726**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**4,835**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**83,684**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### FEBRUARY MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



# San Antonio Public Library

## Feb 2019 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	4,191	10,534	6,342	1,584	4,757
Brook Hollow	25,045	17,770	6,427	1,292	5,135
Carver	3,605	7,510	3,673	1,358	2,315
Central	23,607	51,208	37,158	11,795	25,363
Cody	31,140	21,060	7,544	1,381	6,163
Collins Garden	5,452	6,413	4,066	1,386	2,680
Cortez	5,820	8,331	4,042	1,129	2,912
Encino	14,698	11,120	4,515	447	4,068
Forest Hills	6,440	8,017	4,019	855	3,164
Great Northwest	21,415	14,115	5,533	1,523	4,010
Guerra	9,006	11,071	5,947	1,591	4,356
Igo	27,531	23,115	6,994	1,066	5,928
Johnston	9,676	8,480	4,105	1,289	2,816
Landa	11,243	10,468	2,219	655	1,564
Las Palmas	4,834	9,819	5,022	1,583	3,439
Maverick	20,996	11,834	4,057	1,346	2,711
McCreless	9,980	12,128	4,814	1,635	3,179
Memorial	6,008	9,238	4,501	1,117	3,383
Mission	11,132	18,378	7,491	2,147	5,344
Pan American	4,709	10,235	2,887	1,083	1,805
Parman	24,311	24,542	4,668	571	4,097
Potranco	15,481	12,737	13,162	889	12,274
Pruitt	6,144	14,969	3,661	903	2,759
San Pedro	3,738	5,538	2,288	638	1,650
Schaefer	8,087	9,836	5,945	915	5,030
Semmes	22,284	16,355	6,461	1,609	4,852
Thousand Oaks	8,664	11,406	5,695	1,111	4,583
Tobin	16,861	14,883	4,814	1,499	3,315
Westfall	14,288	13,981	7,161	2,248	4,913
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,266	690	N/A	690
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,110	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	99,245	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	141,588	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>618,329</b>	<b>406,357</b>	<b>185,899</b>	<b>46,646</b>	<b>139,254</b>

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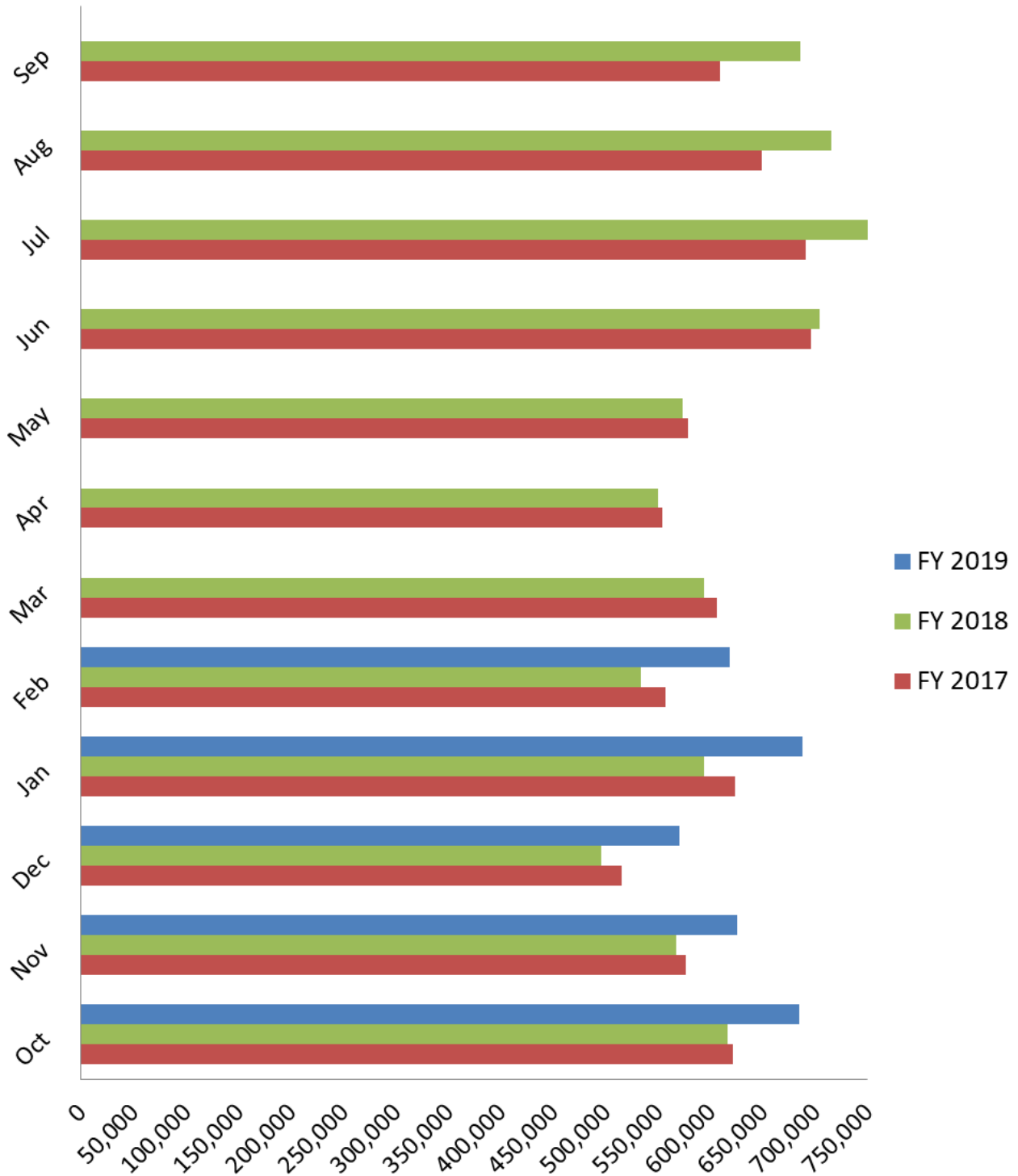
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## Feb 2019 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	51	22	10	19	574	175	256	143
Brook Hollow	64	9	4	51	1,465	65	11	1,389
Carver	56	33	6	17	1,392	909	57	426
Central	124	17	76	31	2,492	214	809	1,469
Cody	62	14	13	35	2,142	53	377	1,712
Collins Garden	27	9	4	14	303	38	31	234
Cortez	28	17	2	447	264	137	0	127
Encino	67	21	9	37	1,020	169	47	804
Forest Hills	32	12	2	18	374	138	0	236
Great Northwest	33	13	8	12	1,077	101	353	623
Guerra	46	14	5	27	854	233	130	491
Igo	54	22	7	25	1,769	207	276	1,286
Johnston	30	9	8	13	592	44	383	165
Landa	51	3	16	32	931	36	41	854
Las Palmas	36	16	4	16	353	143	7	203
Maverick	34	9	5	20	722	62	87	573
McCreless	26	5	5	16	498	27	254	217
Memorial	44	16	9	19	691	298	51	342
Mission	61	27	18	16	743	294	137	312
Pan American	34	15	7	12	667	262	254	151
Parman	97	36	9	52	2,772	519	319	1,934
Potranco	9	5	0	4	206	50	0	156
Pruitt	43	16	5	22	842	157	215	470
San Pedro	16	2	0	14	59	8	0	51
Schaefer	53	8	13	32	819	64	126	629
Semmes	57	18	6	33	904	90	58	756
Thousand Oaks	24	12	4	8	185	64	22	99
Tobin	65	12	12	41	1,506	98	516	892
Westfall	35	8	8	19	304	71	18	215
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	39	0	0	39	874	0	0	874
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>27,394</b>	<b>4,726</b>	<b>4,835</b>	<b>17,833</b>

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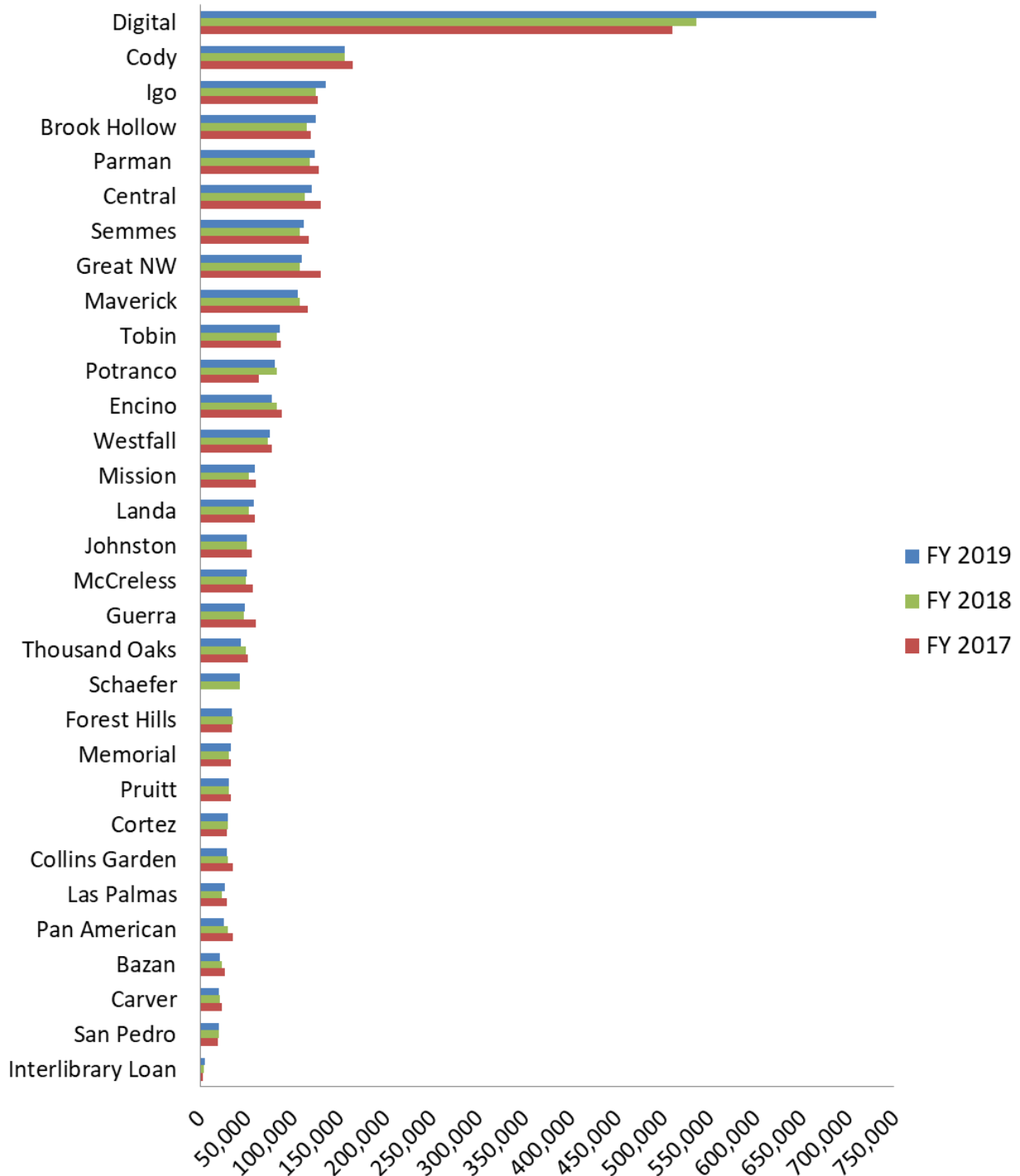
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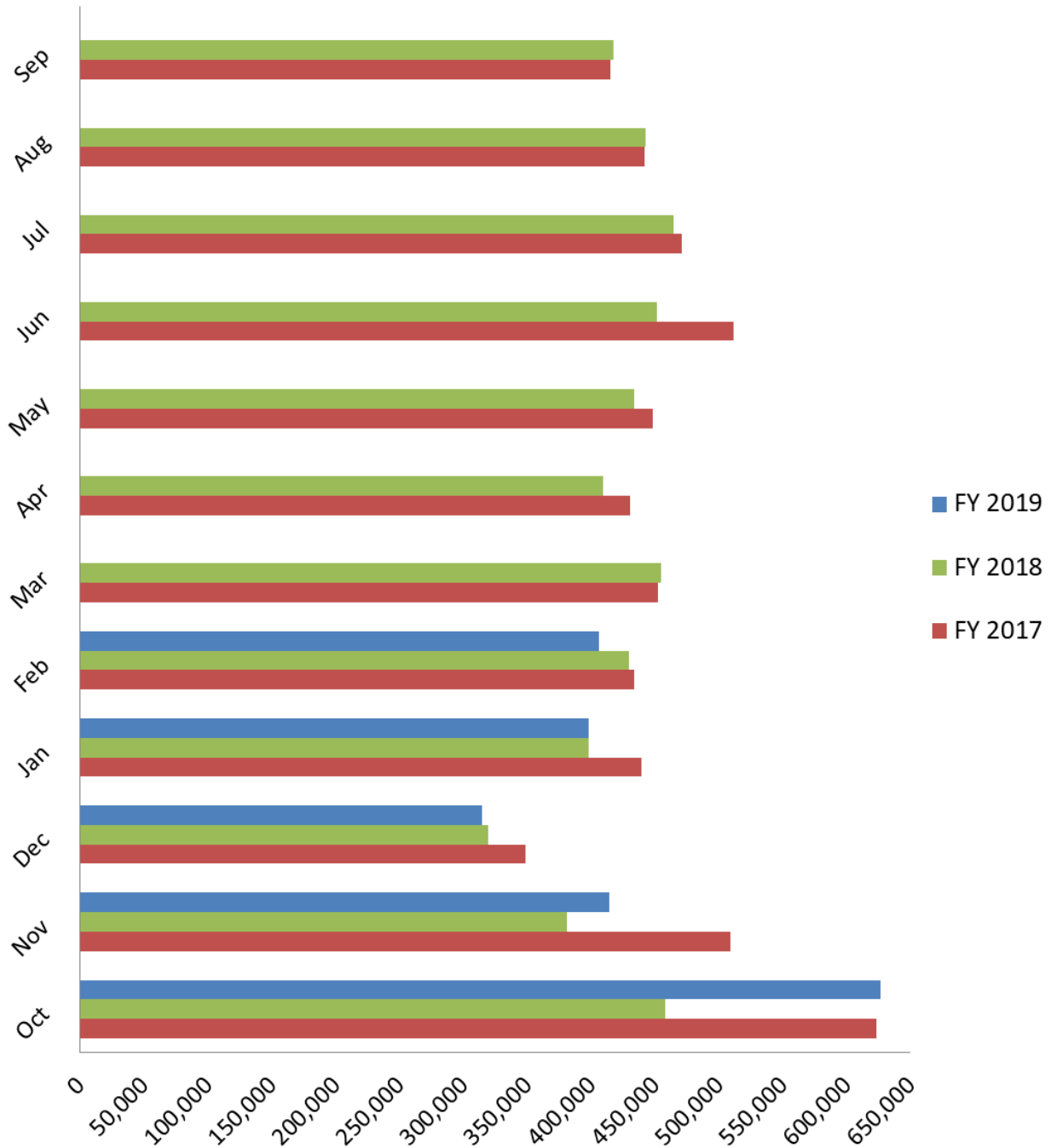
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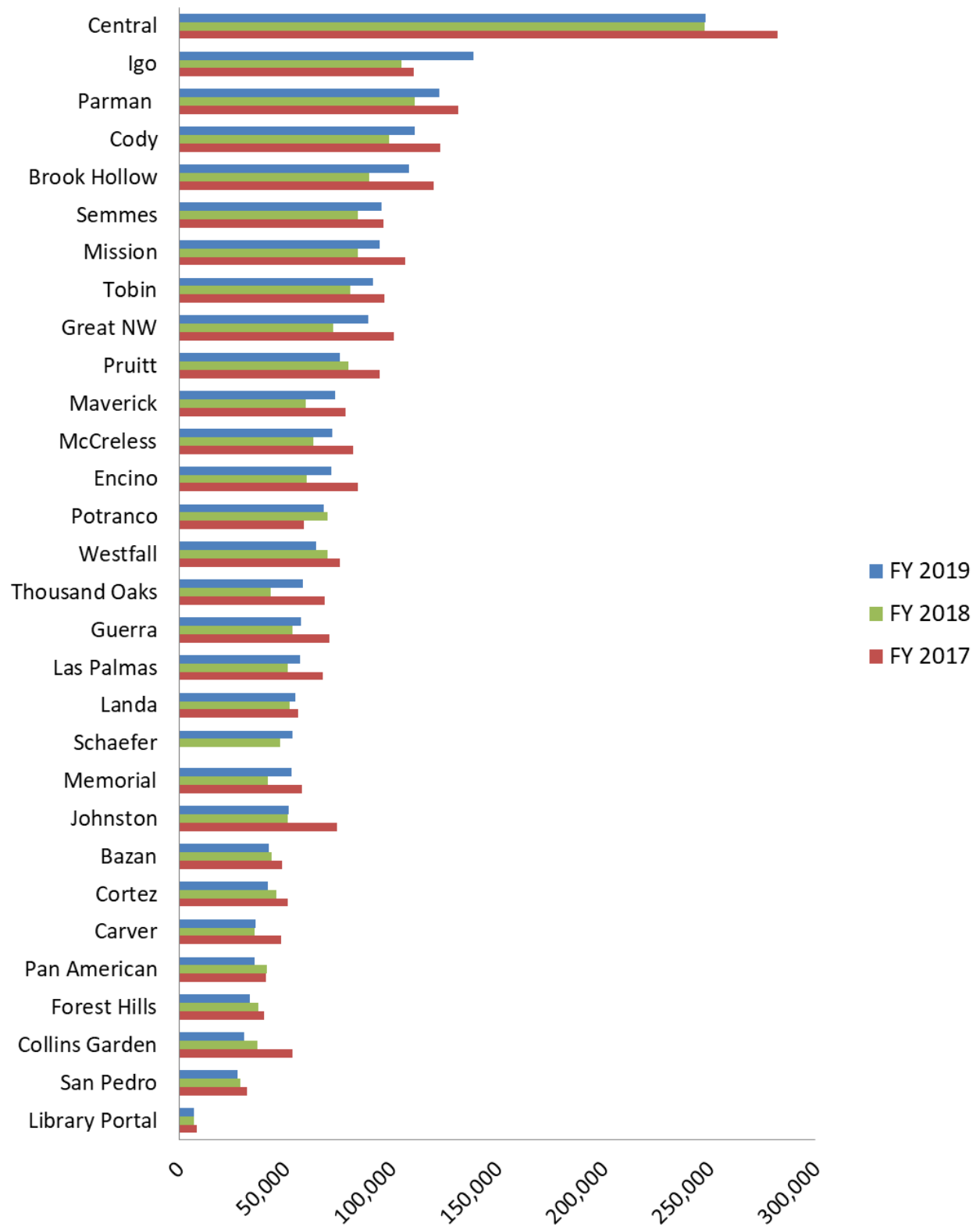
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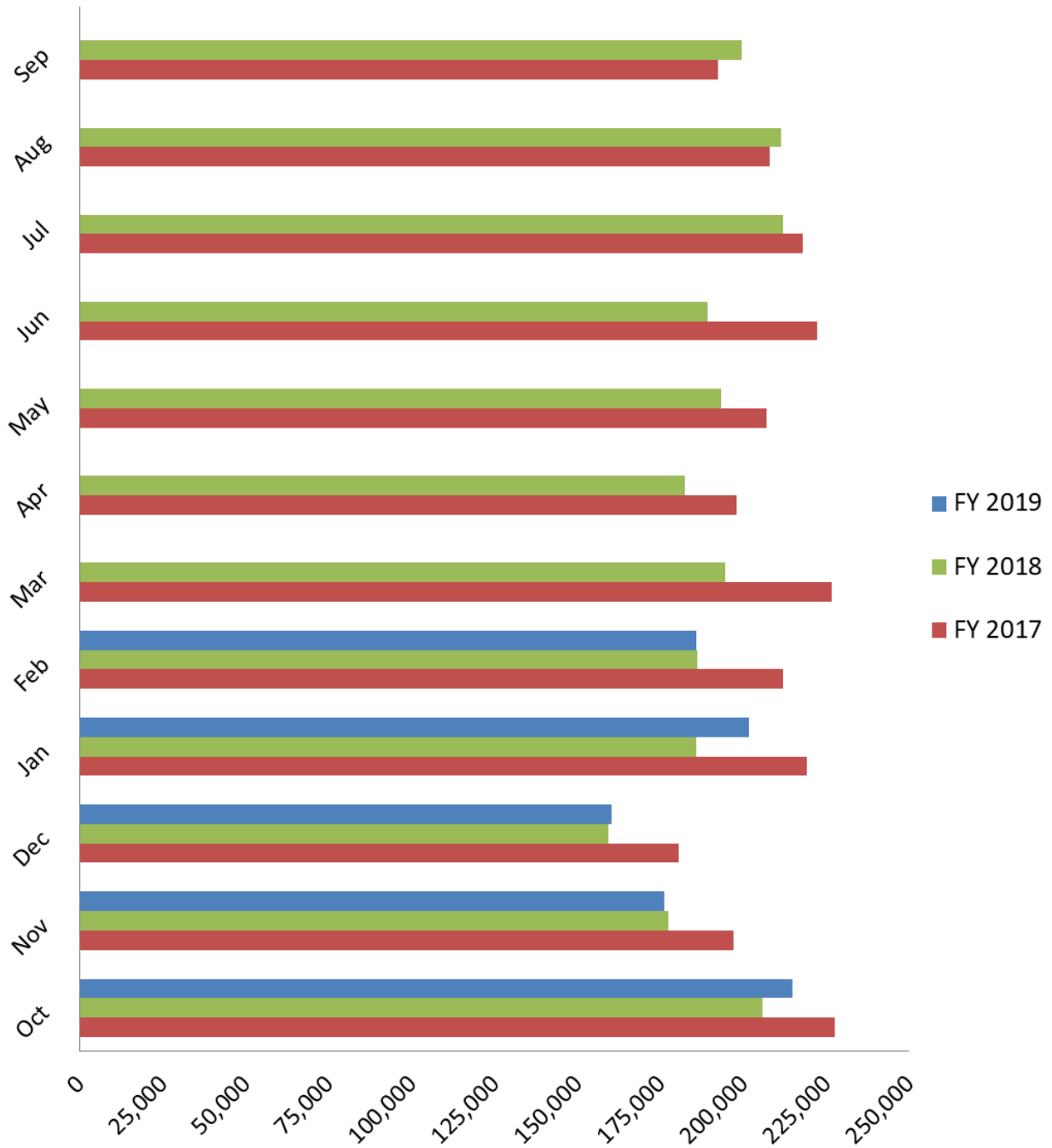
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## Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



\* Combined measure of Public Computers Hours of Use and Wi-Fi Hours of Use

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