



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report April 2019

San Antonio Public Library employees participated in the 11th Annual City Manager's 5K Walk and Run on March 31. Robert Hernandez, Senior Circulation Attendant at Las Palmas Branch Library (center), placed 1st in his age group.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



The City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services, in coordination with Center City Development and Operations, opened the Migrant Resource Center. As part of this initiative, the San Antonio Public Library is providing support and assistance to the Migrant Resource Center:

- Provided Spanish-Language Board Books
- Provided coloring sheets for activity
- Shared Spanish-Language Children's DVDs that could be viewed on the TV in the Corner

Additionally Library Staff have volunteered at the Center. The Resource Center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. and provides a safe waiting space for migrants whose transportation plans may require a wait of several hours or an overnight stay before their departure. Services at the Center include travel booking assistance, legal assistance, hot meals, medical assessment and treatment, and activities for children.



On Monday, April 1, 2019, the Central Library served as venue for a press conference to kick-off the 2020 Census effort and announce the Complete Count Committee. The City's Government and Public Affairs Department organized the event. The program speakers included: Mayor Nirenberg, Judge Wolff, County Commissioners, and the Complete County Committee Co-Chairs, Celina Pena and Rebecca Cedillo. The press conference attracted several media outlets. The Library Department is actively engaged in the Census 2020 effort as public libraries play a vital role in many aspects of the census count (meeting spaces to train Census workers, computer workstations to complete Census form, Information professional to provide reference assistance).



Library Director Ramiro Salazar and Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan met with District 6 Councilman Greg Brockhouse on Friday, March 29, 2019 to discuss the planned improvements of the Great Northwest Branch Library and associated temporary closure of the branch library. Interior improvements for the branch include complete replacement of carpet, replacement of the circulation desk, new public seating, installation of a digital signage monitor and possible improvements to restroom fixtures. During the closure, April 15 to May 5, the Library's meeting room will remain open for early voting for the May 4, 2019 Election. The Library parking lot will also continue to serve as a Pre-K 4 SA drop-off and pick-up site.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with District 10 Councilman Clayton Perry on Monday, April 1, to discuss the planned improvements of the Semmes Branch Library and associated temporary closure of the branch library from May 1 to May 26, 2019. Improvements for the branch include new carpet throughout, replacement circulation desk, repaint of several areas and parking lot repairs. Due to parking lot work, the Library Department worked with Pre K 4 SA to find an alternative pick-up and drop-off location while the improvements are made.



In collaboration with the City's Center City Development Office, the decision was made to discontinue automatic three hour free parking in the Central Library Parking Garage effective Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Library customers will continue to get up to three hours of free parking

through the validation process. This is a first step to address the lack of parking for library customers and library staff, as well as other monthly parkers. Signage was posted in the garage and in the library on April 10, 2019 to alert the public to this upcoming change. Communications with Library stakeholders, including partners co-located in the Central Library is ongoing. The Library continues to work in close coordination with Center City Development Office.



The Pan American Branch Library celebrated their 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 13, 2019. A formal program included remarks from District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran and Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar. Following the speaking program, the Library offered family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

- National media coverage in Computers in Libraries Magazine with an article co-written by staff about the IT Roadmap. The article was featured on the cover of the magazine.
- Marketing and Guerra Teen Services partnered in promoting the Master Chef Jr food demonstration which took place 4/4/19. This event featured the four SA based Jr. Chefs that appear on the show, MasterChef JR.! The event was a huge success, bringing in 73 attendees. The San Antonio Current also released an article promoting the event.
- Teen Services was featured on KSAT's SA Live segment on 4/12/19. Regina Almanza represented SAPL as she demonstrated Fiesta DIY crafts.
- Little Read Wagon's Julia Lazarin represented the SAPL Team on Fox Midday news promoting Autism Accessible Browsing Hour. After the interview, the Fox team invited SAPL back on to feature this event on their Friday 6pm evening news. The event was very well received by the community and event made its way as a featured article on the Urban Libraries Council's weekly newsletter.



The design team created materials to prepare for several programs, events and other design support: Monthly newsletter; Summer Reading Materials; Las Palmas 50th Anniversary; Pan American 50th Anniversary; Older Americans Month Materials; Young Pegasus Anthology and Jesse Trevino materials.



The Team successfully rolled out events and campaigns including Pan American 50th Anniversary event, Book Festival and National Library Week. The Team is currently planning for Summer Reading Program and ELLA Awards.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- 10 Library fans won Fiesta medals this month as the San Antonio Public Library celebrated #NationalLibraryWeek. The marketing team held a social media contest asking Library fans to take pictures with their library card and received over 30 submissions.
- In partnership with Texana, the San Antonio Public Library now shares the "This Day in SA History" blog on twitter.

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 17,416
2. Twitter: 4,655
3. Instagram: 3,503

DIGITAL SERVICES



On March 26, the Library officially unveiled a brand-new version of the online catalog. Built on Bibliocommon's BiblioCore platform, the new catalog provides a fresh, modern look, an updated search engine, a host of additional features and a platform where San Antonio Public Library Patrons can share their favorite titles, write reviews, and share lists with each other. The platform also offers the Library the ability to provide more curated content to highlight parts of the collection.



On March 30, Digital Services welcomed a new employee, Digital Library Services Assistant Dan Garcia. Mr. Garcia was previously a member of the Central Library's Reference Unit.



On April 2, Interim Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun attended a second CivTechSA-sponsored meeting with student members of the Texas A&M SA JagCoders club. The students successfully demonstrated a working proof-of-concept of connecting to a library patron account via a voice-activated Google Assistant. They also presented information on the design of a single-sign-on platform for connecting patrons to the virtual assistant of their choice.



Digital Library Services Assistant Michael Sheehan designed a Summer Reading database to help track this year's participants in the Library's annual Summer Reading Program. The new database will allow staff to add and also easily maintain registration information over the summer and will assist in providing statistical information about the program.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Autism Accessible Browsing Hour - On March 30, Julia Lazarin, Arlene Richardson (Guerra), and Dexter Katzman (Guerra) hosted an Autism Accessible Browsing Hour. The program was developed in response to a request from a parent of a child with autism. Several families took advantage of the opportunity, which was promoted through two news programs, social media, and the network of local agencies that support families impacted by autism.



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents—Early literacy workshops were presented for the following organizations: Sun Valley Elementary, Pre-K 4 SA East, Linton Elementary Family Literacy, JT Brackenridge Head Start, Indian Creek Elementary, Catholic Charities Parent Connection, Southwest Independent School District Dia de los Padres, Kriewald Road Elementary, Avance Parenting (six workshops for six groups), and Menchaca Early Childhood Center.



Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens—During this reporting period Little Read Wagon staff visited with students at these high school campuses: Academy of Creative Education, John Jay, Roosevelt, LEE, Holmes, Churchill, Marshall, Tejeda, Harlandale, Stevens, and Roosevelt.



Outreach Story Time Programs—Youth outreach story time programs were presented at House of Neighborly Service, Little Sunshine Playhouse and Daycare, Navarro Learning Center, San Antonio College Early Childhood Center, and Democracy Prep.

Mary Grace Moreno invited Xelena Gonzalez to share her book, *All Around Us*, with the children at House of Neighborly Service. Ms. Gonzalez, a former Little Read Wagon team mate, used to visit the center regularly to present story time. It was a joyful reunion with a great new experience for the children and staff. The center received a signed copy of Ms. Gonzalez' book, compliments of the author.



Play & Learn—The Play & Learn series at Jane Dubel Park started off with chilly weather, but the second session had plenty of sunshine and enthusiasm! Nearly 100 children and their adults came out for the April 10 program. Several new families attended, meeting up with friends from various groups: Baby Wearing, La Leche League, and Stay at Home Moms.



Reading Village—The Reading Village traveled to Menchaca Early Childhood Center and Pre-K 4SA East for four afternoons each.



Workshops for Professionals—Little Read Wagon did not offer any workshops for early childhood professionals during this reporting period since April is historically a low-attendance month with so many community events and Week of the Young Child competing for teachers' attention. The team will present the final workshops for the school year in May, and is already discussing options for 2019-20.



Building Connections—Library and early literacy information was shared at these community events: Family Fun Night with the Nurse Family Partnership, Southwest Independent School District Dia de los Padres, Nelson Early Childhood Center Family Literacy Night, SAISD Head Start Health and Community Fair, KIPP Un Mundo Literacy Night.

Ms. Lazarin, Clair Larkin, and Cresencia Huff attended the 2019 San Antonio Regional Public PK-12 Education Forum along with other guests of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. The forum included a keynote presentation by Robert Pianta and a panel discussion moderated by Robert Rivard.

Ms. Larkin met with Carissa Christner, a children's librarian who was visiting from Madison, Wisconsin, about Anji Play, an open-ended, self-determined approach to play.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading 2019: Over the Moon—Preparation work for Summer Reading 2019 ramped up considerably in late March and early April. Supplies for Summer Kids Time and Summer Tween Time have been purchased, sorted and distributed to the Central Children and the branches. Thanks to the hard work and creative talents of the Marketing Team, the children's reading log and the summer bookmark are in production at the printer. The Summer Reading Guide, <http://mysapl.org/srp>, is up and running to let library customers know about all of the fun and exciting programs coming their way when Over the Moon lifts off on June 1.



Community Outreach—Spring is always a busy season for outdoor family events. Beginning with the San Antonio Book Festival on April 6, every weekend this month will see children’s staff at community events, promoting the library and summer reading.

- April 6: San Antonio Book Festival. Viki Ash (Children’s Coordinator) and Jasmin Salinas (Children’s Librarian Brook Hollow) both moderated panels at the festival.
- April 13: Summer with SAISD. Viki Ash and Leslie Elsasser (Children’s Librarian Schaefer) joined Teen Services staffer Ami Sarabia at a “booth” featuring the VROOM Van. (Thunderstorms caused the event to shut down ahead of schedule but not before staff had interacted with more than 100 current and potential customers.)
- April 20: Viki Ash and Gina Brudi (Children’s Librarian Collins Garden) will be at the Egg-stravaganza hosted at the Normoyle Community Center by COSA Parks & Recreation.
- April 20: Viki Ash and Cresencia Huff (Library Lead Little Read Wagon) will work the United Way Kids’ Festival in Lockwood Park. This event is the only family-friendly Fiesta event on the City’s Eastside. Viki has served on the planning committee for the Festival since its inception under the auspices of the Eastside Promise Neighborhood.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Fiesta Youth Partnership—On April 2, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) attended Fiesta Youth’s first youth meeting at their new location at Woodlawn Pointe. In preparation for Fiesta Youth’s upcoming ‘90s-themed LGBTQ Prom, teens shared their favorite part about the ‘90s—which became quite humorous, considering that all teens were born in the 2000s. Teens then played various “playground games” to welcome new teens at the meeting, and ended the meeting with an Open Mic Night where teens shared original poetry and music as well as renditions of their favorite songs.



Off-Site Service—Matthew Loaiza continued to coordinate with Thrive Youth Center for their “See One / Help One” community resource event on April 27. Loaiza and other Teen Services staff will attend the event with the VROOM! Van and provide information on services available for teens through the library. Unfortunately, due to rain, the Just One Night campaign originally planned for April 6 was postponed; Teen Services will be present at the rescheduled event on May 18.

On April 4, Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central) conducted an outreach visit at the Irene Chavez Excel Academy. She provided a craft station for the event, in which students created their own buttons for them to take home. The teens were informed about the services and resources Teen Services offers throughout the San Antonio Public Library system, and they were given informational flyers to locate their nearest branch and find out what that location offers for teens.

On April 13, Amisarahi drove and staffed the V.R.O.O.M van at the SAISD Summer Fair. She provided information to and teens and families about what the San Antonio Public Library offers for teens. After the SAISD event, Amisarahi drove the van to the Pan American Library to represent Teen Services in the 50th anniversary branch celebration.



Mini Maker Faire—Teen Services held its annual Mini Maker Faire at the Central Library on March 23. Caroline Mossing (Teen Services Librarian II, Brook Hollow Library) leads the planning and implementation of the event each year. This year was another great success, with over 1,800 in attendance. Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central) assisted Caroline in the weeks leading up to the event with preparations, including setup, assisting makers throughout the event, and welcoming attendees by giving them Maker stickers, pens, journals, and lanyards. During the

event, Teen Services used Simple Booth, a photo booth station that allows teens to take photos with an iPad that have backgrounds with SAPL branding. The photos can then be sent to teens via email or their phones for them to share on social media.



San Antonio Book Festival—Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central), Karah Garcia (Teen Services Librarian, Tobin @ Oakwell), and Marisa DeBow (Teen Services Liaison, McCreless) represented Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's San Antonio Book Festival on April 6. Teens were able to participate in a multitude of activities, such as gaming and button making. Many teens also opted to design their own buttons by using blank templates. At the end of the day, Teen Services hosted an exciting karaoke activity in the GeekTown HQ tent to close out the Festival's teen activities for the day. The activity proved to be extremely popular, with many patrons stopping by to enjoy the show.



STEM Pilot Workshops—On April 11, at Memorial Library, students from Memorial High School (Edgewood District) presented a project resulting from the from the STEM Pilot Workshops. Since November, the teens (3 young men, 3 young women) have been working with mentors from SA Youth Code Jam to produce an app-based redaction game they named "Blackout".

The game demonstrates the value of automated rather than human redaction of sensitive information (such as private medical information). The app was produced to the speciation of a real-world business client – Melissa Unsell-Smith, Vice President of Rectify, a company specializing in machine based redaction. The presentation was very interesting, the product was impressive, and the teens were proud of their work – and rightfully so!

Among the attendees was Diane S. Sanchez, President & CEO of the SA Hispanic Chamber. She talked to the teens about the importance of networking – and immediately began to brainstorm internship opportunities for the teens. Jennifer Velásquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) has served as a facilitator for this partnership, and Michelangelo Sosa (Circulation Attendant, Memorial Library) has facilitated the day-to-day operations at the branch for the pilot. Teen Services looks forward to working with the Alamo STEM Ecosystem, SA Hispanic Chamber, and SA Youth Code Jam on the next iteration of this project.



Program Promotion—On April 10, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) was invited by the Marketing Unit to promote SAPL Teen Services on SA Live. Regina showcased craft-making on air that she facilitates with teens in the Teen Library.



System-wide Support—J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continues to assist the Central Reference team with the SAPL podcast by participating as a host.



Professional Development—During the reporting period, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) attended the Library Leadership Team meeting on March 28. Loaiza also served on an interview panel for a Librarian I (Teen Services) position.

The Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system met in the Teen Library at Central on April 10 for their regularly scheduled meeting. Meeting agendas and minutes are available for viewing on the Teen Services Web.



ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The 2nd Mission City Film Festival was held on April 10. The Alamo Drafthouse Park North graciously hosted the event led by Central Reference Manager Marco De Leon and Pan American Branch Manager Steven Barrera. Trophies were presented to the winners of each category followed by a screening of the winning films and official film festival selections. Many of the films will also be screened at branch libraries in the coming months.



Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes worked closely with the Organizational Health Team and the Operation Transformation Re-visionaries to plan the all staff picnic at Brackenridge Park on April 12. Attendees enjoyed food, music, games for adults and children, and a dessert back off. Ms. Holmes planned a Minute to Win It game tournament that was a lot of fun for both the participants and the audience.



DIY U programs for adults continue through May. More than 30 sessions include a variety of topics such as building terrariums, crafts made from recycled books, homemade lotions, how to make fruit salad, and more.



Ms. Holmes met with Adult Education and Literacy specialists at Region 20 to discuss potential collaborations between their educators and SAPL Learn centers. Learn staff will present at the Region 20 Consortium meeting in May.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin presented engaging Toddler Time programs this month. Creepy crawly bugs took over the story room! Ms. Seglin delighted toddlers with Can You Make a Scary Face? by Jan Thomas. Green and purple slime with bug stampers provided a slimy sensory mess for toddler fingers and hands. A sensory bin with colorful beans and bugs was enjoyed by many toddler fingers and hands. A specimen station with magnifying glasses gave toddler the opportunity to look at real insects up close. Children's Coordinator, Viki Ash filled in for Ms. Seglin while she was on vacation and had a blast sharing stories, blocks, and art with dot makers and puppy die cuts. Spring arrived with a garden themed Toddler Time one week. Toddler took turns watering, planting and sorting by color fake flowers, fruits, and vegetables. A flower shop with a cash register was the highlight of the program.

Toddlers love playing with the cash register, money, and hearing the sounds it makes when it opens and closes. Painting with flower and butterfly sponges and stampers let the children experiment with mixing colors. Ms. Seglin continued using loose parts in Toddler Time. One week she put out large cardboard tubes and tissue boxes along with toy cars and different sized balls and Styrofoam scraps. The toddlers went to town dropping the items in the tubes.



The Central Children's Department hosted a pop-up lego program the day of the Mini Maker Faire. Library Assistants Mary Elizabeth Fernandez and Carolyn Bradley quickly set up the story room for the program. Families enjoyed building with legos and duplos together while meeting new people.



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. The Discovery School honored Ms. Seglin with a homemade card thank you card, flowers and donuts for community helper day. The students thanked her for bringing books each month to their classroom.



Librarian Olivia Escovedo and Library Assistant Carolyn Bradley created a "Reading With My Peeps," book display for April. This fun display featured titles about all things spring including chickens, eggs, and bunnies. The display has received many compliments and lots of children have been checking out the titles.

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. During the reporting period, J.D. assisted the teens in making their first Teen Library zine, aptly named, "Teen Zine." It is comprised of teen-generated song lists, poems, art, cartoons and pictures.



Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager): To keep things fresh, teens have started engaging with different expansion packs to their favorite games. The "Unicorns of Legend" expansion pack for "Unstable Unicorns" added a little extra flavor to the game without severely impacting gameplay, allowing teens to incorporate new cards into their army such as a Dwarficorn or an extradimensional saddlebag. Then, on April 9, teens celebrated National Unicorn Day with a mini-tournament of "Unstable Unicorns," with one teen taking the win and being crowned the most unstable unicorn (until next time, that is). The addition of the Piranha Plant fighter in "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" gave teens a new fighter to learn, and with more fighters coming out soon, teens are excited to continue learning new tactics to become the best fighter.

Last but not least, the "Munchkin Steampunk" edition of "Munchkin" introduced teens to new gameplay tactics, such as infinitely-stackable cane items that encourage teens to strategically trade their items with others. Teens also read the rules for "Munchkin Quest," an in-depth version of the game that gives teens

the control of creating a tabletop dungeon to explore through; since the game is much more complex than the original “Munchkin,” one teen is taking on the task of mastering the rules in order to lead a game soon.



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): Teens use Thursday nights to explore creativity in foods and crafts. In an environment of peer-to-peer (as well as staff) encouragement, teens take everyday items and turn them into useful, tasty and/or imaginative treats. Using hand-eye coordination, learning a new technique, following or modifying instructions for a particular craft or recipe helps teens engage in activities that promote expression and creative problem-solving.

In recreating a banana split in one bite, teens skewered sliced bananas, pineapple chunks and strawberries then dipped them in chocolate, froze them, then enjoyed while watching one of the best teen-reviewed movies of the moment, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse. Teens attempted making bowls out of confetti, a tricky craft involving balloons, confetti, a whole lot of Mod-Podge and patience. For a nice cool refreshing drink, teens chose from a variety of recipes and ingredients, like strawberries, bananas, milk, peanut butter, Nutella, strawberries, and cherries. Some teens even took a more experimental route, modifying recipes, as well and enjoying their drinks while watching Aquaman, playing UNO and the Switch.

Perusing through a new library cookbook about apples, one teen found countless recipes that would suit making at Teen Library. The first recipe chosen: apple roses. Teens sliced apples thinly, used puff pastry strips, cinnamon sugar and butter to roll up and bake in a muffin tin. Complicated as it was, some pies were excellently prepared with some looking more like apple pouches than roses, but the taste of each was labelled as delicious. Though used as a reference throughout the baking session, the new library cookbook was not harmed during the process.

Teens attempted an intense method and skills following an Internet video, using a griddle and a spatula to make crispy cheesy dogs. Hot dogs were placed on sturdy skewers, heated through, then in what was a nerve-wrecking moment for staff, placed cheese slices directly on the griddle to melt, enabling the teens to roll the cheese around the hot dog, then lift up and eat. They handled it beautifully and sometimes that is exactly how you need to spend your time at the Library. Using sewing machines, fabric, craft fusible web, and an iron, teens sewed handy fabric tray organizers and mini pillows, which one teen girl said she tucks inside the sleeve of her hoodie for the moments she needs to rest her head while sitting at a desk to keep her comfortable.

After most food and craft and movie nights, teens request the use of video game systems (the Nintendo Switch remains the most popular) for friendly competition, or they choose from a variety of board games or sit and watch a movie or sign up to use one of our MACs for homework study or game play. Pictures from Thursday night programs (and awesome system-wide programs) can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary> and Teen Library pictures can also be found at <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.

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 George Gervin Center, Roy Maas, and other youth-serving community agencies 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 March 27, seniors working on their Capstone projects visited the Teen Library @ Central for a tour of the library and catalog and database instruction.

On March 29, several Fox Tech classes visited the Teen Library to explore the music studio, use computers, receive library cards, check out books, play video games, and use the Oculus Rift to play virtual reality games. Later in the day, Teen Library staff provided a tour to a group of students from Jay High School.

REFERENCE



For the Central Cinema series this month, Reference staff hosted two Academy Award winning films. *A Star is Born* is the story of Jack and Ally, two artistic souls coming together on stage and in life. Their story is a journey through artistic achievement and the heartbreak of a relationship struggling to survive. The film was nominated for several Oscars and won for Best Achievement in Music written for Motion Pictures. Patrons were thrilled to see such a popular and critically acclaimed movie. *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* won the Award for Best Animated Feature Film. Unanimously praised for its diversity, the film offered audiences a funny, original, action-packed Marvel adventure. Teen Miles Morales becomes the Spider-Man of his reality crossing paths with counterparts in other dimensions to stop a threat to all realities. Attendees included families who enjoyed a fun afternoon. One patron arrived in Spider-Man attire and happily posed for pictures.



For the DIY U series, Librarian Panna Prasad presented How to Prepare Homemade Yogurt. Attendees viewed a video demonstration and received a recipe handout. Suggestions for other ways to make use of yogurt were also provided.



This month Central staff from Children Services, Teen Services, and from the Texana/Genealogy and Reference Departments introduced representatives from the CoSA Communications Team to Library Services and Collections. Reference staff escorted the group, pointing out significant art pieces throughout Central. Featured works included the Mural and self-portrait, *Mexicano, Chicano, Americano* by local artist, Jesse Treviño. The *Fiesta Tower* by Dale Chihuly was also greatly admired.



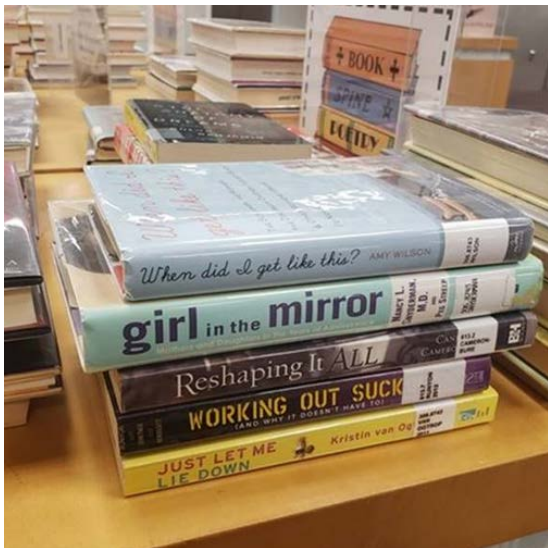
In March Librarian Vicky Villalobos held a Computer Basics Class followed by Email for Beginners. Attendees learned the different parts of the computer as well as how to navigate the desktop and gain access to the internet. Students also practiced mouse skills and became familiar with the keyboard. At the end of the session the class was proud to receive a completion certificate. During the second hour, students created email accounts and learned how to compose and send emails. The first email sent by the students was a copy of their Computer Basics Certificate.



To support the annual *San Antonio Book Festival* this April, Reference staff welcomed authors and fans with a display that showcased their work.



To Celebrate National Poetry Month, Reference staff created their own book spine poetry and invited patrons to try their hand at verse and share it on social media.



LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On Tuesday, March 19, the Latino Collection and Resource Center was host to *Building Bridges, Building Communities*, a presentation by the Southwest Workers Union as part of Cesar Chavez Month programs. This program was coordinated by Texana staff Sylvia Reyna and Debbie Countess.



On Wednesday, March 20, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted *El Mero Weso: Heritage Inequality & Gentrification in San Anto's Westside*, a panel discussion that included Dr. Sarah Gould, Dr. Tomas Ybarra Frausto, Dr. Christine Drennon and Michelle Tremillo. The event discussed the important role of heritage and inequality within gentrification processes and what community members on the front lines are doing to mitigate its effects. This program was presented through a partnership with the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center and the Westside Preservation Alliance. It drew 65 attendees.



On Wednesday, March 27, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted a Protest Sign-Making Workshop as part of Cesar Chavez Month programs. Attendees were provided all the tools needed to prepare for the Cesar E. Chavez march on Saturday, March 30th.



On Sunday, March 31, the Latino Collection and Resource Center concluded the Los Courts exhibit that had been on display since February 2019. This exhibit explores life in San Antonio's oldest public housing development and challenges stereotypes about public housing while exploring the enduring role they play in providing housing to over 1,800 residents of the Westside. It was developed and produced by the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center and the Westside Preservation Alliance in San Antonio, TX using materials from the San Antonio Public Library.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Assistant Manager Matt De Waelsche presented the class *Using Census Records in Family History Research* on March 19. The presentation covered using census records in genealogical research with a primary emphasis on the U.S. federal census and included other special censuses and census substitutes.



In honor of Cesar Chavez month, Librarian Sylvia Reyna and Assistant Manager Deborah Countess invited Diana Lopez and Isaac Garcia of the Southwest Workers Union to speak about the issues that drive their organization. The March 19 program *Building Bridges, Building Communities* focused on the group's efforts to raise awareness of: farm workers and indigenous rights, food sovereignty, climate justice, environmental racism, and their Roots of Change Co-Op.



On March 20 the Central Library hosted the Texana & Genealogy Stakeholder Meeting to gather important input as the design process begins for the 2017-2022 Texana Resource Center Bond Project.



In celebrating the legacy of César Chávez, Deborah Countess hosted a March 26 screening of the documentary *Willie Velásquez: Your Vote is Your Voice*. This film focuses on San Antonio's Latino social activist and vote organizer, Willie Velásquez. The work he did to educate and organize Latino voters resulted in his name becoming synonymous with the phrase "Su voto es su voz." ("Your voice is your vote.")



On March 26 Librarian Andrew Crews presented the class Using Military Records for Genealogy Research. Attendees learned how to begin finding and using muster rolls, service records and other resources to uncover interesting information. This event was the first in a series of Texana classes to be held at the Kampmann Library Portal at the Briscoe Western Art Museum.



Sylvia Reyna continued honoring Cesar Chavez's legacy by helping to organize and participating in the City-wide Cesar Chavez march, Saturday the 30th. She was joined by library employees Raquel Reyes, Emma Hernandez, Lisa Leandro, and Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and her family.



Deborah Countess presented the class *Local Online Genealogy Resources* on April 7. Attendees learned about San Antonio/Bexar County genealogical and historical records available online and examined early land, birth, marriage, and death records.



On April 13 Librarian Sylvia Reyna hosted a walking tour of San Fernando Cemetery #1. The tour provided an opportunity for guests to visit the grave sites of some of the founding members of our city and learn about the famous (and infamous) people buried in San Antonio's historic San Fernando Cemetery #1. Notable residents include: Jose Francisco Ruiz, Jose Antonio Navarro, Madam Candelaria, Juan M. Garza Veramendi, and Frances P. Giraud.



Andrew Crews presented at the April 13 Family Discovery Day hosted by the San Antonio Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He went over the different types of resources available to researchers, their format (book, microfilm, online) and where these resources can be found here in our collection.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



With summer quickly approaching, Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen began to wind down her book clubs at several neighborhood elementary schools,. Although the kids were sad that the clubs were ending, they looked forward to a party at the next book club meeting to celebrate the improvement they made as readers this year.



Teen Librarian Georgina Salinas and Edward Mayberry from Guerra hosted several presentations in Spanish at John Jay High School for an ELL class. Ms. Salinas took the lead to introduce the class to the database Brainfuse. The presentations focused on how high schoolers can use this tool to enhance their ELL learning skills and focused on an activity using electronic version of What Color is your Parachute for Teens. The teacher and the students were thrilled with the activity. In addition, both

Ms. Salinas and Mr. Mayberry attended a second outreach event in the evening at Lanier High School's College and Career Fair. There they spoke to several students and parents about volunteering at the library and handed out flyers and brochures detailing the library's resources.



Hosting the VITA free tax service at Bazan presented staff with a great opportunity to welcome and introduce customers to a number of Pop-up programs. Library Assistant, Enedina Prater, hosted the impromptu programs with the help of enthusiastic volunteers. The programs included a small origami craft, coloring and trying out the Oculus go head set.



In celebration of Cesar Chavez Day, the Bazan branch invited the public to make buttons with farmworker slogans such "Si se Puede" or images of the famous labor leader and civil rights activist. The program, and previous button making programs, has been very popular with children, teens and adults.



A growing number of fan groups were hosting programs and meetups at the Bazan branch. The Treknology Star Trek Fan group and the Alamo Browncoats Firefly Meet-N-Geek held meetings in March and April and planned to continue meeting throughout the year.



Training Officers Emily Flores and Michelle Rickman attended the 2019 COABE (Coalition on Adult Basic Education) Conference. The Conference was a wonderful learning and networking opportunity. The two attended a reception for the Open Door Collective, where they had the chance to speak with the creators of the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment tool as well as several other leaders in the Adult Education field.



The Immigration Committee met on Thursday, March 21 at Las Palmas branch library. The SAPL committee, led by Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Davila and Training Officer Emily Flores, works to coordinate immigration and citizenship resources across the SAPL system. The group discussed future citizenship workshops and public information strategies to encourage individuals to naturalize.



Training Officer Emily Flores' citizenship class visited the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Applicant Service Center on Friday, March 22. Kenny Scruggs, USCIS Congressional Liaison, provided the group with a tour, including the opportunity to speak with a USCIS officer responsible for carrying out citizenship interviews and briefly observe a naturalization ceremony. The students enjoyed the trip and felt that the information provided greatly lessened their anxiety about what to expect the day of their citizenship interview. A couple of weeks after the visit, one of the students had her interview and, surprisingly, was assigned the same adjudication officer who had spoken to the group. We are happy to report she passed her interview and will become a U.S. citizen in a few short weeks!

BROOK HOLLOW



At Brook Hollow Library, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas continued to focus on Early Literacy programming with Baby Time offered twice a week due to parent interest and demand, Toddler Time and Toddler Two programming, and Story Time. The songs for the spring programming session changed, and Baby Time caregivers expressed their excitement about the new lullaby in multiple languages. One grandmother told of how she recorded Ms. Salinas singing the new Baby Time songs so that she could play them for her fourteen-month granddaughter at home. Now, Ms. Salinas's songs are played at meal times and during getting dressed time and serve as a fun way to motivate her grandbaby through routine tasks that used to cause tantrums.



In addition, Brook Hollow's *Story Time* programs continue to be offered on Tuesdays for children ages three to five years. In March, Ms. Salinas focused on "writing" as the Early Literacy tip for parents, and offered several activities after her story time to encourage children to make marks. The most successful was laying out giant sheets of cardboard and placing oil pastels, crayons, paint sticks, and markers for the children to explore. Several parents commented that it was such an easy project, but one that their children really enjoyed.



Weekly programs for school age children continue at Brook Hollow with *Come & Go Craft*, *Lego Time*, and *Read to a Dog* in the afternoons. While *Lego Time* attendance continues to drop, *Come & Go Craft* participation is actually rising. Many of the tweens, children age nine to twelve, that come afterschool have noticed the craft table and will spend a great deal of their time at the art station with their friends.



For *Tween Time* in late March, Brook Hollow hosted the "Avengers Escape Room" program. So many children were interested in the program that the branch actually hosted it for two consecutive weeks. Of the five teams that attempted to escape from the Avengers' Hulk, only one team was successful. Still, a few teams got close and they seemed to enjoy the program regardless of whether they completed it successfully or not. In total the branch had twenty-six tweens participate in the *Escape Room* programs and reached record high attendance numbers for the program.



In March, Brook Hollow also offered its third *Graphic Novel* book club for kids. Each month, a majority of the same children come back eagerly anticipating the program. In March, we deconstructed comic books to make artistic collages and tackled an I Spy game. The children that attended had a really good discussion about graphic novels from what they loved about the book we read to their favorite graphic novels of all time.



At the beginning of April, Ms. Salinas was invited to Coker Elementary to participate in their *Family Literacy Night*. Ms. Salinas set up a table in front of the school library to promote upcoming programs and talk about library services with families.



Also in honor of *National Library Week*, Brook Hollow offered families several passive programs and fun activities to do together during their visit to the library. Children were able to vote for their favorite character and write or draw about why they love Brook Hollow. Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez also helped Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas set up an I Spy Scavenger Hunt for children to enjoy throughout the week.



Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas also assisted with the *San Antonio Book Festival* this year. She served as the co-chair for the committee to welcome and direct school groups, and this year she also served as a moderator for middle-grade children's author Jennifer Ziegler.



During March the quest to conquer the Curse of Strahd continued during Brook Hollow's weekly *Dungeons & Dragons* program for older children. Participants learned the intricacies of the game and made new friends while playing a popular table top role playing game at the library. *Dungeons & Dragons*

will come to end at the end of April while the branch prepares for a transition to Summer Reading programming.



Brook Hollow's teen faced off in friendly competition using the branch's WiiU during Teen Time. Mario themed games remained a popular choice. Teens enjoyed snacks while creating characters to compete in Super Smash Bros and Mario Party. During the reporting period teens also voted on ideas for *Teen Summer Night* activities. So far the most popular program ideas are Horror Perler Beads Craft, an activity where teens learn how to make cute versions of horror movie villains such as Freddy Kruger and Jason using plastic beads, and Tokyo Night, a celebration of Japanese pop culture.



On March 23, Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez led patrons in creating colorful birds out of buttons on canvas. The attendees enjoyed the craft and are looking forward to more in the next couple of months.



Circulation Attendant Carmen Zarate and Library Aide Elizabeth Jimenez led patrons in making handmade piñatas on March 30 in celebration of Fiesta. Ten patrons had a great time learning how to make the festive decorations. Patrons returned on April 6 to complete their projects. The attendees enjoyed the class so much, they wanted to know when they next one would take place.

CARVER



Dr. Michelle Tabit, associate professor of history at the University of the Incarnate Word, delivered an historical perspective on the accomplishments of women, on Saturday, March 30 in honor of Women's History Month.



Carver Branch entered San Antonio Public Library's Fiesta door decoration competition, submitting a nighttime depiction of a fiesta celebration. To add dimension to the display, the staff experimented with various textures such as yarn, tissue paper and lace, achieving a stunning, festive effect.



Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo promoted careers in the information profession at career day events at S.W. Preparatory School and S.H. Gates Elementary. Branch Manager DL Grant promoted SAPL services to visitors at the District 2 Open House on Monday, April 15.

CODY



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

March 24, *Pride & Prejudice* (Women's History Month)

March 31, *Age of Adaline*

April 7, *The Accountant*



Cody Branch also hosted a Citizenship Information Session in which representatives from American Gateways spoke with residents.



Cody welcomed Morgan Bradbury from Child Advocates San Antonio to set up a display for Child Abuse Awareness month. Many of the Cody patrons stopped by to view the display and arm themselves with promotional material.



In celebration of the city wide DIY campaign, Cody provided a class on Moon Phases and Oil and Fragrance which had a good turn-out of patrons.



Cody's Adult Librarian McGowan hosted the Urban-15's Mega Corazon which was live-streamed for patrons in honor of National Poetry Month.



Cody's Adult Librarian once again partnered with Kaori Tanaka, DO, MSPH from UT Health Science Center at San Antonio for Stop the Bleed.



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

March 22, Basic Research
 March 29, Job Now
 April 5, Job and Career Accelerator
 April 12, Resume Creation

COLLINS GARDEN

Adults



Spring highlights of Collins Garden Library's (CGL) Programming include two performances by Voces Cosmicas Poetry Group and Urban Historian Fred Garza-Guzman's Haunted Women of San Antonio for March's Women's History Month. CGL Team, lead by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, Voces Cosmicas Coordinator Fernando Esteban Flores, arranged a Cesar Chavez celebration Saturday, March 30, 2019 with Voces Cosmicas local poets along with Jorge & Nicole on guitars. The poetry group also performed April 13, 2019 during National Poetry Month and National Library Week.

CGL's Adult Coloring Program has a regular following of patrons who enjoy meeting to relax and color various patterns. Coffee and a Movie features Mexican classic/recent cinema. CGL hosts a series of photography classes facilitated by Jamie Garcia. The library offers Tech Tuesdays with Assistant Manager Tasha Martinez answering tech questions re: use of apps, phones, tablets and computers.

Children



Lego Club continues to be a popular program with 76 participants attending four 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 including a March 30th Cesar Chavez Celebration with Lego farms and vegetable stands. Eighteen kids attended the Chavez event and 24 kids attended a Zoo Play & Learn in April. In March, CGL children's librarian attended Parent's Night at Graebner Elementary School and informed 40 parents/children about SAPL services. She also presented 13 story times and delivered classroom collection library books to Knox Education Center.

Teens



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

Other



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

Manager Happenings



Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies attended Ride for Reading San Antonio events at Sara King and Roy Cisneros Elementary Schools representing SAPL along with children's librarians from Las Palmas and Memorial libraries. Manager attended the 7th Annual San Antonio Book Festival at the SAPL Central Library and The Moth storytelling at the Majestic Theatre.

Davies recruited CGL patrons/sisters Barbara and Sybil Mariani to be the new president and vice-president; Gina Jimenez, Girl Scout troop leader & accountant, as treasurer, and long-time patron Adriana Gallegos as secretary. New Friends members were elected at the FOCGL Board Meeting in March 2019. New members are in the process of coordinating training for their new roles. The new Friends made Fiesta Wreaths as a their first fundraiser and plan to continue making wreaths for various occasions.

CGL Manager leading CGLTeam to pilot a mini-reference station and a Tween Program in May. CGL staff complimented manager after conducting Lego Time for the children's librarian when she was out sick. Lego kids took pictures wearing National Library Week crowns and one kid left the room telling his mother, "That was fun!" Great day at the library! Manager engaged with young people and modeled programming with Girl Scouts/Green Space Alliance in community garden utilizing training as a Junior Gardener awarded by Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.



CORTEZ



Esmeralda Staudt, Library Aide, spent time assisting at the City Resource Center to help migrant families in transition. Her willingness to serve and fluency in Spanish were greatly appreciated.



On April 13 Ms. Brantley represented the Library at the Palo Alto Easter “Eggstravaganza” sponsored by the College and District 4 with over 1000 in attendance. In addition to Ms. Brantley, Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt was present to assist with greeting customers from the community and making sure they were aware of library services.



Continuing the Branch tradition of celebrating anything and everything the staff wore their colors and posed for pictures for their Third Annual “Rainbow Day”. In keeping with the theme, jellybeans and fruit chews were enjoyed as well.



The Branch is one of four pilot locations for faxing service and staff are happy to report that it is going well.

Children’s Programs



Toddler Time (Nicole Cubillas)—Toddlers and their caretakers heard songs and stories on the themes of space aliens, insects, different careers, and siblings. They prepared relevant crafts, participated in dramatic play, and spent time 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 heard stories on space aliens, insects, different careers, and siblings. They collaborated on process art, prepared slime and sensory bottles, and participated in relevant challenges and competitions.



Palo Alto 2nd grade visits (Nicole Cubillas)—Two second grade classes visited Cortez on Tuesday March 19 for a tour of the library. They participated in crafts and activities celebrating Fiesta.



Palo Alto Pre-k visits (Nicole Cubillas)—Two pre-k classes visited Cortez on Monday April 8 for a story and some dramatic play featuring different jobs.

Adult Programs



Adult Coloring and Cortez Older Adult Social Time (Madeline Vasquez)—Every Tuesday, staff member Madeline Vasquez leads the COAST program. This weekly community event 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)—The crafting class worked on sewing bean bags which came out really nice. The class also made Easter egg wreaths which were very colorful.



Quilter's Corner (Jo Ann Paredes)—A new program was started in March and is for basic quilting. At the present time the quilters are working on blankets with designs of their choice. These classes are every other Sunday when the instructor is available.



Monster Meet (Madeline Vasquez)—A good-sized crowd was treated to the original version of the film “Pet Sematary” on April 13. This popular monthly movie showing brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



Art Therapy (Madeline Vasquez)— On March 21 Ms. Vasquez led the group in making wind chimes out of sticks, twine, beads, and jar lids. She did the same craft with staff for the weekly teambuilding event and everyone enjoyed it.



Some Like It Hot Movie Anniversary (Brooke Mjolsness)—On March 28, staff member Brooke Mjolsness hosted a movie anniversary showing of *Some Like It Hot*, which premiered sixty years prior. Snacks were served to attendees.



Healthy Cooking Class (Vince Escobedo, Metro Health)—On March 21, Mr. Escobedo led the group in making healthy smoothies. Patrons helped prepare all the ingredients. After, Mr. Escobedo made the recipes and passed out free samples to all attendees.



Edible Book Festival (Brook Mjolsness)—On April 11, Ms. Mjolsness hosted Cortez's Second Annual Edible Book Festival, where patrons decorated cakes to look like their favorite books. All supplies were provided and prizes were awarded to the top three cakes.

Community Programs



Small Business Workshop (Judith Canales)—South Side First's Mrs. Canales hosted a small business workshop on March 27. The session informed attendees how to obtain capital for their small business.



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 Daniel Gomez will be starting Orientation April 15 and is expected to join Branch staff soon afterward..

ENCINO



Tweens Create! continues to be a successful program at the Encino Branch. This month, the tweens created pet rocks, DIY Lava Lamps, April Fool's creations, and Pulled String Art. The tweens really enjoyed learning about the science behind the DIY Lava Lamps and seeing them in action; and making vegetables look like candies to fool their families and friends.



The Encino Library hosted a Tea Rex Party on March 28. At this event children enjoyed a reading of *Tea Rex* by Molly Idle and a visit from Encino Library's T-Rex! The inflatable T-Rex costume (borrowed from Adult services) was a huge hit and the kids loved visiting and taking pictures with the library dinosaur. Kids also got to make a couple of dinosaur themed crafts and snack on "dinosaur toenails" (Bugles), "dinosaur eggs" (donut holes), and "dinosaur bones" (pretzels).



Children's Librarian Ann Laird attended the Encino Park HOA Open House on April 6 to represent the library at a booth and provide library information along with Friends of Encino Library member Ann Powell. Ms. Laird brought library information to Tejada Middle School for an event they were also having on April 6.



Encino's *Teen Anime Club* saw teens coming together once again to screen four different anime and try some new candies in the Encino Teen Room. In Teen Club, participating teens got to try their hands at the Oculus Go lent to us by Teen Services. Popular programs saw teens facing their fears on thrill-inducing rollercoasters and interacting with aliens on far-away planets. The teens liked the device so much they requested that it be brought back to Encino at a later date. Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot informed the teens that this was definitely a possibility.



Ms. Pouliot traveled to Johnson High School on the last Tuesday of the month to make buttons and discuss library programming with teens. This month the teens were excited to make new movie-themed buttons from Captain Marvel and a few commented on how they would be visiting the San Antonio Book Festival with their families.



Encino's Adult Services has had great success with its Labyrinths and Libraries Board Game campaign and on-demand computer classes. Though they are programs of relatively small attendance, they provide value to the community, both for work and recreation. Labyrinths and Libraries has reached an intergenerational audience, and computer classes help to provide technical instruction, primarily to an older audience looking to hone workforce skills. Fitness in the Park offered weekly by the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department and crafting programs, such as the Hand Bee and the San Antonio Needlework Guild, remain popular with growing attendance. *The Read It. Love It! Discuss It* monthly adult book club had near-record attendance on March 27 with 13 enthusiastic bibliophiles discussing the Women's History Month selected title of *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer.



On March 23, the branch hosted the Friends of Encino Library's Book Sale and Craft Fair, with more than 400 visitors above usual Saturday numbers. On March 30, the branch provided space for American Gateways to inform potential citizens about what they would need to prepare to apply for American citizenship.

FOREST HILLS



The VITA service continued to be a popular offering during the months of March and April. The VITA staff were honored by their supervisors due to being the site with the highest number of volunteer hours.



Forest Hills offered its typical rotation of programs for Adults including the Mah Jong players, Needlework Guild, Project Linus, and the Adult Book Club.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor made her monthly visit to the Dorris Griffin Senior Center. The book club read *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.



The Adult Services Librarian Sandra Griffin attended the closing event for Contemporary Art Month 2019 where it was announced that three artist/exhibits currently on display at SAPL branches been awarded CAMMIE Awards.



Ms. 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



Spring time is upon us and Ms. Menchaca wanted to celebrate the end of winter by having storytimes that celebrate the spring. Ms. Menchaca had one storytime dedicated to flowers and why flowers are so important to all us. The children discussed why flowers and seeds are important and what they give us. Ms. Menchaca brought a coconut to show children what the largest seed in the world looks like. The kids had a blast holding the coconut and shaking it to hear the coconut water inside of it. Another storytime was dedicated to butterflies, their lifecycle, and their role as pollinators.



In an effort to continue to introduce science to the attendees of Forest Hills Kids Time, Ms. Menchaca had a demonstration that illustrated a chemical reaction and ph levels. Ms. Menchaca made “dinosaur eggs” out of citric acid, baking soda, and vegetable oil. Hidden in the mixture was a plastic dinosaur. In order for the eggs to “hatch” they had to be submerged in water. This kids who attended the program were amazed by the eggs and quickly realized they are like “bath bombs.” Ms. Menchaca took this opportunity to explain what causes the eggs to hatch. Ms. Menchaca explained what a chemical reaction is and also took the opportunity to talk about acids and bases. Ms. Menchaca had ph. test papers on hand to demonstrate how different liquids have different ph. levels. Ms. Menchaca had soda water, oil, contact solution, water, rubbing alcohol, and coffee. The kids had a good time trying to guess what liquid would be a base and what would be an acid.



When Ms. Menchaca visited PCI Head Start at the beginning of April she read *I'm a Frog* by Mo Willems. The kids really enjoyed the book and requested that Ms. Menchaca bring another Elephant and Piggie Book – which Ms. Menchaca is happy to do. Ms. Menchaca also took books to Head Start to help the teachers introduce gardening and the life cycle of insects.

GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library children have had a great time this month. The Toddler Time program *ABC Club* finished learning their final letters of the alphabet. Now most of the toddlers can recognize their name being spelled. One of the program's younger patrons, Caroline, shared that it's crazy for her to see how much her mom had labeled her name everywhere in the house!



The Storytime program Camp Library continued to explore different animals by reading the books *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Giraffes Can't Dance*, *Cornelius* and *Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Each Thursday they learned different ways to create a story and how to retell it, building comprehension skills.



In the homeschool group *Who's Who of History* learned about authors that have shaped American writing culture. The kids explored each authors' lives and learned how to write their own biographies. When the group studied Helen Keller, they learned how to read Braille Levels 1 & 2.



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 March and April. In March teens watched *Chicken Run* and *James and the Giant Peach* and made water color and pastel art. In April teens watched *Inception* and made a variety of crafts.



Teens celebrated National Poetry Month by planning and implementing a *Teen Poetry and Music Open Mic Night*. Teen volunteers made flyers and a sign-up sheet for other teens who wanted to participate. Teens performed their favorite or original poetry and music. They enjoyed this program so much they are planning on making it a reoccurring event.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on March 20 for an outreach event where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make buttons, and play games. On March 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.



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



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. In April Great Northwest celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Month to thank the volunteers for their dedication to the library.



Library Assistant Kathleen Marascio hosted a poetry program, *Do You Haiku?* in honor of National Poetry Month on April 9. The program was designed as an interactive workshop where patrons could learn about and experiment with this classic Japanese poetic form which captures a fleeting moment in time that connects man with nature. A group discussion was had on the Western tradition put forth by the experimentations of both beat (Kerouac) and minority (Richard Wright) authors of the 20th century onward. Participants were encouraged to write Haiku singly or in a group, and to put their own ideas and humor into their creations.

Most participants chose to share their Haiku on the “Poet-Tree”, while others took their creations home as keepsakes of the event. The Great Northwest “Poet-Tree” was the centerpiece of this program and still serves as an interactive display in the library for both patrons and staff. Both juvenile and adult book selections on this subject were displayed and made available, with patrons borrowing some after the program.



On March 18 Library Assistant Christina Martinez taught patrons how to sew their own small throw pillow in the *DIY U* program. One expectant mother made a small pillow for her future child. On April 2 Ms. Martinez demonstrated how to create a Fiesta medal. Patrons were able to select an iron-on decal and used felt, ribbon, and safety pins to complete their creations.



Artist Bernice A. Houston generously loaned her collection of Easter eggs and the Pysanky tools used to create them for a beautiful display.

GUERRA



The VITA Program concluded its 2019 season on Monday, April 15 having provided taxpayer assistance to 1,450 community members. The Guerra Chess Club met on Fridays—March 22 and 29 and April 5 and 12.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided literature and music outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays--March 20 and 27 and April 10. He met with his mentee, Cassandra Garza, Library Assistant/Pan American on Wednesday April 3. On Sunday/Monday April 7/8 and 14/15, he provided overnight bilingual assistance at the Travis Park United Methodist Church in support of the City of San Antonio Migrant Resource Center.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held adult coloring programs on March 23 and April 6 at the branch. She held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on April 5 for a discussion of *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented four toddler times, four story times, four Lego Clubs, four Little Builders Duplo Clubs and four After School Arts and Crafts programs. On March 30, Arlene along with Julia Lazarin from Little Read Wagon hosted families affected by Autism. Families enjoyed a judgement free, low lighting, sensory friendly hour. On April 2nd, Arlene attended Pre-K -12 Education Forum at the Witte Museum. On April 5, she conducted outreach at Angelic Smiles Childcare where she presented Toddler Time and Story Time. She reprised the program on April 12 at Marbach Christian Church Childcare Center. Arlene attended the monthly children's meeting on April 11 at the Central Library. On March 13, families enjoyed all day Come and Go Crafts. During National Library Week April 7- April 13, Arlene invited families to participate in an “If you love your library leave us a heart” activity. Families decorated hearts, added notes on what they loved about their library and added to the collage on the activity table. On April 13, Arlene invited families to participate in an all-day Come & Go Craft: Celebrate Spring! Arlene installed an Autism Awareness display and a National Poetry Month Display where children were encouraged to start their own poetry journal.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson presented trivia games at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on March 22 with a Saint Patrick's Day theme and on April 12 with an Easter theme. On March 25, Stephen recorded *¡No!* by Tracey Corderoy for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. He held his Club de Lectura (Spanish-language book club) on March 28 for a discussion of *Cicatriz* (Scar) by Juan Gomez-Jurado.



Edward Mayberry, Teen Liaison held Game-Ra sessions on March 21 and April 11. There was a teen movie night on March 28--*Spiderman--Enter the Spidey Verse* with refreshments provided by the Guerra Friends. Edward partnered with Georgina Salinas, Teen Librarian II/Bazan on March 20 speaking with the English Language Learner classes at John Jay High School during the day and attending the Lanier College and Career Day that evening. Edward and Karah Garcia, Teen Librarian/Tobin at Oakwell, conducted an outreach on March 23 at the Northside Independent School District American Federation of Teachers book give-away. Edward conducted an outreach on March 30 at the Northeast Independent School District American Federation of Teachers Book Give-Away. On April 4, Guerra hosted a Teen Time Food Demonstration; that evening Edward partnered with Cassandra Garza, Library Assistant/Pan America for an outreach at the India Festival at La Villita. Edward partnered with Daniella Toll, Teen Librarian/Westfall and Raischell Williams, Teen Librarian/Johnston at the John Jay Science and Engineering Academy Stem Fest on April 6.



Circulation Attendant Abella Lazalde-Jimenez oversaw her weekly step challenge with staff as Guerra Branch Wellness Liaison. Arlene Richardson provided puzzles for the staff as part of the program.



Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca continued to make progress on patron contested returns. She planned and presented her Knit and Crochet program on March 26 and April 9.

IGO

Children's Services



On the 30th of March, Igo's youngest patrons had the opportunity to enjoy a lively afternoon with San Antonio Symphony violinist Amy Venticinque as she shared her talents and her love of music with children. Thirty three children and twenty eight adults participated in this program. Young children were amazed to see her performances.

Teen Services



An outreach event at Irene Chavez Excel Academy allowed students to create galaxy paintings with supplies provided by the library. Each painting was unique and the students listened to music while they painted. They were also given information about the library's homework help database, Brainfuse.



A group of homeschool students came to the library for a field trip. They were introduced to Brainfuse as well as the teen programs at Igo. The students were also given a tour of the library.

Adult Services



On March 19, Igo Branch Library organized a genealogy class on German Ancestors. Ten people attended and there was a questions and answers session after the program. Attendees were very appreciative of the effort of Igo library for bringing a genealogist who is proficient in German genealogy.



On March 25, Igo library arranged a Ukulele Club for its community which was a long overdue customer expectation of Igo community. With the guidance of Tim Johnson, the manager of Igo branch, circulation attendant Erik Lumpkin led the program. Erik was showing the attendees chords and how to

strum the ukulele. Few families were among the attendees and they were thrilled to be part of this experience. Twenty three people attended.



On March 5, Igo branch Library organized United States citizenship information workshop for general public. Attendees found it very helpful since the instructor was showing customers how to fill out the application and how to prepare themselves for citizenship interviews.



On April 13, an author event was arranged at Igo Branch Library. San Antonio Romance author Arlene Gonzales met with our romance readers and signed her first book of her “Out of the Dark” series. She read a chapter of the first book followed by questions and answer session. Igo Mystery club members also joined with the author and sixteen people attended the program.

Senior Services



The Igo Elderberries held its monthly program meeting on April 4. Ramona Lucius gave a presentation on Victoria Woodhull, aka Mrs. Satan, the first woman to run for the U. S. Presidency in the 1870s. Attendees were astonished at the achievements of this woman, who advocated for many women's rights.



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 Friday mornings.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Library welcomed a United States Census Recruiter April 4 and celebrated National Library Week from April 7-13 with a display of library themed books. Patrons were encouraged to share what they love about the library. A couple examples were “I like the library because there are interesting books that I like to read,” and “The library gives me access to multi-media and the polite kind generous librarians always bring a smile to work.”



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Hank Green's *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* on March 20. Ms. Bustillo organized the ongoing Zumba class for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays: March 23 and April 13.



Adult Services Library Cristine Mitchamore participated in the Springvale Neighborhood Association meeting on March 26 and presented Johnston's upcoming events and activities. Ms. Mitchamore planned a Citizenship Information Session by American Gateways for prospective citizens on April 6. Ms. Mitchamore planned Monday movie showings beginning with Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse on April 8. Ms. Mitchamore attended two Supervisor Essential Training classes.



The Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham hosted four Toddler Times and four Story Times based on the colors of the rainbow using books, songs and crafts to explore and strengthen early literacy skills. Miss Tiffany, along with Library Aide, Victoria Liendo hosted four Lego Clubs building, playing and

creating unique Lego masterpieces. Miss Tiffany hosted a Come and Go Fun session for Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar's 50th Birthday. Outreach events attended by Miss Tiffany included a parent & child presentation for the HEB Read 3 Meeting at John Glenn Elementary and a visit to Sun Valley Elementary School. Miss Tiffany completed the following trainings; New Employee Orientation, Editor's Holding, Adjusting and Correcting Fines & Fees, Owning Customer Excellence, and SET Module 1 and 2.



Teen Librarian Raishell Williams with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas hosted four - teen programs for the time period March 18 – April 14. During the Month of March Johnston teens focused on STEM experiments and creativity.



Ms. Williams attended four outreach assignments with University of Incarnate Word High School, Southwest High School, and Harlan High School in partnership with Teen Librarian Stephanie Vazquez and John Jay High School STEM Fest in partnership with Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry and Teen Librarian Daniella Toll.



Ms. Williams also took part in the Teen Librarian Austin Trip on Friday April 5, this trip allowed teen librarians and liaisons from SAPL to meet and collaborate with our library partners in Austin.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish), and she recorded a children's book for the week of March 18, 2019, *¡Vuela, vuela, sorpresa!* by Meritxell Martí. She is also teaching a weekly class, *Conversational Spanish for Beginners* on Mondays, March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8, members learned interactive lessons about *Estress (Stress)*, *Historias y el uso de "Por" y "Para" (Stories and Use of "For")*, *Inventos (Inventions)*, and *La Alimentación o Nutrición (Nutrition)*, followed by sing-along Spanish songs.

LANDA

Children



In late March, families joined Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta for the Play and Learn: Zoo Animals. There was sensory play, interactive stations, and crafts. The families enjoyed playing in the zoo at the Library.



Tween graphic novel book club has been slowly gaining a following. The tweens participated in an apocalyptic scavenger hunt in April. They read *Apocalypse Bow Wow*, collected items they would need in the end of times, and ate treats similar to what the dogs had in the book.



On Saturday, April 6, Symphony @ SAPL stopped by Landa. The event brought in quite the crowd. The group listened to a violinist from the San Antonio Symphony. An event that was enjoyable for all ages.

Teen



Landa Teens, with Library Assistant and Teen Liaison, Rebekah Corley, experimented with tech and fast-paced innovation during their weekly events this month. In a STEM focused program they worked with circuits and created LED throwies. Their Monthly Cooking club was a foodie tournament

called Pancake Art Challenge, which had teens dueling simultaneously to create the best drawn pancake to be voted on by their peers. Regardless of the upvotes, everyone had a delicious treat to share!



Teen Study Spot continued to provide a dedicated space for teens to study and socialize afterschool while Drop-In Volunteering had teens building new book displays, making art to prep for teen club, and helping keep the library collection in top shape.



Ms. Corley also attended a professional development tour of Austin's Teen Library with her Teen Services leadership team and colleagues. They met with Austin's staff to discuss trends, challenges, successes and best practices in serving young adults today. This unique opportunity was hopefully the first of similar professional outreaches to come, as it gave fresh insights to the roles that teen services professionals can play.

Adult



Landa Adult Services hosted some exciting special events this month. On Sunday, March 24, food writer/recipe developer Liz Pearson presented a program on cookie decorating. This was part of the popular DIY U series. Everything was provided for participants who used royal icing to create designs on large sugar cookies made especially for this event by The Cookie Lady Bakery.



In early April Author Cynthia Freeman Gibbs discussed her new psychological thriller *Reasonable Insanity*, the first book in a series featuring clinical psychologist Dr. Olivia Maxwell. Ms. Gibbs discussed her change in career from an MBA career in the pharmaceutical industry to a series of fortunate events that led her to become an author. She is a delightful person to present a program.



Back in January, Barbara Bowen, founder of "This City Is A Poem" poetry group, came and asked Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta if Landa could once again host the group's open mic session during National Poetry Month (April). At that time, Landa was scheduled for HVAC work sometime during the spring which would mean that the meeting room would not be available. Last year's event at Landa was such a smashing success that Karen didn't want to let it get away so she contacted Emma Hernandez, Program Manager of the Latino Collection and Resource Center, if "This City is a Poem" could hold their open mic in her space this year. Emma graciously agreed and this year's event is now history. It was the fourth year for "This City Is a Poem"—the second in partnership with SAPL—and it will not be the last.



Karen's book clubs are going strong with Reader's Ink enjoying Erik Larson's *Dark Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*. The Mystery Book Club read Anne Hillerman's *Song of the Lion*, a mystery set in Navajo/Hopi country in New Mexico. Members agreed that this later book by the daughter of the late Tony Hillerman was by far her best yet.



The book club at The Village at the Incarnate Word read Mitch Albom's *The First Phone Call From Heaven*. It did not receive stellar reviews from the group but did stimulate some lively discussion.

LAS PALMAS



Family Fun on Monday, March 18th, was all about imagination. Children and their families had several different colors of playdough to use. Although children could create whatever their imaginations could think up, some children tried out challenges set up for the event. Children had the opportunity to use playdough tools on loan from the San Antonio Public Library's Little Read Wagon or could just use their own two hands.



On Friday, March 22nd, Ms. Barbaraella Frazier, Children's Librarian at Las Palmas, joined Collins Garden Branch Library Manager Jeannette Davies at Sara King Elementary. Ms. Frazier and Ms. Davies participated in the "Ride for Reading" event and told students about programs and services from the San Antonio Public Library. In addition to helping the event organizers distribute free books to the children, Ms. Frazier and Ms. Davis performed story time for some of the kindergarten classes.



On Saturday, March 10, the Las Palmas Branch Library celebrated its 50th Anniversary where children had programs and activities specifically designed for them. After the formal program, children had the opportunity to do crafts and celebrate the Las Palmas Library. For one of the crafts children could create their own personalized bookmark; another craft involved creating a collage to show how reading and the library are important to them. Children also participated in a library Scavenger Hunt, which had children looking for their favorite literary.



Children attending the 50th Anniversary celebration also participated in a STEM program provided with the generous support of the Las Palmas Friends of the Library and Port San Antonio. Charles Burns from Our Lady of the Lake University came to show children through hands-on experience the physics of Roller Coasters. Children had the opportunity to create their own roller coasters using tubing insulation, tape, and marbles. The challenge was to create a roller coaster using only gravity with at least one loop and one hill.



On Tuesday March 26, mothers and children from the Las Palmas neighborhood and students from the University of Texas and San Antonio came for a guided tour of the Las Palmas Library. Participants learned about library services, programs, and materials. The tour and program was conducted in Spanish with Library Assistant Elvia Ramos and in English with Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier.



On Monday April 1st, the Las Palmas Library celebrated spring and had an April Showers/May Flowers themed Family Fun. Children could create art work using cutouts of flowers and umbrellas, as well as paints and colored newspaper to create a spring themed collage. In addition, children were shown spring and plant related books in the collection.



On Monday, April 8, Family Fun was a puzzle, literally. Library Assistant Elvia Ramos led children and their family members in creating their own unique puzzles.



On Thursday, April 11th, Las Palmas Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier teamed up with Library Services Lead Cresencia Huff from Little Red Wagon for Literacy Night at KIPP Un Mundo and KIPP Camino Academy. Children and Family members were able to sign up for San Antonio Public Library cards as well as learn about library collections, services, and programs. In addition, children could participate in butterfly craft or celebrate National Library week by wearing a SAPL Crown.

MAVERICK



The Ladies Choice Book Club met on March 23 and Lady Mav's Book Club met April 9. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group continued meeting on Sundays in March and April excluding the March 30th & 31st weekend since the meeting room was reserved for the Maverick's Spring Used Book Sale. Once again, the community generously supported the used book sale. The Maverick Writer's Group met on April 13 for its monthly meeting. Maverick Library welcomed Metro Health to provide a Diabetes Prevention and Control series every Wednesday in late March and early April.



The Chess Club continued meeting on the second and fourth Mondays in March and April. Maverick held a "Going Solar" program on March 22. On April 13, Maverick also hosted a "Fiesta Crafts" program to give the community an opportunity to gather and create fiesta flower crowns and colorful cascarones (confetti fiesta eggs).



Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, had a few programs this month involving both outreach and visitors to Maverick. On March 26, she went to Bandera TLC Daycare and did storytimes for two groups: toddler and preschool. The HEB Read 3 partnership with Boone Elementary brought a group of 16 younger children and parents to Maverick on March 28. Ms. Roberts gave them a tour and talked about getting library cards and read a story. Lastly, on April 10, Ms. Roberts conducted a tour and a introduction to applicable databases and the library catalog to a group of 4 homeschoolers who were doing a project on the Ancient Egyptians.



Ms. Roberts has continued weeding the Juvenile Read-Alongs, the Juvenile Audiobooks and the Juvenile Board Books. She continues to order books in a timely manner for Maverick's 2 book clubs.



Ms. Roberts read an Geisel award winning book for the children's librarians meeting on April 11. She already has 4 school visits booked in May to promote the summer reading program. In addition, her Lego Time has continued to have between 30-40 attendees on a consistent basis. During this reporting period, she had a small group of 3rd graders collaborating and making Lego scenes from the Titanic-their idea!



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated six Teen Time programs during the reporting period, assisted by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth: one of the programs was specially requested by the Teens on the Saturday of their Spring Break. In the past month the teens have borrowed some musical items from Tees Services at Central (a ukulele, karaoke and drum pants); played a hilarious game of Trivial Pursuit, Young People's Edition, c1984; and 3 boys performed stand-up comedy during their turn with the karaoke microphones.



On April 9, the Maverick Teens had a visit from Chinatsu Oku, who works at UTSA for the Japanese Outreach Initiative. Ms. Oku taught the Teens a little about Japan, talked about and let them try their hands at Japanese Calligraphy, and taught them how to make Onigiri, a rice ball that is a staple in Bento boxes.

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.



On April 12, Librarian Bennett hosted a Titanic Program called I Survived the Titanic. This program was planned in celebration of National Library Week and the 107th anniversary of the Titanic's voyage. The program was designed as a game board, but as participants moved along they learned facts about the Titanic. Participants could also select a boarding pass with information about a passenger on the Titanic (including whether that passenger was first, second, or third class) and by the end of the game, participants learned the fate of that passenger.

Teens



Librarian DeBow, upon the request of the McCreless teens, created a Minute to Win It Challenge during Teen Time. Thirteen teens participated in the six different challenges. There was a tie for first place. Those two teens got first pick out of the Prize box. Everyone else was able to pick a prize, as well. The teens really had fun competing with each other and doing silly things.



Teens also voted on Summer Program options which inspired them to come up with their own themed programs like Jazz Night and Anime Night. In addition to gaming with the WiiU, teens painted mini-canvas', decorated bottle caps and made shrinky dink images into earrings or keychains.

Adults



Patrons and staff continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays for a brisk 2.5 mile walk at the Salado Creek South Greenway as part of the McCreless Walking Club. The hike begins at Southside Lions East and follows the greenway trail to Comanche Park and back. The weather has been great and more patrons are participating in this program. Library Assistant Al Chavez held walks on April 1st and another walk is scheduled for April 15th.



McCreless's monthly Scrapbooking and Art Journaling was held on April 4th. Patrons created and assembled scrapbook pages from art supplies along with photos of family and friends. Library Assistant Al Chavez and Circulation Attendant Krys Hernandez demonstrated art journaling techniques using a variety of materials. This is an ongoing program at McCreless and has been featured in the D.I.Y. U. roster/flyer that is currently promoting this and other adult programs.

Other Events



Librarian DeBow worked at the San Antonio Book Festival with the teens making buttons and then assisted at the Geek Town Teen Area with an hour of karaoke. There was a slow start but in the end we had to turn people down due to lack of time. All ages, but mostly teens, sang their hearts out to the appreciative crowd.

MEMORIAL

Children's Services



More than 75 children and their grown-ups attended Children's programs at Memorial Branch Library during the reporting period of March 18-April 15.



Animal Care Services came to Memorial for a Family Fun program on March 28. Children and grown-ups made more than 30 toys for pets at the shelter.



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall was invited to assist in a book distribution sponsored by "Ride for Reading" at Cisneros Elementary School on April 12. She participated in a school-wide assembly, encountering over 500 students during the assembly.



During the "Ride for Reading" event at Cisneros, Mrs. Deffendall also read to a classroom of about 18 students.



Mrs. Deffendall provided the recordings for Dial-a-Story on March 18 *The Greedy Goat*, by Petr Horáček and April 15 *Fire! ¡Fuego! Brave Bomberos!*, by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Dan Santat.

Teen Services



Circulation attendant and teen liaison Michelangelo Sosa has started in a new month, with every Tuesday incorporating arts and food into the programming. The Teen Corner is decorated with the arts and crafts created. The branch had a month of pancakes, waffles and Death Star shaped pancakes from Star Wars, covered in butter, syrup and a healthy assortment of fruits all expenses provided by Amigos Fr. The Teen Time program has also begun to diversify activities and started exploring activities away from video games and television, however they are not being abandoned. The program started out the month of April with "Black-Out Poetry", and grilled cheese sandwiches with ham. The rest of April will continue the tradition of theming it with a certain type of food: April is cheese & poetry.



TolTech Academy's "Code Jammers" as they called themselves, have completed a project for Rectify, a local San Antonio organization that specializes in redacting information for other organizations and government entities. TolTech students, having completed their assignment presented their project, "Blackout" and presented it before the executive officers from the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Youth Code Jam, Vice Principal from Memorial High School, new administrator for TolTech Academy and Coordinator for Teen Services, Jennifer Velasquez all appeared to commemorate the student's completion of "Blackout".



Chess Club started off slowly but got more teens interested in chess and encouraged to think about the strategy and foresight the game requires. By viewing the players students themselves

encouraged other teens to talk and think of the library as a safe space to be and encouraged them to attend more teen programs.



Mine Craft club has started and has more teens interested in Teen Programming and heightened engagement with the less social individuals and has the after school building and cooperating together in an 8-bit computerized environment. They started off in survival mode but are excited to explore creative mode and build momentum in the game.



Circulation attendant and teen liaison Michelangelo Sosa attended the “State of the District” address at the Edgewood Performing Arts Center and did some networking with administration at Edgewood ISD.



Mr. Sosa has also been attending meetings with SAPL staff and been on the planning committee for the Teen Arts Fest and Rock the Plaza.

Adult Services



The branch partnered with Dr. Wieck, of St. Mary’s University, for a program on March 20 celebrating Women’s History Month. Dr. Wieck and her graduate students presented on important women with ties to San Antonio, followed by an activity of stenciling shirts. It was a fun program with so many patrons attending that a decision was made to move the work tables outside by the front of the building.



On March 26, the library enjoyed a DIY program on turning DVD discs into drink coasters. Patrons painted and stenciled the discs, creating unique and artistic coasters to adorn their homes.



The branch is honoring National Poetry Month in April with post-it poetry. Patrons are invited to write poems on a post-it note, then post it on the display case by reference.



On April 4, Memorial hosted an information session on citizenship. Patrons learned what is required to apply for citizenship and how to complete the process. Thanks to American Gateways for leading this program.

Branch Services



The branch hosted a table for the University of Texas Health Science Center. Their literature and information focused on cancer in different areas of the body. Patrons expressed an interest in the literature and speaking with the representative regarding services the UTHSC provides for patients and families living with cancer in their lives and families.



Author of the month selected is Gary Soto. Mr. Soto has a background in children’s literature as well as adult literature. He writes from experience of living in the barrios of Fresno California. His works are witty with realistic historical backgrounds of growing up in the agriculture labor fields. He details how as adolescence he overcame racism, lack of education and other challenges to become an award winning author of different genres. Patrons especially enjoy reading about authors’ background as they pick up their books for checkout.



Basic crochet class and jewelry making continue to attract different ages and gender. Both classes are held on weekly on Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. This group is growing in attendance and patrons are asking for diversification in learning crafts.



Amigos Friends of the branch held their quarterly meeting in the meeting room of the branch. Agenda items discussed were branch managers report for upcoming budget spending plan, recruitment efforts for officers, Oyster Bake fundraiser and security presence during both nights of the fundraiser.



The branch hosted a table in the front entryway for the U.S. Census bureau. Patrons asked the representative questions regarding registering for the Census bureau.

MISSION



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



As part of an awareness campaign for Child Abuse Awareness Month, Mission displayed photos and printed material from CASA (Child Advocates of San Antonio).



On March 26th, MetroHealth offered its STD testing services to members of the local community.



On April 5th, Cave Bexar, a local professional group of school, public and university librarians was given a tour of Mission Library.

Adults



On April 13th, Librarian Emily Young, represented Mission Library at SAISD's Wild for Literacy Family Fiesta at Confluence Park and performed outreach activities.

Teens



Teens this month celebrated the start of spring with ice cream floats in the branch's *Teen Cooking Class*. Teens also enjoyed playing board games both during *Teen Time* and with the additional board games that were added to the Teen Area of the library this month. While spring is in the air, the teens at Mission Library are getting excited for summer programming at the branch. This month, teens became involved in the planning of their programs during the summer break. Choosing what movies they would like to watch, what activities they would like to do, and what food they would like to see on the menu; teens worked together to tailor programming options to what they would like to participate in over the summer.

Children



Baby Time and Toddler Time numbers are zooming with many new faces. A high spot for the month was a play and learn program all about zoo animals. The families that attended enjoyed the program and tried many new activities, all in support of early literacy. Especially fun was washing the animals.



Mission also hosted a literacy reading and craft station presented by a student from Texas A&M who is completing a master's degree in Bilingual education.

PAN AMERICAN



Pan American Branch Library hosted a 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 13, 2019. Library Director Ramiro Salazar started the celebration with some remarks about the Pan American Library and invited City Councilperson Rebecca Viagran and Library Board of Trustees member Josie Uriegas Martinez to speak. The staff of the Pan American Library had many games, crafts and refreshments for all of the patrons that came to celebrate.



Texas Story Time, a program in cooperation with Humanities Texas out of Austin, has begun. Cheryl Sheehan, PSA, provided helpful support and give-a-way items from marketing. The Pan American Branch is working with Columbia Heights Elementary School (Harlandale ISD) to bring families into the library for this special story time that includes a group discussion and activities. The first week of the program had families interacting with each other and with guest readers, Mr. Santos Flores, the school Principal and the school counselor, Sylvia Servin. A bilingual approach for the readings is utilized.



Story Time and Come & Go Crafts were full of flowers and bugs to celebrate Spring. Peace signs and cutout flowers were colored and posted on the wall to celebrate Pan American Branch's 50th anniversary. Activities for all ages were available for participants.



The Pan American Branch hosted a presentation on Trafficked Teens by the National Council of Jewish Women. The presenters, Ruth Wurzburg and Marcia Waldgeir, spoke on the warning signs of human trafficking, how children become victims, how to recognize a trafficking situation, and what society can do to make a difference. The presentation was extremely informative. The branch also displayed a figurine, representing a real life trafficked teen situation.



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.



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.



Library assistant Cassie Garza attended a school outreach event at Taft high school. The event was organized by teen librarian at Great Northwest branch library Stephanie Vasquez. Student participated by designing their own pin back buttons, playing video games and completing an obstacle course with two small droids.



Ms. Garza continued to support the Pokémon Champions group to grow. New Pokémon trainers were introduced to the group and were very eager to learn how to play the Pokémon trading card game. The group watched the new trailer for the Detective Pikachu movie and were also shown previews of the new Pokémon game being introduced for the Nintendo Switch.



Ms. Garza with the assistance of Edward Mayberry attended an outreach event at the Festival of India located at La Villita. The event had over 1000 people attend and turned out to be a very busy day. The library table that was set up had information about obtaining a library card and participants of the festival were able to make their own pin-back buttons. Throughout the event, the library table had a line to do the crafts available.



Ms. Garza facilitated the teen group on how to make their own cascarones. Cascarones are egg shells emptied and filled with confetti and covered with tissue paper. Teens were able to dye the egg shells traditionally with warm vinegar and dye or using spray paint. Several of the teens had never used spray paint but learned very quickly how to color the eggs.



Ms. Garza showed the teens how to make watermelon pops. It was a very hot day and these cold healthy treats were a nice cool down. Teens used various spices to spice up their watermelon pops. Several of the teens had never had watermelon in this way and were excited to try something different.



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. Adrian Leal is currently in discussions with the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center to bring a monthly Pop-up Library to the senior center.



The Pan American Branch hosted a STEM day. Staff had 3D printing lessons, Raspberry Pi programming, retro games and other technology available for patrons to use. Code Jam, a group dedicated to promoting coding to children, was on hand to give Ozobot demonstrations.

PARMAN



Adult services librarian \ assistant manager, Mr. Holcomb maintains the Parman Knights Chess Program which continues to have a high degree of attendance. After each meeting, participants leave more strengthened for the learning process, more encouraged, more enthusiastic for this sometimes frustrating yet awesome and beautiful game. And it's all thanks to Monty and his approach.



In anticipation of the season 8 of the “Game of Thrones” premier, Parman’s branch homemade replica of Iron Throne was available again for the ultimate photo-op. GOT book display put together by Leslie Cavill – Burns and dragon eggs created by Kristie Rosado-Rivera helped our patrons to prepare for the final season.



Regular, on-going programs such as fitness class “Adult low impact circuit training and Core training” presented by “Fitness in the Park “, craft enthusiasts gathering “Yarn, Needle and Hooks, Oh

my,” and the Alamo Woodcarvers workshops continue to have high turnouts and established loyal audience..



Parman Café, the weekly adult program which has rotating activities and special presentations, had a very successful program that involved 3D printing. Participants experienced what 3D printing is all about and spent time exploring how the Parman's 3D printer works. Presentation prepared by Matthew Balcer and Barbara Kwiatkowski explained how to design and prepare a digital file for 3D printing. Audience had an opportunity to observe the printing process. All participants requested more programs like this.

Making your own bath bombs, candles and vegan tacos (to celebrate Fiesta) were part of the adult programs presented at Parman's Café in last four weeks.



Katie Thonen and Katy Dillard presented American Girl Tea Party. Participants left with a friendship bracelet and enjoyed checking out American Girl books from the in-house display!



In the reporting period Parman hosted a violinist Ms. Stephanie Westney from the San Antonio Symphony. Ms. Westney played the violin, read a fun story and talked with patrons about being professional musician. She was engaging and a great ambassador from the symphony.



Outreach opportunities with the schools around Parman continue with the children's librarian Katherine Thonen being a judge for an edible book contest at Las Lomas Elementary and having the first full visit to Little Sunshine Playhouse and Preschool where she read to three classrooms.

POTRANCO



Read to a Dog (Elizabeth and Nero) - Every Tuesday, Miss Elizabeth brings Nero to the Potranco library. Elizabeth shares her knowledge about dogs and how to approach them for the first time. She also helps young readers get comfortable reading stories to Nero. Potranco has a steady group of regulars but Elizabeth and Nero are always happy to read to new friends!



During the reporting period March 18, 2019 – April 14, 2019, Potranco continued the expanded full-day Sunday I Heart Vinyl format, to the ongoing acclaim of patrons and staff alike. With the expanded format, we continue to go “theme-less,” with our usual mix of jazz, classic rock, contemporary, and world music.

Sadly, Potranco staff has begun to identify a very small group of patrons with numerous long-overdue items from our outstanding, but now somewhat depleted, LP collection. As might be expected, these likely now stolen items are some of the prime items in our collection. While our remaining Potranco collection is stellar regardless, we miss our Stevie Wonders!



During the reporting period March 18, 2019 – April 14, 2019, Potranco continued its monthly meetings of the Potranco Book Club (PBC), moderated by Paschal Booker. The April book selection was Susan Faludi's memoir In the Darkroom, which, as expected, generated an energetic discussion, given the many complex identity issues explored by Faludi.



The May reading selection for the Potranco Book Club is Luis Alberto Urrea's novel *The House of Broken Angels*, a superb exploration of the fluidity of borders, family, identity, death, and reconciliation in a family originally from Baja California, but whose members live, during the course of the novel, astride the boundaries of Tijuana/San Diego. Potranco's attendance numbers continue to average 6 attendees, with an equal mix of new and returning participants. The growing relationships between group members engender free-flowing, wide-ranging, intellectually stimulating, and always entertaining discussions. Plans are to incorporate the work of Esmeralda Santiago as one of our upcoming selections, in anticipation of her visit to San Antonio in the fall. Also the plan is to have group members more directly involved in other future book selections.



Potranco inaugurated its adults-only Potranco Writers Group on April 11th; the group will be facilitated by staff Circulation Attendant Paschal Booker, a published novelist and poet himself. Six people were in attendance for this meeting. The meeting began with introductions by those in attendance; included in the introductions, attendees briefly discussed their writing histories, writing processes, and personal expectations for the group. Structure and format for the meetings were also discussed. Group members rather quickly established that they wanted to meet twice a month, rather than the initial plan for once-monthly meetings. With introductions and structure established, the group finished its business by listening to and then discussing a piece of fiction submitted by one of the attendees. A fruitful and appreciative discussion ensued. All in all, a most auspicious meeting of the first Potranco Writers Group!



Cindy Moreno, Interim Assistant Branch Manager, moderates the Alicia Trevino Senior Center Book & Movie Group. Cindy continues to go to the senior center for her outreach as she is temporarily at Potranco since they are short staffed. For March the group discussed *Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II* by Liza Mundy. This was selected to honor Women's History Month. The group met and discussed the book and some commented that they wish there were documentaries in the collection on women's history month



The Tween Book Group met in March to discuss *Zita the Space Girl* by Ben Hatke. Participants discussed the illustrations and story line. There were a couple of suggestions made to the moderator, Cindy Moreno, about future titles. Suggested titles *The Witches* by Roald Dahl, *Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova.



Creative Potranco staff members participated in the Fiesta Door Contest and submitted their contribution. Customers have given their approval and appreciate that Potranco staff are creative individuals.



With Summer Reading around the corner, staff is continually striving to maintain the collection. Daniella Toll, Librarian I from Westfall, is currently at Potranco due to staff shortages, helps with the Libbox and the Main Collection.



Oscar Gonzalez, Interim Branch Manager, continues to keep Potranco staff balanced with being a supportive manager. Staff meets weekly for branch meetings, staff contributes to branch input and several have volunteered to be in the Potranco Summer Reading committee, to gear up for this summer.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Children



During this month's tween Family Circle Book Club, families celebrated National Poetry Month with a reading and discussion of *Home of the Brave* written in free verse by Katherine Applegate. Members were touched as they read about Kek's experiences escaping violence in his homeland of Sudan. They expressed admiration for Kek's optimism, innocence, resilience, and courage when he comes to live in the United States with his aunt and cousin who escaped the war, too.



Children attending Kids' Time recently at Pruitt Library experienced a fun-filled, frog-themed event. Children and parents enjoyed listening to *A Froggy Fable* by John Lechner. Families talked about different changes that may occur such as a new baby addition to the family and how we should learn to make the best of changes and accept them. Children and parents then had a wonderful time painting and making cute frogs using green paint, paper plates, construction paper, and googly eyes.



Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz attended outreach at nearby Windcrest Day School where she provided story time programs to classes of Pre-K children. Everyone enjoyed singing songs and a reading of *Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur* by Greg Pizzoli. The kids actively participated in the reading of the story. This certainly made it fun and engaging.



The Mindful Mondays for Teens programming focused on providing community teens methods for slowing down, calming down, and managing stressful life situations. With the advent of final exams and standardized testing, along with other disquieting circumstances having this opportunity to learn mindfulness techniques from our certified mindfulness facilitator helps enrich our teens social emotional needs.



Pruitt Teens thoroughly enjoyed Wii Wednesday at Pruitt. During this program, participants had a good time hanging out and playing video games. This program was a great way for our teen/tween community to connect and unwind.



Card Making for Adults is bringing the creativity out of our adult patrons. The participants are working with supplies that are new and unfamiliar, but by using them they are opening doors to explore their creativity.



The adults celebrated both Women's History Month and Cesar Chavez Month by screening movies. Patrons at the Pruitt Branch enjoyed the theme for Women's History Month "Fierce Women" and the watched a double feature of *Thelma and Louise* and *A League of Their Own*. The screening of the movie *Cesar Chavez* opened up questions and a small discussion. One patron knew nothing of the struggle of migrant farm workers, so this movie was really a great way to make community connections and help our patrons learn.

SAN PEDRO



Outreach Story Time Programs— Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presented story times at Laurel Heights Methodist Weekday School and Monte Vista Montessori.



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.



Family Fun: Plan and Learn— The Play and Learn was all about zoo animals and was designed for preschool patrons. Families enjoyed the program on Sunday afternoon, April 14.



Diana Starrett partnered with the Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) to host a display during April, and invite the community to volunteer for this organization. CASA provides critical advocacy and services to vulnerable, at-risk youth and abused children, ensuring that their needs and best interests are addressed.

SCHAEFER



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser and Viki Ash volunteered at the SAISD summer resource fair on April 13. They talked to families about SAPL's Summer Reading Program and did a craft activity with kids.



Leslie Elsasser read stories about bugs to two groups of children at the Evelyn King childcare center on March 21. She visits the center monthly.



Weekly programs for kids at Schaefer include Baby Time, Toddler Time, Story Time and LEGO Time. The Toddler Time and Story Time themes have included spring, butterflies and birds. For the spring program, the kids painted flowers by using painting their hands and making prints on a large piece on foam board. The collaborative art project is very colorful and festive for spring. It's is currently displayed outside the meeting room using Schaefer's new art hanging system.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On March 19, Robot Science Time explored rockets and robots. Children created obstacle courses and battled each other using the Star Wars Sphero robots. Children also made straw rockets and launched them at targets around the room. On April 2, Science Tme explored bioluminescence. Children created jellyfish nightlights using craft materials and glow in the dark paint. Children were also able to explore a "cave" and read glow in the dark books using blacklight pens and an upcycled cardboard box.



On April 6, Library Assistant Sara Ramirez represented SAPL at a Digital Inclusion Edchat hosted by Leadership SAISD at CAST tech high school. Attendees learned about the efforts of SAPL to bridge the digital divide and were able to try out some hands on tech including a 3D printer, mini Sphero robot, and a Beebot.



Teen Time included several art activities that included working w/ watercolors, velvet art, and jewelry making. Participants also celebrated a “Unicorn Night” program that included food, crafts, and games that were all unicorn-themed.



The Craft and Creation Club made teen room signage out of recycled cardboard and paint. The large scale “Teen” sign is a great addition to the space. This art club is run entirely by teens and who decide on what activities and projects they will make.



Volunteers from East Central High School's Vocational Ed. Department assisted the library by shredding documents, shelving books, cleaning puzzles and board books. They also helped to straighten shelves and rubber band together stacks of new library cards. These teens visit Schaefer Library bi-weekly to gain work experience and to engage with the community.



Teen artists, parents, and faculty from East Central High School gathered at Schaefer Library on March 20th for the official opening of the East Central Teen Art Exhibit. Student artists and their families celebrated their work, took photos, and mingled in the library's teen space and meeting room for this “pop-up” art gallery event.



During the reporting period Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, visited STEM Early College H.S. and assisted teens with a bottle cap magnet craft activity.



Schaefer Library's Fortnite Sunday program, facilitated by Circulation Attendant Reuben Duron, has continued to be a popular program for kids/teens! On Sundays from 4:00-5:00, anyone 13 and older can come and play the most popular game in the world at Schaefer Library. Kids 12 and under are allowed to play with parent's permission. We've had this program for nine months now and we still maintain a solid group of attendees with new patrons coming in and checking out the fun!



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.



Monday evenings at Schaefer, patrons gather for Chess Club. From 1800 to 1930 hours children and adults play friendly games of chess in Schaefer's Community Flex Space. Patrons solve chess puzzles, observe historic chess matches, and learn the basics of strategy with Library Assistant Mason M. 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 M offers instruction and mediation.



Two Saturdays each month at Schaefer Branch Library, Patrons gather for Zumba! Zumba Instructor, Angelica Guzman, leads an hour long session of enthusiastic dancercise to a lively soundtrack. Patrons shed stress and calories in the air conditioned comfort of the Mays Family Community Flex Space.



In March, 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 M.



The Schaefer Library hosted the San Antonio Astronomical Association on Monday, March 18th, for a Solar/Luna viewing party. Members from the group brought in special equipment to view the moon and sun in the early evening.



Yoga in the Park continues every Friday at the Schaefer Library. Patrons are supplied with yoga mats to use during the class and program attendance has been growing with each class.



Schaefer hosted the Mobile Fit Van from SA Parks and Recreation on Friday, March 22 in the library's parking lot. The van offered free health screenings for library patrons.



Library Assistant Sheridan Richardson held a computer class as part of her LEARN series for adults.



Adult Services Librarian, Maria Adams, hosted a Fiesta themed workshop on Saturday, March 30. Flower crowns, made out of crepe paper, were created during the workshop in advance of the upcoming Fiesta celebration.



Schaefer Library hosted a screening of the third Marvel Avengers Movie (*The Avengers: Infinity War*) the afternoon of Sunday, March 31 in anticipation of the release of the final installment of the Avengers film series next month in April.



Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosted a coloring program for seniors at the District 2 Senior Center on Tuesday, April 9. Easter themed coloring sheets were available to celebrate the upcoming holiday.



Schaefer Library hosted the group, American Gateways on Wednesday, April 10. American Gateways led an information session to interested patrons about the benefits, requirements, and process of applying for citizenship.

SEMMES



Using a boa constrictor puppet, Ms. Randi Jones, one of Semmes' children's librarians, performed a puppet telling of *Mouse Count* by Ellen Stoll Walsh for preschoolers on March 18 and March 20. As a craft project, children decorated a construction paper spiral to make it into a paper snake. Ms. Randi and volunteer, Monica McGraw, did two readings of poems about snakes.



On March 25 and 27, Ms. Randi read *Storm* by Sam Usher to the Semmes preschoolers. For a craft project, the children decorated a plastic grocery bag, attached some yarn or string and made a kite. The day outside was quite still, so we used fans to fly our kites.



On April 1 and April 3, Ms. Randi performed a readers theater production based on the book *A Spoon for Every Bite* by Joe Hayes. As an art project, children decorated paper fish in the French tradition of April Fool's Day.



On April 8 and 10, Ms. Randi and volunteer, Monica McGraw co-read *The Digger and the Flower* by Joseph Kuefler. Children used cupcake liners to create paper flowers as an art project.



Semmes staff members held two very successful Pokémon Go Community events in March and April. About 150 people came by the Semmes Pokémon Center for each event and enjoyed making a Pokémon themed craft, powering up their phones at the charging station and getting a free team button. Special thanks to the Friends of the Semmes Library for providing the refreshments and button making supplies.



The Semmes Friends also provided pizza and sweet treats for National Library Workers Day on April 9. Staff is very thankful that Semmes has such a terrific Friends group.



With the May 1 closure quickly approaching, Semmes staff is very busy rearranging collections to make room for the new Teen area. Staff is also starting to pack up their work areas so that everything will be ready to move when it is time to install the new carpeting. Library customers are very curious about the upcoming changes and all of the staff is making sure that our patrons stay informed about their options for library services while the branch is closed.

THOUSAND OAKS



Each month the Thousand Oaks Children's department programming for Toddler Time and Story time includes stories, play, music and movement as well as specially planned themed activities and opportunities for free play.



The theme for the week of March 28 was Over & Under in which children and their caregivers engaged in fun activities about positional words featuring an interactive activity where participants painted with cars—going over and under bridges and surfaces. Caregivers showed children with dinosaurs and cups about various positional words such as on, in, around, beside, etc. The theme for April 4 was Chameleons. Children and families created a chameleon with multicolor tissue paper as well as an experimental color mixing activity in which children used droppers and colored water by dropping them onto a white coffee filter. For the week of April 11, the theme was Opposites. Caregivers and children created a special artwork out of black and white paper called a Notan (a Japanese dark/light mirror image cutout).



On Saturday, March 30, the branch hosted San Antonio Symphony trumpet player, Lauren Eberhart. This event was well attended and gave families the opportunity to interact with a professional musician and learn about her craft and instrument.



The branch's monthly Come and Go Craft activity for March included creating a decorated tambourine with paper plates and beans and for April patrons created a Matisse-inspired Night Garden with bright colored paper and chalk.



The Star Wars Lego character scavenger hunt continued to encourage families to enjoy discovering the Children's department in an engaging and fun way.



The Children's Department Easy book bundles and display books are kept fresh by featuring new and culturally diverse books that reflect our patrons and their interests.



Teens at the Thousand Oaks Library had an energizing month! In no particular order they played Mario Kart, Pictionary, Super Smash Bros., made jewelry, made slime and watched movies. As always, the teens decided what they wanted to do each Teen Time session.



The branch also hosted an all-ages craft on March 24: Recycled Book Folding: Fairy House Design. There were 10 attendees of all ages learning how to make their very own fairy house out of a recycled book.



The Thursday Book Group discussed Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*. The theme of the book highlighted Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children's Home Society that ran from the 1920's to the 1950's. This was a time in which Ms. Tann illegally obtained children from poor families and sold them to her wealthy clients. This story is fictitious however it discussed many practices of this scandalous time in our nation's history. The story is heartbreaking. The discussion of this title was interesting and the refreshments delicious.



The March selection for the North East Senior Center was one of Fannie Flagg's newest books, *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*. Readers enjoyed the story's outsized characters of Lenore and Sookie and their rather dysfunctional mother/daughter relationship brought many laughs. Facilitated by librarian Theresa Garza, the group discussed the secondary storyline of the WASPS in World War II. Readers appreciated the fictional account of the effect WWII had on the average American family.



Saturday afternoon movies at Thousand Oaks have drawn patrons in to the library to mark Women's History Month in March. In April, the branch featured movies from the Marvel Avenger's universe.



Library Assistant Lucy Villa continues to offer basic crochet instruction on Monday evenings. A core group of students attends each week, building on the skills learned the previous week.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Tobin at Oakwell gladly welcomed new Part Time Children's Librarian Julie Ford. Ms. Ford comes with a vast amount of experience with over 10 years as an elementary school librarian and kindergarten teacher.



Librarian, Rhonda Woolhouse, hosted a DIY class on April 9 with adults making coasters from Scrabble squares. Participants got quite creative with phrases in this clever craft.



Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler, presented a special Play and Learn about Zoo Animals which toddlers and caregivers thoroughly enjoyed on March 27. Weekly and bi-monthly programs continue with very solid attendance from area families and parents.



San Antonio Food Bank snacks are served on school days at After School Fun Time which now averages 60 kids aging from 9-15. The librarians serve the snacks and activities are provided like gaming, arts and crafts, board games and a movie on Fri-Yay Time.



SA Food Bank's, Chef came and held the Cooking Around the World class with teens on April 11. This month the group learned about Spain and made Garden Gazpacho soup and Vegetable Paella.



Teen Librarian, Karah Garcia and Guerra's Library Assistant, Edward Mayberry, hosted a booth and interacted with over 500 kids and families at Northside School District's Teacher Book Give Away on Saturday, March 23.



Ms. Garcia assisted with the Book Festival in the teen area which drew large crowds on Saturday April 6 at Central Library.



The Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell held a very successful book sale with a Friends Preview Sale on March 29 from 4:00 – 6:00pm and then a full day sale Saturday, March 30.



Manager, Tracey Knouse continues work on SAPL's Transformation Team whose goals are to create a culture where employees are engaged, empowered and encouraged to grow. The committee was recently instrumental in the planning and hosting of the staff picnic head on April 12.



Tobin at Oakwell Patron's and staff thoroughly enjoyed celebrating National Library Week wearing crowns taking pictures and boomerang videos throughout the week.

WESTFALL



In March and April, 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.



In March, Ms. Merino stayed busy attending outreach events in the community. These included a Literacy Night at Franklin Elementary and a Principal's Coffee talk at Maverick Elementary. Ms. Merino also assisted with a refugee family tour of the library and held a story time for their children.



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 reported that the March 13 Teen Time program was full of creativity! Teens made cake balls. While one teen stirred the prepared cake and icing into a spoonable pink consistency, the other teens watched in anticipation while sharing stories of this Spring Break trip with their families this week. While waiting for the cake balls to freeze, a game of Wits and Wagers started, teens trying to outsmart each other on facts and statistics. Some answers were very close, while others were surprisingly different. After the game, decorating and eating cakeballs commenced! OR Ghostbuster's night: Teens make ghost slime, watched the new Ghostbuster's movie and went on a scavenger hunt through the library. With clues about books, movies and call numbers, teens utilized the catalog to find little slips of slime-printed paper hidden in items throughout the branch to make their way to the end of the game!



The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the "Stranger than Fiction" and "Third Thursday" book clubs. Books read this month included *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesamyn Ward and *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

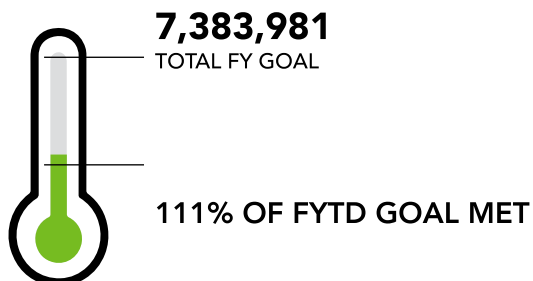
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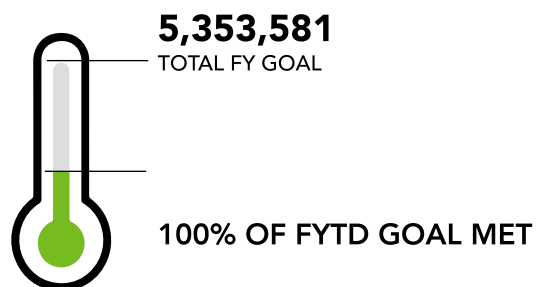
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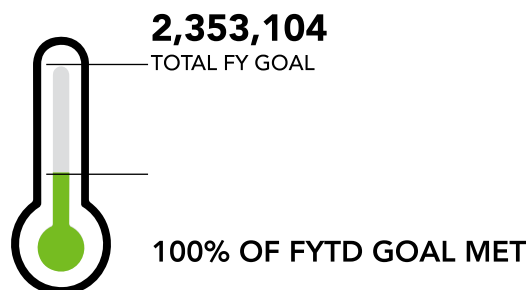
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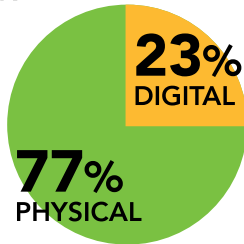
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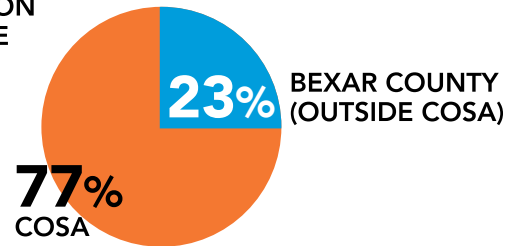
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2019

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
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VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2019



1,221,330

MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

516,107

MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

767,590

OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

736,055

FACEBOOK
REACH

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2019



173,542

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

36,860

ADULT PROGRAMS

32,092

TEEN PROGRAMS

104,590

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MARCH MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



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Mar 2019 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	4,377	10,350	6,030	1,553	4,477
Brook Hollow	27,662	18,561	6,420	1,354	5,065
Carver	4,203	7,968	4,003	1,439	2,564
Central	25,728	54,048	42,294	12,098	30,197
Cody	34,545	22,316	7,724	1,511	6,213
Collins Garden	5,482	6,867	4,394	1,680	2,714
Cortez	5,970	8,797	4,104	1,016	3,088
Encino	16,049	12,396	4,851	536	4,315
Forest Hills	7,071	9,124	4,063	891	3,172
Great Northwest	24,427	17,381	6,284	1,624	4,661
Guerra	9,813	10,280	6,253	1,509	4,744
Igo	30,611	25,337	8,284	1,210	7,074
Johnston	9,718	9,241	3,829	1,340	2,489
Landa	12,754	12,739	2,570	760	1,810
Las Palmas	5,307	11,386	5,093	1,569	3,524
Maverick	23,806	15,185	4,877	1,542	3,335
McCreless	10,632	13,402	5,056	1,639	3,417
Memorial	6,603	9,665	4,733	1,135	3,598
Mission	11,332	19,049	7,900	2,125	5,775
Pan American	5,070	12,437	3,098	1,090	2,008
Parman	28,762	28,328	5,391	663	4,728
Potranco	17,108	14,303	13,018	948	12,071
Pruitt	5,976	14,862	2,935	913	2,022
San Pedro	3,852	5,670	2,637	690	1,947
Schaefer	8,788	10,704	7,258	1,083	6,175
Semmes	24,343	16,776	6,818	1,896	4,922
Thousand Oaks	8,802	11,566	5,415	1,082	4,334
Tobin	17,835	15,305	4,466	1,443	3,023
Westfall	15,705	15,149	7,916	2,479	5,437
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,968	635	N/A	635
Interlibrary Loan Lending	904	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	112,226	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	156,897	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Circulation includes Digital (OneClick and Overdrive) and NEISD materials to SAPL patrons at Pruitt

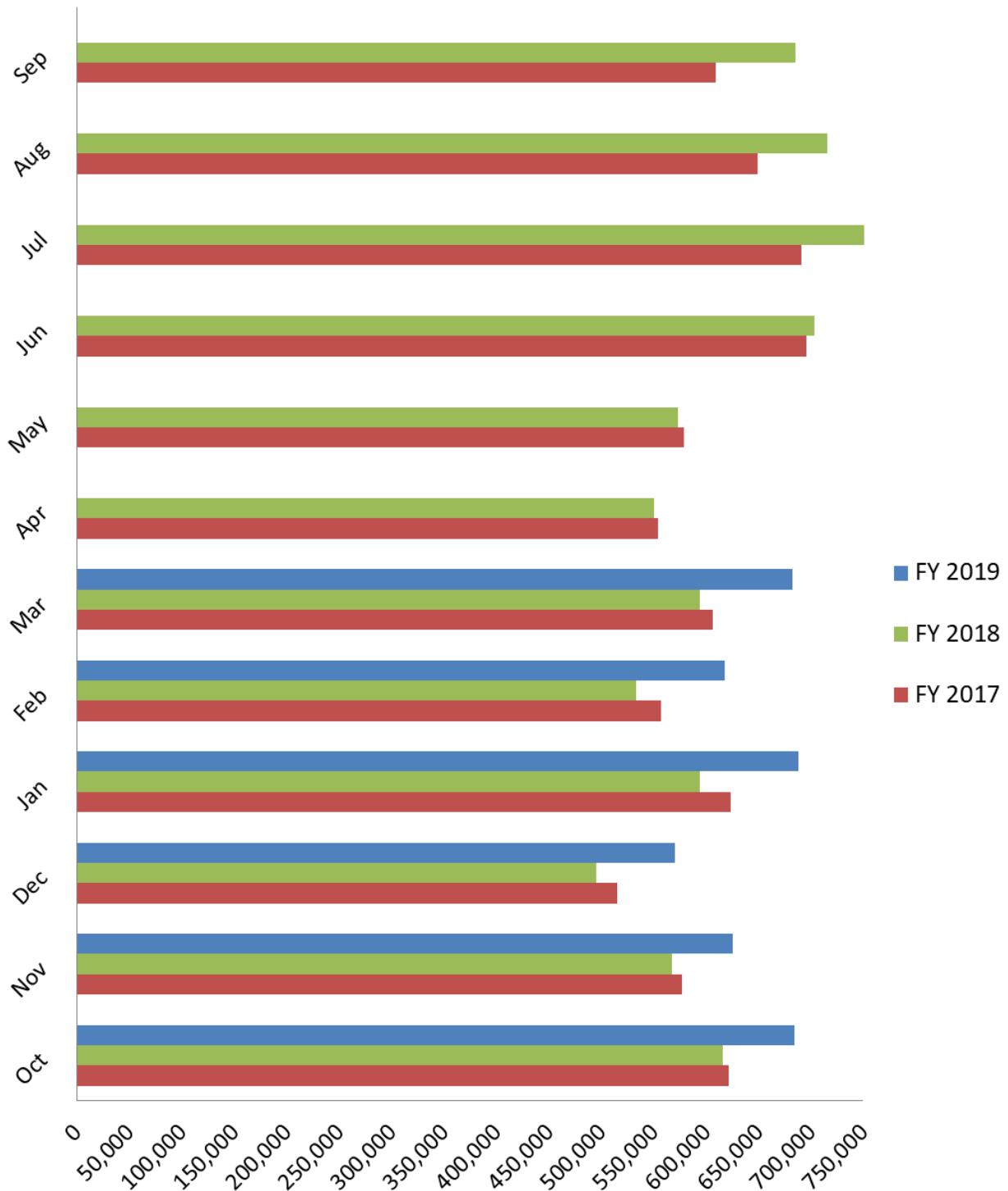
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Mar 2019 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	59	26	9	24	505	209	131	165
Brook Hollow	68	10	4	54	1,640	89	9	1,542
Carver	43	17	7	19	890	277	65	548
Central	123	11	80	32	2,131	442	883	806
Cody	65	18	13	34	1,165	108	147	910
Collins Garden	46	14	3	29	876	179	30	667
Cortez	47	34	3	10	348	173	3	172
Encino	86	26	9	51	2,053	549	56	1,448
Forest Hills	25	10	0	15	287	65	0	222
Great Northwest	38	12	9	17	1,175	80	208	887
Guerra	49	15	9	25	2,143	251	1,270	622
Igo	65	28	9	28	1,793	309	89	1,395
Johnston	38	11	7	20	583	99	229	255
Landa	65	6	28	31	1,010	50	41	919
Las Palmas	41	18	4	19	777	296	0	481
Maverick	43	13	6	24	834	83	90	661
McCreless	32	7	5	20	572	54	57	461
Memorial	56	15	10	31	553	105	54	394
Mission	70	36	13	21	1,084	444	238	402
Pan American	48	17	9	22	1,477	243	861	373
Parman	100	39	8	53	2,434	483	23	1,928
Potranco	18	9	4	5	241	44	19	178
Pruitt	50	15	7	28	994	105	187	702
San Pedro	11	0	0	11	49	0	0	49
Schaefer	59	15	14	30	777	70	137	570
Semmes	73	23	6	44	1,232	222	62	948
Thousand Oaks	34	17	4	13	349	82	30	237
Tobin	64	10	12	42	1,895	66	835	994
Westfall	45	10	8	27	433	76	31	326
Kampmann Library Portal	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0
Little Read Wagon	70	0	0	70	1,644	0	0	1,644
TOTAL	1,630	483	300	847	31,947	5,256	5,785	20,906

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Circulation



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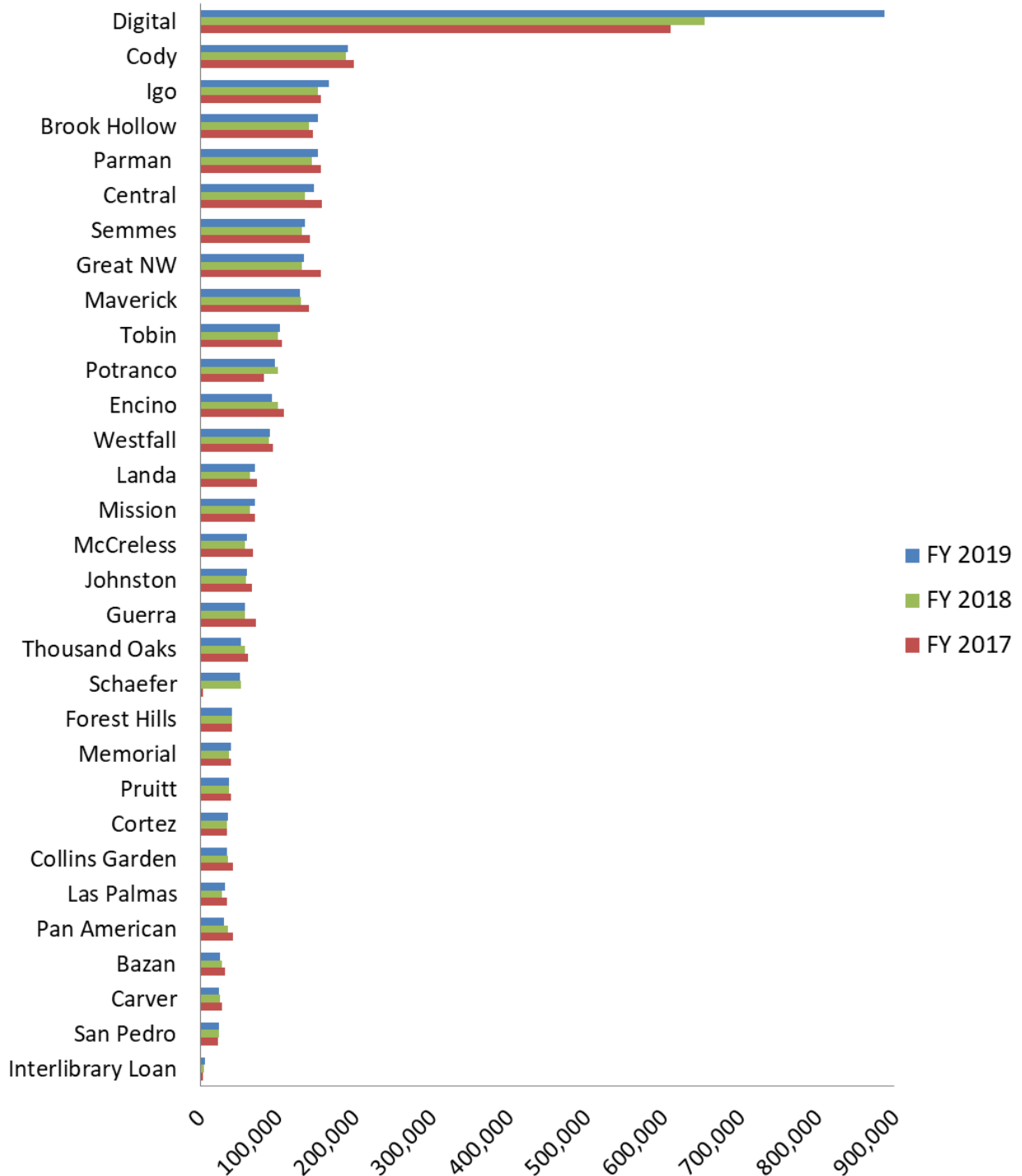
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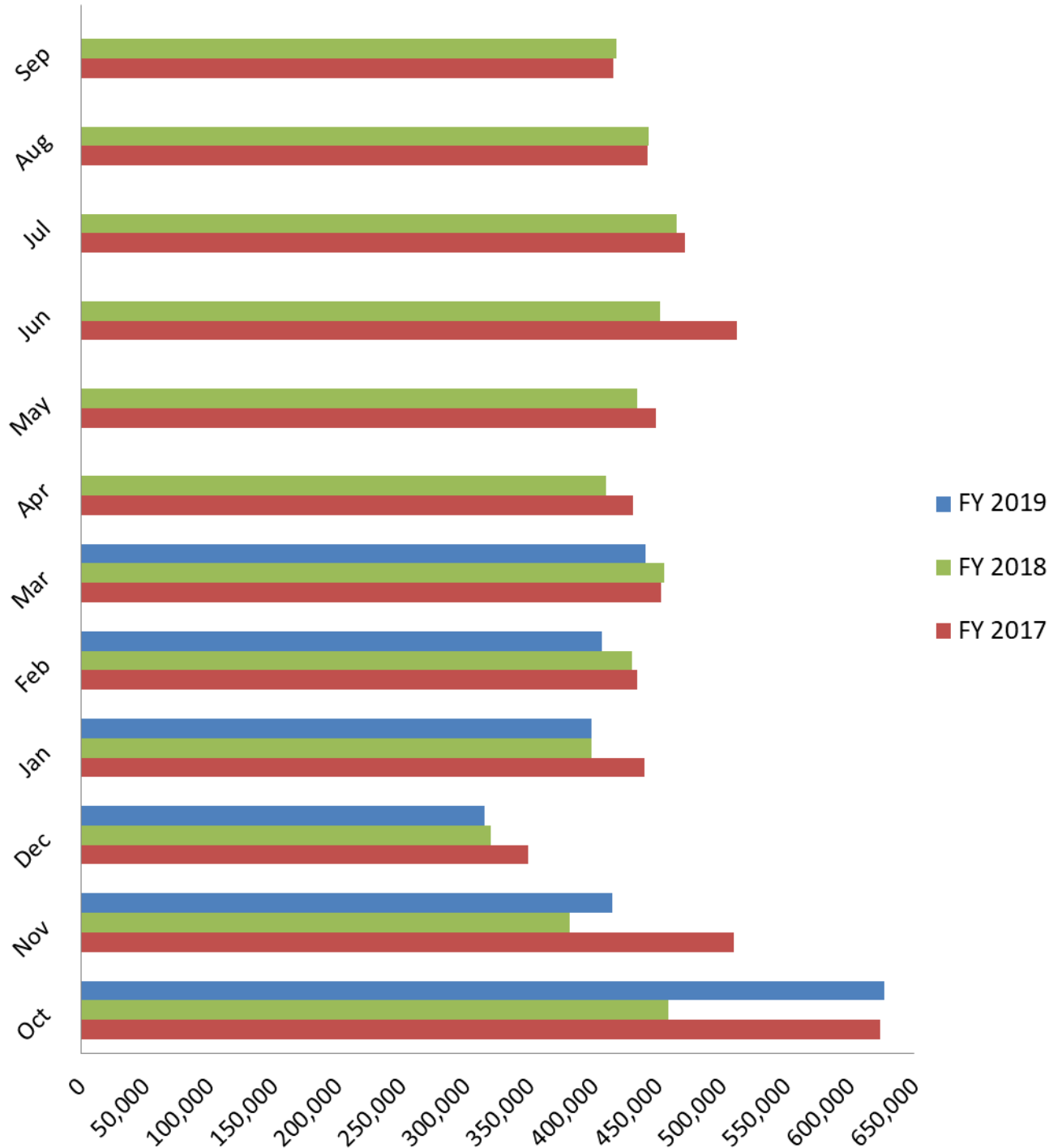
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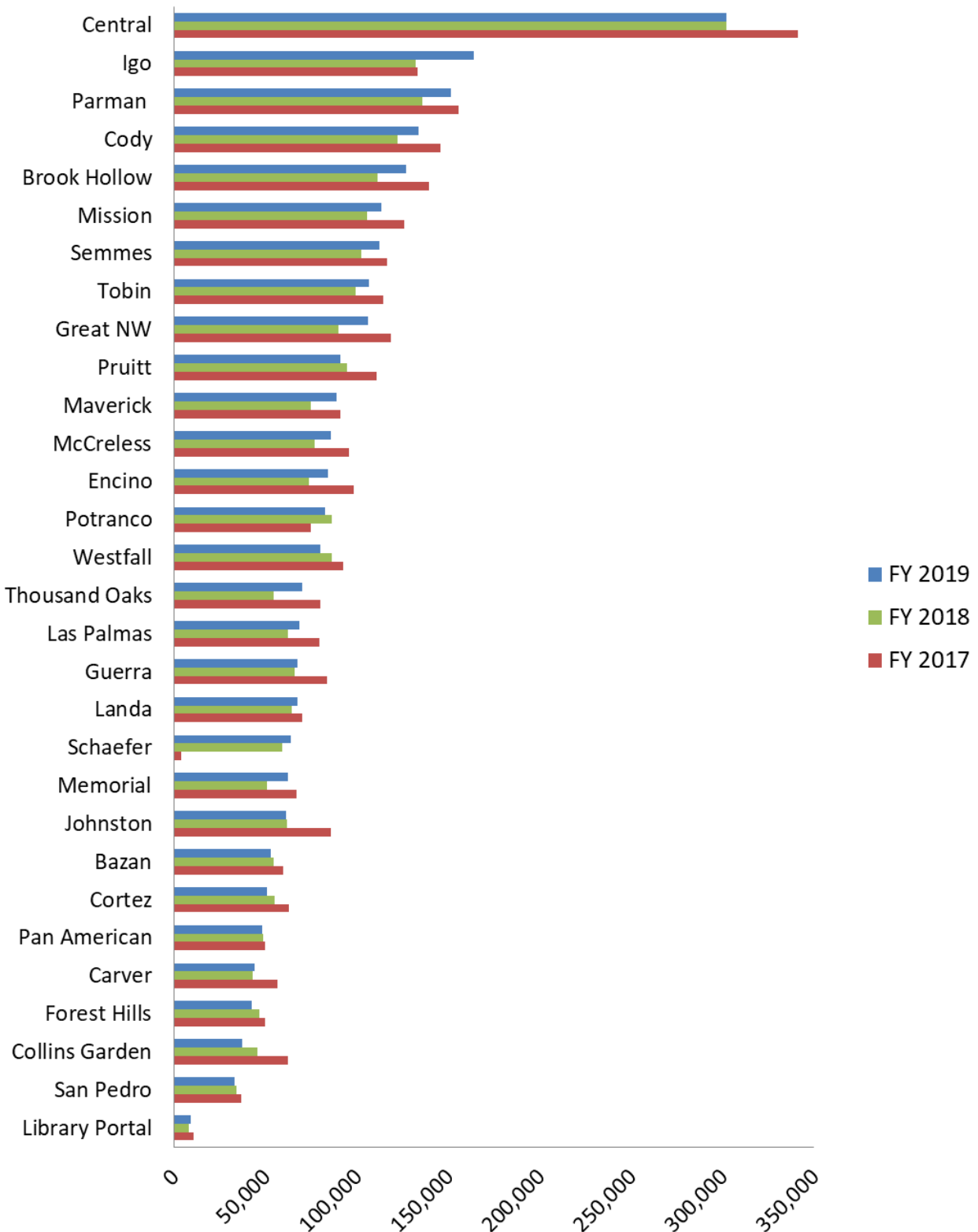
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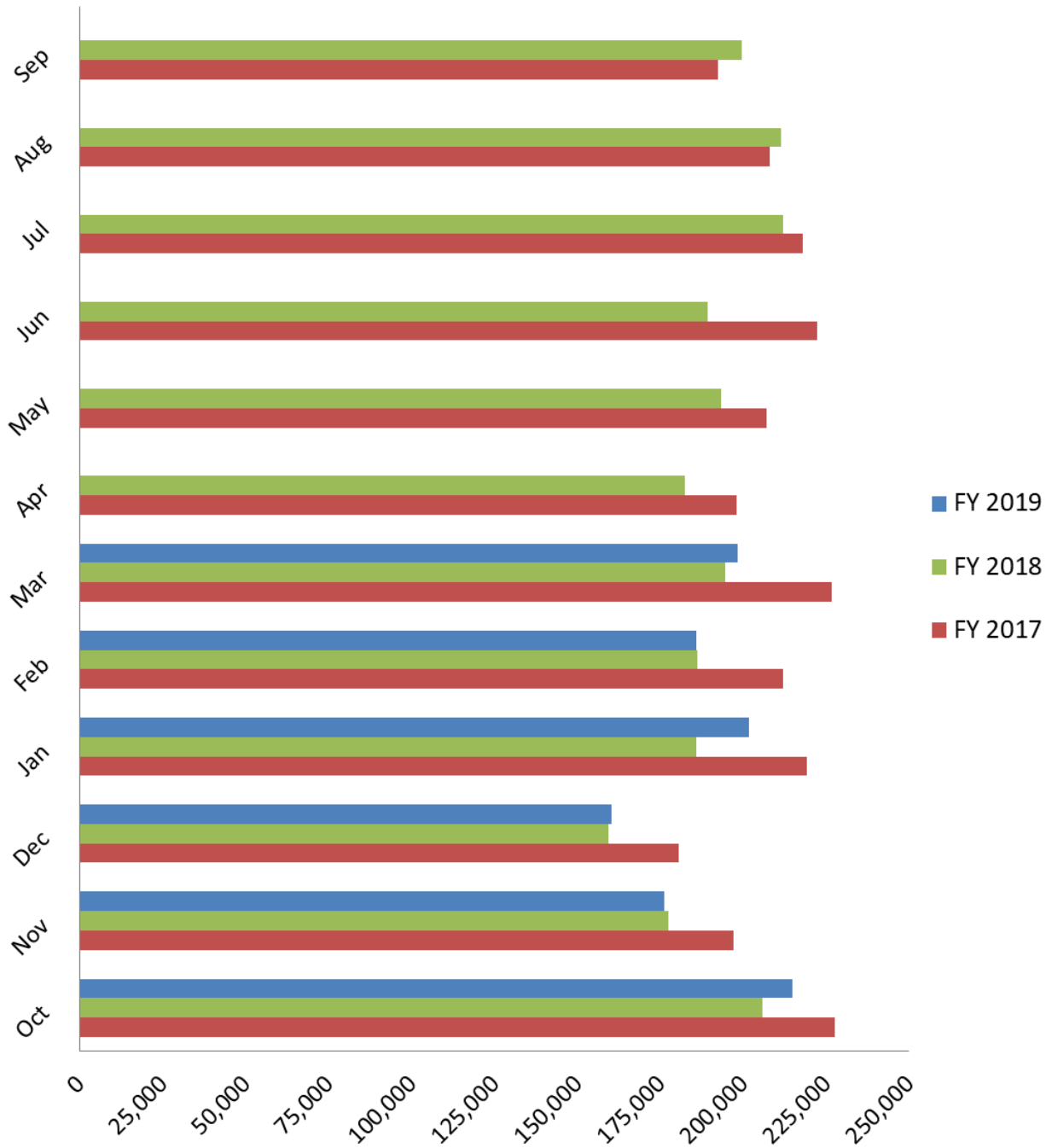
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

* Beginning December 12, 2018 - unlimited time on public computers when no one is waiting

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