

San Antonio Public Library Director's Report June 2019

The San Antonio Public Library celebrated the achievements of notable San Antonio artist Jesse Treviño on May 14th. The event introduced the book, *Spirit: The Life and Art of Jesse Treviño*, and was accompanied by a short discussion between Treviño and Anthony Head, the book's author. The program was moderated by Robert Rivard. Over 200 community members attended Central Library to celebrate the achievements of this notable San Antonio artist (photo credit: Bonnie Arbittier/Rivard Report).

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



On May 28, 2019, the Semmes Branch Library, in City Council District 10, reopened as scheduled after undergoing planned improvements. The Semmes Branch Library closed for twenty seven (27) days to undergo building improvements that included: complete carpet replacement, complete replacement of the circulation desk and check-out area, new “mobile device-friendly” public seating area, interior painting, new digital signage and repair and resurfacing of the parking lot.



Seventeen (17) library locations served as Early Voting sites for the June 8, 2019 City of San Antonio Run-off Election. Early voting began on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and will continue through Tuesday, June 4, 2019 with no voting on Sunday, June 2. For Election Day, June 8, sixteen (16) library locations will serve as voting sites.



Effective June 3, 2019, through at least December 31, 2019, the San Antonio Public Library enacted a Fine Free Pilot Program during which items classified juvenile or young adult will be free from fines if returned late. The pilot program applies to juvenile and young adult materials, whether borrowed by a child, a teen, or an adult, since families and individuals use library accounts in different ways. The Library will continue to send notices that items are due and will continue to send bills for items not returned. The Library will also continue to charge for damaged and lost items. The Pilot will be evaluated in March/April 2020.

By way of background, during the 2019 San Antonio Public Library budget development process, Library staff members considered how best to reduce barriers to use of the library by children and teens. After comprehensive research, analysis, and peer review, the process identified to achieve this goal was to not charge fines for the late return of juvenile and teen materials. Fines on juvenile and teen materials have shown to disproportionately affect people living in poverty, so not charging them would help the Library respond more equitably to the communities of San Antonio.



On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, the Library kicked off the 2019 Mayor's Summer Reading Program with a media event at the Central Library. The 2019 theme is “Over the Moon” in celebration of Apollo 11 and the 50th Anniversary of the lunar landing. The Summer Reading Program is open to all ages with children and teen and adult specific reading logs and summer-long activities and programs throughout Library locations. Registration is available online or at any San Antonio Library location.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

- The Library's Fine Free Pilot Program was featured on leading SA news stations including: KSAT12, Fox News First, 1200 WOAI News Radio, KSAT.com, Rivard Report and News 4 San Antonio.

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Debt from late youth books checked out from the San Antonio Public Library will be forgiven under a new program implemented this month.

- KSAT12 featured Central Library's "Out and Proud in San Antonio: Pride Celebrations across the Years," exhibit first on their list of Pride Month events in San Antonio.
 - [Link to web article](#)
- Cleto Rodriguez and the News4/Fox29 team visited Central Library this morning to highlight our Summer Reading Program during the daily Where's Cleto segment. Cresencia Huff, Robin Alcorta, Jennifer Velasquez and Matthew Loaiza represented the Library team during the live taping.
 1. Where's Cleto SRP Children segments (2):
 - [Children Segment SRP Overview](#)
 - [Children Segment SRP DIY](#)
 2. Where's Cleto SRP Teen segments (2)
 - [Teen segment – SRP Overview](#)
 - [Teen segment – VR and 3D Printing](#)



 The design team completed a wide range of materials to promote summer reading programs across all age groups—children, teen, and adult. The team also supported major Library events including the ELLA Awards and Tobin’s 50th anniversary with print and multimedia materials. Regular ongoing work includes the promotion of branch programs, designing printed materials and giveaways for outreach, and creating signage and materials to inform the public of branch renovation closures and re-openings.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL Facebook gained over 296 new fans.
- The Library’s Instagram page significantly increased across leading metrics:

Instagram Performance Summary

View your key profile performance metrics from the reporting period.

<p>Impressions</p> <p>29,665 ↗ 73.7%</p>	<p>Engagements</p> <p>1,194 ↗ 42.7%</p>	<p>Profile Clicks</p> <p>9 ↗ 125%</p>
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Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 17,768 fans
2. Twitter: 4,693 followers
3. Instagram: 3,664 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Library Services Assistants Christina Hess and Daniel Garcia provided assistance at the City's Migrant Resource Center, as part of the Library's participation in supporting migrant families seeking asylum as they travel through San Antonio to their destinations across the United States.



On May 15, Interim Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun and Performance and Innovation Manager David Cooksey (Administration) attended the final CivTechSA-sponsored meeting with student members of the Texas A&M SA JagCoders club. Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun and Mr. Cooksey, along with the students, their faculty sponsors, and representatives from Geekdom and the COSA Office of Innovation, discussed next steps for moving forward with this civic technology challenge.



Mr. Spana and Mr. Rolf Laun participated in the opening policy meetings for the Library's new ILS, SirsiDynix's Symphony. Policy decisions create the underlying structure of data for the ILS by defining the codes used to classify locations, items, patrons, cataloging rules, and circulation rules.



On June 1, Mr. Laun made changes to the Millennium ILS to support the Library's pilot program for reducing barriers to access. During the pilot program, the system will no longer assess overdue fines for juvenile and young adult materials.



On June 12, Mr. Spana and Mr. Laun arranged a vendor demonstration for Collection Development staff of the BiblioSuggest module from BiblioCommons. The module would provide a more seamless patron suggestion experience in the new catalog and would provide an upgrade path for the current Suggest a Purchase application hosted on the mysapl.org website.



Digital Services made use of its wellness funds by purchasing each staff member a reusable, insulated water bottle. In celebration of the arrival of the bottles, the unit had a "Water Tasting," where they sampled waters such as electrolyte enriched, sparkling, alkaline, and oxygenated, plus mineral water from Chuck Norris' Texas Ranch.



Digital Services completed the BiblioThon contest, awarding 10 staff members for their creation of new lists and reviews in the new catalog. In addition, a grand prize drawing was held to further reward one of the staff members.

LITTLE READ WAGON

The end of the school year and beginning of summer brought several opportunities to celebrate. The Little Read Wagon team welcomed part time Library Services Specialist Gabriela Santiago and intern Victoria Carr during this reporting period. Both have already made significant contributions to the team from their backgrounds in art, education, and Spanish language.



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents—Julia Lazarin coordinated ten early literacy presentations for Avance Early Head Start centers. She made the majority of the presentations. Cresencia Huff presented at the Region 20 Migrant Head Start end of year celebration and registered several children and their parents for Summer Reading. Even Start at Driggers Elementary and Bob Hope Elementary also hosted Every Child Ready to Read workshops.



Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens—Clair Larkin and Megan Cruz made final visits to high schools serving pregnant and parenting teens. Hopefully some of them will be able to bring their children to the Library this summer.



Outreach Story Time Programs—Outreach Story Time is in even more demand during the summer due to the inclusion of school age children and some more deliberate scheduling on the part of child care center staff. During this reporting period seven centers were served by Ms. Cruz, Mary G. Moreno, Ms. Santiago, and Ms. Larkin.



Play & Learn—June 5 was the first summer Play & Learn at McAllister Park. Although it was raining, more than 100 people came out to play! The team set up an old vinyl banner between the trees and the children had a great time painting it in the rain. The water wall was also very popular with the children. Group sizes are expected to remain large throughout the summer.



Reading Village—The Reading Village travelled to Blessed Sacrament Academy for two days at the end of May. The team is exploring the use of a different kind of tent. One pop-up beach tent was purchased to test at Play & Learn.



Workshops for Professionals—The team is developing a new workshop for the 2019-20 school year. Dates are pending and early childhood centers are already making requests for training.



Building Connections—Six early childhood centers participate in the City of San Antonio Early Head Start Child Care Partnership, a program that brings additional funding and support to centers that enroll Early Head Start eligible children. Little Read Wagon will offer group Summer Reading registration and participation for all children enrolled at these sites.

Ms. Larkin, Julia Lazarin, Ms. Santiago, and volunteer Viki Ash represented the Library at three KLRN community events at parks around town.



System-wide Support—At the request of Jasmin Salinas (Brook Hollow), Ms. Huff brought supplies from the Little Read Wagon collection to the May 14 Play & Learn at Brook Hollow Library. Ms. Salinas planned a wonderful program and Ms. Huff was happy to assist with the very large crowd.

Ms. Larkin and Ms. Huff assisted with the City efforts at the Migrant Resource Center.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Summer Reading 2019: Over the Moon June calendar blanks, certificates, and additional reading logs and book marks have been distributed. July calendar blanks will soon go into delivery. As of June 15 children have begun returning their reading logs and claiming prize books.

Cresencia Huff (Interim Coordinator of Children's Services) promoted Summer Reading at Driggers Elementary during their final Principal's Coffee of the school year. She also recorded a promotional video in the school studio, which was to be played as part of the morning announcements.

San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL) requested Summer Reading information for their summer camps. SAYL hopes to have ninety children participate.



Community Outreach—Ms. Huff represented the Library at Northside Independent School District's annual Storyfest. The event was held at Neff Middle School and drew several hundred children and their families. Ms. Huff also attended meetings of ReadyKid SA, City of San Antonio Head Start Education Advisory Meeting, and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Born to Read committee.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Teen Summer 2019—The Teen Summer Reading Program began on June 1 and will run through the end of July. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, as well as the 20th anniversary of the Teen Summer Program at SAPL, teens that sign up for the program earn a T-shirt for reading and/or attending teen library activities.



Summer Food Service Program—Several locations of the San Antonio Public Library are participating in the USDA's Summer Food Service Program, which provides free breakfast, snacks, and/or lunches to anyone 18 and younger. The program is available to sites that are located in areas where many kids and teens receive free or reduced price lunches at school. The Teen Library @ Central has partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank for over a decade. Some library locations have the San Antonio Food Bank as a sponsor, and some have NEISD as a sponsor.



Teen Summer Interns—For several years, the San Antonio Public Library has participated in the Youth Career Opportunity Program coordinated by the Family Service Association (FSA). Kathleen Fordyce, Manager of the Teen Library @ Central, has served as the contact for the FSA and has coordinated the implementation of the program at participating library locations. In June, Kathleen and several teen services librarians and liaisons attended job fairs at three sites around the city to interview potential teen candidates for internship positions. Thanks to Georgina Salinas (Bazan), Sheri Watkins (Pruitt), Raishell Williams (Johnston), Michelangelo Sosa (Memorial), Amy Rae Weaver (Cody), Stephanie Vazquez (Great Northwest), and Lisa Leandro (Potranco) for participating in the job fairs!

This year ten library locations are participating in the FSA's program and include: Central, Bazan, Cody, Cortez, Great Northwest, Johnston, Memorial, Potranco, Pruitt, and Westfall. This summer internship is often the teens' first work experience and serves as valuable experience on their resume, as well as providing much needed help for library staff during the busy summer months.



Off-Site Service—On Saturday, May 18, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) attended the Just One Night campaign at Maverick Park. The campaign benefitted two organizations (Thrive Youth Center and Stand Up for Kids) doing critical work with homeless teens and youth in San Antonio. Loaiza and Sarabia offered park games and activities for attendees while promoting the Summer Reading Program and offering information on other library services and events.

Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist), During the last two weeks of May, Ami visited John Jay High School, Warren High School and Stevens High School. She provided information about the Teen Summer Reading Program to students. Ami visited the Lincoln Community Center in partnership with Parks and Recreation to inform teens about library services on May 28.

Big Brothers Big Sisters invited Ami to attend their Lighting the Future Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff on the morning of June 8 to inform teens about the library's Teen Summer Reading program. Ami

attended the event and registered the teens for the program. She also informed the teens about teen library programming during the summer.

J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Cassandra Garza (Library Assistant, Pan American Library), and Edward Mayberry (Library Assistant, Guerra Library) staffed a table at the High Voltage-sponsored Teens on a Mission concert on May 25. The Teen Library partners with High Voltage in cross-promoting Eclectic Electric music programming in the Teen Library at Central and music programs and concerts at High Voltage.



Professional Development—Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) was selected as one of the 59 local leaders for this year's Alexander Briseño Leadership Development Program (ABLDP). The mission of the seven-month program is to enrich leadership and professional development in San Antonio through strategic planning, change management, teamwork, sustainability, and civic engagement. Loaiza is excited to participate in the program and develop new skills to assist with his role in the library.

In anticipation of two new summer interns who will be starting within the coming weeks at the Teen Library, Loaiza also attended the "Best Practices for Hosting Student Interns" training provided by the City of San Antonio, SAWorks, and Family Service.



System-wide Support—On May 30, Ami Sarahi (Teen Outreach Specialist) helped register teens for the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Tobin Branch Library for their end of the school year party. Teens decorated pop sockets and played mini golf inside the library.

To assist when there are Teen Services Librarian vacancies, Ami will facilitate weekly teen library programming at various branches. Ami began hosting teen summer programming at the Carver Library on June 1. On June 7, she began the teen programming at the Potranco Library. On June 10, Ami began teen programming at the Tobin Library.

Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) assisted with the 2019 ELLA Awards on Friday, June 7. Using Teen Services' new Simple Booth, Loaiza took photos of award recipients and their families and friends in a fun and interactive photo booth setting. Attendees were thrilled to receive their photos instantaneously through email and text. Loaiza also assisted with the 2019 Summer Reading Celebration on Wednesday, June 12; Loaiza, along with a teen volunteer, hosted a Virtual Reality gaming area for attendees at the celebration.



Community Connections Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) helped represent the San Antonio Public Library and the City of San Antonio during the 2019 San Antonio Sports Corporate Cup on Saturday, June 1. Loaiza, along with five other city employees, participated in the KCI 5K event.



STEM The San Antonio Public Library was invited by Pride San Antonio to participate in the 2019 Pride Bigger than Texas Festival and Parade. Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) attended two meetings with Pride San Antonio to solidify the library's presence at the Festival and Parade; Loaiza is also coordinating the library's activities for the festival and organizing a group of staff to march during the parade. The VROOM! Van will also be present at both the festival and the parade.



For the second year in a row, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) worked with Melissa Gohlke (Assistant Archivist, UTSA Special Collections) to bring a Pride exhibit to the 2nd floor Chihuly area at the Central Library. Through LGBTQ archival collections housed at the University of Texas at San Antonio's Special Collections, the exhibit reveals the importance of Pride celebrations to the local community. Materials in the exhibit include t-shirts, posters, print materials, posters, photographs, and ephemera, and the exhibit will run from June 1 to July 31. On Thursday, June 13, Loaiza did an interview with KSAT 12 to promote the exhibit and other Pride events at the libraries during Pride Month.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The Central Library hosted a special event on May 14th in honor of San Antonio artist Jesse Trevino. Mayor Ron Nirenberg introduced the evening. Robert Rivard moderated a Q&A with Trevino and author Anthony Head of recently published *Spirit: The Art and Life of Jesse Trevino*. The event was standing room only with approximately 200 in attendance. The Cortez Family provided refreshments and drinks as well as live music after the speaking portion. Trevino and Head signed copies of the book and spoke with fans for more than an hour after the program.



Adult Summer Reading started on June 1st and within two weeks 2500 adults have signed up. After each book read or listened to or program attended, participants get a chance to win a phases of the moon t-shirt. After a combination of 4 activities, participants are awarded a free book from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. After a combination of 8 activities, participants are awarded an entry for the grand prizes which include a telescope, home planetarium, NASA messenger bags, and tickets to Cosmic Mayhem indoor blacklight miniature golf. In addition, locations are hosting many adult programs related to summer reading including astronomy nights, DIY phases of the moon t-shirt craft, and other educational and fun events. Central Library staff are hosting an offsite program at Cosmic Mayhem on July 11. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance. On August 3, Game Night for Grownups will be held at the Central Library from 6 to 10 pm including board games, video games, miniature golf in the stacks, and a spelling bee.



Coordinator of Services to Adults Haley Holmes has been selected to participate in the Library Freedom Institute an initiative supported by IMLS and New York University. Over a six month period, Ms. Holmes will participate in lecture and projects in order to learn about the importance of privacy and to develop training for staff and the public related to privacy issues.



Ms. Holmes participated in a 20 minute interview for KLove radio which will air several times during the summer. Topics included digital inclusion, technology in the library, summer reading, and programming for adults.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN



The Central Children's department kicked off the Mayor's Summer Reading Program with an "Over the Moon" party coordinated by Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin. The highlight of the event was

the giant cardboard rocket ship created by Librarian Ashley Stubbs with help from the entire team. Christened the “Excelsior,” the oversized ship (over 8 feet tall!) featured a control panel, a clear roof showing constellations and an astronaut photo op. Families had an out of this world time playing with “moon dough” and alien slime full of plastic googly eyes, while wearing the alien hats that they created at a crafting station. Children enjoyed playing with flashlights in the space tent: a sparkly blackout cloth draped over some tables. Before leaving, all participants worked together to create a collaborative outer space process art activity on black butcher paper using a variety of paper shapes, foil and magazine images.



Manager Kate Simpson and Ms. Stubbs assisted with children’s activities during the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program kickoff press conference. Ms. Stubbs’ elaborate cardboard rocket ship served as the centerpiece for family photo ops and imaginative play during the celebration and garnered many compliments by attendees and library staff alike.



The Central Children’s department was excited to host actors from Magik Theater, who delighted families with a hilarious rendition of the Jack and the Bean Stalk fairy tale. They had parents and children laughing together at their updated take on the classic story.



Ms. Seglin presented the popular Toddler Time program at Central Library. For her ocean theme program, children enjoyed “fishing” with magnetic fishing rods and playing with sea creature puppets. Toddlers gave plastic ocean animals a bath in blue-tinted, sudsy water. They played in an “ocean” sensory bin full of rice dyed blue and a “beach” sensory bin full of sand and real seashells. Ms. Seglin introduced the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program to Toddler Time families with an outer space themed event. Toddlers were in awe of the amazing “Excelsior” rocket. They took turns getting in out of the rocket and pretended to be astronauts while playing hide and seek with alien puppets. Moon dough was also a big hit. Scooping and running their hands through the fluffy dough was a unique sensory experience. They also enjoyed digging in the sensory bin full of blue rice and die cut space spaces and contributing to a space themed collaborative process art activity.

Ms. Seglin introduced a new early literacy concept to her programming with a series of story times based on “loose parts play.” In these programs, children were given a diverse range of different types of items and allowed to manipulate them and create their own play experiences. Open-ended free play such as this is a critical way for young children to learn about their world. At the loose parts Toddler Times mirrors, jar lids, cardboard boxes, tubes, and containers were set out with buttons, dry pasta, rocks, leaves, sticks and other natural items collected from the River Walk. Toddlers created faces, designs, and even a fruit salad with the materials. A tea party picnic with leaves, acorns, and forest animals was a great way for the toddlers to engage in pretend play with each other and their grownups. Toddlers got the chance to paint with tea bags of various flavors and colors. The smell of tea gave the Story Room a lovely calming smell as the toddlers experimented swirling, swiping and mixing the tea bags together on a big piece of butcher paper.



Ms. Stubbs presented her first regularly occurring program since joining the Central Children’s team: Play & Learn! She made this popular program her own with a fun pizza themed event. Children washed plastic vegetables, worked in the imaginative play pizza parlor and re-enacted the story she read at the beginning, Pete’s a Pizza. The following week she took the group on a pretend camping trip in the Story Room. The toddlers got cozy in child-sized tents, made cotton ball s’mores over a paper

campfire and went “fishing” with magnetic fishing poles. They also enjoyed the sensory experience of manipulating play dough made with bird seed inside.



Ms. Seglin and Librarian Olivia Escovedo hosted the first Kids Time program of the summer focusing on “Food as Round as the Moon.” Children were asked to think of and share foods that are round like the moon. Mooncakes and the mid-autumn festival were highlighted, as well as some facts about pizza. Ms. Seglin showed a slideshow of different round foods from around the world. Afterwards kids made their own pretend mooncakes with “moon sand.” They also got to make their own paper pizza slices with recycled materials.



Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez began presenting Family Fun, her first weekly program this summer. In her building themed program, children of all ages used LEGOs, Straws and Connectors, and paper cups to build all kinds of different structures and made new friends while working together. The next Family Fun got kids imaginations working to create troll dolls out of popsicle sticks and feathers as well as collaborating together to decorate the “hair” of a large troll, all after engaging in a lively interactive story about trolls.



Ms. Simpson, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Escovedo introduced the Central Library to two groups of 3rd graders from Democracy Prep at the Stewart Campus. The group left excited about the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program and ready to come back with their families and explore the Central Library on the weekend.



Ms. Simpson, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Escovedo took a large group of 5th graders entering Anson Jones Middle School on a tour of the Central Library. They had fun learning about the art and architecture at Central as well as having a sneak peek into the Teen Library, which they are almost old enough to enjoy.



Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Escovedo participated in the Career Day at Bonham Elementary School in May. They each talked about our career paths to librarianship, library services, and the summer reading program while visiting three different classrooms of 2nd graders.



Ms. Stubbs and Library Assistant Carolyn Bradley each made engaging book displays highlighting such topics as Memorial Day, summer fun and beach reads, outer space non-fiction and fantasy chapter books.



In May, Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin coordinated the distribution of the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program prize books to each library location in advance of summer. Over the course of two weeks, they carefully selected a range of prize books for every reading level, specifically tailored to the individual branch libraries. They packed the books into many, many crates and coordinated their delivery in partnership with the steadfast support of Carla Conrad, Shelving and Delivery Manager.



Ms. Escovedo worked for a day at the City of San Antonio’s Migrant Resource Center where she was able to assist migrants using her Spanish language skills with their travel plans, such as registering them for their plane or bus. She also served them meals. The entire experience had a profound effect on her.

TEENS

TEEN LIBRARY @ CENTRAL



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



Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager): Summer is here and gaming is at an all-time high. Teens are excited with the recent news that the upcoming second official fighter from the "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Fighter Pass DLC" will be arriving this summer and are already making speculations about the new fighter's gameplay and moveset. Teens are working on a list of new Switch games for the library to acquire, with "Pokken Tournament DX" (a Pokémon fighter game) being a top choice. Stepping away from video games, teens were also excited to play a new edition of "Uno" called "Avengers Uno." This edition of the "Uno" features characters from the Avengers franchise and introduces an "Avengers Assemble" card which allows teens to block a Draw 2 or Draw 4 card from their opponents. Teens are also compiling a list of new card games for the library to acquire; two top requests are for other editions of "Uno," one called "Uno Flip" and another called "UNOcorns"—but to the surprise of no one, the top request is for more "Unstable Unicorns" expansion packs.



Wednesdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): As June is Pride Month, a group of teens wondered what Teen Library would be doing in celebration. With nothing on the calendar, a group of three teens decided to honor Pride Month with a Pride Party. With the date and time set, Kaylee drew out the party flyer, complete with rainbow and unicorn, and with supportive phrases. Sylvia presented a list of rainbow-themed crafts. Brianna and Sylvia also set up a plan for making a rainbow cake. Teens made Pride flags using fabric, paints and dowels. Teens used the button maker to make buttons, had rainbow sherbet and rainbow cake, and decorated pots in honor of Pride.



Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teens who attend Thursday programs at Teen Library engage in activities that encourage peer-to-peer learning, hand-eye coordination, creative expression, and development and preparation of goings-on. Teens also enjoy having favorite movies play in the background to watch, comment on, sing along to and/or discuss plots and twists with fellow movie fans.

Many of the programs involve teens prepping and making foods that require a skill or building something extraordinary out of an ordinary items, such as when teens colored cake batter in various rainbow color, dropped spoonful of each colored batter in the cupcake pan to create a rainbow cupcake. After cooling, they frosted with blue frosting, used marshmallows and candies to look like a rainbow in clouds. Teens used an instant camera to take pictures, arranging, decorating and gluing them for custom scrapbook collages. In a nod to Korean street food, teens made cheesy corn dogs and a homemade version of Korea's popular banana milk drink. Making broccoli tots was brought back as a favorite snack to make and eat.

For Summer Thursdays, teens created a spinning wheel with various food and craft categories, spinning the wheel on a Wednesday to determine what would be done on Thursday. The first spin's category was Galaxy!, which had teens making one of the "official" Teen Summer crafts galaxy jars using cotton balls, colored water and glitter, and also making Fruit Loop treats, with Fruit Loops and marshmallows. The second spin landed on Paint & Potatoes!, where teens created fluid/cell paintings and then made shaped

potato snacks, using a boiled potato, egg, flour, and bread crumbs to make a dough and then using cookie cutters to create shapes.

Teens were invited after each program to sign up for Teen Summer 2019. If they were signed up, they were reminded to record their participation in their Teen Summer logs. As a result, four teens were eligible to receive their t-shirts which created such excitement as they received their limited edition shirt. They wore them immediately. 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. By request too and with sufficient staff, teens use the studio to practice on instruments or use the Lab to play virtual reality games. Pictures from Thursday night programs can 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 Texas Juvenile Justice Department, George Gervin Center, and Roy Maas made regular visits during the reporting period.

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

Library Assistant J.D. Elizondo along with Library Assistants Cassandra Garza and Edward Mayberry staffed a table at the High Voltage sponsored Teens on a Mission concert on May 25th. High Voltage being a partner of sorts as their music program and concerts dove tails with Eclectic Electric we seek to cross promote both entities. On June 11th JD and Library Assistant Michaelangelo Sosa met with the North East School of the Arts principal and arts teachers as preliminary outreach for the Teen Arts Fest. On June 6th JD and Librarian Stephanie Vasquez met with Brennan art teachers for the same. JD met with Teen Arts Director of the South West School of Arts Katie Pell to discuss their partnership with the Teen Arts Fest.

REFERENCE



Reference staff wrapped up Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by hosting Japanese Calligraphy and Classical Bharatanatyam Dance programs. Japanese Calligraphy was presented by the Japanese Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Chinatsu Oku from the East Asia Institute at UTSA. Attendees enjoyed the explanations and examples of Calligraphy given and having the opportunity to practice what they learned. Classical Bharatanatyam Dance was presented by the Kaveri Natya Yoga Center Dance Group. Bharatanatyam is among the most sophisticated and subtle dance forms. The dance performance embodied both music and storytelling. Attendees expressed an interest in having more dance programs from various cultures.



In May, Librarian and ENLACE Michael Dunbar-Rodney presented Saving Nuestra Historia: Photographic Preservation. Mr. Dunbar-Rodney covered the basic physical properties of photographs, agents of deterioration, and methods of preservation. Attendees were engaged, taking notes and asking questions. Mr. Dunbar-Rodney even assisted one attendee to digitize some photographs onto a flash drive.



This month's Central Cinema presentation, Fighting with My Family is based on the true story of WWE Superstar Paige's journey into World Wrestling Entertainment. The audience were awed and excited to see Paige's story, enjoying the heartfelt story and loving the intense drama in the ring. One patron comment card read, "I loved it. Had my eyes tear."



Reference staff presented How to Prepare Fruit Salad, part of the DIY U series. Attendees viewed a video on using a variety of fruits to make a salad and received a how-to handout with a recipe. Different options were discussed, as well.



In observance of Older Americans Month, Reference staff hosted two programs. Chronic Pain Management Strategies Through Exercise for Seniors was conducted by Raudel Bobadilla, Community Outreach Coordinator and Community Health Worker with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). Mr. Bobadilla emphasized non-drug treatment focusing on exercise rather than opioids. Various exercises for chronic pain were discussed and participants practiced stretching and walking exercises. A Legal Assistance Information for Older Americans program was presented by state Certified Benefits Counselor, Sandra Aviles, BCII with AACOG. Attendees learned the importance of having a will and having a trustworthy Power of Attorney. Emphasis was placed on having documents prepared that direct physicians and family members on what actions to take or not take if one is incapacitated. Ms. Avila mentioned the Aging & Disability Resource Centers located throughout Texas. In San Antonio, the Alamo Service Connection serves seniors, people with disabilities, as well as veterans and their families.



At the end of May, the first film in the new Cinema Terrible series was presented by host, Librarian Lorin Flores. *Return of the Kung Fu Dragon* is a 1976 Taiwanese-made cult film about the adventures of a Princess and her band of allies on a quest to retake her kingdom from an evil wizard. The idea behind Cinema Terrible was to provide a Mystery Science theater 3000 experience where bad and cult movies would be shown in an atmosphere of free-for-all heckling. A Discord server was created for the series so attendees could socialize and continue the discussion between events. Response to Cinema Terrible in social media was very positive. Attendees enjoyed the cheesiness of the film and the awful dubbing/acting. At the conclusion of the film, the host led attendees in a short game of Cinema Terrible Pointless Trivia.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On Tuesday, May 14 the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted an author talk with introducing the Book, *Spirit: The Life and Art of Jesse Treviño*, accompanied by a short discussion between local artist Jesse Treviño and author Anthony Head moderated by Robert Rivard. Over 200 community members attended to celebrate the achievements of this notable San Antonio artist.



On Saturday, May 18, the Latino Collection and Resource Center presented *Ay, Mij@! How Did You Become an Engineer?* in honor of Digital Inclusion Month. This program included engineers from NASA, Boeing, Valero and more. 25 attendees joined us to learn about STEM career fields.



On Wednesday, May 22, the Latino Collection and Resource Center partnered with the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center to present *Historic Preservation as a Social Justice Imperative* in honor of Historic Preservation Month. Over 30 attendees learned about the role of historic preservation in the broader context of civil rights and social justice.



On Thursday, May 23, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted a screening of *Las Tesoros de San Antonio: A Westside Story* which included a Q&A session with the filmmakers. This film was a special selection from the Mission City Film Festival and drew 16 attendees.



On Saturday, June 15, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted an author talk with Oscar Cásares. His latest book *Where We Come From* tackles the crisis of U.S. immigration policy from a deeply human angle. He was joined by border town photographer Joel Salcido Ruiz for a Q&A session. The program was attended by 30 attendees.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted a tour of Texana highlighting the historical resources to a class from the Professional Tour Guide Association of San Antonio on May 15. The group engaged in researching information for their upcoming presentations and exam.



On May 18 Librarian Matt De Waelsche presented the class *Preserving Family Treasures*. He instructed on methods and techniques to preserve and prolong personal papers, photographs and family heirlooms.



The Friends of Texana/Genealogy met on May 18 at the Central Library. President Jacob Sherman invited guest speaker Peggy Price, Education Outreach Coordinator with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to present an overview of genealogy resources held at the Texas State Library and Archives.



Highlighting Preservation Month and in conjunction with representatives from the City's Office of Historic Preservation, Ms. Reyna presented the educational session *Discover the Genealogy of Your House* at the Kampmann Library Portal on May 21. Twenty enthusiastic homeowners in attendance were informed about resources and techniques used in researching the history of their houses as well as the local historic district creation process.



Librarian Andrew Crews presented the database class *Introduction to FOLD3* in the Connect Training Room on May 23. The Fold3.com collections feature documents, most never before available on the Internet, relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, United States presidents, historical newspapers, naturalization documents, Native American records, and many more.



Mr. De Waelsche presented the class *Beginning Genealogy/ Intro to SAPL Databases* at the Schaefer Library on June 5. The program focused on how to begin the family history research process and how library genealogy databases can assist in gathering information.



Ms. Reyna and Mr. De Waelsche helped staff the Library's outreach table at ITC's 48th annual Texas Folklife Festival on June 7-8 providing departmental information and assisting with a children's craft.



Ms. Reyna has continued volunteering at the Migrant Resource Center on Thursdays.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen hosted a Summer Reading kick-off party on June 3. Families were entertained by Pandorfus the clown's incredible balloon sculptures, beautiful face painting and lots of silly antics. The children also had fun making a paper craft. Refreshments were served and everyone in attendance registered for the Summer Reading program.



Dinosaur George was big hit with kids of all ages when he visited Bazan on June 10. The paleontologist shared his love and knowledge of dinosaurs with the audience while showing a number of amazing prehistoric fossils.



Spring teen programming ended late May. Summer programming kicked off early June with both Teen Tuesdays, and Teen Hangout. Both programs were hosted weekly every Tuesday and Wednesday followed by the summer lunch program. Bazan continued to host the Teen Writing Workshop throughout the summer season with alternating hosts, Jim LaVilla and Erica De la Rocha from Gemini Ink.



Teen librarian Georgina Salinas visited Lanier High School on the last day of school to promote Summer Reading during their lunch breaks. The library booth attracted many students who registered for summer reading and showed interest in the upcoming library events this summer. Ms. Salinas was accompanied by Library Assistant Edward Mayberry from Guerra who also together visited John Jay High School to register more students for the teen summer reading program. Both outreach visits were well attended, and it was a great start to the summer for Teen programming.



The Bazan branch partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to provide free lunches during the months of June and July. Every Monday through Thursday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm children enjoyed a tasty and nutritious lunch and watched a movie.



Training Officer Emily Flores attended the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Training Seminar at the Institute of Texan Cultures on May 23. The course aims to equip citizenship instructors with the “tools of the trade” necessary to effectively instruct their students. Citizenship classes at Bazan were completed in June and will resume with a new 16 week session beginning August 9.



Clarissa Ramon, Government and Community Affairs Manager for Google Fiber, visited Bazan's Citizenship class on Friday, June 7. The group participated in a Virtual Reality activity, using Google hardware and the Cardboard platform, to tour the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and explore the roots of immigration in the United States. Students gained a first-hand view of the features of these important landmarks.



The Bad Girls Romance Book Club at Bazan met in May and read their first young adult romance novel, *Nowhere but Here*, written by Katie McGarry. The book, in addition to introducing the group to YA fiction, also introduced them to the Motorcycle Club (MC) romance subgenre. The group enjoyed the book and looked forward to exploring new genres in the coming months.



The Earring Making for Beginners craft program was presented by Library Assistant Enedina Prater on June 5. Each person who attended was able to make two pairs of custom earrings to their preferred style and liking. Several families attended together and also enjoyed refreshments for this hour and a half staff led workshop. The presentation was made possible by Friends of Bazan who funded the purchase of supplies and refreshments.



The Alamo City Browncoats Meet-N-Geek fan group met in June and announced their plan to continue meeting at Bazan branch for another year. This last Meet-N-Geek included a demonstration by group members on how to journal with geek and fandom themed journals. Next month's meeting will include a movie party with a screening of *Serenity*.



The Journal and Planner Club at Bazan, after a short hiatus, returned in June led by library assistant Enedina Prater. With an infusion of new supplies funded by The Friends of the Bazan Branch library, Ms. Prater reported that an enthusiastic group attended and was excited about creating customized journals for themselves.



The Treknology fan club continued to meet at Bazan branch to talk/promote their love of fandom and all things Star Trek. Bazan loves fan groups and encourages all Trekkies to attend the next Treknology fan club in July.



The Shut up & Write! group met at Bazan in May and plans to return every first Saturday for the rest of the year. The writing group provides a safe space for writers to work on their craft. They won't invade your privacy or ask you to do anything. Hanging out to chat, share or learn after the one hour quiet writing session is optional. All writing levels and interests are welcome to attend.

BROOK HOLLOW



On Tuesday, May 14, Brook Hollow hosted the final Spring Play & Learn that Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas planned. Over fifty children attended with their caregivers for a total attendance of ninety-eight people. Luckily Interim Children's Coordinator Cresencia Huff came by to lend a hand with setup and cleanup and to offer insights into the value of Play & Learns and incorporating them into the indoor library setting. Children scooped and dipped in the sensory bins, "washed" their cars in our homemade car wash, built with blocks and other materials, and cooked up a storm in the play house.



During the programming break, Ms. Salinas visited Thousand Oaks Elementary School and spoke to every grade level about the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and library programs. As summer began, several of the children came back to find Ms. Salinas and let her know they remembered her visit. One mom told Ms. Salinas that her two children were so excited by all they heard about the library that they would not quit reminding her to bring them by Brook Hollow. Both children signed up for a library card, the Mayor's Summer Reading Club, and took a summer calendar.



Summer programming began at Brook Hollow on Sunday, June 2. Brook Hollow's summer programs average twelve programs a week for children of all ages. Early Literacy programming includes two Baby Time programs, Toddler Two, Toddler Time, and Story Time every week run by Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas. Baby Time the first week back reached a record high attendance with over thirty babies attending with their caregivers. One mother brought her own mother and sister with her to share the program experience because it is so important to them.



Ms. Salinas also added a great deal more family programming this summer with the continuation of Lego Time, Come & Go Crafts, and Read to a Dog. Brook Hollow also debuted a Family Story Time hour on Wednesday afternoons for families with children of multiple ages to enjoy together. Family Story Time has been really fun with silly songs, flannels, interactive books, and play time afterwards.



In the spring, the Graphic Novel Book Club for Kids was a popular program for older school age children, and for the summer, Brook Hollow hosts the program weekly with activities geared towards school age children. Additionally, Brook Hollow also hosts Kids Time for school age children for families to enjoy together.



On Election Day, Brook Hollow also had the pleasure of hosting Matt Sandbank and his Sandbanks Shadow puppet show. Set up underneath the Brook Hollow tree, Mr. Sandbank delighted

family with his shadow puppet vignette stories. Children were enchanted and adults delighted with the performance. Multiple families stopped to thank Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas for hosting the program at Brook Hollow library. Several also commented that they had driven across town to see his program because they had seen him at a school show or knew of him. Many of the children stayed after the program to see how his puppets worked, and Mr. Sandbank offered to send a couple of families a template of his puppets so that they could make their own.



For the Summer Reading Kick-off Party, Brook Hollow had two performances by Texas Master Naturalist Tom Kinsey with additional crafts, sensory activities, and building stations for children to enjoy. Over two hundred people attended the party, which doubled Ms. Salinas's expectations. Several of the older children took on the challenge of building a tower of straws and connectors that would touch the lights in the Children's area; making towers at least nine feet high! Younger children enjoyed the sensory bins and crafts. However, the main attraction was Mr. Tom Kinsey who brought in snakes, doves, toads, rats, and cockroaches for the children to learn about and touch.



Teen programming is thriving at Brook Hollow. Teen Time attendance for the month of May is up over 100% from previous months (the branch has seen an increase from 2-4 attendees to 6-8 attendees weekly). The influx of new teens has been engaged mainly in playing video and board games. On June 6, Library Assistant Elissa Vura hosted a Teen Summer Kick-Off event during which teens enjoyed gaming, button making, and themed snacks. Additionally, the first of a series of Teen Summer Theme Nights began June 12 with Fright Night. Teens attendees made horror movie perler bead creations and played games on the Nintendo Switch.

CARVER



In honor of Juneteenth, the observance marking the emancipation of Texas slaves on June 19, 1865, Carver Branch created a special display decked with titles that celebrate the contributions of African Americans. Included were images of historic individuals who fought against slavery, such as Frederick Douglass and Harriett Tubman. An electronic display flashed images of Juneteenth celebrations taking place across the nation.

Likewise, Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo fashioned a children's display that taught youngsters about the history of Juneteenth. In late May, Mrs. Carrillo visited MLK Academy, where she spoke to nearly 90 children about jobs in the information profession at the school's annual career day celebration.



She kicked off the children's summer reading program at Carver on June 1 with a launch that featured delicious moon pies, an out-of-this-world nod to the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 and the Lunar Landing.

CODY



During Baby Time and Toddler Time on May 13th children read books and sang songs about pets. After Toddler Time children played a game where they had to guess which pet was in a house based on the clues provided.



During Tween Time on May 13th tweens watched the second Lego movie while they competed in a Lego building challenge. Tweens had to choose a Lego Challenge card at random and build what was on the card.



Q was the letter of the week on May 15th for Toddler, Two and Story Time. Children encountered a bunch of different words that started with the letter q through books, songs, and rhymes. They also practiced the letter q sound. After the story time, children made paper quilts by gluing construction paper squares onto paper.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited many Elementary School campuses during the programming pause. On May 21st she visited Mead Elementary for their literacy night, where she spoke with children and parents about the library's Summer Reading program. Over the last two weeks in May Yourdon also visited Larkspur Elementary, Howsman Elementary, Locke Hill Elementary, Colonies North Elementary, and Huebner Elementary schools to speak to students about summer reading.



Children's programs resumed on June 3rd with a lineup of Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Tween Time on the schedule. The story times for the day were about space and stars in celebration of the Summer Reading theme Over the Moon.



During Tween Time tweens learned how to make homemade ice cream in an ice cream ball. Tweens mixed up the ingredients, added them to the ice cream ball, and took turns rolling the ball back and forth while asking and answering ice breaker questions. At the end of the program, tweens got to try their tasty treat!



Children learned about the letter R during Toddler, Two and Story Time on June 5th. After reading stories, singing songs, and reciting rhymes that featured letter R words, children drew rockets with chalk on black paper.



There was a Summer Celebration during Kid's Time on June 5th. Children decorated sea shells with puffy paint and made homemade ice cream with the ice cream ball. Children played "cold potato" with the ice cream ball to churn the ice cream. Everyone had a chance to sample the vanilla ice cream.



The Summer Reading Kick-Off party was on Thursday, June 6th and it was called the Mission to the Moon Party. During this popular program children went through astronaut training by completing some physical fitness skills, testing their lung capacity by blowing bubbles, testing their skills in a zero-gravity simulation, and making astronaut badges. Then they took part in some activities to prepare them for launch. They made their own pipette rockets and tested them in our model of the solar system. Then they took part in some activities on the moon. They made constellations out of pretzel sticks and marshmallows, played with moon dough, discovered how craters are formed by dropping rocks on playdough, and decorated their own night sky with oil pastels.



The first summer Lego Club took place on June 7th. Children were broken up into teams to work together on a Lego set. One child randomly selected a Lego Challenge card to determine the theme for the morning, which ended up being ancient ruins. Teams worked together to build castles, old houses, and Greek temples.



The theme for Baby Time and Toddler Time on June 10th was colors. Babies and toddlers were introduced to various colors through books, songs, and rhymes. Afterwards, children played with colorful blocks and animals.



Tweens had to follow the clues and problem-solve during a Space-themed escape room on June 10th. As the escape room was challenging, tweens did a great job of working together to solve the puzzles.



Toddler, Two and Story Time on June 12th were designed to reinforce the letter S. Toddlers focused on the word Shark, and read books, sang songs, and recited rhymes about sharks, while the preschoolers in Story Time expanded their focus to spiders, summer, and safari. Afterwards, children played with sea creatures in a sensory bin filled with a small amount of water, and made a sea with tissue paper squares and shark cutouts.



During Kid's Time on June 12th children learned about robots! Children talked about the different jobs that robots can do, and then they made robots out of recycled shoe boxes, paper towel rolls, construction paper, and aluminum foil.



Happy Tails made their annual trip to the Cody Library on June 13th. During this popular animal show, children got to see a coatimundi, a prairie dog, a bearded dragon, a boa constrictor, and a porcupine up close. Children learned all about each animal Afterwards children had a chance to pet the porcupine.



The teams that competed during Lego Club on June 14th worked together to build their own mazes! The teams did a great job of collaborating and were very proud of what they built! Sunday's adult movie hour continues at our branch with the following films:

May 19 – *The Grifters*

June 9 – *The First Man*



Ms. McGowan welcomed Ms. Evelyn Green, from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension partnered together to present "Healthy Bites and Healthy Moves for a 8-week series.



Adult Librarian welcomed Peter Braeuler, from Blue Sky Leadership Counseling for their monthly Executive Book Review. This month they had John Rugh who discussed *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*. This was also a well-attended program.



Cody also hosted its longstanding clubs: Friday Book, Cody Film, and Winn Murnin Book.



Adult Services Librarian partnered with the National Council of Jewish Women for a presentation on Trafficked Teens. Ms. Ruth Wurzburg was the moderator.



Adult Services Librarian, Marcella McGowan, partnered with Mortgage Loan Officer, LaTanya White, as she presented a Community Homebuyer's Seminar that was well attended.



Cody's Adult Librarian, McGowan, went to Gateway to Abilities Program (GAP) located at Haven for Hope and presented to a group of 30 individuals how to create cover letters and resumes.



On May 25, the Indian Patriotic Dance was on hand for a live performance.



On June 13, artist, Karen Schaffenberger, has loaned Cody her “Summer Days” collection. This exhibit is being displayed in the meeting room as well as several pieces are hanging in the body of the library. This exhibit has been well received by the patrons.



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

Medline Plus

Packing Your Digital Go Bag (Seniors Institute)

How to Write a Resume (John Horton)

Advanced Searching



Teen Gaming provides teens with opportunities to hang out after school and play video, board, and card games! A recent fave is Mau, a nearly silent card game that requires creative thinking.



Teen Time, Cody's evening programming for teens, draws dedicated attendees interested in creating delicious food, playing games, and doing light crafts and art projects. Recently, teens have made pizza from scratch, mini moon pies, and unicorn popcorn. They've also created some fun unicorn art and colored pictures of favorite anime characters.



The Cody Chess Club continues to bring players and observers of all ages into the library each Tuesday for games and chess puzzles. Summer is starting to bring new faces and old friends who weren't able to come to Chess Club during the school year!



Health Careers High School students got a taste of the Cody Library's offerings on May 22nd, when Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver set up a table during their lunch! Teens learned about teen activities, the upcoming summer program, and how to make buttons.



Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver also visited Clark High School on May 23rd to preview Cody Library's summer programs. Teens were excited to learn about the summer program, especially many of the Teen Time regulars who didn't expect to see their librarian at lunch!



Students from the Nellie M. Reddix Center came to visit the Cody Library on June 3rd. Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver gave them a tour of the library, showed how to do things like log into a computer, and showed them a variety of great books they could check out. Several students opted to get library cards, and several more signed up for the Adult Summer Reading Program!



Hobby Middle School welcomed Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver for a day's worth of outreach of June 5th. Amy Rae gave a quick presentation on Teen Summer 2019, then signed up interested 8th graders from each of Hobby's ELA classes. New teens have already started coming to teen programming at Cody as a result!

COLLINS GARDEN

Adults



CGL hosts Adult Coloring, as a stress reliever, with a regular following of patrons who enjoy coloring various patterns. Coffee & a Movie features Mexican classic & recent cinema releases shown May 17, June 14. CGL Volunteer Rosemary Nino hosted Beading May 26 with eight regular attendees. Calligraphy on May 30 had five attendees. CGL hosted Bexar County Early Voting & Election days in April & May 2019. Patrons pleased early voting returned to CGL.

Children



Lego Club is a popular program. Sixty-three participants attended three Lego programs. The Lego building models are displayed for public enjoyment in the reference area. Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi, hosted a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party June 6th with kids making Play Dough creations & signing up for Summer Reading. Brudi also hosted two in-house Kids Time programs featuring SAPL summer reading theme Over the Moon! Dinosaur George provided a prehistoric adventure June 11 with fossils to an enthusiastic 85 attendees. Thursdays Summer Movies average 20-25 attendees on hot summer afternoons.



CGL children's librarian presented 13 story times at Knox Education Center in May and handed out summer programming calendars to all classrooms in the school.

Tweens



Collins Garden Library Team successfully piloted a Tween Scene Program May 1, 8, 15, 29. Library Assistant Carlos Loera kicked off the series with a Spiderman movie; Children's Librarian Brudi hosted May 8 with the creation of marshmallow/toothpick towers/straws/connections. CGL Manager Jeannette Davies hosted Volcanic Mad Science featuring a volcanic eruption with 25 kids & family. The pilot program highlighted the branch's need for a Librarian II Teen position supported by COSA, SAPL, PSA and teen services coordinator.

Teens



Weekly Teen programs, hosted by Library Assistant Carlos Loera, has slowed down for the summer, yet CGL opens the meeting room for teens to play Ping Pong, video games and create crafts.

Other



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

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi attended the Ella Awards Ceremony at Central Library June 7th to celebrate Collins Garden Library advocates Sally & Reuben Rendon who she nominated for the award.

CGL Outreach/Manager Happenings



Outreach: Collins Garden Library Manager Jeannette Davies met with and provided SAPL, Over-the-Moon-themed Summer Reading information to young people at the Mays Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio just down the street from the library and is working with the new director to improve the library's neighborhood community connections. Manager is working the PSA to create workforce station with adult computer & children's computer together plus a min-reference station. CGL Manager continues to work with a new board of the Friends of Collins Garden Library hosting next meeting Thursday, June 27, 6:30 pm at CGL.

CORTEZ



Cortez Branch has been selected as the main site for a new partnership called "Nature Smart Libraries" in cooperation with the Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative and the National League of Cities. The group is in the initial planning stages of what will be a long-term project to bring nature-based programs to under-served populations. There was a meeting of the group held at Cortez on June 7 so the planning team could see the spaces and better visualize the indoor and outdoor activities.



On June 6 the staff celebrated their Third Annual Grilled Cheese Day event with, what else, grilled cheese with a variety of cheeses and bread along with tomato soup and other goodies.



On June 4 the Branch hosted a lively public hearing for a business zoning proposal in District 4.



The Cortez Friends held their semi-annual book sale on Saturday May 18 and drew prizes for patrons who bought a certain number of books.



The Branch staff was allotted \$105 from the Organizational Health Unit of SAPL to spend on items that would bolster healthy activities for staff. The staff enjoyed sharing ideas and voting on their favorites.



On June 7, 8, and 9 the Branch stayed open until 8:00 pm as a Cooling Center.

Children's Programs



Toddler Time (Nicole Cubillas)—Toddlers and their caretakers heard songs and stories on the themes of outer space and planet Earth. They prepared relevant crafts, participated in dramatic play, and spent time digging through sensory bins, making music with soft rattles, writing with chalk and building with foam blocks.



Family Fun and Kids Time (Nicole Cubillas)—Cortez families heard stories on the moon, planet Earth, and space travel. They collaborated on arts and crafts, and participated in relevant challenges and competitions. They also planted seeds for a library garden.



Poppy Kiddie Kamp visits (Nicole Cubillas)—Two day care groups and their caregivers visited Cortez on June 13 for a quick tour and visit of the library.

Teen Programs



Teen Time—Teen time was inactive for the last weeks of May, but has started back up June 6 for summer reading. So far nineteen teens have signed up for the Summer Reading Program

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.



Getting Crafty Program (JoAnn Paredes)— The crafting class had fun messing with cement and making cement dollies. The group also made art out of rocks and twigs and lastly, are creating 3-d art with wire.



Quilter's Corner (Jo Ann Paredes)—The quilting class is going well. Everyone is working at their own pace and their own design. The class will be making "Charming Circle" blankets which consist of denim fabric circles and colored fabric squares. There were seven patrons for the class on June 9 which was the largest group yet.



Monster Meet (Madeline Vasquez)—A good-sized crowd was treated to the film "Imposter" on June 8. This popular monthly movie showing brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



Art Therapy (Madeline Vasquez)—On June 13, Ms. Vasquez taught patrons how to make button moons to celebrate the Library's Summer Reading Theme "Over the Moon".



Japanese Cuisine (Chinatsu Oku)—Ms. Oku from the East Asia Institute at UTSA led a fun program about modern Japanese cuisine on June 16. She discussed how Japanese and American versions of Japanese food differ, popular meals in Japan and trends in the food industry.



Healthy Cooking Class (Vince Escobedo, Metro Health)— On May 30, Mr. Escobedo led the group in making herb rubbed flank steak with mango salsa Patrons helped prepare all the ingredients. After, Mr. Escobedo made the recipe and passed out free samples to all attendees.

Community Programs



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



Summer Art Exhibit (Sabrina Alfar)—Local artist Sabrina Alfaro will display her work at Cortez Library from June 15-August 15. There are five pieces on display throughout the building.



LEARN Center Activities (Daniel Gomez)—The Cortez Learn Center has quickly increased patronage use since re-opening in April. May had an average of three patrons per day while the first two weeks of June have had an average of six patrons per day.

Since the last report, there have been 33 individual sessions for resume writing or job applications. One patron reported receiving a job after writing a stellar resume with us. One patron reported being hired after applying online through our LEARN Center.

Our Digital Inclusion Certificate Program has shown much appeal. Since its inception in May, the Cortez LEARN Center has had six patrons enroll in the program. All six are attending regularly.

On Sunday, June 16, our new ESL Level 1 class will commence. The course will run through the end of December. The course will consist of both a live classroom session and a computer session using USALearns. Patrons who are not able to attend the Sunday class will still be able to participate in the USALearns portion at a convenient time. Three students have pre-enrolled in the ESL class, and three students have enrolled in USALearns.

ENCINO



On May 15 Encino hosted the Zoo Animals Play & Learn. There were about 20 children that attended and got to pretend to be zoo animals and hone some of their early literacy skills through activities.



Children's Librarian Ann Laird was busy at the end of May going to local schools and promoting the library and summer reading program. She visited with all the classes at Encino Park and Cibola Green Elementary schools. It has been good to see a number of kids come to the Encino Library and say "I saw you at my school!" We have seen a large number of kids register for the summer reading program from those campuses, so it was definitely good to visit. Ms. Laird also appeared on the morning announcements at Bulverde Creek Elementary to promote the summer reading program.



Roan Forest Elementary School invited Ann Laird to their Career Day which took place on May 23. She talked to the kindergarteners about why she likes being a librarian, the summer reading program, and read them *Duck, Duck, Dinosaur* by Kallie George.



Encino started a Kids Summer Movie series on June 6. This series shows one movie weekly and features some classic, and also some newer, animated movies. The movies *Up* and *Kung Fu Panda* have been the ones featured so far. Later in the Summer we will show *Lego Movie 2* and *How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden Worlds*.



Tweens Create moved to a new time for summer, 2pm instead of 4:30pm, but has been just as popular, and has even attracted some new attendees. So far, the summer crafts we have featured for Tweens are 8-bit creations (Perler beads) and marble magnets.



Summer Kids Time also blasted off to a good start. With the “Over the Moon” theme young patrons at Encino have so far been able to participate in activities for “Mapping the Moon” and “Rockets.”



The Oreo Taste Test Challenge was a new program offered at the Encino Branch on June 10. Patrons of all ages were invited to come try some of the more “unusual” flavors of Oreos and vote for their favorite flavor. Seven different kinds of Oreos were served to over 60 patrons in attendance. The winning flavor was Lemon Oreos.



Librarian Katy Dillard is rebooting LEGO Club at Encino starting June 15. It will be offered every other Saturday.



Encino celebrated the arrival of summer and the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program with a space themed kickoff party on June 8th. Over a hundred people came out to make themed crafts including galaxy slime, space buttons, and galaxy pinwheels. The highlight for many budding astronauts was the chance to decorate and launch their own rockets on the patio. Encino staff and volunteers from our Friends Group served up astronaut ice cream and color changing galaxy lemonade to attendees who also had the opportunity to take a picture in our homemade rocket ship complete with alien and astronaut head cutouts. A big thank you to all who came out to this event and those who helped behind the scenes! We couldn’t have made this party as “out of this world” as it was without you.



Encino teens said goodbye to the school year and hello to summer with fun programming in the teen room this month. Teen Anime Club continues to be popular with our local teens who were able to cross a few different anime titles off their “to be watched lists”. Teens got crafty in our first Teen Club of the summer, making their own colorful trail mix and sand bottles. While some of the bottles went home with their creators, a few remain in the teen room on display. Finally our Teen Screen program queued up the latest *How to Train Your Dragon* movie to the delight of watchers who got to see how this saga ended. Laughs and tears were shared by all.



Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot visited Johnson High School for a final visit before the end of the school year in the end of May. As always her buttons were met with excitement and many teens showed interest in the summer programming coming up at Encino.



Encino Library is maintaining good attendance at some of the anchoring programs; Chess Club, Fitness in the Park, Hand Bee, and the San Antonio Needlework Guild meetings. These community-run programs provide immense value to their participants with minimal need for staff time. While the librarian-led Read It. Love It! Discuss It Book Club requires more staff involvement, it is also a strong performer for attendance.



The close of the month of May saw two programs for Older Americans Month; Legal Assistance for Seniors and Hep C Screening for Baby Boomers. While attendance was less than might be hoped for, subsequent patron engagement with literature left by the presenters was promising.



In the time period, Libraries and Labyrinths also saw the close of the spring sessions and the opening of the Summer Session. Both are well-attended and intergenerational, and so cautious plans are being made to continue the series into the fall and winter.

FOREST HILLS



The Fiber Artists of San Antonio (FASA) opened their Exhibit, *Moon Travel* with a Reception. The group used our Summer Reading Club theme, “Over the Moon” as the subject for their art. Art is being displayed over the public computers, in the Meeting Room and in the glass case.



A very popular DIY “Phases of the Moon T Shirt” workshop was held for adults on May 18. All the patrons were pleased with their final DIY T Shirts.



A program titled “Meet Libby and the New Catalog” was hosted on May 22 for Digital Inclusion Month. Michelle Rickman, one of the Training Officers from a LEARN Center, presented information on how to navigate both services.



For Asian Pacific Month Forest Hills brought back Chinatsu Oku who demonstrated how to create sushi bowls. Chinatsu’s Japanese food classes are always well attended by the patrons.



Qigong will be offered every Saturday this summer. The class, hosted by Natalie Enevold, will teach patrons this gentle exercise which is appropriate for a range of abilities and ages.



Spring children’s programming concluded with “Ms. Menchaca’s Greatest Hits” Story Time. Ms. Menchaca read some of her favorite books that did not fit into any of the story time themes. She also had the children go fishing with laminated fish that had a paperclip attached and a fishing pole with a magnet at the end of the fishing line. The children had a blast during that story time. The last Kids Time was STEM focused and it was the construction of a catapult made out of rubber bands and popsicle sticks. Children were challenged to construct their catapult in different ways and to see which construction was the most effective in launching objects the farthest.



Some of the young patrons that attend Ms. Menchaca’s story time were not happy about the break between the spring and summer session, therefore when they came into the library Ms. Menchaca did a pop-up story time for them. Ms. Menchaca allowed them to pick a couple of books which she then read to them, much to Ms. Menchaca’s delight the children picked books that she had already read to them in previous story times.



Ms. Menchaca continues to meet the obligation of a Tejas Star committee member for TXLA. She attended a virtual meeting where changes to the current book criteria were discussed and voted upon. Ms. Menchaca has started to receive books to review for next year’s list.



Forest Hills was invited to participate in the Ride for Reading event at Esparza Elementary School. Ride for Reading is an organization that donated books to the students of Esparza Elementary. Ms. Menchaca was delighted to attend the event and represent the San Antonio Public Library.



To celebrate the summer reading theme of Over the Moon, the Forest Hills Children's Area was transformed into a galactic extravaganza. Ms. Menchaca reused a number of materials to design the decorations. A large full moon was formed out of recycled newspaper paper mache. Paper lanterns left over from a staff person's wedding reception were transformed into planets of the solar system and then hung them from the ceiling. The planets were hung directly above where story time takes place so that during story time children could look up and be able to get an idea of where the sun, moon, and earth are in the Solar System. An Apollo 11 spacecraft adorns the wall headed towards a moon made of aluminum foil. A giant cardboard box was transformed into Apollo 11 that encourages children to engage in dramatic play. Ms. Menchaca also made astronaut helmets out of boxes and printed out a picture of Neil Armstrong so that children could see what he looked like in 1969 and what his outfit was really like. Ms. Menchaca made sure to label all the rockets she made with "Apollo 11" so that children could remember the name of the rocket that went to the moon.



Ms. Menchaca visited several schools to talk to students and teachers about the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. Ms. Menchaca went to Colby Glass Elementary, Powell Elementary, and Villarreal Elementary. She spoke with hundreds of children about the importance of reading during the summer and about all of the services that are available at the San Antonio Public Library. She emailed the librarian of those schools and sent them information that they could print out and send home with the students.



The start of the Summer Session for children's services has begun with full steam ahead. Ms. Menchaca will be doing story time, kids' time, toddler time, Lego builders, and movie time. Ms. Menchaca will be focusing on space related themes so that children who attend programs can get an understanding and appreciation for science. As part of summer programming Dinosaur George came to the library and he was a big success and had a large audience to delight.

GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library's children's programming is off to a great start this summer. Before programs even began, outreach opportunities set the tone for the upcoming summer events. In May, 34 school groups visited the branch or had a visit from Cari Raley, children's librarian, to learn about the summer reading program and calendar of events.



In the first Toddler Time program, Color Club, the kids familiarized themselves with the color red. The preschool Story Time program Pretend Time pretended their way around outer space with educational games and a pretend room. In the Kids Time program Magic Tree House Club, school ages kids discovered dinosaurs, knights and mummies all in the first week. In the Tween Time program Wacky Wednesdays tweens have fun with non-digital board or card games and in World Builders they create designs from their own imaginations.



One patron who grew up in the Great Northwest programs decided to volunteer for the first time this year. She shared that her enthusiasm came from her love of growing up as an attendee of the programs. It was a memorable part of her past, especially because it helped her learn to speak in a public setting. Prior to that, she only wrote on a notepad; through the optional activities and team-building exercises she experienced at the library, she grew more comfortable speaking up to others.



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 programs for May

and June. In May teens watched *Hairspray* and made button crafts. Teens also watched *Shrek* and made DIY slime and waffles. In June teens watched *Shrek* and made scratch art. On June 10 teens kicked off the Teen Summer program with a Dark side of the Meow party and watched *The Wizard of Oz* and made felt cat crafts.



On June 12 Great Northwest Library kicked off Teen Video Gaming for the summer. Teens have the opportunity during the summer to meet teens who share a common interest in gaming and e-sports. Teens engage in some friendly competition on the Nintendo Switch, WiiU, or PS4.



Great Northwest Library partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to provide a Teen Cooking Class on May 14 and June 5. Teens learned about healthy alternatives and basic cooking skills.



Great Northwest Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school library at Taft High School on May 23 for an outreach event where she provided teens the opportunity to sign-up for library cards, make buttons, play games, and learn about the Teen Summer Program.



Great Northwest celebrated the closing of the Contemporary Art Month exhibit with a reception honoring the artist Sabrina Alfaro on May 15. Ms. Alfaro shared her artistic journey and experiences that inform her art with attendees. A demonstration of art pouring with acrylic paint on canvas by library aide Rosie Briones was available as well.



To celebrate the kick-off of the Adult Summer Reading program, Library Assistant Christina Martinez presented the movie *First Man* on June 10. Ms. Martinez and Library Assistant Jordan Torres decorated the entrance with space decorations to get patrons in the summer reading spirit.



Long-time volunteer Polleen Larkin was honored at the ELLA (Exceptional Library Leaders and Advocates) Awards on June 7. Ms. Larkin is a dedicated volunteer who provides invaluable assistance to the branch by pulling requested items, assisting at programs, and more! Teen librarian and volunteer liaison Stephanie Vazquez attended the award ceremony to celebrate with Ms. Larkin.

GUERRA



The Guerra Chess Club met on Fridays—May 17, 24, and 31 and June 7 and 14. Total attendance was 26 children, teens, and adults. The branch served as an early voting (May 28 through 31 and June 1, 3, and 4) and, for precinct 1087, an election day (June 8) site.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided music and literature outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays—May 22 and 29 and June 5; attendance total was 74. He joined his mentee, Library Assistant Cassie Garza/Pan American at the 2019 Mentor graduation event at Central on May 21. He presented public computer classes on May 16 and June 12. In support of the City of San Antonio Migrant Resource Center Project, he volunteered on May 13. He attended an Employee Management Committee meeting on May 22.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an adult coloring program on May 18. She held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on June 7. Participants discussed *The Mitford Murders* by Jessica Fellowes.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson—Presented her final spring programs on May 15 (Toddler Time, Story Time and Art Club). During the period May 16 - June 1 she visited seven Childcare centers in the community to promote Summer Reading. All seven locations will be participating in the 2019 Summer Reading program. She also visited five Elementary Schools in the community to promote Summer reading. On May 18, Arlene, along with Julia Lazarin, hosted another Autism Awareness Browsing Hour. On June 1 families enjoyed a performance from San Antonio Symphony's cellist Kenneth Freudigman. On June 5, children enjoyed "Over the moon" crafts to kick off Summer Reading 2019. On June 8 and 9, families participated in more "Over the moon" Come and Go crafts. On June 12 Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca presented Toddler Time and Story Time at Guerra.

On June 12, Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca and Library Aides Yamilex Rosales and Sabrina Cirilio hosted special Summer performer Sandbank Shadow Factory.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson Dexter—Recorded *La vaca que se subió al árbol* (The cow that climbed the tree) by Gemma Merino on May 20. He moderated Club de Lectura (Spanish book club) on May 30. They discussed *Una misma noche* (The same night) by Leopoldo Brizuela.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on May 16, 23, 30 and June 6 and 13th. Edward partnered with Georgina Salinas, Teen Librarian II from Bazan and Ami Sarabai, Teen Outreach Specialist on May 21 to conduct an outreach to promote the Summer Reading Program at John Jay High School. Ami, Daniella Toll, Teen Librarian at Westfall and Edward conducted an outreach on May 23 at Warren High School. Cassandra Garza, Library Assistant at Pan American, J.D. Elizondo, Library Assistant at Teen Services and Edward conducted and outreach on May 25 at the Teens on a Mission event. Edward partnered with Georgina Salinas to promote the Summer Reading Program at Lanier High School on May 29. Ami, Daniella Toll, Teen Librarian at Westfall and Edward conducted an outreach on May 31 Stevens High School.



Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca continued to work on patron contested returns. She planned and presented a Knit and Crochet program on May 21st and June 4th, as well as, the program Quilting Bee on May 25th.



Circulation Attendant Abella Lazalde-Jimenez, Wellness Liaison, continues her weekly step challenge where she tracks steps for all participating staff. The top steppers are Sabrina Cirilo and Yamilex Rosales. She also recorded *El Gran Tesoro from Dulces Sueños* by Maria Maneru for Dial-A-Story in Spanish on June 10.

IGO

Children's Services



Igo Branch Library continued to offer a variety of Children's programs over the program break. Igo hosted the system wide Zoo Animals Play and Learn on May 21. Over 180 people came out to enjoy the hands-on activities designed to get families reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing all about different animals they might see at the zoo.

On May 28, the branch hosted a Ramadan Story Time which garnered good attendance and heart-warming feedback. This program was presented by Arkaan El-Nahil and co-facilitated by Children's Librarian Carrie Vance. Attendees self-reported from all faiths. The word of the day was inclusive: "Thank you for hosting this inclusive program. I really enjoyed learning more about this holiday that I knew very

little about before.” “I cannot express my gratitude for this program. There are so few places we can go where my children feel included. We have the mosque, but this was amazing. This program made me feel like me and my children are included and welcomed at the library. Thank you so much.”

On May 23, the kindergarten class from the University United Methodist Church School visited the branch for a story time and tour. Every student subsequently signed up for Summer Reading.

Ms. Vance also made several visits to area schools over the break to promote Summer Reading: Boone and Carnahan Elementary Schools, and making a joint visit to the Anne Franke Academy with Maverick Children’s Librarian Amy Roberts. Igo Library has already received visits from excited students wanting to register for Summer Reading.

The branch’s Summer Reading Kick-Off Party was held on June 8. In spite of having only half the meeting room, this was a huge success, with over 120 attendees. Children enjoyed testing the stomp rockets, making moon footprints, flying their straw rockets, and sporting their alien headbands. The favorite activity of the day, though, was the Brandeis Robotics Team and their robot demonstrations. Families stayed for all three of the different presentations of the team’s amazing 5-foot tall, ball catching robot.

Teen Services



The teen librarian visited John Folks Middle School, Brandeis High School and O’Connor High School to talk to the students about teen programs during the summer at Igo and registering them for summer reading.

On the 22nd of May, during the Teen Tie-Dye event teens were provided with a drawstring bag that they could tie-dye. On the last day of school the teen librarian hosted a small ice cream party for students.



The teen summer programming started with a Unicorn Night. Teens could make a unicorn mask, unicorn popcorn, play a unicorn themed card game and they even made unicorn slime. The slime was the most popular activity and the teens enjoyed personalizing their slimy creations.

Adult Services



Igo library hosted a class on “Legal Assistance for Seniors” on the 13th of May. This free presentation was very informative. State Certified Benefits Counselor, Sandra Aviles BCII with the Alamo Area Council of Governments discussed the resources on Legal Assistance programs available to Older Americans in the Bexar county Area. She also talked about how to get assistance in the preparation of WILLS, Power of Attorney (POA), and Transfer on Death Deed (TODD), Qualified Income Trusts and more. 35 people attended the program.



On the 13th of May, Igo branch invited Raudel Bobadilla, the Community Outreach Coordinator and Community Health Worker with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to present a program on the strategies of dealing with chronic pain management.



On the 10th of June, Igo branch hosted a family program on Moon Watching in celebration of 50th Anniversary of Moon Landing. Families with young children were excited to see the sky through a

professional telescope. San Antonio Astronomical Association came to the Igo branch to help with this program. 20 adults accompanying 32 children attended the program.

Senior Services



The Igo Elderberries hosted Rick Varner, Director of San Antonio College's Scobee Education Center and Planetarium, on June 6 for a presentation on the Apollo Moon missions.



From May 13 to June 16, the Igo Elderberries offered four classes in Plein Air Art. The enthusiastic artists explored outdoor and landscape sketching, as well as charcoals and watercolors in the studio.

JOHNSTON



The Johnston Branch Library hosted the Early Voting Run-Off Election from May 28 to June 4 where over 1400 voters cast their ballots. During the weekend of June 7-9, Johnston served as a city Cooling Center till 8:00 pm each night.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Delia Owens' *Where the Crawdads Sing* on May 15. Ms. Bustillo met with the Friends of the Johnston Library on May 19 to prepare for the Summer Reading Kick-off event June 8.



On May 20 Adult Services Librarian Cristine Mitchamore hosted a Legal Assistance Information Session designed to inform seniors of the assistance available for common legal needs, such as preparing a Will or Power of Attorney. On May 20 Ms. Mitchamore represented the library at the Valley Hi North HOA meeting, inviting attendees to participate in the library Summer Reading Program. On May 22 Ms. Mitchamore completed management training Module 5 to assist in retaining employees. Ms. Mitchamore attended the SA Food Bank's Summer Snack training and has assisted in ensuring children in the community are fed during the summer. Ms. Mitchamore organized a seminar on Chronic Pain Management on May 25. Ms. Mitchamore helped plan Johnston's Summer Reading Kickoff on June 8 and used the green screen to create photos of families on the moon and in space. On June 9, Ms. Mitchamore organized and ran the Fantastic Fiction Book Swap & Meet-up, a chance for fans of Sci-fi, Fantasy and Horror to swap books and discuss their favorite novels.



The Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham hosted five Toddler Times and five Story Times based on early literacy concepts shapes and opposites. Victoria Liendo, Library Aide, worked with Miss Tiffany to use books, songs, play and crafts to engage the children and caregivers. Miss Tiffany and Ms. Liendo hosted five Lego Clubs building, playing and creating unique Lego masterpieces. Johnston had a visit by the Scholastic Literacy Canavan and the patrons were thrilled with the activities and free books during the visit. June 8th marked the Summer Reading Program Kick-Off for Johnston along with the Teen and Adult Services Librarians, the meeting room was filled with out-of-this-world activities and astronaut themed refreshments. Kid's Time for the summer has started and thus far Johnston hosted a visit by Miss Anastasia from the Twig Bookshop and Splat the Cat, Astronaut Training Class, and the Sandbank Shadow Factory. Vida Salas, Circulation Attendant, hosted a Come and Go Craft session making Father's Day cards to celebrate dads. To promote Summer Reading Program Miss Tiffany provided outreach to all grade levels, kindergarten to fifth grade, at Mary Michael Elementary School and Meadow Valley Elementary School. Miss Tiffany completed attended SET Training Module 4, New Card Training and the San Antonio Food Bank Training in order to provide service during the Summer Snack Program.



Mrs. Williams with the assistance of Library Aide Cynthia Blancas and volunteer Deborah B. hosted five teen programs for the time period May 13, 2019 – June 16, 2019. During the Month of June Johnston teens focused the arts and took pride in decorating the new teen space.



Ms. Williams attended two outreach assignments at South San Antonio High School. Ms. Williams spent time with the faculty and staff of South San Antonio High School updating them on our Summer Reading Program as well as programs and resources available to youth. Ms. Williams participated in two professional development classes; New Card Training and Food Handlers training which were hosted through the San Antonio Food Bank. Ms. Williams also participated in San Antonio's Family Services Association Job Fair for interns in anticipation of hiring youth summer interns at Johnston library. Ms. Williams attended the Teen Librarian meeting at Central Library on May 8th.



Ms. Williams has been instrumental in bringing back the Free Summer Snack Program in partnership with San Antonio Food Bank. Free snacks are offered to youth (ages 0-18) Monday – Friday 4:00-5:00pm from June 3-August 23, 2019.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson serves as a regular contributor to Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in English), she recorded a children's book for the week of May 20, 2019: *Los grandes pasos de papá* by Nadine Brun-Cosme. She decorated the Spanish area with a banner celebrating Father's Day and a display with books related to the theme. She also is presenting the Bilingual Children's Summer Reading Program, starting on Monday 17 with bilingual sing-along songs and reading books for pre-schoolers and elementary school children.

LANDA



Starting Friday, June 7, and ending Sunday, June 9, Landa was a cooling center for the City of San Antonio. The Branch stayed open until 8 pm all three days to provide a place for folks to cool off from the hot summer heat. The Monte Vista and surrounding areas were without power for a few days. Three families came to Landa during cooling center hours and thanked the library for providing a space for them. One woman was without power for four days. She said the Library provided her with air conditioning, electricity, and access to a bathroom.

Children



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta hosted three outreach Story Time sessions with University Presbyterian Children's Center, St. Anthony's, and Howard Elementary in June. Children listened to "Over the Moon" stories to gear up for Summer Reading.



STEAM Time at Landa wrapped up by making marble mazes and experimenting with snap circuits. The snap circuits were purchased through an Amazon gift card provided by the Friends of Landa.



Landa hosted its Summer Reading Kick-off Party on Saturday, June 1. At the party, children signed up for the program. Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta designed the event so families could craft and participate in activities all over the grounds and on the Terrace. There was a cardboard black hole maze, paint the universe process art, and astronaut pretend play complete with jet packs. All crafts were made with household or recycled materials. Library Aide Alysha Huff created a face frame for the summer

featuring an alien and rocket ship. The face frame will be up all summer so families can take memorable photos.



The first Summer Reading Program activity, Kids Time, was off to the moon as children learned about the lunar cycle. They learned about how the moon was created and the different phases of the moon. The kids even created their own lunar cycle to help them keep track of the moon at home. Ms. Alcorta showed a video of one theory about how the moon was created. A child in attendance was so surprised. He continued saying, “Oh my! Oh my!” for the length of the video.



Landa also hosted its first performer of the summer on Saturday, June 8. Magik Theater presented *Jack and the Beanstalk* to an audience of about 65 people. This performance came after a big storm that had knocked down a few tree limbs on the grounds of the library. The maintenance chair of the Landa Gardens Conservancy was cutting up the limbs with a chainsaw before the performance started. The giant tree limbs being made smaller was a perfect segway for Magik Theater’s performance!



After many years of the same schedule for Baby Time and Toddler Time, a schedule change was made. Starting June 1, Baby Time and Toddler Time flipped times on Fridays. The schedule change was met with huge audience for both programs! Families talked to Children’s Librarian Robin Alcorta about a change of times for the program because of the way nap times fall for their children. It was decided that the schedule change would only affect one of the days that the programs were presented.

Teen



Landa Teen Club welcomed several new teens to the branch who visited exclusively for Drop-In Volunteering this month! The new additions helped the group count down to their summer break with a Cooking Club shaved ice how-to and a mega Movie & Craft night screening the latest Spiderman film, creating cityscape lanterns, and kicking off the Teen Summer Reading Club. Over a dozen teens signed up and held a special Landa only raffle to win a free Young Adult book donated by the Landa Friends and last year’s Teen SRP t-shirt. The shirt was highly coveted and the competition was fierce! The group also enthusiastically worked with Library Assistant and Teen Liaison, Rebekah Corley, to brainstorm summer activities using Teen Services shared supplies.

Adult



Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta reports that Landa hosted two special programs in the past few weeks. On May 19, Dr. Rikke Cortsen, professor of Danish studies at the University of Texas at Austin, presented a program on the inspiration of Hans Christian Anderson on artist Susanna Thea whose works are currently on display at Central Library. Then in June, in observance of Pride Month, Franco Ulloa and Erik Macias discussed their experiences as trans-sexual males. The program was open to teens and adults and a teen was present. They were open to questions. These gentlemen stepped in at the last minute when the original speaker cancelled and they did an excellent job.



Karen’s book clubs—Reader’s Ink, Mystery Club and the Book Club at the Village at the Incarnate Word are all thriving with new members coming in, although Reader’s Ink has just lost a delightful lady who has moved out of the area and can no longer attend.



With the help of Haley Holmes, Karen organized the SAPL table at the 48th Annual Texas Folklife Festival. Karen was a docent at the Institute of Texan Cultures in years past and enjoyed being a part of the festivities once again. Many thanks to volunteers Matt DeWaeltsche, Heather Swindell, Samantha Gordano, Valeria Guzman, Sylvia Reyes, Patricia Perez, Carye Bye, Francisco Rodriguez, Cynthia DeLeon, Brooke Mjolsness, Rhonda Davila and Terry Verner. Special thanks to Rebekah Corley and Michael Dunbar-Rodney who took care of setting up and/or taking down during the course of the three-day event. Thanks also to Rhonda Woolhouse who shared advice from her Folklife experience last year.

LAS PALMAS



On Wednesday, May 29, the Las Palmas Branch kicked off Summer Reading with an Alien themed celebration. In addition to registering for Summer Reading, library patrons could also have fun doing crafts or playing alien themed games. Families were making their own alien puppets or alien masks. In the Teen Area, patrons could play space themed video games or go to the children's area to shoot alien targets. The Friends of Las Palmas provided alien and space themed treats such as Moon Pies, Alien "Juice", crunchy star clusters, Saturn's rings, "alien skin" and a cake that was "Over the Moon".



This year the Las Palmas Library is "Over the Moon" in their celebration of Summer Reading. A display in the children's area has information, images, and facts about the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. What families have really loved is the child size Rocket Ship and Mission Control Station. Parents love taking pictures as children participate in dramatic play to blast off to the moon in the rocket ship using the controls inside the cardboard rocket. Children can also use the control station to blast their friends and siblings into space.



On Saturday June 1st, the Las Palmas Branch welcomed San Antonio Symphony violinist Craig Sorgi. Patrons learned about the history of violins, how violins are made, and the locations where material to make violins is obtained. They also listened to violin music from around the world.



On Monday, June 3rd, the Las Palmas Library had the first Kid's Time for Summer Reading. Children made pinwheels using galaxy images from NASA.



On Monday, June 10, the Las Palmas Library welcomed Dinosaur George, who kept children captivated with his presentation featuring a scientific yet light-hearted take on the prehistoric world, including a variety of dinosaur bones, skulls, footprints, and fun. Children especially loved taking pictures with Dinosaur George and in front of the many fossils in the traveling museum.



On Friday, June 14, the Las Palmas Library celebrated Father's Day with a Come & Go Craft. Children could make Father's Day cards for their father's or other important people in their lives.



Connie Hejl and Barbaraella Frazier went to an outreach at Brentwood Middle School to educate the tweens and teens about the summer reading program.

MAVERICK



The Ladies Choice Book Club met on May 25 and the Lady Mavs Book Club met on June 11. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group met on May 19 and resumed in June after the election period. The Maverick Writer's Group met on June 8 for its monthly meeting.



Maverick hosted the Bexar County Elections Office for the Run-Off Early Voting and Election Day. Once again, the librarians coordinated together making certain opening and closing operations flowed smoothly. Maverick hosted the Library Board Meeting on May 22. Braun Hollow Homeowners' Association gathered on May 23. Maverick welcomed the music students of Maggie Raveneax to have a violin and cello recital on June 15. These young performers demonstrated their talent and filled the library with soothing melodies.



Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, visited six elementary schools in late May to promote the Summer Reading Program to 3259 children. This included visiting the Anne Frank Inspire Academy with Carrie Vance, Children's Librarian from the Igo Library. Many of the kids have visited the library and told Ms. Roberts "I saw you at my school!"



On June 1, over 120 people attended Maverick's Summer Reading Kick-Off party! Everyone enjoyed the balloon art, provided by Balloonamations, the rocket craft, and the food! The Children's Librarian appreciates the Friends of the Maverick Library for helping to fund the kick-off party. Ms. Roberts wishes to thank Jody Summers, Rosalie Klepac, Amanda Dickinson and Yvonne Reyes from the Maverick Friends and Maverick Library Aides, Taylur Loera, Don Peterson, Sarina Hackworth, and Paige Norris who assisted her with the party. As of June 11, 406 kids have signed up at Maverick for Summer Reading!



During this reporting period, Ms. Roberts also opened the branch a few days for the Early Voting Run-Off Election in late May/early June. She handed out 116 free tickets for kids and caregivers to attend a program presented by Happy Tails on June 12. Happy Tails brings real animals and tells about their habitats, with the opportunity for the attendees to touch the animals. Ms. Roberts conducted a tour and storytime for 20 children from La Petite Academy on June 13.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated five Teen Time programs during the reporting period, assisted by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth. Maverick Teens choose to play board games more often than any other activity. However, most took advantage of the opportunity to plan and make a gift for Mother's Day on May 7. Afterward, the teens quickly resumed their ongoing Apples to Apples competition.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl coordinated with Marshall High School Librarian Pamela Walters to provide SAPL Outreach during their Spring Fling Fundraiser. Ms. Bleichwehl promoted the Summer Reading Program, the availability of live tutors on Brainfuse HelpNow and access to Advance Placement Practice Exams through the SAPL databases. The event took place in the courtyard of Marshall High School during all three lunch periods which gave Ms. Bleichwehl the opportunity to speak with hundreds students on May 3 as they gathered with friends at the outdoor picnic tables.

McCRELESS



The McCreless Children's area has hosted two dramatic plays in May and June. First was a cookie shop, and is now a cardboard rocketship with a control panel on the side. Patrons really enjoy having an area to come play. Summer reading has begun. McCreless is doing a Lego Club Mondays, Tween Time on Wednesday, Storytime and Kid's time on Thursdays. The first Kids' Time was an astronaut training day. It had an obstacle course, and various other stations with 'astronaut activities'. It went over really well. Rozanna has been busy weeding during this time as well. She has weeded the Juvenile Fiction and Picture book areas. Rozanna is also helping out Tuesdays with Potranco's Summer Reading Programs.



The McCreless teens continue to enjoy Teen Time on Wednesdays. The last day of school for many of the teens was Wednesday, May 29. That night, due to early voting, teens were in the teen area for Teen Time. They had a blast playing Super Mario Brothers on the WiiU, wrapping bottles with washi tape and sharing school memories. Librarian DeBow and the teens planned eight weeks of summer programming this year and are excited with the variety of crafts and activities. First up was "Galaxy Night" in which teens made galaxy jars and space bubble magnets while watching the original "Star Wars" movie and munching on freeze pops and popcorn. Next teens celebrated "Tokyo Night" with a ramen bar, the Sushi Go! game and a viewing of "Godzilla". Teens are excited with this year's Teen Summer Reading program because each teen has the chance to earn a free, limited edition Teen Summer Reading t-shirt, which is "way cool!" (to quote a teen.)



McCreless Library continued with the Lego Club program for school aged children with an average attendance of 15 children and five adults per week. On June 10 Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales introduced a new game to Lego Club called Lego Dimensions in which children are able to sign up to play for 30 min sessions on the Wii U game system purchased by McCreless Friends. The children attending Lego Club were able to enjoy snacks and a movie while either building their Lego creations and/or playing Lego Dimensions. Library Assistant Joseph also provided library material related to Lego building for the children and parents to checkout. The children at McCreless seem to enjoy creating and playing with Legos each week. It has been very popular this summer.



On May 25 McCreless staff hosted a free class to show you how to access e-books and audio books through Overdrive and Libby. These apps allow patrons to easily check out digital content and use it through mobile devices. This class is part of the programs offered for Digital Inclusion Month and promotes e-books and audio books.



Al Chavez continues to lead patrons in a bi-monthly walking club. The weather has been great and everything is in bloom. This is a 2.5 mile walk along the Salado Creek Greenway which is part of the Howard Peak Greenway trail system.



The Scrapbooking and Art Journaling Class continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month. Patrons preserved their special moments with pictures and artfully designed scrapbook pages. This class continues to grow in popularity.

MEMORIAL

Children's Services



Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall, along with Branch Manager Maria Gonzales, was invited to participate in the "Wash & Learn Initiative" in San Antonio, sponsored by Libraries Without Borders. The program will get underway in July.



Mrs. Deffendall contributed to the Children's Services Blog with a review of *Out of Abaton: The Wooden Prince*, by John Claude Bemis.



Mrs. Deffendall continues to visit and read to children in school in the area. She visited the Northwest Elementary School campus of the Southwest Preparatory School. There, she promoted the Summer Reading Club to about 100 children and their teachers.

Teen Services



Guided by Teen liaison and Circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa teens come in to hang out with their friends and play chess or checkers and at the same time teach more of the other teens how to play the game.



Challenged by Mr. Sosa Minecraft Club has remained a small group where people participate in building a single structure as a team or participate in a journey together in the land of Minecraft. This is a very intimate experience and the people who have been playing have been able to create better relationships with other people.



Attendees of the weekly session of Teen Time have been asking for another program with more consistency, with only a single goal in mind: dominating their friends in Super Smash Brawl and improving their skills for closer contests and tournaments. The creation of a Teen Time session of Super Smash Brawl involves attracting as many characters as possible from Nintendo. Every other weekend is dedicated to this goal.



Mr. Sosa visited with staff and the young teens at the YMCA, NXT Level Program to provide calendars, flyers and to speak with the teens about the branch and programs that they can attend. He also encouraged them to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Mr. Sosa promoted the Rock the Plaza and Teen Arts Fest events coming up soon.

Adult Services



Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson arranged for the branch to begin hosting a table each month with Familia Dental, which is promoting dental health and its services to patrons. The table is helmed by Ryan Gonzalez a Community Relations Coordinator.



Mr. Hudson coordinated a program on arthritis management on May 13. Participants learned diet, exercise, and other methods for alleviating the pain of arthritis. It was led by Sarah Brothers, MSN, RN, in conjunction with the United States Bone and Joint Initiative.



Patrons learned how to craft effective resumes at a library program on May 16. They received a template for making a resume and asked many helpful questions. John Horton, who volunteers at the JSBC at Central, led the program.



Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson organized and delivered a program on how to use the new online catalog. Patrons learned the basics – like creating an account, searching for materials, and placing holds. They also received free earbuds as a gift for attending. The program highlighted Digital Inclusion Month.



The branch had a chair yoga program on May 23. Participants used chairs to perform yoga that improved their flexibility and fostered mindfulness. Cynthia De La Garza Parker from the UT Health Science Center and librarian Freddy Hudson coordinated efforts to provide the service to the community.



The branch has partnered with NXT Level to provide a table in the library each week. NXT Level is a center that helps with education, job skills, and other needs among youth.



A display recognizing Juneteenth, a celebration of the declaration that slaves were freed in Texas was organized and arranged by Mr. Hudson. Along with support efforts from the Texana Department at Central copies of various historical documents and photos are included in the display.



A bird feeder program on June 11 sparked curiosity and interest from patrons of different age groups. Patrons recycled old plastic bottles into birdfeeders. It was a fun project for kids and adults alike.

Branch Services



Author of the month selected is Elena Poniatowski. A prolific writer of social and political issues. Her writings focus on women and the disenfranchised. Of French and Mexican descent Poniatowska's best-known novel, was first published in Mexico in 1969 and has been available in Spanish ever since. It is the "true" life story of Jesusa Palancares de Aguilar, born in Oaxaca, whose life spans the events of 20th-century Mexico. Her writings speak to the national consciousness. Her works are usually found in larger public and academic libraries, especially where Hispanic studies are important to the community and researchers.



Basic crochet class and jewelry making class continue to attract different ages and gender. Both classes are held on every Wednesday: crochet classes are in the morning and jewelry classes are during the afternoon every week. During the classes patrons were also signed up for the Summer Reading Program.



Ladies from the San Antonio Needlework Guild Stitch-In meet every monthly on Saturdays to work on their individual projects and to spend time catching up on their projects.



The branch kicked off the Summer Reading Program with a cool place to hang out, enjoy some refreshments and watch a movie. Saturday Cinema screened *Capture the Flag*, *The Cat From Outer Space* and *Treasure Planet*. Patrons of all ages enjoyed relaxing and viewing the movies.



Patrons of all ages are attracted to a large carton cutout of a shadowed adolescent display titled “Trafficked Teens” courtesy of National Council of Jewish Women.



The branch served as a polling place and Election Day for the runoff election to fill the position of Mayor for the city of San Antonio. The total amount of votes cast at the branch were 2,585. Although less people voted on Election Day, early voting drew in a significant volume of voters coming in to cast their vote.



Branch manager Maria Gonzales served as volunteer at the Migrant Resource Center for 2 days. On the first day she assisted migrants needing medical attention and on the second day assisted with intake services.



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

MISSION



Mission was an early voting site for the recent runoff election.



Mission continues to serve as a regular meeting space for the Hot Wells Neighborhood Association.



A representative from the Census Bureau came to recruit for the 2020 Census.



Mission continues to have a presence in the monthly Farmer’s and Artesian Market at the Mission Marquee.

Adult Services



A partnership with Mr. Robert Anguiano Jr. resulted in Mr. Anguiano offering a 6-week course entitled Cane-Chi. It is an exercise, wellness and rehabilitation program that incorporates a cane. Mr. Anguiano is a certified Cane Master and Black Belt with the American Cane System and has over 10 years of experience.



Mission had its semi-annual Table Tennis Spring Tournament. As always, it is a highly anticipated event that garners many attendees.



The mobile Metropolitan Health STD Clinic was available to the community on May 28th in the parking lot.



Mission had its Cooking Demo outside in the North Court yard in celebration of the beginning of summer. Delicious chicken and sweet pepper fajitas were grilled with savory corn on the cob.

Teens



Teens this month started off summer programming at Mission Library with a bang. Teens enjoyed an End of School Party with pizza and video games. The teens also particularly enjoyed the Night in Tokyo event this month which allowed them to watch a movie while eating from a ramen bar. Teen Librarian Emily Young visited Harlandale High School, inviting the 9th and 10th grade English classes to attend summer programming and assisting interested students in signing up for the Summer Reading Program.

Children's Services



The weekly Pokémon club continues to be a highly popular and well-attended program.



Sandbanks Shadow Puppets had an outstanding performance combining poetry, song, storytelling and puppetry. Over 80 attended.



Tween Time is attracting a growing number of children, many whom are new to the program. They are enjoying movies, games of all sorts, snacks and friendship.



Summer Kids Times are going well. A summer camp group from the YMCA next door comes every week along with many others. Little ones and their families are enjoying summer themed Baby and Toddler Times.

PAN AMERICAN

Summer fun has started at Pan American Library. The Children's programming is starting up and patrons are beginning to use the library to escape the summer heat.



Legos Club continues to attract children to build and express themselves. In addition to Legos, Come and Go Crafts has a variety of activities to capture the interest of the children. Valerie Shelley, the Children's Librarian, creates activities that connect with current events, STEAM or themed crafts related to library programs. It is always fun to see the different products the children make.



Toddler Time in May continued with the bug theme. Children learned about various insects, their home environments and food they eat. June saw the beginning of Over the Moon summer programming. The children enjoyed discovering what could be in space and what does not belong there.



The collaborative with Columbia Heights Elementary School and Pan American Library continues as the students are out of school and the library begins the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. There will be plenty playing, reading, singing/music, writing, and talking. Valerie and Cassie Garza, Library Assistant, visited Columbia Heights for their Authors Day and presented the summer reading program to the students in grades Pre-K through fourth grade. Registration forms were provided to the students as were schedules of summer activities.



Summer registration is in full swing as programs have begun to bring in the public to participate in the activities provided at Pan American Branch Library. Toddler Time, Come and Go Crafts and Lego Club all continue throughout the summer. Additionally there are Kids Time and Tween Time for the children.



The Literacy Caravan was the Summer Kickoff activity. The children and grownups were amazed with the number of activities provided and for all ages of children. Several children came into the building to show off their new books and play with games provided for the Kickoff.



Magik Theatre brought a production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* to Pan American Branch. The program was a huge success. *Jack and the Beanstalk* was enjoyed by all.



Tween Time began the second week of June. The pre-teens put their collective knowledge together to create an alien landing module. They could only use the few items provided them to make their modules and keep the aliens (two large marshmallows) from falling out at landing.



Pan American has provided summer cold lunches since the first week of June three days a week. Youth, 18 years of age and younger, came in for a meal and watched movies while they ate. The first week was a little slow but more attended as schools got out for the summer. We had double the number of children the second week compared to the first week.



Library Assistant Stephanie Perez hosted the Sketchbook Club. She brings in art books, books with photographs, and items for participants to draw. Stephanie discusses ideas, feedback on work, and creativity with participants. The program is open to teens and adults.



The Pan American Branch hosted a Japanese Calligraphy Class presented by the Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator, Chinatsu Oku, of the East Asia Institute at UTSA. Attendees were shown a presentation and then given the opportunity to practice the techniques learned. Attendees were extremely impressed with the program.



Pan American Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, offered an Adult Coloring Class at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. Participants are given the opportunity to enjoy a fun, stress-free, and relaxing environment.



Pan American Adult Services Librarians started offering 1-on-1 computer trainings. Patrons can reserve a 1-hour time slot for 1-on-1 computer assistance. Patrons can also reserve a training time in advance, allowing for a more convenient timeframe.



Pan American Branch Library went mobile this past month and set up a table at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. A variety of books were available for patrons of the Cisneros Center to check out. New cards were issued to those interested.



Library assistant and teen liaison Cassie Garza facilitated Pan American's teen time with a food demonstration. The teen group was curious to learn how to make their own corn in a cup. We looked up recipes together and found that there weren't any that really described how to make it like some of the teens preferred. The group decided to write a list of ingredients and build their own version of a corn in a cup. This food demonstration was a huge hit and was easy to put together. Every teen that participated had a different and unique version of corn in a cup.



Ms. Garza hosted the Pokémon Champions group at Pan American library. During, this program the Pokémon trainers learned about new Pokémon trading card sets coming out within the month and others on the horizon. The group also shared what they enjoyed about the new Pokémon detective movies in theaters. Some of the group members wanted to know how valuable some of their cards were and Ms. Garza showed the group how to locate that information online. Ms. Garza finalized the program by asking for suggestions for Pokémon craft ideas from the group.



Ms. Garza partnered with Chinastu Oku from the UTSA's East Asia institute to conduct a program in celebration of Asia/Pacific American heritage month. Chinastu described Japanese food culture and then did a hands-on food demonstration with making rice balls. The teen group was able to shape the rice into ball with their hands and then season them with Japanese rice seasoning.



Ms. Garza assisted with an outreach at the South Texas Museum of Popular Culture with Edward Mayberry and J.D. Elizondo. The outreach was in support of teen musicians from the organization High Voltage. During the outreach Ms. Garza, signed teens up for summer reading and spoke about summer reading events at the library.



The Pokémon Champions group had a huge turnout. Schools out and Pokémon trainers are visiting the library to battle, duel and compete to become the best! This program we created Pokémon from perler beads and the entire group was able to create their own Pokémon perler bead creations. Several of the group members were new to the Pokémon trading card game and Ms. Garza showed the new Pokémon trainers how to play.



Ms. Garza visited Adams Elementary for their yearly author's day event. This is the second year that the Adams elementary school librarian has reached out to Pan American library for summer reading information. We had families come by the library table to sign up to participate in summer reading.



A Teen group was hanging out in the teen area playing board games and Ms. Garza asked if they wanted to watch a movie in the area. The teens jumped at the opportunity and an impromptu teen program came out of it. The teens stayed in the teen area and continued to play board games and doodle while watching the movie.



Ms. Garza celebrated with the teens during this special summer reading teen time themed night. It was unicorn night during teen time and teens were able to create their own unicorn masks, make delicious unicorn popcorn and discover their unicorn names. Ms. Garza also shared some dragon crafts

just in case there were some dragons celebrating among the unicorns. Teens were also able to discover their dragon names and create dragon masks.



Ms. Garza showed the teens how to tie dye during this teen time. Teens were able to tie dye canvas tote bags, cotton handkerchiefs and cotton pillowcases. The group also was shown how to make a rainbow snack mix using marshmallows, pretzel sticks, M&Ms and fruit loops. Some of the teens had never tie dye and were amazed at the process.



Ms. Garza met with the Pokémon champions group which attendance has doubled. Several of the group members started finishing up their perler bead craft from last meeting. Ms. Garza showed the group videos of the new Pokémon game coming out on the Nintendo Switch.

PARMAN



Summer started with a big roar when Dinosaur George came to the Parman Library. As usual the lively performance delighted and educated hundreds of kids that attended as well as their parents. Fossils from the Stegosaurus made the crowd go “ooo” and “aah”. Children of all ages were enraptured when George brought out his Raptor claws and showed just how large our Jurassic friends were. Dinosaur George commented that he loved visiting Parman library and entertaining its community.



Old MacDonald had a farm and on this farm he had a cow. Southwest Dairy Farmers kicked off Parman Library’s Kids Time program with a “moo”. The very happy San Antonio cow posed for pictures and her caregivers shared all the fun facts about her and dairy farming. Program (arranged by Katy Dillard) was not only very entertaining, but also very informative. Even parents found the information intriguing. Got milk? We do.



Graphics of Keith Haring artwork are displayed permanently on the library walls and “Parman Celebrates Diversity” display table is maintained throughout the year. In June to celebrate PRIDE month Parman staff added more displays and decorations. Mega large LGBTQ flags added to the festive atmosphere and teen’s section of the library is also beautifully represented and compliments it all.



To make sure that we all will be in good shape to travel to the moon this summer, Parman offers free Zumba classes every Saturday. The first class brought many attendees having astronomical fun while improving their health and making connections within the community.



To promote well-being and healthy eating a blender was ordered for the Parman staff by Organizational Health. From the day the red rocket arrived in the break room, staff got excited about the new possibilities for healthy snacks and lunches. Thank you Organizational Health.



Children’s Librarian Katie Thonen visited local schools and summer camps to promote San Antonio Public Library Reading Programs. She engaged children with stories all about space to spark their imagination about the universe and all its possibilities. The robust attendance of just the first few summer’s programs has shown that her hard work landed far beyond the moon.



The Zoo Play and Learn on May 22nd was a big success. The kits, sent from Central, were full of interactive play options that encouraged parents and their children to interact and play as a family and with other community members. The highlights were the construction paper tear sheets, the wash-an-animal sensory bin, and the dress up like an elephant, zebra or tiger costume sets. All the children, babe-in-arms through six-year-olds, that came enjoyed the books provided because they were fun, entertaining and educational.



Summer brings visitors from all over to our beautiful San Antonio who is famous, among many other things, for its tacos. To reflect different flavors and honor this local dish (and by popular demand) Parman offered fusion tacos which were very well received by all attendees.



Like many of the branches in the San Antonio Public Library system, Parman continued to serve a polling site for election runoffs. This voting season saw a modest turnout and passed without incident no doubt thanks in part to Parman's flexible and efficient staff. Voting judges expressed their sincere appreciation regarding what they deemed as very pleasant interactions with the Parman staff. The library itself received several compliments from voters, most of whom had not visited the branch before, regarding how bright the building was and how friendly the staff was.

POTRANCO

Children's



On Tuesday, May 21, Ms. Randi visited all the students of Fisher Elementary School to tell them all about SAPL's Summer Reading Program—how to sign up, all the special programs going on, etc. In addition, for the children preschool through 3rd grade, she sang *The Library Song* by Tom Paxton, in which children were invited to listen for all the book characters that the song names. For the 4th and 5th graders, she led the children in a Queen-inspired song called *We Will, We Will Read Books*. For all groups, she read everybody's Favorite Book by Mike Allegra. Ms. Randi repeated this outreach programming on Wednesday, May 22 at Galm Elementary School and also on Friday, May 24 at Evers Elementary School.



Baby Time for Potranco patrons resumed for the summer on Thursday, June 13 at 9:30 AM. 5 children and 6 adults enjoyed 20 minutes of lap riding and clapping rhyme, baby games and book looking. Afterwards, play and socialization time ensued for both babies and caregivers.



Toddler Time for Potranco patrons resumed for the summer on Thursday, June 13 at 11:00 AM. 34 children and 27 adults enjoyed playing percussion instruments (bells, shakers and drums) while Ms. Randi played the guitar to nursery songs such as *Baa, Baa Black Sheep* and *Hush Little Baby*. Then, these same songs/rhymes were performed with felt boards pieces and action rhymes. Finally, children and their parents participated in open play with a variety of early learning materials.

Adult



Potranco continued its monthly meetings of the Potranco Book Club (PBC). Our June book selection was a memoir-in-verse by Jacqueline Woodson entitled *Brown Girl Dreaming*. This was unanimously the

favorite of all the books we have read thus far this year. Members were deeply moved and inspired by the content and the way it was presented; until it was pointed out to them, none of them realized that they were reading a book cataloged in the “Juvenile” collection. One member was particularly taken by the way in which Woodson wrote, saying that it was precisely how she herself writes, although she had never felt it was “real” writing. This member’s appreciation of Woodson’s writing inspired her to create the first poem she had written in years, to commemorate the retirement of her pastor.



Deviating in a completely different direction, the July selection is Margaret Atwood’s distinctly dystopian novel (and which of hers is not dystopian?) *The Heart Goes Last*. We shall see if the sunshine of Jacqueline Woodson’s memoir will sustain club members through the infernal blaze of Atwood’s sizzling prose.



The Potranco Writers continued its twice monthly meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays. The group averaged 5-6 attendees for each meeting, with a variety of writings offered by resident writers: poetry, flash fiction, novel excerpts, and even an excerpt from a musical screenplay. The group is focused, supportive, receptive to the variety on display, and also very willing to offer (and receive) perceptive feedback on all the work under review. During our last meeting, they discussed the idea of putting together a yearly anthology of Potranco writings. This could easily be done at very little to no cost to SAPL, and the quality of the writing certainly merits the consideration.



Cindy Moreno met with the Alicia Trevino Senior Center book group to discuss the book *The Wife* by Meg Wolitzer. The attendees spoke about gender expectations, relationships and writing styles. The attendees stayed to watch the movie. Cindy spoke about the Adult Summer Reading program and attendees were excited to join. The next book title will be *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones.

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Children



Librarians Cynthia Saenz and Sheri Watkins were featured speakers during Camelot School’s Camp Read-a-Lot. They visited with students and staff, informing them about the Mayor’s Summer Reading Program and the variety of programs for kids of all ages. Students were provided with calendars and advised to keep them in a visible location at home to use for reference throughout the summer. In addition, the children signed up for the summer reading program and all look forward to receiving their free book. Students expressed great interest in attending fun programs such as Lego camp, kids’ time, STEM building, and of course, the free NEISD summer feeding program.



Ms. Saenz met with a group of tweens for the monthly meeting of the Family Circle Book Club. The kids had an amazing time discussing this year’s John Newbery Medal winner *Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina. The lively discussion included personal connections with the main character’s experiences attending middle school. The club continues meeting throughout the summer, and next up is a discussion of the popular *Everlasting Nora* by Marie Miranda Cruz.



Summer Reading is off to a great start at Pruitt Library. Parents visiting have been reminded of the importance for children and teens to continue reading throughout the summer in order to

keep up their reading level and avoid going down the “summer slide”. Attractive displays featuring the “Over the Moon” summer theme are proving to be enticing and inviting to readers of all ages.

Teens



Pruitt teens had a great time with video gaming; both scheduled and unscheduled. They took advantage of Wii Wednesday, Super Mario games, and other gaming activities as they began preparing for the end of the school year.



The Pruitt Teen Librarian conducted outreach for the Windcrest/NE San Antonio community, during Roosevelt High School's International Festival. This was a wonderful opportunity for SAPL staffers to mix with our neighbors and promote Summer Reading programs. We also performed outreach with the Roosevelt Student Parents, letting them know what resources are available for them and for their children.



We kicked off Teen Summer Reading with Teen STEM Building activity. We used cubelet mini robots, Snap circuits, and straws and connectors among other activities.



On June 13, Teen Chess returned to Pruitt for the Summer. This activity is always a crowd pleaser for the teens in this community.

Adults



Mental Health DIY was well received. Patrons learned to make harmony beads and stress putty. Both can be used to de-stress. The group enjoyed mixing the components to make the putty, scenting the mixture with essential oils, and watching the putty take shape.



TGIF Adult Book Club participants are enjoying their reading selections. There was a lively discussion of potential books the group would like to read. A list was compiled from the suggestions for consideration in the coming months. Next book is *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce.



SNAP participants painted stained glass suncatchers. The group enjoyed choosing colors and exercising their fine motor skills required to paint in the small details of the craft.



The Citizenship Class had much to celebrate this month. Two participants passed their tests to become naturalized citizens. Both have had their swearing in ceremonies and are now U.S. citizens.



The branch concluded the Ebru program. There was a well-attended art exhibit, showcasing the students' work. The Turkish art form of paper marbling was demonstrated during the event by the instructor Nihal Sonmez.

SAN PEDRO



Outreach Programs—Betsy Dalton continued to promote the Summer Reading Program to classes at St Anthony's Catholic School, Hawthorne Academy, and Monte Vista Montessori School.



Kids Time Programs—During this period, Ms. Dalton hosted Summer Reading Kids Time programs on Sundays beginning June 2. The attendance for these programs and for the Wednesday LEGO Club has been good. Ms. Dalton is hoping this trend continues throughout the summer. The staff is “over the moon” with our Children's Summer Reading Program registrations - currently have 754 children registered!



Adult Services Librarian Diana Starrett supported system wide adult programming by researching binoculars for patrons to use for programs. Based on her research and recommendations, Adult Services has purchased eight pair to use for programs.

SCHAEFER



Summer Reading for children at Schaefer has blasted off! As of June 15, more than 400 kids have signed up for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. June 15 was the first day that kids could redeem their Reading Logs for their free book and quite a few kids arrived with their completed logs to pick out their books! They also get a Reading Certificate, a green screen picture and their names on the outer space display to celebrate a summer that's Over the Moon!



Schaefer is offering a variety of weekly programs for kids of all ages. Baby Time, Toddler Time, Story Time are weekly programs recommended for younger children. Art Time, LEGO Time, Kids Time and Come & Go Crafts are recommended for school-age children or younger children with their grownups. Art Time is a new program this summer other Tuesday afternoon. Nearly 20 kids came to the first offering of the program to paint with water colors. The finished works of art are hanging on display in the library.



To wrap up the spring programming session, a Zoo Play & Learn took place on May 14. Around 60 kids came and participated in a variety of activities centered around animals.



On June 6, children's librarian Leslie Elsasser visited the Evelyn King PCI to speak to parents about Summer Reading at the pre-k graduation ceremony. Leslie and Sara Ramirez also visited schools toward the end of May to promote Summer Reading and programs.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On May 14, Robot Science Time featured mini Sphero racing, Dash and Dot coding bots, and Beebots. Children were able to test robots at each station. Robot Science Time concluded with a basketball catapult challenge. On June 4, Robot Science Time celebrated the summer reading “Over the Moon” theme with mini Star Wars droids. Children were able to maneuver R2-D2 and BB-8 through different obstacle courses. Children also constructed straw rockets to launch at various targets with the straw rocket launcher



On May 26th 2019 at 1400 hours, patrons gathered at Schaefer Library's H-E-B Collaborate Room to participate in a cooperative storytelling experience. For three hours, patrons designed characters and participated in a fantasy roleplaying game led by Library Assistant Mason Matthews.



Every other Thursday afternoon, Schaefer hosts the Kid's Gaming Program. School age children gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to play Wii U, and Nintendo Switch games in an environment which promotes teamwork, friendly competition, and social interaction. Library Assistant Mason Matthews offers instruction and mediation. As summer programming begins, this activity becomes the Schaefer Library Mario Kart Cup! School age children jockey for position in four player heats, culminating in a tournament grand champion for each week.



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



As part of Summer Programming, Monday afternoons at 1pm - Schaefer Library hosts the patron requested Pokemon Time. School age patrons gather in the Mays Family Community Flex Space to share their love of Pokemon, Play Pokemon games and enjoy Pokemon related activities.



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 one of the most popular games in the world at Schaefer Library. Kids 12 and under are allowed to play with parent's permission. We've had this program for nearly a year now and we still maintain a solid group of attendees with new patrons coming in every so often! Fortnite Sundays gives families a chance to do something different at the library and have fun while doing it!



Teens participated in the Food Bank class "Cooking Around the World." Teens learned how to make 3 Italian dishes using collaborative skills in small teams. Chef Kelly from the Food Bank taught nineteen teens cooking and prep skills to make their culinary creations. Community Connections



Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, attended a Big Brothers and Sisters luncheon where community leaders, Charlie Amato, Gary Dudley, and Harvey Najim discussed the importance of mentorship in the community. Cindy was invited as a former participant in the BBBS Workforce mentorship program.



East Central Vocational Education students visited the library bi-weekly to assist with a variety of tasks such as shredding documents, cleaning books and puzzles, and putting periodicals in order. The teens in this program had their last visit of the school year on June 6th and received donated comic books and magazines as a thank you for their help this year. In addition, their teacher received a book bag. Students were very appreciative and eager to help out next school year. Community Connections



During the reporting period, Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, visited East Central High School's library on two separate occasions to sign up students for the Teen Summer program. Community Connections



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.



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



On Tuesday, May 14, Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosted a session of coloring at the District 2 Senior Center. Participants are provided with coloring sheets and pencils to use during the program.



An additional outreach event was held at the District 2 Senior Center on Wednesday, May 15. Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosts a monthly hour of tech help. Seniors are invited to bring in their electronic devices for an hour of assistance with their devices.



In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month the Schaefer Library hosted Chinatsu Oku, Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator at East Asia Institute, from The University of Texas at San Antonio. Chinatsu presented a program titled: Origami Challenge on May 21. In this hour-long program, Chinatsu explained the history of Origami in Japan and demonstrated 3 different origami projects as participants followed along.



Adult Services Librarian, Maria Adams, led a computer basics class as part of Digital Inclusion month on Wednesday, May 22. The class was designed to give new computer users plenty of hands on practice using a mouse, learning the basics of what a computer does, and keyboard practice.



The month of May ended with the monthly craft program for adults: Night Crafters @ Schaefer on Wednesday, May 29. Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams had supplies on hand to decorate a tea towel using fabric markers.



The Schaefer Library hosted the Texana department on June 5. Librarian Matt Dewaelsche presented a program on beginning genealogy to library patrons.



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SEMMES



The Semmes Branch Library was closed for renovations from Wednesday, May 1st through Monday, May 27th. The branch reopened to the public on Tuesday, May 28th.



Opening day was a busy, but fun day. Semmes customers were glad the branch was again open and staff received many complements about the new interior and furnishings. Opening day was also the first day of early voting for the run-off election, so there were also many people coming out to vote. Over the course of early voting 5,010 people voted at Semmes.



The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library held their summer book sale on Saturday, June 8th. They had a successful book sale. The next Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19th.



Summer Reading is going strong at the branch. People of all ages are signing up for the summer reading program. The first big program of the summer was held on Thursday, June 13th. The Magik Theatre came to the branch for two special performances. 217 adults and children enjoyed the two performances of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

THOUSAND OAKS



The last Spring Toddler Time/Story Time programs on May 16 were bird-themed. Children and their caregivers listened, moved and sang together. They participated in a unique activity where they listened to bird sounds/calls and identified each bird in a photo as well as creating mixed media bird creations!



Our Over the Moon Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 1 was a great success! The team at Thousand Oaks helped out as well as the volunteers from the Friends who manned the four craft/activity stations. We had 125 people in attendance with 70-plus Children's sign-ups for Summer Reading.

Our special Summer Reading Program—Kids Time, kicked off on June 5 with our Moon Gifts program. Children and their adults learned about the many wonders the moon provides. Our Children's Librarian, Lea Ann McDonald read stories about the moon and the children created a collaborative poster showing how the moon affects the world around us, walked on a moonwalk (hopscotch) and created planets from play dough.

The branch hosted the first Summer Program for 2019 on June 6 which included a Toddler and Story Time theme of Naptime! Children and their families enjoyed reading stories, singing, and rhyming together during this fun program. Children and their adults put their baby dolls and animals to bed and created a Napping Bear craft. Ages 12 and under are welcome and toy areas for babies are included in each program.



We had many patrons visit us due to the Semmes library closure. As a result, patrons reconnected with our branch and we received positive feedback on Children's programs and the library overall.

Magik Theatre performed a play of *Jack and the Beanstalk* on June 12 for a crowd of children and families. Just over 100 people attended and enjoyed the performance.



Toddler Time and Story Time theme for June 13 was Feelings. The subject of emotional regulation is relevant to early learning. Children's librarian Lea Ann McDonald read stories, performed a song in sign language, and taught the children and families. Children and Families created Zen sand and rock gardens and drew their expressions with chalk from seeing their mirror reflections.

Our Come and Go craft on Saturday, June 15 was moon-themed Rocket Blasters! The kids had fun creating and launching these homemade toys.



With school days winding down, the Thousand Oaks Teens played video games, made jewelry, listened to music, and made mug brownies. On the first Teen Time of the summer, they utilized the Fright Night Theme Night provided by Teen Services, which included making scary movie monsters out of Perler beads and eating dirt pudding while watching a scary movie. On the second Teen Time of the summer, they decorated mini-sneaker keychains.



The Thursday Book Group discussed Paulette Jiles' *News of the World*. This interesting title is about a newsreader that is given the task of returning a kidnapped girl back to her family in San Antonio. The journey begins in 1870's Wichita Falls. This is a time in which much of Texas is rough and rugged, fraught with Indian raids and bandits. The group thoroughly enjoyed this historical fiction novel. Healthy snacks made an appearance at the meeting.



Readers in the Northeast Senior Center Book Club had mixed reactions to the May selection, *Flight Behavior*, by Barbara Kingsolver. The author's meandering writing style made it difficult to get into the story. Although there were many sympathetic characters, readers found it hard to develop any interest in the story. Librarian Theresa Garza reminded the group that finishing the book is not a prerequisite for coming to book group and that dissenting opinions make for good discussion!



As part of Digital Inclusion Month, Librarian Theresa Garza hosted the Library in Your Pocket workshop on May 13, to help patrons more easily access e-books using the OverDrive and Libby apps on their own devices.



Sunday Crafternoon on May 19 had crafters painting Mason jars to create personalized photo frame vases. Librarian Theresa Garza provided all supplies, purchased with funds from the Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library, for attendees to choose the look of their vase for this exercise in process art.

The June 16 Crafternoon session had attendees hammering away at string art projects. Crafters chose from provided templates and selected their string colors and patterns.



The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Branch Library held their semi-annual book sale on Saturday, June 1, bringing in funds for children, teen, and adult programming at the branch.



On June 8, Thousand Oaks served as a General Election polling place for the Mayoral and City Council run-off elections, for precincts 4096 and 4099.



In partnership with the US Bone and Joint Initiative the branch hosted an information session on arthritis on June 10. Guest speaker David Salgado, PT at Northeast Baptist Hospital, informed attendees on preventative measures and ways to alleviate pain.



Two Thousand Oaks staff members, Lucy Villa and Theresa Garza, have spent time volunteering at the City's Migrant Resource Center, utilizing their Spanish language skills to help incoming migrants.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Tobin at Oakwell hosted early voting for the local run-off election with heavy turnout similar to other locations, May 28 – June 4, and then again on election day June 8.



The branch was honored with a raving compliment from patron, Jim Scott, who received assistance on his Kindle by email. He wanted to thank all the “staff at the Tobin (who) are all so courteous, eager to help and eager to please! I appreciate coming to the library and availing myself with its resources.”



Friends of The Tobin Library at Oakwell designed and funded custom built shelving to replace their cart in the foyer for on-going book sales. Final installation was in May and many visitors have expressed how splendid the new shelving looks along with the larger more extensive collection.



Dr. Martha M. Acosta presented information on the Management and Treatment of Arthritis and Osteoarthritis to a sizeable crowd on May 21.



Children’s Librarian, Karen Braeuler, conducted an enormous amount of outreach to area schools by producing her own video promoting summer reading and “Over the Moon” activities happening at Tobin at Oakwell. Area librarians share the video with their school’s morning video as well as update their summer reading page with San Antonio Public Library’s summer reading events.



Manager, Tracey Knouse, assisted with summer reading outreach by filming live at Oak Grove Elementary’s morning program on May 20. In addition, Ms. Knouse delivered 100 packets with calendars and flyers to two nearby San Antonio Housing Authority apartment complexes. The packets were distributed to resident to help them become aware of the many resources and program offerings available at their nearest library including free lunches starting June 17.



Summer reading started off with a unique program by Matt Sandbanks who utilizes poems, puppets and shadows to present a “Wild Goose Chase”. Mr. “Shadow” amazes crowds of all ages utilizing a bright light, a white screen and cardboard cutouts.



After School Fun Time had an end of year party thanks to Teen Librarians, Amisarahi Sarabia from Central and Daniella Toll from Westfall on May 30. Kids signed up for summer reading, decorated pop sockets for their phones and enjoyed special snacks and games.



Assistant Manager, Rhonda Woolhouse helped a dozen folks create lunar necklaces as part of San Antonio Public Library’s Adult Summer Reading craft series on June 11.



On June 11, Kids Time hosted by Librarian, Julie Ford, taught kids how to walk in space and what to eat as they learned various skills like NASA Astronauts in Training.



T. Andrew Charltonjones joined Tobin’s team with a promotion to part time Library Assistant at the end of May. Mr. Charltonjones has quickly learned reference and computer skills along with summer reading sign up.



T. Knouse finished up her mentorship with Maverick's Circulation Attendant, Valeria Guzman, at the Graduation Ceremony on May 21. Ms. Guzman presented her project with part time employees compiling a ready reference Circulation Guide, along with their own individual portfolio. Her project was well received, along with the other mentees' presentations.



Tobin at Oakwell celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 15. Over 560 people of all ages attended this festivity. Many thanks go to the clever marketing theme by SAPL's marketing team and concerted efforts by that department and all of the Tobin staff to publicize the celebration. Councilman, Clayton Perry, spoke along with Library Board Member, Linda Nairn and Assistant Director, Dale McNeil. Folks enjoyed moon pies, cake and Tang while partaking in miniature golf in the book aisles and face painting and balloon art. Many patrons enjoyed making moon magnets, play rockets and decorating their own little astronaut for the large "Over the Moon" poster. This fun and very successful anniversary would not have happened without generous funding by the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell.

WESTFALL



In May and June, 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.



Westfall Library hosted a Summer Reading Kick-off Party for its young patrons on Saturday, June 1st. Children and their families enjoyed stories and refreshments, and made spacecraft with aliens inside, Saturn spinning tops, and fans to stay cool. Also, a performer from "All Things Balloon" came and made wonderful balloon creations for the kids.



On Sunday, June 2nd, Westfall hosted Tai Chi with instructor Nameer Kirma. Mr. Kirma has been practicing T'ai Chi Ch'uan for over 20 years and has been teaching almost that long. He opened Good Spirit T'ai Chi Ch'uan in 2005 when he moved to San Antonio. Nameer Kirma teaches Yang Style T'ai Chi Ch'uan, focusing on the health benefits and self-defense applications of traditional Yang Style form. In addition to ongoing classes, he has taught classes in several organization including the UT Health Science Center, YMCA, and Methodist Stone Oaks Hospital



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. During the summer months, the branch held Teen Time every Tuesday from 1-3pm, where young adults participated in fun activities and games.



At Westfall, Teen Librarian Daniella Toll reported that the teens were very excited about the programs in a box that Teen Services was providing for the Teen Summer Program. They happily helped place all the programs in a box on the calendar and came up with a themed series of Teen Time

programs for May: When asked if they would like to have an event on the day of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, July 20th, they were very enthusiastic and replied they would like to have a “glow in the dark” party.



Teen Time had a Spongebob Square Pants night which included watching the SpongeBob Square Pants show, a SpongeBob themed puzzle scavenger hunt, a jellyfish craft as well as preparing Chum bucket snack. The following week, the teens developed an Office TV show themed Teen Time event. The scavenger hunt was elaborate, with themed clues, and printed out Office themed memes decorated the food.



The Westfall Teens demonstrated developing interpersonal skills during fun activities such as Uno, teens supported each other in making wise decisions, forgiving family members and walking through difficult circumstances in their personal lives. Teens displayed non-judgmental attitudes and that there was hope for their future. These conversations reflected the goal of SAPL Teen Services to help young adults transition from adolescents into healthy, productive adults. The 40 Developmental Assets are building blocks of healthy social and emotional development identified by the Search Institute as necessary for stable, caring and responsible adults.



The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the “Stranger than Fiction” and “Third Thursday” book clubs. Books read this month included *The Leavers* by Liso KoAbbott and *Savage Harvest: a Tale of Cannibals, Colonialism, and Michael Rockefeller’s Tragic Quest for Primitive Art* by Carl Hoffman. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



In May the Westfall LEARN Center launched the Digital Inclusion Certificate Program. The program was created by Emily Flores at the Bazan LEARN Center and features a progressive, step-by-step curriculum for patrons interested in acquiring real computer skills. The goal of the program is to replace traditional classes, which can be difficult for patrons to attend on a specific day and time. Upon completion, patrons receive a certificate of their skills, which can be a supplement to job applications or just a general marker of achievement. At Westfall, six students began the training in May, and will hopefully see some finishers this summer.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

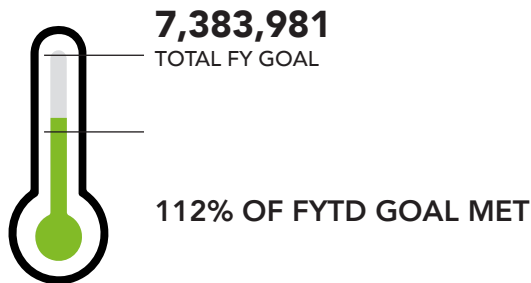
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

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

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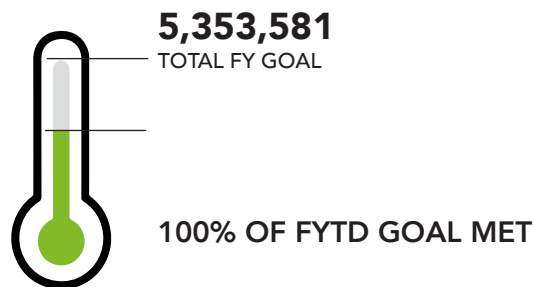
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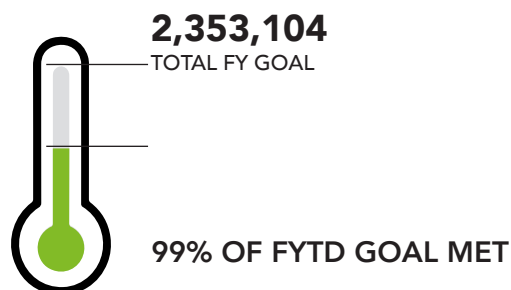
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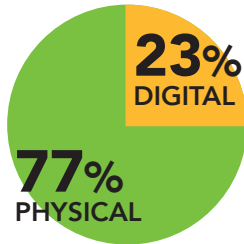
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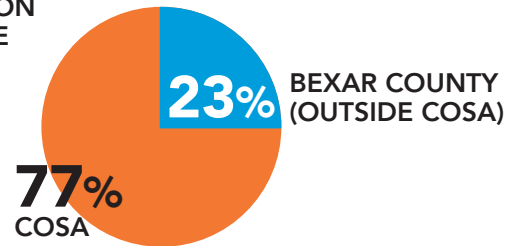
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2019

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2019



1,607,536
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

723,925
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

1,006,759
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

990,222
FACEBOOK
REACH

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2019



250,014
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

45,366
ADULT PROGRAMS

46,725
TEEN PROGRAMS

157,923
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MAY MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



Scrapbook and Art Journal Class at McCreless



Jesse Trevino at Central Library

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May 2019 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	4,009	7,935	6,561	1,854	4,708
Brook Hollow	27,419	25,019	5,866	1,535	4,331
Carver	3,894	8,179	3,765	1,427	2,338
Central	23,509	52,754	41,808	12,433	29,375
Cody	30,161	26,165	7,295	1,508	5,787
Collins Garden	5,130	5,147	4,327	1,589	2,738
Cortez	5,322	8,375	4,000	1,140	2,860
Encino	15,993	13,730	5,472	459	5,013
Forest Hills	6,888	6,774	3,651	976	2,675
Great Northwest	19,953	16,391	4,421	1,078	3,343
Guerra	9,271	10,099	5,571	1,547	4,025
Igo	28,658	27,500	8,369	1,265	7,103
Johnston	9,735	10,302	3,519	1,272	2,247
Landa	13,240	12,270	2,971	721	2,250
Las Palmas	4,996	10,529	4,127	1,609	2,518
Maverick	22,594	16,792	4,801	1,365	3,435
McCreless	9,937	13,930	5,378	1,577	3,801
Memorial	6,568	10,248	4,351	1,332	3,019
Mission	11,024	16,029	7,402	2,064	5,338
Pan American	5,956	12,804	2,926	1,069	1,856
Parman	27,140	28,891	5,436	850	4,586
Potranco	16,222	14,085	13,150	917	12,234
Pruitt	5,606	19,041	3,440	1,008	2,432
San Pedro	3,826	5,918	2,392	672	1,720
Schaefer	8,575	11,052	5,856	1,274	4,582
Semmes	7,136	5,463	1,584	238	1,346
Thousand Oaks	13,654	12,488	5,843	1,437	4,407
Tobin	17,830	22,352	4,572	1,436	3,137
Westfall	13,904	13,902	7,353	2,401	4,952
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,133	269	N/A	269
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,193	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	98,136	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	161,383	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	638,862	445,297	186,476	48,052	138,423

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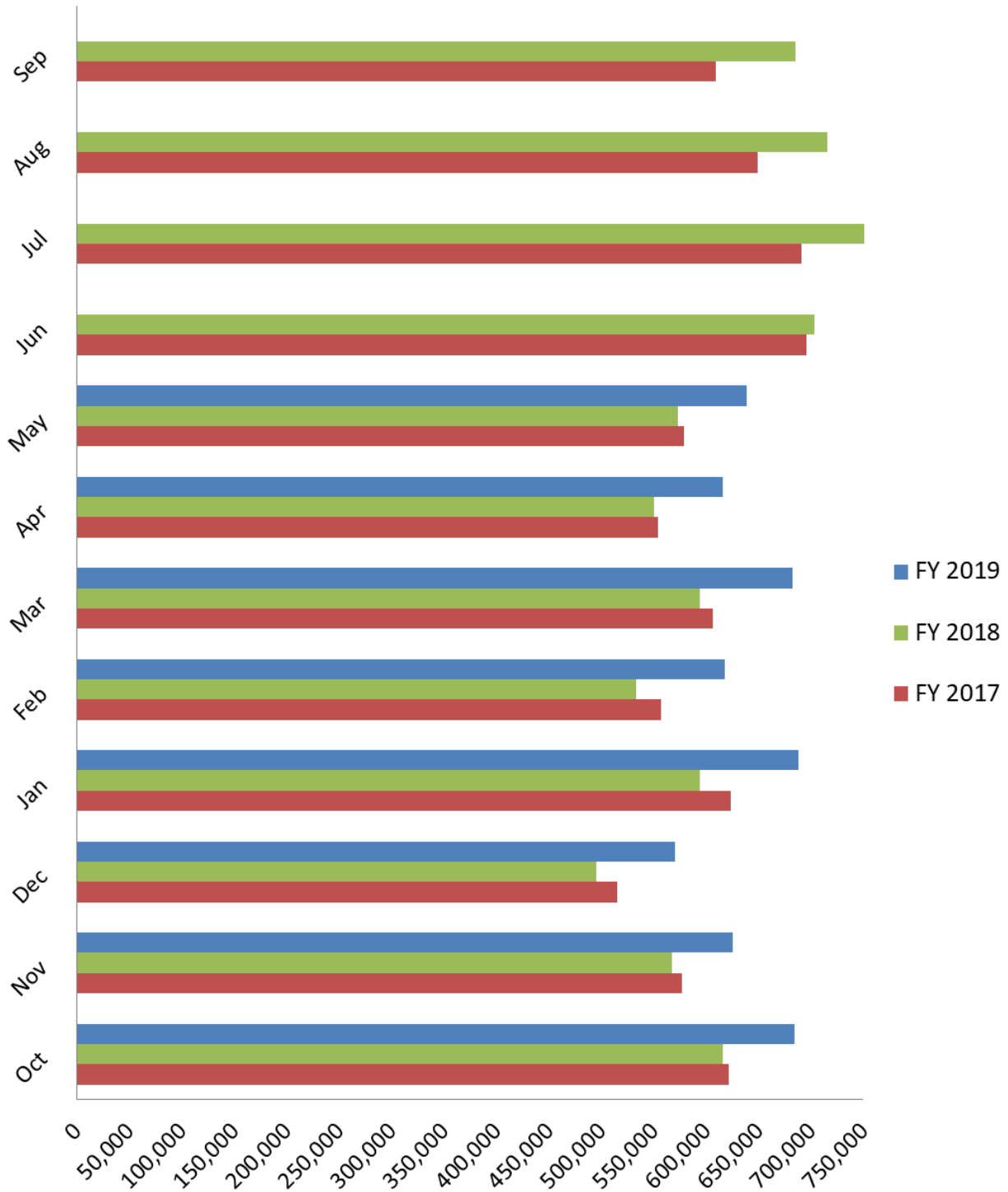
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May 2019 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	49	27	7	15	399	127	125	147
Brook Hollow	49	8	5	36	1,835	64	38	1,733
Carver	27	13	4	10	348	115	32	201
Central	125	13	93	19	1,553	279	770	504
Cody	93	30	15	48	3,565	288	244	3,033
Collins Garden	31	5	2	24	414	33	21	360
Cortez	62	49	2	11	290	136	0	154
Encino	86	27	10	49	4,097	157	566	3,374
Forest Hills	43	17	0	26	917	106	0	811
Great Northwest	45	6	5	34	2,302	46	131	2,125
Guerra	59	18	10	31	1,704	250	192	1,262
Igo	64	28	13	23	2,487	337	456	1,694
Johnston	41	6	9	26	2,270	78	376	1,816
Landa	61	6	31	24	991	48	90	853
Las Palmas	29	18	2	9	1,850	170	1,500	180
Maverick	53	8	6	39	4,286	69	435	3,782
McCreless	21	5	6	10	284	23	51	210
Memorial	46	18	7	21	268	105	59	104
Mission	56	31	14	11	1,138	399	499	240
Pan American	43	21	8	14	443	242	88	113
Parman	78	33	5	40	2,060	376	14	1,670
Potranco	46	11	0	35	2,074	277	0	1,797
Pruitt	62	17	22	23	1,751	221	670	860
San Pedro	21	1	0	20	427	1	0	426
Schaefer	48	14	12	22	1,263	107	640	516
Semmes	8	1	1	6	304	142	4	158
Thousand Oaks	20	7	5	8	298	44	24	230
Tobin	71	10	16	46	6,018	171	762	5,085
Westfall	43	19	11	13	334	88	87	159
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	79	0	0	79	1,992	0	0	1,651
TOTAL	1,558	383	321	771	47,962	4,499	7,874	35,248

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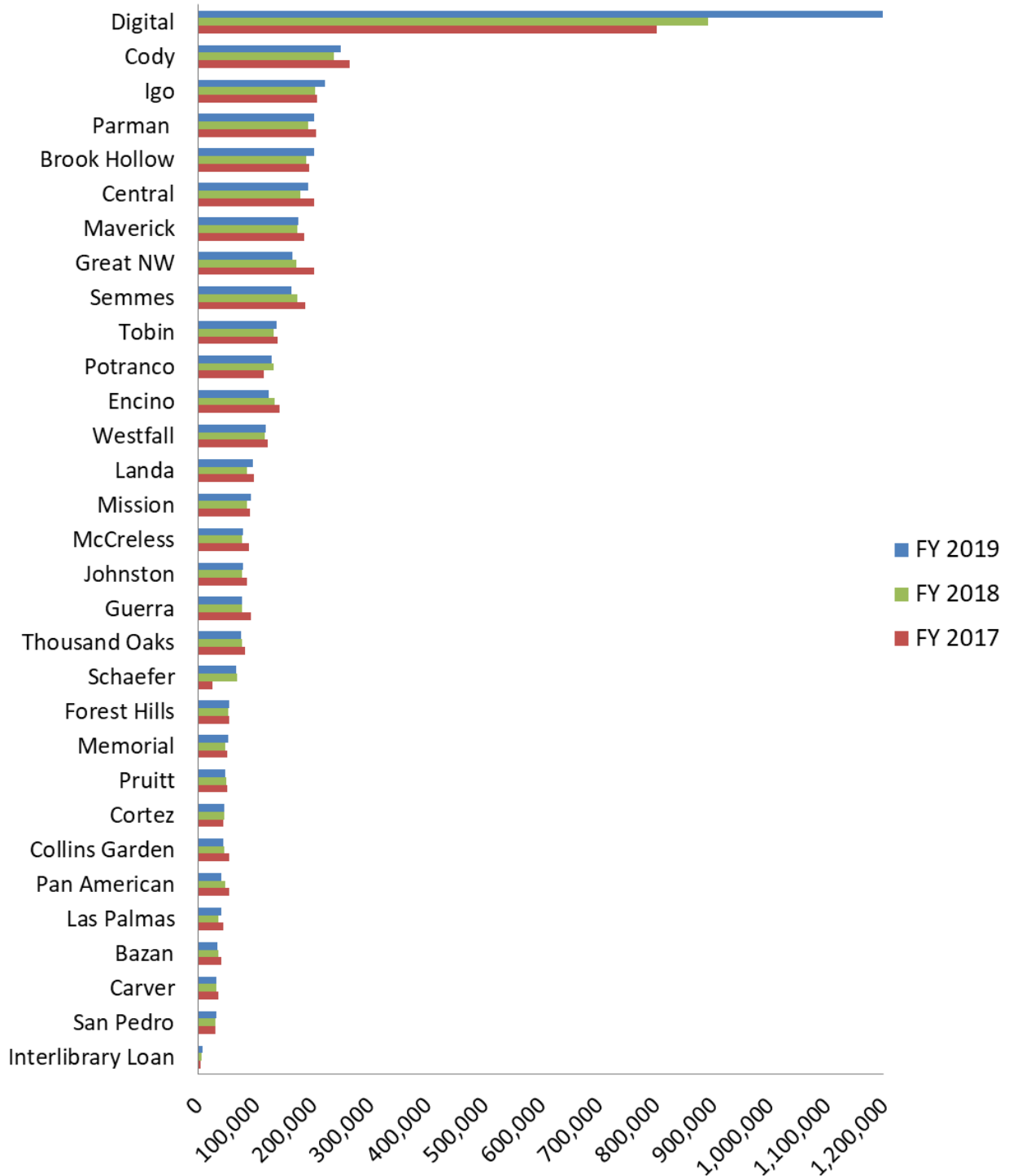
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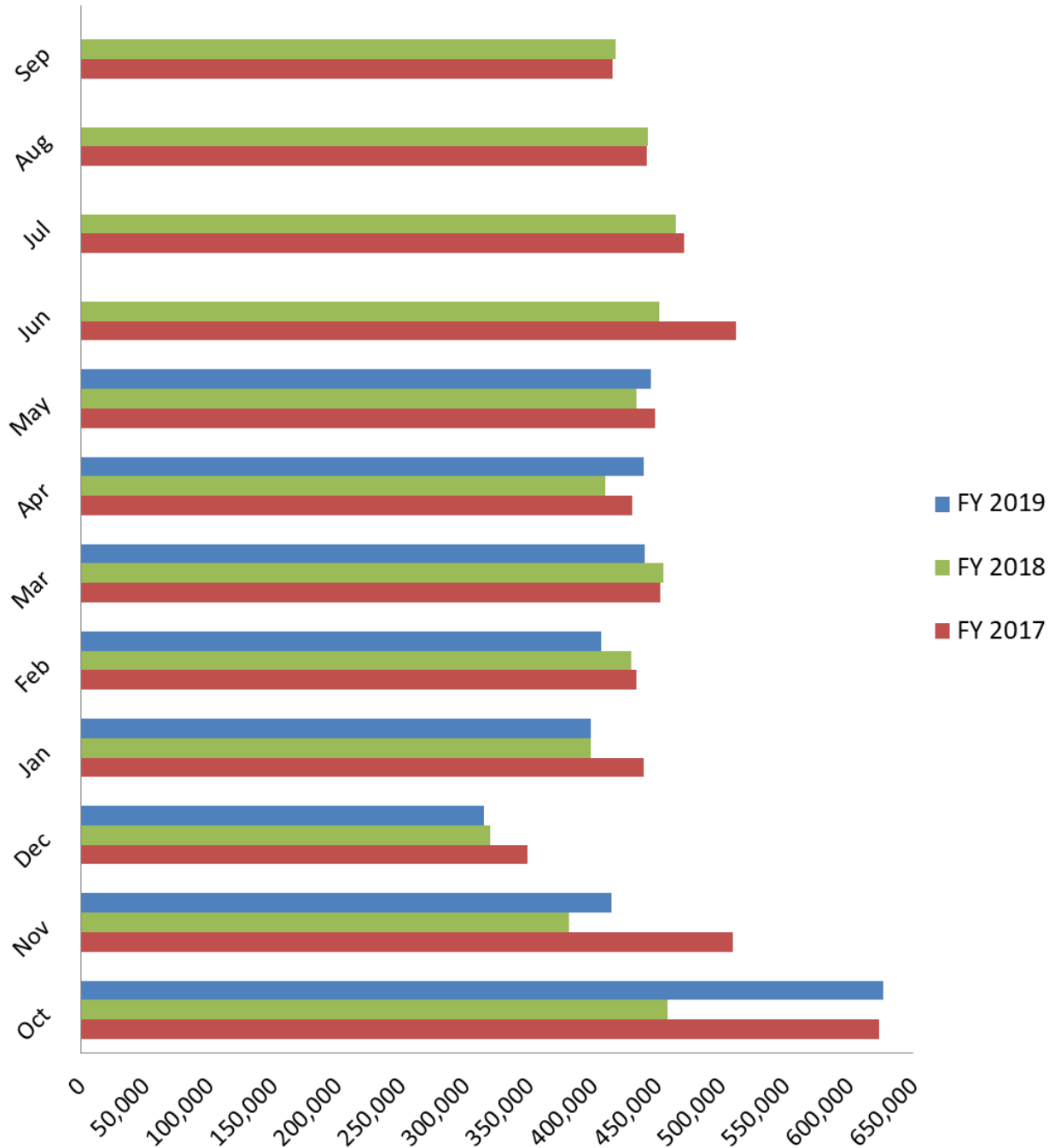
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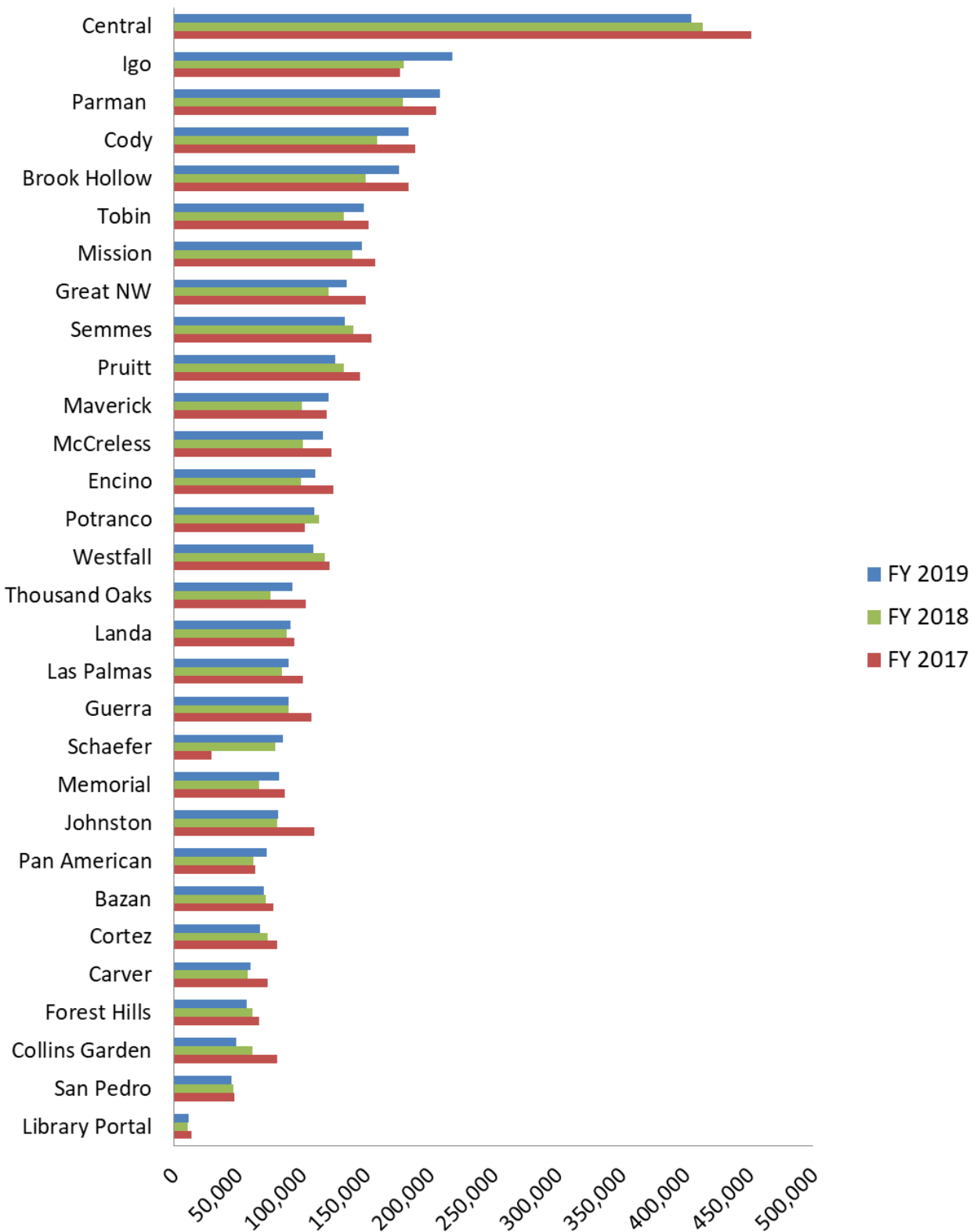
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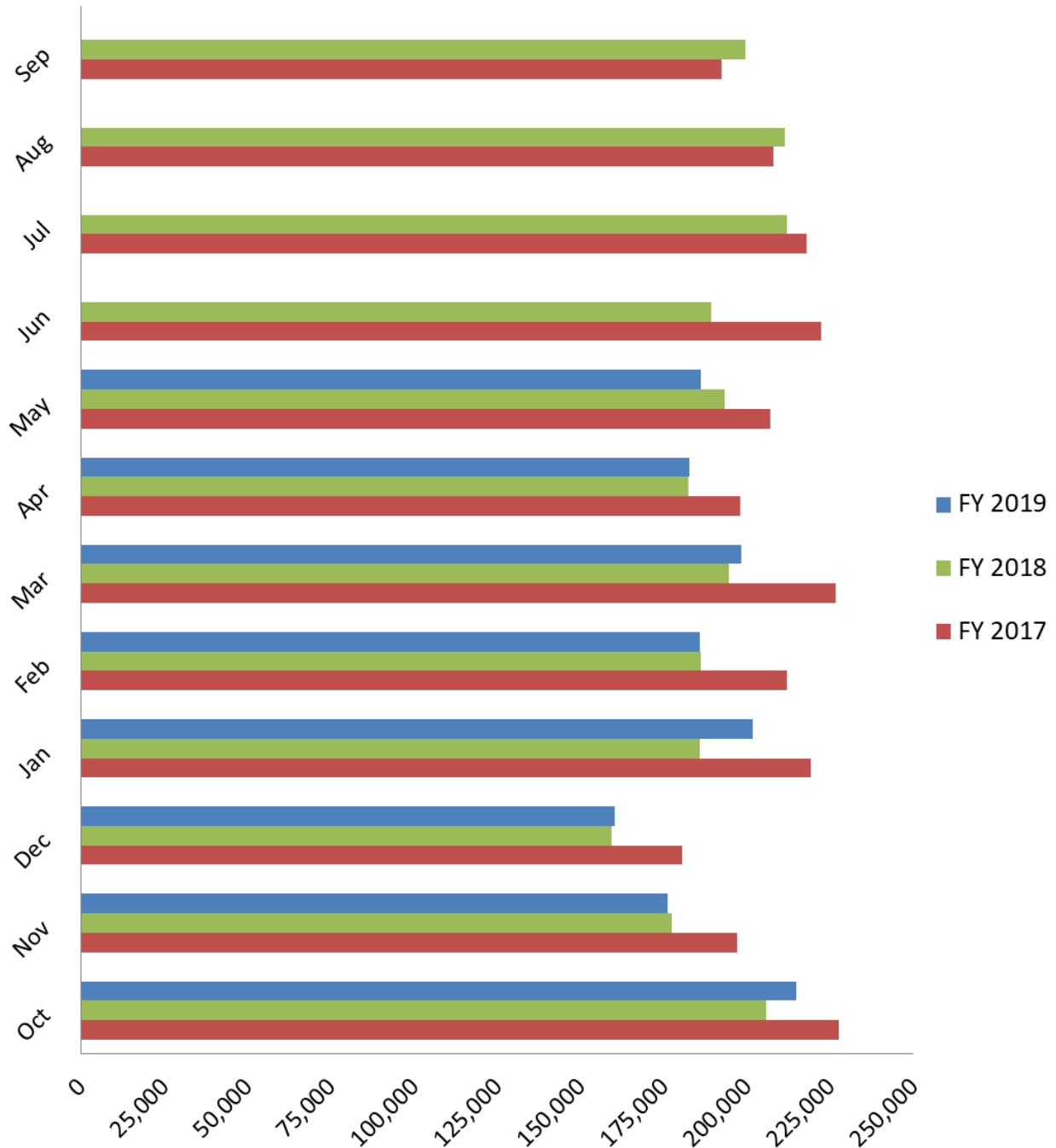
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



* 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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