



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report July 2019

San Antonio Public Library celebrated National Dance Day with a free Latin dance workshop presented by Semeney Dance Company. Patrons enjoyed Latin music and learned basic Latin dance moves at SAPL's Central Library.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



On July 14, 2019, Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan attended the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library to provide an update regarding the planned improvements to the Forest Hills Branch Library as part of the City of San Antonio 2017 Bond Program.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar accepted an invitation to speak to the Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association on August 1, 2019 regarding planned improvements to the Memorial Branch Library. The Memorial Branch Library is a project in the City of San Antonio 2017 Bond Program.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with the Las Palmas Neighborhood Association on Saturday, August 17, 2019 to provide information regarding the planned improvements to the Las Palmas Branch Library as part of the City of San Antonio 2017 Bond Program.



Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with new City Councilmembers to share information about the Library System and branch libraries in their respective council districts. Mr. Salazar met with City Councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia, representing District 4 on Monday, August 19, 2019; City Councilmember Cabello Havrda, representing District 6 on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and Councilmember Andrews-Sullivan, representing District 2, on Friday, August 23, 2019.



The Central Library Parking Garage, a facility operated by partner department, the Center City Development and Operations (CCDO) Department has experienced an increased demand for parking. The Central Library Parking Garage is a public parking garage despite the appearance that it is a dedicated parking garage for the Central Library. The challenge for both CCDO and the Library to find a healthy balance between providing parking to support the Library's operations (Library patrons and Library Staff) and serving as a public parking garage.

Library Administration has been actively engaged with leadership within CCDO to identify new policies to implement at the garage. In particular, CCDO is tapering parking in the garage in the morning hours to help ensure the garage is not at capacity at 9 a.m., which will allow traffic in the garage to flow throughout the day and provide parking for staff arriving for an evening shift. Tapering allows CCDO staff to closely control who enters the garage, particularly in the morning hours, to leave some empty spaces. A noticeable positive difference in availability of parking spaces has been realized since implementation of new policies.

Additionally, CCDO has assigned a Parking Ambassador to the Garage, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking Ambassadors are representatives of CCDO and provide full customer support to anyone in the parking garage. Additionally, the hours of Contract Security in the Garage have increased.



San Antonio Public Library and Harlandale Independent School District (ISD) are partnering with OverDrive to enhance access to digital reading materials for students. Both entities utilize OverDrive as the primary platform to provide access to e-content. The Library's entire OverDrive catalog will be available to Harlandale ISD students through the school district's mobile app utilized to access e-content. This seamless approach will eliminate the need for Harlandale students to transition between the Library's e-content app (Libby) and the school district's e-content app (SORA) and expands the availability of titles to students.

MARKETING



Top media hits for the past month:

- The Express News published an article on how “Public Libraries can cure Summer Slide” on Tuesday, July 16th featuring San Antonio Public Library. This article highlighted the Library’s Summer Reading program along with the resources we have available.
- During this reporting period, the SAPL Marketing team secured media coverage with leading news stations including KSAT12, Fox 29, News 4 WOAI, KENS5 and Univision.
 - 7/18/19 KSAT-SA Live feature promoting Summer Reading at SAPL
 - 7/18/19 Univision interview promoting Summer Reading at SAPL (Spanish speaking audience)
 - 7/25/19 News 4 Interview to promote LCRC’s National Dance Day program
 - 7/26/19 News 4 Interview to promote LCRC’s National Dance Day program
 - 7/26/19 Fox 29 Interview to promote LCRC’s National Dance Day program
 - 8/1/19 News 4 Interview promoting Game Night for Grown-Ups at Central Library event
 - 8/5/19 KENS 5 – Great Day SA interview promoting Explore Opera for Kids events throughout Library locations





The design team completed a wide range of materials to promote library programs, including the Nature Smart Libraries program (in partnership with Parks and Recreation), Human Library 2019, the annual Rock the Plaza teen event, activities for Hispanic Heritage Month, and other events across all library locations.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media following base grew by 350 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 15,931 times.

Social Media statistics for the month:

- Facebook: 18,152 fans
- Twitter: 4,758 followers
- Instagram: 3,856 followers

DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess successfully completed the City's Project Management training and received her SCRUM Master Certification on July 23.



On July 27, Ms. Hess set up reading stations in the Kampmann Portal to support the Briscoe Western Art Museum's National Day of the Cowboy celebration. Over 50 visitors took advantage of the Kampmann's western themed children collection.



On July 29, Assistant Director for Public Services Dale McNeill, Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek and Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana met with BiblioTech Director Laura Cole and Digital Equity and Strategic Technologies Librarian Elizabeth McArthur. The group discussed maintaining complementary digital collections.



Mr. Spana presented an update about the BiblioCore discovery layer to the monthly branch managers meeting at the Las Palmas library on August 1. Managers learned about new initiatives to promote readers advisory and grow social networks in the discovery layer.



During August 6 – 8, Digital Services staff attended training from SirsiDynix on using the Circulation, Cataloging, and Reports modules of the Library's new Symphony ILS. These training sessions were designed to train key staff member so that they can in turn conduct training sessions for the rest of the system.

LITTLE READ WAGON



Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

With some districts already back in session, requests for parent workshops are starting to fill the calendar. Some partner organizations plan for the entire year, asking Little Read Wagon to commit to programs well into spring 2020.



Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens

This school year the first early literacy workshop for pregnant and parenting teens will be August 27. As has happened several times in recent years, some school districts have changed their approach to serving pregnant and parenting teens. Clair Larkin has already met with social workers and other staff members at some districts to ensure Little Read Wagon is able to continue serving teen parents within the new district structures.



Outreach Story Time Programs

Mary Grace Moreno completed a whirlwind round of story time programs along with distribution of summer reading certificates and vouchers for several child care centers. Megan Cruz, Clair Larkin, and Julia Lazarin also served centers with story time and/or summer reading program certificates.



Play & Learn

Play & Learn at Martin Luther King Park concluded July 30. Park reservations for the coming year have been approved and the Little Read Wagon team is looking forward to using some new parks in different areas of town. Play & Learn participants have proven they do not mind playing in the rain, so the team has included parks without a pavilion but with lots of shade.



Workshops for Professionals

The first “Make Way for Play” workshop was presented August 8 to staff members of Navarro Learning Center. This group usually requests training during their staff development week and always provides helpful feedback on this first presentation of the new workshop for the year. An exciting element of the new workshop is time for attendees to play with open-ended materials. This play time encourages adults to contemplate their own play experiences as well as those of the children.



Building Connections

Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Huff had a table and play dough activity at Hemisfair Park’s August 10 Inclusion Saturday. While the event was not heavily attended, the play dough table had families around it almost continuously and Ms. Lazarin was able to make new connections within the Autism and special needs community.

Ms. Moreno and Roxanne Arredondo represented the San Antonio Public Library at Alamo Workforce Solutions’ Parent Symposium. The Symposium, held at Education Service Center Region 20, drew just a handful of parents. But, Ms. Moreno and Ms. Arredondo were able to mingle with other vendors while parents were in break-out sessions.



System-wide Support

Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Huff assisted Rozanna Bennett with her SummerFest event at McCreless Branch Library. The meeting room was transformed with a black light mini golf course, ring toss, and bowling. Little Read Wagon loaned out tables and a sensory bin stand for Brook Hollow Branch Library’s SummerFest event. Thousand Oaks Branch Library borrowed several puppets and a few reading tents for their SummerFest.

The Little Read Wagon team said good bye to three staff members this month. Ms. Santiago returned to classroom teaching. Ms. Moreno obtained full-time employment supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. Ms. Arredondo will be completing her clinical teaching semester. The team wishes all of them the best of luck!

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Children's Programs

Summer Reading programming is done, but children are able to return their reading logs for a certificate and prize book through August 31. Congratulations to the Children's Librarians and their teams for exceeding the goal of 3% increased program completion! SummerFest celebrations were held system-wide with much appreciated support from Whataburger in the form of cookies and fruit chews.

While many Children's Librarians took a well-deserved vacation in early August, planning and preparing for fall is underway. Staff members have put in requests for supplies and signed up for several system-wide programming opportunities. Skyscraper Day is a new option for exploring architecture and engineering. Playdough Day is a perennial favorite. Some locations will offer a Big Bugs program to coincide with the exhibit at the Botanical Gardens. The Grocery Store Play & Learn kit is just about complete and ready for demonstration at the next Children's Services meeting.



Special Performers

Opera San Antonio presented four "Explore Opera for Kids!" programs at the Mission, Pruitt, Central, and Guerra libraries. The performances were well-attended and library staff members shared positive feedback along with hopes to continue the partnership. Tom Kinsey is scheduled to present several Learn Nature programs this fall. Jorge Ochoa will facilitate several TamboRhythms drum circles in the next few months.



Community Outreach

Cresencia Huff joined Amisarahi Sarabia and Mary Fernandez for the morning shift of the YMCA Thingamajig at Hawthorne Academy. Olivia Escovedo and Robin Alcorta relieved Ms. Huff and Ms. Fernandez for the afternoon.

Project Transformation Rio Texas invited the San Antonio Public Library to their three Family Fun Night events, all held July 24. Children who attended day camps at the three sites participated in the Summer Reading Program. Ann Laird, Robin Alcorta, and Viki Ash (volunteer) ensured SAPL was well-represented with rocket crafts and Summer Reading certificates and vouchers for children who finished the program.

Ms. Huff represented SAPL at the ReachSA Back to School Jam on August 3. The event was exceptionally well-organized and drew a very large crowd. Viki Ash and Frank Rodriguez (Forest Hills) joined Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Services) at the August 17 District 7 Community Fair.



Professional Learning

Although Children's Services team members did not meet this month, they have been given some resources for ongoing professional development based on interests they expressed. Team members have been referred to resources for making flannel board stories and invited to the special November 9 Make Way for Play workshop with Little Read Wagon. Several Children's Librarians will attend the annual Congress on Children hosted in September by Voices for Children.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Teen Summer Reading Program—Teen Summer 2019 increased in registration from the previous year by 44%! Teens received a free t-shirt for completing the program, which consisted of reading eight books or attending eight library programs, or a combination of the two.

The Teen End-of-Summer Party took place at the Central Library on Friday, August 9. The party was entirely planned and executed by Christian (with help from the Teen Library “regulars”), the Teen Library’s



summer intern through the City’s Summer Youth Employment program. Christian demonstrated leadership skills by creating and working within a budget, delegating duties, making decisions on a catering order, decorating and setting up the room, making sure things ran smoothly during the event, and cleaning up afterward. The teens had a great time DJ-ing, dancing, hanging out with friends and playing games.



Teen Arts Fest—the Teen Arts Fest committee meets regularly throughout the year to plan the upcoming event. The members are: J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Georgina Garcia (Teen Services Librarian II, Bazan), Ciana Flores (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Cindy Cruz (Teen Services Librarian I, Schaefer), Julia Pouliot (Teen Services Librarian II, Encino) Stephanie Vazquez (Adult Services Librarian II, Great Northwest), Michelangelo Sosa (Circulation Attendant, Memorial), and Cassie Garza (Library Assistant, Pan American).



J.D. Elizondo met with local artist, Alex Rubio from Blue Star Contemporary Arts, to discuss participation in the upcoming annual Teen Arts Fest at the Central Library. Alex will be representing Mosaic as well as coaching one of the Teen Arts Fest Art Slam Competition’s

participants. J.D. also met with Belinda Menchaca, the Education Director at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, to discuss the Guadalupe's role in both Rock the Plaza and Teen Arts Fest at the Central Library. The Guadalupe will kick off Rock the Plaza with a 15-minute mariachi performance, as well as having a showcase featuring mariachi and dance at Teen Arts Fest.



FSA / SA Works Summer Interns—On August 8, Teen Services staff at the locations of the San Antonio Public Library that participated in the Summer Youth Employment program were invited to a celebration dinner at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The event was a collaboration among the Family Service Association, SA Works and the City's Ambassador Internship Program and celebrated the hard work and accomplishments of the teen interns. Teen Services staff from Central, Bazan and Memorial were honored to join their respective teen interns (and their families) at this event. In attendance were Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Georgina Garcia (Assistant Manager, Bazan), Michelangelo Sosa (Circulation Attendant/Teen Liaison, Memorial), and Maria Gonzales (Manager, Bazan).



Fiesta Youth Partnership—Over the past few months, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Erica Alcocer (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth) met various times to discuss the Fall 2019 partnership programming initiative between Teen Services and Fiesta Youth. The annual series of once-a-month programs will be offered September through December at various locations throughout the city.



Off-Site Service—several off-site service opportunities are being planned for Fall 2019 by the Teen Services Conventions & Outreach Workgroup. Upcoming opportunities include conventions such as San Japan and NerdvanaCon as well as National Coming Out Day. Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) is working closely with Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) and Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) to incorporate and activate the VROOM! Van at these events.

Ami Sarabia (Teen Services Outreach Specialist) attended a YMCA event on July 17, along with Cresencia Huff (Interim Coordinator of Children's Services). Ami provided information to teens about the SAPL's Teen Summer Reading Program and provided button-making supplies for teens to make buttons.

On August 7, Ami was invited to visit Legacy High School to staff a table with information about SAPL resources for teens heading back to school. She also talked to teens about volunteer opportunities at the library.

Teen Services was invited to attend the SAHA Back 2 School Bash event on August 8 at the Plaza Guadalupe. Ami Sarabia drove the Teen Library's VROOM! Van out to the plaza and spoke to teens and their parents about SAPL services for teens.

On August 16, Ami Sarabia and Emily Young (Teen Services Librarian I, Mission Library) visited the new CAST Med High School to talk to 150 students about SAPL services and resources, focusing on teen programming, SAPL's databases, and volunteer service opportunities. The students were also given library card applications.

Ami drove the VROOM! Van on August 17 to the Gilbert Garza Community Center for the District 7 Back to School Fair. Teen Services, along with Children's Services, handed out SAPL backpacks, pouches, pens and pencils. Parents were also given information about SAPL's online tutoring services.



Professional Development—The Teen Services Librarian/Liaison meeting took place in the Teen Library @ Central on August 14. Meeting minutes are posted on the Teen Staff Web.

Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) received an Innovation COREterly Award for his work on the Teen Services Web and connecting Teen Services workgroups through Slack. Loaiza is extremely honored to be selected for this award and is excited to continue working on streamlining the way Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons communicate and work together.

Matthew continues to represent the San Antonio Public Library in this year's Alexander Briseño Leadership Development Program (ABLDP) and attended his third class session on August 16. As part of the Arts & Culture Action Team for the program, Loaiza and his team are developing a community impact project that will affect how San Antonians interact with arts and culture in the city.

During the reporting period, Matthew served on an interview panel for a Librarian I (Teen Services) as well as a Librarian II (Teen Services) position.



System-wide Support—J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continues to participate as a host on the SAPL podcast *Tuned in*. J.D. is scheduling featured Teen Arts Fest artist, Rachel Kamata, for a podcast interview. Ms. Kamata is also setting up an exhibit of hers at Great Northwest Library with assistance from Stephanie Vazquez (Assistant Manager, Great Northwest) and Veronica Buendia (Library Assistant PT, Great Northwest). Having "Featured" artists through Teen Arts Fest is a way of promoting the event year round, as well as developing the young artists. The featured artists are past winners of Teen Arts Fest-adjudicated art shows or art slam artists.

Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) filled in at branches that have Teen Services Librarian vacancies. On July 22 and 29, Ami facilitated the teen programming at the Tobin Branch Library. Teens made lemonade and rice crispy treats and played Avengers Uno. Ami also facilitated weekly teen programming at Potranco Branch Library on July 26, and August 2 and 3. On August 14, Ami assisted Elissa Vura (Teen Liaison, Brook Hollow) for the weekly teen program at Brook Hollow Library. Teens made mug cakes and played video and board games.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Game Night for Grownups drew 225 adults to celebrate the end of Summer Reading after hours at the Central Library. Activities included glow in the dark miniature golf in the stacks, video and board gaming, virtual reality experiences, giant games, face painting, photo op, and minute to win it games. A moon walk competition was held and refreshments were available all night. In addition, over 30 people participated in a spelling bee. The audience was very supportive of the participants, and the winners took home trophies. The evening was a great success due to the number of staff from throughout the system who helped plan and run the event. Prior to the evening, Haley Holmes appeared on WOAI to promote the night. The news anchors took part in competing against each other with minute to win it games Haley supplied.



Emily Flores, Training Officer at Bazan Library's Learn at SAPL, was asked to be the guest speaker at a recent Naturalization Ceremony at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Center. There were 62 individuals becoming citizens, hailing from 26 different countries, and at least 250 individuals in attendance. Ms. Flores enjoyed the experience saying, "It felt very hopeful and everyone was so happy. I really felt honored to be a part of it." She also received a letter from the San Antonio District Director thanking her for her participation citing parts of her speech and saying, "You spoke of libraries as the cornerstone of democracy and the generosity of spirit exhibited by immigrants, both themes that resonated with the audience."



This summer's Mayor's Summer Reading Club for adults with the theme of Over the Moon concluded by selecting twenty five of the over 1,100 individuals who completed the club to win grand prizes. Each of these twenty five winners was elated to be selected and expressed gratitude for the library's services and programs as well as the customer service that they receive when visiting their local library branches. One winner in particular who won a messenger bag was delighted to use her prize on her regular visits to her local branch which would allow her to check out more items.



This month, San Antonio Public Library was excited to announce that Charlaine Harris will be a featured author at PopCon 2020. Harris is a New York Times Best Selling author who is best known for her Sookie Stackhouse series of vampire mysteries. This series of books became more popular when HBO created the TV series True Blood based on the main character Sookie Stackhouse. The Library and PopCon committee is thrilled that Ms. Harris will be joining an already stellar line up of authors and speakers for next year's event, as this announcement has generated significant public interest.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN



The Central Children's department wrapped up the summer fun this year with a Summerfest party planned and presented by Librarians Ashley Stubbs and Olivia Escovedo. The luau-themed event featured tropical crafts and sweet treats. Families enjoyed the sensory experiences of a water and sand beach scene and homemade play dough with plastic sea creatures. Children took dives "underwater" by crawling under a table draped with blue fabric and "swimming" with the sea life dangling underneath. Babies played in an plastic pool full of sea creature puppets. Families snapped pictures with the cardboard surf board photo op and enjoyed this fun end of summer event!



The Central Children's department was thrilled to host a special visit from the San Antonio Opera. Four professional singers performed famous selections for an audience of families with children of all ages. One parent thanked the performers and the Library, saying, "What a great way to show my daughter why we should be going to the public library."



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin concluded her popular *Toddler Time* summer programs with a Bedtime & Bath Time theme. After hearing some bedtime stories, children bathed baby dolls in soapy water. Recreating the nighttime ritual is a developmentally important activity. They played in a sensory bin filled with dyed blue rice and rubber ducks in another bath time simulation. At the end of the session, the children tucked the animal puppets and baby dolls into bed and said goodnight. Ms. Seglin continued her biweekly focus on Loose Parts – the emerging early literacy play experience gaining traction with early childhood educators. She focused on loose parts from nature, providing the toddlers

with leaves, flowers, sticks and rocks to play with in open ended exploration. She also brought in potted plants for a Plant Petting Zoo! Finally, children worked together to create a nature collaborative art collage on the wall using contact paper, clippings from garden magazines and real leaves and flowers.



Librarian Ashley Stubbs presented *Play & Learn* programs for young children, including one all about colors. She arranged the Story Room around color centers, so that toddlers could immerse themselves in different hues. Children played with boats in the blue area and nature materials in the green area. They each crafted rainbow bracelets to take home as well. The final *Play & Learn* of the summer was all about motor skills and sensory experiences. Children practiced their fine motor skills by “rescuing” plastic animals taped to the table. Gross motor skills were developed with tunnel play and the senses were engaged in the music area. The group also enjoyed discovering crystal stones hidden inside play dough.



Librarian Olivia Escovedo hosted *Kids Time*, the weekend family event. She presented a creative experience for children based on the *Mayor's Summer Reading Program's* Over the Moon theme. Children were tasked with developing the skills that an astronaut would need to be fit for space by going through an obstacle course. They tested their lungs by blowing bubbles, jumped over a marked spot on the floor, crawled through a tunnel on their hands and knees, ran around cones, held a yoga pose and lifted pretend weights. This type of active story time was a huge hit with families.



Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez presented the all ages *Family Fun* program. Families enjoyed the monster theme in which the kids listened to stories before creating their own monsters using colored coffee filters, pipe cleaners, and googly eyes. They also engaged their imagination in the dramatic play area where they played with monster puppets inside a “monster’s cave.” The children continued using their building skills with cup building and dug their fingers into slime. In the last *Family Fun* of the summer, children learned about artist Vincent Van Gogh. They took inspiration from his art as well as images of the cosmos to create their own art in watercolor and collaborated on a space scene while their art dried.



Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Escovedo represented SAPL at Thingamajig, the YMCA's STEM celebration. They interacted with hundreds of children who stopped by the SAPL table to sign up for the *Mayor's Summer Reading Program* and test their engineering skills with a massive Straws & Connectors activity the librarians facilitated.



Ms. Stubbs continued to craft book displays for the department. The “Lets BEE Friends” picture book display featured a cute bee image and highlighted books of different types of friendships. Her “Reading Lifts You Up” display promoted books about vacations, field trips & adventures to different places.



Ms. Seglin continued her summer outreach visits. She shared books and songs with children at Madison Square Child Development Center on two separate occasions. She also conducted her final story time at Temple Beth El CreativKids Summer Day Camp. The camp coordinators sent her a letter thanking her for her visits, which enriched their program and were enjoyed by all the children.



Ms. Escovedo attended the Transgender 101 training, where attendees were taught how to better understand the transgender community and how to create an inclusive environment to help promote gender equity.



The Central Children's department staff celebrated the end of summer programming with an 80's themed staff meeting and luncheon. They reflected over the successes and challenges of the summer and celebrated each other's contributions throughout the season. The team building event was a wonderful bonding experience.

TEENS



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

J.D. and Ciana Flores (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) have arranged for musicians, Tai Lee and Ariel Corin, to perform at the annual Rock the Plaza event at the Central Library, as well as the following dance troops: Providence Progressions, The Antonian Silver Stars, and Echo Effect. Current teens from the Eclectic Electric program are set to perform at Rock the Plaza as well.

J.D. and Providence High School Librarian, Lynette Baker, are working on the second year of hosting the Providence Page Turners Book Club in the Teen Library @ Central. Ms. Baker informed J.D. that the school's class trip to the SAPL for the book club was listed as one of the girls' favorite things from last year's events.



J.D.'s Girl Scout Gold Star project advisee, Morgan Crowley, has installed her art project which consists of five large mosaics made of recycled plastic bottle caps and similar items in the Teen Library. The art will also be displayed in the installation gallery during the upcoming Teen Arts Fest event at the Central Library. Morgan seeks to educate people about recycling with her Gold Star Award project via an artistic interaction.



Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager): The Hero has finally arrived to "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" and as expected, teens are already trying to become masters of his skillset. Because the Hero has more moves than any other fighter in the game and includes some new types of playing, he has quickly become a teen favorite. An update to the game also brought new features, such as timed Final Smash meters, which has forced teens to make adjustments to their strategies. "King of Tokyo," a board game where teens play as mutant monsters, gigantic robots, and strange aliens in order to become the one and only King of Tokyo, has also captured the attention of



teens recently. With cards that give your characters special abilities such as a second head, teens love the absurd and fast-paced nature of the gameplay and it fits right at home with “Unstable Unicorns,” another teen-favorite game.



Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teen Summer continued with teens engaging in some encouraging socialization and positive activities, and expressing themselves creatively. Teens asked to have a Bob Ross painting party, and the result was amazing. On July 18, teens painted happy little trees and ate happy little snacks as they watched a Bob Ross episode. They decorated the Teen Library for the party and had a great time.

During the reporting period, teens made taco cupcakes and cupcake soap, tie dye totes and pancakes, pencil wafers and bead sprites, a Harry Potter party (another one!), and had a movie night featuring one of the biggest superhero blockbusters ever.

After most craft and cooking sessions, teens engaged in some open play using Teen Library’s variety of games, including Twister, Uno, and Catchphrase. Teens also take the opportunity to spend independent time using the recording studio or the lab. Teens can also request video game systems to engage in some friendly competition. Pictures from Thursday craft times 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 Roy Maas and other community centers made regular visits during the reporting period.

REFERENCE



In July, Librarian Lorin Flores hosted the second Cinema Terrible event at Central. The featured movie, *Who Killed Captain Alex?* is the first Ugandan DIY action film. It is considered an endearingly bad movie and a cultural document that has been shown at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ms. Flores contacted the studio for permission to show the film. The filmmakers responded in the affirmative and offered to come to the Library’s screening as part of an upcoming multi-city Texas tour. The studio’s producer and actor, Alan Ssali Hofmanis came to the screening along with props, art, costumes, and amazing commentary on filmmaking in Uganda. Before the screening, Mr. Hofmanis held an open Q & A session for the interested audience. After the screening, Mr. Hofmanis called director, Isaac Nabwana in Uganda via Skype so attendees could ask the director questions. The reaction from the audience was very enthusiastic and positive. One teen was able to tell Mr Nabwana how inspired he was by *Who Killed Captain Alex?*



At the end of July, Reference staff assisted the LCRC Manager organize a National Dance Day celebration with Semeneya, a local dance studio. Dancers, Julia and Janice as well as Semeneya CEO, Lee Rios taught the many attendees how to do basic Latin steps and how to lead or follow. People of all ages, from toddlers and teens to abuelitas learned how to merengue and cha-cha-cha.



Reference staff hosted two films in July for the Adult Summer Reading: Over the Moon movie series. The first film, *Passengers*, is a fictional drama of travelers aboard a spaceship transporting them to a new life on another planet. The trip takes a deadly turn when two of the passenger's hibernation pods mysteriously wake them ninety years before they reach their destination. The audience was mesmerized by the romantic action thriller. The second film, *The Fifth Element*, is a cult classic that takes place in the twenty-third century. Visually rich and inventive with futuristic cityscapes and eccentric characters galore, *The Fifth Element* is the story of a world where life as we know it is threatened by the arrival of a great evil. Only the fifth element can stop the evil from extinguishing life. Attendees enjoyed the over the top take on good versus evil with alien beings coming to the rescue.



To celebrate and promote this year's Summer Reading theme: Over the Moon, the San Antonio Public Library sponsored, *Central Library's Lunar Landing at Cosmic Mayhem*. Organized by Reference Librarians Vicky Villalobos and Ms. Flores, this offsite event offered attendees eighteen and up an out-of-this-world experience with blacklight mini golf, arcade games and virtual reality. Attendees enjoyed an evening of refreshments and fun and also took the opportunity to register for Summer Reading.



In late July Reference staff hosted *Acrylic Painting: Dawn & Dusk Over the Moon*. The event was designed to supplement the Adult Summer Reading Program. Soothing music played in the background while the instructor, Ms. Mensinkai shared painting tips and techniques. The attendees enjoyed expressing themselves creatively at the Library and were extremely grateful for the program.



August saw the wrap up of the Adult Summer Reading Program with *Game Night for Grown-ups*. Reference Librarians Ms. Flores and Ms. Villalobos contributed to the planning and implementation of the event. Attendees enjoyed pizza and other refreshments while playing a variety of games including board games, virtual reality, and miniature golf. Participants competed in a Moonwalk contest and a spelling bee and happy winners were awarded trophies for their skill and knowledge.





The success of this year's Summer Reading was due to the varied contributions of multiple staff. Reference staff was in the Lobby to greet patrons and encourage participation in the Summer Program. Other staff counted slips of paper, shared artistic skills, or suggested innovative ways to help patrons participate to the fullest. Reluctant readers were encouraged and a renewed interest in what the Library can offer to the community developed. 573 adults registered for Summer Reading and with 629 T-Shirt entries that is over 600 times that Central patrons completed a book or attended a SAPL program.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On Wednesday, July 23 the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted an author talk with introducing the Book, "How to Love a Country", accompanied by a short discussion with author Richard Blanco. Approximately 25 community members attended this Meet the Author program.



On Thursday, July 24, the Latino Collection and Resource Center partnered with the Macondo Writer's Workshop to present their annual Faculty Reading. The event drew over 100 attendees and was covered by the Rivard Report.



On Saturday, July 27, the Latino Collection and Resource Center presented a Celebration of National Dance Day that drew 100 attendees. Participants received an hour long introductory Salsa class with long-standing dance instructors from Semeneya.



On Saturday, August 3, the Latino Collection and Resource Center hosted an author talk with Carlos Nicolas Flores and Holly Dykstra introducing the Book, "Sex as a Political Condition".



On Saturday, August 17, the Latino Collection and Resource Center partnered with Gemini Ink and Flowersong Books to present a poetry showcase featuring Reyes Cardenas, Gris Munoz, Daniel Garcia Ordaz, Carolina Hinojosa-Cisneros, jo reyes-boitel, Eddie Vega and FSB Publisher Edward Vidaurre. Approximately 60 community members attended this program.

TEXANA / GENEALOGY



Librarian Matt DeWaelche presented the class *Using Census Records in Genealogical Research* on July 16 at the Kampmann Library Portal at the Briscoe Western Art Museum.



On August 3 Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted a tour of San Fernando Cemetery #1 for three members of the SAPLF L3 Altar Committee (Rebeca Barrera, Merri Gutierrez and Aida Canales). The Committee is planning a Texana-themed altar that will be displayed at the 2019 Catrina Ball. Their final design will highlight San Antonio's history by focusing on topics such as the Spanish Missions as well as some families with historic ties to the City.



Texana Librarians Andy Crews, Matt DeWaelche, Sylvia Reyna, and Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson, who are all Certified Archivists, attended the *2019 Joint Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the Council of State Archivists (CoSA)* in Austin, Texas on August 4-6 through support from 2019 Library Travel and Professional Development requests.



Assistant manager Deborah Countess attended a cataloging training session August 7 on Symphony ILS, the new library management system from SirsiDynix. The session covered bibliographic and item record maintenance as well as the format for their cloud-based platform BLUEcloud.



On August 10, Ms. Countess hosted a genealogy class led by Frank Faulkner on how to begin researching the German side of your family tree. *Finding Your German Ancestors* focused on the types of records available to help a person get back to the area in Germany where their family originated from.



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

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The teen FSA and Joven interns at Bazan completed their end of summer project, turning the teen space into their version of the Upside Down from the Netflix hit series, *Stranger Things*. Daisy, one of Bazan's FSA interns, drew a life size version of the Demogorgon on a white board, welcoming teens into the space. The teens did an incredible job condensing the collection and opening up the space. Many patrons responded positively with the Teen Space. Georgina, along with two of her summer FSA interns, attended the Summer Internship Banquet at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, celebrating the interns' involvement with their respective employers.



Teen librarian Georgina Garcia hosted several well received teen programs in the month of July. Ms. Chinatsu Oku of The UTSA East Asia Institute stopped by to host one of her last programs with the teens at Bazan, making origami and rice balls. Library Assistant Enedina Prater surprised Chinatsu with cake and flowers that was kindly purchased by Bazan Friends President Anthony Prater. In the month of July, teens engaged in several crafty programs. Teens were thrilled to make tie-dye tote bags. The interns did a wonderful job making sure that the program ran smoothly by assisting teens adding dye, and making it a stress free experience for anyone new to tie-dying. Other programs included making glow in the dark moon t-shirts, and button making. The interns were very welcoming to teens participating with teen summer programming. It was rewarding seeing the interns show excitement teaching others how to play tabletop games, assisting staff with collection upkeep, and most importantly demonstrating a genuine investment with learning teens' names.



To conclude *Summer Reading*, Ms. Garcia, teamed up with Ms. Prater to host a Harry Potter themed party filled with come and go crafts, and an escape room titled *Escape to Hogwarts*. Ms. Garcia created all of the puzzles challenging Harry Potter fans and enthusiasts. The meeting room was converted into Harry Potter's bedroom filled with props and mood lighting. Participants responded with positive constructive criticism on the difficulty level of the puzzles, the structure and flow of the escape room, and the decor. Ms. Garcia hosted five sessions maxing out at eight people per session. Several photos were uploaded onto social media by Bazan staff advertising the program and showcasing the excitement from the participants.



Training Officer Emily Flores promoted SAPL services to newly naturalized American citizens as the keynote speaker at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Naturalization ceremony on July 19. There were 62 individuals becoming citizens, hailing from 26 different countries.



Nineteen individuals completed Learn at SAPL's Digital Certification Program's "Computer Basics" track. A finisher from the Cortez branch was the winner of a drawing held on August 16 for a Kindle device. The next drawing will be held at the end of the quarter.



Emily Flores began her 16 week, 48 hour citizenship class on August 9th. The group has many events planned along with the content covered, including a visit to the Institute for Texan Cultures (along with Bazan, Cortez and Westfall ESL students) and a tour of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services facility.



Mrs. Flores completed the NTEN course "Digital Literacy and Accessibility" on July 17. The class explored ways to integrate an equity lens into program planning.



During the summer Library Assistant Enedina brought back the Journaling and Planner program that was on hiatus. Journals, stencils and stickers were provided to patrons thanks to our Friends group who helped buy these items. This well received program led to the idea of starting a Snail Mail program that will be called Snail Mail Social Club where we celebrate the art of handwritten letters, postcards and having Pen Pals.



The Phases of the Moon program was very fun and a hit with patrons. A projector was set up to show how the t-shirts were made through The American Girl Channel on YouTube and played on a loop so patrons could see how the shirts could be made; several attendees did their own version which was great. The Bazan Friends kindly purchased the extra materials needed such as fabric paint, sponge brushes and other miscellaneous items needed.



In July, the Bad Girls Romance Book Club read Roomies by Christina Lauren. The book is actually written by two authors named Christina and Lauren who combined their names and have worked together on several novels as a duo/partnership. The club LOVED the book and after reading it learned that it is soon to be adapted into a film and produced by Jenna Dewan from Step Up fame and directed by Andy Fickman. Needless to say the romance club is excited!



The Alamo City Browncoats meeting at Bazan had a great Meet-N-Geek. The group showed Ready Player One to attendees in addition to providing refreshments. Several new patrons attended and a discussion was had about sci-fi after the film. The group also surprised the staff with cookies as a thank you for the partnership.



With t-shirts left over from the Phases of the Moon program and some extra ones purchased by the Bazan Friends, Library Assistant Enedina Prater hosted a team building workshop for staff in which they painted and created their own phases of the moon t-shirt. The staff listened to music, ate breakfast tacos, biscuits and partook in this creative outlet. It was truly a lot of fun and definitely added an extra bounce to their steps for the day. Staff hopes to continue to do more team building workshops similar to this.

BROOK HOLLOW



Brook Hollow continued hosting twelve weekly programs for the remainder of the summer. Early Literacy programming included: *Baby Time*, *Toddler Time*, *Toddler Two*, and *Story Time*. Attendance slowed slightly in July, but *Baby Time* and *Toddler Time* attendance continue to grow with new families joining weekly.



Kids Time and the *Juvenile Graphic Novel Book Club* programming focused on school-aged patrons. One young patron, who declared herself a future astronaut, came to every *Kids Time* program this summer to celebrate space and the moon landing! The *Juvenile Graphic Novel Book Club* also continued to attract the same children each week (and even a couple of teens!). Every week, the children enjoyed various activities including playing with robots, getting artistic with shaving cream, and making slime. Each week in July every one of the graphic novels that Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas brought in to showcase was checked out.



Still, the most popular events at the Brook Hollow library continued to be the performers. In July, *Happy Tails* brought their African animals including a baby lemur and a porcupine for the children to learn about and explore. For *SummerFest*, the *Astonishing Mr. Pitts* came to visit Brook Hollow with his puppets and magic tricks. Families enjoyed the show and then stayed for crafts and snacks arranged by Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas.



Overall, Brook Hollow hosted 109 children's programs between June 1 and August 2 with a grand total attendance of 4,669 patrons attending. In June alone, Brook Hollow increased program attendance by 87.6% when compared to June 2018. In July attendance increased by 61.7% between 2018 and 2019. Last year, Brook Hollow did not have a permanent Children's Librarian, but when the attendance statistics are compared to 2017, the increase in attendance was 28.9% for June and 59.8% for July. The biggest reasons for the increase in attendance was the inclusion of a kick-off party with a performer in June and the addition of more in-house family programming for all ages.



Brook Hollow teens are beginning to take ownership of the weekly *Teen Time* program. This month the branch has seen a core of regular teens, four of which are also volunteers that help set up and clean up. Many of the teens are also providing feedback on the types of programs they would like to have at the branch. Their feedback resulted in a *Star Wars* themed program in addition to the pre-planned *Toyko Night*. Brook Hollow teens also participated in some retro gaming and microwave baking this month.



On August 14, staff welcomed crafters for the second of the crochet program series, *Doubles and Trebles*. Participants learned how to perfect the double and treble crochet stitches. The program was led by Library Assistant Elissa Vura and Library Aide Emily Winkler with supplies provided by the Brook Hollow Friends of the Library.

CARVER



Summer audiences for children's story times were strong. For example, on July 26 Learning with Grace Daycare brought 40 youngsters and teachers. Books and Bibs Daycare arrived with 51 students and their teachers on July 31.



Carver Branch registered 338 children for its annual Summer Reading campaign. Ninety-four completed the program to receive a book as their award. Last year, Children's Braulia Carrillo registered 323 youngsters with 52 completing the program.



On August 3, the Carver Library partnered with Child Safe for a branch open house that attracted 95 children and their parents. Included were stories shared by Mrs. Carrillo and a brain flakes craft activity.

"Let's just say this summer was over the moon," Mrs. Carrillo said.



On Saturday, July 20, Carver's Teen Time group took a break from their weekly gaming fun for an ice cream party.

CODY



Cody hosted the Executive Book Club.



Cody also hosted several new groups:
Texas Public Policy Foundation which had over 90 guests.
Represent US SA which had over 75 guests.
TXDOT Hearing



Cody hosted its longstanding book clubs:
Friday Book, Cody Film, Friday Friends with Fiction, Friends of the Library, Cody Saturday Book Club, Cody Mystery Book Club, Winn Murin Book Club and Tamil Book Club.



In celebration of the summer reading program Cody hosted the following programs:
DIY Galaxy Tee Shirts
Dr. Cesare Grava, Research Scientist, from the Southwest Research Institute presented
Half a Century of Exploration of the Moon: The Lunar Exosphere which had a great turnout.



The following class was led by Adult Services Librarian, Marcella McGowan:
Ace That Interview



Earlier this month, the Texas Workforce Group held a Coping Skills Class at our location.



Cody welcomed, actor, Don Mathis, for a reading of Walt Whitman in celebration of his 200th birthday.



Cody was very happy to welcome back the following programs:

Ms. Kelly Wu presented ABC's of Medicare
Mr. Ramakrishnan Karunakaran presented Yoga for Beginners.

Teens Services



Cody's interns continued to bring friendly smiles and great help to the library! They created displays to promote the Young Adult fiction collection, helped with Summer Reading, shelved, checked items in, and more. The Cody Branch Library, and especially Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver, thanks them for their service this summer.



Teen Gaming provides teens with opportunities to hang out after school and play video, board, and card games. The addition of Oculus Go experiences has made Teen Gaming even more fun!



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 created their own sugar scrubs and bath bombs, ate delicious dirt cups, and tried out tie-dying! They also DIYed microwave popcorn and played round after round of Unstable Unicorns.



The Cody Chess Club continues to bring children and teens into the library each Tuesday for games and chess puzzles. Summer brought three new volunteers to help keep the many games running smoothly! Two will remain to help through the school year.

Children's Services

Director's Report – July 15th – August 18th



Baby Time and *Toddler Time* on July 15th were all about hats. Children read books and sang songs about hats. A favorite song of the day was the Silly Hat Song, where children pretended to wear a hat on silly places, such as on their elbow.



Later that day during *Tween Time* tweens learned how to make Galaxy Cupcakes. Tweens worked together to mix the cake batter, dye the batter different colors, and then baked the cupcakes. After the cupcakes baked, tweens made some homemade buttercream frosting and mixed in several different colors. Tweens decorated the cupcakes once they cooled.



On July 17th *Toddler*, *Two* and *Story Time* were all about the letter x. Children read books and sang songs about x-rays and boxes. Children during both programs used their imagination to play with shoe boxes and also traced their hands and used cotton swabs to make x-ray artwork.



During *Kid's Time* later that afternoon children learned about famous artist Vincent Van Gogh. Children viewed some of his famous artwork and then used watercolors to emulate his style.



The *Magik Theatre* visited the Cody Library on July 18th to put on a performance of their show inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk. Children and parents enjoyed this hilarious performance.



The *Lego Club* met on July 19th. Children worked in teams to build their own Lego castles. Children used the pieces creatively to create their castles.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited the USAA Child Development Center later that afternoon to read to five infant classrooms. Yourdon brought several favorite puppets to put on story times about animals. Many of the children were mesmerized by the puppets.



On July 20th children created name rockets during a passive *Come & Go Crafts* program. Children wrote one letter of their name on each square piece of construction paper and then glued the squares in a line to create a rocket.



Baby Time on July 22nd was about bath time! A favorite song of the day was the Wash your Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes song, where parents pretended to wash each body part as we sang along. *Toddler Time's* theme was gardening. Toddlers sang songs and read books about gardens and garden critters.



Later that afternoon during *Tween Time* the branch hosted a Guardians of the Galaxy party. Tweens made perler bead creations of Star Lord, Baby Groot, and Rocket Raccoon, competed in a trivia contest about the Marvel franchise, and decorated some cookies to look like galaxies.



Yourdon visited the USAA Child Development Center on July 23rd to read to their Summer Camp students. Yourdon read several chapters from *The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13* by Honest Lee to the students. This hilarious book kept children's attention and prompted a conversation about what the students would do if they won over a billion dollars.



Toddler, Two and *Story Time* on July 24th were all about the letter Y. Children read stories and sang songs about yawning, yoga, and saying yes! Children also learned some yoga poses to use during a song called Head, Shoulders, Yoga Pose.



Later that afternoon during *Kid's Time* children worked together to build structures out of Straws and Connectors and Brain Flakes that they would use if they were to live on the moon. After working individually to build their structures, children decided to work together to build the tallest tower out of Straws and Connectors. By working together, children were able to build a tower that reached to the ceiling!



Joe McDermott, a children's singer based out of Austin, visited the Cody Library on July 25th to put on a concert. Joe's songs incorporated a lot of movement. The children loved dancing to his songs.



On July 26th children gathered for the last *Lego Club* meeting of the summer. Children worked together in teams to build Lego pizzas!



During a *Come & Go Crafts* program on July 27th children created their own space-themed corner bookmarks.



Baby Time on July 29th was all about colors. Caregivers and children sang songs, completed fingerplays, and recited rhymes about colors. Afterwards Yourdon encouraged caregivers to point out the colors of toys and in the board books during playtime.



The theme for *Toddler Time* that same day was playing.



Later that day during *Tween Time* tweens competed in some Astronaut STEM challenges. Tweens built space landers and tested to see if their creation could keep a marshmallow safe when it was dropped from a height. Tweens tested their teamwork skills when they competed in teams of four to see if they could build a cup pyramid without using their hands. Finally, tweens built models of a space colony out of all recycled materials that would help humans survive on Mars.



Toddler, Two and *Story Time* on July 31st were all about the letter Z! Both programs focused on the word zoo. Children listened to stories and sang songs about going to the zoo. Afterwards, children created a zoo in the sensory bin with plastic animals and blocks and made torn paper zebra prints at the art station.



Later that afternoon children who attended the *Kid's Time* program created alien crafts. Children learned how to make blown paint aliens and created their own UFOs. One child made an extremely detailed UFO complete with furniture, a television, and a little alien creature.



Yourdon visited the USAA Child Development Center on August 1st to read to two classrooms of Kindergarten prep students. Yourdon shared books about the ocean. One of the classrooms Yourdon visited was currently studying the ocean, and the students taught Yourdon some sign language signs for ocean creatures.



Later that day the branch celebrated the end of Children's Summer Reading programs at the Cody Library with a *Star Wars Summer Fest* party. Children built their own droids out of paper, made Chewbacca puppets, created their own lightsabers out of recycled materials, competed in a Scavenger Hunt to locate R2D2, played a game of Empire bowling, had their faces painted by talented artist Library Assistant Angela Olivarez, and participated in a trivia contest.

COLLINS GARDEN









Adults CGL hosts monthly Adult Coloring and Coffee & a Movie featuring Mexican Cinema with classic & recent releases.






Children During summer 2019, CGL Lego Club continued to be a popular program. Thirty-five participants attended two Lego programs and Lego building models are displayed for public enjoyment in the CGL reference area. Summer Movies averages between 10-20 attendees on Thursday afternoons. Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted two in-house Kids Time programs featuring the SAPL summer reading theme **Over the Moon!** In July, families were delighted by the comedy antics of Pandorfus the clown and her clown friends including balloon sculptures and face painting with 70 attendees. On July 23, the branch hosted Happy Tails with a crowd of 110 people who learned about unique animals including, a cabybara, alpaca, lemur and a boa constructor. The Friends of Collins Garden Library generously funded these programs. Collins Garden Library hosted Summerfest to conclude the 2019 Summer Reading Program. Kids made moon rocks with play dough, glitter and built rockets with straws and connectors. Moon pies were supplied by the Friends of the Collins Garden

Library and Whataburger supplied the cookies. More than 300 children signed up for the annual SAPL CGL Summer Reading program! Eighty young people finished the program and received a free book.




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 video games, movies and create crafts. Ninety-five teens signed up for the Summer Reading program at CGL and there were 25 finishers.

CGL Outreach/Manager Happenings    Collins Garden Library continues weekly Library Family Game Night with various board games. Two chess sets are located on the library floor and attract patrons to learn to play chess. CGL Team continues to work with the Mays Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio just down the street from the library. CGL Manager met with the director of the Mays Club to coordinate future outreach “thinking outside the library building.”



   The Collins Garden Library Team hosted City of San Antonio (COSA) District 5 Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales Annual Back-to-School Backpack Drive Saturday, August 3, 2019. Donated backpacks were distributed to nearly 800 kids within the District 5 area by Councilwoman Gonzales's Office. Community organizations provided back-to-school information and San Antonio's UT Health offered immunizations. CGL Team worked diligently to assure branch was ready for COSA D5 Backpack Event. Branch was BLINGED OUT with a CGL TEAM school bus creation and back to school books have been on display since the end of July.

CGL Team worked successfully throughout the summer to promote, administer and provide summer reading rewards for kids, teens and adults. All 2019 Summer Reading Program CGL goals were met and exceeded 2018 numbers! **Kudos to the CGL Team for achieving summer reading goals for three years running.**

   Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies participated on a SAPL Interview Panel for a CGL Teen Librarian 11/Assistant Manager. The new teen librarian will work with the CGL Team to create a teen roadmap. CGL Manager volunteered representing SAPL at KLRN Public TV Blazing Gavel Event and described items up for auction during the station's annual fund drive; attended Texas Public Radio (TPR) Advisory Board meeting; gearing up to work with Ride for Reading San Antonio Bicycle Club in Fall following summer break.

CORTEZ



Planning continues for the big “Nature Smart Libraries” event on September 21 with more partners joining and more activities being planned for that day and for the months afterward. There were two meetings during this reporting period.



Amri Chapa, Summer Intern, did a wonderful job helping out at Cortez. She put in a total of 153 intern hours. She will be a senior this year at South San High School. The staff had a “thank you and goodbye” breakfast for her on August 7.



On August 12 construction started on the sidewalks, curbs, and wheelchair ramps along the Hunter Blvd side of the Branch. This project is through TCI and will result in better access and safety for library patrons and others.



The Branch staff continued brainstorming and spending the windfall amounts received from the Eduoard Foundation Equity Funds as well as the Organizational Health fund. This month the funding was used to purchase a tool kit and dustbuster to enhance Branch efficiency and cleanliness as well as crafting supplies for future programs.

Children's Programs



Toddler Time (Nicole Cubillas)

Toddlers and their caretakers heard more songs and stories on the themes of outer space and planet Earth, and the ocean. 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 solar system, the ocean, and starlight. They collaborated on arts and crafts, and participated in relevant challenges and competitions. They transferred their sprouting seeds to the library garden.



SummerFest (Nicole Cubillas)

Families celebrated the end of the Space-themed summer programming with paper rocket ships and lunar cycle spinners. They took photos in the “moon lander” on the green screen. Refreshments were provided.



Mornings with Mr. Rogers (Nicole Cubillas)

Children watched two episodes of Mr. Rogers and colored, played with blocks, and prepared easy paper crafts.

Teen Programs



Teen Time (Jo Ann Paredes)

Teen time had a couple attendees for July. In August the program took a break to prepare for the upcoming school year and to finish off any summer reading items. As of the end of summer reading in

July, Cortez had fifty-two sign-ups and eighteen finishers that received a teen t-shirt. This compares with thirty-nine registered in 2018.

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 end of July the crafting class did painting with Bob Ross. They followed along as they watched a video of Bob Ross doing one of his nature landscapes. In early August the class made trees out of air dry clay and the results were very interesting and creative with a lot of variety.



Quilter's Corner (Jo Ann Paredes)

Quilting class has had a drop in attendance. Whether or not the class will resume in the future will depend on attendance at the next class in August.



Monster Meet (Madeline Vasquez)

A good-sized crowd was treated to the film "They Live" on August 10. This popular monthly movie showing brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



Art Therapy (Madeline Vasquez)

On August 8, Ms. Vasquez taught patrons how to make magazine silhouette art out of paper magazine strips glued onto cardboard silhouette shapes, such as mermaids, fairies, animals, etc.



Live Webcast of Apollo 11 Anniversary (Raquel Rodriguez)

A live video from NASA was streamed on July 15 celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the moon landing. The video discussed how NASA and the astronauts successfully completed the mission.



Healthy Cooking Class (Vince Escobedo, Metro Health)

On July 18, Mr. Escobedo led the group in making fruit ceviche. Patrons helped prepare all the ingredients. After, Mr. Escobedo made the recipe and passed out free samples to all attendees.



Medicare 101 (Maria Lee)

Ms. Lee from Texas Medicare Solutions hosted a Medicare 101 program on August 15. She discussed who's eligible for Medicare, plan options, how much it costs and more.

Community Programs



Cortez Chess Club

Mr. Pacheco continues to lead our weekly chess club every Friday. He enthusiastically teaches attendees of all ages about chess. Chess sets are provided.



Alamo Colleges Mobile GO Van (Daniel Gomez, Ruth Prieto)

Alamo Colleges brought their Mobile GO Van to Cortez on August 6. They discussed major and career options, test prep resources, financial aid options and more. The LEARN Center also hosted a table informing patrons of how the LEARN Center could help with computer and testing resources.



Animated Lion King Movie Showing (Raquel Rodriguez)

To celebrate the live-action Lion King movie premiere, Cortez Library hosted the animated movie on July 19. Light refreshments were served.



Summer Art Exhibit (Sabrina Alfaro)

Local artist Sabrina Alfaro displayed her work at Cortez Library from June 15-August 15. There were five pieces on display throughout the building.



LEARN Center Activities (Daniel Gomez)

Patronage at the Cortez LEARN Center continues to increase. This reporting period (7/15-8/18) had a total of 192 patron visits, with an average of 8 patrons per day.

On August 6, the LEARN Center hosted an all-day education event. The Alamo Community Colleges Mobile GO Unit was stationed in the Cortez parking lot. Ruth Prieto, of Alamo Community Colleges, helped patrons to enroll in college and apply for financial aid. The number of visitors (31) exceeded expectations so a similar event will be held next semester. All visitors received free gifts. Representatives of Palo Alto's GED Program were also available inside the library to inform patrons about their program and scholarship opportunities. This marks the beginning of a partnership in which the Branch will refer GED seekers to them and they will refer their computer illiterate students to the Cortez LEARN Center.

The new LEARN Digital Inclusion certification program is proving successful. We have had 18 patrons enroll since its inception in May. Four patrons have completed the program and received certificates in Basic Computer Skills. Aurora Gloria started the program in late May. She was the first patron to enroll and was the first patron to receive her certificate. She started on a second certificate track immediately and has completed it as well. The LEARN Centers will have regular drawings for an Amazon Kindle for certificate receivers. The first drawing will be held August 15.

Several patrons have received jobs after utilizing the LEARN Center to write resumes and submit online applications. Lisa Lang found a call center job with CVS, Rodney Barona found a job as a phlebotomist with Genesis, and Carlos Cardenas found a job as a welder for a professional welding company. All have expressed great gratitude for having the LEARN center services available to them.

Elodia Maldonado, who has been using the LEARN Center to study since last year, received her GED in July. After raising five children she decided to dedicate herself to her goal of obtaining her GED. She doesn't want to stop learning and has enrolled in SAPLs Digital Inclusion certificate program.

Enrollment in the ESL Level 1 class has steadily increased. Since starting the class in mid-July with only three students, enrollment has now risen to 8 students.

ENCINO



Encino Library had a fun and successful Summer Reading season. Encino far surpassed last year's registration for SRP with over 700 kids registered this year and there was an increase in attendance at several different programs. Tweens Create, Kids Summer Movie, and Kids Time had the meeting room at capacity each week and Summer Splash was an innovative way to cool off at the library

with water balloons and fountain pools. Encino children closed out the Summer with a performance by Mad Science of Austin and San Antonio. Kids enjoyed being to participate in the show.



Lego Club has proven to be very successful this summer and the attendees have built some very imaginative creations that Encino puts on display in the Children's room until the next Lego Club meeting.



Judith Green of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department visited Encino and gave a very informative presentation on urban wildlife, which was well-attended.



The Encino teen room has been at its busiest during the last month of summer with teens coming to try out new crafts, videogames, and snacks, in watch a screening of a web-slinging superhero. *Teen Club* featured both Unicorn and Galaxy nights, as well as an end of summer party with pizza and button making. At a teen's suggestion, glittery, colorful slime was the craft for another program and teens were excited to bring their creations home with them. *Teen Anime Club* attendees got to munch on some exciting snacks this month, making their own candy sushi and ramen. Finally, teens were treated to a screening of Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse in our *Teen Screen* program. Teens were happy to root for Miles (aka the new Spider-man) while eating popcorn and popsicles.



Ms.Chinatsu Oku from UTSA's Japan Outreach Initiative visited Encino one last time durring her stay in San Antonio coming to *Teen Anime Club* with games, prizes, and supplies for making rice balls (Onigiri). Teens had a fun time molding the rice and trying seaweed toppings favored by Japanese school kids.



Encino continued to host its *Cosplay Sundays* series this month with sessions focused on Wigs and Makeup, Leatherworking, Budgeting for Cosplay, and Causeplaying for Charity. Teens and adults in attendance enjoyed learning new skills and tricks of the trade from veteran cosplayers.



Encino hosted The San Antonio Needlework Guild's World Embroidery Day to teach community members about the art of embroidery and engage younger audiences in a communal art form. While the attendance was small the interest from the community was encouraging. The Wednesday Hand Bee saw an upswing in attendance and new members joining.



Encino Assistant Manager Mark Hall has been assisting the staff at Tobin at Oakwell Library for July and August. His hard work and dedication to the CORE values of the City of San Antonio are greatly appreciated.



Libraries and Labyrinths had a steady and enthusiastic attendance for its Dungeons& Dragons gaming campaign. New characters were created and the quest continues! The Read It. Love It! Discuss It Adult Book Club engaged in an animated and lively discussion of the novel *My Year of Rest and Relaxation* with a record number attendance for the July meeting. We drew in 4 new members for this meeting!



Encino Library was a popular community meeting space for the area HOAs as well as entrepreneurs, tutors and students this summer. Our meeting room hosted 7 HOAs in the reporting period and our Collaborate space hosted 35 different groups. The branch also hosted 2 classes for the 2020 Census Training for the US Census Department. The instructors appreciated the library staff's helpfulness and professionalism and commended the library's location and cleanliness.

FOREST HILLS



Summer Reading was a success at Forest Hills; the branch surpassed the previous summer registration numbers. This summer there were a lot of children that used the library and were a part of summer programming. Staff developed relationship with children who were here for the summer and hope their visits continue throughout the year.



The attendees of Summerfest had a blast. There were snacks, homemade playdoh, and games. Children were able to make playdoh with Ms. Menchaca and then they had tools such as rollers and cookie cutters so that they could build. Ms. Menchaca also had a craft table with construction paper, markers, crayons, and various other art materials. Lastly, Ms. Menchaca had Legos available since they're always a big hit.



Storytime, Kids Time, Movie Time, Toddler Time, and Lego Builders continued up until the first week of August. Ms. Menchaca was able to include the newest Mo Willems book "The Pigeon Has to Go to School" in the last Storytime of the summer. The book deals with the fears and anxiety that children may face when going to school for the first time. Ms. Menchaca spoke to the children about the wonders of school since several of her regular story time attendees will be going to school for the first time.



Ms. Menchaca was accompanied Interim Children's Coordinator Cresencia Huff at the DoSeum KLRN Back to School Bash. Ms. Menchaca was delighted to speak to parents and children about the library and also helped children make a rocket out of paper and straws. Ms. Huff and Ms. Menchaca were kept very busy by the families eager to learn about the library. Everyone had a great time.



Ms. Menchaca created a "Back To School" display and the books literally flew off of the display. Children and parents, no doubt, are taking about going to school and how to prepare for that in the best way possible.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor hosted weekly programs for teens during the summer. Traditionally the summer events are the most well attended of the entire year. A few of the teens signed on as volunteers and hope to continue their library engagement throughout the school year.



The Needlework Guild meets at Forest Hills once a month. One of the guild members who meets here has arranged for a Square Dancing Demo in Oct and a holiday exhibit of needlework in our display case.



A new re-occurring group has joined us, the Seniors at Play (SIP). They are here every Mon and Wed, early afternoon. This is an acting workshop group for seniors aged 55 and over. The attendees are very active participants, and frequently request monologue books and play scripts from the library collection.



Adult Services Librarian Sandra Griffin hosted another well-attended ASR Program "Book Talk". This summer book club for adults read books provided by the National Library of Medicine throughout the summer. The patrons who've been attending really like the books, the discussion and chatting with each other.



Ms. Griffin also hosted another well attended DIY Workshop, this time, “Create a Charm Bracelet”. Patrons seem to enjoy these DIYs so much that there will be one planned for each month.

GREAT NORTHWEST



Great Northwest Branch Library is happy to announce the promotion of Stephanie Vazquez from Teen Services Librarian to Assistant Manager of the branch. The teens will be in great hands with Library Assistant Christina Martinez as Teen Services Liaison.



Summer Reading programs came to a close at Great Northwest Branch Library this month. The toddlers experienced a whole rainbow of colors through hands-on activities with their adults this summer during *Color Club*. Some families shared that they have made rice bins and playdough at home to continue the fun. After completing the summer reading log, the kids were asked to share their favorite books. Although many newer books were introduced this summer, Eric Carle is still the favorite with these little guys.



The *Magic Treehouse Club* program received a lot of praise. Many families looked forward to and enjoyed the afternoon at the library listening to the stories and participating in the various activities provided throughout the branch.



The singer and entertainer, Will Parker came for a couple of concerts at the library and filled the building with lots of singing and laughter on July 17. One of the biggest surprises for the families was the visit with the Jr. Doctor. The kids and adults learned all things S.T.E.M. One family was visiting from England and really wanted him to show his stuff to their school across the pond. He showed them how and why stuff blows up, how to make things fly, and even a bit of static electricity magic. It was a very exciting afternoon, and as one of the kids yelled, “The best ever!” Everyone agreed heartily.



The Great Northwest Branch Library received a visit from the Literacy Caravan thanks to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation on July 26. Families were able to visit the mobile classroom for an interactive family experience and a free book!



The *Fitness in the Park* series in partnership with the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department continued with *Mindfulness for Families* through July. On Mondays at 12 pm, families learned focused breathing exercises and light stretches. This program will return in September on Tuesdays at 10:30. In August, two *Fitness in the Park* programs were added on Mondays and Wednesdays: *Barre Fitness* and *Core (Abs) Training*. The programs will continue in September on Mondays only from 12 pm to 1:30 – perfect for a lunchtime workout!



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked together with teens in the community to plan and create teen programs for Great Northwest Library. Great Northwest Teens planned *Teen Craft & Movie Night* events for the Teen Summer Program in July and August. In July teens watched *Wall-E* and made googly eye crafts. On July 22 teens watched *Star Trek* and made rubber band rockets. On July 29 teens held an *End of Summer Glow in the Dark Party*. Teens watched the movie *Ender's Game* and made glow in the dark crafts. In August teens watched *Men In Black* and made alien perler bead crafts. On August 12 teens watched *Super 8* and made modeling clay aliens.



Great Northwest Teens meet every Wednesday afternoon during the summer for *Teen Video Gaming*. Teens have the opportunity during the summer to meet other teens who share a common interest in gaming and e-sports. Teens engage in some friendly competition on the Nintendo Switch, WiiU, or PS4. On July 31 teens held an *End of Summer Super Smash Bros. Video Game Tournament*. Teens competed against each other in a player versus player double elimination tournament for first, second, and third place.



On July 15 the Gardening Volunteers of South Texas taught patrons about plants that bloom at night in the *Moon Garden* program. Local artist Sheryll Putnam has graciously donated art in various mediums for display throughout the library. Visit to view her delightful painted rocks, mosaic glass on wood, and acrylic paintings throughout the branch.



The Friends of the Great Northwest Library hosted a *Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Party* on August 17. This annual party is hosted by the Friends to celebrate the work of staff and volunteers and all who attend look forward to this yearly tradition. Staff and volunteers share their experiences with each other and enjoy the lunch and refreshments generously provided by the Friends.



The Great Northwest Library is hosting two employees for the summer through a partnership with Workforce Solutions Alamo and The Rivercity Group. While at Great Northwest Library they have gained work experience and learned about library services with hands on experience serving the public.

IGO

Children's Services



July 27th was a busy day at the Igo Branch Library – the Friends of the Igo Library held a Book Sale in the meeting rooms, and the Branch hosted a Wizard World Birthday Bash as the end of summer celebration. The fun started two weeks before the event, when the branch began passing out wax-sealed invitations to patrons. Activities included a sorting ceremony, wand making, wizard-themed button and green screen photo stations, a Quidditch pitch, and classes in Potions, Divinations, Herbology. Last Chance Forever Owls came out again this year with 5 different owls for the Care of Magical Creatures Class. Over 300 people attended the event.

Summer programming for children came to a close with a visit from Tom Kinsey the Naturalist with his Learn Nature program. Families really enjoy his program, and Igo's two times allowed over 130 people to attend. One parent even stated that she was "no longer afraid of Texas" after seeing his program at another location a few years ago. The children enjoyed having an opportunity to view the animals up close and most of them were willing to touch the animals, also.

Teen Services



The library hosted a Galaxy Night for the teens on July 22. The teens could make nebula jars, galaxy bubble magnets, galaxy paintings and watch Star Wars. This was a well-attended event and the teens expressed interest in future events similar to this.



The teens were able to make a safe made from a book on July 22. Several teens who came to Galaxy Night attended this program and there were some new teens that came who saw it advertised.



July 31 marked the end of summer reading for teens so they were able to celebrate with board games, video games and they made ice cream sandwich cookies.

Senior Services



Elderberries observed the passing of summer with our annual “Maintain the Brain” activities with an Ice Cream social. In addition, Amita Priya Ahuja presented a program on a “Portrait of Oneself”. She taught Elderberries how to calm minds through meditation, light chair yoga exercises, and an art activity.

Adult Services

Currently, adult services of Igo branch facilitate six different books clubs.

- ❖ Dollars & Sense Book Club
- ❖ Mottled Oysters Book Club
- ❖ Romance Book Club
- ❖ Mystery Book Club
- ❖ Afternoon Book Club
- ❖ Club de Lectura en Espanol

GUERRA



The Guerra Chess Club met on Fridays--July 19 and 26 and August 2, 9, and 16. Children, teens, and adults get tips and training from community volunteer Ruben Lozano. Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson received her second EnCORE award from Library Director Ramiro Salazar on Friday, July 28. The Guerra Branch Library hosted the Adult Services meeting on August 15.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman provided literature and music outreach at the Careplex Adult Daycare Center on Wednesdays--July 17, 24, and 31. With other Employee Management Committee members, he attended a meeting on August 6. City Manager Eric Walsh briefed the group on the 2020 city budget. Dexter provided three public computer classes on July 30 and one class on August 7.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an adult coloring program on July 27. She held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on August 2. Participants discussed *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented three toddler times, three story times and two Kids Times. She hosted Family Movie times on July 16, 23 and 30 --- where children and their grownups enjoyed space themed movies. Free popcorn was served courtesy of the Guerra Friends group. Families enjoyed Come and Go crafts on July 16, 20, 21, 23 and 30 where they created summer themed crafts. On July 19, Arlene presented a camping themed story time to a school age summer camp from Marbach Christian Church Childcare Center. This was followed by a library tour and a browsing session for the group. Arlene, along with Julia Lazarin (Little Read Wagon) hosted an Autism Accessible Browsing Hour on July 20. Families impacted by autism were invited to this judgment-free, low lighting, sensory friendly hour. Children enjoyed the opportunity to make their own slime. On July 29, Arlene hosted a Lego Time for preschoolers from Temple of Praise Early Childhood Center. Children enjoyed building their own creations using Lego blocks. These creations are currently on display at the Guerra branch. Over the moon summer programming for children ended at Guerra with SummerFest on July 31. Children celebrated summer reading with galaxy cupcakes and flying space rockets. On August 5, Arlene served on an interview panel along with DL Grant and Carla Conrad to fill five Library Aide positions at

three branches. Tom Kinsey: Learn Nature entertained children and their grownups on August 6 --- children and their grown-ups got the opportunity to meet and learn about Randolph the baby snake, her big friend Racket, Sarah and Roseanne the playful rats, Teddy Toad, and more. Arlene presented two Play and Learn sessions: August 7 (*Brown Bear, Brown Bear*) and August 14 (*Barnyard Buddies*). Arlene attended Jubilee Westwood's Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Here she got the opportunity to meet the entire staff of the new neighboring school. On August 13, Arlene attended a committee meeting at the Central Library. This summer, OPERA San Antonio partnered with the San Antonio Public Library to host four special performances. On August 17, families at Guerra enjoyed one of these performances. The performance explored the beauty and magic of opera in a format designed for children and their families. Two Professional Singers presented on various aspects of the Opera and they both performed select arias from popular productions.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson moderated the Club de Lectura (Spanish book club) on July 25. They discussed *Sepultado con sus huesos* (Buried with his bones) by Jennifer Carrell. Stephen volunteered at the San Antonio Migrant Resource Center on July 26 and August 2. Being proficient in Spanish and French, Stephen was able to actively assist our city's efforts to assist migrants. For example, he interpreted for a Congolese lady who was being interviewed by a Raíces representative. Stephen recorded *No es mi culpa* (It's not my fault) by Nancy Calson for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on July 29. He presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on August 9 which emphasized Labor Day events. On August 10, he represented SAPL at the well-attended Adams Hill Elementary School back-to-school event along with staff from the Johnston and Potranco libraries.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on July 18 and 25 and August 1 and 8.



Circulation Attendant Abella Lazalde-Jimenez recorded "El Hombre Sabio y el Gato" ("The Wise Man and the Cat") from the book *Dulces Suenos* (*Sweet Dreams*) by Maria Maneru for Telecuentos (Dial-a-Story in Spanish) on July 15.



Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca continued to work on patron contested returns. She planned and presented Knit and Crochet programs on July 16 and 30, and a Quilting Bee program on July 20.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library wrapped up several ongoing events for the Summer Reading Program including the Movies over the Moon film screenings of *Despicable Me* on July 15, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* July 22 and *Capture the Flag* July 29. The last Teen Thursday Gaming Day was August 1.



On July 15, the library hosted a special NASA Live Webcast of Apollo 11's journey to the moon as the 50th Anniversary of the moon landing occurred on July 20. Johnston Branch Library supported the US Census efforts to train new employees by hosting several training sessions on August 9 and August 16. Johnston staff participated in several great Back to School events as invited by the City Council District 4 office. To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock, Johnston staff organized a "Remembering Woodstock" event on August 17 with a classic Volkswagen Beetle, rock painting, flower crowns, friendship bracelets, green screen photos with psychedelic backgrounds and a special screening of the Academy Award winning documentary of Woodstock performances. Staff and patrons came dressed up in their best tie dye outfits and flowers.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club Pride Month discussion of Dashka Slater's *The 57 Bus* on July 17. On August 8, Ms. Bustillo attended the School Library Journal Teen Live Virtual Summit. Ms. Bustillo participated in the Dress to Impress Committee of Adult Services

on August 15. On August 17 Ms. Bustillo and Central Reference Library Assistant Blanca-Silva Hernandez represented the Library at the District 4 Back to School event at CentroMed Berto Guerra Jr. Clinic.



Adult Librarian Cristine Mitchamore assisted patrons in experiencing Virtual Reality on July 31 using Oculus Go virtual reality headsets. On August 3 Ms. Mitchamore discussed the library's services and programs with attendees at a District 4 Back to School Event at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School. On August 3 Ms. Mitchamore helped at the system-wide end of Summer Reading Program for adults, Game Night for Grown-ups. On August 5 Ms. Mitchamore attended Reasonable Suspicion training. On August 12 Ms. Mitchamore attended a training titled, "Transgender 101".



The Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham hosted five Toddler Times and five Story Times based on the early learning concepts; opposites and the alphabet. 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. Kids Time had three Moon-themed events with a wide variety of crafts and activities using recycled materials. The Summer Tween Time Program was an Escape Room based on a space theme. Tweens searched and figured out clues to find the right combination to access the code for a successful mission. Johnston celebrated the Summer Reading Program with a Summerfest featuring storyteller, Miss Anastasia of the Twig Book Shop. The day also included constructing a moon lander, collaborating on a constellation art project, walking in the boot prints paths of 12 Astronauts who walked on the Moon and enjoying Rocket Pops for refreshments.



Library Aide Cynthia Blancas and Summer Intern Deborah Blancas hosted eight teen programs for the time period. On July 17, the theme for that day was "Tokyo Themed box" and the teens enjoyed watching an Anime movie along with making Ramen noodles with seaweed and bacon bits with Siracha sauce. Thursday Gaming Time continued from July 18 to August 1. For July 24, the teens enjoyed making different designs with Perler beads and painting rocks. On July 31, the teens continued making their creations with the Perler beads and played Board games and eating pretzels and candy for a snack. On August 7, Johnston hosted the End-of-Summer Reading Party for the teens with pizza, cookies and cake. The teens played a Monopoly and continued with Perler beads. On August 14, the teens enjoyed making omelets and smoothies as they learned healthy food choices. A new volunteer, Kaitlyn assisted with the teen program.



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 July 22, 2019: Codrilo by Roberto Aliaga. She also is presenting the Bilingual Children's Summer Reading Program, starting on Monday June 17 and ending on July 29, with bilingual sing-along songs and reading books for preschoolers and elementary school children. She also represented Johnston Branch Library at the Adams Hills Elementary School "Back to School" event on Saturday August 10.

LANDA

Children



Courtesy of the Friends of the library for Summerfest children enjoyed an "Alien stole my library book" puppet show performed by The Astonishing Mr. Pitts. Snacks and refreshments were provided.



Children's librarian Robin Alcorta signed up kids for Summer Reading at YMCA Thingamajig, awarded Summer Readers at Laurel Heights UMC, and welcomed back students to UPCC by sharing some favorite "Back to School" stories.



Children's librarian Robin Alcorta Attended Supercharged Story times Collaboration Event at the San Marcos Library. Seminar was focused on the unique ways story time is created and presented.

Teen



Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley continued collaborations with Landa teens to create many successful programs this month, which saw the end of their summer club. The group held two Movie & Craft nights, hosted another session of Pancake Art challenges, and created gorgeous galaxy jars thanks to a Teen Club volunteer's artistic know-how and peer leadership.



Landa gave a HUGE thank you to all the teen volunteers who continued to volunteer this month! They were crucial in maintaining the collection, leading teen club, helping sort SRP materials and so much more.

Adult



Landa celebrated the end of the Adult Summer Reading Program with over 150 adults registered. The t-shirts were very popular with those who were lucky enough to have their name drawn to receive one. Landa was privileged to have Dr. Cesare Grava, an astronomical engineer from the Southwest Research Institute, to present a program. He attracted a large audience.



Landa's adult book clubs continue to grow. The Mystery Book Club averages at least a dozen attendees each session. The Reader's Ink Club started out with one regular member at the time that Adult Program Librarian Karen Sebesta took it over about five years ago and it now boasts an average of ten at each meeting. Membership is inching up in both groups, thanks to word of mouth and the great advertising of Landa's circulation attendants. New members all say the same thing: it's the great group of members that attracts them.



The Mystery Book Club was saddened to learn of the death of member Fran Bickley who passed away suddenly in June. Fran loved the library and after her death, her daughter contacted Karen to tell her that she had requested that memorials in her name be sent to the San Antonio Public Library.



Many thanks to Robert Poole, a resident of The Village at the Incarnate Word, for taking over Karen's book club at that location while Karen was on vacation.



The volunteers at Landa have been very busy over the summer doing the many tasks required for getting items into and out of delivery crates as well as processing items for the book cellar. Both adult and teen volunteers have been very faithful and worked hard. Thanks to Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley for organizing and training the teen volunteers.

LAS PALMAS



Las Palmas is “Over the Moon” with Summer Reading. As the summer draws to a close, more than 380 children have signed up for Summer Reading at Las Palmas Library, and we’ve given away over 65 books to those who have finished the Mayor’s Summer Reading Challenge.



On Monday, July 15, the Las Palmas Library hosted *Happy Tails*, a program which presented exotic and domestic animals to children and their families. Some of the animals in the program were a macaw, a prairie dog, a boa constrictor, a kinkajou, and an Australian breaded dragon. *Happy Tails* was made possible with the support of the Friends of the Las Palmas Branch Library.



The Las Palmas Branch children and families have enjoyed *Summer Family Movies* each Tuesday. Families have come to see *Smallfoot*, *Spider-Man Homecoming*, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse*, the *LEGO Movie*, *Bumblebee*, *Ralph Breaks the Internet*, and the *Kid Who Would Be King*. Teen Librarian Connie Hejl and the teen volunteers have made the *Summer Family Movie* fun for the Las Palmas community.



On Monday, July 22, the Las Palmas Children’s Librarian Barbaraella Frazier ran a *Kid’s Time* program in which Tom Kinsey taught children about animals in and around San Antonio. Mr. Kinsey described over 90 types of snakes in Texas and taught children about adaptations, behaviors, and needs of different animals. But what the children and their adults really loved was interacting and touching different animals such as birds, toads, a brown and black rat, and snakes. This presentation was made possible with the support of the Friends of the Las Palmas Branch Library.



On July 29th and August 5th, the Las Palmas Branch hosted Space Themed Kid’s Time, where children learned about space and the US Space Program. They made fluffy “space” slime, the phases of the moon using Oreo cookies, and made their own moon face with puffy paint. The children also made their own UFO and alien to take home, and played with “Moon Dough”.



On Tuesday, July 30th, the Las Palmas Branch Library welcomed the *Latino Smithsonian Center* to Story-Time, whose “Young Ambassadors” read books, and played games and music with the children.



On Wednesday, July 31st, the Las Palmas Branch celebrated “*SummerFest: Come Fly With Me*” party to celebrate Summer Reading. More than 100 people came to the event; children and their families played board games and video games in the meeting room with Teen Librarian Connie Hejl. Children’s Librarian Barbaraella Frazier guided the children through crafts. Librarian Assistant Elvia Ramos and the volunteers distributed space themed snacks. There were also face-painting and balloon sculptures by clowns, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Las Palmas.

MAVERICK



The Ladies Choice Book Club met on July 27 and the Lady Mavs Book Club met on August 13. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group met on Sundays in July and August. The Maverick Writer's Group gathered on August 10 for its monthly meeting. In all, Maverick enrolled 171 adults for the Summer Reading program. Among the grand prize winners, Maverick was one of the branches to have a grand prize winner. Maverick has already contacted all its t-shirts weekly winners for the summer. Many of the customers expressed excitement with this year's graphic moon theme t-shirt!



Maverick hosted the Poets Power Hour program on July 20 which was a tremendous success! Fifteen poets from all over central Texas shared and read poetry. The engaging poets offered each other support, encouragement and exchanged laughter. The Maverick Chess Club met on July 22 and August 12.



Summer programming was a great success at Maverick Library! The month of July was even busier than June and programs for children were very well attended! On July 16, another popular "Gerald and Piggie" puppet show was performed by Library Aides Laura Lopez and Katy Camacho and Library Circulation Attendant, Eranni Perez for 102 attendees. On July 24, the Literacy Caravan, sponsored by the Library Foundation visited Maverick. Over 100 parents and children boarded the bus in a 2 hour time period. The children loved the early literacy activities and getting a free book! On July 31, our end of summer reading party, Summerfest, was an ice cream sundae party this year. Ms. Roberts thanks the Friends of the Maverick Library for funding both the Gerald and Piggie show crafts and food and also the ice cream and toppings for the 72 attendees of Summerfest. Last, but not least, Library Assistant, Mary Lou Bleichwehl conducted tween times, for ages 9-12 throughout the summer. Attendance was between 7-12 kids each session and most kids came every single week!



Ms. Roberts continues to weed Maverick's collection, focusing on Juvenile Non-Fiction and Juvenile Easy books during this time period. She thanks Maverick staff for their incredible teamwork with the "Over the Moon" summer reading program for children. As of August 10, Maverick had 986 children registered for the program and 453 finishers! Both are big increases from last year's numbers. Our bulletin board is overflowing with the names of the finishers on die-cut rockets.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated four Teen Time programs during the reporting period, assisted by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth. Maverick Teens enjoyed the programs generated by the Teen Services SRP work group (Fright Night and Galaxy Night). And the Teen Library Leadership Committee gave a nod to them by having Monopoly Night. Librarians I Marisa DeBow and Brian Douglas, from McCreless and Semmes respectively, loaned us several Monopoly games. Maverick Teens enjoyed playing the short version while watching Jumanji.



Ms. Bleichwehl continues to meet with the TLLC on Thursday afternoons. In addition to planning and implementing the programs this summer, they have refurbished our portable Teen Time Sign, and are making plans to rehab the Teen bulletin board.



Maverick Tweens enjoyed the weekly Tweens Only! Over the Moon Minute to Win It games. When polled about their favorite challenge this summer, the Tweens were tied between 'Hang Nail' – hanging 7 nails on a string, and Ping Tac Toe – in which the goal was to get 3 balls in a row, bouncing them the length of the table into large egg cartons.

McCRELESS



Children at the McCreless Branch Library enjoyed the recent Summerfest party on August 1. They played glow in the dark games such as golf, bowling, and a ring toss. Kids and their families had several craft opportunities as well. The Scholastic Literacy Van made an appearance. Families enjoyed learning about literacy activities they can do with their children.



Lego time continues to be a popular activity. An average of 15 children and their families show up to build awesome structures with the Legos, play Lego Dimensions, and enjoy a family friendly movie. Popcorn is always a big hit.



Teens had a Harry Potter Night where they made their own wands and golden snitches. They also enjoyed a Unicorn Night with a viewing of *The Last Unicorn*, while making Unicorn popcorn and unicorn masks. It was a magical night! Teens tie-dyed tote and drawstring bags and were excited to see each other's patterns and designed created by their rubber-banding techniques. During one Teen Time, the teens learned how to make bubble gum and fluffy slime. They also enjoyed an End-of-Summer Minute-to-Win-It Challenge & Pizza Party (courtesy of the awesome Friends group). The overall winner had first pick from the "treasure box" with all the teens earning a prize. Librarian DeBow checked out the Oculus Go from Teen Services for the teens and they have had a great time taking turns with the virtual reality experience.



The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommends by Katarina Bivald was the August book club selection. Sara and Amy are pen pals. Sara arrives in Broken Wheel, Iowa just as Amy's funeral guests are leaving. Townsfolk are very accepting and welcome Sara to their dilapidated little town. While visiting, Sara decides this little town needs a bookstore. There are plenty of empty storefronts on Main Street, plenty of books in Amy's house, and plenty of customers. The sweet story reminds readers about why they become booklovers.



Patrons at McCreless Branch Library celebrated National Moon Day and our Summer Reading Program by participating in a craft program for adults. The program was held on July 20. This program was a fun and creative crafting class that used flat glass beads, hot glue and mason jars to create luminary jars that light up when a tea candle or L.E.D. light is put inside of it. Patrons got very creative coloring the glass beads with magic markers to add color to their luminaries.

MEMORIAL

Children's Services



Children's librarian Christine Deffendall hosted a performance of the Magik Theatre's production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* on July 18. More than fifty people adults and children attended.



Mrs. Deffendall contributed to the Children's Services Blog with a review of *Bob, Not Bob!*, by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon.



Mrs. Deffendall also recorded the Dial-A-Story for July 15 and August 12. Her selections were *Something Smells!*, by Blake Liliane Hellman and *A Gift from Abuela*, by Cecilia Ruiz.



The branch celebrated Summerfest on August 1st. Mrs. Deffendall hosted the function that drew more than thirty patrons to enjoy hot dogs, chips, and cookies.



An impromptu showing of *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World* was held August 5. A group of seven children and three adults from the Children's Shelter came to borrow a laptop with the intent to watch the film. Circulation Attendant Michel Angelo Sosa decided that wasn't good enough, so he opened the meeting room and set up the projector.

Teen Services



Throughout the year up to the Summer, Teen Time stats have shown a dramatic improvement since last year with over 500% improvement on Teen registration and 32% completion rate making Memorial library the 3rd highest completion rate and 2nd highest percent change in the SAPL system.



We have been bringing more teens into Teen Time, however due to the beginning of Summer statistics have taken a dip. Teen liaison Michelangelo Sosa introduced a diversity of new programs to bring to the kids. They had ideas and suggestions of their own which Mr. Sosa was able to implement and execute. Mr. Sosa guided teens to clay modeling projects, tie dye night and competitive video games night. These programs were successful due to the leadership of the regular Summer teens. Mr. Sosa hosted was able to have a NXT Level presenter attend one of these meeting and successfully engage with Memorial teens.



Mr. Sosa hosted a small arts competition for Memorial teens and in collaboration with one of them. A space was setup in the Teen Corner where they were able to have access to 100% of supplies and to submit an original piece for a grand prize. We had 4 participants with judges from the Memorial High School and two from the SAPL system. Some pieces were quite good. Kudos to the Teens for their participation in the art competition.



Teen liaison Michelangelo Sosa taught a class entitled Basics of Web Design with HTML/CSS, where he took the class on an expedition of the different web technologies required to make a website live and to style the web interface to something digestible for the end user.



Teen liaison Michelangelo Sosa promoted the idea of hosting an intern from Family ServiceSA. Once an intern was assigned to the branch Mr. Sosa served as supervisor for intern Sarahi Alvizo. For seven weeks Miss Alvizo assisted Mr. Sosa with several teen projects. She also assisted the children's librarian with the Legos program.



In collaboration with the teens Mr. Sosa and intern Sarahi were able to revolutionize the look and feel of the teen corner and make it more personal. They both reorganized and removed faded shelving and wall decorations. They sorted the graphic novels to make them more convenient to browse

with a positive trend of circulation from the months before. The teens are working on one final thing before the school introduces itself in full swing. Mr. Sosa is directing teens to make a mural to summarize everything they have done in the past year and in the summer.

Adult Services



On July 15, the branch screened the film *Spaceballs* for summer reading. Librarian Freddy Hudson ensured patrons enjoyed the hilarious movie.



Librarian Freddy Hudson hosted a program for adults and kids and all had fun making marshmallow star constellations on July 18. They used marshmallows for the stars and connected them with toothpicks to create such constellations as Orion and the Big Dipper.



Mr. Hudson hosted a game of loteria on July 21. It was moon themed, with cards featuring space images and a presentation with facts about space. Patrons won free books and crochet items from the crochet club program as prizes.



Mr. Hudson hosted a very successful game night on July 23. Adults and kids played Jenga, Kerplunk, bowling, and a variety of other games, along with enjoying cotton candy. It was a fun time for everyone.



Librarian Freddy Hudson did outreach at the Bob Ross Senior Center. He promoted the resources at the library and helped a few people download and use the Libby app.



The branch under the direction of librarian Freddy Hudson hosted a resume/job skills workshop on August 5. It was led by John Horton, who volunteers at JSBC. He gave helpful tips on crafting an effective resume.



Michelangelo Sosa in collaboration with Mr. Hudson, led a program introducing patrons to basic web design, specifically HTML and CSS. They learned how to make a heading, create tags, and other functions.

Branch Services



The branch hosted the Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association and Loma Park Neighborhood Association meeting. Invited by Memorial Heights Neighborhood President Richard Garcia several speakers from community organizations presented their programs and goals for the community. Citizens also voiced concerns in regards to neighborhood issues. SAPL Director Ramiro Salazar was invited to speak in regards to the upcoming renovation of the Memorial branch. Mr. Salazar listened to their concerns and answered their questions regarding the time line on the renovation project. Community members were pleased with his attendance and the information he supplied.



Teen Liaison Michelangelo Sosa and branch manager Maria Gonzales attended the Summer Intern Celebration Banquet at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The banquet honored all the

contributions different organizations in the city of San Antonio and Bexar County have made to make the internship a successful program. Interns and their respective families were also invited to attend.



Circulation attendant Adam Capelo and librarian Christine Deffendall attended Transgender 101 Opportunity training.



Circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa attended the Active Shooter training.



The branch staff welcomed Library Aide Pristina Pinales to the branch by enjoying pan dulce and coffee before the days operations started.

MISSION

Community



Healthy Neighborhoods, a program to prevent childhood obesity in at risk children, initiated a partnership with SARA and the Picture Your World (a program of Green Space Alliance) to encourage low-income neighborhood children to explore the world of nature in the San Jose Mission Neighborhood. Through this work children participated in a nature walk and learned how to use digital cameras and used their skills in nature photography. Families with children as young as 6 years old participated and chose their favorite nature photos to be curated by the Healthy Neighborhood program for a photo exhibit at the Mission Branch Library.



Mission continues to have a presence offering its library services in the monthly Farmer's and Artesian Market at the Mission Marquee.



Mission Library had a presence at the Harvey E. Najim YMCA Family Fun Night Out.

Adult Services



Collaboration with Animal Care Services brought about a program entitled *Pet Care & Crafts* that stressed the importance of spaying and neutering pets, and brushed up on basic pet care. Following the presentation, 16 attendees learned how to make simple no-sew pet beds for shelter pets. 12 beds were made.



Cane Fu (formerly titled *Cane Chi*) continues to be offered as a unique approach to the physical well-being of adults and seniors. Self-defense practices are also touched upon in this progressive movement



The first Adult k-Pop program garnered 12 attendees; it will continue to be a monthly offering at Mission.



Mission continues to offer flexible, one-on-one Computer Basics sessions that are tailored to each individual's needs.

Teen Services



Registration for the *Teen Summer Program* increased 30% this summer at Mission Branch as compared to last summer.



Teens enjoyed a variety of activities in conjunction with the *Teen Summer Program* this month including video game tournaments, movie nights, and a cupcake decorating party.



As the school year commenced, teen librarian Emily Young took the opportunity to visit the newly opened CAST MED School and talk to each of the incoming ninth grade students about the teen programs offered at Mission Branch and the academic databases offered through the San Antonio Public Library system.

Children's Services



SA Opera program



Summerfest



Pokémon continues to be a highly attended and anticipated program.

PAN AMERICAN

The end of Summer as come but the heat continues to linger on. Pan American Branch Library has been serving up some hot programming to go along with this hot weather.



Library assistant Cassie Garza visited Gillette Elementary during their summer school program to promote summer reading. The school librarian reached out to schedule a visit and also included another school to attend as well. The visit was a huge hit and there was a following visit later in the week for summer reading finishers to receive their free book and certificate.



Ms. Garza held a Friendship night with the Pan American teen group. The teens planned and implemented this teen program by selecting the activities. First, teens had the opportunity to learn how to make friendship bracelets, personalized buttons and stickers. Then the teens showed each other how to make rice balls and finally the group took turns to selecting music videos on YouTube.



Ms. Garza facilitated a unique teen time. The teen group wanted to learn how to make bubble tea. Bubble tea is a drink with tapioca balls in the drink. Teens first had to cook the tapioca balls by boiling them for three to five minutes, then let them sit in a honey water mix to sweeten them. After all of that, teens then place the tapioca balls in a drink of their choice. Drinks offered were iced coffee and milk tea.



Ms. Garza facilitated the monthly teen gaming night. Teens were able to play the Nintendo Switch which included Mario Kart and Mario party games. A group of teens bring their own Nintendo Switch systems and challenge each other.



Ms. Garza held a very exciting program. The teen group was requesting to learn how to create their own plushies. Ms. Garza found an easy pattern and tutorial on YouTube. The plushies were made from fuzzy socks and were sewn using two basic stitches. Those teens that needed help with sewing were helped by Ms. Garza. Almost every teen participated and left with a completed plushie.



Ms. Garza continues to lead the Pokémon Champions group at the Pan American Library. During this program, several new participants arrived that were very interested in learning how to play the Pokémon trading card game. Two of the regular Pokémon Champions members stepped up and taught the new participants how to play.



Ms. Garza and the teen group participated in the teen's group favorite program DIY pin-back buttons. Teens were able to design, create and make their buttons. Each teen left with about 10-15 buttons that they created or designed. Teens also had the opportunity to make their own stickers.



Monday evenings were filled with activities for the children to create and build. Valerie Shelley, the Children's Librarian, had crafts related to the Over the Moon theme for the children every other week and Legos for them on the other weeks.



Toddler Time in July/August continued with Over the Moon themes. The children explored going into space to visit the moon and explored the solar system. They played in the cardboard rocketship made by our Teens. It was made for one child to go into the rocketship but frequently we saw 2-3 children enjoying dramatic play cooperatively in it.



Summer registration is slowing down but still available for sign up and completion awards. Toddler Time, Come and Go Crafts and Lego Club have been suspended for the last three weeks of August so that Valerie can plan for the fall events.



Librarian Steven Barrera hosted a double feature day and screened Jean Claude Van Dam movies Double Team and Bloodsport. This program for mature audiences featured light refreshments and a Jean Claude Van Dam paper doll craft.



Pan American continues to provide summer cold lunches in July/August three days a week. The attendance is very fluid. One day we will run out of food, the next day we have food left over. The number of people participating in August was smaller than previous months.



Librarian II, Adrian Leal, took the Pan American Branch mobile to the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. The Senior Center members continue to be very appreciative of SAPL for bringing services to their location.



Mr. Leal held a 1-on-1 Computer Training session with a patron. The patron was given a personalized training at their comfort level, and at a time that was convenient for their busy schedule.



Mr. Leal held an adult coloring class at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. The center's members are able to enjoy a relaxing and stress-free environment while coloring and listening to some good music.



Mr. Leal presented Adult Crafting – Tie Dyeing a Baseball Cap. Participants were able to tie dye a baseball cap. Participants enjoyed the crafting session and commented that they would love to see similar activities held at the Pan American Branch in the future.

PARMAN



Parman Library was very pleased that their experiment of having a one day book sale sponsored by the Friends of Parman Library was very successful. There was a high attendance of the event, which had on hand a high number of books available for the patrons to choose from.



The Summer Reading program at Parman Library was very successful, as the number of participants in the program was very high in all age categories. Children, teens and adults were very enthusiastic in getting involved in the many aspects of the program. Having on staff very enthusiastic and professional intern from the library school in Illinois was essential in our SRP success.



Parman Library was honored to host Rebecca Hoag and Robin Philbrinck the authors of the new book "Letters to Rose". The audience had an opportunity to hear a presentation given by Holocaust survivor Rose Williams, the woman the book is honoring. The event was enriched by live reading by students - authors of the letters. This touching event was well attended - the room was packed. Everyone was moved by the story and its impact on younger generations.



Parman Branch ended its Summer with its very own magic when it held its 2nd annual Parman Wizard's Festival. From 2-4 Wizards and Witches filled the library racing to get their Horcrux Scavenger Hunt completed so they might have a chance to enter Ollivander's Wand Shop run by magical shopkeeper Melissa Moser and receive their very own wand. After that, they were treated to a Potions class where prof. Nia and Ella Meissler taught the students of all ages how to make purple and green slime. Many wizards had the bravery to grab their broomsticks and play a rousing round of Quidditch with captain Katie, while others tested their memory and skill in a game of Harry Potter Trivia. The winners of which received a Harry Potter lunchbox. All wizards and muggles united were treated to Polyjuice Punch and even got to decorate a cookie with their house colors. The festival ended with a lively and colorful costume contest to see who put on their best for the day. The grand prize winner was a rather small witch decked out in owl feathers so she looked exactly like Hedwig.



Will Parker visited the Parman branch library to give a special performance that taught children of all ages how powerful your imagination can be. Adults and kids alike were asked to sing along as everyone pretended they were dragons, ants, ducks, and yes even cuddly cows. Everyone was encouraged to crawl around like caterpillars, flutter their wings like butterflies, and even do the insect limbo. This event, as well as the super popular Mad Science program, was possible thanks to the support of the Friends of the Parman Library.



Weekly Teen Time at Parman, hosted by the branch's Teen Librarian Chris Castillo, offered teens opportunities to use our resources on hand to fit teens' mercurial interests. This month, teens challenged each other in card games including Uno and Unstable Unicorns. Teens used their bodies to control video game characters on Parman's Xbox 360 Kinect platform. Through the creative writing technique known as Exquisite Corpse, invented by French surrealist artists, teens created poems and short stories. This language arts enhancing activity encourages teens to contribute collaboratively. Teens created functional fusible bead art and attached magnetic backings. They explored hand-eye coordination and spatial investigations through drawing utilizing our 3D Printing pens, which teens

discovered use biodegradable filament that smells like candy. Teens enthusiastically played our air hockey and foosball game tables. Teens created their own refreshing snow cone treats. Every week teens learn something new by doing something that may be new to them, even through something as simple as playing Uno for the first time and building peer-to-peer teaching skills. Teens help determine what we do moment-to-moment and they express what they want to do at next week's Teen Time. If a teen has never played Uno before, they teach the game to her.



Teen Librarian Mr. Castillo have initiated contact with the Reagan High School librarian Ms. Gudowski for possible outreach soon.



The Parman regular weekly adult events such as "Fitness in the Park," "Yarn, Needle and Hooks," and the "Alamo Woodcarvers" continue to have high turnouts. The new weekly program, Zumba is doing well and is beginning to form a core following as well.

POTRANCO

During this past reporting period, the I Heart Vinyl program has continued with its themeless, all-day (Sunday), virtual format. Information for a new turntable, a pair of speakers, and a disc washer has been submitted, in the hopes that the Potranco I Heart Vinyl program can return to its all-vinyl format. Wonderful new albums continue to grow the Potranco collection, so much that the branch will likely need more album bins to accommodate the numbers. Research has begun to find bins that will meet this imminent need.



Potranco continued its monthly meetings of the Potranco Book Club (PBC) moderated by Paschal Booker, Circulation Attendant. The August book selection was Lisa Brennan-Jobs' *Small Fry*, a memoir of the author's life with (and without) her biological father Steve Jobs. Group members were appreciative what they deemed a "coming of age" book. There was a good deal of discussion about the dysfunction of both Lisa's parents, with some interesting perspective on the idea that Steve Jobs exhibited many behaviors characteristic of individuals on the Asperger/Autism spectrum (though no such attributions were made by the author about her father).

September's book selection is Julia Alvarez's novel *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Attendance has continued to be in the range of 4 – 6 members attending.



The Potranco Writers Group, moderated by Mr. Booker, continued its twice monthly meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays. Attendance has definitely increased, with an average of 9 members attending. In the last meeting, the group ably met the challenge of discussing a poem that could have met with a good deal of pushback in another more politicized context. While acknowledging the possible difficulties, the group did an excellent job of processing their feelings about the poem under review, and also supporting the poet herself.



Cindy Moreno, Interim Branch Manager, moderated the Alicia Trevino Senior Center and along with the attendees discussed the book *The Kissing Quotient* by Helen Hoang. Most of the attendees felt that the book was more sensual in nature than they were used to. They prefer more toned down versions of romance like Nicholas sparks. However they were appreciative that the author wrote about a high

functioning autistic character. The next book group they will be discussing *The Light Between Oceans* by M. D. Stedman.



There were three teen time programs offered on July 26, August 2, and Friday August 9 at Potranco Branch Library by part time Teen Librarian Desmond London. The July 26 program was centered on Marvel Avengers and the teens played Avenger Uno and had snack options of pretzels, cheese, and juice boxes. On August 2, the program was focused on sharks as the teen's colored shark photographs and ate shark popsicles. Lastly, on August 9, the teens participated in a poetry writing session with an option to share at the end.



Jacqueline Gonzales, part time Children's Librarian, prepared the come-and-go craft for the weekend of August 17 through August 18. Craft for the weekend was a paper plate turtle. Children and families were provided a white paper plate and pre-cut green construction paper in the shape of turtle limbs, head, and body. They could then use these items to adhere to the white paper plate, and decorate to their desire with sequence and googly eyes. Yarn and hole punch was provided so they could create a way to hang their finished turtle when done.



Trainings



Desmond London, Teen Librarian, attended new hire training and defensive driving training during the reporting period.

Staffing Changes

During this time line Morgan Yoshimura has been announced as Interim Coordinator of Services to Adults. Morgan has been working as Interim Branch Manager since May 2019. She assisted staff during a busy time with Summer Reading Programs. Morgan was the Branch Manager of McCreless Branch library previously and has been at SAPL for three years. Cindy Moreno will be taking on the role of Interim Branch Manager. She was most recently the Assistant Branch Manager of Potranco and has done both Adult Services and children's programming at several libraries.

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CHILDREN



Families entering the library recently were excited at the prospect of listening to live performances by Opera San Antonio. The singing was truly mesmerizing and kept audience members on the edge of their seats. Parents stated how thrilled they were for the opportunity to hear live opera performances for the first time.



For the second year in a row, kids were delighted with the informative and entertaining "Learn Nature" event with the Naturalist Tom Kinsey. Kids listened and learned about a variety of animals

like Rose the baby snake, Teddy Toad, and a pair of playful rats. Kids were able to get up close, touch the animals, and even take photographs with them. What a great and delightful way to end Summer Reading 2019!



The Family Circle Tween Book Club recently discussed the popular book *Where the Watermelons Grow* written by Cindy Baldwin. The selection provided a close-up look at mental illness and ways it can affect families. One impact from the reading and discussion is increased awareness, compassion and understanding for families experiencing some form of mental illness within their family.

TEENS



Pruitt Library provided the perfect afternoon escape for teens participating in our Digital Breakout activity. They were given a “mission briefing” and then issued iPads and paper clues to unlock multiple levels around the library which ultimately led to their release.



Pruitt Teens put on their Summertime game faces while enjoying video games in the Teen Zone. They explored games on both Wii and Nintendo Switch systems.



Teen Summer Reading at Pruitt came to a close with our Super Summer Celebration. Teens enjoyed the Avengers Infinity Wars and some cool treats.



Also marking the end of Summer, Pruitt said goodbye to the Summer Interns who worked here as part of the FSA Youth Summer Employment program. The young people assigned at Pruitt did an outstanding job. We were happy to support the FSA program while getting these young people on our team for the Summer.



In preparation for the 2019-2020 school year, the Teen Librarian conducted outreach at the Roosevelt High School Freshman Prep Day. During the course of this event, library staffers made contact with 500 or so incoming students; providing them with information about the library and library card applications.

ADULTS



A big hit this summer has been a come and go puzzle for adults. Pruitt provided a space near the entrance with a thousand piece puzzle and adult patrons were really drawn to it. Several patrons made repeated visits to Pruitt just to work on the puzzle. Parents participated while their children searched for books or were in another library program. Some patrons noticed it on their way in to return books and would stop for a few minutes. Other patrons would spend a longer amount of time and just enjoy doing a relaxing activity being out of the heat.



In keeping with the summer Over the Moon theme, adults crafted phases of the moon t-shirts. Stencils, shirts, and paints were provided to make glow in the dark images of the moon.



TGIF Adult Book Club members are enjoying their reading selections. In July they read *The Music Shop* and for August they are reading *Manhattan Beach*.



The Quilting Bee is buzzing along. Patrons look forward each month to see how the quilts are progressing. The members teach each other different techniques and share information and resources. Other needle work enthusiasts have expressed an interest and the program may be expanded to include more than just quilters.

SAN PEDRO



Cresencia Huff from Central Library Children's Department and manager Diane Backhus facilitated the children's Kid's Time programs during the month of July. The Summerfest event on July 28 was well attended. The participants had a great time building their own robots! San Pedro welcomed new Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler in August. Ms. Braeuler has been very busy the last few days of August getting familiar with the location and the staff. She has also been making some important contacts with her young patrons and schools. She is looking forward to engaging her new audiences with new programming.



Manager Diane Backhus partnered with Library Assistant Rebekah Corley from Landa to participate in the District 1 Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 3. The free event was very well attended by the community. Ms. Backhus and Ms. Corley shared library information and "the swag" from Marketing with over 500 attendees.

SCHAEFER



Summer programming for children ended July 31. Schaefer's SummerFest was Aug. 1 from 2 to 4 pm. More than 400 kids and adults attended to celebrate the end of summer! Kids participated in a variety of Over the Moon themed activities! Almost all of Schaefer's staff was on hand to help make the party a success!



The summer reading club continues through the end of August, and almost 900 kids signed up at Schaefer. Nearly 300 kids have returned their completed reading logs to receive their free books!



Naturalist Tom Kinsey visited Schaefer on Aug. 15 to talk to a group of 45 enthusiastic kids about animals and their needs. He brought rats, cockroaches, snakes, a bird and a toad. He also let the kids pet all the animals.



Library Assistant Sara Ramirez hosted two Science Time programs during the reporting period. On July 16, Science Time explored weird and wacky animals with an assortment of activities including a platypus bookmark craft and panda bear yoga. On July 30, Robot Science Time celebrated the Summer Reading Over the Moon theme with Star Wars robots and DIY moon rovers. On July 31, Sara Ramirez attended the first citywide equity committee meeting at Central library.



Schaefer teens participated in several theme nights throughout the reporting period. Teen Time activities included a Tie Dye night, Wonka candy night, and a Book Café program. Teens also enjoyed

movies, nachos, and a Food Bank cooking class. At the Tie Dye event, teens created colorfully designed tie dye tote bags. Teens made DIY bubble gum during the Wonka candy night program. During Book Café, teens enjoyed coffeehouse style beverages and snacks.



Librarian, Cindy Cruz, visited the Eastside Boy's and Girl's Club on two separate occasions. Cindy visited their Teen Center and signed up a total of 62 teens for the summer program.



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.



Our monthly Zumba program continues in the flex space at Schaefer. Classes are held twice a month and are led by a certified Zumba instructor.



The Schaefer branch began hosting a monthly Zumba class in August, a partnership with Parks and Recreation Fitness in the Park series, Zumba Gold. This is a modified version of Zumba open to all ages.



On Monday, August 15, the Schaefer branch hosted a webcast of the recreation of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing to highlight the summer reading program. Adults and children in attendance were able to watch a recreation of how mission control and crew members were able to complete this incredible mission.



Craft Night for Adults was hosted by Librarian Maria Adams. Crafters assembled to make lamps out of glasses and scrapbook paper and also created a stained glass window catcher.



On Tuesday, August 13, Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams hosted an session of coloring at the District 2 Senior Center. Participants are provided with coloring sheets and pencils to use during the program.



On Wednesday, August 14, the branch hosted the SA Food Bank for a monthly series on healthy cooking for adults. This month the class made zucchini zoodles mixed with fresh vegetables and an agua fresca watermelon drink. Each month will feature a food theme and with a hands on demonstration.

SEMMES



Semmes hosted musician Will Parker for two well attended performances on July 18th. The kids really enjoyed singing along with the very interactive show. Mr. Parker put on a very lively performance that was enjoyed as much by the adults in the audience as it was enjoyed by the kids.



Alex Rubio, Blue Star Contemporary's artist-in-residence, installed new art at the branch on Thursday, July 18th. The exhibition is entitled "Infusion" and features art from the MOSAIC Student Artist Program. BSC's MOSAIC Student Artist Program is open to high school students who are interested in developing their professional artistic skills and careers in the arts. The after-school program is a combination of studio practice and exposure to the business side of art and arts administration. Concurrent with BSC's exhibitions, MOSAIC students present rotating exhibitions of their work to

showcase what they are learning in the studio, and gain professional knowledge of fabrication, production, and curation of contemporary art exhibitions.



In partnership with Parks and Recreation, a new fitness class is being offered at the branch. Family Circuit Training happens on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Circuit Training classes include a variety of activities geared towards increasing endurance, power, strength, stamina, and speed. Exercises will also focus on flexibility and agility, giving you a great total body workout. An exercise "circuit" refers to one completion of all prescribed exercises in the program. This is a great opportunity for kids and parents to exercise together.



The Pokémon Go programs at the branch continue to be very popular. Two events were recently held. One was on Sunday, July 21st and one was on Saturday, August 3rd. Both events had over 100 participants who enjoyed a Pokémon themed craft activity, cold water and Pokémon badges. Huge thanks to the Friends of the Semmes Branch Library for continuing to support this program. Several patrons commented on how nice it was for the library to participate in the Pokémon Go Community Days and that they purposely come to Comanche Lookout Park because of the library's presence.

THOUSAND OAKS



The branches' Kids Time program for July 17 was Food as Round as the Moon. Children and their adults discovered how many different types of foods are round like the moon. Children discussed their favorite round foods from their culture in a lively forum and then worked with each other to create paper pizzas and mooncakes made of "moon sand."



The theme for Toddler and Story Time on July 18 was food. Ms. Lea Ann read books about food to the children and families as well as engaging them with songs, rhymes, movement and social emotional activities. The story time activity was painting with fresh fruits and vegetables. Children created original works of art using tempera paint, fresh fruits/vegetables and stamping them on cardstock paper.



Each Saturday in July, the Lego Time program happened in the Children's non Fiction area. This activity allows adults to build side by side with their children promoting a stress free, fun and challenging focus filled time. Many of the parents and children have commented that they enjoy making new friends and interacting with other parents in this low key activity.



The Kids Time program on July 24 was Starry Night/Vincent van Gogh. Participants enjoyed learning about the famous artist, his unique style and color choices and how to recognize the hallmarks of his paintings. The specially created slide show included a guessing game with side by side paintings to help the children pick the van Gogh between two similar art works. Children and their adults created unique works of art using oil pastels, watercolors and markers.



July 25 Toddler Time and Story Time programs were about Art. Children's Librarian Lea Ann McDonald read stories, sang songs, lead rhymes and interactive movement with the children and families. The children created a large collaborative mural with tempera paints and chalk.



The Kids Time Summer program on Jul 31 was Alien themed. This program included an interactive discussion about life on other planets, fun stories and making an alien hat activity.



Thousand Oaks Summerfest Party on August 2 featured singer/songwriter Will Parker. His fun program inspired the children and adults to be silly, dance and sing to original and diverse songs. Afterward, families enjoyed the following campout themed activities: Bugs in a Jar craft with dot painters, creating original forest scene artworks, making s'mores to-go and enjoying the reading tents and woodland puppets. Friends of the Library volunteered to man stations as well as one volunteer. The event was well attended with over 100 guests.



Ms. McDonald was invited to the Nite Owl Daycare Back to School community event to interact with parents and families to talk about library resources and programs. Visitors participated in a collaborative activity by writing their favorite book titles and creating a large poster together!



Ms McDonald is working with Cresencia Huff, interim Children's Services Director, on a Mindfulness Workshop for Children's Librarians.



Teen Summer finished with a busy few weeks! Hosted by Librarian Kimberly King, the weekly events included two Theme Nights provided by Teen Services. One week the teens did a Unicorn Theme Night where they made unicorn masks, unicorn popcorn, and watched *The Last Unicorn*; the next week they did Galaxy Theme night by making galaxy jars and magnets while eating ice pops. Teen Summer concluded on July 31 with an end of summer party where the teens flexed their creative muscles by making bracelets and more Harry Potter wands; they ate ramen and concluded the party with a rousing game of Twister. The week after the end of summer party, the teens wound down by watching anime and this week they made s'mores and played Unstable Unicorns.



Many families escaped the heat by watching a family friendly movie at Thousand Oaks, on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout July. Favorites such as *Cars*, *Finding Nemo*, and *Despicable Me* kept children and their adults entertained.



The Thursday Book Group read *The Wife between Us* for the July meeting. The book was an enjoyable experience with its twists and turns in the plot. The story left readers wanting to know more. The discussion was lively and the goodies were delicious.

The Thursday Book Group read Taymari Jones' *An American Marriage* for August's book club. It's the story of an African American man named Roy who is falsely accused of and sentenced for a crime he didn't commit. During the time of his incarceration his wife fell in love with a longtime friend. After Roy was released the question as to whether or not his wife was going to accept him as a marriage partner was raised. The book had a 50 percent approval rating from book club members. Some liked the way the book was written while others had trouble accepting the idea that Roy was sentenced without much evidence. This book gave members quite a lot of material to discuss. Refreshments were healthy.



The Breakers, by Marcia Muller, was the July selection for the Northeast Senior Center Book Club. Being the thirty third book in the Sharon McCone series, many readers felt there were too many little side stories that were not fully explained, that were probably covered in previous books. Many

commented that the book was not very suspenseful or thrilling, without much conflict and a disappearance that was easily solved. Facilitated by Librarian Theresa Garza, the group also spent some time sharing about books they read outside of book club.



With guidance from librarian Theresa Garza and an instructional YouTube video, crafters made their own customized Moon Phase t-shirts, using Mason jar lid stencils and fabric paint, with an optional glow in the dark paint. Participants in July's Sunday Crafternoon program showed great creativity by creating their own patterns and truly unique t-shirt designs.

The August Crafternoon, crafting for adults, program featured an introduction to mosaic art, with participants creating one of a kind picture frames and trivets.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Summer reading for adults has been very popular this year with 334 adults signing up and nearly 27% of them finishing and receiving their free book. Many thanks to area residents and visitors who have donated lots of nearly new books so once adults had four punches on their moon card they were able to pick from a very good selection for their free title.



Children's programs with Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler, continued through August 3 with weekly Toddler, Toddler Two, Story and Baby Times with sizeable attendance. Weekend Come and Go Crafts are now principally prepared and created by Library Assistant, Andrew Charltonjones. Summer Reading sign-up for kids increased to date by 18% above last year.



Impressively Teen Enrollment increased by 24% to 80 teens from 2018's sign up's.



Tobin at Oakwell continued with a summer DIY – University craft related to the Over the Moon theme. On July 23. Manager, Tracey Knouse, hosted the activity to a group of loyal adults who painted rocks with or without a moon motif.



Book Club selections this period both have a summer beach title. The Interesting Book Club discussed Jennifer Egan's, *Manhattan Beach*, on August 7. This choice is historical fiction that starts during the depression and through World War I. Anna Kerrigan; the main character works in the Brooklyn Naval yard and delves into the family saga over time. The Sunday Afternoon Book Club reviewed *On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan on July 28. While published in 2007, this novel explores communication between a newlywed couple and intimacy after their wedding in 1962.



Many kids continue eating the nutritious free lunches provided by Northeast Independent School District and Texas' Department of Agriculture. This partnership ended on August 2, being one of the busier summers for kids attending compared to recent years.



Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell funded a special performance of Illusions by Blake on August 3 as part of the branch's Summerfest celebration for summer reading. Families and visitors enjoyed tang and snacks provided by What-A-Burger.



Staffing changes include Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler transferring to San Pedro Branch August 4 and Barbaraella Frazier, from Las Palmas, starting on August 13 as Tobin's Children's Librarian.



Circulation Attendant, Brenda Ramos, received a quarterly Encore Award for Customer Service and Professionalism on August 2. Director Ramiro Salazar delivered her award that was submitted by two customers who greatly appreciated Ms. Ramos' exceptional service and friendliness.



Gabriella Manzanares, Circulation Attendant, enthusiastically attended the City's Charitable Campaign Kick-Off on August 16 at the Alamodome. Ms. Manzanares enjoyed the breakfast and fun activities for the worthy cause "Live United" as she will serve as Tobin at Oakwell's representative for the drive.

WESTFALL



In August, 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.



Starting in July, Westfall in partnership with SAMPL: San Antonio Music Production Lab, began hosting a series of free music production workshops for students and adults. The workshops primarily use Apple's Garage Band app to teach children and adults how to create and mix their own music. All equipment is provided by SAMPL and it's a great way for people to get creative. SAMPL is a mobile music production lab whose mission is to create positive change in the lives of young people by fostering creativity, empowering voice, and developing both tech based and social skills through audio and music production.



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.



In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, Ms. Toll held a Teens World Cooks event in July. The program taught delicious, budget-friendly, seasonal recipes, as well as basic nutrition and practical cooking skills. The goal of the class was to inspire individuals and communities to adopt and sustain healthier eating habits. The recipes focus on food culture and traditions. The culinary demonstrations were designed by certified chefs and nutrition professionals.



On Wednesday, July 31st, kids and family members and other caregivers had a great time creating models of "moon villages". Kids used paper of all kinds, craft foam, small boxes, plastic and paper cups, straws, pipe cleaners, etc. to create fantastic and colorful landscapes of what a future city on the moon might look like. This was one of a series of Kids times dedicated to celebrating some aspect of outer space in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.



The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the "Stranger than Fiction" and "Third Thursday" book clubs. Books read this month included "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg and "The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit" by Michael Finkel. Both book clubs draw

small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



During the reporting period, the Westfall branch staff hosted BCBSTX Health Coaches Marissa Ryals and Chris Baker for a 4-week Nutrition Series. Staff learned how to stretch and strengthen at work with “deskercises” and how to successfully meal prep for an entire week. Branch staff also debunked various nutrition myths and learned how to choose the most nutritious of similar food items.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

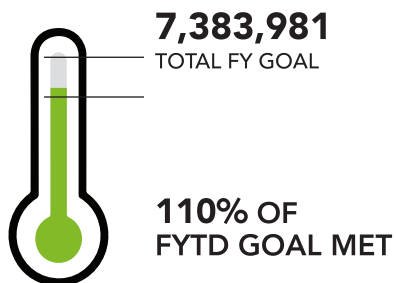
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

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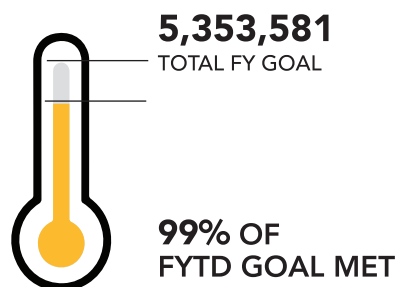
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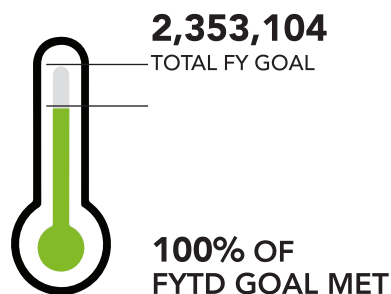
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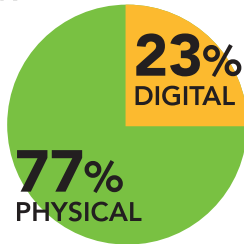
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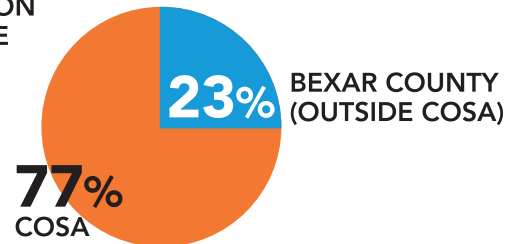
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2019

CIRCULATION
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AREA



VIRTUAL VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2019



2,034,076
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

945,395
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

1,250,132
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

1,230,532
FACEBOOK
REACH

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2019



326,279
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

56,166
ADULT PROGRAMS

53,671
TEEN PROGRAMS

216,442
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

JULY MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



Summer Reading at Central



Summer Reading at Las Palmas

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July 2019 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	4,745	8,652	6,468	1,733	4,735
Brook Hollow	30,831	19,696	6,336	1,360	4,977
Carver	4,569	8,700	4,918	1,620	3,297
Central	28,168	56,401	48,356	12,667	35,690
Cody	35,184	21,164	7,795	1,629	6,166
Collins Garden	6,107	5,597	5,327	1,810	3,517
Cortez	6,788	10,493	4,101	1,536	2,565
Encino	20,586	15,305	5,785	733	5,052
Forest Hills	7,827	7,144	4,424	1,062	3,362
Great Northwest	29,950	17,636	6,513	1,639	4,874
Guerra	11,211	9,367	6,449	2,001	4,448
Igo	36,039	29,786	8,498	1,401	7,097
Johnston	11,479	10,476	4,141	1,505	2,636
Landa	13,895	11,800	3,037	815	2,222
Las Palmas	6,040	11,886	5,167	1,931	3,235
Maverick	28,563	14,228	6,060	1,679	4,381
McCreless	11,259	12,914	6,179	1,714	4,465
Memorial	7,296	8,843	4,549	1,342	3,207
Mission	14,034	19,743	8,762	2,763	5,998
Pan American	6,764	14,066	3,161	1,395	1,766
Parman	33,618	31,545	5,810	717	5,093
Potranco	20,699	18,862	15,114	1,111	14,003
Pruitt	7,635	11,452	2,715	1,043	1,673
San Pedro	3,791	6,732	2,930	696	2,235
Schaefer	10,903	14,037	6,922	1,440	5,482
Semmes	26,896	18,972	8,578	3,041	5,537
Thousand Oaks	10,390	10,982	5,768	1,170	4,599
Tobin	21,258	15,583	5,322	1,574	3,748
Westfall	15,794	13,789	8,417	2,713	5,704
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,587	361	N/A	361
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,108	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	107,953	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	173,749	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	755,129	457,438	217,963	55,837	162,126

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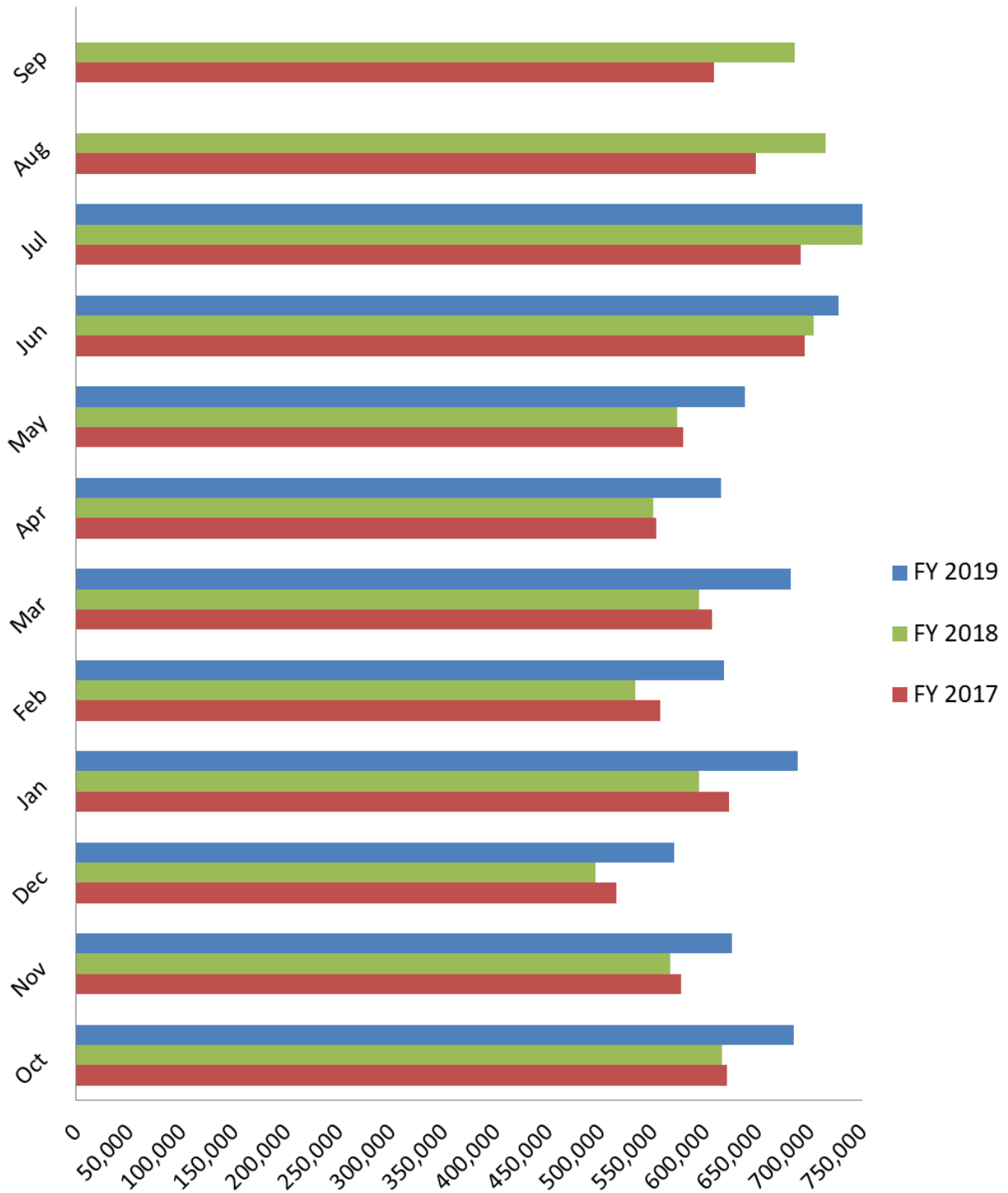
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July 2019 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	51	21	12	18	671	435	73	163
Brook Hollow	63	8	5	50	2,346	74	55	2,217
Carver	32	12	5	15	516	235	45	236
Central	135	12	96	27	1,573	240	584	749
Cody	122	25	13	84	1,841	325	139	1,377
Collins Garden	26	3	4	19	613	131	11	471
Cortez	195	179	3	13	552	343	7	202
Encino	92	25	11	56	1,693	161	125	1,407
Forest Hills	42	18	4	20	450	158	22	270
Great Northwest	51	10	10	31	1,766	196	133	1,437
Guerra	57	21	3	33	1,448	329	4	1,115
Igo	61	16	11	33	2,722	243	326	2,153
Johnston	44	10	8	26	835	132	29	674
Landa	65	5	19	41	1,769	62	21	1,686
Las Palmas	45	19	5	21	975	272	115	588
Maverick	50	10	5	35	1,956	95	132	1,729
McCreless	29	7	6	16	562	78	86	398
Memorial	57	25	9	23	410	203	47	160
Mission	68	35	9	24	1,484	596	66	822
Pan American	67	20	9	38	797	173	137	487
Parman	96	38	5	53	2,360	322	27	2,011
Potranco	45	8	4	33	636	35	11	590
Pruitt	67	28	10	29	1,298	272	85	941
San Pedro	7	1	0	6	64	1	0	63
Schaefer	76	16	11	49	1,626	123	149	1,354
Semmes	72	17	10	45	1,569	179	81	1,309
Thousand Oaks	42	18	5	19	637	103	37	497
Tobin	62	10	8	44	1,067	61	4	1,002
Westfall	43	15	11	17	384	76	51	257
Kampmann Library Portal	1	0	0	1	50	0	0	50
Little Read Wagon	88	N/A	N/A	88	1,497	N/A	N/A	1,497
TOTAL	1,950	383	311	1,006	36,167	5,653	2,602	27,912

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Circulation



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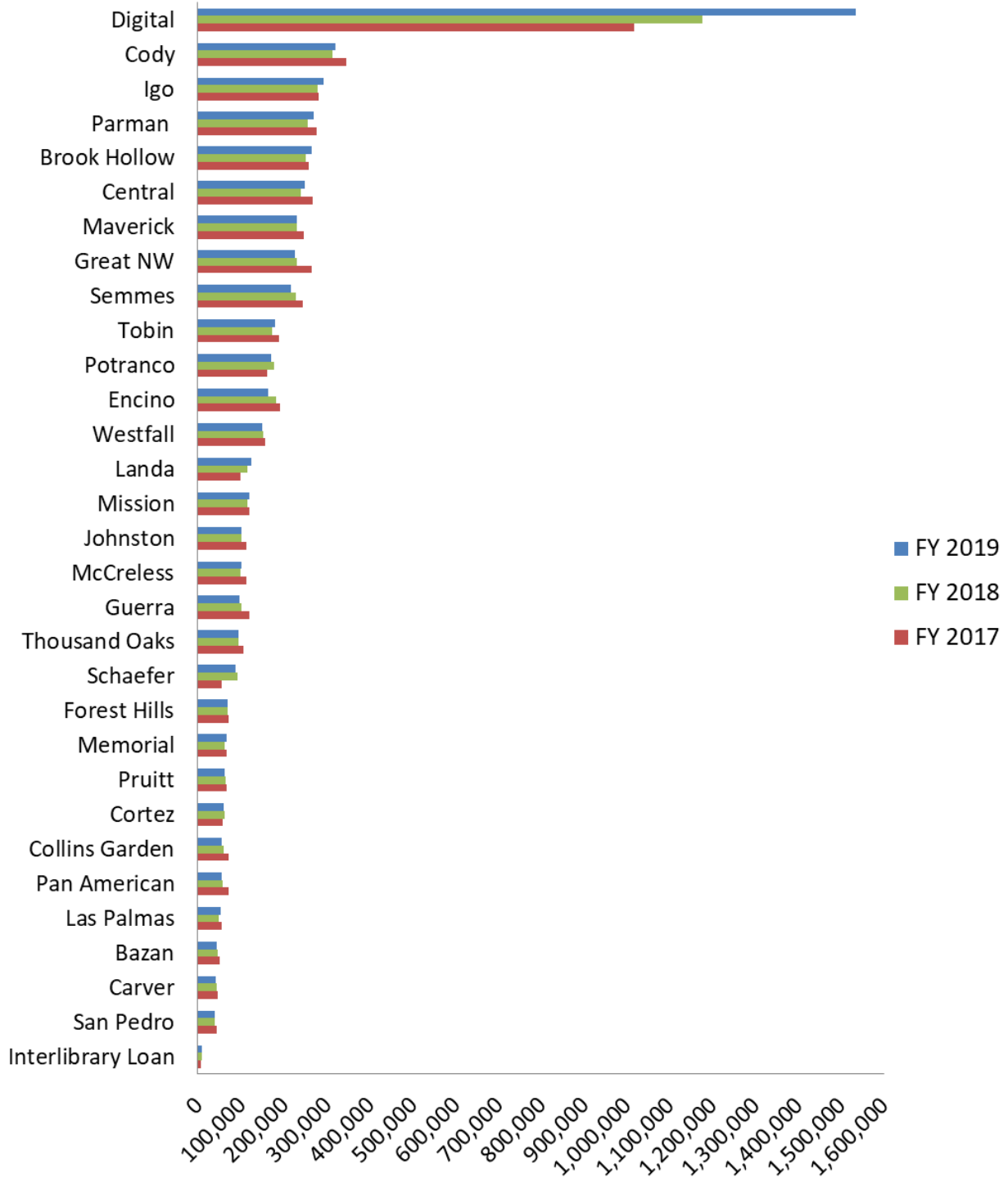
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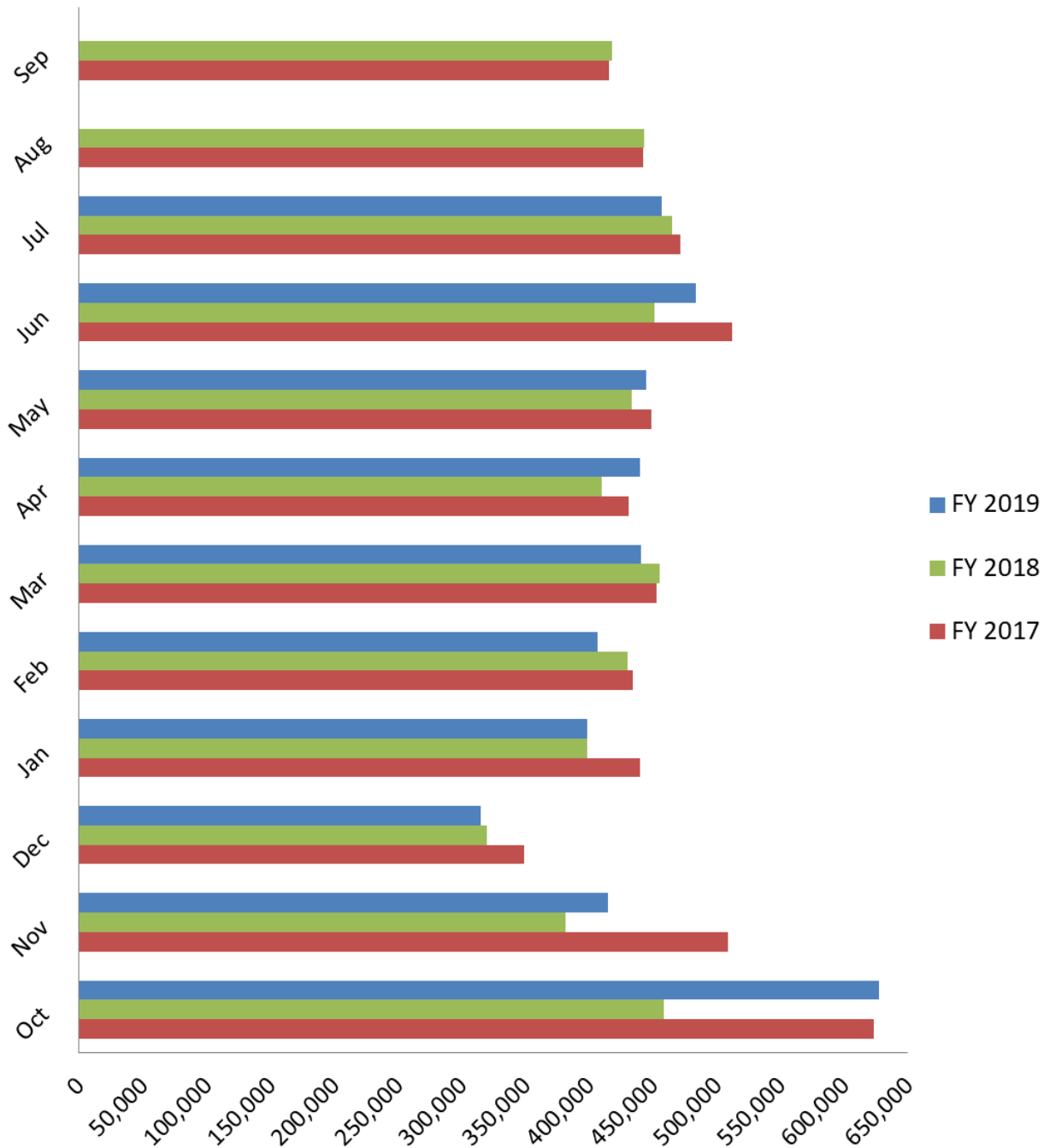
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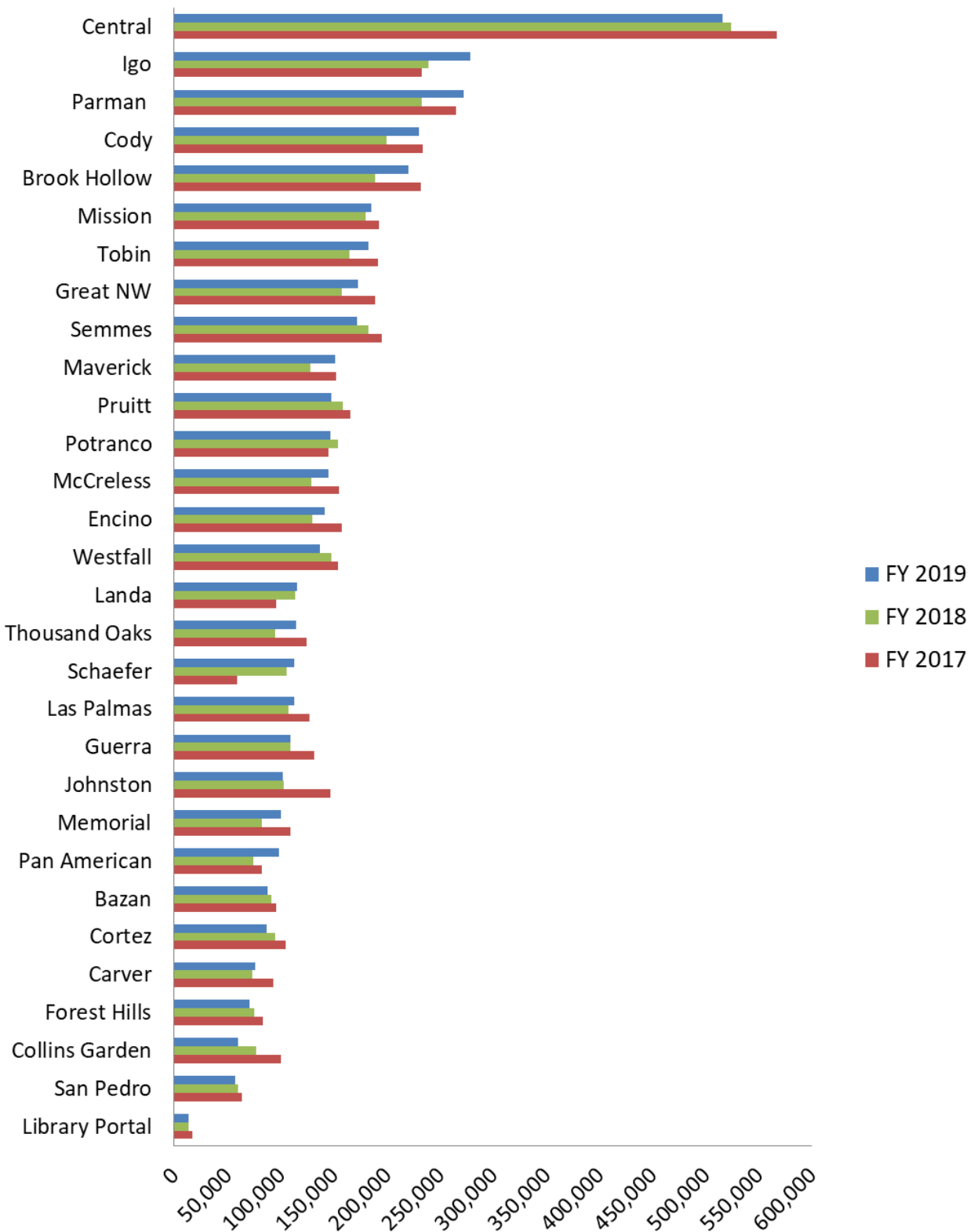
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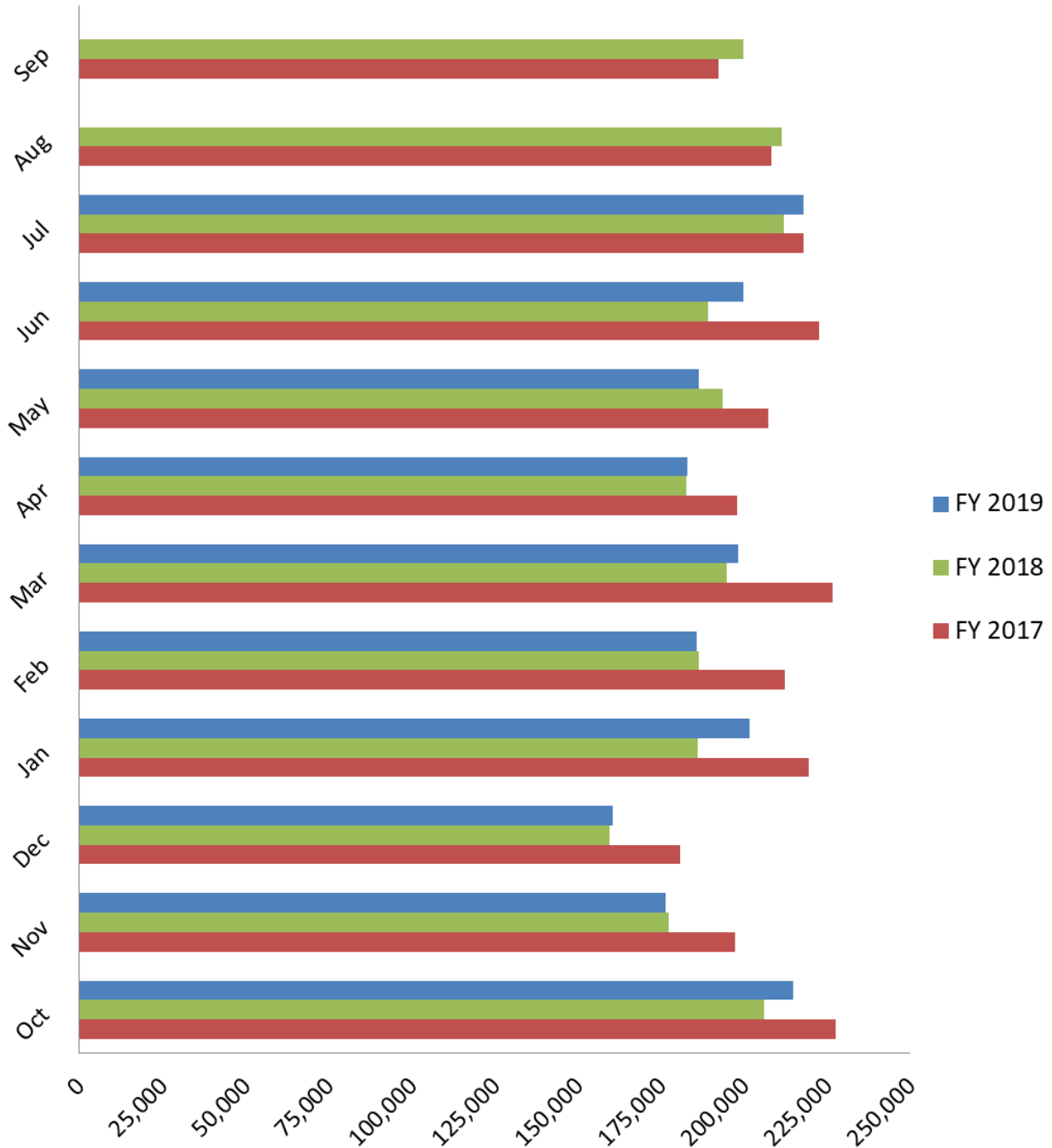
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* Combined measure of Public Computers Hours of Use and Wi-Fi Hours of Use

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

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