



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

San Antonio Public Library in partnership with the Children's Hospital of San Antonio, launched a digital library which utilizes a kiosk in one of the hospital's waiting rooms that allows patients and their families access the San Antonio Public Library Digital Collection.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



On Saturday, October 19, 2019 the Library commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Great Northwest Branch Library, located in District 6, with a community celebration. District 6 Library Board of Trustee Lora Devlon Eckler delivered remarks on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees. Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan also delivered remarks. Following the formal program was a Fall Harvest themed celebration filled with family-friendly activities including crafts, tech demonstrations and a tree giveaway.



In his role as San Antonio Public Library Director and President of the Public Library Association, Library Director Salazar delivered a Key Note Address at The Texas Library Association District 10 Conference on Friday, November 1, 2019. The conference theme was *Spotlighting Library Opportunities* and Director Salazar discussed his path to becoming a Library Director and how it relates to the challenges and opportunities libraries face in the future.



Between October 22 and November 1, 2019, the library hosted nine Census Recruitment events. Census representatives offered information and encouraged interested community members to apply for census positions. The participating libraries provided laptops and computer access for applicant use. Below is a brief summary:

- 9 events were held in SAPL Libraries
- Districts participating: D4, D5 and D7
- Collins Garden Library reported the most success with 20 individuals applying, footage is available via <https://foxsanantonio.com> by searching "census" Storyline: Thousands of Census 2020 jobs available in Bexar County
- The events increased Census 2020 community awareness, recruited hopeful applicants and demonstrated COSA's dedication to getting a complete count through use of its public libraries



For the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election, seventeen Library locations served as Early Voting sites and twenty Library locations served as Election Day voting sites. Early voting took place from October 21, 2019 through November 1, 2019 and Election Day on November 5, 2019. In total, 35,958 votes were cast in a Library location during Early Voting and Election Day. This represents 34% of the total votes cast. Public libraries continue to serve a vital role in civic engagement during the elections.



The San Antonio Public Library and the North East Independent School District commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Pruitt Branch Library, located in District 2, on Thursday, November 7, 2019 with a community celebration attended by more than 120 people. District 2 Councilmember Jada Andrews–Sullivan and District 2 Library Board Trustee Jo Ann Harris delivered remarks as part of the formal program. Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill and NEISD's Executive Director for Technology Tom Jenkins also delivered remarks during the program. The Pruitt staff and the Library's marketing team did an excellent job designing banners and decorating for the event. A full dinner was provided by Rackspace followed by "Family Game Night". The evening concluded with a chess lesson by Alexander Weinberg, National Master in the United States Chess Federation.

# MARKETING

Top media hits for the past month:

- On October 18, San Antonio Public Library partnered with several other leading organizations including Libraries without Borders and Google Fiber, to launch WALI – Wash and Learn Initiative. This program will provide laundromat customers with access to laptops, Wi-Fi, and educational tools at two EZ Wash locations. This launch was picked up by several news outlets including [Rivard Report](#), [KSAT](#), [Google Fiber](#), [WOAI](#) and [KABB](#)
- The Chicago Tribune published an article regarding the Fine-Free movement which quotes our Library Director, Ramiro Salazar, regarding his stance on fine-free libraries as PLA President and SAPL Director.
- SAPL Marketing pitched and secured media coverage with leading news stations, including the Rivard Report, KSAT, KENS5 and Univision to highlight this year's Catrina Ball. This included a national five (5) minute feature on Univision's prime-time national news show, Primer Impacto.



Additionally, during this reporting period, the SAPL Marketing team secured media coverage with leading news stations including KSAT12, Fox 29 KABB, News 4 WOAI, and KENS5 to promote the Halloween events and programs happening throughout library locations.



Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media following base grew by 268 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 6,440 times.

Social Media statistics for the month:

- Twitter: 4,865 followers
- Facebook: 18,536 fans
- Instagram: 4,290 followers



## Graphics Highlights

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including Pruitt's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; The Great Loose Tea Leaf Experience program at Encino, Maverick, Schaefer and Forest Hills; Native American Heritage Month; Halloween at SAPL (including the Landa Boo! Event) and the Alamo City Soul Block Party at Pan American. Other projects included x-stand banners to promote the Digital Library at the National League of Cities Conference, held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in November.

# DIGITAL SERVICES



On November 9, the Digital Services unit happily welcomed Brian Douglass to the team as the new Digital Library Services Specialist. Mr. Douglass, previously a Librarian at the Semmes branch, brings with him a wide diversity of skills and experience to the unit.



On October 15, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana attended the public launch of the Children's Hospital of San Antonio eBook kiosk, a partnership between Digital Services and Marketing and the Children's Hospital. Other attendees included Library Director Ramiro Salazar, Children's Hospital CEO Cris Daskevich and City Council District 1 representative Roberto C. Treviño.



Mr. Spana, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson and Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess provided technical assistance with digital signage and iPads in support of the Catrina Ball held on October 26.



Mr. Spana, Ms. Masterson, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, Mr. Douglass and Digital Library Services Assistant Dan Garcia participated in the kickoff of the Employee Engagement



Workgroups on October 28. The workgroups, an initiative of Organizational Health, will meet to address issues raised in the annual Employee Engagement survey.



Mr. Spana joined ITSD Business Relationship Manager Julian Harris at the Westfall branch on November 6 to oversee the installation of a network switch in a laptop charge cart. The preliminary work, which will allow for improved physical and cyber security of laptops for checkout, was undertaken before a larger rollout of network switches to other locations.



On November 7, Mr. Spana joined other colleagues from Support Services on November 7 at the Cortez branch for a resource fair for branch managers at their monthly meeting.



Mr. Spana, Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek and Assistant Director for Public Services Dale McNeill met with Education Manager Rebecca Gonzalez on November 12 for a monthly check in at the Briscoe Western Art Museum.

## LITTLE READ WAGON



### Play & Learn

Little Read Wagon, with additional support from Central Children's and branch library staff members, has concluded Play & Learn at Pickwell Park. The third event included many regular program attendees as well as new families from the neighborhood. The fourth event happened to be another chilly day of fall, and drew a smaller crowd that allowed for more dialogue between staff and caregivers.

A special Pop-Up Play event took place at Hardberger Park, outside the Urban Ecology Center in conjunction with the early childhood teacher training "Make Way for Play". Former Little Read Wagon staff joined current staff to support Jill Wood, Houston based director of Bayou City Play, to facilitate this unique program. Children and their caregivers raved about this Saturday play opportunity.



### Services to Pregnant and Parenting Teens

High school counselors and social workers continue to request visits. Clair Larkin visited with students at Tejada Academy, Harlandale High School, Churchill High School, Cooper Academy, Stevens High School, MacArthur High School, and Sam Houston High School.



### Workshops for Parents

Parent workshops were presented at PCI Place for Life, PCI Kindred and Gonzales Early Childhood Center by Julia Lazarin. Cresencia Huff visited Salado Elementary and Windcrest Elementary. Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Larkin made their second visit with families at Casa Mia, a home for mothers recovering from opioid addiction, where mothers made a name banner and talked about early literacy skills.



### Workshops for Professionals

Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Larkin presented the fourth "Make Way for Play!" workshop for early childhood teachers on November 9. Hardberger Park's Urban Ecology Center provided a powerful reinforcement to the need for natural settings for children's play. A key part of the workshop is time set aside for teachers to settle in and engage in their own exploration of play. Then the group gathers to reflect on the

experience and share their thoughts on how it might apply to play opportunities provided for the children in their care. The teachers also had an opportunity to observe children at play outdoors during the simultaneous Pop-Up Play session which allowed the teachers to stand back and watch the play unfold without being responsible for the children.



### System-wide Support

Little Read Wagon continues to be a source of materials to loan and a space to collaborate on ideas for play with colleagues across the San Antonio Public Library system. At the November 14 Children's Services meeting Ms. Lazarin presented information on the Autism Accessible Browsing Hour currently held monthly at Guerra Branch in order to invite other branches to participate.



### Building Connections

Ms. Lazarin provided library information and a tabletop play activity at the first Pre-K 4 SA Family Reunion, held October 19th at the Food Bank Pavilion. At the reunion, a mother who has attended Play & Learn programs and whose eldest is now a four-year-old at Pre-K 4 SA confided, "His teachers are ecstatic. He's reading at the end of first grade level! It's because of the library."

Ms. Huff was invited to Olmos Basin Park to celebrate Arbor Day with nature play featuring tree cookies and created a Story Walk for the bilingual book **Call Me Tree/Llamame arbol** by Maya Christina Gonzalez.



### Reading Village

Ms. Lazarin brought the Reading Village to Early Childhood Education Centers including Nelson, Carrillo, Tynan and the newly opened NEISD Pre-K Academy at West Avenue.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



### Children's Programming

Tom Kinsey and Jorge Ochoa concluded their rounds of special programs, finishing off at Landa and Pan American respectively. The Let's Go to the Grocery Store Play & Learn kits began travelling from location to location providing families the opportunity to talk, sing, read, write, and play about grocery shopping.

Preparation for summer 2020 is well under way. The School Age work group already has several Kids Time ideas. A draft schedule of special performers is taking shape with a healthy mix of perennial favorites and new faces on the list.

Other work group activities include preparation of questions for the San Antonio Independent School District Battle of the Bluebonnets, draft plans for a spring Play & Learn kit, and brainstorming ideas for the many celebration opportunities throughout the year.

Coordinator of Children's Services, Cresencia Huff, presented several programs on behalf of the Little Read Wagon early literacy outreach team. She facilitated early literacy workshops at Valley Hi, Oak Crest, Salado, and Windcrest Elementary schools. Ms. Huff also represented the team at the Avance Dia de la Familia event at Rosedale Park, the KLRN Kids event at Mission Marquee, and Arbor Day for SA at

Olmos Basin Park. The Arbor Day event featured a Story Walk® and nature play area with tree cookies and blocks.



### Professional Learning

Several children's librarians participated in the Make Way for Play workshop for early childhood professionals held November 9 at Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center. The unique setting allowed workshop participants to spend time outdoors observing children and their families who were attending a simultaneous Pop-Up Adventure Play session. Staff members shared plenty of positive feedback and ideas for applying what they learned about play in their regular programming, as well as some visions for new programs.

Dale McNeill attended the November 14 Children's Services meeting where he shared about some of his experiences as a children's librarian and answered open forum questions from the team. At the same meeting Julia Lazarin made a presentation about the Autism Accessible programming she and Arlene Richardson have hosted at Guerra Branch Library. Ms. Lazarin invited the team to consider how they might offer programming for neurodiverse patrons at their locations. Barbaraella Frazier shared her experiences and resources available for using Shrinky Dinks in programming for children.



### Community Connections

Ms. Huff attended the annual strategic planning meeting of City of San Antonio Head Start / Early Head Start, the October Born to Read committee meeting at the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, the Convergence on Childhood Literacy meeting hosted by the City of San Antonio Office of Faith Based Initiatives, and the dissertation defense of Cecilia Perfecto. Ms. Perfecto shared her methodology and findings from an analysis of representation of Latino holidays in children's books.



### Staffing

Interviews have been conducted and selections made for vacant Children's Librarian II and Public Service Associate – Little Read Wagon positions. Interviews are scheduled for the vacant Library Services Specialist – Little Read Wagon part time and full time positions.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Fiesta Youth Partnership—In celebration of International Pronouns Day (October 16), Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Erica Alcocer (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth) co-hosted two teen events on Tuesday, October 15 (at Fiesta Youth's weekly meeting) and Wednesday, October 16 (at the Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School). At these events (which both had over 45 teens in attendance), Alcocer facilitated a conversation with teens about the importance of referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves and their personal experience with pronouns. Afterwards, Loaiza assisted teens as they made their own personalized pronoun buttons by writing in their pronouns on a variety of blank templates. For the Pruitt event, Sheri Watkins (Teen Services Librarian, Pruitt) and Destiny Saenz-Taplin (Library Assistant, Pruitt) also invited Roosevelt High School's QSA Club (Queer-Straight Alliance) which allowed for a great collaborative effort in bringing together teens in the community.





**Off-site Service**—On November 9, the Library Off-site Services for Teens (LOST) workgroup represented Teen Services and the San Antonio Public Library at Northside ISD's third annual Nerdvana Con (an event dedicated to encouraging awareness and appreciation of the artistic and literary depth of anime, manga, and graphic art, and educating students about possible careers in these fields). LOST hosted multiple activities during the event including virtual reality experiences (with Oculus Quest and Oculus Go headsets), an anime and pop culture button making station, photo ops with the Simple Booth, a cosplay repair station, and a Super Smash Bros. tournament (as well as a Super Smash Bros. free play area). Teens and their families were able to explore these resources while also learning about teen programs, events, and services throughout the system. A very big thank you goes out to Mary Lou Bleichwehl (Teen Services Liaison, Maverick), Marisa DeBow (Teen Services Liaison, McCreless), Cassie Garza (Teen Services Liaison, Pan American), Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas), Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central), Desmond London (Teen Services Librarian, Great Northwest), Sheri Watkins (Teen Services Librarian, Pruitt at Roosevelt), and Emily Young (Teen Services Librarian, Mission) for helping plan and staff the event.

In early November, Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) promoted the Young Pegasus poetry competition at area high schools, including Harlandale, Burbank, and Lanier.

On November 9, Ami represented the Library at the District 2 Family Reunion community event. She promoted the Young Pegasus competition, and provided attendees with information about online homework help and other resources available to teens through the San Antonio Public library.



**Professional Development**—The Teen Services Librarian workgroup meeting was held at Cody Library on November 13. Meeting minutes are posted on the Teen Services Web.



**Professional Development**—Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) continues to serve on the SAPL project team for the Talent Modernization Study.

Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) continues to represent the San Antonio Public Library in this year's Alexander Briseño Leadership Development Program (ABLDP), which ends in December 2019. As part of the Arts & Culture Action Team for the program, Loaiza and his team are working with multiple arts and culture institutions in the city to identify ways to increase access to their facilities.

During the reporting period, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) served on two interview panels: Librarian I (Teen Services) and Library Assistant (Teen Services, PT).



**Teen Arts Fest**—The Teen Arts Fest workgroup continues to meet regularly to plan for the upcoming annual event on November 16, and includes J.D. Elizondo, Georgina Garcia (Teen Services Librarian II, Bazan), Ciana Flores (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), Cindy Cruz (Teen Services Librarian I, Westfall), Stephanie Vazquez (Adult Services Librarian II, Great Northwest), Michelangelo Sosa (Circulation Attendant, Memorial), Michelle Villarreal (Library Assistant, Central Reference), Jonathan Lopez (Library Aide PT, Central), and Cassie Garza (Library Assistant/Teen Liaison, Pan American).

J.D. made several outreach visits during the reporting period to schools and youth-serving organizations to promote Teen Arts Fest, including Northeast School of the Arts, Providence High School, Harlandale High School, Henry Ford Academy, the Southwest School of Art, and Say Sí.



Henry Ford Academy Internships—Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) worked with Jessica Zei (Senior Mastery Program Coordinator, Henry Ford Academy) to place seven high school students from Henry Ford Academy at various library locations to complete their Senior Practicum Internship. These teens will be working with staff at the Teen Library @ Central, the Children's Department at Central, Little Read Wagon, Bazan Branch Library, Collins Garden Branch Library, and Westfall Branch Library through mid-February.



System-wide Support—Ami Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) continues to fill in at branches that have Teen Services Librarian vacancies. Every Wednesday during the reporting period, Ami facilitated Teen Time at the Schaefer library. Activities teens participated in included Halloween arts and crafts, decorating their teen space with Halloween decorations, and having a Halloween party.



System-wide Support—On Wednesday, October 30, Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) assisted the Landa Branch Library with their annual Landa BOO! Halloween event.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Library hosted celebrated Puerto Rican author Esmerelda Santiago at Central Library. Ms. Santiago spoke of her life and literary career, and engaged with the audience through anecdotes and humor. She answered questions from those in attendance and received a standing ovation. Ms. Santiago also stayed after the formal program to offer a book signing. The event, which was organized in collaboration with the Puerto Rican Heritage Society in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was a huge success and received many compliments both from the audience as well as leadership of the Puerto Rican Heritage Society.



Alamo City Soul Block Party was hosted at Pan American Branch Library in the evening on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The event featured a variety of activities to celebrate and relive Chicano soul music from the 60s and 70s. Music was provided by DJ Chuco Garcia and a dance floor was set up in the branch's parking lot for attendees to enjoy. Food trucks were available as well as other activities such as crafts. The event truly engaged the whole community!



The Library participated in a Senior Services Fall Fest that was organized by the City's Department of Human Services. Morgan Yoshimura, Interim Coordinator of Adult Services, and Victoria Villareal from Marketing staffed an informational table to share information about the services and programs that the Library offers to seniors. This Fall Fest was attended by over 250 seniors from around the city, and was an ideal opportunity to promote all that the Library offers.



November is National Novel Writing Month (also known as NaNoWriMo). This annual celebration encourages the public to write 50,000 words of a novel between November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. To encourage participation in this initiative, five library locations are hosting events throughout the month – many on a weekly basis. Participating locations are providing a dedicated space and time for inspiration and encouragement for those who are working towards NaNoWriMo's 50,000 word goal.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

### CHILDREN



Over 200 children and adults attended the Central Children's Halloween party this year. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin, along with the rest of the Children's team, hosted a fun filled party for all. Families were charmed by the child violinists who played their hearts out while dressed in costumes. Ms. Seglin led a Halloween costume parade through the library and back to the Story Room, which was decorated with amazing Halloween backdrops crafted by the Central Children's team. In the Story Room, families enjoyed "mystery boxes" full of items meant to resemble such frightening things as witches teeth, monster bones, and slimy worms. Jiggly slime was the hit of the party, along with black pasta and plastic spiders! Families enjoyed making bat rings and monster hats to take home. A witch's cauldron collaborative collage was brewing throughout the party. Lastly, it wouldn't be a party without a mummy wrap! Teamwork and lots of toilet paper made this activity a spooky success. Ms. Seglin coordinated with Public Information Officer Victoria Villarreal and appeared herself on a live taping on KABB to promote the Halloween party beforehand.



Manager Kate Simpson attended the kickoff event for the *Wash & Learn Initiative* at a laundromat on the far Westside. This program brings library services into the unconventional setting of a laundromat to meet people where they are and address some of the transportation and time barriers that can keep people from visiting a public library. Ms. Simpson coordinated the partnership between SAPL and Libraries Without Borders to bring this unique outreach experience, successful in many U.S. cities, to San Antonio.



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin's *Toddler Time* programs continued to be popular events. Families experienced the joy of playing with loose parts by "painting" with sand in cookie sheets, and creating faces and designs with pasta, marbles, and buttons. They also got messy with shaving cream and buttons. Monsters invaded the Story Room in October! Monster puppets and moon dough made for a fun and messy time. Children came in costumes and celebrated Halloween with scary stories, sparkly playdough, a costume parade, and by making monster hats. Hair, hair was everyone at a Hair and Feathers themed *Toddler Time*. The highlight was a sensory bin of spaghetti and toddler

scissors. Families also liked brushing the fur of animal puppets. One week families went to the “grocery store” and listened to stories about the grocery store, and went pretend grocery shopping. The most fun was printing with different fruits and vegetables.



Librarian Ashley Stubbs presented engaging *Play & Learn* early literacy programs. Her Pirate themed *Play & Learn* encouraged children to engage in swashbuckling dramatic play with a cardboard ship and paper pirate hats - they even got to walk the plank! Toddlers enjoyed digging for buried treasure in a sensory bin and manipulating gold slime with coins inside. The craft activity was making their very own treasure map. *Play & Learn* families later experienced a Monster of a morning, with many monster-making opportunities using playdough and googly eyes. Children played under a table made into a “monster cave,” full of friendly monster puppets. Orange and black were the central colors of the Halloween *Play & Learn*, when young patrons tossed pumpkins into buckets and played with a sensory bin filled with black beans that featured different orange objects. Ms. Stubbs spent time mixing and color dyeing so that children could manipulate black playdough with orange rice and orange playdough with black beans.



*Family Fun* on Saturdays was a joint effort by Librarian Olivia Escovedo and Ms. Seglin. Ms. Escovedo presented a City themed program focused on loose parts. Children constructed buildings with foam blocks floating in tubs of water, for an extra sensory experience. They also crafted cityscape collages and city models from playdough. Finally, they enjoyed making a large-scale city on the floor using cardboard boxes with a road made out of tape. Ms. Seglin hosted a *Family Fun* highlighting the current Sebastián art exhibit. Ms. Seglin talked about Sebastián and his sculptures throughout the city and at Central Library. Families made their own sculptures out of recycled materials and built structures with foam blocks.



Ms. Stubbs continued to craft creative collection marketing and dramatic play initiatives for the department. This month featuring a seasonal “Gobble Up A Good Book” display. She continued the Staff Picks display that has been so popular. Ms. Stubbs has been the driving force behind more engaging play experiences for children in the stacks. This month she featured new felt items (pies, churros, hot chocolate) for her dramatic play market stand that children have been pretending to sell to their parents and friends every day. She also presented a passive voting activity to coincide with the November elections that let children choose the Central Children’s department’s seasonal mascot. The winner was Zorro the Penguin puppet, who will be available as a reading buddy to any child who wants to spend time with him while visiting the floor. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth unveiled a book display highlighting nonfiction books about popular topics like sports, jokes and gaming.



The Central Children’s department experienced a change in intern staff this month. Dacari Lambert, the Texas Woman’s University Practicum student whose help and positive attitude had become invaluable to the department, moved on to greater things as her Practicum came to an end. At the same time, the department gained teen interns from Henry Ford Academy in partnership with SAPL’s Teen Library.



Ms. Seglin and Ms. Escovedo represented SAPL at the White Cane Awareness Day event celebrating the low vision community. They discussed the low vision resources the library offers and had sensory slime available for participants to manipulate. Many of the attendees were really excited to learn of the Monomouse resource available at the library.





Several schools visited the Central Library this month, including Providence Catholic School, whose 6<sup>th</sup> graders were introduced to the Children's area by Ms. Stubbs. Heritage Middle School students visited on three separate weeks to conduct research for their History Fair projects. They were oriented to the Juvenile collection by Ms. Simpson. Early Childhood Education students from the Family Service Association spent a morning in the department, using books selected by Central Children's staff to support their bibliotherapy work.



Central Children's outreach efforts continued this month. Ms. Escovedo presented a story time to preschoolers at Green Acres Child Care Center. Ms. Stubbs delivered books to Central Christian Child Care Center and did a story time for two different classes, with books and songs all about friendship. Ms. Simpson delivered selected books to the Discovery School in support of their curriculum. Ms. Seglin visited Madison square two times and shared stories, songs, and brought books for three classes.



Central Children's Librarians visited Kindergarteners at Bonham Academy for three days in a row for a special outreach series. They each shared stories, puppets, and songs to classes of enthusiastic children in the school library.

## 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.



**Tuesdays with Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager):** "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate" on the Nintendo Switch continues to be the game that keeps on giving, as the latest DLC character is officially here. Terry Bogard (the main character from the "Fatal Fury" series) has joined the game, and although he is reminiscent of other fighter characters, teens have excitedly commented on Terry's interesting specials and easy to learn but difficult to master combos. As requested by teens, the Nintendo Switch game "Just Shapes & Beats" was acquired and has proven to be similarly easy to learn but difficult to master. Despite its difficulty, the colorful backgrounds and energetic music make for a fun backdrop during Tuesday nights as teens try to successfully navigate through the game.

Beyond the Nintendo Switch, teens have also enjoyed a variety of new tabletop games. "Electronic Catchphrase" is just as popular as its original version, and "UNO FLIP!" gives teens a new spin on a classic game. But without a doubt, the game "Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza" has taken the Teen Library by storm. Teens play this addictive quick-paced card game regularly throughout the week, often inviting their peers to learn the rules and join in on the fun.



**Wednesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT):** Ciana continued to facilitate technology programming in the lab in the Teen Library to assist teens with designing 3D models to print and finding printed models online. She also facilitated use of the Oculus Rift, a Virtual Reality headset loaded with games for teens.



**Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant):** On Thursdays, teens participate in activities at their library that encourage peer-to-peer assistance, creativity and expressing themselves, all while



helping plan or decide the day's program and the use of the teen space, ranging from showing movies to making tasty snacks to celebrating a holiday low-key to doing crafts in honor of a national month.

For a cute Halloween snack, teens made avocado Frankenstein toast. While some resembled a plain funny face, the attempts at Frankensteins were commendable. To fulfill the San Antonio Food Bank Kids' Café nutritional lesson, teens learned of the nutrients bell peppers can provide and proceeded to carve faces and then used black rice, spaghetti sauce and string cheese to make a healthy vegetarian dish.

For Halloween night, teen made popcorn and hot chocolate while watching movies of their choosing. In honor of Native American Heritage Month, teens used twigs, yarn, and a battery-operated light to create adorable (and that is the truth) twig teepees.

Inspiration sheets are usually presented with the night's craft, but teens are only limited to their imagination when it comes to craft night. Using the items at hand, a teen can create anything, as evidenced when one teen used cotton balls, wire, paint, and the glue gun to create a bee hive and bee for a piece she titled "Bee Happy" for a friend who had been feeling down. Moments such as those are touching as the teen showed off the creation to staff, who marveled at the ingenuity.

One item to look forward to later this month is the celebration of hobbies, a night suggested by a teen to have her peers bring in their hobbies to display and also demonstrate to those who wish to learn. As can occasionally happen with an unprepared night, teens also "raided the kitchen," to use items on hand to make something. A future endeavor might be to create a challenge and contest to inspire resourcefulness and creativity.



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## Tours and Groups

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

Several school classes made visits to the Central Library for tours from Teen Library staff, including Providence Middle School and English classes from Providence High School, the Henry Ford Academy, East Central ISD middle school students, Somerset High School, and a group of over 200 high school

students from Cedar Park, TX that were in town competing in the Bands of American competition at the Alamodome.

## REFERENCE



In honor of National Disability Awareness Month, Librarians Lori Eddy and Cindy de Leon organized a Human Library with a focus on invisible disabilities. Six “human books” volunteered to be “loaned out” to interested attendees. The purpose of the program was to challenge stereotypes and prejudice by presenting an opportunity and place for difficult questions to be asked and answered. The “human books” represented disabilities such as Diabetes, Lupus, Anxiety, Depression, PTSD, and Epilepsy. Attendees felt very positive about the experience, appreciating the opportunity to learn, on a personal level, about a variety of physical and mental health conditions.



To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Library Assistant Blanca Hernandez hosted a *Felt Pan Dulce Ornament Program*. All supplies were provided for Attendees to make their own felt Conchas, Empanadas, and Marranitos ornaments. Attendees were invited to peruse a book of *Pan Dulce Poems* and a blog about the history of pan dulce. Participants were happy with their completed ornaments and also enjoyed a chance to socialize.



For the Halloween edition of the Cinema Terrible series, Librarian Lorin Flores hosted a presentation of *Night of the Living Dead*. Cinema Terrible Meetup members selected the film via online poll. *Night of the Living Dead* is a low-budget indie horror film with B-movie production values that became a landmark in modern horror and set the template for zombie apocalypse movies. In addition to Meetup members, attendees (and participants) included members of the Esoteric Cult of Horror group and Aggravator, a local Thrash metal band. The band members served as guest hecklers. At the conclusion of the film, local director Ken Morales discussed guerilla indie horror filmmaking and presented the trailer for his upcoming apocalyptic horror movie that was inspired by *Night of the Living Dead*. As well as heckling, Aggravator prepared a metal music playlist and discussed the links between metal and horror books and movies.

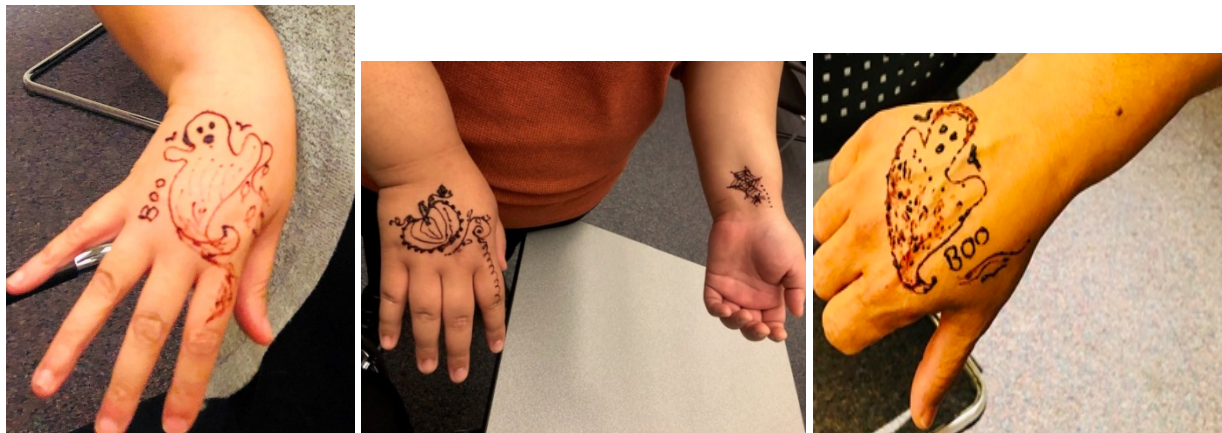


Under the Horror in the Stacks banner, the Central Cinema showing for the month was *Escape Room*. Strangers were given mysterious black boxes with tickets to an immersive escape room for a chance to win tons of money. To find a way out, the rag tag group of misfits had to fight for their lives

through a series of harrowing games. Attendees enjoyed freshly popped popcorn and sat captivated at the rising tension in the film. One patron said he enjoyed the suspense.



A Henna/Mehndi Halloween Art program celebrated the season with a professional Henna artist. The artist adapted the ancient art form and drew personal and distinctive designs on the hands of participants. While waiting their turn attendees enjoyed hot tea, refreshments and a video of Henna designs.





Another entry in the Horror in the Stacks program series was *Escape Room: Terror Town! Ms. Eddy and Librarian Vicky Villalobos developed an immersive Escape Room experience for patrons; however, unlike the Escape Room film, participants were not in fear for their lives. All puzzles were developed and hand crafted by staff. Ms. Eddy recalled previous experiences in cultivating a spooky environment. With fifteen minutes to solve the puzzles, patrons completed the room with about a 70% escape rate. While waiting attendees enjoyed face-painting, a green-screen photo booth, and a gift card raffle.*








# LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER


-  On Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> LCRC Program Manager Emma Hernandez presented at the Texas Library Association D10 Fall Conference which took place at University of Texas San Antonio. Hernandez spoke to a group of 20 library professionals regarding the Latino Collection, initiatives related to the Center and community responses.
-  On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Latino Collection and Resource Center presented *Café con Letras: Esmeralda Santiago* in partnership with the Puerto Rican Heritage Society. Esmeralda Santiago, defined the literature of the Puerto Rican diaspora through her internationally acclaimed *When I Was Puerto Rican* (1993; subsequently adapted into a Peabody Award-winning film for PBS Masterpiece Theatre), *Almost a Woman* (1999), and *The Turkish Lover* (2004); and the novels *América's Dream* (1997) and *Conquistadora* (2011). This program was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The event drew 130 attendees to Central Library and was covered locally by NowCastSA, Telemundo and Univision.


## TEXANA / GENEALOGY

 To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Librarian I Sylvia Reyna conducted a Hispanic Genealogy class at the Progresso Hall for American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) on October 15. Participants learned about the nuances involved in getting started with their ethnic family history research.

 Librarian I Andy Crews presented an overview of the Heritage Quest database to the Reference staff at UTSA's John Peace Library on October 16. There were ten staff members in attendance at the 1604 campus. The presentation was also broadcast to the UTSA campus downtown where there were six staff members present. The presentation was recorded by the library for future viewing and training.

 On October 17, Librarian II Deborah Countess hosted the presentation *The Catholic Archives: A Look into the Future* given by San Antonio Archdiocesan Archivist Elvira Sanchez Kisser. Ms. Sanchez Kisser discussed the ongoing renovations and digitization projects at the Catholic Chancery and what that would mean for the future of the Archives and genealogical research.

 The Friends of Texana/Genealogy met on October 19 at the Central Library. Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson provided the committee with an update on the Texana Bond Project. Also, the committee approved the Department's FY 2020 Friends Donation Plan.

 *Using the Access NewspaperArchive Database* was the topic of Ms. Countess' October 20 class held in the Connect at Central training room. Attendees were shown how to utilize the features offered by this newspaper database and the search strategies that would help answer questions about their genealogy or other historical research.



A San Fernando Cemetery #1 tour on San Antonio's Westside was led by Ms. Reyna on October 26 to a very enthusiastic graveyard group. The tour focused on the local history associated with some of the more well-known residents of this early Catholic cemetery.



Librarian II Matt De Waelsche attended a free digital preservation workshop in Boerne on October 26. The Patrick Heath Memorial Public Library recently received a grant from the Texas State Library for a digital media lab. It was the first public demonstration of their new equipment. Staff demonstrated how to use the equipment to digitize and download photographs and documents.



Ms. Ferguson was invited to speak to Public History graduate students enrolled in the *Archives Organization and Management (HS7314)* course at St. Mary's University on October 30. The topic of the presentation was *Photographs, Description and Preservation*.



On Nov. 1 Mr. De Waelsche and Ms. Reyna attended the TLA District 10 Fall Conference at UTSA. DeWaelsche sat in on interesting and informative breakout sessions on outreach, special collections and library advocacy. Reyna participated in the all-day workshop *Telling a Story in Three Dimensions: Interpretive Exhibits and Display* that covered best practices for library exhibits and displays.



Mr. Crews and Mr. De Waelsche attended COSA Records Liaison Officer Training at the Municipal Archives and Records Facility on November 5.



On November 6 the SAPL Texana/Genealogy Department welcomed forty seventh-grade researchers from Heritage Middle School, ECISD. The students were researching Texas topics in preparation for their 2020 National History Day projects.



Ms. Ferguson accompanied members of SAPL Administration and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation at the Dolph & Janey Briscoe Legacy Award Luncheon on November 6 at the Briscoe Western Art Museum. The luncheon recognized Gloria and Fully Clingman's contributions to and support of the Briscoe and all of Texas.



The City of San Antonio's Council District 2 had a Family Reunion on November 9th, from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Pittman Sullivan Park. Ms. Reyna, along with Ami Sarabia from Teen Services, hosted an outreach table at the event where over 85 attendees played the "Wheel of SAPL" while learning about the different services offered throughout our system.

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen attended Career Day at De Zavala Elementary school on October 18 where she met with kindergarten through third grade classes and shared fun information about librarianship.





On November 4 Ms. Sonnen hosted the *Happy Tails Animal Adventure* program. Children and caregivers had a chance to pet strange and exotic animals including a cuddly wallaby, a slimy python, an intimidating bearded dragon, a leaping lemur and a Patagonian cavy. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot about animal habitats and conservation.



Bazan continued to host its weekly teen program on Wednesday nights along with the *Teen Open Writing Workshop* offered every third Saturday of the month. Erica DeLaRosa from Gemini Ink hosted the month of October's workshop. She was visited by a young lady looking to work on poetry. Together they worked on perfecting the teenager's writing, producing a poem that was then submitted to Young Pegasus. The young lady left positive feedback on her experience working with Gemini Ink.



Along with Children's Librarian Esperanza Sonnen and Memorial branch Library Assistant Rene Leija, Training Office Emily Flores attended the *Barrio Boo Bash* hosted by the Barrio Network on October 30. The children participated in a "come and go" Halloween craft, while the parents were informed about adult programming events at SAPL.



On Thursday, November 7, Training Officers Emily Flores and Michelle Rickman (Wetsfall) represented SAPL at the Workforce Solutions *Alamo Red, White and You* hiring event at the Freeman Coliseum. The training officers spoke with 200 job seekers about the services available to job seekers through SAPL.



Training Officer Emily Flores was invited to participate in the School of Science and Technology's Parent Engagement event on Friday, November 8. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, turnout was poor, but she was invited back to participate in the new campus inauguration in January. While at the event, Mrs. Flores spoke to parents about learning opportunities available to parents and children at SAPL.



*Pop-Up Coloring* at Bazan got a lift thanks to the San Antonio Cultural Arts department who provided 100 copies of their city landmarks in San Antonio coloring book. Customers really enjoy coloring familiar scenes that they have known all their life.



National Novel Writing Month started November 1 and Bazan celebrated by holding write-ins on Mondays at noon and Wednesdays in the evenings to accommodate the schedules of aspiring writers. Several established authors from the San Antonio Romance Writers of America attended the write-ins and were treated to coffee, snacks, water, and swag as well as a stress free coloring space where they could detach from their works in progress for a moment.



The Bad Girls Romance Club met to discuss *A Princess in Theory: Reluctant Royals* by Alyssa Cole. The meeting also included a Halloween Party in collaboration with The Alamo City Browncoats fan club. Members bought some awesome restaurant and store bought snacks that were shared with branch staff.



The Monster Squad Movie was shown to the public at Bazan to hype people up for the Halloween season. Patrons enjoyed refreshments provided by the branch. The staff was able to finally break in their new pop-corn machine which was a big hit with the movie-goers.



The Texas RioGrande Legal Aide non-profit presented an information session with called *Immigration Safety Planning and Recent Changes*. Nearly a dozen patrons attended and many were from the Bazan LEARN Center.



Librarian Sandra Griffin and Library Assistant Enedina Prater collaborated for a book club project with Life's Library, a John Green on-line book club. Life's Library kindly donated 10 copies of their current title, *The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson. Bazan held a book-give-away and invited everyone who took a copy of *The Summer Book* return for a book discussion on November 25.

## BROOK HOLLOW



Brook Hollow Library hosted the Bexar County elections this reporting period. The library was home to twelve days of early voting, and voting on Election Day. Over 3,500 people came to early vote at the library, and on Election Day, the voting station stayed open late to accommodate a line of 70 plus people.

### Children's Services



Two Brook Hollow Tweens, Brooke and Haley, both commented to Library Assistant Elissa Vura that Tuesday is their favorite day of the week because of *Tween Time*. They both said that they love to come to the program so that they can hang out with kids their age and spend time with friends. *Tween Time* continues to be a popular program at Brook Hollow as Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas and Library Assistant Elissa Vura trade-off who runs the weekly program. In the last few weeks, the highlights have been a bad art afternoon where the children created original artwork out of recycled and leftover supplies. They voted on their favorite piece and crafted a trophy together to present to the winner. They also loved making buttons one week and building large scale pieces that could fit a piece of or their entire body.



In addition to *Tween Time*, the *Kids Graphic Novel Club* and the *Books BeTween Friends* programs have been consistently attended by school-age children each month. In October we read graphic novels that focused on robots with programming focused on designing Lego robots and having races with the robotics kits borrowed from Children's Services. For November's meeting of *Books BeTween Friends*, we focused on juvenile fiction mystery books. We took some time to crack a few coded message, wrote our own secret messages, and then did a library themed scavenger hunt. One tween who saw others doing the scavenger hunt hurried into the program with a big smile ready to join and try her hand at solving the puzzle. She was devastated that her mom came to pick her up before she finished. However, she made her friend find the last clue and report to her at school the final answer showing that she really loved the program activity that month. She hopes to attend our next meeting in December.



Early Literacy programming continues at Brook Hollow with *Story Time*, *Baby Time*, *Toddler Two*, and *Toddler Time* occurring every week. The toddlers have had fun playing with scarves for the last several weeks, and the babies are growing in confidence as they learn to crawl across the group to see the books and puppets and interact with Ms. Salinas. One mom commented that of the library programs

she has been too that only at Brook Hollow does her little guy gain his confidence to move away from her and play with the librarian.



In October, Brook Hollow also hosted a *Halloween Storytime* party for younger children during the normal *Story Time* hour. Over 130 people attended. The story portion was short to give children a chance to engage in free play for the majority of the program. Sensory bins, crafts, tunnels, and play dough were all popular station activities. District Councilman John Courage provided candy for the party and stopped by to personally deliver it and engage with the families for a short time. While only supposed to last an hour, families continued to have fun for at least another thirty minutes until staff finally had no choice but to start cleaning up. Several of the caregivers with younger children commented on how much they enjoyed the party and thanked Ms. Salinas for her hard work in providing fun, free, engaging programs for their children. The event became a party due in large part to the additional treats provided by the Brook Hollow Friends.



During Halloween week, Ms. Salinas also wrote a book review for the Children's blog that appears on the Children's Services page of the San Antonio Public website. Her book was not a spooky choice, but rather a graphic novel pick from the Brook Hollow Graphic Novel Book Club.



Ms. Salinas also continued with her monthly outreach program at Country Home Childcare. The children love the stories and are learning new songs with her as she repeats them each month. After every storytime at the child care center, the teachers thank the librarian for coming to visit and the children crowd her for hugs. The center is new to outreach visits, but is very excited to continue them throughout the school year.



In November, Ms. Salinas Salinas, joined Children's Coordinator Cresencia Huff at a Día De Los Muertos outreach at Market Square. Ms. Salinas read stories for the children and then assisted at the San Antonio Public Library's table in a craft activity where children decorated butterflies. She also attended a training in November hosted by Little Read Wagon that discussed the importance of play in a children's development. The workshop discussed guided play versus free play. The workshop was extremely inspirational and helped to underline the reasons for why and how free play should be incorporated more into library programming.

## Teen Services



Brook Hollow teen programming continued to be crafty this month with teens having two opportunities to get creative with paint. Earlier in the month teens painted mini pumpkins to decorate the teen space, and a couple of weeks later painted tote bags to take home with them. Another crafty highlight from the month was teens practicing their scratch art. Teens enjoyed using free form designs to scratch and reveal the color underneath the black scratch art sheets. In addition to some art projects, teens have gotten competitive with new card games at *Teen Time* this month, playing Codenames, Uno Flip, and Taco Cat Cheese Pizza and playing in virtual reality with the Oculus Go system borrowed from Teen Services.



Teen Time went interstellar with our Galaxy Night on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Participating teens got to make their own galaxy lemonade and spacey bubble magnets.



The Brook Hollow teen space now has a wall for teen art to be displayed. Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot hopes that our regular teens will continue to donate their art to be displayed in their section of the library.

## Adult Services



Brook Hollow hosted its longstanding book clubs Wednesday Evening Book Group, La Tertulia Spanish Language Book Club, Book Lover's Book Swap and Gab Session, Thursday Afternoon Book Group, Historical Fiction Book Group, and Mystery Book Group.



Brook Hollow's American Sign Language class series continues to be a hit with patrons of all ages. Over the last month, 170 people have come to participate and learn a new language with honor students from MacArthur High School.



Brook Hollow's Adult Librarian Marco DeLeon helped out at Pan Am this month in the planning and implementation of their Alamo City Soul Block Party. The party was a great success with many community members coming together to listen to music and learn about historical events in San Antonio.

## CARVER



Kenneth Stewart, assistant branch manager at Carver Branch, visited the Young Men's Leadership Academy on Wednesday, October 23 where he offered outreach services to students and their families.



Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo attended family literacy night at Cameron Elementary School on Friday, November 8. During the month of October, she interacted with a total of 868 youngsters through school visits, story times and other activities.

Angela Bunting has joined the staff as a library aide. Ms. Bunting has six years of library experience. She has worked in libraries in Tennessee and Virginia.



Jeanne Johnson, formerly of the Carver Branch Learn Center, accepted a new position as Coordinator of the Bexar County Small Business & Entrepreneurship Department's Capacity-Building Program. In addition, Ms. Johnson will work with that department's African-American Business Enterprise Initiative (AABEI), created to help stimulate local outreach, economic growth, and development among African Americans, where a gap in services was found to exist.



Branch Manager DL Grant Jr. participated in a panel discussion honoring the achievements of the late Norcell D. Haywood, San Antonio's first licensed black architect. Carver Branch is one of Haywood's early designs, constructed in 1973. Mr. Grant's topic centered on occupying a Haywood space and how working at Carver Branch is a daily opportunity to reflect on Haywood genius and creativity.

The event, which attracted preservation and architecture enthusiasts, was held at Antioch Baptist Church, another of Haywood's designs. Other presenters were architect Porter C. Dillard and La Juana Chambers

Lawson of the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum (SAAACAM). It was organized by the San Antonio Office for Historic Preservation.

## CODY



Weekly Story Times at the Cody Library during this reporting period included *Baby Time*, *Toddler Time*, *Toddler, Two*, and *Story Time*. During *Baby Time* and *Toddler Time* children learned about colors, dogs, and dinosaurs. During *Toddler, Two* and *Story Time* children continued through the alphabet and learned about the letters G, H, I, and J. During these story times children discussed words that start with the letter, practiced the sound of the letter, and completed extension sensory bin and art activities. A favorite extension activity was creating and decorating a paper bag house for the letter H. As a special treat, each story time during the week of Halloween had a Boo Parade. Children paraded around the library while shaking egg shakers and then received a healthy treat at the end. Many of the children dressed in costume for the parades.



Families gathered for a special *Movie Crafternoon* program on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Children watched the new *Aladdin* movie while they built and decorated their own genie lamps.



Children's programming for school-age children during this reporting period included *Lego Club*, *Kid's Time*, *Read to a Dog*, and *Tween Time*. During *Lego Club* children worked individually or in groups to build Lego scenes. On October 16<sup>th</sup> Children were anticipating Halloween, so many children made Halloween-themed scenes. On November 6<sup>th</sup> the optional theme was to build your bedroom. Children could either build their current bedroom or the bedroom of their dreams.



During *Kid's Time* on October 23<sup>rd</sup> children worked together in groups to complete a scavenger hunt. Children had to follow 10 clues and solve a riddle in order to discover who took all the Halloween treats. At the end of the scavenger hunt, children received a treat for all of their hard work.



Tweens enjoyed a couple of programs related to Halloween during the weekly *Tween Time* program. Tweens read scary stories out loud to one another on October 21<sup>st</sup> and had a Halloween party on October 28<sup>th</sup>.



The branch hosted a Halloween Party on October 31<sup>st</sup>. During the party children played with playdough, played a few different toss games, and made their own masking tape mummies, paper bag monsters, and paper plate spider webs. Many of the children dressed in costume and took pictures with the green screen.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon visited Locke Hill Elementary on November 5<sup>th</sup> to lead the monthly meeting of the afterschool writing club. Students in the club learned about various forms of poetry including haiku, free verse, and shape poetry. Children read examples of each form of poetry and were encouraged to write their own poems in each style. Children were encouraged to revise their poems before the next meeting, when they will submit the poems to the Young Pegasus competition.





*Teen Gaming* provides teens with opportunities to hang out after school and play video, board, and card games. Current favorite games include Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Just Dance, and a virtual reality Western game on the Oculus Go!



*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. Teens made an unsuccessful attempt at slime but agreed that another try in a few weeks would be fun. They also held a paper airplane contest with an exciting prize in the form of Gatorade! For Halloween, they solved puzzles to break into a locked box before time ran out. To start November off, they created unique zipper pulls out of shrink plastic and used masking tape to make a maze they talked each other through—blindfolded!



The *Cody Chess Club* continues to bring children and teens into the library each Tuesday for games and chess puzzles.



On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver stopped by Clark High School's creative writing class to invite them to submit poetry to the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition. The teens learned how they could enter their creative work and asked great questions about how they could participate!



Cody hosted its last Executive Book on October 15.



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.



Ms. Katrina Chretin, author of *The Interview Artist*, *Understanding the Art of Career Development* and *Interviewing* hosted her last 2019 workshop.



The Adult Chess Open Play had its last Friday session on November 1st.



Cody partnered with the following organizations:

- Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) presented Medicare Annual
- Enrollment
- Ms. Rozanna Mendoza from the Census Bureau which held a Census Staff Training
- Legal Caritas hosted a Legal Seminar - Guardianship and Wills

## COLLINS GARDEN

### Adults/Community/Family



October events at CGL included Bexar County Election Department's 2019 Early Voting and Election Day. Sixty people attended the branch's pumpkin decorating event and Urban Historian Fred Garza presented Halloween Stories for San Antonians. CGL hosted Coffee & a Movie, featuring Mexican Cinema with classic & recent releases and Coloring for Adults in October & November.

## **Children**

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted 36 attendees in four programs for the continuously popular Lego Club. Lego creations are displayed for public enjoyment in the reference area. Brudi hosted local artist Jesse Burciaga for two October art programs where he assisted children in the creation of posters depicting Dia de los Muertos. Brudi attended the Paseo Dia de Los Muertos exhibit displaying the children's artwork November 2. During Come and Go Craft programs for the reporting period children made scary masks and tipis. Brudi attended the PCI Academy Parents meeting November 7 and spoke to 20 parents about the importance of early literacy, fine-free checkouts and services at the San Antonio Public Library. November 9 Brudi attended a workshop, "Make Way for Play" at Harberger Park and attended Literacy Night at Knox Early Childhood Center in November.

## **NEW Tween Scene**

Collins Garden Library Branch Manager Jeannette Davies hosted 10 young people for Halloween Tween Scene October 24. Davies created a Halloween Touch/Feel Game and tweens were thrilled to touch/feel creepy Halloween-themed items.

## **Teens**

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll hosted 40 attendees in 5 programs for the weekly Teen Tuesday event. Teens were creative in the activities they chose, ranging from playing charades and acting out scenes from their favorite movies, to playing the new card game Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, to creating fall décor, paper leaves and wreaths for the library. Toll made a presentation at Burbank High School October 24 and spoke to 60 students about library resources, how to search library databases, tips for research, how to use Libby and signed 60 students up for library cards. Toll attended YALSA Symposium October 31-November 3 in Memphis, Tennessee and brought back a lot of new ideas to share with Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library.

## **Manager Happenings**

CGL Manager Jeannette Davies attended the Ride for Reading San Antonio (RFRSA) book delivery event at San Antonio's Martha Mead Elementary School. Davies visited 800 young people as she assisted students in grades K-5 select books from the organizations' donated books. Davies also coordinated with the manager and children's librarian at SAPL's Carver Library to attend RFRSA October event at San Antonio's Gates Elementary School. Davies is supporting the Friends of Collins Garden Library Holiday Craft Fair at CGL Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10-3 pm.

# **CORTEZ**



On November 12 Ms. Brantley continued to partner with the Parks Department to present a Nature Smart Libraries session for adults on "Wildscaping: landscaping with native plants". The session included a slide show of recommended plants, brochures to take home and a tree give-away that was very popular with attendees.



November 7 the Branch played host to the monthly Branch Manager's meeting. The Friends of Cortez helped provide refreshments and a large number of Central Library Departments were represented to share what they do and to answer questions from Managers.



On November 6 Ms. Brantley and Circulation Attendant Ms. Vasquez represented the Branch at a parent/teacher event at Palo Alto Elementary. They distributed information to potential new patrons and visited with regular customers.



Ms. Brantley was the Captain for two SAPL bowling teams in the COSA annual SportsFest held on November 2. Ten employees from nine different locations participated in the event.

## Children's Programs



**Toddler Time and Family Fun** (Nicole Cubillas, Nicole McCleod, Susan Campbell, Ana Menchaca)

Toddlers and their caretakers heard more songs and stories on the themes of spiders, tracking animals, and other nature-based concepts in association with the Nature Smart Libraries initiative. 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



**Ready, set, game!** (Nicole Cubillas)

Attending families came together for board games, card games, puzzles, and more. The events were moved into the public area from the meeting room to try and get better attendance for this relatively new program.

## Teen Programs



**Teen Time** (Jo Ann Paredes)

The word is getting around about teen time at Cortez and little by little teens are heading back. On October 17 the Parks Department's Susan Campbell with Nature Smart Libraries did a program "Bird Bingo" and there was a good turnout of both teens and adults. At one Teen Time several teens had fun making little creations out of air-dry clay.

## Adult Programs



**Adult Coloring and Cortez Older Adult Social Time** (Madeline Vasquez)

On October 17, 31 and November 12, staff member Ms. Vasquez led Adult Coloring. This community program features advanced coloring for adults, board games, puzzles and light refreshments.



**Getting Crafty Program** (JoAnn Paredes)

Craft class has been a little low on attendance but there are still those devoted regulars that never miss a class. Flowers were made out of pipe cleaners and ribbon.



**Tea Time Crafts** (Jo Ann Paredes)

Tea Time has replaced the Quilter's Corner on alternating Sundays. The first one was held November 10 and attendees enjoyed sampling different teas, and cookies, and working on their own projects.



### **Monster Meet** (Madeline Vasquez)

A good-sized crowd was treated to the movie Brightburn on November 9. This popular monthly program brings regulars as well as new attendees who enjoy anything spooky, scary, or mysterious.



### **Art Therapy** (Madeline Vasquez)

On November 12, Ms. Vasquez led patrons in making colorful, tie-died tile coasters. All supplies were provided, including tiles, sharpies, rubbing alcohol, droppers, glitter, glue and beads.



### **Salsa and Cumbia Dance Lessons** (Mario Alvarado)

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Mario Alvarado from Empowered Arts Studio led Salsa and Cumbia dance lessons on October 15, 22 and 29.



### **Blood Drive** (Brooke Mjolsness)

Cortez Library partnered with South Texas Blood and Tissue Center to host a Blood Drive on October 29. The Center provided free refreshments and Halloween t-shirts to each person who donated.



### **Come Write-In** (Nicole Cubillas)

Cortez Library hosted a writing event for National Novel Writing Month on November 14. Patrons joined together to work on writing projects.



### **Art Journaling** (Nicole Cubillas)

One Thursday night a month attending families were provided with mixed media supplies and invited to create their own artwork.



### **Healthy Cooking Class** (Vince Escobedo)

Mr. Escobedo hosted his monthly cooking class on October 31. He taught patrons to make healthy Halloween snacks. Example: "Witch's Broomsticks" were made from pretzel sticks and cheese sticks.



### **Bharatanatyam Dance for Diwali** (Brooke Mjolsness)

Two dancers performed classic Bharatanatyam dance to celebrate the Diwali Festival of Lights on November 7. They performed in colorful, traditional garb to Hindi music.



### **Classic Movie Showing** (Jo Ann Paredes)

By patron request, the Cortez Library will host a Classic Movie Showing every quarter. The first movie was shown on October 26 and patrons watched Casablanca. Light refreshments were served.

### **Community Programs**



### **Cortez Chess Club**

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



### **LEARN Center Activities** (Daniel Gomez)

This reporting period (October 14 – November 14) the LEARN Center had a total of eighty-two visits, with an average of four patrons a day. The LEARN center was closed the week of November 11 – November 16 so that Mr. Gomez could attend an ESL practicum in Austin to gain professional certification that will help in his job duties. The majority of usage was dedicated to developing computer skills, followed by job searching.

During this reporting period, four patrons enrolled in the Cortez LEARN Digital Inclusion Certificate program. One person completed the Computer Basics Track.

Four ESL Level One classes were held this period with an average of four students per class.

Four Conversational Spanish classes were held this period. Conversational Spanish classes have had a sustained interest. There has been an average of eight students per class.

All classes will be coming to an end in December, as the Cortez LEARN Center will be closing by the end of the year at Cortez and moving to Johnston Branch in District 4.

## **ENCINO**



Encino hosted the Japanese Kit Kat Experience on October 14. This was a very popular program with 70 in attendance. Attendees got to try various flavors of Kit Kats that had been imported from Japan, and sample boba milk tea.



Encino's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boo Bash was on October 28. There were approximately 100 attendees that enjoyed Halloween crafts and activities, and snacks and candy were enjoyed by all. District 9 Councilman John Courage's office donated candy for this event.



On November 14 Encino hosted Play & Learn: Let's Go to the Grocery Store. This event let children enjoy pretend-play including "washing" plastic produce, using real produce to stamp with, and having a fruit and vegetables felt board activity.





Tweens Create continues to be a popular program. Over the past month the tweens have used a chemical reaction to make DIY Bouncy Balls, captured a “Ghost in a Cup” as a fun Halloween treat, and made Rainbows in a Jar with salt and chalk.



LEGO Time, Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time continue to have good consistent attendance.



Teen programming has continued with twice weekly programs put on by Krystal Owen (Part Time Circulation) and Katy Dillard (Part Time Librarian I) as Encino does not presently have a Teen Librarian. Teen Anime club has continued watching episodes of My Hero Academia via Crunchy Roll and have ventured into playing various card games. Teen Hangout has featured Smash Bros video games, perler bead art, a pancake art event and Hocus Pocus and Beetlejuice movie nights. Krystal Owen has surveyed the teen participants for future possible programs.



October and November are always exciting times at Encino. A voting location, Encino always sees an upswing in visitors, and Bexar County's new voting system created many opportunities for engagement with voters as they passed through. The weekly Hand Bee and the monthly meeting of the San Antonio Needlework Guild continue to draw patrons to Encino's spaces, but the reduced room size for Fitness in the Park hurt attendance there, somewhat. Libraries and Labyrinths Horror Month continued apace, however, exploring a post-apocalyptic Central Texas.



Two cultural programs of note happened at Encino: Bharatanatyam Dance for Diwali and the Great Loose-leaf Tea Experience. Both audiences were enthusiastic, and the tea program was serendipitously well-timed to the drop in temperature. Additionally, the monthly Book Club had a well-attended meeting, led by Circulation Attendant Krystal Owen, who has gone above and beyond in engaging with programming these last two months, both for adults and for teens.

## FOREST HILLS

Ms. Menchaca hosted the “Grocery Store Play and Learn” on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The children who attended the program had a wonderful time, especially with the dramatic play element of the program. All of the kids were delighted as all of them are familiar with the grocery store.

As a STEM program during Kids Time, Ms. Menchaca had the children make a hand out of cardstock, straws, and yarn. The kids were able to pull the yarn and see how the bones and tendons in the hand work. A lot of the kids were really fascinated with the activities. Ms. Menchaca used an anatomy book so the kids could look into their hand and compare their tendons and bones with the one they made.

Ms. Menchaca hosted several Come and Go Crafts this month. She usually hosts them on Mondays and Wednesday for the kids who come to the library every day after school. She provides them with paper, markers, and crayons, and encourages them to use their imagination and make whatever they'd like.

There was an interview panel that Ms. Menchaca participated in. The panel was in search of a Library Aide for Guerra Library. Ms. Menchaca was asked to participate by Ms. Arlene Richardson and was delighted to be of service.

Lego time continues to be a hit with children. It is so successful that children often arrive early to ensure that their creations from last week are in the Lego bins.

Ms. Menchaca hosted a Halloween themed story time. Kids read stories that weren't quite scary and they had a long conversation with Ms. Menchaca about how Trick or Treating works and what everyone was going to be for Halloween. That afternoon, Ms. Menchaca hosted the Halloween Party for Kids Time. Ms. Menchaca had snacks, games, and crafts for the attendees. The big hit of the Halloween party was slime making – as always.

SAPL partnered with the Witte Museum for their “Mythical Creatures” exhibit. Ms. Menchaca helped Ms. Cresencia Huff and Ms. Shannon Seglin create a reading list that kids could refer to

Ms. Menchaca partnered with Northside Independent School District to present a kinder readiness program. Several parents who attend Storytime have expressed a concern about their children being ready for kindergarten.

As she does every month, Ms. Menchaca did outreach at PCI Head Start. She read a story to the 3, 4, and 5 year old and sang songs with them. This month they read “The Great Thanksgiving Escape,” the children really enjoyed the story about some mischievous children at Thanksgiving

Ms. Menchaca went to Cortez library to substitute during their toddler time.

Wash and Learn was also on the list for Ms. Menchaca this month. She and Adult Services Librarian Sandra Griffin attended the Washeteria on St. Cloud. Ms. Menchaca took books, crafts, and games for the children. She read several books in Spanish and the children really enjoyed being able to craft while they waited on their laundry.

Little Read Wagon offered a training in regards to child led playing and Ms. Menchaca was fortunate to attend. The training took place at Hardberger Park and play was discussed at length. The importance of playing in the life of a child was explained and emphasized.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



The Great Northwest Branch Library welcomes Desmond London as the new teen librarian! Mr. London previously worked at Potranco Library.



The branch celebrated its 25th anniversary with a Fall Festival celebration on Saturday, October 19. Assistant Director Kathy Donellan and Library Board of Trustees and Friends member Lora Eckler spoke at the beginning of the program and State Representative Ina Minjarez drafted a legislative certificate to celebrate the anniversary. The Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library graciously provided refreshments that were enjoyed by patrons throughout the afternoon. Friends member Anna Gafford coordinated the Presentation of Colors by Venturing Crew 1779. Assistant Manager Stephanie Vazquez and Library Assistant Kathleen Marascio set up different types of family friendly gaming stations such as board games, carnival games, and video and virtual reality games. Ms. Vazquez also coordinated another tree adoption event with Parks and Recreation. Branch Manager Cate Prazak coordinated a *Papel Picado* workshop with presenter Angie Merla from the Esperanza Center.



Great Northwest Library had a great fall season. The kids celebrated the season with the annual costume parade around the library. All age groups dressed up and library staff passed out treats during each of the programs. A highlight this month in the *World Matters* Tween Time program was making carrot flutes that successfully made sound.



Children's librarian Cari Raley visited Valley High Elementary and helped the students make character bookmarks to take home and passed out information about library resources and programs.



Teen Librarian Desmond London began with a *Kiki's Delivery Service* themed *Craft and Movie Night* on October 28. The Great Northwest teens assisted in planning future events for Teen Time and made requests for crafts and special events.



On November 9, Mr. London participated in NerdvanaCon at the Stevens High School Library with other SAPL staff. They provided buttons, a picture booth, costume repair, a Super Smash Brothers tournament and virtual reality station. This was a great learning event for participants who didn't know all of the things the library has to offer. This event brought in a whopping 1446 attendees, with 181 counting for the outreach efforts at GNW.



Great Northwest Library hosted the Teen Arts Fest Featured Artist Exhibit during November. The Teen Arts Fest Featured Artist is Rachel Kamata. Ms. Kamata is the 2018 Teen Arts Fest Adjudicated Art Show winner and a Blue Star Contemporary MOSAIC student artist.



Great Northwest Library presented a *Classic Film Series* on October 15 with a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's film *Psycho* followed by a discussion about the movie and trivia. On November 12 the library screened the Frank Capra Film *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*.



On October 16 the Great Northwest Library hosted a *Paranormal Investigators* event. Investigators from Sixth Sense Paranormal visited the library to present a program highlighting the process of paranormal investigations.



On November 4 Great Northwest Library hosted a *Pokémon Tea Party* celebration. The library invited Pokémon lovers of all ages to visit the library and celebrate the release of the new game with tea, treats, green screen pictures, and pokémon card crafts.



On November 6 the Great Northwest Library hosted a *Classical Bharatanatyam Dance* in celebration of the Diwali Festival of Lights. Patrons enjoyed this beautiful custom from Indian culture that combines music, dance, and storytelling.



The Great Northwest Saturday Book Club met on November 9 to discuss the book *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.



The Great Northwest Library hosted a *DIY U: Journaling* on November 13. This is a monthly program for adults that provide tips and techniques on how to start a journaling projects.



Great Northwest Library partnered with the NISD Reddix Center to implement *Library for All: programs for adults with disabilities*. On November 14 the library provided games, crafts, and art activities for students and their caregivers.



The branch's active volunteers continue to serve as a key asset as they check in deliveries and assist with pulling holds and helping during the children's programs. Great Northwest's army of volunteers contributed over 240 hours for the month of October.

## GUERRA



The Guerra Library hosted Bexar County Early Voting and Election days in October and November 2019. The Guerra Chess Club met on Fridays--October 14 and 25 and November 1 and 8. Children, teens, and adults get tips and training from volunteer Ruben Lozano.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams held an outreach book group at the Virginia Gill Community Center on November 1. Participants discussed *Invisible* by James Patterson. She supported the community during a Wash and Learn Initiative outreach event on November 6. She promoted literacy and shared information about library services with a number of families.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented two Lego Clubs, five Toddler Times, five Story Times and five Art Clubs. During Art Club, school aged children created art inspired by Frank Stella and Van Gogh's Halloween Night. Children also painted pumpkins and created Halloween silhouettes. Arlene planned and presented Story Time at Johnston Library on October 15, 29 and November 12. On October 18, Arlene hosted a Fall Play & Learn: Grocery Shopping --- children five and under and their parents participated in pretend play and explored grocery shopping. On October 25 she planned and presented Story Time to toddlers and preschoolers at Greatest Gifts Childcare Center. On November 1, Arlene accompanied Cresencia Huff (Coordinator of Children's Services) to CTLS's performer showcase in Georgetown. Arlene observed and interacted with performers/ presenters/ speakers who are interested in performing at libraries for patrons. On November 9 and 10 children participated in all day November Make & Take crafts. On November 10, Arlene installed a Thanksgiving Day display.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson attended a PTA meeting at Passmore Elementary School on October 18. He spoke to parents about library programs and services for children. On October 21, he recorded Mike Mulligan y su maquina maravillosa (Mike Mulligan and his magnificent machine) by Virginia Lee Burton for dial-a-story in Spanish. On October 31, Stephen moderated the Club de Lectura, book club in Spanish. They discussed La última pintura de Sara de Vos (The last painting by Sara de Vos) by the Australian writer, Dominic Smith. The story delved into the vocabulary of the painting profession and received special attention from one of the participants who is a professional painter. On November 8, Stephen presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. This month he emphasized Thanksgiving Day.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on October 17, 24, and 31 and November 7.



Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca held Knit & Crochet programs on September 22 and October 5. She continued using Millennium and Excel to track issues with returned items showing on patron accounts. A key part of this process was to update the returned/not-returned status of an item before it reached the claims returned threshold. Roxanne set aside time each week to work on this project and shared aspects of the process with Guerra staff.

## IGO

### Children's Services



In conjunction with the Igo Pooch Parade and the District 8 Fall Festival, Igo Children's Services hosted a Costume Carnival for families. A short parade through the library started the festivities. Then, the Igo community enjoyed creating bat hats, mummy treat bags, and flapping bats while listening to Halloween favorites. Games included Pumplinko, Eyeball Toss, small parachute play, and a tin can Nerf gun shooting gallery. Halloween programming has been absent from the Igo Branch for quite some time and was welcomed enthusiastically by the community. Staff has already begun planning for next year.



In addition to regular programs at Igo, Ms. Vance assisted with regular programs at the Parman Branch and at the Landa Boo in October. She also attended the Make Way for Play training session presented by the Little Read Wagon in November, returning with some ideas to make even more space for varied types of play in the children's area.

### Teen Services



On October 30 the library hosted a Zombie Prom. The participants could have their zombie makeup done by library aide Antoinette Rosalez. They could also play board games, video games or participate in a Nerf Gun shooting gallery. The teen librarian borrowed a Polaroid camera from Westfall library and the teens could have their 'prom photos' taken and they could take their photos home. This program was successful and the teens had a lot of fun so something similar to this will be planned for next Fall.



For cooking club the teens could make quesadillas on October 14.



During teen time this month the teens made perler bead creations, bubble magnets, bracelet loops and watercolor pinwheel art.

### Adult Services



On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, Igo branch library hosted a "Pooch Parade", a community event that people of the community and their dogs got an opportunity to visit the library for a fun costumer contest. There were three different categories to contest on. Judges selected winners from the categories of Best Pooch-Pal Costume Duo, Best Dressed Pooch and Most Star- Studded Pooch. In addition, representatives from Animal Services Care of City of San Antonio, Wayland Whiskers Cat Rescue and Helotes Animal Shelter had their information tables and there were some rescued cats to give away.





On November 2<sup>nd</sup> Igo's Dollars and Sense Book Club met and discussed the book *A First Class Catastrophe* by Diana B. Henriques. The book detailed the events leading up to and contributing to the worst day in the history of Wall St. The group was astonished to find that very little had been done to correct the circumstances leading to the 1987 crash. A good time was had by all of the attending members.

## Senior Services



Level I Hatha Yoga classes continued on Fridays when the meeting rooms were available.



On October 17, Dr. Antonio Martinez-Molina, UTSA Professor of Architecture, gave a presentation on one of his current projects, how to preserve and maintain for modern use, the Mission Concepcion. There was great interest in this topic and discussion continued for the entire 2-hour program.



On Friday, October 25, Barbara Coulter held a class on Collages for the I\*GO for Art Club. Participants were delighted to learn about and make a variety of interesting collages.



On November 7, Tony Gallegos, San Antonio's first Immigration Liaison with the City Manager's Office, gave a presentation on migrant issues in San Antonio. His Power Point was very informative and gave an overview of all the elements involved in the immigration issues, both nationwide and locally.



On November 8 the I\*GO for Art Club met, and one of its members, Amita Kaur, gave a presentation on the Art of India, focusing primarily on one important artist, Mr. M. F. Husain. Members commented on the very well-done presentation.

## JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library hosted Early Voting from October 21 to November 1 and served as an Election Day polling site on November 5. Over 700 voters visit the library for Early Voting and over 400 voters utilized the library for Election Day. The US Census Office and the District 4 Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia coordinate two census job fairs at Johnston on October 25 and October 31. On October 31 a Recruiter for San Antonio College was available for potential students. Johnston Branch Library will be welcoming a new Teen Librarian in November.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Joanna Ramos's novel *The Farm* on October 16. On October 19 Ms. Bustillo organized the annual Pumpkin Carving and painting event for over 50 participants.



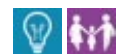
Adult Services Librarian Cristine Mitchamore organized an event on November 9, "Games, Games & More Games" in recognition of International Games Week, tempting the community to play card and board games together. On November 13<sup>th</sup>'s World Kindness Day, Ms. Mitchamore hosted a "Kindness Rocks" event—inviting participants to paint a rock for themselves and one to donate to Johnston's Kindness Rock Garden.



Library Aide Victoria Liendo, and Children's Librarians hosted five Toddler Times and Story Times with an alphabet theme. During the reporting period several Children's Librarians graciously conducted Toddler Times and Story Time to Johnston's community including Christine Deffendall from Memorial Branch Library, Arlene Richardson from Guerra Branch Library, Amy Roberts from Maverick Branch Library, and Interim Coordinator of Children's Services Cresencia Huff. Some of the crafts included kites, popsicle stick lizards, monsters, birds in a nest and torn paper owls. Miss Anastasia from The Twig book shop was featured on October 29 for a special Halloween Story Time with a guest appearance by "Estaban the Magnificent" from the book *The Day the Crayons Came Home*. Johnston's Lego Club had a steady crowd of excited kids with fun and surprising creations every Tuesday.



Library Aide Cynthia Blanca hosted five Teen Times with volunteers Deborah Blancas and Kaitlyn Wooley. On October 16 teen baked a cake and enjoyed decorating it while playing video games. For October 23 several teens enjoyed playing Uno Flip and other board games. On October 30, teens celebrated the Day of the Dead by decorating sugar skulls. On November 6 teens played board and video games as part of the International Games Week. On November 13 the teens played games and created art pieces with Perler beads.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson served as a regular contributor to *Telecuentos* (*Dial-a-Story* in English), and she recorded a children's book for the week of October 14: *La niña y el monstruo* by Neil Irani and illustrated by Park Yun. Ms. Jackson taught a weekly class, Conversational Spanish on Mondays: October 14, 21, 28, and November 4 as members learned interactive lessons about *Usos de los articulos definidos e indefinidos* (Using the Definite and Indefinite Articles), *Trabalenguas* (Tonguetwisters), *Lectura comprensiva: Zanahoria, huevo o café?* (Reading Comprehension: Carrots, Egg, or Coffee?), *Una version de La Llorona* (The Weeping Woman), *Aprendiendo nuevo vocabulario usando el juego de Bingo* (Learning new vocabulary using Bingo).

## LANDA

### Children



Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta kicked off this month with Landa's second Pajama Storytime. This month was presented with a Halloween theme. Children came dressed in their pjs and listened to spooky stories. After the story time, the children made their own candy corn person.



Landa Branch staff prepared for months to host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Landa Boo! The program is designed as a community fall festival/Halloween party event. This year the weather helped to make it even more community centered by forcing everyone inside! Landa Boo! events included a young DJ (DJ Axe6), face painters, a balloon artist, a food truck (Lady Picoza), games, crafts, and messy art. The estimated attendance was 350 people during the two hours the program took place. Landa Boo! is put together with help from all Landa Branch stakeholders (Friends of Landa, Monte Vista Historical Society, and Landa Gardens Conservancy).



Following Landa Boo!, children tried out their hands at balloon sculptures during Process Art. Everyone had a really great time. Some of the sculptures included a dinosaur, a face, and a dog.



The fall gets busy with outreach requests from various childcare centers and schools. Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta was lucky this month that one of her outreach events fell on the same day as her play and learn. Pre-K for SA students were able to enjoy the "Let's go the Grocery Store" play and learn. They painted with vegetables, made playdough food, and (everyone's favorite) shopped at the pretend Farmer's Market.

## Teen



Landa Teens continued to wow with their innovative and collaborative weekly programs this month! Assisted by Library Assistant and Teen Liaison, Rebekah Corley, the group workshoped a blackout poetry night for the Pegasus Poetry competition, had a gaming and pixel art session (with one teen calling the experience "her ultimate happy place") and hosted a super-creative FrankenStuffie Lab for their peers at Landa Boo. There, the gang deconstructed and recreated stuffies from donated stuffed toys, putting their clever innovation on full display!



Drop-In Volunteering welcomed three new volunteers, with one initiating the process to become a regular volunteer with Landa and Teen Study Hall continued to provide a dedicated space for teens to study and socialize afterschool, offered in the meeting room, three times a week.

## Adult Services



It has been a busy month for adult programming at Landa Library. The two book clubs that meet at Landa—Reader's Ink which meets the second Tuesday of each month and the Mystery Book Club which meets the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of holiday months when they meet the third Thursday—read books that, as always, provoke lively discussions.



The Reader's Ink selection for November was *The Good Neighbor* by Maxwell King and is a biography of Fred Rogers of PBS fame for "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." It was of particular interest because of a movie on the topic of Fred Rogers that is being released this month.



The Mystery Book Club read *The President is Missing*, by Bill Clinton and James Patterson. It is a tech thriller about a computer virus that threatens to shut down all computer operated systems in the United States. The group agreed that it possessed insights into presidential information that could only be seen through the eyes of someone who has served in that office.



The Village at the Incarnate Word Book Club meets in the small theater in one of the independent living buildings. The group read the surprising tale about crimes against the Osage Indians, *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. No one in the room, neither had heard about this series of events in the 1920s that involved murders, theft and treachery by unscrupulous people at the expense of the Osage tribe. It was on the best seller list for a number of months.



Watercolor artist Clay McGaughy paid a return visit to Landa on Sunday, October 27. He brought a canvas with a rough pencil sketch of a sea scene and at the end of the session he had a beautiful, completed watercolor artistic piece. His followers filled the room and enjoyed every minute of

his creativity and humorous commentary. It's obvious why he is considered one of the foremost watercolor artists of Texas.



Adult Services Librarian closed Hispanic Heritage month with a showing of the movie "Tortilla Soup," the story of a widowed restaurant owner and his three daughters. Although he worries about his girls finding love, they manage to make him proud as he, himself, finds romance by the movie's end. Highly recommended!



On November 17, Shirley Morrison conducted a crochet class for beginners. She is an excellent instructor and her "students" kept busy for nearly four hours, enjoying conversation and refreshments while learning a new craft.



Landa has welcomed two new adult volunteers this month. Maddie Stoddard is an Intern with the Work Study program at Trinity University. She has become an expert router-sleuth and works with the Landa staff two afternoons each week. Rikki Barnett is active duty military, serving as a medic on official flights to and from military action zones. She got broken in as a volunteer by spending two hours dishing up cotton candy to the junior set at Landa Boo.

## LAS PALMAS



Toddler Time in October/November revolved around Fall and Halloween themes. Valerie Shelley, Children's Librarian, and Elvia Ramos, Librarian Assistant, held a Play & Learn for Bilingual Storytime the second week of November. It was well attended and fun learning for the children.



Community Outreach were in schools during October. Valerie and Elvia participated in a Literacy Night at KIPP and Valerie went to Henry B Gonzalez Elementary School for their Literacy Night.



Monday evenings were Family Fun nights. Families made fall trees, ghost pictures, sugar skull drawings and more. It was fun to see the children draw in their adult(s) to join in the activities.



Las Palmas ended a six week collaboration with Humanities Texas from Austin, Texas. Humanities Texas funded the program of Bilingual Storytime which included a meal for the families, stories read in Spanish and English and an array of activities relating to the story. Two authors and an illustrator for two of the books came to read to the children from their books. Each family went home weekly with a copy of the book read that evening. The evenings the authors and illustrator were reading the families received autographed copies of the books.



Imaginations gone wild was the Lego Time mantra this past month. The children thought of so many new concoctions. They shared their work with each other which made for a good time by all.



On Saturday, Oct. 19, Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos and Librarian II, Rhonda Davila participated in the *Bridge to Unity Health Fair* sponsored by the Madonna Center, a local United Way organization that provides services to seniors and children. The event was well attended and featured several local non-profit groups that serve the Westside of San Antonio.

# MAVERICK



The Ladies Choice Book Club met on October 19 and the Lady Mavs Book Club gathered on November 12. The South Texas Role Playing Games Group met on Sunday, November 10. The Maverick Writer's Group gathered on November 9 for its monthly meeting. The knitters group continue meeting at Maverick.



The Maverick Chess Club met on October 14 and 28. Maverick hosted the Adult Services Meeting on October 17. Sagewood Homeowners Association met on October 19. Maverick hosted the Bexar County Elections Department during Early Voting and on Election Day. Maverick had a great turnout as many voters remained patient in the line throughout the day. All librarians work together with opening and closing the Maverick Branch during Early Voting and on Election Day during the reporting period.



Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, continued to do Toddler Time at Johnston Library on October 15, October 26 and November 12. Another popular Gerald and Piggie puppet show was put on by Maverick staff to about 40 kids and caregivers on October 24! Ms Roberts thanks Library Aides, Laura Lopez and Katy Camacho, Circulation Attendant, Eraani Perez and Librarian I, Pat King, for putting on a great performance! Thanks are also in order for the Maverick Friends who funded craft supplies and food.



Ms. Roberts read "Pete the Cat: Trick or Pete" for Dial-A-Story the week of October 27. She finished writing EPE's for 4 part-time Maverick staff. Ms. Roberts took notes at the Children's Librarians meeting at the Bazan Branch on November 14. During the reporting period, Ms. Roberts completed 3 city online trainings: "Slips, Trips and Falls", "Security Awareness Training", and "HIPPA Training".



Maverick Teens began this reporting period with a challenging Murder Mystery Night planned by Library Aide Sarina Hackworth. Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl cheered, encouraged and observed as Hackworth's ghostly assistants, Library Aide Paige Norris and Circulation Attendant Eraani Perez, answered questions and gave occasional hints. Teens also enjoyed making personalized buttons with a button maker from Central Teen Services, played board and table top games and explored digital realms with the Play Station 4 Virtual Reality.

# McCRELESS



Lego Club continues to be a big hit for McCreless! The children are able to watch a movie, build with Legos and Duplo's, play Lego Dimensions video game, and enjoy a snack. Mondays evenings at McCreless brings fun times for all ages!



Children at McCreless have enjoyed lots of new activities with the start of the new children's librarian, Angela O'Malley, including two story times a week. They learned about painter Henri Matisse during Art at the Library and made their own paper collages. Weekend programming started with Family



Story Time and Library Lab, a monthly STEAM program where the children made their own Puff Mobiles out of everyday materials and learned about friction by racing them on carpet and tile.

The spooky Halloween StoryWalk® was a fun way to engage families in the branch during Halloween by reading and acting out a spooky story in the branch. Over 100 children also participated in early voting by voting for their favorite picture book character in the branch's custom voting booth. The winner was Pete the Cat! The Children's Librarian also supported multiple community outreach opportunities, including literacy nights, story times, and outreach to individual classes, reaching over 100 students, parents, and staff.



McCreless teens are happy with the extra controllers and new Nintendo Switch games recently purchased with equity funds. Teens also got into crafting mode as they decorated mason jars with tissue paper, modpodge and acrylic paints making "Gratitude Jars". One teen renamed her jar, "Things I hate" jar which was perfectly fine because Teen Time is the time that teens can express themselves! Attendance has slacked off somewhat, maybe due to the weather, however, the teens who do make it say it is the highlight of their week.



The McCreless Scrapbook and Art journaling class continues to offer a fun and exciting craft program for adults. The program was held on November 2nd. Patrons enjoyed using scrapbooking materials, handcut stencils, gelatos, paints and alcohol inks along with stamps and ink pads to create their own collages and original art pages.



The ongoing McCreless Walking Club met on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> and Nov 4<sup>th</sup> for a brisk 2.5 mile walk. These walks are held along the Howard Peak Greenway trail along Salado creek. The new Fall hours along with the cooler weather has increased the popularity of the club. Patrons have requested that this walk be held every Monday rather than on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Discussions are underway for this change

## MEMORIAL

### Children's' Services



Children's librarian Christine Deffendall recorded *Good Night, Firefly*, by Gabriel Alborozo, for the October 14 Dial-a-Story.



Mrs. Deffendall partnered with Little Read Wagon to participate in the Woodlawn Hills Elementary School Careers on Wheels event on October 29. They interacted with more than 250 students and staff.



The branch hosted the "Let's Go to the Grocery Store!" Play & Learn coordinated by Mrs. Deffendall.



Mrs. Deffendall Christine attended the CTLS Performer Showcase in Georgetown, Texas. She accompanied Children's Services Coordinator Cresencia Huff and fellow Children's Librarians Rozanna Bennett and Arlene Richardson.



In recognition of National Novel Writing Month, Mrs. Deffendall began a Saturday seminar series to introduce students to the basics of character, plot, setting, and dialogue. The materials for this workshop were created by the Young Writers Program of the National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) organization.

## Teen Services



Circulation attendant Adam Capelo initiated teen activities by playing Minecraft on the ps4. As a group there was discussion on plans for buildings to construct. After coming up with a diagram the group followed through with the diagram as they helped each other build the structures. One example of the structures the group was involved in was to start making a pirate ship, houses and an open area. Mr. Capelo encouraged the teens and helped them to remodel the buildings to make them look more realistic. There was also discussion on future plans for how the community they were making can grow.



The following week teens continued playing Minecraft on the ps4. Teens informed Mr. Capelo they wanted to continue working on the buildings they had created on the previous teen time. Together more buildings were added and changes were made to some of the old ones with new tricks were learned. The group learned how different objects could be used in the game to create furnishings. One example of the tricks they learned was how they manipulated the structures to use the stairs angled just right to make tables for the houses that were created.

I Held a Teen Services Program on October 29th at 4:30 pm.



Teens played Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart on the Wii. The group enjoyed a more relaxing day of competitive gaming. Mr. Capelo encouraged the group to assist each other on how to play the games as some in the group were new to the game. The group also shared some of the snacks that consisted of chips and donuts. The group had a blast playing races and learning the levels with each other.




Mr. Capelo hosted a Pizza party for the teens. Pizza and soft drinks were served while they watched a movie. *Pokémon* was the movie they screened. Mr. Capelo selected the movie to promote friendship and anti-violence as well as having plenty of jokes to laugh at. The group also discussed a craft to do for the next teen time.



## Teen Arts Fest 2019





Circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa has been involved in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Arts Festival where participation and art appreciation has only grown. Mr. Sosa has been responsible for curating and involving the community. He continuously finds avenues to discuss the topic and interesting them in featuring some of their work to display at the festival this year.



## Adult Services


 On October 17, the branch hosted an adult video game night. Patrons had fun playing *Injustice* on the Xbox. After many battles, Circulation attendant Adam Capelo emerged as the champion.


  Children's librarian Christine Deffendall and Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson organized a Halloween Festival for all ages. The festival featured games for both adults and children, crafts, creating and snacking on s'mores, and a *Toy Story* short film. Families came dressed in costume and had tons of fun.

  The branch celebrated Veterans Day by having patrons write letters to veterans to thank them for their service. The letters were delivered to a local VA clinic.


#### Branch Services



  Circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa established a social media presence on Facebook with help from SAPL Marketing. He has been publishing snapshots from the branches multiple events and pushed those events onto social media platforms that will hopefully foster involvement in our community.



 Library assistant Rene Leija represented the branch at a Barrio Network planning meeting. The main topic discussed at this meeting was the final logistics for the upcoming Barrio Boo.



 Mr. Leja represented the branch and SAPL at the annual Barrio Boo. Over 35 children visited our table and created a mask. Information about upcoming events was shared with their parents.



 Library assistant Rene Leija assisted at the Cortez branch for half a day due to short staffing at that branch.

 Mr. Leija represented the branch at the Barrio Network to evaluate the October program. The main topics of discussion were the strengths and weakness about this year's Barrio Boo. All in attendance agreed that this year was a success despite the stormy weather.

  The branch hosted a table for the League of Women Voters. The LWV registered voters and answered questions regarding voting.

  The branch hosted a table on two separate occasions for The University of Texas Health Science Cancer Therapy and Research Center. The organization provided information on the treatment of different types of cancer.

  The branch hosted Early Voting and Election Day for the citizens of San Antonio, TX. This event is coordinated with the Elections Department of Bexar County. The numbers of citizens casting their votes were 801 counting both during early and election day totals.

  Branch manager Maria Gonzales attended a meeting with Administration's Design and Development Assistant Mark Loiselle, Julian Harrison, Ray Fraga, Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and building

liaison Stacey to start the preliminary process of working on the renovation of the branch related to the Bond Project.

## MISSION



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



Baby Times and Toddler Times continue to be well attended by a very enthusiastic number of children and their families. All have been having a lot of fun making special fall crafts



A highlight of the month was the annual kid's Halloween party. Children and families enjoyed games, crafts, snacks and a special Halloween story time. Staff and party guests alike dressed in imaginative costumes.

### Mission Teen Services



This month the teens at Mission Library celebrated Halloween with a party. The teens enjoyed eating candy, playing themed games, and watching a Halloween movie. Teen librarian Emily Young participated in several offsite library visits including National Coming Out Day at the Mission Marquee and NISD's Nerdvana Con where she assisted students in learning how to play on virtual reality.

### Mission Adult Services



Mission Library was an early voting and voting day site. The Branch hosted two Sportsfest events, a city-wide initiative for wellness; a Table Tennis and Chess tournaments. Mission Library participated in a very popular Day of the Dead event at the Mission Marquee Plaza, as well as creating a Day of the Dead altar at the branch for public display at the foyer.



Mission Library started a new book club.



Librarian Oscar Gonzalez attended the UMAST conference and participated in an Outreach event for the Alamo City Comic Con convention.

## PAN AMERICAN



The Pan American Library hosted the Alamo City Soul: Block Party. The event was a celebration of San Antonio Music history. DJ Chuco Garcia spun vinyl records from Soul, R&B, and Funk bands from the San Antonio Westside. A dancefloor was setup in the parking lot and the community was invited to dance the night away. Lady Picoza Food Truck was on site to serve up some mini taquitos and other delicious food. Pan American staff served up aquas frescas and fruit cups. Branch Manager Steven Barrera invited the entire community be going door to door and dropping off flyers for the program. The community did come out to support the Pan American Library and all in attendance had a great night.



Librarian II, Adrian Leal, took the Pan American Branch mobile to the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. The Senior Center members were able to sign up for library cards and get their SAPL questions answered. They continue to be appreciative of SAPL and the Pan American Branch for bringing mobile services to their center



Pan American library assistant and teen liaison Cassie Garza showed the teen group how to make keychains. The group had a variety of supplies to customize into keychains. The teens used plastic toy dinosaurs, animals and unicorns to turn into keychains. This program was the idea of Lily a regular teen time participant.



Ms. Garza along with J.D. Elizondo from Teen services at Central attended an outreach at Harlandale High School. The pair were invited to do a music demo for the students during their lunch breaks. J.D. provided two electric guitars and a keyboard for students to play. The group had teens of all musical capabilities come and try out playing the guitars and keyboard. This was the first visit to an ongoing partnership with the school librarian and SAPL.



Ms. Garza facilitated the Pokémon Champions group at Pan American library. The group was working on crafts and do it yourself Pokémon card ideas for the event. Several of the regular group members taught two new participants how to play the Pokémon card game.



Ms. Garza attended an outreach event at Leal Middle School. The school librarian requested a STEM demonstration for their makerspace. Ms. Garza demonstrated the Oculus Rift virtual reality system as well as two Oculus GO virtual reality headsets. Each student had a chance to use the Oculus Go headsets. For most students, this was their first time experiencing virtual reality.



Ms. Garza, library assistant Stephanie Perez and Library aide Jennifer Huizar assisted with the Pokémon Tea Party at Pan American Library. This event was the first of its kind at SAPL from the assistance of the E-Sports committee. Participants were able to try and taste a variety of hot teas and treats. Green screen pictures were available to take with Pokémon related props. A Pokémon scavenger hunt took place in the library as well as a Smash video game duel.



Ms. Garza showed teens how to make chocolate filled croissants. This program was another program idea from a teen volunteer. The teen group had a blast making chocolate filled croissants with biscuit mix and chocolate chips. Since the library doesn't have an oven, the croissants were baked in a small toaster oven. The croissants came out fantastic and delicious.



Ms. Garza attended an outreach event at Nerdvanacon at Stevens High School. Ms. Garza was working alongside Matthew Loaiza from Teen Services at Central Library with the L.O.S.T. committee members. Ms. Garza assisted Mr. Loaiza with the Nintendo Switch Smash Ultimate gaming tournament. 32 tournament participants were competing for the first, second and third place champion spot.



Ms. Garza facilitated teens with how to make bottle cap keychains. This is a program that the teen group has done before. Teen design, create and customize their bottle caps with their favorite anime



or video game characters. Kirby one of the regular teens has her whole backpack full of the bottle caps charms she's made in previous teen times.



Circulation Attendant Yulissa Araujo hosted a Coco Party. Children in attendance were shown a screening of the movie Coco. Crafts and snacks were provided to those in attendance. This screening was in celebration of Dia de los Muertos.



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



Mr. Leal hosted a Paint your Own Calaveras program right before Halloween. Small ceramic sugar skulls were provided to the patrons and they were given supplies to paint their Calaveras. The patrons in attendance learned the significance of sugar skulls to the Hispanic culture while expressing themselves artistically.



Mr. Leal provided an adult coloring class at the Elvira Cisneros Senior Center. Some participants enjoyed the new low vision coloring books provided. The center's members are able to enjoy a relaxing and stress-free environment while coloring and listening to some good tunes.



Pan American Library hosts a weekly meditation program led by instructor Abel Menchaca. The meditation group enjoys a short de-stressing session followed by silent meditation.



Pan American Library brings wellness programs to the community with weekly Qigong and Yoga classes. Qigong and Yoga teach the patrons how to find their inner peace with gentle stretching and relaxation.



Children's Librarian Jane Miller provided a fun and vibrant toddler time to the Pan American Branch Library. The group of children in attendance listened to a fun story, sang some songs and enjoyed a creative craft. The return of toddler time after a short break was well received.



Pan American Library continues to run 3D printing demonstrations for those that come by and ask to see it work. Small keychains are printed and given out to those that watch the demonstration. These demonstrations are meant to inspire children to learn about CAD design and the possibilities that 3D printing can provide.

## PARMAN



Parman Library staff is thrilled with the addition of Jessica Mitchell rounding out the circulation desk crew. She graciously volunteered to oversee the long running Lego Club and has been a great asset to the team!



Parman Library was a site for early voting and the general election. The new voting equipment along with the change in policy eliminating the restrictions on where a person can vote on Election Day were met with positive reception



The Friends of the Parman Library had annual book sale. Several community members as well as staff help to set up for this big event.



Corie Taylor volunteered to do outreach at the local High School. She contacted teachers and club leaders sharing current and ongoing events and opportunities that Parman Library has for teens.



Parman Branch honored our Veterans with a Vietnam War Pop-Up Museum. Vietnam Vets were invited to bring items, artifacts and memorabilia from this time. They engaged in lively discussion sharing their stories from this controversial war. We are grateful for both their service and their willingness to open up about this part of their lives. Program was prepared by Barbara Kwiatkowski



Ilna Colemere's abstract mixed media art has been on display in the Parman Gallery this month. A lovely evening with the artist of our current exhibition brought local creative community. Ms. Coleman shared details about her collection "An Artist's Cracked Soul: An Expressionism Awakening" and answered the questions. A gifted violinist from UTSA provided background music and refreshments were served.



Spooky Walk was held early this year and was a great success. The entire staff and many volunteers dressed up and worked together to pull off a thoroughly spooktacular time: hosting spooky story time, Halloween crafts, run carnival games and scaring anyone brave enough to take a walk down our decorated trail. As usual, Spooky Walk was attended by so many people that the event needed to have traffic directed.



On Halloween night the Parman Café presented program: "San Antonio - Hunted City".. Audience was mystified by the stories of haunted locations all over the city. Lively discussion followed. Program was prepared and presented by Barbara K.



Parman Branch reached new heights in monthly volunteer hours. The combined efforts of our Teen Librarian, Chris Castillo, Ronee Anderson, Megan Cabrera and Barbara Kwiatkowski ensured that Patrons had great experiences at our events and the events went off without a hitch. Parman Staff appreciate help of other branches.

## POTRANCO

### Children's Programs



The Potranco Children's department had a nice October. Children's Librarian, Rozanna Bennett, assisted with the YMCA Boo Bash hosting over 1000 people, as well as the Landa Branch's Halloween event. Children's Librarian also did special Storytime, Baby Time, and Toddler Time with a Learn and Play event, and a Halloween event where patrons trick or treated through the YMCA and the Library.

#### Come-and-Go Craft - Paper Plate Cats



Prepared the come-and-go craft for October 19, 2019. Cut paper plates in crescent-moon shapes and painted them black. Cut circles for heads, curly tails, and thin strips of paper for whiskers. Children and families were then provided the cut outs with googly eyes and glue to create their very own paper plate cat. Extra pom-pom balls, glitter, and sequence were added so children and families could further decorate their creations, if desired.

#### Family Fun Program – Outer Space








Held a Family Fun Program on October 19, 2019 about Outer Space. Prepared cut outs of moons and rockets to have families create their own collages. Crayons were provided to add more to their creations. Also prepared and had families make their very own kaleidoscopes. Used recycled paper towel rolls, spare crafts beads, and color construction paper to construct unique kaleidoscopes. Read a story to about outer space and had fun crafting for one full hour.

#### Come-and-Go Craft - Paper Plate Spider Webs







 Prepared the come-and-go craft for October 26, 2019. Pre-cut black paper plates, spider legs, and circles for spider bodies. Provided orange yarn and, pre-cut plates, pre-cut small circles with strips of paper, and hole punchers. Children and Families then created their very own spider web with spider.

#### Come-and-Go Craft - Paper Turkey





Prepared the come-and-go craft on November 3, 2019. Precut turkey bodies, heads, feathers, and limbs out of construction paper. Provided glue and glitter for children and families to make their very own turkey.

#### Come-and-Go-Craft - Rice and Bean Owls



#### Description:

Prepared the come-and-go craft for November 10, 2019. Precut sturdy cardboard paper into owl shapes and then provided beans and rice of various colors for children and families to create their very own owl.

### Adult Programs

#### I Heart Vinyl



With the recent upgrade of the branch sound system, I Heart Vinyl has once again captured the hearts of both patrons and staff alike. Staff members are repeatedly complimented for the musical choices on the new turntable, and it would appear that, with the return of the sound system, vinyl circulation has been on the rise. Furthermore, with the revivification of I Heart Vinyl, staff has once again been ordering both new and classic albums to augment the branch collection.

#### The Potranco Writers Group



The Potranco Writers Group (PWG) continued its twice monthly meetings on second and fourth Thursdays. Attendance this past period has settled down to smaller attendance numbers, in contrast with the explosion of participants in recent months. There has continued to be a mix of new and regular members, as well as a mix of writers who have been writing for most of their adult lives and writers newly

attempting to develop their own creative expression. Over the next two months (November and December), due to the upcoming branch holiday closures, the writers group will meet just once per month; regular twice-monthly meetings will resume in January 2020.

### The Potranco Book Club



The November book selection was Nobel Prize-winning Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, one of the twentieth century's seminal works of fiction in any language. Of the ten members in attendance, only two readers reported having a positive reading experience with the novel. One of these readers was quite taken by the novel's magical realism, as she had never read a novel like it in her life. However, most readers reported being dispirited by what they generally experienced as the purposelessness of its magic realism and the relentless "march" of its fatiguing prose, filled with redundancy and an absence of characters with whom they could connect.

December's book selection is Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This choice was made primarily because, while most readers are intimately familiar with the story of Scrooge's "conversion" experience, very few people have actually read the novella itself.

### Twisted Stitches



The twisted stitches group has grown to a consistent five patrons that meet every program. We have grown from two regulars to five! The wall of warmth has been doing amazing. As of today we have had 34 items donated and 32 items taken! We are working as quickly as we can to get more items on the wall!

### Participation in Outreach Services



Miranda O'Neill helped with the Alamo City Comicon on Nov 2. They had about 162 people participate in the craft or were in need of the cosplay repair station.

### Alicia Trevino Book Group



The book group met on October 14th to discuss *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago. The group discussed the memoir finding it to be intense and all enjoyed reading about her life. Ms. Santiago was at the Central Library for a Hispanic Heritage Event book signing.

### Staffing Changes

During this time frame Potranco staff said goodbye and congratulations to both Desmond London who became promoted as a full time librarian (Great Northwest) and to Susan Genera who was promoted to full time Circulation Attendant (Central).

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



The Pruitt Branch celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Dinner was served by New Seasons Events and Catering and the theme was tied to our regularly scheduled Family Chess Night, so we pulled out 41 different games for Family Game Night. The crew decorated the tables in the SAPL colors orange, purple, and pink, and the cupcakes we also color coordinated to match, as well. The event was so well



attended that all of the food was gone. Everyone enjoyed the remarks from the following: SAPL's Assistant Director Dale McNeil, Board of Library Trustee for District 2 Mrs. Jo Ann Harris, District 2 Councilwoman Jada Andrews Sullivan, and NEISD's Executive Director for Technology and Library Services Tome Johnson. They all had positive and wonderful things to say about libraries and of the Pruitt Branch. The community enjoyed the evening, but they were also saddened to hear that Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz will be retiring next month after being at Pruitt Branch for 10 years, for a total of 34 years as an educator.

## CHILDREN



A recent Kids Time Children's event was a Halloween-themed party complete with stories such as the popular *City Witch*, *Country Witch* by Wendy Wax. Children and parents discussed differences between living in the city and living in the country. What kinds of sights might you see? What are some advantages and disadvantages of living in the city or country? Attendees also enjoyed a game of Halloween bingo and making decorative vampires and witches.



Tweens attending this month's Family Circle Tween Book Club discussed the remarkable book *Tight* written by Torrey Maldonado. Children's Librarian Cynthia Saenz and the participants touched on important subject matters such as bullying and making the right decisions even if it is an unpopular choice among your classmates. Children spoke about what they might choose to do if they found themselves in a situation similar to Bryan's. Would you do the right thing or just go along with the crowd? The award-winning selection really made children think about future decisions they might face. The children and parents are looking forward to next month's meeting where they will discuss the popular, award-winning selection *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan.

## TEENS



Teens enjoyed the Hispanic Heritage Month Observation Activities. Teen Hojalata (Mexican Tin Art) was a great activity which allowed teens explore their creative side while learning about Mexican culture. Pruitt teens also had a good time with LaLoteria.



Teen Services from Main SAPL along with Fiesta Youth came over to Pruitt to support our International Pronoun Day event. They provided plenty of information, Matthew brought the button maker, and the event was well received and attended. What a great relationship building opportunity.



The Pruitt Teen Halloween Hangout was "off the chain." The library had games, goodies, and good times.



Video gaming continues to be a popular draw for the teen set. Pruitt Teens participated in video gaming activities using both the Wii Console and Nintendo Switch.



In addition to regularly scheduled teen chess, Lunchtime chess also come back to the Pruitt calendar. This event is open to local teens (home schooled).



The Pruitt Teen Librarian supported Team SAPL at Nerdvana Con 2019, the annual NISD hosted convention where anime/manga authors and other related activities occur. SAPL Teen librarians

sponsored button making booths along with a CosPlay fixing station, and gaming events to include a Mario Smash Brothers Tournament.

## ADULTS



The first 6 week session of Pruitt Library ESL classes have concluded. There was a great turn out for all the classes and an interest in continuing. The second session started this week. The Pruitt staff has incorporated games into the lessons to help make learning fun.



TGIF Adult Book Club members are enjoying their reading selections. This month the group is reading *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea.



Pruitt Library is embracing the cooler weather with Loom Knitting classes. The first project is knitted hats. This has been a popular craft in the past. The library has started with Adult groups and will open the craft to teens in the coming weeks.

## SAN PEDRO



Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler hosted a group of special education students from Hillcrest Elementary (SAISD) as part of their field trip to the nearby Scobee planetarium. Because of inclement weather, the kids enjoyed their lunch in the library, and then moved through three stations expanding their learning about stars and the night sky.



Outreach to schools continued with the three SAISD school book clubs: Cotton Academy (3<sup>rd</sup> graders), Hawthorne Academy (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders), and Mark Twain Dual Language Academy (3<sup>rd</sup> graders). The Young Pegasus competition was promoted and posters delivered.



Families and children celebrated the season with several events: 1) Halloween Yoga Story Time combined stretching and physical movement with Halloween stories and a craft. 2) Toddler Time Halloween Party offered a story time with trick or treating around the library with help from library staff. 3) Families made pumpkins and monsters with ordinary household items on a Family Fun Sunday.



The Children's Department Play and Learn program "Let's Go to the Grocery" was enjoyed by kids ages 1-5. Kids shopped, painted with real vegetables, made grocery lists, read books about the grocery store, scrubbed veggies and fruits, and more.



International Games Week kicked off with a free play time for families. All kinds of games were available for families to enjoy in the library space.



Monte Vista Montessori School students visit San Pedro Library as a group on an almost weekly basis. This multi-age group receives a brief library lesson and students check out up to three books each with their own library cards.





Mrs. Braeuler held a bilingual Toddler Time one week to test as a more regular program. Families were receptive to adding Spanish to the mix of songs and reading.



Library Assistant Carmen Roja coordinated an adult services program: “Protesting your property taxes 101” on October 26. Bexar County Chief Appraiser Michael Amezcuita, and his team presented very helpful information and provided forms to use to submit a protest. That same afternoon, Librarian Diana Starrett hosted “Sashiko Sewing, the art of Japanese Quilting. Lori Gonzalez, who is an avid crafter, presented the program.



Ms. Starrett supported Adult Services Outreach at the Alamo City Comic Con (Halloween Edition) on Saturday, Nov. 3

## SCHAEFER



Schaefer celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a Mexican Tin Foil Art Come & Go Craft on Oct. 14. Kids drew a picture on paper and then traced it onto foil and then decorated the foil with markers. Kids created colorful pictures that they were excited to take home to show off.



Schaefer had a Halloween party on Oct. 29 during Story Time. Kids heard stories, sang songs and then had a variety of Halloween-themed activities to try. They decorated a brown lunch bag for their candy, they played Pin the Grin on the Pumpkin, they used the straw rocket launcher to launch ghosts at a haunted house, they could have their face painted, and they trick-or-treated at the service desk. They Schaefer staff all helped to make the party fun for all the kids.



Children’s Librarian Leslie Elsasser attended a Little Read Wagon training called Make Way for Play on Nov. 9. She learned new strategies for incorporating play into library programs.



There have been a variety of opportunities for outreach during the reporting period. Leslie Elsasser presented two Halloween programs at the Evelyn King PCI, a location she visits monthly. She also attended Sinclair Elementary School’s Literacy Night Oct. 17. On Nov. 7, she and Library Assistant Sara Ramirez appeared on Salado Elementary School’s morning show to promote upcoming library programs and the Young Pegasus poetry competition.



Weekly children’s programming includes Read to a Dog, Toddler Time, Story Time, Baby Time and LEGO Time. Each program continues to be popular with the Schaefer community. A patron who brings her four-month old daughter to Baby Time recently shared that her daughter is the happiest when she’s at Baby Time and loves coming.



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 continues to grow.



The 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 continued offering a second Zumba class, Zumba Gold at the library. This class offers a modified version of Zumba, appropriate for all ages.



On Saturday, October 26, Adult Services Librarian Maria Adams and Library Assistant, Mason Matthews hosted a Ghostbusters Escape the Library event. Clues were hidden in the stacks that would help lead players to our Collaborate Room. Once inside, they were trapped by the Schaefer Ghost and had to find the last clue that would allow them to escape the library.



On Monday, October 28th, the Skimmer Book club met to discuss the book, The Dinner List, by Rebecca Serle. The program is hosted by Circulation Attendant, Dominique Preyor-Johnson.



Craft Night for Adults was hosted by Librarian Maria Adams on Wednesday, October 30. This month's project made use of the wood burning kits in the Adult Services Asset Inventory. Crafters burned designs into wooden spoons to give as gifts.



On Wednesday, November 13, the branch hosted the SA Food Bank for a monthly series on healthy cooking for adults. Class attendees made healthy Thanksgiving sides this month.

## SEMMEs



Children's Librarian, Randi Jones, held a Costume Tea Party on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Children were invited to come and enjoy games, songs, stories, arts & crafts, and refreshments. Costumes were optional, but several children came in their Halloween best. There was also a special visit from Captain Marvel.



Ms. Jones did a special presentation about research and research skills for a local Boy Scout troop on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Scouts learned how to use the library's online catalog and databases to conduct research for a special project.



The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library held a book sale on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Quite a few people stopped by the sale to make a purchase and the Friends made about \$2200 during the sale. The Friends held their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting they voted to start an ongoing book sale at the branch. The book sale cart was started on November 1<sup>st</sup> and to date the Friends have earned \$31.00 from the cart.



The branch hosted Early Voting from October 21<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2,336 people cast their ballot at Semmes over the two week period. 2019 is the first year that in addition to Early Voting, the Semmes Branch held Election Day voting as well.



District 10 Councilperson Clayton Perry held a Native American Heritage event at Comanche Lookout Park on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. As part of the program, the Semmes Branch hosted a Native American Blanket exercise.



Circulation Attendant, Priscilla Boatwright, hosted a weekly program in November for National Novel Writing month. Participants were invited to come to the branch and work on their writing project. During NaNoWriMo, participants are encouraged to write 50,000 words for their novel project.

## THOUSAND OAKS



Ms. Lea Ann created a fun and interactive seasonal Play & Learn entitled the *Foggy, Foggy Forest*. Children and their adults listened to the storybook and then played in imaginative and hands on centers which included a tent with large bear puppets and a faux campfire, creating a collaborative poster of the foggy forest with mixed media, a sensory bin with bugs and creatures and creating fairies from craft sticks. This program was well attended with 43 people.



The branch's Trick or Treat party took place on October 30. Over 120 children and families attended the event. Crafts included Make a Mummy, Flying Bats, Fairy Wand, and Make your own Monster. Patrons enjoyed watching a fun STEM experiment of an Exploding Pumpkin/Elephant Toothpaste, listened to seasonal music and left with treat bags provided by the Friends group.



The Thousand Oaks Teens had a busy month! Teen Time, hosted by Librarian Kimberly King, did various activities throughout the month. They played the popular strategic game of Unstable Unicorns and listened to music for one session. During the next session, they made an ofrenda to celebrate Día de los Muertos. On October 30, the branch hosted the teen's Halloween Party! There were fun games of Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart played on the Wii, sugar skull decorating, and plenty of Halloween music being played and candy and snacks being eaten. The month ended with two creative endeavors; one meeting they made clay creations and during the next meeting they had their choice of artistic deeds: they painted, collaged, or made more clay creations.



Crafters at Thousand Oaks created personalized notebooks at the October Crafternoon session. Adults were able to choose from decorative scrapbook paper for the cover, selected blank, lined, or graph paper for the filler, then chose their preferred method of binding. While most crafters chose to use the long reach stapler, several did try their hand at book binding, sewing the pages in to the cover. All supplies for Crafternoon were provided by the library, and organized by librarian Theresa Garza.



The October Thursday Book Group read *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. It's the story of two young women. One a recruit for the Alice Network as a spy during the first World War and a math whiz socialite who is looking for her long lost cousin. It is a tale filled with surprise, suspense, courage, and redemption. The book club members enjoyed the story and the lively discussion afterwards.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



The branch served as an Early Voting site for Texas' Constitutional Amendment's election on October 21 through November 1 with light turnout. Bexar County Elections' new voting machines were quite popular especially on Election Day as voters can now vote at any location without an assigned precinct. On November 5, voters waited approximately 1.5 hours from mid-afternoon through 8:30pm with heavy turnout.



Tobin at Oakwell has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau, like other branches, to host a Census recruiter table for half days a number of times each month. The recruiter explains job opportunities for positions that pay between \$15 - \$20 an hour and signs up interested people. The Census Bureau has targeted zip codes near the branch that need staffing to help complete the Census in 2020.



On the first Saturday of each month, the LOCASA Cosplay group hosts an afternoon of Cosplay design and construction. Cosplay, is the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game or whatever. These sessions utilize prep materials and tutorials to help attendees draw, design and create a costume. A sewing machine is provided and folks that do not know how to sew can learn to sew and make a costume.



Adult services Librarian, Rhonda Woolhouse, managed a SAPL booth at the Alamo City Comic Con held at the Hyatt downtown on November 3. Attendance was less this year at this particular Con, but Ms. Woolhouse is diligently working on enhancements for San Antonio Public Library's own PopCon in 2020.



Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, hosted a special Halloween program for Toddlers on October 30. Tots got to parade through the library in costume for some special treats at the service desks.



Toddlers went grocery shopping on November 13 at a Play and Learn session on November 12 with Children Librarian's Ms. Frazier and Valerie Carroll. Kids and their grownups talk, sing, read and write about the household job of grocery shopping. One popular activity is picking items from shelves of fruits, vegetables, milk cartons and other packaged foods to fill their little buckets.



Manager, Tracey Knouse, reached out to the local chapter of Juvenile Diabetes Foundation to obtain relevant materials for November's National Diabetes Month display. Library Assistant, Andrew Chartonjones, utilized these flyers, along with other resources, to raise awareness about diabetes and highlight warning signs and lifestyle changes through multiple formats of items and bilingual books.



October's Nutrition Lesson for After School Fun Time was planned by Ms. Frazier and Ms. Knouse in anticipation of Halloween. Middle School kids and teens learned about Healthy Halloween Snacks by making witch broomsticks from pretzels and cheese sticks. Orange pumpkin treats were created by drawing faces on the outside skin of mandarin oranges or peeling the mandarins and using part of a celery stick in the center for a stem to make a pumpkin.



Ms. Frazier is participating in one of the Employee Engagement Work Groups related to Reference and Database training, which is generally aimed at reference personnel like librarians and library assistants. This committee is just one of a number of groups that has formed as a result of employee survey results and feedback focus groups with personnel throughout the library system.



Similarly, Ms. Knouse continues actively participating in the Operation Transformation Team. This group's mission is to create a culture where employees are engaged, empowered, and encouraged to grow. Ms. Knouse is involved in several projects related to management professional development, enhancing front facing staff's first impression and image with the public and researching utilization of green spaces at more locations.

## WESTFALL



In November, 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.



On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the branch hosted "Hope for the Holidays" workshop in partnership with the San Antonio Eye Bank. This grief workshop was designed for eye/cornea donor families and was open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one.



To celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, the Friends of the Westfall Branch created an altar for the public to add memorabilia to honor their loved ones. The altar featured photos and other mementoes as well as colorful decorations. Library patrons and staff enjoyed viewing the items on the table and encouraged other to participate. The branch hopes to have the altar every year and to make it even bigger year after year.



Activities for teens included DIY projects such as creating Fall Mason jars, art tiles, and buttons/pins. Teens also celebrated the day before Halloween with mini pumpkin decorating and a Minute to Win it Mummy Challenge.



A new edition to the teen program is a Henry Ford Academy high school student who is interning at Westfall. Our teen intern has created displays, assisted with programming, and is planning upcoming movie nights and a cooking class.



High school tutors continue to work with children and adolescents in the Westfall teen space. Tutors help younger students in Math and Science at this beneficial weekly program.



During the reporting period, Children's Librarian, Imelda Merino, visited daycares in the service areas and brought the children a variety of books to read. Additionally, Ms. Merino held weekly children's programs such as story time, kids and toddler times. The programs consisted of some stories and fun activities to wrap up the day.





The Westfall Branch Library continued to host the “Stranger than Fiction” and “Third Thursday” book clubs. Books read this month included “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng and “On My Own” by Diane Rehm. Both book clubs draw small but dedicated groups that enjoy discussing the themes of the books as well as other issues of the day.



In October the LEARN @SAPL ESL students went on much-anticipated field trip to the Institute of Texan Cultures downtown. Students from the Westfall, Bazan and Cortez branches all participated. Students and LEARN Center employees were treated to a tour of Texas History led by a group of volunteer museum docents who invited the students to ask questions, touch artifacts and engage with processes like fabric weaving. After the tour, the students competed in a scavenger hunt, searching for the history of the museum and different ethnic groups who settled in Texas.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

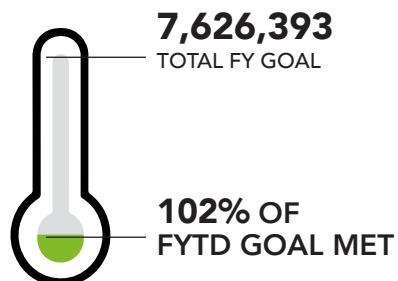
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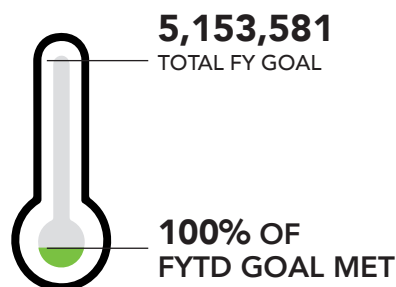
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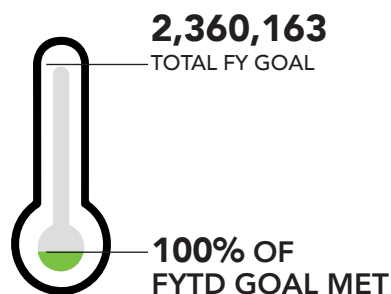
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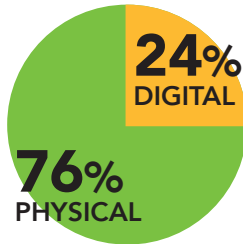
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# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

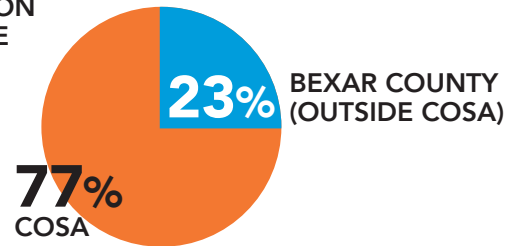
## OCTOBER 2019 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2020

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



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BY SERVICE  
AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2020



**209,284**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**112,582**  
MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**113,988**  
OVERDRIVE  
SITE VISITS

**197,410**  
FACEBOOK  
REACH

### PROGRAM ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2020



**36,975**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**6,285**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**3,691**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**26,999**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### OCTOBER MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



# San Antonio Public Library

## October 2019 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	4,171	8,210	5,891	2,041	3,850
Brook Hollow	25,975	24,279	5,972	1,367	4,605
Carver	4,123	8,498	4,542	1,679	2,862
Central	23,328	53,956	49,921	13,604	36,317
Cody	30,873	23,135	7,525	1,556	5,970
Collins Garden	5,668	7,589	4,805	1,624	3,182
Cortez	5,850	9,762	4,516	1,326	3,191
Encino	16,060	14,060	4,065	492	3,573
Forest Hills	7,432	7,199	3,967	952	3,015
Great Northwest	25,324	18,218	6,158	1,667	4,492
Guerra	9,274	10,403	7,062	1,972	5,089
Igo	30,249	28,483	8,449	1,264	7,184
Johnston	10,365	10,495	3,243	1,128	2,115
Landa	12,811	13,134	2,668	736	1,932
Las Palmas	5,938	11,832	4,452	1,412	3,040
Maverick	23,094	14,323	6,065	1,708	4,357
McCreless	10,738	13,840	4,664	1,572	3,092
Memorial	6,756	10,056	4,451	1,272	3,179
Mission	13,206	17,770	7,498	2,130	5,368
Pan American	5,564	6,777	3,207	1,212	1,995
Parman	27,827	37,151	5,590	746	4,844
Potranco	17,017	13,971	12,046	1,015	11,031
Pruitt	6,058	18,463	2,713	953	1,760
San Pedro	3,536	6,500	2,460	659	1,802
Schaefer	8,993	11,097	6,228	1,045	5,182
Semmes	23,960	16,517	6,983	2,035	4,947
Thousand Oaks	9,575	9,090	5,107	1,197	3,909
Tobin	18,843	20,126	4,995	1,674	3,321
Westfall	14,413	13,700	7,298	2,505	4,793
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,388	173	N/A	173
Interlibrary Loan Lending	1,193	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	109,527	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	165,774	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>683,515</b>	<b>460,022</b>	<b>202,715</b>	<b>52,543</b>	<b>150,172</b>

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

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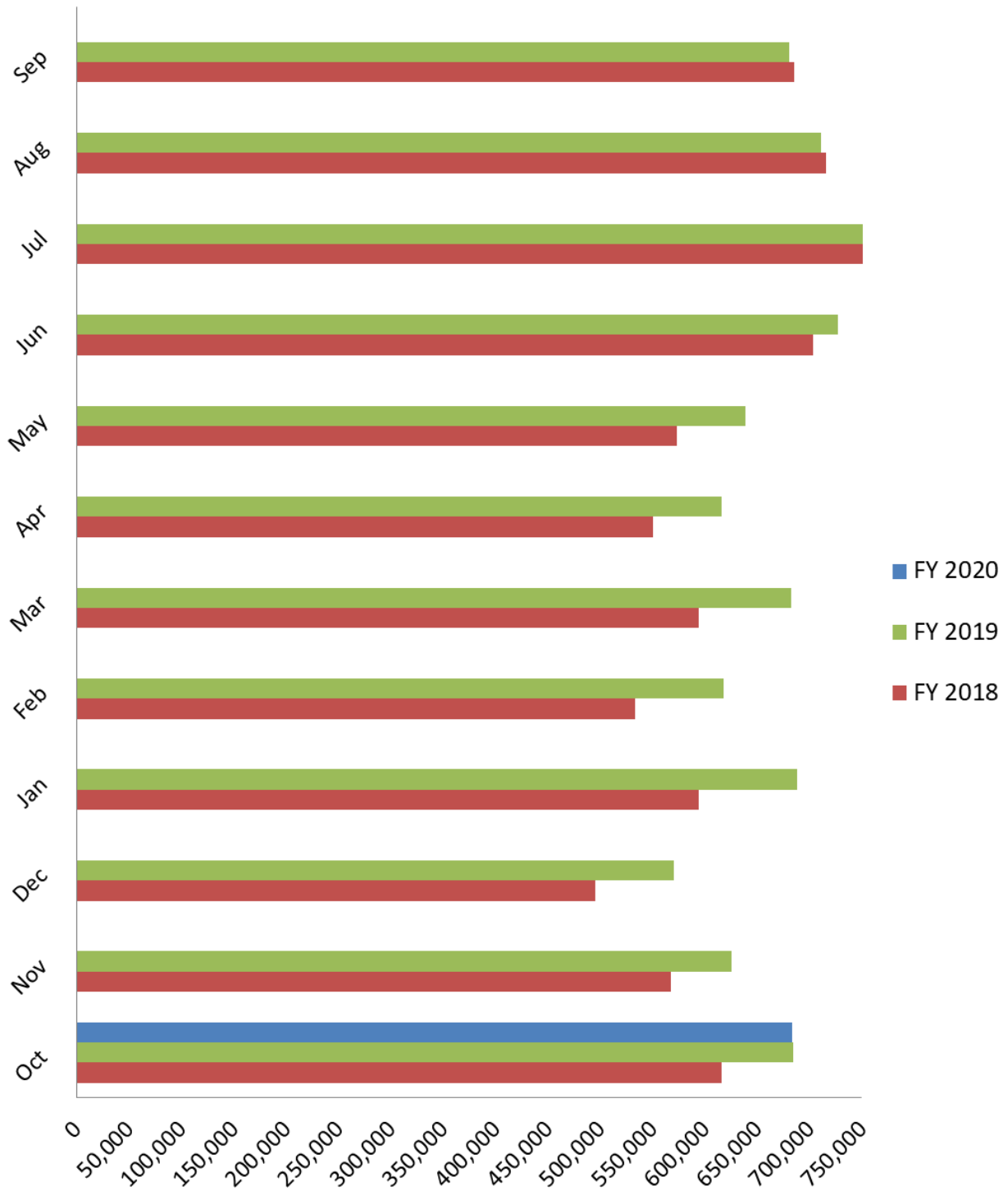
## October 2019 Programs and Attendance

Location	Total Programs	Number of Programs			Total Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	70	37	4	28	936	397	12	527
Brook Hollow	59	12	5	42	2,016	268	57	1,691
Carver	43	23	4	16	1,427	526	33	868
Central	165	8	127	30	2,335	119	1,298	918
Cody	67	13	16	38	1,227	59	247	921
Collins Garden	133	110	6	17	348	13	102	233
Cortez	157	137	4	16	591	314	18	259
Encino	74	20	8	46	1,465	289	27	1,149
Forest Hills	41	14	5	22	423	83	2	338
Great Northwest	50	26	4	20	1,442	245	20	1,177
Guerra	43	15	2	26	1,145	404	12	729
Igo	58	19	9	30	2,030	170	211	1,649
Johnston	30	10	5	15	701	320	30	351
Landa	69	5	24	40	1,747	74	60	1,613
Las Palmas	49	18	6	24	1,348	568	156	624
Maverick	37	9	5	23	971	58	85	828
McCreless	31	4	9	18	872	39	72	761
Memorial	42	19	5	19	775	170	24	581
Mission	61	33	8	20	926	435	77	414
Pan American	37	21	9	7	562	312	178	72
Parman	81	35	5	41	4,693	478	19	4,196
Potranco	37	7	4	26	1,576	83	12	1,481
Pruitt	80	29	20	31	1,466	221	329	916
San Pedro	31	3	0	28	264	21	0	243
Schaefer	48	11	5	32	839	89	27	723
Semmes	69	22	12	35	1,035	140	82	813
Thousand Oaks	31	4	5	22	691	223	31	437
Tobin	78	6	28	44	1,668	32	450	1,186
Westfall	38	13	4	21	441	135	20	286
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	35	N/A	N/A	35	1,015	N/A	N/A	1,015
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>36,975</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>26,999</b>



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## Circulation



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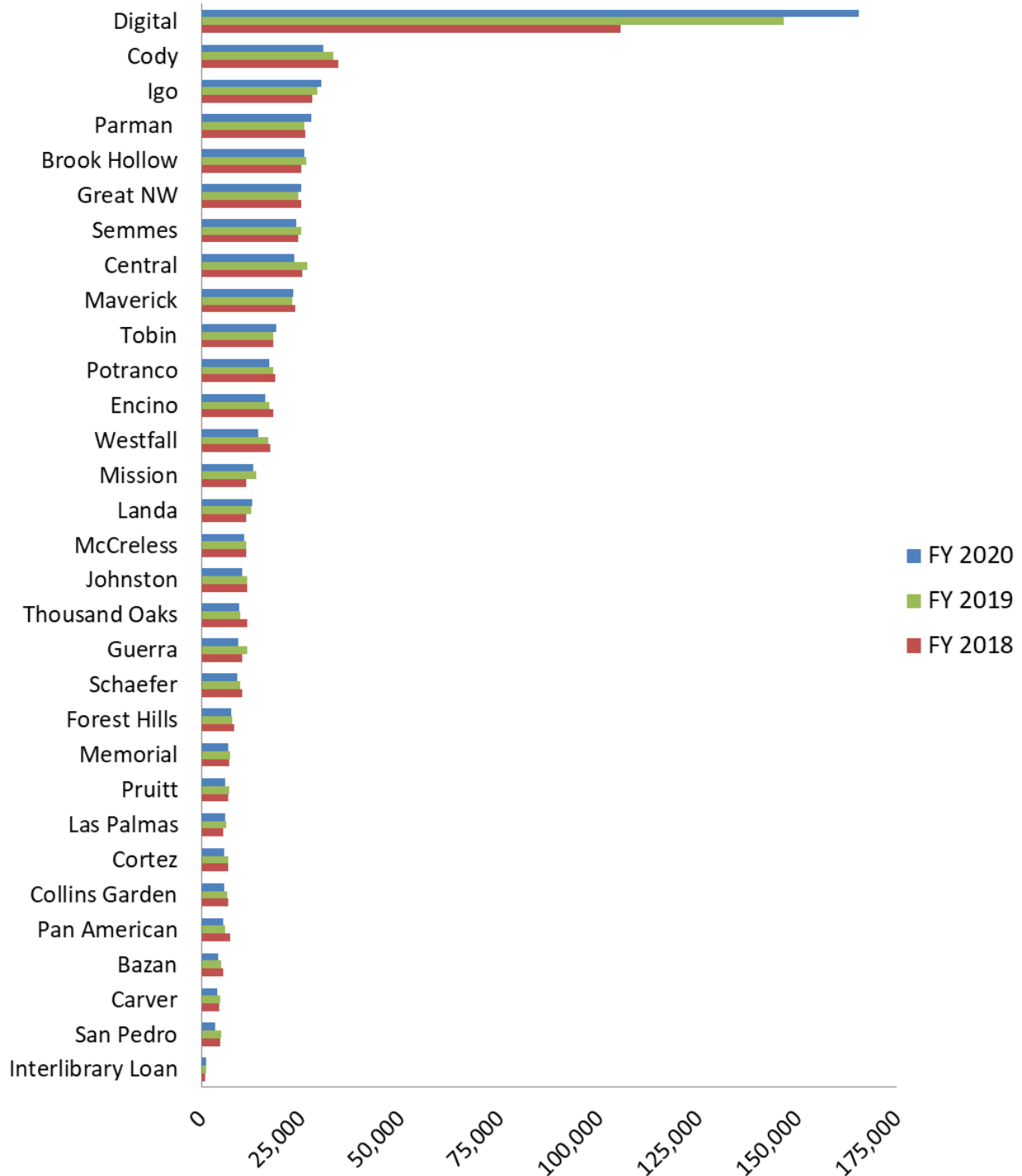
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## Visits

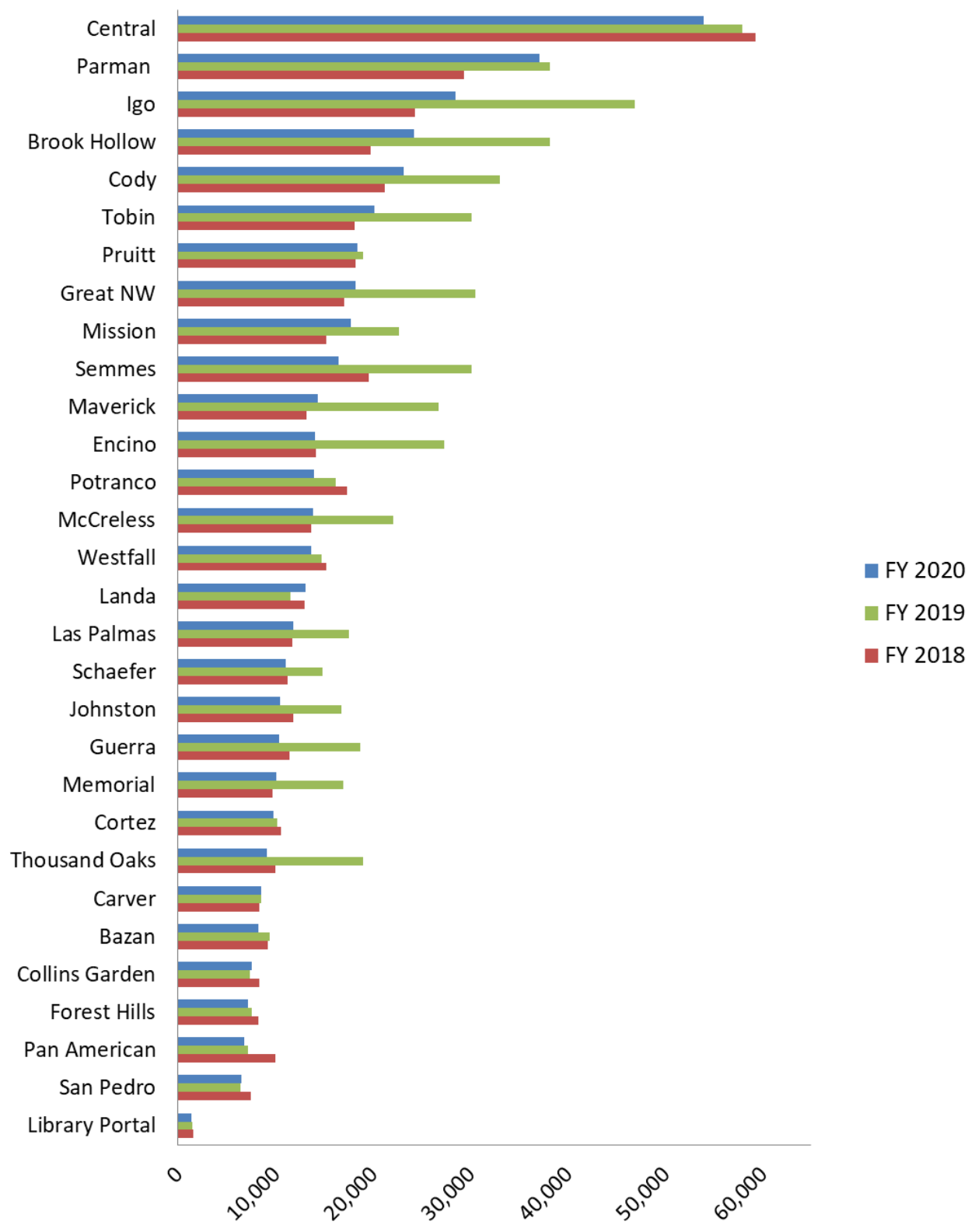


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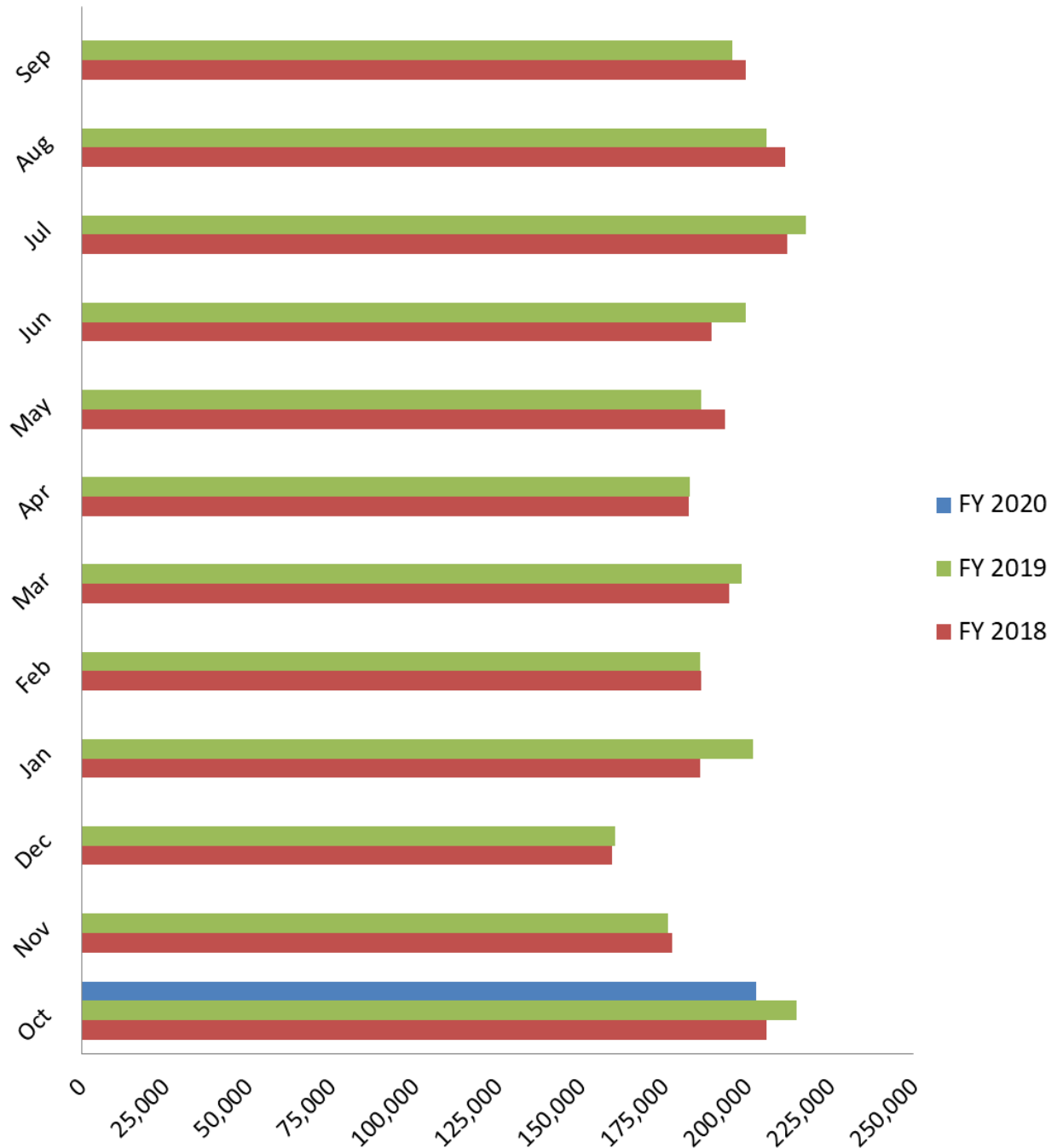
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## Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

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

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