

San Antonio Public Library Director's Report January 2021

San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) and The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (HMMSA) partnered to present the 9th Annual The Holocaust: Learn & Remember through online programs and

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Library Administration continues to remain engaged and focused on library services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ramiro Salazar, Library Director continued to record and send weekly videos with updates and encouragement to Library Staff.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in the Board Meeting for the Local Government Hispanic Network on January 8.

Mr. Salazar met with Beth Graham, President of the Friends of the Library, on January 12 to discuss the Friend's plans to fundraise with the BookCellar, used book store in the Basement of the Central Library, closed due to COVID-19.

On January 20, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar delivered a presentation to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Board during their regularly scheduled meeting.

As part of the development of the 2022 Bond Program, Library Director Ramiro Salazar and Assistant Directors Kathy Donellan and Dale McNeill met with Sandy Morander, CEO of the YMCA to begin a discussion on a future partnership opportunity.

Mr. Salazar recorded an introduction to the closing event for the Holocaust: Learn and Remember event on January 27, 2021.

MARKETING

Despite pandemic, San Antonio public libraries doing their part for Holocaust Remembrance Week

Many lessons, activities have gone virtual, but there is an outdoor walking exhibit on Northeast Side



- KSAT 12 featured multiple segments centered on SAPL's The Holocaust: Learn & Remember during their Good Morning San Antonio morning show and their noon broadcast on January 26. They also published a written piece to their website.
- KSAT 12 mentioned SAPL's resources for students in their KSAT Kids column on their website.
- KSAT 12's SA Live hosted Cresencia for their MLK Day special. Cresencia showcased some craft ideas that promote peace and unity while also recommending the various books and eBooks in SAPL's collection that help to teach children about Martin Luther King Jr. and promote peace.
- KSAT 12 highlighted San Antonio Public Library's resources for students in their KSAT Kids Column.
- San Antonio Magazine highlighted San Antonio Public Library's The Holocaust: Learn & Remember presentation, Isolation at Wobbelin Concentration Camp, by University of the Incarnate Word sociology professor Roger Barnes.
- San Antonio Magazine highlighted two of this year's The Holocaust: Learn & Remember programs in their "Things to do in San Antonio" column on their website.
- Patch.com shared information about Forest Hills Branch Library's resuming of services
- Telemundo reported on Forest Hills updates to services in their newscast. In the segment, they provided details on how patrons can set up computer appointments.
- KSAT 12 published an article introducing their new monthly book club and partnership with San Antonio Public Library.
- Telemundo San Antonio promoted SAPL's free Wi-Fi in their evening newscast on January 1.
- The News 4 WOAI morning show, San Antonio Living, featured a story on how to save money in the new year and their guest financial expert mentioned San Antonio Public Library's virtual programming as a great option for how to enjoy free entertainment.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media generated 583,889 impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by 152 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 6,666 times.

Social Media statistics for the month:

- Twitter: 5,350 followers
- Facebook: 20,992 fans
- Instagram: 6,747 followers

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including graphics and materials for the continuing communications to the public about Bond projects at Forest Hills, McCreless and Memorial and renovations at San Pedro; continuing to design

signage and graphics for interior improvements at Forest Hills; graphics and promotions for Pop Madness and Library Lovers' Month; and social media for ongoing online Library programs.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On January 4, Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana met with Assistant Director Dale McNeill and Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek to discuss the recommendations of the Library Future report.

Mr. Spana attended construction meetings at Forest Hills on January 8 and 11 to help prepare the branch for its reopening.

On January 20, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson met with Mr. Suszek, Coordinator of Technical Services Kathryn Sturtz and Catalog Services Supervisor Katie Enright to plan for an inventory project using the new mobile capabilities afforded by the Symphony integrated library system (ILS).

On January 21, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun and Ms. Masterson attended the inaugural meeting of the Circulation Procedures/Practices work group, led by Assistant Director for Public Services Dale McNeill. Mr. Laun and Ms. Masterson will be providing their technical knowledge of the Symphony system as the work group further adapts the Library's circulation procedures and practices for use with the new ILS.

On January 28, 2021 - Ms. Masterson, Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglass, and Digital Library Services Assistant Daniel Garcia provided BLUEcloud Analytics (BCA) training to selected Branch Managers and Training Officer Laura Villanueva. The BCA platform makes possible the creation of statistical reports based on data compiled from the Library's Symphony ILS.

Digital Library Services Assistant Michael Sheehan worked with ITSD to enable remote access to the Access Newspaper ARCHIVE database. Previously the database was only available on library computers, but now patrons can, from home, search newspaper archives from around the world.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Little Read Wagon staff held virtual workshops and trainings throughout January, beginning with the More Mirrors early childhood teacher training. Many of the bedtime routine chart workshops were concentrated in the Northside Independent School District with a few in the San Antonio Independent School District. One notable highlight in January was a Play Dough Party held online for Knox Early Childhood Center families and coordinated by Julia Lazarin. Prior to the event, families were able to pick up a dry mix of play dough ingredients: flour, cream of tartar and salt. The play dough kit included a Kool Aid pack to add color and smell, the microwave play dough recipe that staff uses, along with wide, colorful straws and large craft sticks to use as tools or decorations for the children's play dough creations. All of the workshop participants receive a board book, a bedtime routine chart or play dough kit and library information. Little Read Wagon staff works diligently to coordinate creating the packets and delivering them in a timely manner.

Clair Larkin attended the South Texas Trauma Consortium meeting to connect with community partners seeking to promote trauma-informed care under the auspices of the San Antonio Metro Health Division. Ms. Larkin was invited to join the 2021 Women's Mentoring Leadership Program that began in January.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Take-and-Make Kits: Children's librarians from multiple locations worked to plan and prepare Take-and-Make kits to distribute system-wide. The January kit included a small dinosaur, assorted die cut shapes, and a branded pencil for limitless shadow play and shadow puppetry exploration.

Online Programs: Three new programs had their debut this month. The first online dance party, Toddler Noon Year, was held January 2 with plenty of toddlers moving and grooving with their grown-ups to child-friendly tunes. Art Club online was launched January 21 and will continue every other week with a different art exploration activity. Game Time Live began January 28 and will alternate weeks with Art Club. In Game Time children can participate in active games like Minute to Win It, charades, or Simon says.

Work groups continue to produce video premieres, including a new monthly Spanish language video for young children. January premiere topics included cooking challenges, bird feeders, ice creations, and a variety of picture books and songs.

Future planning: Plans for summer 2021 are in development. Children's services staff are actively identifying special guest presenters, collaborations with community partners, and staff-led activities. The Library Services Managers and Marketing are working to present a coordinated summer initiative.

Professional Learning: On January 27 Melissa Galvan of KLRN, made a presentation about KLRN resources for librarians, parents, and teachers. Jasmin Dean and Kim Cornwell, of Celebrate Dyslexia, presented a dyslexia overview with very eye-opening information about the prevalence of dyslexia. Children's services team members asked questions about how to create a more inclusive library environment for people with dyslexia.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE) / TEEN LIBRARY @ CENTRAL

Due to the library closure, the Teen Library @ Central staff continued to work on a variety of projects and tasks that had system-wide impacts during the month of January.

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities — The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with virtual teen volunteers to host weekly virtual teen programs and additional activities on Discord. Virtual teen volunteers continue to be instrumental in the success of these virtual offerings, and other teens have felt empowered to host their own activities and events as well. Through these interactions on Discord, teens are able to learn and develop new skills and interests while sharing their own passions and abilities with their peers.

For the 210teenlibrary Instagram page, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been creating graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content, highlighting general library services, such as enhancing BiblioCommons lists and book trailers provided by the Teen Services booklist group, and creating a Teen Winter programs graphic that served as a flyer for online outreach. Regina will also evaluate and brand teen-created content for posting as well.

JD Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continued hosting “Jam Club,” a virtual program on the Teen Services Discord server, which is a combination of guitar and keyboard lessons, teen-created playlists, discussion and teens hanging out. JD is currently recording a separate video component to supplement the program, which will be posted on the 210teenlibrary Instagram and YouTube.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist) hosts “Quarantunes,” an Instagram challenge where teens submit their favorite tunes to the 210teenlibrary account, and then Amisarahi and Matthew Loaiza create a Spotify playlist at the end of the week. She also created Instagram story templates that teens filled out and interacted with. In addition, Amisarahi developed and posted teen-created content to upload on the 210teenlibrary Instagram page as well as activities on Instagram stories. Amisarahi also joined Chris Castillo (Teen Services Librarian I, Great Northwest) to host Teen Time on the 210teenlibrary Discord server.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources — The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, shared information, resources, activities, and other content for/by teens on Instagram. Virtual teen volunteers are able to express their skills and interests through the content they create for Instagram; highlights from virtual teen volunteers include a music making demo, Spotify playlists, craft demos with skills such as sewing, and recipe/food demos. The workgroup continues to identify ways to expand virtual teen volunteer opportunities through the 210teenlibrary Instagram account.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In January, the Library hosted its 9th annual Holocaust Learn and Remember series. This series is hosted annual in January in conjunction with International Holocaust Remembrance Day which is honored on January 27th. This year, our theme was Isolation and Discrimination in the Holocaust. We focused on the experiences of those that faced various types of isolation during the Holocaust due to having to hide to avoid persecution by the Nazi. Stories of those that hid in attics, closets, and other isolated locations were shared as well as those who hid in plain sight through the use of falsified documents. Throughout the month, 15 online programs were offered to the public by 6 different speakers. Highlights included a presentation by Holocaust Survivor Pieter Kohnstam that was offered 100% in Spanish, as well as the closing event presented by Holocaust Survivor Evi Blaikie. Offline activities were also offered for those that could not or chose not to participate in the online activities – these included a Holocaust Remembrance Walk at Semmes Library, Plant Kindness Take-and-Make kits, and engaging bookmarks with content from the online exhibit. This year’s series was exceptionally well received and discussions have already begun regarding plans for next year’s 10th annual remembrance.

The Library was notified in January that an ongoing health and fitness program that the library has been offering since the spring of 2020 was approved as a Mayor’s Fitness Council event. This series is called Discover Self Care Through Ayurveda. It is offered once per month and covers a variety of self care topics related to the ancient practice of Ayurveda. The series is led by Margarita Grueskin, a Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist. The series has been so well received that it has been moved to Zoom Webinar on an ongoing basis to allow for more participants at each session. Sessions will also be recorded each month and made available on the Library’s YouTube channel for anyone that was not able to attend the live session.

The Library continues to offer a variety of ongoing online programs. One such ongoing program is a monthly Film Noir Movie Club. Participants and staff gather once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via Zoom to discuss a movie from the Film Noir era. In January, the group discussed the 1944 film *Double Indemnity*. The film stars Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck, and Edward G Robinson in a plot about an insurance representative lets himself be talked by a seductive housewife into a murder/insurance fraud scheme that arouses the suspicion of an insurance investigator. The group enjoyed talking about the characters, the plot development, and the various elements of film noir that can be found in this particular title.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN @ CENTRAL

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin, and Librarians Ashley Stubbs and Olivia Escovedo were very active in online Story Times, each participating in and hosting live weekly preschool Story Times after which they interacted with the children in breakout sessions. Ms. Seglin plays an important role in scheduling and managing the registration for all Story Time programs. Ms. Stubbs supported the effort, as well as that of the Tiny Tots weekly program, by maintaining their “Books We Love” section of the LibGuides. Ms. Seglin made appearances in several Toddler Time virtual programs as well. Ms. Escovedo also recorded a winter-themed story about a hibernating bear for the Library’s Dial-A-Story service.

Central Children’s staff contributed hundreds of arts and craft kits for distribution at Central Library through the Contact Free Pickup service. Ms. Seglin was instrumental in producing Take-and-Make kits for distribution throughout the city at all branch locations. This was a large-scale and very successful undertaking.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez and Ms. Stubbs spent considerable time developing activities for children as part of the Pop Madness event coming in February. They worked tirelessly to create videos, put together Take-and-Make kits, and arrange for special performers. Library Assistant Ana Sandoval created an art demonstration video for children that will be featured during Pop Madness as well.

Manager Kate Simpson began intensive work co-leading a committee of children’s librarians developing plans for the Library’s 2021 Summer Reading Program. Several novel innovations that will revitalize the program are in the works, due in part to the trying times children have experienced this school year. She also selected titles for a replenishment of giveaway books for system-wide distribution in the summer.

Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin worked together to consider and select furniture and finishes for the 3rd floor Central Library Bond Project renovation scheduled for later this year.

Ms. Stubbs continued delivering bags of books to Central Christian Day School, in support of their curriculum.

REFERENCE

The queer advice program, The Tea Room, launched and we have been posting questions and responses every weekend. The program is a continued partnership between SAPL and the Pride Center providing a safe space for queer identifying/questioning individuals to receive experience based advice from members of the queer community who are vetted Pride Center volunteers.

Adult Services Dungeons and Dragons continues on the second Saturday of every month. This past session we had 3 players including a repeat gamer, so it is beginning to gain traction.

The Reference department started the year off fast and has seen an increase in calls, tickets, and chat from our customers. Tax season is upon us and the team is working to ensure that our customers can get the information and forms that they need in a contact free fashion.

The Reference department worked this month with the head of collections to produce guidance on when an item should be removed from the collection and replaced with a new edition or more current information in order to improve collection quality throughout the system.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

The Latino Collection and Resource Center participated in the systemwide Holocaust Learn & Remember adult program series on January 19th to present a Spanish-language author talk with Pieter Kohlstaam, Holocaust survivor. The event was moderated by LCRC Program Manager Emma Hernandez and attended by users from Spain, Mexico and more.

Program Manager Emma Hernandez volunteered at the Alamodome COVID-19 vaccination clinic on January 30, providing assistance to the city's emergency response efforts.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

Library Assistant Clarissa Chavira was credited in the Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association's January 2021 Newsletter for the historical research she provided regarding The Chicken Shack, a restaurant which operated at 4020 Broadway from 1938—1955.

Over 750 San Antonio African American funeral programs were recently added to the library's online collection at the Portal to Texas History. This brings the total number of digitized funeral programs to 4,530. This collection has been viewed over 875,000 times since being added to the Portal almost nine years ago.

The Texana/Genealogy staff continued to assist the Reference department with servicing telephone reference calls and computer appointment shifts. Additionally, the Texana/Genealogy department worked behind the scenes this month with focused attention on special collections in the vault. Along with beginning an inventory and reorganization of oversized map and poster collections, staff continued to

barcode and inventory boxes of archival records holdings as they prepare collections for the construction planning phase of the 2017 Texana Bond Project.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

The Bazan branch library continued to serve as a Snack-Pak pick up location in January. Many happy families, and some repeat customers, visited the branch for contact free pick up of healthy snacks for children ages 4-18.

Training Officer Emily Flores continued teaching Conversational English as a Second Language, Civics English as a Second Language and Advanced English as a Second Language virtually. Long-time volunteer Karen Wyatt led the English as a Second Language Book Club and Emily facilitated. The Civics English class welcomed Tino Gallegos, Immigration Liaison for the City of San Antonio, as a special guest in January. Mr. Gallegos presented an overview of the immigrant community in the city and the students engaged in a discussion and Q and A session with him. One student wrote to Emily afterward and remarked, "You are always helping us and reaching for information and topics that are useful for the group. It was very interesting all the information Tino gave us yesterday. Sometimes we don't realize all the help and effort the city and many groups make for helping everyone, residents and immigrant (legal and illegal)."

Along with co-moderator Emma Hernandez, Emily co-hosted the Spanish-language Holocaust presentation on January 19. 27 individuals attended, with participation from Spain and Mexico as well as Texas, Florida and South Carolina. Attendees were especially appreciative of the opportunity to participate in cultural programs in Spanish.

Teen librarian Georgina Garcia continued to host *Gaming Club* every Saturday on the Discord platform. A couple of great online meet ups included hosting a Rocket League tournament which was led by a teen moderator, a professional Rocket League player himself. The teen moderator who plays on an Esports league, exhibited great patience and teamwork with players making it inviting for additional teens to join the club. Competitive play carried over the following Saturday with several teens participating in a Mario Kart 8 race.

Apart from online teen programming, Georgina and Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry joined up for an Esports podcast recording featuring Sam Elizondo and Felishia Martinez, both Esports in Education Foundation (EIEF) members, who to talk about the foundation and its importance in the Esports world of San Antonio. The conversation included Sam's successes with helping schools create and sustain Esports clubs and gaming clubs, a topic of interest for Teen Services staff.

Lastly, Ms. Garcia reached out to local schools Tafolla Middle School and Lanier High School to distribute online flyers promoting teen programs. Lanier's school librarian distributed the information via their school newsletter and school Facebook page. Bazan received several calls with families picking Snack Paks indicating that they heard about the program through Lanier's social media page and/or newsletter.

The Bazan branch *Coloring for Grown-Ups* program kicked off the New Year with its members gathering to relax and enjoy each other's company virtually.

The *Bazan Virtual Book Club* took a brief hiatus in January, but made plans to discuss the YA novel *Grown* by Tiffany Jackson at their next meeting in February.

The *Bad Girls Book Club* met to talk about what previous holiday themed books members they read (there were many) in addition to discussing what they would like to read for the upcoming year. The group compiled their suggestions and created a reading list for the first half of the year. They also plan on revisiting ongoing books series that they adore.

Children's librarian, Hope Sonnen, was busy in January helping plan summer reading programming for children. Along with other committee members, Ms. Sonnen reviewed and made recommendations for a slate of performers who will provide virtual programming during SAPL's summer reading program.

BROOK HOLLOW

In January, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas participated in many new online children's programs. On January second, the Tiny Tots work group whose focus is on programming for ages zero to three years, hosted a *Noon Years Toddler Dance Party*. With a countdown to noon and online fireworks toddlers and older siblings moved and grooved to kick off 2021 with Children's Librarians: Jasmin Salinas (Brook Hollow), Carrie Vance (Igo), Arlene Richardson (Guerra), Randi Jones (Semmes), and Tiffany Durham (Johnston). Ms. Salinas also assisted with hosting *Art Time Online* and *Game Time Online Live* two new Zoom programs aimed at providing fun, engaging, social opportunities for school age children. Other programs during the month that Ms. Salinas helped support include *Story Time Online-Live* and *Toddler Time Online-Live*.

Ms. Salinas was selected to join the Summer Reading Club planning work group to begin brainstorming and outlining details for the San Antonio Public Library's Summer Program. During the month she edited and coordinated the release date of the first Spanish song video to premiere on the San Antonio Public Library's YouTube channel which featured Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills). At the Brook Hollow Library, Ms. Salinas coordinated the assembly and distribution of over 100 *Take-and-Make* craft kits for families to pick-up with a great deal of help from Library Assistant Jennifer Olivarez. January saw an increase in family demand for book bundles of children's materials thanks in large part to the Brook Hollow Circulation staff who work hard to assemble picture book bundles and inform families with children of the book bundle service.

Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot continued to support teen service online virtual programming goals this month participating in Discord programs and helping create content for the @210teenlibrary Instagram. Ms. Pouliot filmed a cooking segment from her home featuring a recipe from a book list highlighted in the teen BiblioCommons account. Ms. Pouliot met with fellow teen librarians and SAPL volunteer coordinator Ronnie Anderson to discuss the state of teen virtual volunteering and possible routes for making this program more robust in the months to come. As the lead of the Summer Program for Teens, Ms. Pouliot, with the help of the members of the summer program committee, met this month to begin planning for summer 2021. Ms. Pouliot is looking forward to working with the committee members to bring the teens of San Antonio a fun and engaging program this summer.

The Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon continued to host a variety of virtual programs for the month of January. The monthly *Dungeons & Dragons* program continued to grow attendance as the group had

another adventure-filled campaign on January 10. Mr. De Leon co-hosted the popular virtual programs *Spyfall* and *Among Us* several times during the month. There was attendance from patrons who were from out of state and the *Among Us* program had an attendee from another country! Both programs have been popular and extremely successful and Mr. De Leon and his co-host are currently planning on expanding the programs with other virtual gaming apps.

Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon continued to host the long-standing Spanish book club, *La Tertulia*, on 01/10 where they discussed the book *El pie de Jaipur* by Javier Moro. Mr. De Leon also co-hosted the January meeting of the *Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club* where they discussed the highly acclaimed *Circe* by Madeline Miller, a book that looks at the events of Greek mythology through the eyes of the goddess Circe. Finally, after months of communication with members of the group, Mr. De Leon was able to host the first virtual meeting of the Mystery Book Club. The Mystery Book Club is a book club that had been meeting at Brook Hollow for many years and the members were dismayed at the fact that they could no longer see each other due to Covid restrictions. However, after reaching out to each member via email, the group decided that they would like to try to meet virtually. On January 14 the group met to discuss the chosen book *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. The group had a lively and fun discussion and everyone was overjoyed to see each other again. Mr. De Leon and the group are looking forward to continuing to meet each month until they can all see each other again in person.

Brook Hollow Manager Heidi Novotny was selected as one of the participants of the City of San Antonio's 2021 Women's Leadership Mentoring Program (WLMP). Ms. Novotny is looking forward to meeting and working with professionals from other COSA departments and being matched with a mentor.

CARVER

Caver Branch boasted a colorful addition to its landscape, sponsoring a traveling story walk based on Xelena Gonzalez's debut picture book, *All Around Us*, illustrated by Adriana Garcia. In a series of beautifully illustrated panels, the book is the story of a young girl and her grandfather and simple lessons in the celebration of "family, culture, community and the connectedness of all things" (Cinco Puntos Press, 2017).

The book was designated a 2018 Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor Book. In addition, it received the ALSC Notable Children's Book award, the American Indian Youth Literature Award and the Texas Institute of Letters Tomas River Children's Book Award. The story was expected to be on display through the end of February. Staff were very excited. Several of the branch's regular patrons mentioned that they thought it was a wonderful idea and enjoyed reading the story.

The Snack Pak 4Kids campaign was extremely successful in the Carver Branch service area with the highest number of pick-ups. Many families were very grateful. It was wonderful seeing the children come up to pick up the snack paks after their parents phoned to place requests. Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo even received a "You are awesome!" comment for some of the kids.

Branch staff thought the program was well-executed and appreciated Children's Coordinator Cresencia Huff for being so supportive throughout the campaign.

Take-and-Make crafts continued to be popular with Carver Branch visitors. In fact, several of adult patrons requested them as well. The children's STEAM program offered by Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo included the construction of a bird feeder. Mrs. Carrillo said that it went very well.

The pandemic has been hard on some of the youths who were used to visiting the branch in person for Story Times. A mother attended an online story session with her children and snapped a picture of the youngsters with Mrs. Carrillo in the background.

Story Time via Zoom with St. Phillips Child Development Center continues to grow in numbers. As the daycare communicates with parents, more children are joining in the reading, singing and dancing activities Mrs. Carrillo offers.

CODY

Cody continues to serve the community by providing contact free pick up of holds to over 2700 patrons, as well as limited computer appointments. All staff members play an active role in contact free services - from opening bags, checking in and shelving holds, delivering to the table, and pulling onshelf items.

Library Assistant Haly LeFlore continued her deployment with the NHSD call center, helping citizens find financial assistance for housing costs. Circulation Attendants Iris Torres and Geanna Takajasi assisted with the mass vaccine site at the Alamodome, along with Library Assistant Luanne Bloom.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon helped out with several online programs during the month of January. On January 4th during Story Time Online, Yourdon read the book *Duddle Puck the Puddle Duck* by Karma Wilson, sang the closing song with the children, and played a color scavenger hunt game in a breakout room with several of the children.

Yourdon co-hosted the Adventurer's Book Club meeting on January 16th as well as the Story Time Online on January 28th. During this book club meeting, children discussed popular author Raina Telgemeier and her graphic novels. During Art Club Online on January 21st, Yourdon taught children about Mary Blair, one of the first female artists hired by Walt Disney.

Yourdon also presented during Game Time Live, featuring a special version of a scavenger hunt where children had one minute to gather five objects, and then use the objects to answer questions like, "Which object could you use to row yourself to shore in a boat?"

Finally, Yourdon posted a book recommendation to the Kid's Blog, *Gold Rush Girl* by Avi.

Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver worked with colleagues across the San Antonio Public Library system to ensure teens have access to information and entertainment while the Cody Library is closed due to the pandemic. In addition to providing service in person at the branch, she worked on new processes with workgroups dedicated to making teen content and volunteering opportunities more interactive and accessible.

Adult Services Librarian Marcella McGowan has been preparing for February Black History Month programs, coordinating with presenters for three different programs. McGowan participated as a co-host for Chair Yoga on January 22. McGowan and Marco De Leon from Brook Hollow have recorded the first episode of a proposed podcast series, about award winning actress and director, Regina King.

COLLINS GARDEN



CGL Team supported SAPL & SAPL Library Foundation's pilot Snak Pack program providing food to the community for children/teens ages 4-18. CGL employees volunteered at the COSA AlamoDome for COVID19 Relief efforts. Four employees contributed as form collector; data entry; post vaccine monitor; 2nd dose appointment scheduler.

CGL Manager Jeannette Davies continues to be an active member of the Texas Library Association (TLA) Public Relations Committee producing TLA's Libraries Transform Texas Podcasts and has been invited to present at the 2021 Virtual Texas Library Association Conference in April 2021. Davies will share her knowledge re: Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen.

Davies continues to participate in Toastmasters & hosts SAPL's Noon Time Helping of Cooking each week on Thursdays at noon. Soups and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite foods, fried chicken and pecan pie, were featured in January in honor of King's birthday. Patrons sign up for the cooking program via SAPL's website, events via Trumba. Davies has been invited to present a program on how to start an online cooking program at the Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference in April 2021. In June, Davies third TLA Podcast will air virtually. The manager also assisted with a SAPL's Holocaust Remembrance Program.

In January, CGL Children's Librarian Gina Brudi recorded a Tiny Tots video flannel board of the book ***Dog's Colorful Day: A Noisy story about Colors and Counting*** by Emma Dodd. Brudi's video was featured on the San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) YouTube channel. Brudi continues to engage with library families though Toddler Time Online; Make and Take Kits; and Reader's Advisory. Brudi attended Toddler Time, Juvenile and Summer Reading Club meetings and viewed a Puppetry Showcase. She also facilitated the monthly CGL Adult Book Club via Zoom. The book club read ***Voice with No Echo*** by Suzanne Chazin who joined the group, spoke about her writing process and answered questions.

CGL Teens Services Librarian Daniella Toll hosted 4 teen events, working with Teen Moderator to invite teens to use their imagination to create solutions to problems in the 210teenlibrary Discord server's weekly Dungeons and Dragon program. Among the month's adventures, teens used critical thinking and percussiveness to convince an evil lizardfolk to change her ways and stop killing trees. Teens used creative skills to make oxymoronic names for some of the new characters in their story. While monitoring the daily Discord chat, Teen Services Librarian talked with teens about their experiences in school and

life. The opportunity arose to discuss the practical application of some of the coursework teens are currently studying. Teen During Snack Pak pickups, many teens who came to the library to receive free snacks were happy to receive color your own tennis shoe keychain kits and 3 teens were able to become first time library card holders with the library's contact free -pickup service and partnership with SnackPak4kidsSA.

CORTEZ

Manager and All Staff

The staff continue to do weekly team-building events and during this period tried making bookmarks on birch paper, a personality profile with a sharing component, wire sculptures wrapped with yarn, and tile art using alcohol-based dyes.

Branch Manager Cammie Brantley is on a committee that had its first meeting this month to be trained to test the Blue Cloud Analytics program which is used to create lists for the purposes of evaluation of the library collections. She is looking forward to being able to really work on the Branch collection but even more so to train others in this exciting new service.

Staff continue to work outside of the Branch to help COSA and citizens in other ways. One employee was deployed to NHSD to help at the call center and another was deployed to help the vaccination clinic at the Alamodome. A third employee is doing three shifts at the Dome to help out and also to qualify for vaccination herself.

The Branch continues to partner with the Parks Department to share Nature Smart Library activities with patrons. This month Cortez had a paper craft to make bison as well as a shadow-box theater kit.

Children

In the month of January Children's Librarian Nicole Cubillas helped plan and prepare Children's department Take-and-Make craft kits for distribution. She continued to work on a book list for Children's LGBTQ+ books to be made available through BiblioCommons. Ms.Cubillas also worked with the Library Aides to evaluate and organize the board books in preparation for those materials to be available in the catalog to fill hold requests.

Adults

Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes continues to keep up with her dedicated group of crafters. This month the craft assignment emails included instructions for: Homemade Bath salts, Sharpie Mugs as well as Clay and Marble Ring Stands. Adult Service's Librarian Angela Morrow co-hosted the first meeting of SAPL writers for the Books and Writing Group of Adult Services. While continuing to grow SAPL Writers, Angela has also been working on Take-and-Make ideas for the Cortez branch and working on future Adult Services initiatives.

ENCINO

Encino Branch's Children's Librarian has been busy with continuing to lead the Take-and-Make team for Spring 2021. This team has been creating systemwide kits for approximately 1500 kits per month. Patron response has been positive for these activities.

Katherine Dillard, Librarian I Part Time, and Ms. McDonald continue to create weekly branch level Take-and-Make kits, which included a special Dr. MLK day kit and a Winnie the Pooh day kit.

Starting in March, a Tween kit will be in the rotation once a month.

Ms. McDonald and Ann Laird (Encino Assistant Branch Manager) are collaborating on a quarterly Intergenerational kit for families. The January kit was Forcing Bulbs. This kit contained rocks, a container, a paperwhite bulb and instructions on how to force a bulb to bloom indoors out of season with no soil.

Ms. McDonald continues to be involved in the Art & Maker group with online programming.

Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird has been creating monthly Adult Take-and-Make kits that are given away on the first Friday of each month. January's adult craft was a button art project that made a cardinal.

Ms. Laird also launched a new program at Encino called "The Spice is Right." The Spice is Right kits are given away at Encino on the 4th Friday of each month and contain a sample of the featured herb/spice, a sheet with facts about the spice and more resources, and a recipe or two. The "spice" for January was Herbs de Provence. Encino has received positive feedback from the community on both of these initiatives.

Ms. Laird has been actively participating with the adult services crafting committee and making craft videos for the SAPL YouTube channel. Ann's most recent video was how to make Borax Crystal Flowers.

Branch Manager Michelle Ricondo was accepted into the COSA 2021 Women's Leadership Mentoring Program.

FOREST HILLS

After a 4 month span of limited hours and services due to the ongoing renovation project, The Forest Hills Branch Library resumed services on January 12, 2021. Work continued through the opening date as finishing touches were applied and additional improvements were implemented. Staff achieved a seamless delivery of services as the hours of services expanded from 16 hours per week to the standard 35 hours of service. The branch also opened its doors to the public for limited computer appointments. The public was eager to take immediate advantage of the expanded hours and services.

Adult patrons were provided with Holocaust Learn and Remember Take-and-Makes through contact free pickup. The kits were a popular activity and requested by many adult patrons.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor hosted a monthly virtual book club for the Doris Griffin Senior Center on January 25. Ms. Naylor led the group in a discussion regarding Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The seniors appreciate the virtual option for the book club as they are a high risk population and it is critical at this time that they limit their exposure to public gatherings. Many of the seniors shared their experiences with loss due to COVID. They were able to commiserate with each other while touching on the themes of loneliness and isolation presented in the book selected for discussion.

Library Assistant Francisco Rodriguez volunteered to assist with vaccine distribution at the Alamodome. Other staff members signed up to assist in February.

Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca participated in Story Time on January 21. She read an Elephant and Piggy book. A mother who participated in the Story Time said it was the best Story Time so far.

Ms. Menchaca made a video of herself with her baby in Spanish. The video demonstrated how to sing to your baby and gave parents several Early Literacy Tips in Spanish. Ms. Menchaca also recorded a board book called "Manta de Amor" for the Tiny Tots channel.

Ms. Menchaca has focused her attention on Spanish services for Children. She now acts as the lead for the Spanish Services for Children workgroup. Ms. Menchaca recorded a video for Story Time in Spanish entitled "La Sombrilla Grande."

Children's librarians were offered training that dealt with dyslexia and the outreach efforts of KLRN Ms. Menchaca found both topics beneficial and hoped to use this new information to help members of the community.

GREAT NORTHWEST

It has been a very busy month for Great Northwest Branch Library children's librarian, Cari Raley. Ms. Raley, circulation attendant Shayla Morales, and long-time volunteers Misty and Jason Gassaway created a video for the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) YouTube channel called SAPL Tween: Chopped Challenge that premiered on January 28. Great Northwest staff has worked hard this last month preparing the board book collection to be available for holds starting in March. This included a book-by-book inspection to make sure everything was in pristine condition. Ms. Raley sent out 226 digital activity kits to families and prepared several book bundles by request. Ms. Morales created additional craft kits to give out to families that visited the library.

During January, teen librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four virtual Teen Time programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Chris and the Discord committee developed both operational and interactional terms and guidelines. Throughout the month, teens participated in devising and implementing ongoing gaming, shared original art and short stories, discussed their experiences applying for college, and bonded over their current favorite games, shows, and songs. Teen Moderators improved the channel and demonstrated ownership over their Discord server. At the branch, teens collected 3D prints and custom buttons requested via Discord. Area high school contacts corresponded and were appreciative of teen services continuing during the pandemic. Chris and the Teen Summer Reading Program committee worked with Parman Branch Library volunteer Alesandra Baca, President of her National Art Honor Society, Ronald Reagan High School Chapter, to produce artwork for SAPL this summer.

Adult Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked with the Esports committee on the 2nd Annual Mario Day event. This year the committee is holding a Virtual Cosplay Contest and online gaming events. The Virtual Cosplay Contest started taking submissions in January and the winners will be announced on March 10.

Library assistant Kathleen Marascio returned to the branch after her deployment with the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department in mid-January. Ms. Marascio also volunteered at the Alamodome vaccination clinic beginning on January 29. Ms. Marascio continues her cooking demonstration video series focused on "pantry" cooking or "use-what-ya-got" baking ideas and recipes that are inventive, easy to follow and economical. Ms. Marascio is also planning another online Spelling Bee with a Mario Day theme, the third so far in a series of all ages online spelling bees with focus on learning, popular culture,

and family fun. Ms. Marascio continues to work on craft videos that focus on recycling, affordability and creativity. Her next video will feature faery night light and character lanterns.

In January Great Northwest Library distributed the Holocaust Learn and Remember Take-and-Make kits. Ms. Vazquez also created Valentine's Day Craft Kits for adults and Great Northwest staff began distributing the kits in January. Library assistant Donna Borel created Random Acts of Kindness Kits for Great Northwest patrons and offered space for patrons to leave their suggestions for acts of kindness. Patrons have returned 20 stars or hearts from the packet that are displayed on the front windows.

GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library bought in the New Year with continued services including contact free pick ups and computer access by appointments. Sadly Circulation Attendant PT Allison Fink departed from the team January 14.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo participated in the SAPL and Slick Talkers Toastmasters meeting January 15. On January 19 Ms. Bustillo attended the American Library Associations Pre Conference Book Buzz. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Emma Straub's *All Adults Here* January 20. Ms. Bustillo continues to attend the monthly IT Branch Manager meetings January 26. On January 27 Ms. Bustillo attended the City Manager Town Hall meeting and the Library Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Bustillo volunteered to work several shifts at the Alamodome starting January 29 and served as data entry for the COVID 19 vaccine efforts,

Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson continues to collaborate with and contribute to her work groups to provide virtual program options for young children. She brainstormed ideas with her Read to a Dog workgroup and presented songs and rhymes at Toddler Time Online. Ms. Richardson also co-hosted at Story Time Live and Game Time Live events. She continues to weekly update the Tiny Tots LibGuide and she curated two special programs for babies and toddlers in celebration of Black History Month and one for Library Lover's Month. Ms. Richardson viewed recorded professional development training on Dyslexia presented by Jasmin Dean and Dr. Kim Cornwell and learned about resources offered by KLRN/PBS presented by Melissa Galvan. She plans on sharing these resources with her outreach locations. She attended two trainings offered by COSA.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, assisted the Willie Cortez Senior Center in preparing and distributing meals for senior citizens on January 7 and January 14. He recorded *El fuertecito rojo (The little red fort)* by Brenda Maier on January 19 for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. He assisted the Willie Cortez Senior Center again with meals on January 21. He also assisted them preparing the senior community garden. That same day he also recorded *En serio, Juan y sus frijoles son unos horrores...(Trust me, Jack's beanstalk stinks)* by Eric Brown for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. The next day, he presented a trivia game outside in a pavilion at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. To assist the center in its promotion of a community garden at the center he included questions about gardening. He assisted the senior center with meals and preparing their community garden a fourth time that month on January 28.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry attended the Teen Services, Esports Committee, Pop Madness Esports panel, and San Antonio Public Library Toastmasters meetings. He attended the Adult Services meeting and spoke on behalf of the Esports Committee. He attended the CoSA sponsored "Leading by the Numbers" course. He served as moderator for the Tuned In Podcast with the Esports in Education

Foundation. Mr. Mayberry along with Teen Services held the 4th annual Engineering Day with John Jay High School and Southwest Research Institute via Zoom.

Circulation Attendant A. Abella Lazalde-Jimenez read two stories for the Spanish Dial-a-Story/Telecuentos: *Un Dia Perfecto* by Lane Smith and *El Sr. Brown hace Muuu!* By Dr. Seuss. As Wellness Liaison, she also continued the weekly step challenge for staff.

IGO

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance continues to be a regular presenter or host of the system's Baby Time Online-Live with four other children's librarians. She also assists in presenting at the Toddler Time Online-Live program twice a month.

Ms. Vance continues to facilitate The Stitchery on Sunday afternoons, with good attendance throughout the month. Members are learning new skills, such as knitting socks, making fringe and tassels, and learning to fine tune their stitching to achieve even fabric. Discussions in the group are quite lively and not always limited to stitching topics. Members are also very passionate about the library and their reading and making a number of recommendations to the group, which leads to further discourse about the books once more have read them. Frederik Bachman is a favorite author right now. However, the best part of the group is that the members have now gained enough skill that they are able to assist one another when someone gets stuck, allowing all members to explore new areas of their current stitching passion.

On the 27th of January, Adult Services Librarian, Gamini Haluwana co-hosted a virtual program for SAPL patrons via Zoom. The topic of this program was "Trending in Nutrition" and the presenter, Keith Thibodeaux discussed various nutrition plans including high protein/low carb diet, mediterranean diet, vegetarian diet and gluten free diets.

In the month of January, three staff members of Igo branch library volunteered to help the City's COVID-19 vaccine clinic at AlamoDome. Each staff member volunteered to do three 6 hour long shifts to assist the medical crew at AlamoDome.

Both Adult Services and the Childrens Services at Igo branch participated in Take-and-Make craft programs in January and more than 70 craft kits were distributed to Igo customers.

The Yoga instructor of Igo branch library continues to do her Guided Breathing Meditation with light yoga every Sunday morning at 10:30 am via Zoom. This breathing exercise is a gentle introduction to becoming more in tune with the body. Particular attention is paid to breath work while inducing the relaxation response.

JOHNSTON

Interim Branch Manager and Adult Services Librarian Cristine Mitchamore monitored the chat, assisted the Question & Answer section and wrapped up the program for the January 6 event, Holocaust: Learn & Remember program—Hiding in the Attic and in Plain Sight. Mx. Mitchamore moderated the library's Crochet Circle meetings on January 12 and 26 and contributed to participants' discussions of needle size, stitch instructions and differences in yarn. Mx. Mitchamore is one of the library's moderators for the new

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club which met January 14. Mx. Mitchamore volunteered at the Alamodome's COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic, assisting in data entry.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham started off the new year with an Online Toddler Dance Party at noon on Saturday, January 2. The dance party was presented by several members of the Babies and Toddler Work Group and everyone had a rocking good time. Miss Tiffany continued work with various Children's Services work groups to provide virtual programs and Take-and-Make kits for the community. Friday mornings in January she hosted and co-presented four sessions of Baby Time Online Live on Zoom. Every Thursday morning in January Miss Tiffany continued an outreach program for homeschooling families with Lisa Taylor from the Parman Branch. Miss Tiffany was a co-presenter for the first Game Time Live on Zoom on Thursday, January 28. The program is planned for every other Thursday in the future and includes interactive minute-to-win-it type games. Miss Tiffany recorded two books about Winter for Dial-A-Story. Miss Tiffany designed and created supplemental Take-and-Make kits, January's was a playdough sensory mat with a New Year's theme. Miss Tiffany began attending meetings for the Summer Reading Programs and Activities Work Group and is looking forward to this year's planning.

Teen librarian Shannan Prukop created a set of Take-and-Make kits for teens in response to community requests, themed around making miniature terrariums that could be calming spaces for teens. Mx. Prukop assisted with recording the Pop Madness edition of *In the Stacks* along with other library staff. Mx. Prukop began work with the Discord Interactions and Instagram Content groups, working on codifying guidelines and structures for those respective medias. Mx. Prukop continued leading teens in Tryday Friday on Discord, encouraging teens to think critically about game mechanics by playing a game still in testing so the group can submit feedback to the creator after finishing play. They also continued work with the book list workgroup, contributing to lists posted in January and to be posted in February.

Library Assistant Elsy Jackson, a regular contributor to *Telecuentos (Dial-A-Story)*, recorded two children's books on January 12 and 15, 2021 respectively: *Marco Flamenco* by Sheila Jarkins and *Nueva fábula de la cigarra y las hormigas*, edited by Vanessa Pérez-Sauquillo and illustrated by Raquel Díaz Reguera. Ms. Jackson attended the Security Awareness Training modules: "Like a Rock Star" and "Thumb War" that focus on protecting printed information and sensitive documents. Ms. Jackson translated the *Book Bundle Activities Sheets* for Children's Services into Spanish.

LANDA

Circulation Attendant Abiel Rodriguez began his deployment with the call center this January. He assisted Neighborhood Housing Services with applications.

Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta is the new Art & Maker Team Lead. She created a new bi-weekly Art Club Online program. The first meeting was held on January 21. More than 20 happy kids attended! There was an introduction to Mary Blair presented by Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdan, followed by simple drawing prompts led by Librarian Alcorta. Art Club Online is an open-ended art program with an activity planned each session. The kids are welcome to do the activity of the week or work on other projects they may have. The purpose is to give kids a chance to share and talk about their art with one another.

The Landa Adult Book Groups have all been meeting a number of years now with the "new kid on the block" being the group at the Village at the Incarnate Word which started in April of 2016. January's selection was *The Blossom Sisters*, a lighthearted comedy/romance by Fern Michaels. The Mystery Book

Club goes back to January of 2012. This past month they thoroughly enjoyed David Rosenfelt's *The K-Team*, a new mystery series featuring two sleuths and a very smart German Shepherd. And Reader's Ink—the longest going Landa book club—was started by Librarian Randolph Blakeman many years ago. When Randolph retired, Landa Librarian Karen Sebesta took it over in August of 2014. Their January selection was *The Spy* by Paulo Coelho a fictional biography of World War I spy and temptress, Mata Hari.

Librarian Sebesta also assisted in Holocaust Learn and Remembrance Month by co-hosting three programs--"Hiding and in Plain Sight" with Liz Reichman on January 6 and January 21 and "Isolation and Social Death in Nazi Germany" with Dr. Edward B. Westermann.

San Antonio Public Library partnered with Daisy Cares, the pet services arm of the San Antonio Food Bank in a program hosted by Jené Matthews, director of Daisy Cares.

LAS PALMAS

Valerie Shelley, Children's Librarian II, has provided *Take-and-Make* kits for the Children's Department and for Las Palmas Library in January. About a dozen children's kits were distributed; several kits are still available for the February *Take-and-Make*.

Valerie continues to work on the *Story Time* and *Babies and Toddlers* Committees, performing curated activities for the internet programming offered to the public. She also participated in the *Online Toddler Time* live programs. She has been training to be the host for these online programs. Valerie also produced a curated program in January which will not be put online until the summer.

MAVERICK

Entering into 2021, Maverick continues to serve the public with curbside contactless service and limited public computer service. Despite the tremendous increase in covid cases in January, the Maverick team has done very well protecting fellow staff and the public. In an effort to provide a solid and current collection in 2021, the librarians continue weeding the collection. Maverick also provided Take-and-Make kits in January for all age groups.

Children's Librarian II, Amy Roberts, spent quite a bit of this month weeding the grubby items out of the children's collection. This included Juvenile Easy's, Juvenile Paperbacks, Juvenile Graphic Novels, and Board Books. Due to the fact that board books will be floating/circulating starting March 1, it was imperative to get the "grubbies" weeded and also begin a lengthy inventory of the remaining English, Bilingual and Spanish board books.

Ms. Roberts also did work for her children's services committees. She went to the publisher's websites and found out that many had extended their permissions to March 2021 or June 2021 for recorded readings to remain up on YouTube. This pertains to several of the SAPL recorded children's librarian's videos on YouTube and can help determine which books/publishers they can share with children online. Ms. Roberts read "Peep and Ducky: Snow Day" for Dial-A-Story on January 19. In addition, she created another curated Story Time for the Tiny Tots committee during the reporting period.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl hosted Teen Time at Maverick via Zoom. Maverick Teens were excited to have the opportunity to see and chat with Library Aide Sarina Hackworth, whose schedule allowed her to join us virtually on Tuesday evenings. Teens played Google Feud and Skribbl, but spent

one entire evening reminiscing and joking with each other about things that happened back when they were attending in person.

McCRELESS

Manager Emerson Stanley attended the Mental Health First Aid training for Adults to better assist patrons and the community at large. They also have attended bi-weekly meetings to assist in the implementation and transition to a new incident reporting system in addition to weekly meetings to discuss the ongoing renovation project at the branch. One meeting of note involved finalizing the shelving choices for the branch. Although service hours are limited, McCreless is still providing contact-free pickup, IRS forms, and Take-and-Make craft kits for all ages. Stanley was proud to witness Library Director Ramiro Salazar present Joseph Gonzales for his 20 years of service to the City of San Antonio. After the presentation, Stanley and Salazar met to discuss the overall state of the branch and share concerns, celebrations, and ideas.

Librarian Cristiane Yamada Lokensgard pre-recorded a video on how to make Valentine's Day cards which was released on January 29th. She also attended the COSA Diplomacy and Tact class on January 20th. She also helped her colleagues assembling the Holocaust Take-and-Makes to be distributed to the branches.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales continued helping with McCreless Library's Contact -Free Pickup and IRS form distribution. Mr. Gonzales also helped with his input in the newly formed circulation procedures, practices, and policies committee and the Pop Culture Committee meeting as well this month. As a change management agent, Mr. Gonzales attended the call and notified all McCreless employees of all upcoming changes and procedures. This month Mr. Gonzales also celebrated his 20-year anniversary with San Antonio Public Library as a full time employee.

MEMORIAL

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall contributed to the January 5 Children's Services Blog with a review of the book *Fauja Singh Keeps Going*, by Simran Jeet Singh. She participated in Story Time Online January 7 and 21. She also participated in Toddler Time Online January 13 and 27. In support of the Snack Pak distribution program organized by Snack Pak 4 Kids San Antonio, Mrs. Deffendall attended a progress meeting January 20. Memorial Branch Library distributed 973 Snack Packs from January 2 through January 30.

Circulation attendants Michelangelo Sosa and Adam Capelo assisted by Library Aides Guadalupe and Pristina Pinales provided ideas for the Take-and-Make crafts for adults, teens, and children in preparation for the next 8 months of closure. This team made sample crafts to ensure the craft was viable to do for the targeted age group. The group also provided instructions with images as part of the craft kits as well as the daily bags with up-to-date flyers. In preparation for the closure of the facility Mrs. Pinales created a list of crafts that will correspond with themes for the approaching 8 month period of closure.

As a team effort the group also joined in to help getting bags ready in the Snack Pack program. As the Snack Pak program ended patrons asked for Take-and-Make crafts for the different age groups.

Branch Manager Maria Gonzales shared information from Memorial partner Westside Development Corporation. The focus of this organization is to assist San Antonio Westside small business owners tap onto resources to upgrade or start up businesses in the Westside community.

Mrs. Gonzales reviewed Edgewood ISD Education Update during COVID–19 newsletter informing community of Edgewood ISD School Board Resolutions to cope with the Pandemic One of the Resolutions specifically addressed the concern that all school personnel be granted frontline workers status in order to be considered for appropriate priority for vaccination. The second Resolution extended emergency paid leave through June 2021 for school personnel.

MISSION

A variety of Take-and-Makes for all ages continue to be made available to library customers. Mission Library staff keep busy creating kits with available resources such as the CriCut Explore Air 2, which has proved invaluable during this time. For the new year, Library Assistant Jessica Viera made a Self Reflection Candle kit that after being created, the crafter can take a moment to light in reflection of prayer, meditation, hopes and dreams for the new year. These Take-and-Makes are a safe way libraries can provide customers with crafts and activities they can do in their own home.

Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, presented along with members of her workgroup to the Safety and Security team. The presentation was the culmination of several months of work on drafting an updated guideline for suspension of minors.

Adult Services Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, hosted two Zoom sessions of the newly formed SAPL Crochet Circle, in which customers register for the program and learn how to crochet a specific pattern over the course of two biweekly sessions. Twenty-six participants joined SAPL Crochet Circle during the month of January.

PAN AMERICAN

During the month of January, the Pan American Branch Library continued to provide a variety of services and resources to the community. While adhering to COVID-19 safety protocols, the branch offered “contact-less” pickup of library materials, limited computer access by appointment, and various “Take-and-Make” activities for children, teens, and adults.

In January Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, organized adult Take-and-Makes for the community such as Legend of the Gingerbread Man, and Bead & Foam Ornament Crafts. Additionally, Mr. Leal along with Librarian, Marco De Leon, held the virtual program Spyfall, where players compete to figure out who’s the spy. Adrian reported there were participants from as far away as Denver and Philadelphia. The online program was a great opportunity to connect to others and was a hit with everyone that joined. Mr. Leal also facilitated such programs as “Among Us”, Virtual Chess, and a family focused “take and paint” feature a ceramic dragon.

The Pan American Children’s Services staff assisted with systemwide programs including presenting at 2 live Toddler Time Online Zoom programs, creating a booklist about Martin Luther King and his legacy on the library website, assembling Take-and-Make craft packets for distribution at the branch, and continuing efforts to clean out heavily used and damaged materials in the children’s collection. Efforts were started to re-establish contact in the area schools. Harlandale elementary school librarians in the Pan American Branch vicinity were contacted via email with details on children’s services currently offered by the San Antonio Public Library.

During the month of January, Library Assistant Cassie Garza facilitated teen programming at Pan American library by creating Take-and-Make crafts and activities. Each Take-and-Make consisted of one craft with materials needed to complete it and an activity with supplies included. Ms. Garza made 50 Take-and-Make teen bundles for January.

Ms. Garza has volunteered to work at the Alamodome several days out of her work week during the month of January. Although it was offered as a temporary assignment, Ms. Garza has taken the initiative to continue to schedule shifts to assist in this massive city-wide project to vaccinate the citizens of San Antonio.

PARMAN

January kicked off with the delivery of much anticipated temperature scanners. It was a welcome device since it makes taking the patron's temperature safer and easier.

Browsing the collection through the immense Parman's window became the "New Normal" way of checking out books along with placing holds. Patrons show their appreciation daily for creating this opportunity.

In January over 10,000 books were checked -out at Parman by over 2200 patrons.

All adult crafts provided at Parman are flying off from contact free pick up tables.

One of the book groups that has recently ventured into watching DVDs along very specific topics in history reached out to Parman's and now adult librarian Monty Holcomb not only corresponds with the group leader about what book the group will read, but also suggests what historical DVDs the library system has that the group might like. During the month of January, Monty also continued his ongoing special - interactive chess games called "Live Online Chess Game: Librarian vs. Audience" where patrons collectively played against the librarian in a live chess game.

Parman children's librarians Lisa Taylor and Teague Shosh present a new book each month on the Parman Storywalk®. In January it was "The Black Rabbit" by Phillipa Leathers. The Black Rabbit is about a young bunny who is afraid of his shadow, whom he calls the black rabbit. "Exploring shadows" - SAPL craft theme of the month perfectly complemented the book selection. 100 SAPL wide shadow exploration kits were distributed and Parman librarians handed out 75 Notan art kits, demonstrating the Japanese art of light and dark and giving children a chance to make their own art piece. The Parman's Storywalk® is visited by more than 500 people monthly and the virtual guest book comments continue to show community appreciation.

Parman children's librarians continued to lead system wide children's and tweens virtual programs. Lisa led 4 outreach events to early elementary homeschoolers. She explored celebrations, color osmosis, shadows and feelings. Parman contributed 8 take home craft kits to this venture. Participants were able to socialize online and interact with each other and the librarians.

The newest adventure was a SAPL GAME TIME LIVE on Zoom for early elementary children hosted by Parman's librarian Lisa and other children's librarians. Games like Freeze Dance, Simon Says, and Minute-to-Win-It encourage children to interact with each other and the librarians. The first program was

held on Thursday, January 28th with 27 children attending. Helping with SAPL wide programming, Lisa continued as Co-Lead for the Children's Services Editing Work Group reviewing and editing recorded programs and organizing the Children's Services YouTube premieres. Miss Lisa and her chickens presented another recorded Story Time from the chicken coop for the SAPL YouTube channel on January 19th. It has had 86 views to date. Parman also created over 50 snowflake bead crafts which were picked up in less than a week by those who can't get enough of winter .

Teague Shosh continued to lead the Tween LibGuide and in January she updated it with new books and virtual content. She ran the January session of SAPL's Adventurer's Book Club and enjoyed a lively discussion about graphic novels and the popular graphic novelist, Raina Telgemeier, with participants. Attendees learned specific vocabulary for graphic novels and got a chance to create their own page.

POTRANCO

Children's Librarian Monica Huerta coordinated two pre-recorded programs and hosted one live program during the month of January. Ms. Huerta and her Tween Work Group provided pre-recorded programming which included a "Pom Pom Penguin" craft and a cooking challenge titled "Chop It UP with SAPL Librarians." The programs were featured on MySAPL's YouTube channel and included step-by-step guides and reading suggestions on the All Things Tween LibGuide. Craft kits to be picked up at a customer's local library were also made available for the "Pom Pom Penguin" craft. The cooking challenge released on both aforementioned platforms and encouraged children to take part in the challenge at home.

In order to engage the local community, Monica and Potranco's part-time children's librarian Jackie, put together Take-and-Make crafts where children got to make their own necklaces and a paper lion for their wall. Miscellaneous items were provided so children could create their own unique necklace. Items included, but were not limited to yarn, cotton twine, pipe cleaners, noodles, recycled ornament parts, ribbon, organza, and buttons.

Monica hosted the third meeting for her "Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club" where customers were able to meet virtually through Zoom and discuss the book "Circe" by Madeline Miller.

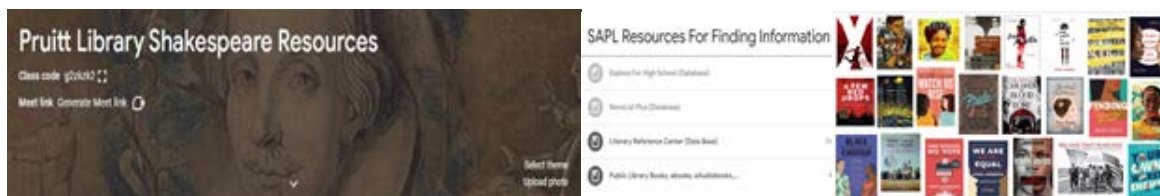
Teen Services Librarian Jenny Borrero began assisting with the teen virtual book club, The Bookworms, on the Discord server. Jenny works with Teen Librarian Cindy Cruz and two teen volunteers to provide a weekly discussion on short stories, books, and poetry.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services January programming was focused on Take-and-Make crafts. The branch distributed 144 craft kits during curbside pickup and Family Chess Nights. Craft kits included Polar Bear Fork Painting and Polar Bears on Ice crafts as well as Valentine's and Year of the Ox themed crafts in preparation for Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year. Lunar New Year craft kits were designed and assembled by Children's Library Assistant Sheran Awe. The *Pruitt Page-Turners Tween Book Club* met and discussed the book *A World Below* by Wesley King. Children's Librarian Lucy Humphrey also attended the first *Art Club Online* session in collaboration with the *Art and Maker* work group. Ms. Lucy also contributed to the editing of the *STEAM* work group's January curated programs.



Pruitt Teen Services began 2021 with the launch of a virtual *Teen Leadership and Volunteer Team*. In the two meetings held, volunteers were welcomed, discussed options, and chose to work on a project for Library Lovers' Month in February. One teen also worked remotely, assembling a Take-and-Make kit that will be distributed curbside at Pruitt in February. Speaking of craft kits, Teen Services distributed 54 Take-and-Make craft kits during the month of January. Teens' Librarian Sheri Watkins provided outreach to NEISD partner libraries and English 4 Instructors by curating SAPL resources that teens would benefit from while studying Hamlet during the Drama unit taught in their classes. Teen Services Assistant Destiny Saenz-Taplin created an interactive visual Black History booklist which was shared with middle school and high school NEISD librarians for their students in preparation for Black History Month.



Adult Services participated in three virtual events in January. The *TGIF Book Club* met and discussed Sofia Segovia's *The Murmur of Bees*. Combined Molly Pruitt and Potranco staff continued to host the weekly *Adult Virtual Coloring* program. Adult Services librarian Paula Opiela co-hosted six of the presentations for *Holocaust Learn & Remember* series. With presenters' permission, presentation slides were shared with patrons upon their request: "What a wonderful presentation by Dr. Westerman this afternoon on 'Isolation and Social Death in Nazi Germany'. I would certainly like to have a copy of his slides from this lecture. Makes me wish I was one of his students." "What a powerful webinar today on Isolation and Social Death. Could you please send me the slides. Many thanks." Additionally, Adult Services distributed 75 Adult Take-and-Make craft kits, including Holocaust Remembrance "Plant Kindness" kits and pop-up forget-me-not cards. Ms. Opiela also had a video, "Gnome Craft", posted on SAPL's YouTube for the *Crafting Online Programming* group. Adult Services staff continued contacting community members who may be interested in virtual citizenship and ESL classes.

The branch continued community outreach for Family Chess Night's return by providing chess sets, Pruitt- and Roosevelt-based virtual chess room information fliers, and meals via curbside delivery. Many patrons stopping by also request craft kits for children, teens, and adults!



SAN PEDRO

The San Pedro Branch Library continued to be closed for renovations and all public services such as contact-free materials pickup and computer access were temporarily suspended. Construction work in January included restoration of the windows frames, exterior iron work and doors. HVAC ductwork was also replaced and enhancements were made. The renovation project will include the replacement of all heating and cooling units, exterior painting, new outdoor light, and some new furniture. The public parking lot is also being replaced with improvements and a new door drop for returns will be installed.

Public services staff continued to assist at other library locations across the city.

SCHAEFER

Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser created a winter scavenger hunt using LibWizard for families to do outside Schaefer when picking up holds. They took photos of their children with the pictures of the winter animals hidden around the outside of the library, and when they found all five, they received a special winter Take-and-Make kit.

Leslie Elsasser also participated in two SAPL Story Time Online programs during the month, once as host and once as a presenter. She also made an online visit to the Evelyn King PCI to read stories and sing songs with the Pre-K class of kids that she sees monthly.

During January, Dacari Lambert, Teen Librarian for the Schaefer branch worked alongside colleagues to provide virtual programming for teens. Dacari worked with other teen librarians in a variety of work groups: Teen Pride work group, Teen Equity work group, Discord Operations work group, and Teen Summer Programming work group. Dacari also continues to maintain a relationship with the local high school: East Central High School, to offer support and access to services provided to the public via the San Antonio Public Library.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez submitted the following playlists for Schaefer's "I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition)" bi-weekly program for adults and seniors:

- New LPs themed the week of January 2nd.
 - 9 patrons clicked on the playlist to enjoy the music and
 - 11 patrons clicked on the catalog list to browse SAPL's collection of related items.
- Trending Now themed the week of Jan 16th.
 - 8 patrons clicked on the playlist to enjoy the music and
 - 5 patrons clicked on the catalog list to browse SAPL's collection of related items.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez moderated Librarian Paula Opelia's Holocaust Learn and Remember: Life in the Secret Annex zoom program on Thursday, January 7th.

Patrons appreciated presenter Gene Festa's presentation and book recommendations.

Librarian Maria Adams co-hosted a program, Hiding in the Attic and in Plain Sight, as part of SAPL's annual Holocaust Learn and Remember program.

Librarian Maria Adams facilitated assisting with registering patrons and sending program information for the January Film Noir Movie club, led by Training Officer, Daniel Gomez.

Librarian Maria Adams co-hosted another round of SAPL Live Trivia with fellow librarians, Brooke Mjolsness, Vicky Villalobos, and Morgan Yoshimura on Friday, January 29th.

SEMMEs

Children's Librarian, Ms. Randi contributed to SAPL's virtual programming for children several times this month. She recorded two stories for Dial-a-Story. On New Year's Day, she read *Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport. On Australia Day (January 26), she read *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox. She contributed a curated Story Time for toddlers to the SAPL webpage for *Sleepy Me* by Marni McGee that was posted on January 5.

Ms. Randi hosted the Toddler Time Online Live Zoom session on January 6 and lead the children in the movement songs on January 20. On January 7, for Story Time Online Live, she read *Tell Me the Day Backwards* by Albert Lamb, illustrated by David McPhail and lead the children in the closing song, "It Is Time to Say Goodbye to All Our Friends" by Dr. Jean. She hosted Story Time Online Live on January 24 and January 28. Ms. Randi appeared on the Noon Year's Eve virtual dance party on January 2, leading the children in "Blue Grass Jamboree" and "Baby Shark".

Ms. Randi recorded a video for *Dream Carver* by Diana Cohn, illustrated by Amy Córdoba on which she reads a portion of this picture book and highlights three other books in the collection *Opuestos, Animal Talk and ABeCedarios* (all by Cynthia Weill) all illustrated with Oaxacan wood sculptures. The video is for the SAPL Here for You YouTube channel.

Children's Librarian, Valerie Carroll, pre-recorded the Pom Pom Penguin virtual program which premiered on the mysapl YouTube channel on January 14th. This program was targeted at tweens and also included craft supply kits that patrons could register for and pick up at their local branch.

Ms. Valerie's Design A Snowflake pre-recorded video premiered on the mysapl YouTube channel and on the School Age LibGuide on January 16th. This STEAM video explores the concepts of patterns and symmetry.

The Semmes Branch hosted the Holocaust Remembrance Walk during the month of January. The Walk had images and text from the online Holocaust exhibit on yard signs that the public could walk around and reflect on. The Walk was also featured on the local morning news.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness co-hosted virtual Beginner's Chair Yoga programs on January 8 and 22. The Chair Yoga series has seen a very dedicated following and continues to grow.

On January 11, Ms. Mjolsness was chat moderator for a Pet Health program, a subdivision of the San Antonio Food Bank, which was hosted by Daisy Cares. Attendees learned about food, toys and health resources available for their pets.

Ms. Mjolsness helped co-host four programs for the Holocaust Learn & Remember initiative. These programs were held on January 11, 14, 20 and 21.

Ms. Mjolsness was co-host and chat moderator for the popular self-care program Ayurveda on January 13. The main host Maggie Grueskin led the presentation.

The Film Noir Club program was held on January 14. This monthly discussion group watches a predetermined film noir movie and encourages a lively talk with engaging questions provided by the host. Ms. Mjolsness acted as chat moderator.

At the request of workgroup members, Ms. Mjolsness served as chat moderator for the cooking programs entitled Noon Time Helping of ... held on January 14, 21 and 28. The program series is offered weekly and covers various recipes and kitchen topics.

Ms. Mjolsness served as Master of Ceremonies for the eighth SAPL Live Trivia program held on January 29. This popular program is held monthly and continues to grow quickly in attendance.

Adult Services Librarian Kimberly King ensured the Take-and-Make craft kits for January were available for distribution to patrons. She created additional craft kits as needed, including a collage picture frame kit for teens.

Ms. King continued collaborating on the Teen Booklists Workgroup. She created two book trailers for the teen book lists Teens in Peril and New Beginnings. These book lists are posted on the 210 Teen Library Instagram account.

Ms. King created a virtual Mystery Escape Room for the Pop Madness Committee's upcoming virtual Pop Madness event.

Librarian Marisa DeBow is temporarily assigned to the Thousand Oaks Branch while the McCreless Branch is closed for renovations. She is thrilled with her new Teen Librarian designation.

Ms. DeBow remained in contact with the Librarian at Highlands High School. She continued providing outreach services, and digital and print resources for the students.

Ms. DeBow completed all required training sessions, and attended the monthly meetings for Teen Services, Adult Services, the LGBTQ+ committee, and the Virtual Volunteer workgroup.

Ms. DeBow prepared and assembled 20 Fortune Teller Take-and-Make craft kits for teens. She created 15 original Paper Airplane Take-and-Make craft kits for the children.

Ms. DeBow continued serving as the lead on the Express Yourself: Gender Fluid Make-up Tutorial program workgroup. She collaborates with The Pride Center to plan and implement this unique series of programs.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Curbside service at the branch is popular with Tobin's community as some customers pick up materials several times a week and often request the crafts for all ages.

Adult Services Librarian, Rhonda Woolhouse, continues to host the monthly on-line Speak Geek program which was held on January 26. The virtual group shares Fandoms on Pop and Geek culture and

periodically has guest speakers. Additionally, Ms. Woolhouse has spent months with extensive time and effort planning and coordinating San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) first on-line pop culture event named Pop Madness that will happen at the end of February.

Ms. Barbaraella Frazier, Children's Librarian, is active lining up Summer Reading performers and compiling book lists with her peer librarians. Ms. Frazier is quite creative and avidly participates on the Take-and-Make Create Crafts committee for these popular art activities that are frequently requested.

During January, Teen Librarian, Karah Garcia, assisted with numerous teen groups and committees including the 210teenlibrary Instagram account, Teen Summer Reading and Program planning committee, Teen Equity work group and Incident Reporting. Ms. Garcia has shared teen activities and crafts with a few teens who utilize the branch's Wi-Fi after school on Tobin's campus. Ms. Garcia presented recommendations, with several of her colleagues, on January 20 to SAPL's Safety and Security Committee.

Manager, Tracey Knouse, has assisted several seniors by phone with computer navigation and digital downloads with the Libby app. On January 30, Ms. Knouse successfully aided 96-year-old George Lockhart with access to his SAPL account and the catalog for placing holds.

Tobin employees have embraced wellness activities like attending SAPL Strong: Free Your Mind Friday for a guided meditation with Community and Public Relations Manager, Caitlin Cowart. Staff especially enjoyed Guessspionage on January 29, when Ms. Garcia led the team in competing with their cell phones in this trivia statistic game.

WESTFALL

The Westfall Branch of the San Antonio Public Library continues to serve patrons for computer appointments, limited Learn services and have been providing directional information regarding VITA resources throughout the community.

Interim manager, Angelina Cortes, continues to work on creating monthly initiative programs with fellow colleagues as well as helping create and host the SAPL Writers club via the Book and Literary Online Programming for adult services committee.

As part of the "SAPL is Here for You" LibGuide committee, the children's librarian, Imelda Merino, helped to add books to the book lists for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month. As part of the Story Time committee, she added four curated (created by other librarians) programs and two recorded (created by other librarians) Story Times to the Preschool LibGuide. Imelda also added one activity to the "Short and Sweet" feature on the "Creative Activities for the Whole Family" page of the "SAPL is Here for You" LibGuide.

Heather Swindell, the Teen Librarian at Westfall, promoted SAPL's virtual Teen programming by giving out fliers to teens in the community when they came to pick up Snack Paks or held materials. Teen volunteers with Westfall enthusiastically planned and carried out virtual book club meetings on a weekly basis, connecting with other teens all over the city.

The "Meet Your Local Employers" initiative gained some traction with IDEA Public Schools committed to making the first video. The LEARN team was presented with an opportunity to develop a device giveaway program and recommend screen sharing software for purchase. Michelle Rickman, Westfall's Training

Officer, had her first “How-to” video posted on the SAPL YouTube channel, and upped her in-person computer appointments to include Saturdays.

Cristian Ortiz, Westfall's library aide, continues to showcase his video production talents and push the SAPL mission by transforming how SAPL delivers reader's advisory via his “In the Stacks” series. The series brings library staff into the stacks to discuss their favorite titles and authors.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

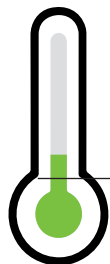
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

JANUARY 2021

FY 2021

COVID-19 greatly impacted Library service levels in FY2020 and is projected to continue to impact through FY2021.

CIRCULATION: GOAL



4,745,519
TOTAL FY GOAL

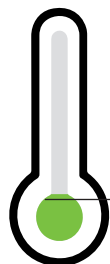
FYTD GOAL: 1,364,310

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR 2021



1,645,274
ITEMS BORROWED

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



1,794,701
TOTAL FY GOAL

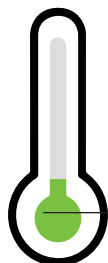
FYTD GOAL: 360,000

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



397,133
VISITS

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



953,237
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL: 243,984

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



6,104
COMPUTER
HOURS



277,883
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

283,987

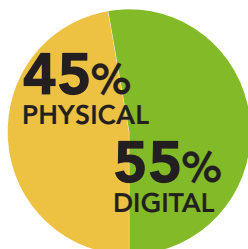
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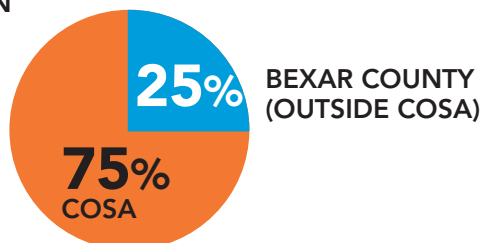
JANUARY 2021 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2021

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2021



460,488
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

306,264
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

493,039
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

1,187,881
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2021

576

TOTAL PROGRAMS

247

ADULT PROGRAMS

147

TEEN PROGRAMS

183

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

7,918

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

2,917

ADULT ATTENDANCE

853

TEEN ATTENDANCE

4,148

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

108 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

16,915 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

JANUARY MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

I ♥ VINYL PLAYLISTS

Jam out to a few staff-created Spotify playlists! Available any time.

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SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

San Antonio Public Library and the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio present

THE HOLOCAUST LEARN & REMEMBER ISOLATION

JANUARY 4 THROUGH JANUARY 31

Art Club Online

Thursday, January 21
4:30 - 5:30PM

Join us virtually for our "Art Club Online" program. You are welcome to join us to watch, chat, or work on other projects.

Geared toward children ages 5-12.

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ADVENTURERS BOOK CLUB

We Love Raina Telgemeier!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021 • 3-4PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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January 2021 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	597	505	2,057	75	1,982
Brook Hollow	14,902	2,808	1,164	78	1,085
Carver	938	1,230	1,731	60	1,671
Central	6,741	8,194	12,938	88	12,850
Cody	17,073	2,832	2,768	85	2,682
Collins Garden	1,511	316	1,415	62	1,353
Cortez	1,187	403	1,524	53	1,471
Encino	8,527	1,366	1,436	13	1,423
Forest Hills	1,516	233	1,401	0	1,401
Great Northwest	11,098	1,643	2,469	62	2,407
Guerra	2,262	1,188	1,645	74	1,571
Igo	17,558	1,939	1,957	63	1,894
Johnston	2,857	445	1,205	47	1,158
Landa	6,611	1,285	549	29	521
Las Palmas	634	84	2,083	40	2,043
Maverick	10,761	1,868	1,874	55	1,819
McCreless	2,021	301	1,365	0	1,365
Memorial	1,349	1,214	1,630	48	1,582
Mission	2,951	690	1,027	70	956
Pan American	871	292	2,215	50	2,165
Parman	15,986	2,288	1,429	21	1,408
Potranco	6,685	1,282	5,763	25	5,738
Pruitt	2,092	252	1,066	40	1,026
San Pedro	160	0	527	0	527
Schaefer	2,686	1,482	1,952	67	1,885
Semmes	10,829	1,656	1,716	59	1,657
Thousand Oaks	2,874	569	2,178	70	2,108
Tobin	9,214	1,897	1,093	54	1,038
Westfall	3,610	939	4,362	127	4,235
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	168	N/A	168
Interlibrary Loan Lending	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	32,212	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	244,523	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	442,836	39,201	64,703	1,514	63,189

Circulation includes Physical, Digital and NEISD materials to SAPL patrons at Pruitt

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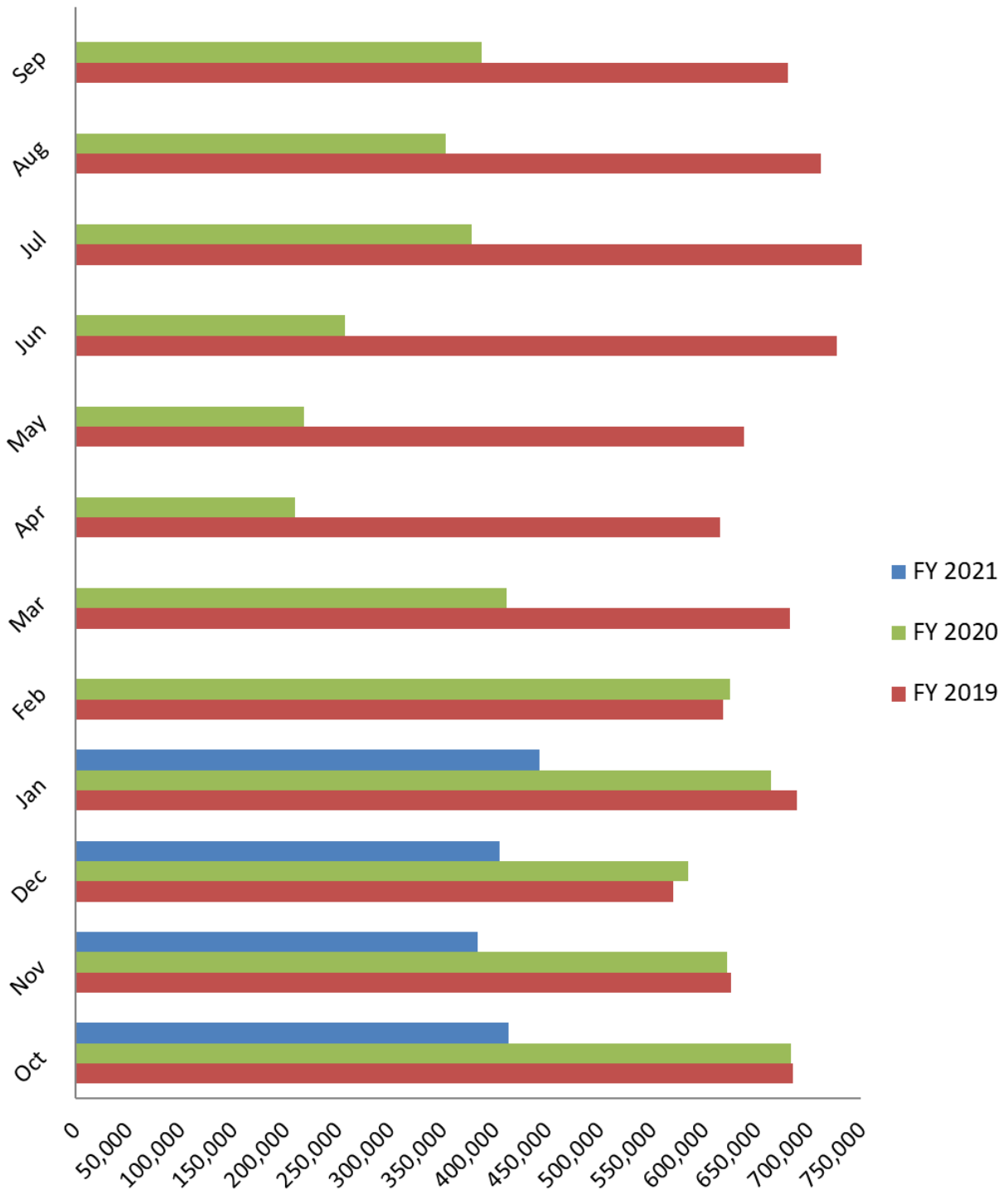
January 2021 Programs and Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, programs are developed with a system wide approach and not by location.

Location	Total Live	Number of Programs			Total Live	Adult	Teen	Children's
	Programs	Adult	Teen	Children's	Program Attendance	Program Attendance	Program Attendance	Program Attendance
Bazan	18	18	0	0	123	123	0	0
Brook Hollow	3	3	0	0	24	24	0	0
Carver	1	0	0	1	22	0	0	22
Central	6	6	0	0	81	81	0	0
Cody	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins Garden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cortez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forest Hills	1	1	0	0	10	10	0	0
Great Northwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guerra	1	1	0	0	7	7	0	0
Igo	9	9	0	0	67	67	0	0
Johnston	3	0	0	3	52	0	0	52
Landa	3	3	0	0	13	13	0	0
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick	4	0	4	0	17	0	17	0
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	3	0	3	0	30	0	30	0
Pan American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parman	4	0	0	4	52	0	0	52
Potranco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pruitt	11	5	5	1	204	182	20	2
San Pedro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	9
Semmes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tobin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westfall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	11	0	0	11	66	0	0	66
System	74	32	27	15	1,652	887	146	619
TOTAL	153	78	39	36	2,429	1,394	213	822

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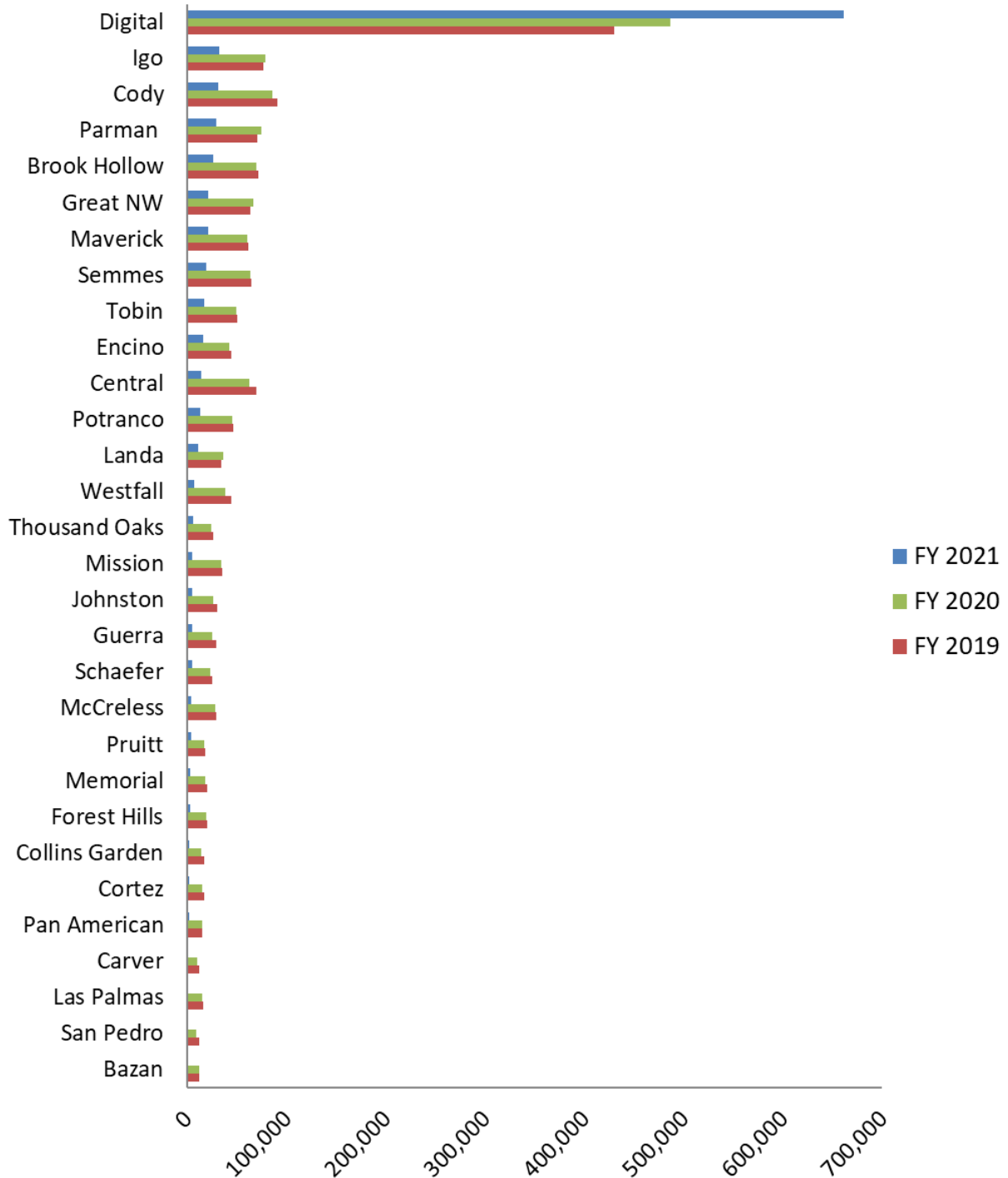
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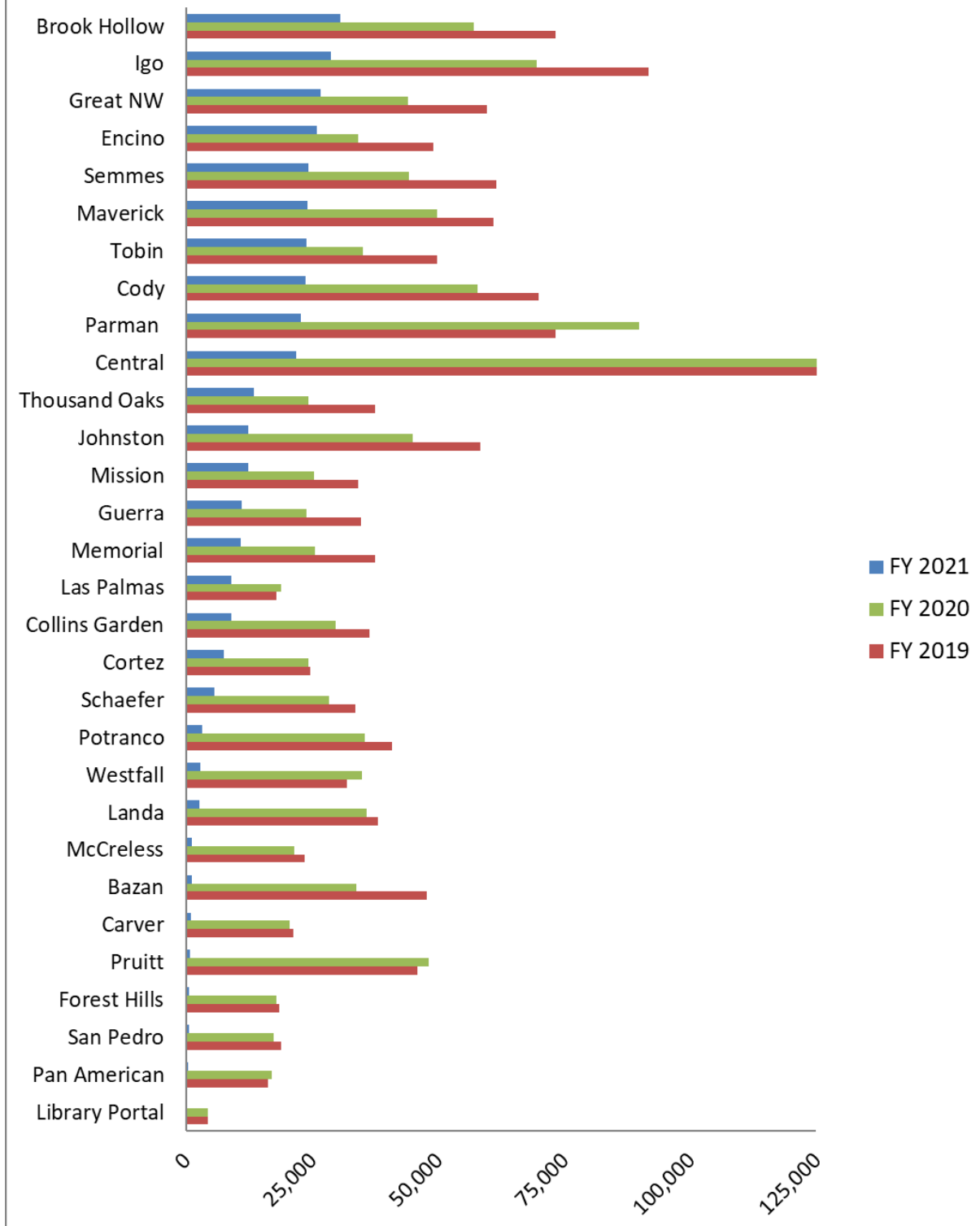
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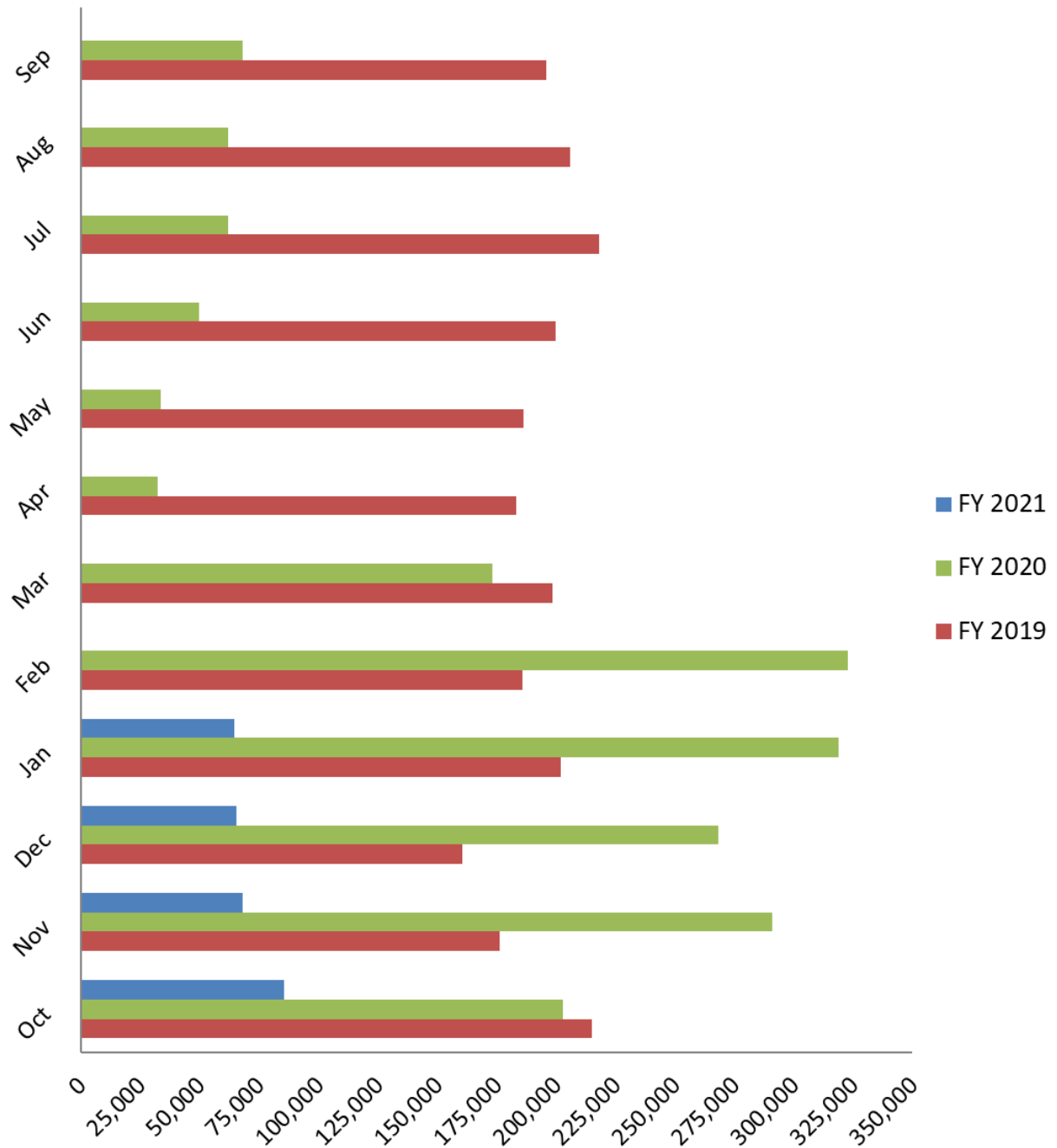
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

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

2) Beginning October 31, 2019 - change in "User Idle Timeout" for Wi-Fi from 45 minutes to 4 hours

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APPENDIX

BiblioCommons – Front end interactive catalog and web service developer for San Antonio Public Library.

Dial-a-Story – A free service which allows patrons to call San Antonio Public Library to have a children's book read to a child over the phone.

Esports – Video-gaming competitions over a variety of game titles

LibGuide – Individual pages or guides created through San Antonio Public Library's LibWizard system.

LibWizard – San Antonio Public Library's content management system used to curate knowledge and share information, organize programs and subject-specific resources.

MobilCirc – Mobile application provided through SirsiDynix for Android, and iOS. Allows users to check out items, register users, process holds, and perform inventory.

SirsiDynix Symphony – San Antonio Public Library's integrated library system.

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

Take-and-Make – Crafts prepared for patrons by San Antonio Public Library librarians and distributed at various branches.

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.