



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report April 2021

A patron at San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) Landa Branch participates in pre-screening before entering the library on April 13, the first day SAPL reopened for public browsing since March 2020.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

As part of National Library Workers Day, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar visited several branch libraries to visit with Library Staff on April 6.

On May 14, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with Chris Martin, President of the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County regarding potential partnership opportunities.

As Public Library Association Immediate Past President, Ramiro S. Salazar participated in interviews for a new Director of the Public Library Association.

On May 21, Ramiro S. Salazar, attended the Executive Committee Meeting for the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and provided an update regarding the Library System.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar served on a panel discussion during the Texas Library Association Annual Conference entitled *Navigating the Library eBook Market* on April 22.

MARKETING



- The City of San Antonio's Government and Public Affairs Department featured SAPL in an Employee Spotlight video that included interviews with Matthew Loaiza and Haley Holmes.
- The San Antonio Report mentioned Parman Branch Library in a story about Panther Springs Park which is near the library branch.

- The blog kramerwetzal.com featured the Libby app as one of the authors favorite apps of 2020. The writer mentions that they specifically use the app for the San Antonio Public Library.
- Multiple outlets reported on the City of San Antonio cooling centers and mentioned the various San Antonio Public Library locations included as cooling centers.
- Public Libraries Online featured San Antonio Public Library in a feature about how public libraries are combating hunger. The article paraphrases quotes from Jennifer Velasquez's interview with News 4 WOAI in December.
- KSAT 12 published an article about SAPL and Spurs Give's reading list. The video included in the article is from a segment the SA Live show aired about the Women's History Reading List.
- Multiple outlets reported on San Antonio Public Libraries reopening in anticipation of Brisk Browsing.
- American Magazine published an article about diversity in children's books and included an interview with SAPL Children's Librarian, Shannon Seglin.
- Nancy Preyor-Johnson of the San Antonio Express News wrote an article advocating for the importance of libraries. She mentioned the reopening of San Antonio Public Libraries. Ramiro interviewed for this article.
- News 4 WOAI aired a story about early voting and reported live from Maverick Library.
- News 4 WOAI mentioned Brook Hollow Library in a story about San Antonio setting records for Early Voting. According to the story, Brook Hollow has been the busiest site this election.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media generated 249,000 impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by 247 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 9,023 times.

Social Media statistics for the month:

- Twitter: 5,540 followers
- Facebook: 21,136 followers
- Instagram: 7,080 followers

Graphics

The Graphics Team created materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including graphics and signage for reopening Library locations to the public for Brisk Browsing; materials for summer reading; Cortez Branch's 40th anniversary and Mission Branch's 10th anniversary; San Pedro's reopening after renovations; publicizing the May municipal elections; and social media for ongoing online Library programs.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On April 5, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana attended the inaugural meeting of the IT Customer Advisory Board, chaired by Igor Negovetic (ITSD).

On April 9, Mr. Spana, Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek, and Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson met with the ITSD project team evaluating products from the vendor PrimeGov and discussed their suitability as an events calendar replacement.

On April 13, Mr. Spana, Mr. Suszek and Library Collection Strategist Troy Hoyles met with Coordinator of Teen Services Jennifer Velasquez to plan for the creation of the young adult nonfiction collection. (YA nonfiction items are currently interfiled with juvenile nonfiction.)

Digital Library Services Assistant Daniel Garcia attended the City's Office of Equity's Introduction to Racial Equity training seminar on April 15, 2021.

On April 22, Mr. Spana and Ms. Masterson attended a webinar to learn more about details specific to SirsiDynix customers who are also BiblioCommons customers and how their respective Symphony ILS and BiblioCore products integrate.

Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun attended the 2021 Customers of SirsiDynix Users Group Conference (COSUGi) which was held online this year from April 27 through April 29, 2021. This year's conference focused on exploring new offerings from SirsiDynix and user group members sharing their innovative approaches to providing library service during COVID-19.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Little Read Wagon (LRW) staff presented two Mirrors, Windows and Doors virtual trainings, one for early childhood teachers and the first of a series created for internal San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) staff. The topic is well-received as evidenced by the participant evaluations. The first SAPL training inspired Randall Polasek, Performance and Innovation Manager, to experiment with a diversity audit of the library's picture book holdings.

All workshops continue to be held online. Clair Larkin hosted an early literacy workshop and read two short stories for parents and children at the Healy Murphy Child Development Center. Ms. Larkin delivered books and bedtime routine charts to participants the following day. Eva Banda presented two bilingual Story Times at the Navarro Early Learning Center. Ms. Banda's Story Time delighted the children and she was asked to provide a bilingual Story Time each month. Ms. Larkin spoke to a local Epsilon Beta Delta Kappa Gamma group about children's services at SAPL.

Fourteen SAPL StoryWalks made their debut to coincide with Dia de los ninos, Dia de los libros on April 30. There are currently sixteen StoryWalks on display at branches across the city. The StoryWalks are individual pages of a picture book mounted on a corrugated plastic panel. Julia Lazarin streamlined the creation of the StoryWalk panels to ensure that each book not only looked polished but could withstand the outside elements. Two copies of each book had to be disassembled, mounted on paper, laminated, mounted to the plastic panel and then secured with a layer of clear tape. It is a labor-intensive project that involved not only Ms. Lazarin, but Megan Cruz and Ms. Larkin over the course of several months. New StoryWalk titles will continue to be added to the collection, allowing for a continuous rotation of StoryWalks to participating branches. Each title is included on the SAPL StoryWalk LibGuide, with a link

to the book in the SAPL catalog plus read-alike books and a fun activity for further exploration. Both a quick response (QR) code and the LibGuide address are included on a welcome panel that introduces each StoryWalk.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The Children's Services Team has been busy with summer preparations and special projects in addition to the usual weekly programs and responsibilities. The summer library club work group shared more details about summer plans with the rest of the team and worked closely with Marketing to finalize designs for printed materials.

Children's Librarians Kristin Yourdon (Cody) and Nicole Cubillas (Cortez) wrote a guest blog post and were interviewed along with Jasmine Dean of Celebrate Dyslexia in a livestream for SA Charter Moms. The blog post and interview focused on graphic novels as a valuable form of reading material that is often particularly appealing to people with dyslexia. Graphic novels are very popular with people of all ages and provide an opportunity to develop different forms of literacy.

Cresencia Huff (Children's Services Coordinator) joined Jennifer Velasquez (Teen Services Coordinator) and David Cooksey (Overdrive) for the STEM Ecosystem conference hosted online by Education Service Center Region 20. The team shared San Antonio Public Library programming and resources that support STEM learning and exploration.

Professional learning opportunities this month included a webinar, Children's Librarianship: International Perspectives, and an overview of early childhood intervention (ECI) services. The ECI overview was particularly informative, making the team more aware of the services available to children 0-36 months old with developmental concerns, and their families. The ECI representatives also reminded the team that they frequently refer families to the library to attend early literacy programs.

April 30 was the 25th anniversary of Dia: Children's Day, Book Day. The celebration spilled over to May 1, with live online programs on both days. Two online author visits were offered on April 30: Simran Jeet Singh shared his book, *Fauja Singh Keeps Going* and Carmen Tafolla and Regina Moya shared their book, *The Last Butterfly*. Both programs had high attendance including several classrooms from various school districts. On May 1 children and families had the opportunity to attend live online Story Time, Toddler Time, and Art Club. In addition, several locations began displaying StoryWalk® stories outdoors. The new collection of stories was assembled by the Little Read Wagon team and will rotate to various branches.

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 April.

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 off-site teen volunteers ("Teen Mods") to host seven weekly virtual teen programs on Discord ("the server") along with additional activities and events. Teens and Teen Mods

continue to take ownership of the server and connect with their peers by expressing their interests and feedback through server suggestions; offering spontaneous teen-led activities and challenges; sharing artwork, music, and book recommendations; and overall supporting the positive, welcoming, and inclusive environment that exists on the server through their daily interactions with one another.

For the 210teenlibrary Instagram page, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been creating graphics and videos for posts and stories. Two posts featured new faces to the Teen Library Instagram page: Teen Library intern Alfredo and Edward Mayberry (Teen Services Liaison, Guerra). These items include teen interest content and highlight general library services. Regina also evaluated and branded teen-created content for posting as well. During the reporting period, Regina presented two Instagram Live programs with Teen Library staff Ciana Flores and Matthew Loaiza with a celebration on National Banana Day. Regina also walked Matthew through a beginner sewing project where she got to highlight photos from some teens who shared sewing projects.

JD Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continues to participate on the Library's Tuned In podcast, helping to record and edit. He also continues to assist in TelRef at Central on Thursdays and at Igo Library twice a week.

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT, Teen Library @ Central) continues to engage with teens via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. Ciana takes both teen and staff content and presents it as posts and stories, as well as creating indirect programming. She continues to participate in Instagram Live videos with Teen Library staff. Ciana has continued to respond to the 3D printing requests from teens on the Discord server. She prints and sends the requested item out to the teens' preferred library branch for pick up. Ciana also records and submits all monthly statistics associated with the 210teenlibrary Instagram account.

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 joins Chris Castillo (Teen Services Librarian I, Great Northwest) to host Teen Time on the 210teenlibrary Discord server.

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) continues to serve as a member of the Teen Summer workgroup, the Teen Services Discord team, and the SAPL Incident Reporting System workgroup. Kathleen joins Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, Las Palmas) Thursday evenings on Discord to host the "Random Fandom" club, where teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them, play games and music, and more.

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. Off-site teen volunteers are able to express their skills and interests through the content they create for Instagram; additionally, Teen Services staff supplement the content with relevant resources. Highlights from the reporting period include promotion of the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition through various posts and stories; a Neurodivergent and Diverse recommended reading list for Autism Awareness Month; a teen-created "How to Recycle Better" guide for Earth Day; and multiple Spotify playlists.

Virtual Art Tour – On April 21, the Teen Library @ Central conducted a virtual art tour for the Advanced Learning Academy via Zoom. Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) led the tour with technical support from Matthew Loaiza and Regina Almanza. During the virtual tour, students were able to see artwork throughout the Central Library as well as ask questions about the pieces.

Professional Development – Coordinated by Jennifer Velasquez, the Teen Services Librarian II's and Kathleen Fordyce met virtually with Jess Snow (Teen Services Team Leader, Boston Public Library's Central Library). In addition, Jennifer, Kathleen, Matthew, and Julia Pouliot (Teen Services Librarian II / Teen Summer Workgroup Chair, Brook Hollow) met with Teen Services colleagues from Austin Public Library to discuss teen programming, including teen summer programming at both library systems.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In April the Library recognized two annual initiatives. The first is Vaisakhi, which is a spring harvest festival of Punjab celebrated in April by the Sikh culture. In honor of this festival, the Library hosted an event on April 24th with a variety of components. The Gurudwara Sikh Center of San Antonio described the meaning of Vaisakhi and exhibited the unique arts and crafts from this area. Participants had a chance to see the unique clothes they wear in the State of Punjab, through a fashion show. This was followed by two folk dances Gidda & Bhangra along with a martial arts demonstration called Gatka. The event concluded with a showing of how Turban (hat) Tie is done with a cloth.

The second annual initiative hosted in April was National Poetry Month. The Library hosted three events to bring awareness of the value of poetry. These events included a series of 3 rhythm and rhyme multi-series workshops that were based off of cultural narratives written in the style of poetry and prose set to music composition and recited in spoken word performance. This series consisted of three separate events: two workshops and a spoken word or slam performance. The library also hosted two other live programs via Zoom in honor of National Poetry Month. These programs included a Do You Haiku program that was a look at the poetic form Haiku and explore its history and contemporary works and authors. Participants were given the opportunity to create and share your own haiku. The final live virtual program was presented by the poetry group Voces Cómicas and was entitled Deferred Dreams. Local poets presented their work that reflected on how poetry was an escape and refuge for them during the unusual year that was 2020. In addition to these live online programs, library staff also created two videos (one that was a review of a book of poetry and another that was a National Poetry Month edition of In the Stacks in which staff shared their favorite poetry). Finally, two Take-and-Make poetry kits were made available at all library locations - one was make your own magnetic poetry and the other was blackout poetry.

Between April 20-30th, the LGBTQ+ Committee hosted a series of programs benefiting the gender diverse community. This series was called Express Yourself: Gender Diverse Makeup Tutorials. Four Makeup Artists (Chibbi Orduna, Liz Gates, Red Rojas and J Pacheco) presented a series of four sessions that allowed individuals to explore their gender expression through makeup in a safe space. Topics included all about skin, advanced highlight and contour, and makeup as play. The Library partnered with the Pride Center of San Antonio for this series, and funding was provided by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. All four sessions were recorded and will be posted on the Library's YouTube Channel.

With the launch of Enhanced Phase 3, Morgan Yoshimura led the preparations to resume in person Learn at SAPL services by appointment at all 4 Learn at SAPL Locations. Appointments for in person Learn Services were piloted at Westfall beginning this fall to help establish best practices for these

services at all 4 locations. Learn at SAPL services by appointment resumed at Carver the week of April 20th, and plans were finalized to resume in person Learn Services by appointment in early May at Bazan and Johnston. Due to a vacancy and an interim assignment, three Central reference staff will be providing staffing assistance to offer in person Learn at SAPL services at Bazan and Johnston while Ms. Yoshimura selects staff for longer term interim assignments for Learn at SAPL at these two locations.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



Librarian Olivia Escovedo was involved in planning and coordinating a major Día de los Niños program featuring renowned local children's author Carmen Tafolla and illustrator Regina Moya. Ms. Escovedo served in the critical role of co-host for the online event, monitoring the chat and responding to patrons' questions. Many area students attended the program, including many from Tafolla Middle School!

Though summer was still months away, members of the Central Children's department were busy planning and preparing for the system-wide program. Manager Kate Simpson's role in co-chairing the 2021 Summer Reading Program kicked into gear this month as she led special training sessions for San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) Children's Librarians on ordering their own summer giveaway books from Scholastic. This new method of procurement involved a great deal of coordination with Cresencia Huff, Coordinator of Children's Services, to implement. Ms. Simpson also created a summary of the Summer Reading Program for staff to explain, in a simple, clear way, the new changes to the program. Finally, she presented the new plans for Summer Reading to SAPL Children's Librarians during their bi-weekly meeting. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin continued to help plan the virtual Summer Reading events within the committee.

The team worked together to record a short video to promote the Summer Reading Program as well. Librarian Ashley Stubbs, Ms. Seglin, Ms. Escovedo and Ms. Simpson all took turns inviting children to visit the library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program using fun summer-themed props. Ms. Escovedo continued her extensive work editing Summer Reading promotional videos like this one for the entire system.

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Escovedo were very active in online Story Times. Ms. Seglin presented live Story Time and Toddler Time programs and created a curated Earth Day program, as well as several book lists highlighting poetry and wordless books for children. Ms. Escovedo participated in live Story Time and Game Time programs. Ms. Stubbs also presented several Story Time programs and supported the Tiny Tots weekly program by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide. She created a song sheet and shared it with families who registered for her live program as well.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin held a live virtual Story Time for children at Madison Square Child Development Center and

delivered them books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Stubbs made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School.

REFERENCE

Reference staff continue to provide crucial customer support via a variety of virtual services; customers can connect with the Library by Phone and online through the digital platforms LibAnswers and LibChat. The Department now also provides metered access to Computers Tuesday through Saturday.

Reference staff also created and organized a range of programs in April including events that inform and inspire, events that celebrate cultural traditions, sessions that focus on health and wellness and online programs that are just plain fun.

Librarian Pannaga Prasad organized the *Vaisakhi Festival: Demonstration of Folk Dances of Punjab – Bhangra, Gidda, Arts & Crafts Exhibition, and More*. The event was presented by the Sikh Center of San Antonio. One attendee shared in Chat, “My 4-year old son and I are enjoying watching, listening, learning.” Ms. Prasad also facilitated health and wellness sessions inspired by Indian traditions. Offerings included *Beginners Chair Yoga* by instructors from the Idoyoga organization and *Discover Self-Care Through Ayurveda* by a teacher from the Chopra Center.

Librarian Sally Bauer hosted a health event on Zoom called *Diabetes 101*. The presenter described diabetes, the symptoms and how to manage the disease.

Librarians Lorin Flores and Cindy de Leon presented another YouTube installment in their information and news literacy series; April’s session called, *5 in 25 Essential News Vocabulary* explored the terms: Virtual Kidnapping, Infrastructure, Boba, Northern Triangle and Jim Crow.

The *Queer Voices Storytelling Workshop* kicked off in April; the four-part program was organized by Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney and will be led by local writer Chibbi Orduña. Attendees will learn how to craft, refine and perform their own personal narratives.

Purely fun events featured this month include Ms. Flores’ *Cinema Terrible* presentation of *Jesse James Meets Frankenstein’s Daughter*. Hosted on Discord, the B movie features the outlaw Jesse James hiding out in a gloomy castle that is apparently inhabited by Frankenstein’s grand-daughter. Gaming fun was available in the *Virtual Mario Kart 8 Tournaments* hosted by Librarian Vicky Villalobos.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

Interim Latino Collection and Resource Center Program Manager Emily Flores began her new position on April 20. She has continued her classes during this period and currently teaches Advanced English as a Second Language, Conversational and Civics ESL, along with facilitating an ESL Book Club. Emily has begun this new role by meeting with community partners in order to continue and strengthen existing partnerships, in addition to seeking out new partnership opportunities.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

A new library guide on researching the “genealogy” of a house was published this month by Deborah Countess Librarian II. The guide, “Researching Your House’s History,” illustrates how to use online resources in an attempt to locate information such as past owner’s names and the year the home was built.

Serving on the Juneteenth Adult Activities Planning Committee, Librarian II Matt De Waelsche assisted the committee by contacting potential program participants for upcoming events in June.

Librarian I Andy Crews presented a class on Beginning Genealogy on April 24 to the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Women’s University Alumnae group. There were thirteen attendees in the virtual presentation.

On April 29, Librarian I Sylvia Reyna conducted an oral history interview with Larry Karam, owner and operator of the recently closed restaurant, and downtown landmark, Mexican Manhattan.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

The Bazan branch saw patron traffic increase in April as SAPL opened up for brisk browsing. One customer expressed how much she and her family had missed visiting the library and how happy they were to finally be able to return and see staff again.

Training Officer Emily Flores continued to offer Conversational, Civics and Advanced English class virtually. Additionally, she co-taught the ESL Book Club. Students in the book club were provided with a personal copy of *The Boys in the Boat* for the next book club cycle. Ms. Flores was selected as Interim Program Manager for the Latino Collection and Resource center effective April 20. In her absence, Lorin Flores, Librarian I in Central Reference, and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez, Library Assistant at Central Children’s, filled in to assist Learn Center customers at Bazan and did a great job.

Children’s librarian Hope Sonnen reported that the Performers and Book Lists committee which she was part of completed its work in booking entertainment for the Children’s Summer Reading Program. Ms. Sonnen added that the group was happy to provide an exciting slate of virtual programs to the San Antonio community as part of this year’s Children’s Summer Reading Program.

The Bazan branch Bad Girls Romance Club, led by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, met in April to discuss *Spoiler Alert* by Olivia Dade. The book covered themes such as fatphobia in the cosplaying community and is part of a series that the group hopes to continue reading in October of this year when the next book is released.

Ms. Prater also reported that the *The Bazan Virtual Book* met in April to discuss *My Lovely Wife*, a thriller by Samantha Downing. The story, a tense thriller, was enjoyed by the group who could not stop discussing the ending.

Coloring for Grown-Ups had a small dedicated group of coloring fans who met to decompress from life's stresses and enjoy each other's company, even if it was only virtually.

BROOK HOLLOW

Brook Hollow opened for Brisk Browsing on April 13th to the delight of many of our patrons. Comments that first week, and every week since then, have been overwhelmingly positive with patrons expressing their happiness to be let back into the building and allowed to once again to browse for their own books. New and old aspects of the collection including binge boxes, book bundles for all ages, and a recent film display have been a highlight for visitors who are spending time in the space.

Once again Brook Hollow was one of the busiest voting locations in the city for this month's election with over 7,500 people coming to cast their vote early, and over 1,000 voters turning out on voting day. The Brook Hollow parking lot saw visits from many candidates including Mayor Ron Nirenberg and District Nine Councilman John Courage.

Brook Hollow welcomed back its Friends for the first time since before the closure. The friend's used book cart is back in action with members of the group filling it with new finds twice a week. The staff thanks the Friends of the Brook Hollow Library for all they have done for us to keep engaging with our patrons in the past few months.

May 1st was branch manager Heidi Novotny's last day at the Brook Hollow Branch. She has moved to work as the reference manager at the Central Library. All of the staff wish her well in her new endeavor and she will be greatly missed by the patrons and staff of Brook Hollow. Assistant Manager Julia Pouliot will serve as interim manager.

This reporting period Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas and Library Assistant Elissa Vura created and packaged forty-eight special "Fairy Soup" STEAM Maker Kits for Brook Hollow families with special materials provided by the Friends of Brook Hollow for imaginative nature play. Brook Hollow also gave out 100 Take-and-Make Kits for families to make their own marble runs at home. New book and media displays, along with book bundles were featured in the children's area of the library for the new Brisk Browsing phase of service.

Ms. Salinas along with Children's Librarian Carrie Vance of Igo Library offered a new system-wide program for tween beginner crochet students, and received requests for a follow up program from those attending. Ms. Salinas also facilitated two Read to a Dog programs for independent and/or reluctant readers to practice their read aloud skills. Ms. Salinas presented Baby Time Online-Live, Art Club, Game Time, and SOW Healthy programming on Zoom in April for children. On April 30th, in honor of Día Children's Day/Book Day Ms. Salinas added a Story Walk outside the Brook Hollow Library for families to enjoy together.

Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot continues to co-host a weekly gaming program for teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. The program brings teens together to play, talk about topics ranging from jelly beans to mythical beasts, and participate in the competitive camaraderie of the space. Ms. Pouliot is also gearing up for teen summer planning behind the scenes with the teen summer committee to finalize details and logistics for a great summer for the teens of San Antonio. This month teens were invited to the library to pick up a Take-and-Make craft featuring paint which was a big hit.

Adult Librarian Marco De Leon continues to host books clubs for adults in a virtual setting. This month both La Tertulia and the Mystery book club reconvened to discuss their novels. Mr. De Leon is also active in the adult Dungeons and Dragons program hosted by adult services on their Discord server once a month. Adults can join in on quests with other like-minded participants.

In celebration of Poetry Month, adults were encouraged to pick up two separate Take-and-Make crafts this reporting period, both with a poetry theme. One featured magnetic poetry, while the other was an experiment in black-out poetry. Brook Hollow's patrons enjoyed the theme and took home many of the craft kits.

CARVER

To prepare for Phase 3-Enhanced reopening, Carver Branch staff rolled up their sleeves in April and helped relocate furniture to out-of-the way sections to facilitate brisk browsing for customers. Several displays were set up in anticipation of patrons returning to browse. A few patrons appeared bewildered by the absence of seating but in the end understood that the new arrangement was made to protect everyone's safety.

Branch Manager D.L. Grant attended the April 10 meeting of the Friends of Carver Library via telephone. He used the opportunity to offer updates and encourage members to take advantage of brisk browsing.

Carver Branch Children's librarian Braulia Carrillo represented San Antonio Public Library at a San Antonio Independent School District Dual Language parent meeting. Her presentation centered on services available to children. She discussed services available to adults, such as LEARN at SAPL and the Enhanced Library Card. During April, she also continued conducting Story Times with Miller Child Development Center and St. Philip's Early Childhood Development Center, realizing a jump in attendance by about 10 youngsters.

April saw the re-opening of the Carver LEARN Center. Though online assistance was available throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the center was physically closed to the public for a year. By appointment, patrons were able to use the center's computers and receive help from the Training Officer.

The online courses, Elementary Spanish 1 and Elementary Spanish 2, concluded at the end of the month. The courses lasted three months, with students meeting twice a week. Students received Certificates of Completion. Most students from the Elementary Spanish 1 course elected to take part 2. Both courses were expected to be offered again in mid-May.

A conversational Spanish class will also be added to the LEARN Center's programs. This online class will be held on Saturday mornings.

CODY

The Cody Branch Library welcomed patrons back into the branch for brisk browsing in April 2021, with many patrons giving thanks for our reopening as well as our work during the pandemic closure. While contact free pickups have dipped a bit, branch staff are happy to reconnect with library regulars, in person. Cody also welcomed Circulation Attendant Maria Treviño to the team.

Cody served as a polling site for the Joint General, Special, Charter Election, from April 19 – 27. Over 5000 residents cast their ballot at the branch over the eight days.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon assisted with several virtual programs. On April 1, Yourdon presented a reading, songs, and games during Story Time Online. Yourdon hosted the Art Club Online program on April 1, 15, and 29, exploring making art with items found in nature. This month's Take-and-Make craft was also art themed, featuring coffee filter flowers. Yourdon hosted a Disney-themed lip sync contest during Game Time Live on April 22.

April 15, Yourdon participated in a live virtual panel discussion on graphic novels with fellow Children's Librarian Nicole Cubillas (Cortez), Jasmine Dean, the co-founder and Executive Director of Celebrate Dyslexia, and Inga Cotton, the Founder and Executive Director of San Antonio Charter Moms. The panel discussion was based on an article that Yourdon and Cubillas wrote about the benefits of reading graphic novels, available here: <https://sachartermoms.com/graphic-novels-for-kids/>.

In honor of the upcoming family holidays, Library Assistant Haly LeFlore created an inclusive display that celebrates families of all kinds. The display features watercolor images of several different family structures and books that celebrate the diverse families that make up our wonderful community.



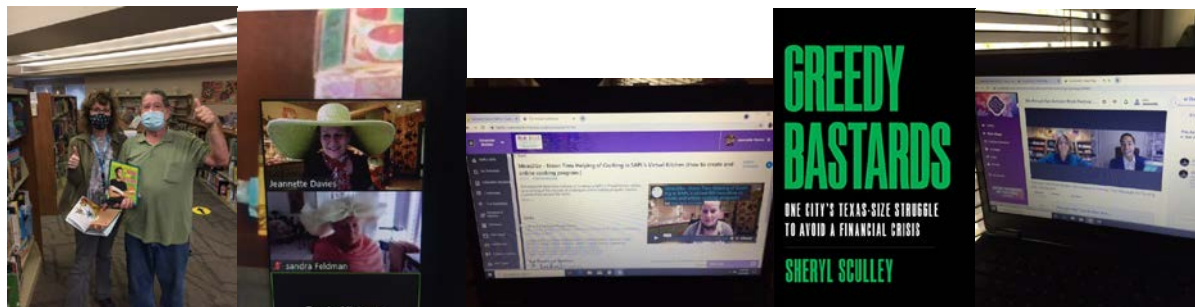
Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver provided in-person service to patrons as well as helping create online experiences for teens across San Antonio. Before the library's reopening, she and her Cody colleagues reorganized the Science Fiction, Mystery, and Graphic Novel collections in order to better highlight the library's comics and create more space for teens to use when the library moves to Phase 4. With colleagues throughout SAPL, she created book lists and planned promotional videos for the Teen Services Instagram. One video was posted in April, a book talk celebrating baseball novels, in honor of Opening Day. She continued to contribute to other workgroups, including the Teen Summer workgroup, the Teen Equity workgroup, and the Teen Virtual Volunteer workgroup.

Library Assistant Luanne Bloom resumed book delivery to the Adante Independent Living Center book group. The group's leaders reported that this month's selection, Erik Larson's *The Splendid and the Vile*, led to a lively discussion about Winston Churchill. The consensus of the group was that Churchill was responsible for England's survival during World War II.

Adult Services Librarian Marcella McGowan focused on professional development this reporting period. McGowan is a new member of the SAPL Toastmasters and attended her first meeting on April 1. April 9, she attended a lunch series for the COSA Black and African American Employee Affinity Group. On April

22 – 23, McGowan attended the 2021 virtual Texas Library Association Annual Conference, attending sessions on programming, podcasting, partnerships, and the Black Caucus Round Table Author Session.

COLLINS GARDEN



Collins Garden Library (CGL) hosted Bexar County Elections in April with more than 2,000 voters. The library also served as a City of San Antonio (COSA) Cooling Station. The library continues Non-Contact Pick-Up of library materials, computer appointments and Brisk-Browsing. Long-time library patrons welcomed back.

CGL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies and Library Assistant Carlos Loera, presented Noon Time Helping of Mother's Day Tea in San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) Virtual Kitchen for the SAPL Staff and again for the public in early May. The online cooking show is a results-driven program featuring cooking demos, techniques and bibliographies re: library materials. Following the Zoom program participants are encouraged to check out cookbooks via curbside pickup or request books via SAPL's virtual collection. Davies attended the Texas Library Association's (TLA) Virtual Conference 2021, recorded an *Ideas to Go* virtual poster session on how to conduct an online cooking program. Davies attended COSA Toastmaster meetings during April and produced another edition of TLA's Libraries Transform Texas Podcast highlighting the 2021 Summer Reading, Coordinator of Children's Services Cresencia Huff and co-chairs Kate Simpson and Leslie Elsasser available in June.

Davies volunteered for the San Antonio Book Festival and provided Zoom technical support for former San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro and former City of San Antonio (COSA) Manager Sheryl Sculley during her virtual book talk re: *Greedy Bastards: One City's Texas-Size Struggle to Avoid a Financial Crisis*.

Loera also hosted Voces Cosmicas via Zoom, "Deferred Dreams" a celebration of poetry for National Poetry Month 35 attendees participated. SAPL Poetry Make-Take Kits were offered to patrons during April.

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi, continued to serve library families and teachers with Make and Take Kits and Reader's Advisory this month. As part of the Babies and Toddlers Committee, Brudi engaged children during Toddler Time via Zoom. Brudi also attended Juvenile; Summer Reading Club; Performers and Booklists meetings. After a hiatus due to the pandemic, Brudi renewed CGL's partnership with Knox Early Childhood Education Center and conducted virtual Story Times for 15 classrooms. Brudi facilitated CGL's monthly Adult Book Club via Zoom and facilitated discussion of the book *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll facilitated four online events for teens, ages 13-18 on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, with 20 teens attending in April. Teen volunteers hosted the sessions, making a creative spin on the story outlined by Toll. Teens were very creative in solving a problem,

retrieving an item for the quest, combining different characters skills and abilities. The teen volunteer welcomed a few new teens into the game and assisted another teen in building out their character backstory. Toll hosted three training sessions for SAPL volunteer and teen liaisons at branch locations, both as a refresher in volunteer services processes and incorporating new procedures for the teen off-site volunteers. Volunteering has offered these teen volunteers a valuable place of belonging and contributing in the community in a meaningful and productive way.

Toll also presented job opportunities with SAPL Employee Cassie Garza for two classes at the NEISD Career Expo. This event is crucial for teens graduating from high school seeking networking opportunities leading to employment.

CORTEZ

Cortez celebrated their fortieth anniversary the same day that all locations opened to the public for brief browsing, April 13. It was an exciting day with around 100 patrons coming by to pick up commemorative goody bags, learn about bats, pick up a free tree from the Parks Department, take a photo with a cut-out of Raoul Cortez and finally come in after a long year without in-person services. Marketing Department in coordination with staff created a LibGuide for the event on MySAPL that highlighted the legacy of Mr. Cortez as well as the importance of the Branch to the community. It also showed the creativity of staff with connections to songs of the decade, a slideshow of Cortez events, videos from stakeholders and other entertainments. The Branch also had a Story Walk for the book "Up In the Garden and Down in the Dirt" to be enjoyed outdoors. Staff and patrons appreciated the major clean-up of the grounds to remove plants that died in the freeze and to add mulch to all the beds for a clean and fresh appearance.

Cortez was a voting site for Early Voting for eight days in April.

The Branch continues to partner with Parks Department to share Nature Smart Library activities. This month the Branch shared kits on making a bird feeder and binoculars as well as learning about bats and making a craft to go along with that lesson. This month there were enough kits provided that the bounty was shared with both Collins Garden and Carver Branches.

All staff are keeping up with COSA mandated training including security, climate change and ethics.

Branch Manager Cammie Brantley was delighted to give a personal tour to Assistant City Manager David McCarry who had to miss the anniversary but stopped by the next day, April 14, to share his good wishes.

Ms. Brantley was also featured for what appears to be the last "In The Stacks" YouTube video sharing her love for, and expertise with, the genre of female authors of mystery and suspense.

In the month of April 2021, Nicole Cubillas prepared Children's department Take-and-Make craft kits "Sticker Masterpieces" for distribution in April and May. She attended Children's Services meetings and supported Adult Services by participating in a book discussion event.

Craft assignments continue to go out from Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes via email. For the month of April the crafts were: Sweater upcycle ideas, DIY flip flops, Egg Carton flowers and Bonsai made of Plastic Bottles. Adult Services Librarian Angela Morrow was involved with the "In The Stacks" special edition for National Poetry Month both serving on the committee and reading a couple of selections on camera, which is now available on YouTube. Angela assisted in creating the LibGuide for Cortez's fortieth anniversary, which included a slideshow and Spotify playlist from the 80s. She coordinated or co-hosted

several events in April: San Antonio Book Fair (both attending and acting as a volunteer event moderator), SAPL Writers, Do You Haiku, Rhythm & Rhyme with the Foreign Arm, and the *Conjure Women* Book Discussion (Angela also handled distribution of the copies of *Conjure Women* provided by the San Antonio Book Fair). Additionally, she volunteered to help prepare and distribute the Poetry Month Take-and-Makes for Adult Services and assisted in creating the decorations, activities, and goody bags for the fortieth anniversary of Cortez Library.

Teen Liaison Jo Ann Paredes created a special kit for the anniversary for teens. These kits contained yarn, cardboard, string and plastic needle for weaving. A total of fifty kits were made for the event.

ENCINO

April was a month full of crafts and activities at the Encino Branch! This month adults were offered: a Q-Tip flower Take-and-Make kit on April 2, a Scrabble Tile Coaster kit in honor of National Scrabble Day on April 9, and Magnetic Poetry and Blackout Poetry for National Poetry Month! Magnetic Poetry was a system-wide Take-and-Make that was the idea of Assistant Manager and Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird that she pitched to the Adult Services Coordinator and was accepted.

April's installment of the popular "Spice is Right" program at Encino featured the spice blend of Za'atar.

Ms. Laird also worked with Children's Librarian Lea Ann McDonald to prepare an intergenerational Take-and-Make kit where families could build their own "brushbot." A brushbot is a simple robot that was constructed from a toothbrush, a small motor, and a coin battery.

Ann Laird created an instructional video of how to do ice method tie dying for the Adult Services crafting group. The video premiered on SAPL's YouTube channel on April 23.

Ann Laird has also been working with the Adult Summer Reading committee. In April she helped brainstorm some system wide Take-and-Make craft ideas for Summer. Ms. Laird also priced items for creating the Take-and-Makes to make sure they are within budget.

In preparation for reopening to the public, Ms. McDonald along with Katherine Dillard (Children's Librarian I) created book bundles, non-fiction, and fiction displays for patrons.

Ms. McDonald created and facilitated an Art club Online Zoom program on Jazz and Abstract Art. The activity was creating pop-up cards inspired by Jazz and drawing to Jazz music.

Ms. McDonald continues to create weekly craft kits for children 12 and under and once a month Tween kits. April kits included: Make a Book (día de los niños), Superhero mask and Tween kit- Necklace making.

Additionally, every quarter, Ms. McDonald and Ann Laird are collaborating on an intergenerational kit: April's kit was Brush Bots—a STEM inspired idea to create a simple robot with a toothbrush, small motor and battery.

Ms. McDonald created a Birds of Texas Scavenger hunt as a passive, contact-free program for children and parents to enjoy on the Encino patio. Children seek and find large photos of the birds and then use the drive-through service point to retrieve their prize for completing the game. Over 75 participants have retrieved prizes so far.

Ms. McDonald has begun conducting outreach to local elementary schools and daycare centers via email to promote Summer with SAPL/Summer Reading program 2021. She will create some contact-free opportunities for daycares to visit the library, pick up materials for SRP and enjoy the scavenger hunt outdoors.

Ms. McDonald sends out a monthly email to Encino patrons to keep them informed about exciting branch activities.

FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch Library continues to be closed to the public due to renovation and recovery work. Staff remain reassigned to other branch libraries to continue serving the public.

While typical branch activities are on hiatus, the remaining Librarians assigned to Forest Hills continue to find ways to contribute to the community and larger system-wide goals. They participate in professional development opportunities to strengthen their skills and learn about new library trends. They are also actively engaged in planning for the future of Forest Hills as the branch works toward recovery and eventual service to the public. The librarians are presented with a unique position to fully tailor the collection and service delivery in what will be a completely renovated space.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor hosted a virtual book club for members of the Doris Griffin Senior Center. The book club continues to be a popular offering in partnership with the senior center. Ms. Naylor enjoys the interactions with the group's members and strives to provide quality reader's advisory to them as they seek ways to remain engaged with the library. Ms. Naylor developed a reading list for the group which was made available to them through the Mysapl.org List feature. The list features the titles selected for upcoming months, and links to each format available.

Children's librarian Ana Menchaca continues to participate in delivery of services to children. In April she created a curated Story Time based on the book, "Froggy Gets Dressed" The curated Story Time features videos that can help parents incorporate songs and crafts to the reading of the book. Story Time, as always, was a delight. Ms. Menchaca participated in Zoom Story Time on April 8 and 15.

Ms. Menchaca attended the last TXLA meeting before the annual TXLA conference. This concludes Ms. Menchaca's time on the Tejas Star Reading List. Ms. Menchaca served a total of three years and found it very fulfilling.

Ms. Menchaca moderated the question and answer chat feature for the event featuring Carmen Tafolla and Regina Moya's new children's book "The Last Butterfly/La Ultima Mariposa." Ms. Menchaca, along with Ms. Cresencia Huff, and Ms. Olivia Escovedo facilitated a program in which Ms. Tafolla and Ms. Moya shared their new book with children throughout the city. In preparation for this event, Ms. Menchaca read Ms. Tafolla's work and did research on the lives of Ms. Tafolla and Ms. Moya to ensure a lively discussion.

Ms. Menchaca was delighted to attend a Cafecito for Esparza Elementary. Services and benefits of SAPL were discussed with parents, students, and teachers. Ms. Menchaca was sure to discuss that the library was still available for Wi-Fi, book checkouts, and computers.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Children's librarian Cari Raley sent out 160 digital activity kits for families to work on together at home. The families are exploring the world by learning about different countries through crafts and other activities. Circulation attendant Shayla Morales prepared Take-and-Make kits and patrons picked up 100 from the main children's department and 100 created by branch staff. Ms. Morales shared that many patrons appreciated the kits and were excited to participate.

During April, teen librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four virtual Teen Time programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens devised and implemented gaming, shared original artworks, short stories, and discussed books & other media. Teens demonstrate ownership over their virtual space. Teens have been inquiring about newly opened virtual volunteering opportunities. Mr. Castillo updated the schools in the service area on the latest teen services opportunities and advertisements.

In April, adult services librarian Stephanie Vazquez created a craft video for San Antonio Public Library's Adult Virtual Programming channel on YouTube. The *Make a Fairy Garden* craft video gives easy step-by-step instructions on how to create your own fairy garden for spring. On April 10 Ms. Vazquez assisted with an online *Spelling Bee* for all ages using Zoom. The video game themed spelling bee challenged contestants to spell the names of a variety of video game characters and worlds.

Library assistant Kathleen Marascio completed a craft video *Tea Party Hats* and continues to work on another called *Light Bright Paintings* and pressed flower craft work. The videos focus on affordable and creative crafts using recycled materials. Ms. Marascio has been working on another cooking demo in the Cake-Mix-Magic series, *Strawberry Tres Leche*. Ms. Marascio hosted the National Poetry Month online program, *Do you Haiku?* and is planning another for the summer as well as a genealogy program.

GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library began offering the Brisk Browsing service to the community on April 13. Guerra served as an Early Voting site from April 19 to April 27 to over 1800 voters.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo kicked off April by attending the 9th Annual San Antonio Book Festival April 9-11. Ms. Bustillo attended the weekly City of San Antonio Toastmasters meeting in partnership with the San Antonio Public Library Toastmasters group Fridays at 2 PM. On April 21 Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Discussion meeting of Holly Jackson's *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*. Ms. Bustillo attended the Texas Library Association Annual Virtual Conference from April 22-24. On April 28 Ms. Bustillo attended the Mirrors, Windows and Doors for Young Children session.

In preparation for the Brisk Browsing Phase of library service at the branch, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson designed and created 30 Take-and-Make Process Art kits for school age children, 20 Take Home Sensory Play kits for toddlers and 15 Book Extension Activities that she paired with books for preschoolers. She also installed a new book display. These kits were well received by appreciative patrons. Ms. Richardson continues to lead Toddler Time Online Live efforts and presented stories, rhymes and songs on alternate Wednesdays over the reporting period. She participated in another successful virtual Read to a Dog program on April 23. On April 28, Ms. Richardson co-hosted Story Time Online Live and on April 30, she moderated a special Día de los Niños program for children ages 6-12: Author visit with Simran Jeet Singh - a reading and discussion of his book, *Fauja Singh Keeps Going*, a story of perseverance that challenges what we think about race, age, and ability. 90 children attended this

event. Ms. Richardson started collaborations with her Summer Reading workgroups to provide virtual program options for June and July. Ms. Richardson updated the Tiny Tots LibGuide weekly with curated programs offered from her workgroup and also updated the Early Literacy Tips page of the guide with self-regulation and physical and social tips. Ms. Richardson collaborated with the Little Read Wagon team who created a StoryWalk: Sing, Don't Cry, by Angela Dominguez. Ms. Richardson installed the StoryWalk on April 30.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, assisted the Willie Cortez Senior Center in preparing and distributing meals for senior citizens April 1. He recorded *Owen* by Kevin Henkes on April 20 and he recorded *El jardín del Yago* (Jago's garden) translated into English with the title *And then the seed grew* by Marianne Dubuc for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on April 23. He presented the library trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on April 30. In this game he emphasized questions on that month's elections as well as on taxes.

Library Assistant Edward Mayberry attended the Teen Services meeting on April 14. Mr. Mayberry met with Stephanie Garcia with PORT San Antonio, to discuss a STEM presentation for high school and middle school students. Mr. Mayberry and Central Circulation Supervisor Raquel Reyes met Kim Berry with the YWCA to discuss an upcoming podcast on consent on April 15. Mr. Mayberry and Central Teens Library Assistant Regina Almanza created an Instagram cooking demonstration on April 9.

IGO

Igo branch library served as an early voting polling location for the mayoral election of San Antonio. During Early Voting, April 19—27, Igo Branch served as a polling location for a total of 4742 voters.

The teen services librarian Laura Herman assisted with Dungeons and Dragons. The teen moderator is back running their campaign so it's completely run by the teens. If there are differences or disagreements the teens work together to reach their common goals. The librarian also distributed 25 activity kits for the Igo teens. They received enough supplies to make two small zines.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance continues to co-present both Baby and Toddler Time Online-Live programs offered by the system. Attendance at both is fairly strong. Ms. Vance also provided a virtual library tour to the Head Start families with Boone Elementary School. 11 parents learned about all the Library's offerings for their families.

Ms. Vance also hosts The Stitchery, which had lower attendance in April due to people starting to travel. However, the group enjoyed having a new participant, one of the tweens from the Tween Crochet Class offered in March. Participants enjoyed sharing finished objects and encouragement.

Adult Services Librarian Gamini Haluwana assisted Diana Starret, one of the librarians at San Pedro branch library with a Ti Chi program. Attendees were able to learn how to listen to mind-body connections and understand the martial arts of Tai Chi and the dynamic relationship between internal and external forces. They also learned how to make slow movement exercises to improve posture, breathing, and mindset, and experience reduced tension and stress, and gain muscle tone. The presenter, Nameer Kirma from Good Spirit Tai Chi Chu'an, led the demonstration and answered questions.

JOHNSTON

On April 16 Johnston Branch Library said goodbye to Library Assistant Elsy Jackson. Ms. Jackson served the Johnston Branch community for more than nine years. Johnston Branch staff wish Ms. Jackson the best in her future efforts. During Early Voting, April 19—27, Johnston Branch served as a polling location for a total of 1,523 voters.

Interim Branch Manager Mx. Mitchamore acted as one of the moderators for the Virtual Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Group meeting on April 8. On April 29 Mx. Mitchamore moderated a discussion of *Conjure Women* by Afia Atakora. Attendees of the event received a free copy of the book thanks to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in connection with the San Antonio Book Festival.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham worked with various Children's Services work groups to provide virtual programs and Take-and-Make kits for the community. In April she co-hosted the following programs on Zoom: Baby Time-Live Online, Home-Schooling Outreach Program and bi-weekly Game Time Live. Miss Tiffany recorded two books for Dial-A-Story. Miss Tiffany appeared in the Employee Spotlight shown during the April 8, 2021 City Council meeting. The video highlighted the ways in which the library adapted services during the past year. During the video, Miss Tiffany spoke about the role of Children's Services in these efforts, and was filmed leading the freeze dance during Game Time-Live. Miss Tiffany completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid training as part of her ongoing professional development.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop helped prepare the branch for opening to Brisk Browsing, including creating teen and adult bundles of materials such as manga, anime, and comics. They also attended the annual Texas Library Association conference virtually, watching panels such as We Need (Neuro)Diverse Books and Using Satire to Teach Information Literacy. Mx. Prukop continued the virtual programs of Tryday Friday and Gaming Club on the 210TeenLibrary Discord server, encouraging teens towards leadership with running tabletop games and community by sharing livestreams of their video games.

LANDA

The Landa Branch team very excitedly welcomed its community back into the Branch on April 13, with the introduction of brisk browsing. Patrons were giddy that they could return to their library. Almost every other person who entered said they were so happy to be able to use the library again.

Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta led Art Club Online with oil pastel art. Kids had a chance to experiment with adding cooking oil to the pastels to create a smooth paint-like effect.

Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta was a special guest for a Pre-K 4 SA class. She sang songs and read *The Family Book* by Todd Parr. She has been collaborating with Veronica Kraft in helping to gather books for special Story Times.

Landa adult book clubs continued to meet via Zoom. During the month of April, the book club at The Village of the Incarnate Word read Erik Larsen's chilling true crime work, *The Devil in the White City*, the story of a serial killer who killed an unknown number of men, women and children during the months of Chicago's World's Fair in 1893.

Reader's Ink read Alex Trebek's autobiography, *The Answer Is . . . Reflections on My Life*. It contained many surprises about this popular game show host and his account of the events that go on behind the scenes of "Jeopardy." One of the members of this book club had actually been a contestant on "Jeopardy" several years ago. She also shared some interesting facts—including that the participants stay in touch with each other!

Landa's Mystery Book Club read the intriguing mystery *What Rose Forgot* by Nevada Barr (known for her Anna Pigeon series).

LAS PALMAS

Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley continues to assist with the Toddler the Story Time, doing the opening songs and rhymes, singing the closing songs, or hosting for the Zoom delivered program. A Read to a Dog online program has been piloted with other librarians from SAPL where young readers enjoyed reading to the dogs. Additional Read to a Dog programs are planned for May and the summer months.

Take-and-Make kits from the Children's Department and from Las Palmas Library continue to be developed and handed out. The Friends of the Library for Las Palmas donated puzzles which are being passed out to children visiting the library and to those children whose parent(s) are using the computers.

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl collaborated in the May Speak Geek. She also coordinated with the Pop Culture Committee to develop information for the Fandom Marathon LibGuide. Ms. Hejl also worked with the Teen Discord Workgroup to provide programming with an eye toward summer. She has also been working as a member of the Discord Interactions subgroup in updating our guidelines for teen mods(volunteers) on the Discord server. She created Jeopardy games for the Doctor Who Speak Geek Program, designed the LibGuide for the system-wide Fandom Marathon program, and created a Star Trek BiblioCommons list for the Fandom Marathon program.

MAVERICK

Maverick continues serving the public with curbside service and in person. Customers continue sharing positive feedback of the library being open and the opportunity of browsing the collection. Maverick was a polling site in April. The reference team did an outstanding job working together to open and close Maverick during the busy early voting period and on Election Day.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts had a variety of tasks and projects during the reporting period. She finished weeding out the "grubbies" in the Juvenile Beginner and Juvenile Paperback areas. On April 14, Ms. Roberts ordered Summer Reading Club books as prizes for kids via the Scholastic website. She began setting up Zoom visits to promote the Summer Reading Club at her local elementary schools. Ms. Roberts also signed up for shifts to welcome and count patrons to the branch, as we opened for Brisk Browsing/Phase 3 Enhanced Services. Ms. Roberts pre-recorded a Tiny Tots video, featuring the song "Five Little Ducks" that was posted on SAPL's YouTube channel on April 20. As of this report, 29 people had viewed the video! Finally, Ms. Roberts read "Hooray For Books" for Dial-A-Story on April 27.

Ms. Roberts participated in many trainings and meetings during the reporting period. She attended COSA trainings such as Security Awareness Training, Ethics Training: Politics in the Workplace, and Climate Change Training all on April 15. Ms. Roberts also attended Phase 3 Enhanced Training on April 7 and Scholastic Book Order Training on April 8. In addition, she attended two children's librarian's meetings on April 14 and April 28.

McCRELESS

McCreless served as an early voting site in April for the Joint General, Special, Charter Election while construction continued on the rest of the library. Patrons were able to get a sneak peak at the renovations completed including the landscaping, lobby, and meeting room.

Circulation Attendant Kryz Hernandez attended the Symphony User Registration training on April 29th. Circulation Attendant Linda Rodriguez created and assembled a DIY Clay Pot Take-and-Make kit for our branch. The lovely kit included succulent plants to be placed in the homemade pots.



Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales continued sharing his ideas with the Circulation Policy Committee for San Antonio Public Library (SAPL). Mr. Gonzales collaborated with the Pop Culture Committee which brought the Speak Geek Star Wars Jeopardy edition to the SAPL for the month of April. He also co-hosted a Card Registration Class for Staff and continued his help with creating a Circulation Holds Class. Mr. Gonzales was able to attend SAPL 's Among Us program this month as well.

Adult Services Librarian Cristiane Yamada attended meetings with the SAPL Libraries and Homelessness Workgroup. She also worked with the Annual Initiative Asian Pacific Heritage Month and the Annual Initiative Juneteenth to organize programs celebrating those events. As a member of the Workgroup Crafting, she created a craft demo video on how to make cloud sachets which will be released in May.

Teen Librarian, Marisa DeBow, attended all required meetings and training this month. She returned to McCreless library to assist in early voting and will stay there for the duration of the renovations and beyond.

The Express Yourself Gender Diverse Makeup Tutorial program, in partnership with the Center Pride SA, was a great success. Feedback from participants was very positive. Many people expressed their appreciation for SAPL offering this type of LGBTQ+-friendly program. Librarian DeBow, with the help of Michael Dunbar-Rodney, Monica Huerta, and Kimberly King, covered all four sessions.

MEMORIAL

Library on the Go, a literacy caravan has been refurbished to serve as a mini library to provide public services to the community of Westside San Antonio. The caravan houses patron holds, laptops, a receipt printer, Take-and-Make crafts and office supplies. In addition, Snack Pak boxes along with crates of children's books line the walls of the caravan all prepared and ready to be distributed to school age children.

This bus is staffed with circulation attendants and librarians to continue providing public service. As public service was transferred from the main building to the bus, public service continued seamlessly without a break in providing services to the community. The book drop is stationed near the bus for continued convenience for the community to return their checked-out items.

Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson has been attending bi-weekly Incident Reporting System meetings. This committee is working on migrating all data from the old Incident Reporting system to the new system that will soon be replacing the older system.

In addition, children's Librarian Christine Deffendall reviewed *The Van Gogh Deception*, by Deron Hicks, for the Children's Services Blog on April 20.

Branch Manager Maria Gonzales continues to attend virtual and onsite meetings with SAPL Administration, contractor Ken Conn and staff from Munoz Architects. These meetings share project timelines, accomplishments and concerns as they surface.

MISSION

Mission served as an early voting site for the local elections during April. On April 17th, the Mission Marquee resumed its Mission Marquee Plaza Farmers & Artisans Market and also had a tree giveaway. Library Aide, Perla Campos (PT), represented Mission Library at the event and had a table set up to inform visitors about library services.

Mission staff continue to create unique and one-of-a-kind Take Make kits for library visitors and curbside customers. Kits are made specifically for each age group: kids, teens, and adults.

Mission staff, in collaboration with administration, were active and busy with preparations for celebrating Mission's 10th year anniversary next month.

Many of Mission's staff actively work with system-wide programming committees including the Virtual Crafting Committee, Esports Committee, Baby & Toddler Committee, Pop Culture Committee, and the Discord Programming Committee. Adult Services Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, worked with the Asian Pacific Heritage Month (May) and Digital Inclusion Month (May) annual initiatives. Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, worked at Central to pack up the gift bags for teen volunteers for Volunteer Appreciation month which is every April. Branch Manager, Oscar Gonzalez, worked with the Pop Culture Committee to launch an online Fandom Marathon program for adults in May (mysapl.org/fanrun).

PAN AMERICAN

During the month of April, 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. Finally, “Brisk browsing” was introduced in April, giving the community an opportunity to visit the library again.

Children’s Services librarians Olivia Escobevo and Karen Braeuler continued to work on preparing the collection for public browsing by eliminating older, grubby volumes and moving sections for better access and visibility in the library. Additionally, Collection signage was updated by Library Assistant Stephanie Perez to reflect new locations of some materials and to be more attractive to returning customers. Circulation attendant Yulissa Araujo created some colorful and fun wall decorations with the message “We’re Glad to See You Back.” Take-and-Make kits were assembled for the month featuring a marble maze. The Read-Along books were given a facelift with new hanging packaging.

In April, Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, continued to facilitate two popular virtual programs- “Among Us” and “Spyfall” gaming. Both events give participants an opportunity to join fellow gamers online and share in a virtual community experience. Additionally, Mr. Leal continued to team up with Monty Holcomb from the Parman Branch Library to host a monthly virtual chess match.

PARMAN

In April Parman Library served as an Early Voting polling site. As always, our election officials made a voting a smooth and easy experience for all.

April was a milestone for services offered as we started the Brisk Browsing stage. It means, even though still with limited capacity, our patrons could browse the library items, not just through the window. The community was very excited and overjoyed to have the library available even with some restrictions. Some kids dressed up in their party dresses and one family made it a point to say “getting ready today for the library was like getting ready for Disneyland.” The Parman staff is equally happy to welcome patrons back to the library.

Children’s Librarians, Lisa Taylor co-hosted four zoom outreaches for homeschoolers in April exploring the art of several illustrators. She collaborated with other Children’s Librarians to host a SAPL GAME TIME LIVE on Zoom for early elementary children. This month Lisa created a “What’s Missing” Game using pictures of collections of action figures. One child was particularly good at spotting the missing toy figures. Helping with SAPL wide programming, Lisa continued as Co-Lead for the Children’s Services Editing Work Group.

Lisa is also a member of the Social Media Team for the 2021 Summer Library Club, helping edit branch specific promos for Children’s Librarians to send to local schools in lieu of in-person visits. With patrons coming back into the libraries, Lisa prepared displays of books to encourage more check outs of non-fiction items.

Teague Shosh Parman Children’s librarian added two new videos with additional virtual activities: a Tween tote bag craft for Earth Day and a STEAM bunny activity. Ten lucky tweens got to pick up their own tote bags and fabric markers from SAPL and nearly 50 participants viewed the video on YouTube. SAPL YouTube viewers also enjoyed Teague’s STEAM activity demonstrating potential and kinetic energy using paper cups and rubber bands! She continues to co-host SOW Healthy with the San Antonio Food Bank and enjoys helping approximately 15 children weekly understand how gardening creates a positive impact on growing healthy foods and how healthy foods benefit our bodies. Teague also created

a new LibGuide for Parman's newest StoryWalk® and worked on a list for SAPL of books for the upcoming Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month.

As part of the National Poetry Month Committee, Monty Holcomb, an adult librarian designed, maintained and updated the National Poetry Month website throughout April. For National Poetry Month, Mr. Holcomb also created an online Poetry Book Review of The Selected Poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke that was linked to this site and also featured on SAPL's YouTube channel.

POTRANCO

Adult Services Librarian Monica Huerta coordinated one LibGuide exclusive tween program, hosted one live adult book club program, and assisted in moderating two live LGBTQ+ (PRIDE Committee) programs during the month of April. Ms. Huerta released a LibGuide exclusive DIY project titled "Kawaii Coffee Cozy " for tweens.

In addition to the LibGuide exclusive program, Monica hosted her monthly meeting for her "Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club" where customers were able to meet virtually through Zoom and discuss the book "Leviathan Wakes" by James S.A. Ms. Huerta continues to work with Children's Librarian Jackie to put together Take-and-Make crafts for the children of the community while also putting together adult crafts. The LGBTQ+ programs which Monica helped moderate were titled "Express Yourself: Gender Diverse Makeup Tutorials: All Things Skin" and "Express Yourself: Gender Diverse Makeup Tutorials: Eyes and Lips."

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro hosts the Potranco Adult Coloring program on Zoom. Ms. Leandro has a regular group of patrons that share, not only their artwork, but stories about their lives. This group has been very active during the closure and continues to share their experiences and bond virtually.

Ms. Leandro created a "Geek Week Crossword" for the patrons of Potranco. The crossword is filled with current pop culture references. Patrons that turn in a completed crossword puzzle will get a small prize that is 3D printed with the branch 3D printer.

Ms. Leandro has also curated another edition of the Potranco Playlist on Spotify. The theme for this month's playlist is Geek Week. Each song is inspired by or featured in a popular TV show or movie.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services' programming focused on Poetry Month, spring gardens, and insects. *Take-and-Make* craft kits included SAPL-provided Amazing Marble Run/Maze kits and Pruitt-created April Showers Umbrellas and Spring Caterpillars. The branch distributed 181 toddler and children's craft kits.



The *Pruitt Page-Turners Tween Book Club* met and discussed *The Silence Between Us* by Alison Gervais. The group discussed how youth react to people with disabilities, making friends with a disabled tween, and the characteristics any new friend should possess. The book club also talked about the challenges of making friends with a deaf person while understanding that both people have to adjust to communicate. The group shared some words and phrases using American Sign Language.

Children's Services is excited to see those smiling faces of our youngest patrons returning to the library for brisk browsing and check out!

Pruitt Library Teen Services was thrilled to revive socially distanced *Lunchtime Chess* for Roosevelt students. Using Mega Chess sets and gloves, teens enjoyed safe social interactions with their peers. Our Rackspace community partners sponsored the event, providing T-shirts, chess sets, and other items to participating students. For those students not inclined toward chess, checkers games were also available.



Link to Teen *Lunchtime Chess* video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vnyK0GNa8YBp_TnSxP7TYTQy1yWreeS7/view?usp=sharing

Pruitt Teen Services continued to provide *Mindfulness* sessions in partnership with the Roosevelt High School Family Specialist. Other Pruitt outreach included the joint *Manga Club* with Lopez Middle School and the *Pruitt Family Chess Dinner* program where staff served 36 teens. Pruitt Teen Services facilitated 10 outreach programs with 191 teens in attendance and distributed 76 *Take-and-Make* craft kits to teenaged patrons.

Adult Services' *TGIF Book Club* met and discussed Stella Gibbons' *Cold Comfort Farm*. Molly Pruitt and Potranco library staff co-hosted the ongoing *Adult Virtual Coloring* program. The *Rough Rider Readers'* parents' book club met to discuss William McRaven's *Make Your Bed*.

Adult Services distributed 77 *Take-and-Make* craft kits, including two SAPL-created poetry crafts.

Adult Services Librarian Paula Opiela contributed to the *SAPL In the Stacks: National Poetry Month* video with a reading from Natalie Diaz's *Postcolonial Love Poem*. Ms. Opiela also recorded a *SAPL Craft Demo: Fabric Paint Embroidered T-shirt* video as part of the adult crafting workshop.

Pruitt Family Chess Dinner continued as part of Pruitt branch staff's outreach. Additionally, patrons of all ages were so excited to be back inside our library to briskly browse and visit!

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 took part in a number of programs during the month. She was the host for Story Time Online on April 1 and a presenter on April 22. Read to a Dog took place on April 16 and 23, and Leslie had the opportunity to be in a breakout room during each program with a handler, therapy dog and a child who read to the dog to practice reading skills. On April 17, Leslie facilitated the Adventurers Book Club. The participants read *Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us* by Lauren Castillo. The group met on Zoom to discuss the book. Leslie prepared discussion questions, poll questions and a word scramble game. The kids were very enthusiastic and enjoyed talking about the book. On April 15, concluded her two-year term as the business representative for the Salado Elementary School's Site-Based Committee by attending the group's final meeting of the school year.

In April, 2021, Dacari Lambert, Teen Librarian at Schaefer Branch helped with Tryday Friday and Teen Time weekly programs on the San Antonio Public Library Teen services Discord channel. Dacari continues to work with the Teen Summer programming workgroup to organize summer programming initiatives. Additionally, Dacari worked with the Teen Pride workgroup on the first large-scale Discord program in partnership with Fiesta Youth, scheduled for May 25, 2021. For the reopening of Schaefer for brisk browsing, Dacari created a display for patrons that featured “staff picks” alongside welcome back decorations.



Library Assistant Blanca Silvia Hernandez submitted the following playlist for Schaefer's “I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition)” monthly virtual program for adults and seniors:

- Poetry/Spoken Word themed playlist.
 - 23 patrons clicked on the playlist to enjoy the poetry and spoken word performances.

5 patrons clicked on the catalog list to browse SAPL's collection of related items

The March Film Noir Movie club, led by Training Officer, Daniel Gomez was held on April 8. Librarian Maria Adams facilitated assisted with registering patrons and sending program information to registered patrons.

Schaefer Skimmers book club was held on Tuesday, April 27th. The group discussed the book, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

SEMMEs

Children's Librarian, Valerie Carroll, assembled and distributed 83 kits for the STEAM work group's Earth Day Planter program. Registrants were able to sign up to receive supplies at their local branch. The accompanying YouTube video, SAPL STEAM: Self Watering Seed Starter (created by Jacqueline Gonzales), premiered on April 10 and has had 52 views to date.

Valerie co-hosted a meeting of the Adventurer's Book Club with Leslie Elsasser on April 17th.

Valerie assembled and distributed 17 kits for the STEAM work group's Jumping Bunny activity. Teague Shosh's accompanying video premiered on April 24th and has had 29 views to date.

April was a busy month for Children's Librarian, Ms. Randi as she continues to participate and host Zoom events for children and to record stories for listening to on the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) Dial-a-Story telephone line. On April 28, she was the host for Toddler Time Online Live. On April 8, 22, 29, she was the host for the Story Time Online Live. On April 1, Ms. Randi presented the introductory songs and read the book *My Father's Shop* by Satomi Ichikawa for Story Time Online Live. On April 14 and 15, she presented fingerplays, action songs and rhymes for Toddler Time Online Live and Story Time Online Live respectively.

Ms. Randi wrote a curated Toddler Time for *Hickory Dickory Dog* by Alison Murray to be posted on April 6. Her Dial-a-Story recordings included: April 2—*The Little Red Hen* (Jerry Pinkney version), April 16—*The Green Umbrella* by Jackie Azua Kramer, illustrated by Maral Sassouni, April 23—*Take Your Mama to Work Today* by Amy Reichert, and on April 30—*Jazz Baby* by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. On April 16, Ms. Randi hosted Read to a Dog Online Live and on April 23, she provided technical support for that same program.

The Semmes Branch Library hosted Early Voting for the City of San Antonio Municipal Election from Monday, April 19th through Tuesday, April 27th. 5,712 people voted at Semmes during the Early Voting period.

Brisk Browsing, which began on April 13th, has made many Semmes customers very happy. Staff have seen patrons cheering as they enter the library for the first time in over a year. One patron told staff that she "felt like Alice in Wonderland" being able to return to the branch. Staff have also enjoyed seeing regular patrons again.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as chat moderator for the Noon Time Helping of Cooking programs held on April 1, 8, and 22. The program series is offered weekly on Thursday afternoons and covers various recipes and kitchen topics.

The Film Noir Club program was held on April 8. This monthly discussion group watches a predetermined film noir movie and encourages a lively talk with engaging questions provided by the host. Ms. Mjolsness served as chat moderator.

Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted virtual Beginner's Chair Yoga programs on April 9 and 23. The chair yoga series has a dedicated following and is held the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

On April 14, Ms. Mjolsness was co-host and chat moderator for the self-care program Ayurveda. The main host Maggie Grueskin led the presentation. Ayurveda is held on the second Wednesday of every month.

Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted the Cinema Terrible program on April 14. Attendees watch a virtual live screening of a terrible movie and talk about it during the showing.

The first in the Queer Storytelling program series was held on April 24 with Ms. Mjolsness acting as chat moderator. This program teaches patrons the do's and don'ts of live storytelling as well as giving them a safe space to practice telling their story.

On April 30, Ms. Mjolsness was the Master of Ceremonies for the eleventh SAPL Live Trivia program, a popular program which is held the last Friday of every month and continues to grow in attendance.

Adult Services Librarian and Teen Liaison Kimberly King completed all required training sessions, and attended the monthly meetings for Teen Services, Teen Volunteers, Pop Madness, and Pop Culture.

Ms. King ensured the Take-and-Make craft kits for April were available for distribution to patrons. She readied the Take-and-Make craft kit for May for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Ms. King collaborated on the Teen Booklists Workgroup. She continued contributing titles for the teen book lists for Celebrate Diversity Month and Autism Awareness Month. These book lists are posted on the 210 Teen Library Instagram account.

On April 27, Ms. King helped moderate the Express Yourself: Gender Diverse Makeup Tutorials. This program provided a safe and welcoming space for everyone who wishes to explore gender expression through the use of makeup.

Ms. King developed categories and created questions and answers for a Doctor Who Speak Geek Trivia program scheduled to occur in May.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Early Voting started on April 19 – 24 with 5118 voters coming to Tobin. Turnout was especially high on the last two days where parking and wait times were lengthy.

The branch opened with brisk browsing on April 13 to many thrilled patrons. Gradually patrons entering the library increased during the month. Some customers continue to utilize curbside as they find it more convenient.

Tobin at Oakwell Friend's Book Cart began with pre-pandemic donations around this time as well. The cart has specific signage for social distancing and one person browsing at a time. Lots of voters and patrons have been checking out the titles for purchase as restocking has been needed.

Librarian, Tracey Knouse, serves on San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) committee, People without Housing. At April's meeting, the group met with Assistant Director of the City's Department of Human Services, Mr. Patrick Steck. Mr. Steck shared the City's new Homeless Connections Hotline 210- 207- 1799. Committee member, Texana Manager Heather Ferguson, created a Mini Zine with this phone number. Ms. Knouse shared this Mini Zine, as well as SAPL's SA Resources Mini Zine, with a young man who recently became homeless. This patron was most appreciative and has returned to use the public computers as well.

Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier created a clever Take-and-Make craft by having a child trace their hand to create author Mo Willem's pigeon as seen below.

When one employee was tasked with compiling Take-and-Make crafts near the end of the day, other team members spontaneously jumped in to complete the crafts before closing. Thanks to Library Aide, Sharon Jackson, Circulation Attendant, Linda Hernandez, Library Aide Catherine Tschoepe and even Tobin's custodian, Terrie O'Campo.



WESTFALL

In the month of April, Imelda Merino, the Children's Librarian at Westfall added four curated children's Story Time programs as part of the Story Walks initiative. In addition, Merino participated in two Story Time Online programs in April: Co-hosted on April 22nd and shared a Rhyme and Song on April 29th. Merino also attended 5 meetings this month. One of the meetings was a training on 'How to order Scholastic Books for Summer Reading'. As a member of the "SAPL is Here for You" LibGuide Work Group, Imelda helped to add book titles to our list for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. For the Art

and Maker group, Imelda participated as a presenter for one of our Zoom Art Club programs. I shared a couple of stories that featured chalk or pastel drawings.

Angelina Cortes, the Interim Manager and Adult Librarian II for Westfall, hosted San Antonio Poet Laureate Andrea “Vocab” Sanderson and local musician, Nick Blevins, of The Foreign Arm in a National Poetry month multi-series called “Rhythm and Rhyme”. In addition, Angelina also co-hosted the SAPL Writer’s on-going writing club that welcomes writers from all genres to share their work and brainstorm ideas. Angelina continues her work as a Digital Inclusion fellow for NTEN, a non-profit out of Portland, Oregon. She continues to develop partnerships with other San Antonio organizations such as Bibliotech, CPS, and senior centers to brainstorm potential outdoor summer events that the Paleta cart can be a part of. She is also working on collaborating with the LCRC, the Little Read Wagon and various staff in an on-going effort to advocate and promote digital inclusion in all aspects of library services. Along with being a part of the National Poetry Month monthly initiative, she is also a part of the Virtual workgroup for Book Literary and Writing, the Digital Inclusion monthly initiative and volunteered and hosted author, Seamus McGraw, as part of the San Antonio Book Festival on April 9th.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

COVID-19 has greatly affected overall Library usage in FY 2020 and FY 2021. FY 2021 performance goals were adjusted accordingly.

APRIL 2021

FY 2021

CIRCULATION: GOAL



4,745,519
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL: 2,483,199

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR 2021



2,919,202
ITEMS BORROWED

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



1,794,701
TOTAL FY GOAL

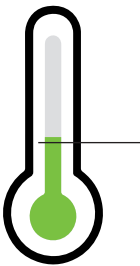
FYTD GOAL: 651,992

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



584,406
VISITS

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



953,237
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL: 450,313

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



12,099
COMPUTER
HOURS



464,326
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

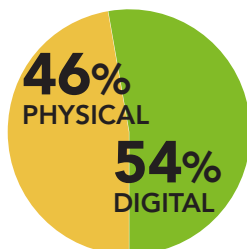
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TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

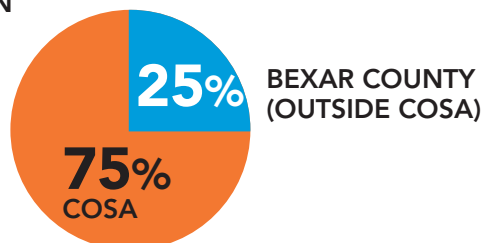
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2021

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2021



755,076
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

518,306
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

847,572
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

1,990,074
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2021

1,081
TOTAL PROGRAMS

466
ADULT PROGRAMS

285
TEEN PROGRAMS

330
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

15,040
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

4,622
ADULT ATTENDANCE

2,260
TEEN ATTENDANCE

8,158
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

214 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

27,955 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES
**CORTEZ BRANCH LIBRARY
40TH ANNIVERSARY**

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL ONLINE EVENT
TUESDAY, APRIL 13 • 10AM

[GUIDES.MYSAPL.ORG/CORTEZ40TH](https://guides.mysapl.org/cortez40th)

**ADVENTURERS
BOOK CLUB**

**Our Friend Hedgehog:
The Story of Us**

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 3-4 PM

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Rhythm and Rhyme Series

Creative Writing Workshops

APRIL 18 • 3 - 4:30 PM
APRIL 24 • 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Spoken Word Open Mic
APRIL 27 • 6 - 8 PM

Registration required.

CELEBRATE DÍA
DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS, DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

Online Programs - Registration is required

FRIDAY, APRIL 30
Día with Simran Jeet Singh
12 - 12:45 PM
Día with Carmen Tafolla & Regina Moya
2 - 2:45 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 1
Toddler Time Online Live 10 - 10:45 AM
Baby Time Online Live 11:15 - 11:45 AM
Registration closes at the start of the program
Art Club Online 2 - 3 PM

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April 2021 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	754	527	2,287	144	2,143
Brook Hollow	17,139	12,654	1,686	115	1,571
Carver	1,023	428	1,588	72	1,516
Central	6,853	9,779	14,236	162	14,074
Cody	18,618	9,724	2,896	108	2,787
Collins Garden	1,728	2,183	1,784	104	1,680
Cortez	1,331	2,745	1,981	55	1,926
Encino	9,199	5,385	2,098	23	2,075
Forest Hills	126	0	0	0	0
Great Northwest	12,322	6,752	2,658	86	2,572
Guerra	3,109	2,923	2,196	136	2,060
Igo	18,991	1,949	2,998	66	2,932
Johnston	3,507	4,000	1,856	89	1,766
Landa	8,708	2,097	1,026	53	973
Las Palmas	925	1,197	2,536	118	2,418
Maverick	12,993	9,587	2,312	98	2,213
McCreless	1,604	589	1,075	0	1,075
Memorial	1,314	591	886	0	886
Mission	4,050	5,864	1,730	140	1,590
Pan American	1,539	1,744	1,885	57	1,828
Parman	18,162	7,639	1,652	30	1,623
Potranco	7,893	1,370	5,978	46	5,932
Pruitt	2,032	2,403	965	51	915
San Pedro	8	0	281	0	281
Schaefer	3,615	2,930	2,486	104	2,383
Semmes	12,400	7,987	2,456	99	2,357
Thousand Oaks	3,519	1,261	2,224	109	2,115
Tobin	10,329	10,734	1,150	91	1,059
Westfall	5,042	2,555	4,284	187	4,097
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	43	0	43
Interlibrary Loan Lending	0	0	0	0	0
Online/Phone Renewal	31,053	0	0	0	0
Digital	222,577	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	442,463	117,597	71,234	2,342	68,892

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

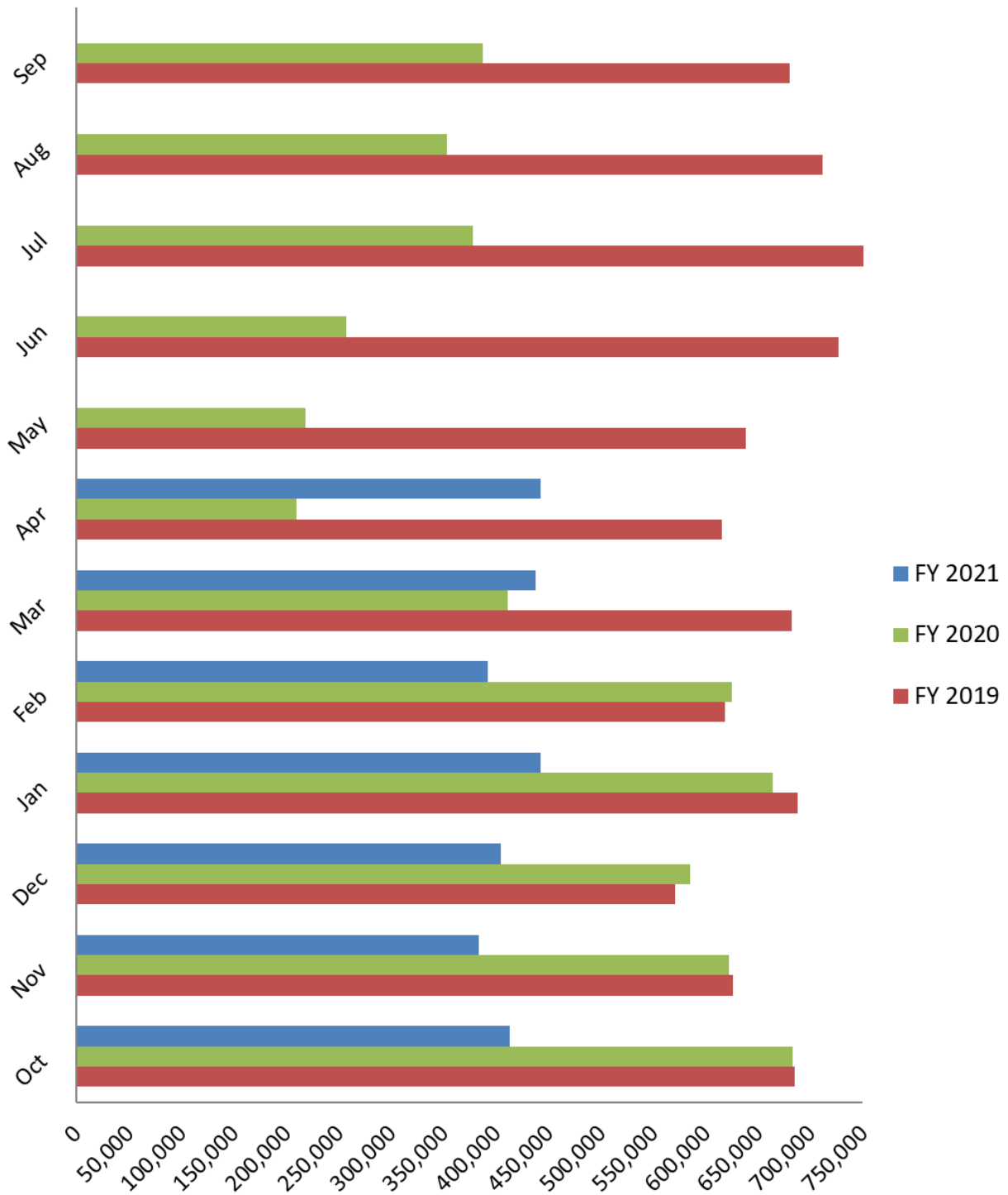
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April 2021 Programs and Attendance

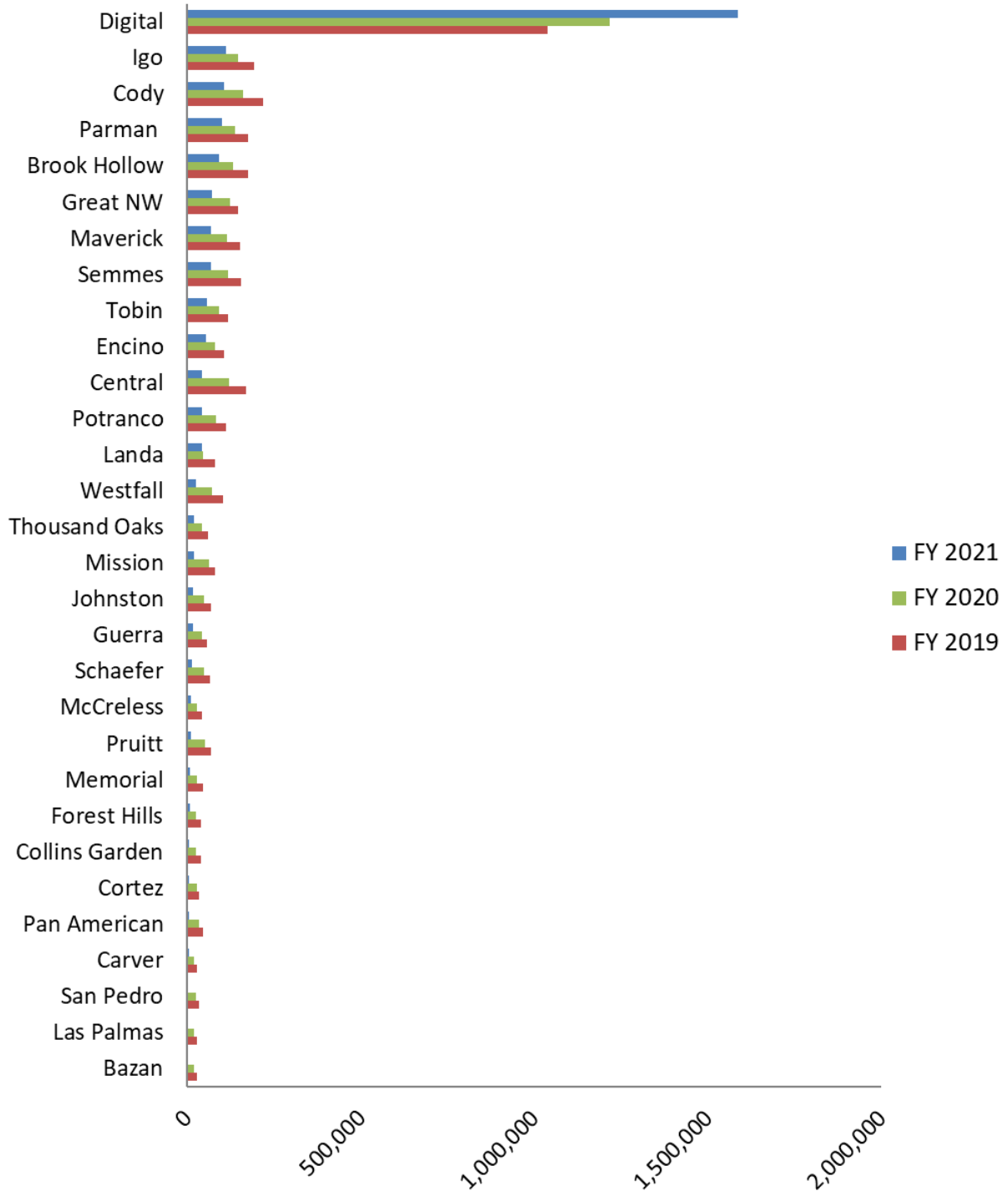
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, programs are developed with a system wide approach and not by location.

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	17	17	0	0	91	91	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	2	0	0	20	20	0	0
Carver	3	0	0	3	52	0	0	52
Central	2	0	1	1	27	0	12	15
Cody	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins Garden	5	1	2	2	253	5	28	220
Cortez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forest Hills	2	1	0	1	20	5	0	15
Great Northwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guerra	2	2	0	0	16	16	0	0
Igo	6	5	0	1	37	26	0	11
Johnston	4	0	0	4	48	0	0	48
Landa	3	3	0	0	15	15	0	0
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick	4	0	4	0	10	0	10	0
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	2	0	2	0	29	0	29	0
Pan American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parman	6	2	0	4	53	6	0	47
Potranco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pruitt	19	5	11	3	400	96	229	75
San Pedro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	2	2	0	0	12	12	0	0
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	4	0	0	4	64	0	0	64
System	83	27	28	28	1,748	257	169	1,322
TOTAL	177	78	48	51	2,895	549	477	1,869

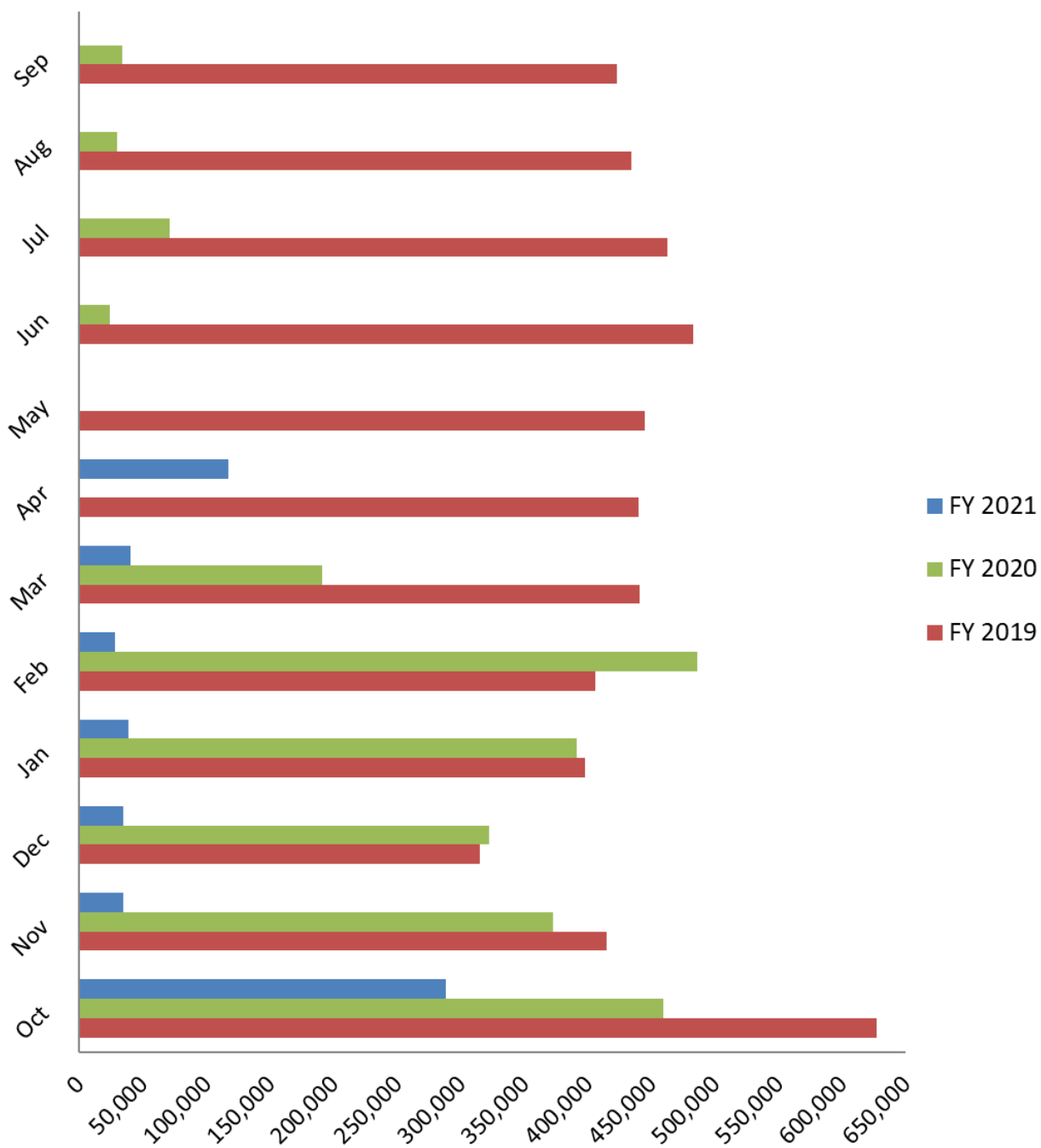
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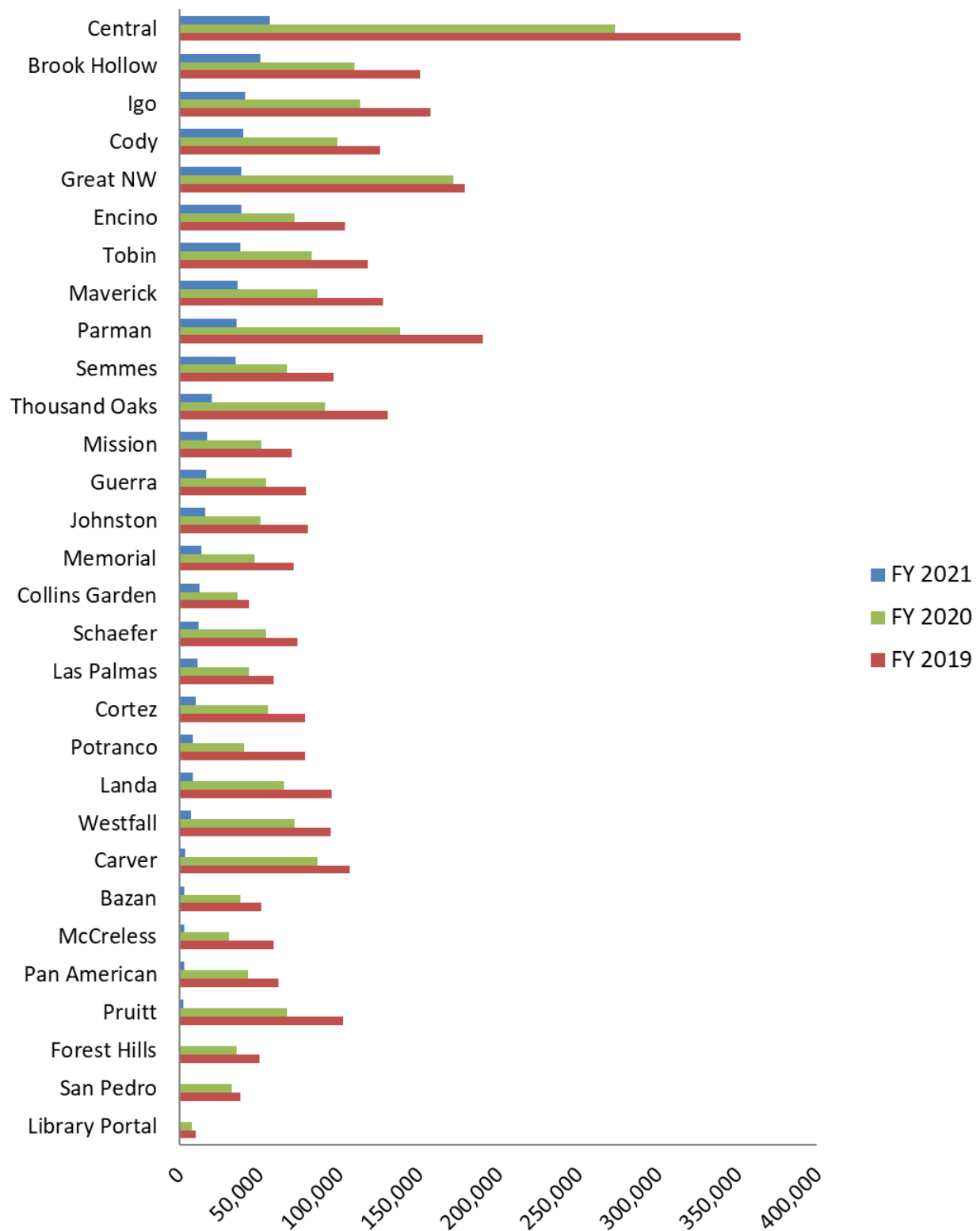
Circulation - Fiscal Year to Date - April 2021



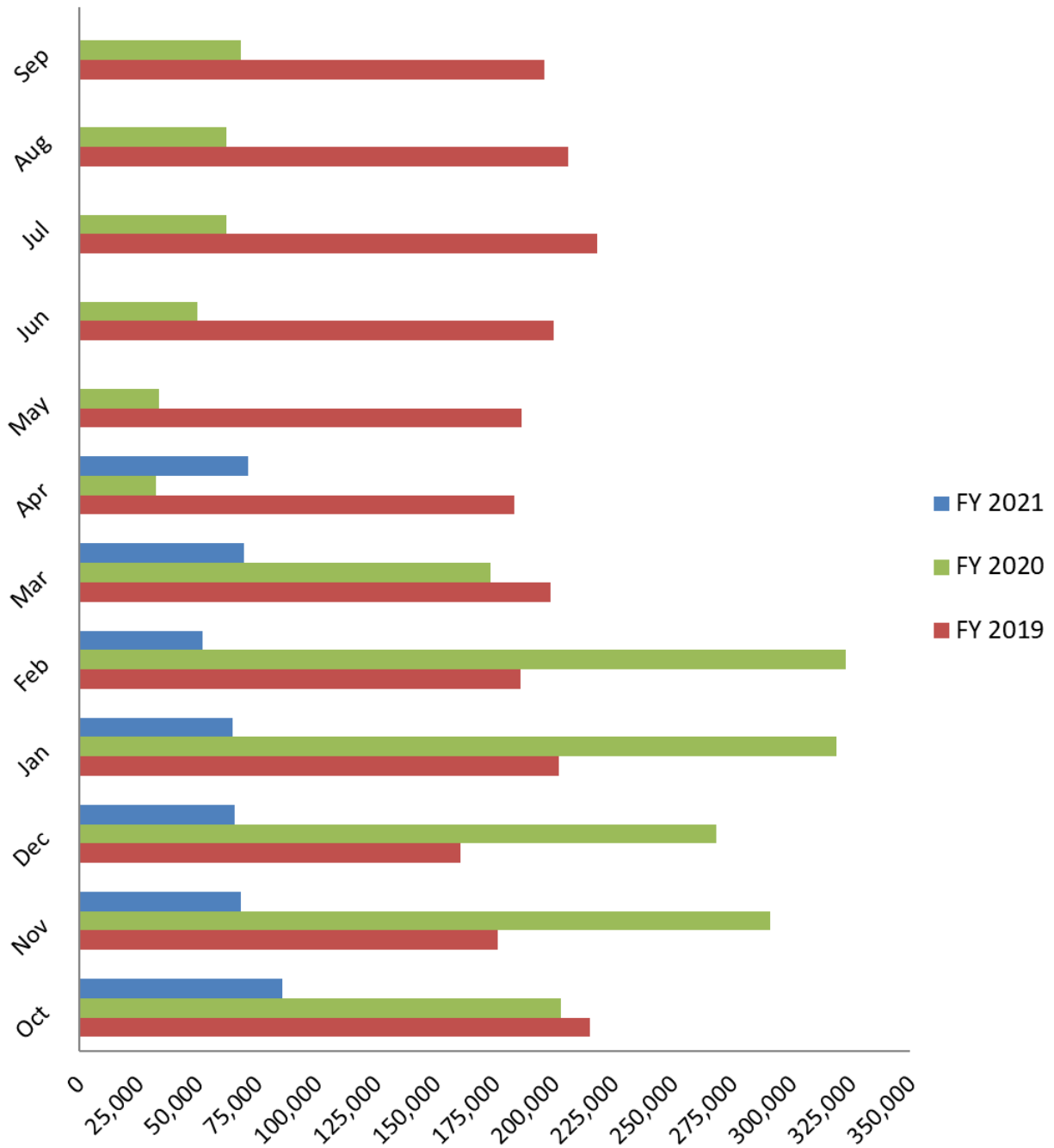
Visits



Visits - Fiscal Year to Date - April 2021



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

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.