



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report July 2021

San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) celebrated the opening of the Trail at the Schaefer Branch Library on July 21 with outdoor activities and a dedicated online webpage.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in the City of San Antonio's United Way Charitable Campaign Steering Committee meeting on July 6.

On July 9, Mr. Salazar attended a Board Meeting for the Local Government Hispanic Network (LGHN).

Library Director Salazar and Library Trustee JoAnn Harris met with District 2 Councilmember McKey-Rodriguez on July 13 to provide an overview of the Library system and libraries in District 2.

On July 21, Library Director Salazar attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's annual Board Builder event. Related to the Library Foundation, on July 23, Mr. Salazar joined Library Foundation's Executive Director Amy Hone for a meeting with the Najim Foundation to discuss potential opportunities.

Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill attended the July 2021 Board Meeting for the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library on July 25 at the Mission Branch Library.

Library Director Salazar and Library Board Chair Paul Stahl met with District 5 Councilmember Teri Castillo on July 30 to provide an overview of the Library system and libraries in District 5.

# MARKETING



News 4 WOAI reported on the Schaefer Branch Library Trail celebration that took place on July 21.

- San Antonio Magazine included San Antonio Public Library's DIY U Program on Saturday, July 11 in their "10 Fun Things to do in San Antonio" for this weekend.
- KSAT 12's "SA Live" featured Shannon Seglin, SAPL Assistant Director of Central Children's Department, to showcase crafts and provide information on "Summer With SAPL."
- My San Antonio published an article featuring Central Library. The article highlights the iconic building and its importance as part of downtown San Antonio.
- MySA.com published a feature about the Schaefer Branch Library Trail. The article was the result of an interview with Jake Odland and includes a quote from SAPL Marketing.
- TPR aired a highlight about the Schaefer Branch Library Trail celebration.

- KSAT 12 included SAPL's Opera in the Park program taking place at Landa Library in their "Things to do" newsletter for August.
- TPR reported that the City was opening cooling centers throughout the city and mentioned that select libraries would serve as cooling sites.

**Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:**

- SAPL's social media generated 173,153 impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by 141 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 5,728 times.

**Social Media statistics for the month:**

- Twitter: 5,624 followers
- Facebook: 21, 250 followers
- Instagram: 7,370 followers

**Graphics**

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for Back to School, updates for interim service at Forest Hills and McCreless, signage and hours updates, public meeting at Las Palmas, SAPL's Big Red Zine submissions, and Summer Reading.

## DIGITAL SERVICES

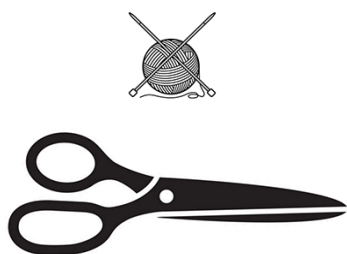
On July 1 and July 6, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson provided LibAnswers training to the LibPicks group. LibPicks is the new online readers' advisory service being offered by San Antonio Public Library.

On July 2, Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana and Ms. Masterson met with Mason Humphrey of Bibliotheca to discuss the library's reopening tactics and new Bibliotheca solutions on offer.

On July 7, Mr. Spana met with Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, Catalog Services Supervisor Katie Enright and Interim Coordinator of Technical Services Heidi Novotny and representatives from EBSCO and SirsiDynix to learn about the current and future state of the library's linked data project.

On July 21, Mr. Spana joined his Public Service colleagues for a site visit to the Gilbert Garza Community Center to plan for using the site as a location for interim library service for Forest Hills patrons.

On July 24, Digital Library Services Assistants Christina Hess and Michael Sheehan helped support the Briscoe Western Art Museum's National Day of the Cowboy event. "Come and Take It" kits, courtesy of Central Children's, were given out to visitors of the Kampmann Portal. The kits, plus reading stations set up by the "fluffy, stuffed campfire," brought in over 500 visitors.



## COME AND TAKE KITS

During the last week of July, Ms. Masterson worked with Konica Minolta to begin installing new Multifunction Devices (MFD) at all open locations. The new MFDs feature an easier to use, touchscreen interface.



## LITTLE READ WAGON

Little Read Wagon (LRW) staff visited 12 parks on the east, west and south side of San Antonio to invite families to participate in summer reading throughout July. Children gleefully selected a book from the book filled red wagon and adults were given information about library services. Staff offered a bubble and chalk play experience at Elmendorf Park as a step toward offering more outdoor play in a socially distanced manner.

Unfortunately, as July progressed COVID-19 virus numbers rose, and staff decided to delay rolling out regular outdoor activities. LRW staff will reevaluate plans for the fall after the school year resumes. In the meantime, staff provide virtual and drive thru event services while serving as a system-wide resource. LRW staff are thinking creatively about how to offer partner schools and organizations support during the continued pandemic. Staff look forward to unveiling the 2021-2022 teacher training and are beginning to plan for February 2022's annual Baby Day event.

Megan Cruz presented virtually to over 250 people during a Voices for Children training on the topic of authentic representation in children's books. Julia Lazarin visited with Pre-K 4 SA families at Southside Lions Park. Clair Larkin and Ms. Cruz presented a virtual More Mirrors, Windows and Doors training to the childcare staff at Navarro Learning Center.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

July continued with summer reading program work. In addition to ongoing registration, children were able to pick up a certificate of completion along with a special Summer with SAPL pencil, button, and sticker. July special guests were Dinosaur George, children's singer and song writer Hot Toast, author Kevin Sherry, magician Richard Blake, and Happy Tails exotic animals. Magik Theatre's "Señora Tortuga" was available to stream on demand July 31-August 2. Matt Sandbank Shadow Camp is available online through the end of August. On July 31 children's librarians hosted an online Summerfest Beach Party to

celebrate all the children did throughout the summer. Activities included a dance party, games, and stories.

Children's Take-and-Make kits for July included materials such as sentence strips, construction paper, pipe cleaners, and sidewalk chalk. Suggested activities were making a party hat, bubble wands, and hopscotch. Children's Librarian Shannon Seglin (Central) appeared on KSAT's SA Live to promote the summer program and demonstrate some activities.

The Explore Opera for Kids video series was re-released each week in July. The award-winning series was leading up to a live outdoor concert in partnership with Opera San Antonio and The Children's Chorus of San Antonio. However, the concert was postponed due to community health conditions.

The San Antonio Food Bank continued a short summer series of new programs. The July Cooking Around the World class focused on Asia and participants made a green tea smoothie. The July Nibble with Willow class for children 3-5 years old and their trusted adults was about stone fruits like peaches.



Coordinator of Children's Services, Cresencia Huff, represented SAPL at the San Antonio Independent School District back to school fair. The event planners expected 2,000 attendees. However, more than 7,000 people came through the Freeman Expo Center in just a few hours. Ms. Huff shared back to school resources and summer program materials.

## 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 July.*

**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 8 weekly virtual teen programs on Discord ("the server") along with additional activities and events for Teen Summer 2021. Teens requested new channels to chat about Animal Crossing, LEGO bricks, and Star Wars, and shared their own personal projects such as artwork and Twitch streams. Despite its postponement, teens on the server also provided their input and suggestions regarding what activities they wanted to see at the Teen Summer Bash 2021 event planned for August. In total, for Teen Summer 2021 (June and July 2021), the 210teenlibrary Discord server hosted 66 programs with 525 teens in attendance, with 104 new teens joining the server (bringing the total number of teens on the server to 257).

For the 210teenlibrary Instagram page, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been creating graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content, young adult fiction books, and highlight general library services. Regina will also evaluate and brand teen-created content for posting as well. With behind the scenes prep, Regina assisted in the third Instagram Live presented by a teen, set up by Edward Mayberry (Teen Services Liaison, Guerra). New teen volunteer Neko promoted and displayed the Teen Summer July journaling kit with Mary Lou Bleichwehl



(Teen Services Liaison, Maverick). She then presented a wonderful demonstration of vegan cauliflower buffalo wings, which complimented a series of dragon books she recommended to viewers.

JD Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continues to assist at Igo Library twice a week. He began bringing a music programming component to Igo as an adjunct to the Teen Time there, hosted by Laura Herman (Teen Services Librarian).

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.

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL's Teen Outreach Specialist) shares teen-created Spotify playlists on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account weekly and creates weekly Instagram Spotify questions with which teens interact. Amisarahi also joins Matthew to host Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server.

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) joins Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the "Random Fandom" club, where teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime shows. Kathleen also continues to serve as a member of the Teen Services Discord team and the YA Nonfiction workgroup.

**Virtual Teen Content and Resources** — The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisarahi Sarabia, Ciana Flores, and Regina Almanza, shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by off-site teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. Highlights from the reporting period include recipes for Fourth of July desserts and unicorn cupcakes, a zodiac shirt craft, an informational video about climate change, and a Super Unknown Superheroes booklist.

**Virtual Summer Interns** – Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library continued its participation in the Family Service's Paid Summer Internship Program for teens 14 to 17 years old by hosting two virtual interns, supervised by Matthew Loaiza. This year's interns finished their internship at the end of July; throughout the month, they contributed as teen moderators on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, assisted with virtual clubs and activities on the server, created content for the 210teenlibrary Instagram account, and attended a 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup staff meeting. Despite its postponement, the interns planned a significant amount of the Teen Summer Bash 2021 event planned for August by selecting decorations, activities, and swag for the event while collaborating with teens on the server to ask for their input.

**Outreach** – On July 7, Matthew Loaiza and Dacari Lambert (Teen Services Librarian, Schaefer) provided information via Zoom about Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library and careers as a librarian for UTSA's Fostering Career Readiness summer program. On July 21, Loaiza also provided information via Zoom about Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library to the LULAC Upward Bound Math and Science program at McCollum High School. Throughout the month of July, Loaiza and Amisarahi Sarabia (Teen Outreach Specialist) visited several community centers to provide pop-up programs and deliver Teen Summer 2021 materials to teens enrolled in the Parks and Recreation Department's 2021 Summer Youth Program.

**Professional Development** – On July 27, Matthew Loaiza spoke with San Jose State University - Master of Library and Information Science students enrolled in a “Programming and Services for Young Adults” class via Zoom about Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library, focusing on how Teen Services has continued to provide library services to teens through Discord and Instagram over the past year.

## **ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)**

July featured the continuation of this year's summer programming Summer with SAPL. Throughout the month, staff at all locations continued to invite adults to participate in Summer with SAPL for adults by setting their own goal, tracking it, and then claiming a gift of a limited edition Summer with SAPL mason jar. Also, in July, as a part of Summer with SAPL, a number of online programs were presented. On July 1st, the library partnered with Tom & Patsy Inglet, two experienced birders, to present an online program on birdwatching. The presenters explained how to identify birds by feature and song. Participants enhanced their bird watching skills and enjoyed the beauty and fun of our feathered friends. On July 24, another session of Experience Good Energy Flow with Chi Kung and Tai Chi Martial Arts was presented by Nameer Kirma from Good Spirit Tai Chi Chu'an. Participants learned to listen to their mind-body connections and understand the martial arts of Tai Chi and the dynamic relationship between internal and external forces. Participants also learned how slow movement exercises improve their posture, breathing, and mindset, and experience reduced tension and stress, and gain muscle tone. Finally, on July 30th, a special Summer with SAPL edition of the monthly online trivia program SAPL Live Trivia was presented. Participants tested their knowledge of topics such as beaches, musical instruments, board and card games, Sherlock Holmes, and dinosaurs. As part of this special edition, the top three winning teams received prizes - such as the board game Trivial Pursuit, a trivia encyclopedia and SAPL branded swag. In addition to all these online programs, the library also offered a Summer with SAPL Take-and-Make in July - this kit was available at all library locations and gave community members the opportunity (and supplies) to make a mini macramé plant hanger.

In July, the library kicked off a three part online program series on cryptocurrency. The first in the series, “What is Cryptocurrency?” was held on July 20th. This session presented the basics of cryptocurrency including what it is, how many currencies there are, and how it works. Two additional sessions, on how to use cryptocurrency and the basics of NFTs (nonfungible tokens) will be presented in August.

On July 30th, the Texana department hosted an online program called Radio Goes to War. This program was presented by Steve Darnall. Mr. Darnall presented the significance of radio during World War II. World War II was the first war in history to receive almost continuous coverage on radio. Mr. Darnall's one-hour presentation examined how radio rose to the challenge of life during wartime, with sounds clips from news broadcasts, presidential speeches, entertainment shows, programs designed to boost morale (both at home and among the armed forces) and more!

## **CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN @ CENTRAL**





The Central Children's department team was very busy in July promoting the Summer with SAPL children's summer reading program. Children's staff paired up with the Teen Library at Central to connect with families as they handed out free lunches and signed up children for the summer reading program. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin shared information about Summer with SAPL on KSAT's SA Live program. She got children excited about going outdoors and making crafts with natural materials they find outside and encouraged them to sign up for the summer reading program.

The culmination of the Summer with SAPL program for the Central Children's team was the presentation of an outdoor summer party in the Central Library garden. While every member of the team worked hard to prepare and monitor the variety of different activities, the event was coordinated by Librarian Ashley Stubbs. She developed engaging play areas with social distancing and low touch standards in mind. The event featured a story walk with activity tiles, a nature scavenger hunt, contact paper and sidewalk chalk collaborative art invitations, as well as a bubble machine dance zone and hopscotch play! The highlight of the event was offering icy paletas from the charming yellow paleta cart borrowed from the Latino Collection and Resource Center.

Manager Kate Simpson, Ms. Seglin and Ms. Stubbs worked together to present an online live Scavenger Hunt program. Each took turns leading the group in a series of guessing games, "I Spy" hunts and other activities that got the children thinking creatively. Ms. Seglin enriched the program by sending registrants and list of guessing game and I Spy books available from the library.

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Librarian Olivia Escovedo were very active in online Story Times. Ms. Seglin presented several live virtual Toddler Time and Story Time programs. The highlight of the month was her participation in the Summer Fest live event that capped off a summer full of online fun. For this beach party-themed event, she went above and beyond and dressed like a shark and did yoga sea creature poses!

Ms. Stubbs presented several live online Story Time programs and recorded a story for the Dial A Story telephone service. She also recorded a video that premiered on SAPL's YouTube channel. She supported the Tiny Tots weekly program by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and their curated online programs.

Librarian Olivia Escovedo participated in the live online Story Time program and recorded a Dial A Story as well. She has become a core member of the group of children's librarians facilitating the new Among Us video game program for tweens.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin presented an outdoor in-person Story Time for children at Creative Kids Day Camp at Temple Beth El. She also held a live virtual Story Time for children at Madison Square Child Development Center and

delivered books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Stubbs made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School. Library Assistant Judith Slaughter shared information about the Library and the summer reading program with families attending the Travis Park Movies by Moonlight event.

Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Simpson worked with the coordinator of children's programming for San Antonio College's Eco Centro Nature Buds program. The theme of their education series was pollinators. Ms. Stubbs shared a list of hands-on activities about butterflies, bees and other pollinators, while Ms. Simpson gathered a large selection of children's books on this topic for the teacher to check out.

## REFERENCE

Reference completed 206 LibAnswers and 189 LibChats during July; the Department assisted remote patrons with government resources, downloadable assistance, and readers advisory.

Reference partnered with branch staff on 2 articles published in the Texas Library Journal Special Edition: TLA 2021 Contributed Papers issue. The articles were "Critical Digital Literacy in a Public Library in the Time of COVID-19" written by Lorin Flores, Daniel Gonzalez, Cynthia DeLeon, and Marcella McGowan and "Accessibility and Inclusion in a Library eMentorship Program" by Daniel Alejandro González, Lorin Flores, Cynthia DeLeon, Marcella McGowan, and Jordan Torres.

On Thursday, July 1st, 2021, San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) provided an Adult Summer Reading Program called "Bird Watching through Zoom." The program was presented by two experienced bird watchers, Tom and Patsy Inglet; and was co-hosted by Diana Starrett from San Pedro Library and Jordan Torres from Central Reference. They presented in-depth information about bird watching such as what reference guides to use, what bird watching apps are helpful, shared techniques to identify birds, and demonstrated proper binocular use. By the end of the hour-long program participants were so energized by the topic that it was tough to come to a close.

Liz Garza co-hosted the SAPL podcast Escape the Earth (ETE) with Tim Johnson at Igo. They are coming up on their 600th download of the podcast since launching it this year in March. More information about the podcast can be found on the Escape the Earth (ETE) LibGuide.

Pannaga Prasad hosted several Health & Fitness Zoom programs including a "Beginner's Chair Yoga Class" on July 9 and 23rd. Professional Yoga instructor Shari Miller-Gaienne presented seated postures to a family audience. Additionally, Pannaga hosted "Discover Self-Care Through Ayurveda. Yoga for your Doshas" on July 14th with Maggie Grueskin. Ayurveda provides self-care practices, balance and health restoration.

On July 30th, Sally Bauer presented a Zoom program: "Essentials of Nutrition with Keith Thibodeaux;" Thibodeaux is COSA's Health and Wellness expert. They discussed nutrition basics, serving sizes, portion control, and healthy snack tips.

## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

On July 10, the LCRC, in partnership with the Mexican-American Civil Rights Institute and Bonham Academy, hosted an online discussion with Guadalupe Garcia McCall, author of "All the Stars Denied,"

and historian Dr. Francisco Balderrama. The event explored the hidden history of the forced deportation of Mexican-Americans during the Great Depression.

On July 20, author Daisy Hernández read from her latest book, "The Kissing Bug," and answered audience questions. Participants expressed great interest in Chagas disease, with one attendee writing afterward via email that "her blend of memoir and journalism is the perfect mix for a book like this, not dry but personal."

## **TEXANA/ GENEALOGY**

On July 10, Librarian II Deborah Countess hosted the second class in a virtual, two-part genealogy series on using the FamilySearch.org website to locate digitized historical records. "Finding Your Past Using FamilySearch (Part 2): Buried Treasure" examined some of the less obvious places on this free website where exciting genealogy gems can be found.

Librarian II Matt De Waelsche conducted an in-person program, "Preserving Family Treasures" for two groups at Blues Skies of Texas Air Force Retirement Village on Friday, July 16. There was a combined total of 29 people at both programs. This program was the Department's first in-person event since March 2020 when the pandemic struck.

On July 17, Librarian I Sylvia Reyna conducted a virtual class featuring the Library's subscription database Access Newspaper Archives.

Ms. Reyna also participated in a San Antonio Oasis Older Adult's Life Long Learning virtual presentation highlighting "Remote Resources in Texana/Genealogy" on July 20 along with Karen Sebesta from Landa and Irene Scharf from Igo libraries who emphasized additional SAPL services.

Ms. Countess presented "Getting Started in Genealogy" on July 28 at the main campus of the San Antonio Oasis affiliate of The Oasis Institute, an organization that promotes lifelong learning to older adults. The enthusiastic group had many questions involving family history research, from birth and marriage information to understanding how to use DNA results to further fill-in their family trees.

Librarian I Andy Crews arranged for radio historian Steve Darnall to present a virtual program on July 30, entitled "Radio Goes to War." The program provided an overview of radio coverage surrounding World War II.

On July 31, Texana staff welcomed 11 visitors from the City's Cemetery Stewardship Program under the leadership of COSA's Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). The presentation provided attendees an opportunity to learn about city cemetery records and related resources available to researchers in the Library's Texana/Genealogy Department, as well as online through various library databases.

## **BRANCH LOCATIONS**

# BAZAN

The Bazan Branch library continued as a destination for summer lunches and Snack Paks for children ages 1- 18. Both programs were well received and provided staff with the opportunity to promote SAPL'S Summer Reading Programs.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen continued registering kids, letting them know about the many online programs and handing out Take-and-Makes crafts.

Teen Librarian Georgina Garcia welcomed teens visiting the branch with a free summer reading t-shirt and a Take-and-Make kit (journaling kit for the month of July) as well as information about teen summer programming on the library moderated Discord channel.

Teen online programming continued to be popular in the summer months. The well attended *Gaming Club* was hosted by Ms. Garcia and Teen Liaison Cassie Garza (*Saturdays on the 210Teens Discord server*) who also jointly monitored the channel throughout the week providing feedback as well as reference assistance. Teen *Gaming Club* provided teens with a safe space to make positive connections with each other, their club facilitator, as well as the opportunity for them to build their confidence by leading game play and showcasing their own gaming skills.

Virtual Coloring for Grown-Ups, hosted by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, held a mini reunion in July after a month hiatus. Several of the online participants were eager to show off new coloring books, sheets and supplies. A mother and daughter who had been attending the program for three years, but had not been able to attend for a few months, returned making it a great event for everyone.

The Bad Girls Book Club, also hosted by Ms. Prater, celebrated its three-year anniversary in July and chose to read *The Boyfriend Project* by Farrah Rachon. The workplace rom-com takes place in Austin, TX, a setting that most of the group members were familiar with and could make a personal connection to. Book two of the series is coming out in October and the group looks forward to reading it. The group also caught up with Summer Olympics news, making the meeting extra fun with lots of laughs.

# BROOK HOLLOW

Brook Hollow Library (BHL) Manager Jeannette Davies hit the ground running as the new manager by meeting with the Friends of Brook Hollow Library (FOBHL) at their quarterly meeting in July. Davies shared a presentation of staff requests for the branch, discussed library philosophy and engaged in a responsive and welcoming conversation. Davies continues to assist at the Collins Garden Library, (CGL), while transitioning to the BHL, through August. Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in July with the themes Summer Time Tastes and a segment on More TX BBQ. (Registration for August/September programs is available via the online SAPL events calendar. August topics are Back to School/Back to Work Lunches and Crazy Foods. Mexican flare is on the menu in September for Hispanic Heritage Month.

**Adults:** Brook Hollow Library Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon continued to host two very popular virtual programs in July. The Among Us and Spyfall virtual programs were at max-capacity and all attendees had plenty of fun playing and interacting with each other. Attendees commented they hoped that the program would continue for a few more months since it's their way of interacting with the

community due to COVID limitations. De Leon and co-host look forward to continuing the program for a few more months.

De Leon hosted the first in-person meetings in almost a year and a half of the two longest running book clubs @ Brook Hollow Library. The Mystery Book Club met to discuss ***Just One Evil Act*** by Elizabeth George. Members were overjoyed to finally see each other in person again and are looking forward to continuing to meet in person in the coming months. The La Tertulia Book Club also met in-person to discuss ***Gothia*** by Santiago Castellanos. Due to a couple of members still hesitant to meet in person, De Leon facilitated a hybrid meeting with some members in person and some virtually so all could participate in the discussion. Additionally, De Leon continued to co-host the Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club as a hybrid meeting with some members virtually and those who meet in-person at the Potranco Branch Library. The group discussed ***The Fifth Season*** by N.K. Jemisin and also discussed future books to read.

**Children:** Brook Hollow Library (BHL) families continue to enjoy branch-created Maker Kits and system-wide Take-and-Make kits with arts and crafts supplies for creating together at home. In July, BHL Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas helped run Game Time Online; Baby Time Online; Tweens Play Among Us; Read to a Dog Online; Toddler Time Online; and Art Club Online for children twelve years of age and younger. During Baby Time Online, parents have given very positive and thankful feedback for continuing the program and sharing song sheets each week. One mom said that every week she posts the song sheet over her changing table to continue singing with her child throughout the week. Salinas also helped with specialized summer programming to celebrate **Summer with SAPL** including hosting singer ***Hot Toast*** for a live concert and watch party; facilitating an online Scavenger Hunt; and hosting children's cooking programs Nibble with Willow and Cooking Around the World in partnership with the SA Food Bank.

Salinas also started a passive program for families to enjoy this summer that helps to promote circulation. Families pick up slips of paper to take home and create paper links for every book read. Then, they return their paper chain segment and staff add it to the growing branch paper chain in the children's area. It's created a festive décor to wrap around the room.

**Teens:** Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot finished her stint as Brook Hollow's interim manager this month with the arrival of Jeannette Davies to the branch. Pouliot would like to thank the staff for all of their help over the past two months, and for providing her with a chance to lead this amazing team. Pouliot co-hosted Teen Time on Discord twice this month. Teen Time is different every week, but always features a way for teens to connect virtually. The teens played Jackbox games and talked energetically about their favorite new internet memes while listening to music together. Pouliot participated in both Racial Equity Training and Radical Leadership Training during the reporting period. From the former she takes away a deeper understanding of the psychology of hiring and racial bias, and from the later, a more comprehensive view of what makes a great leader.

## CARVER

Carver branch resumed its summer lunch partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank but noted that the program did not attract as many families as it had during previous summers. At the same time, some families still found the lunches especially helpful. Young people up to age 18 were eligible to receive the lunches. The program was expected to run through August 5.

CPS Energy became a presence at Carver Branch during July. The mobile energy vehicle began making weekly visits, reaching out to community members to discuss ways in which the utility company could offer assistance to customers.

The branch revived its popular chair yoga class for seniors. The class had been halted by COVID restrictions. Branch staff were happy to see the regulars return for their workout. In addition, facilitator Gloria Simmons introduced a new class, mat yoga, which is growing in popularity.

The Cody Branch Library was happy to welcome back our regular book and film clubs in the month of July. Staff participated in the “Codylympics”, organized by Library Assistants Luanne Bloom and Angela Olivarez, as part of the monthly Wellness activities. Summer Reading continues see new registrations and the branch surpassed 500 children registrations by the end of July.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon took part in several system-wide virtual programs during the month of July. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Yourdon read the book *The Black and White Factory* by Eric Telchin during *Story Time Online*. On July 8<sup>th</sup> during *Art Club Online* Yourdon played a zoomed in art guessing game where children tried to guess the zoomed in pictures of popular book characters. On July 14<sup>th</sup> Yourdon co-hosted Kevin Sherry's virtual author visit. During *Story Time Online* on July 22<sup>nd</sup> Yourdon sang several songs, had children name things that start with the letter T, and practiced the letter T sound with children. Later that day, during *Art Club Online*, Yourdon led the group in a demonstration of stamp painting with children using objects that they found at their homes and in nature to create unique stamp paintings of their own. Finally, on July 29<sup>th</sup> Yourdon hosted the *Story Time Online* program.

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The second was a bubble wrap stamping kit. Kids could use the provided bubble wrap to dip in the paint and stamp on their paper.

The achievement Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver was proudest of this month was the training she led for her fellow Teen Librarians and Liaisons, on relabeling Young Adult Nonfiction titles. Her colleagues left the training ready to relabel teen nonfiction titles to reflect their true audience. Weaver has also been working hard to encourage teens to sign up for the annual Teen Summer Program. In addition to providing journaling kits for teens and macramé kits for adults, she created kusudama flower kits that recycle old book pages into beautiful flowers.

In looking ahead to the fall, Weaver established a new schedule of weekly teen and adult programs, to begin in August, and planned the first activities for these upcoming programs. As the branch's Volunteer Liaison, she began accepting volunteer applications and scheduling interviews with interested teens and adults. When volunteers begin training and volunteering in August, they'll be able to choose from a new slate of activities that Amy Rae and her colleagues developed, in order to provide greater variety for volunteers and help to staff. Finally, she assisted with the soft launch of the LibPicks recommendation service and has provided detailed recommendations for patrons looking for new books to read.

## **COLLINS GARDEN**

### **Adult**

Children's Librarian Ms. Brudi facilitated the monthly Adult Book Club via Zoom in July. The group read the book **Cool Millions** by Jess Walter. Library Assistant Carlos Loera worked with branch manager Jeannette Davies on Noontime Helping of Cooking, a cooking program on Zoom.

### **Teen**

Teen Services Librarian worked with Teen Volunteer to host 4 weekly programs on Discord and 4 weekly programs led by the teen services librarian, for a total attendance of 54 teens, allowing teens to use their imagination, developing their teamwork skills, and spending time engaged in responsible clubs and after school activities. The Clubs Assistant role on the 210teenlibrary Discord server gives teen volunteers the opportunities to develop their planning and decision-making skills and sees their place and having a place of purpose, being depended on by their peers to write the story and facilitate the D&D event. The game also gives the player the opportunity to develop their empathy, sensitivity and friendship skills with their fellow participants.

### **Children**

In the month of July, Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi, continued to serve library families and teachers with Make and Take Kits and Reader's Advisory during the reporting period. As part of the Babies and Toddlers Committee, she engaged children during Toddler Time via Zoom and signed up children for Summer with SAPL reading program.

## **CORTEZ**

### **Manager and All Staff**

The Branch continues to partner with the Parks Department to share Nature Smart Library activities. This month the Branch had kits on oceans, rainbows, and beetles and enough kits were provided that the extras were shared with Collins Garden Branch. Branch Manager Cammie Brantley also created a kit on the topic of hummingbirds and included activities for both children and adults. Circulation Attendant

Madeline Vasquez and Librarian Angela Morrow worked together to come up with a “shark hat” Take-and-Make as well. The Cortez patrons have really come to look forward to these kits while children’s programming is so limited.

Librarian II Adult Services Angela Morrow left to become Branch Manager at Westfall. The staff wished her well with a “good luck” breakfast on July 29.

Manager Brantley is happy to report that after assisting a customer on the phone on July 15 the patron told her “the more I use the library the more I love it”.

In addition to Olivia Escobedo Librarian I from Central Children’s Department helping out with staffing, this month Cortez added Librarian I Vicky Villalobos from Central Reference a couple of days a week. Both are waiting for final processing to be Librarian II’s at Cortez.

### **Children**

A variety of staff are filling in for the lack of a daily Children’s Librarian. They are enthusiastically registering kids, giving out books and encouraging everyone to return. Over 200 children have registered as of the end of July. The staff added another activity with chanclas drawn in chalk outdoors and pieces of chalk to give out to children to color them in. The scavenger hunt to find images inside the library continued to be a hit with almost 40 children finding the objects to win a small prize.

### **Adults**

Three craft classes took place for the month of July. Twenty-one were in attendance. The crafts consisted of: DIY Mosquito repellent and Diamond painting. Staff loved being able to welcome the class back to the library. All of the patrons expressed joy to be able to come back and also how much they missed seeing each other.

In July, Adult Services Librarian Angela Morrow continued to sign up Summer Reading Program (SRP) participants and distribute prizes for SRP. In person programming resumed with great turnout for the adult programs, both COAST and the established crafting group. Additionally, Angela set up a passive program for the month; an origami station with paper, directions, folded examples, and a book display for visitors of Cortez to enjoy which not only kept patrons pleasantly occupied but also resulted in circulation.

### **Teens**

Summer Reading has been going well. Twenty t-shirts and thirty-eight Take-and-Make kits were given out in the month of July.

## **ENCINO**

Our families and children have enjoyed the new version of summer reading club in which children receive a gift book at the beginning of summer. Many caregivers have commented this approach inspired their children to want to read more. Summer Reading Children’s sign ups at Encino branch totaled 549 for the month of July.

Children’s Librarian Lea Ann McDonald created new book displays featuring art and artists as well as a large, new non-fiction display as well as the facilitator and contributor of the Art Club Online children’s virtual program.

Families enjoyed the July Take-and-Make kits, created especially for Encino patrons by Lea Ann. These included: Shapes Process Art, Animal Cut-Out Collage, a Tween Kit—Mosaics and an Intergenerational Kit—Ice Cream in a Bag (quarterly collaborative kit with Assistant Manager Ann Laird).

The Summer with SAPL scavenger hunt/passive program, created by Lea Ann McDonald, was still highly popular with over 75 participants. Ms. Lea Ann has created a variety of prizes since some patrons like to do the scavenger hunt each time they visit. Coming in Fall, a new scavenger hunt will be created for families to enjoy!

A new Story walk was set up for families to enjoy outdoors. Patron feedback has been positive regarding this engaging outdoor activity and changing it every few weeks gives children something new to do each time they visit.

July kicked off at Encino with another popular adult Take-and-Make craft! On July 2nd kits were distributed to make tassel keychains. Children's Librarian Lea Ann McDonald and Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird collaborated to create an intergenerational/family Take-and-Make kit in honor of National Ice Cream Day! Families were able to take home a kit to make their own "Ice Cream in a Bag" – all ingredients and supplies were included except for the cream. Encino also continued the "Spice in Right" program, featuring green cardamom pods in July.

Encino is one of the pilot branches to begin offering in person programming for adults. The first program, "Paint @ Encino," was scheduled for July 10, filled up the registration quickly, and had 11 attendees! The attendees were happy to see library programming starting up again, and look forward to future programming. Also offered was a "Yarn Wrapped Wreath" program on July 31. However, the wreath program only had 4 people register. "Paint @ Encino" was so popular, it will be offered again at a later date.

Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird co-moderated a Zoom program, Experience Good Energy Flow with Chi Kung and Tai Chi, with Librarian Diana Starrett on July 24th. The program was well attended, and students were very appreciative of the offering.

Encino welcomed a new staff member to the team! Circulation Attendant Part Time Ella Mertz joined our team in July and has become an integral member of the circulation team. We look forward to seeing her shine in her customer service role.

## FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch opened for interim service from the Gilbert Garza Community Center on July 27. The opportunity to restart service to the surrounding community was a welcomed change for the staff. The partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department allowed staff to quickly mobilize in this off-site location. Patrons are able to retrieve holds, return items, and sign up for library cards at the Gilbert Garza Community Center. Library staff is available to also provide reference information and direction. Through this venture staff are hopeful to make connections with facets of the community who might not be aware of library services.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor offered a virtual as well as an in-person book club for the Doris Griffin Senior Center. After many months of virtual meetings, the seniors appreciated the opportunity to meet in person. The group discussed The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.

Ms. Menchaca was happy to host Dinosaur George twice in July. The event was a lot of fun; Dinosaur George is very funny and has a lot of knowledge about dinosaurs and the prehistoric era of the earth.

Story Times continue to happen weekly. Ms. Menchaca participated in two Story Times this month. Curated Story Times provide parents resources so that they can do Story Times at home. Ms. Menchaca wrote one in English and a separate one in Spanish.

Ms. Menchaca created a Spanish video for YouTube of a board book about Selena Quintanilla. Surprisingly, a patron called library staff housed at the Gilbert Garza Community Center and expressed her appreciation to Ms. Menchaca for creating the video. Ms. Menchaca was delighted and thanked the patron for the positive feedback.

"We Dream in Space" was submitted by Ms. Menchaca as the blog entry for the week of July 29th. It dealt with a family in the 80s right before and during the tragedy of the Challenger explosion.

Happy Tails presented a program this summer, Ms. Menchaca was thrilled to co-host the program. Children were delighted to see a porcupine, a snake, and other exotic animals. Happy Tails employees shared a lot of information about the animals; children were allowed to ask questions.

Magician Richard Blake showed his tricks and magic during a virtual show, Ms. Menchaca was able to co-host. Children were astonished at the magic that Mr. Blake was able to show them.

To close out a busy and successful month, Ms. Menchaca joined LRW at Elmendorf park for some outreach. Children received chalk and bubbles; it was awesome to play outside with some kids for a little while. As always, the LRW staff is wonderful!

## **GREAT NORTHWEST**

The Explorers@Home visited Australia this month. Children's librarian Cari Raley created activity kits with guides exploring Australia so families could explore the country by making Dot Paintings, Boomerangs, and Digeridoos. They learned about kangaroos and the Great Barrier Reef. They also made yummy treats like Cheesy Dampers and spaghetti and cheese jaffies. Over 100 families are signed up for the Explorers@Home activity guides, and Ms. Raley sent out over 100 more digital activity guides for the ABC Club. Over 700 kids have signed up for the Summer Library Club and can visit the Great Northwest Big Bucket Photo Booth to celebrate!

During July, Teen librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four virtual Teen Time programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens devised and implemented gaming utilizing Teen Services' new video game streaming resources, shared original artworks, music playlists, memes, short stories, and discussed books & other fandom media. Teens demonstrated masterful ownership over their virtual space. Teens suggested Discord server improvements including new Star Wars, Legos, and Animal Crossing channels. Teens requested 3D printing and custom button services and picked them up at the branch. As part of the Teen Summer at SAPL incentives, teens collected customizable journal kits and t-shirts designed by teen artist Rosie Ganske.

Adult Services librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked on the Hispanic Heritage Month committee meeting and the Esports committee meeting in July. Ms. Vazquez is also participating in the SAPL In-Person Adult Programming Workgroup that is planning the return of in-person programming for adults at the library. Great Northwest Library is partnering again with the Parks and Recreation department to offer a Fitness in the Park program at the library.

Library assistant Kathleen Marascio continues to plan and record videos on gardening, crafts, and cooking such as flower preservation and cooking demos. Ms. Marascio recently completed a cooking demonstration video on Strawberry Tres Leche and is working on a gardening video Garden Harvest: After the Rain. Ms. Marascio is planning a future Pokémon Trivia Contest event.

Great Northwest Branch Library welcomes 3 new part-time library assistants to the branch and one new library aide. Amber Hughes was promoted from library aide at Westfall Branch Library. Jennifer Tristan was a former Great Northwest Branch volunteer and Laura Keefe is new to the system with prior library experience. Melanie Buendia Sanchez is also a prior Great Northwest Branch volunteer and is now a library aide. The branch is happy to have them join the team!

## GUERRA



Guerra Library Aides along with Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson created a wonderful paper book tree for patrons to enjoy in the Children's area complete with a birdhouse and flower garden. Guerra Branch Library hosted a Job Fair on July 16 with representatives from Selrico and the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo attended the LibraryCon 2021! Get Graphic This Summer webinar on July 15. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *The Talisman* by Stephen King and Peter Straub on July 21. Ms. Bustillo attended the COSA Toastmasters meeting at Collins Garden on July 23.

Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson participated in the following programs for children: July 2 - co hosted Dinosaur George: Tyrannosaurus rex, July 7 – cohosted Hot Toast with Mr. Symon: a musical concert about the world around us and the world within, July 9 and 23 – Read to a dog, July 14 and 28 – presented at Toddler Time Online Live, July 28 – co-hosted Illusions with Blake: a live online magic show. On July 31, Arlene attended SummerFest, a celebration of summer readers – with games, stories, music, treasure maps and more. Ms. Richardson continued to add weekly program offerings - videos and curated programs from her Toddler Time work group to the preschool LibGuide. Arlene added an Olympic Facts display to the Children's Section highlighting interesting facts about the games.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *El ratón y la pelota roja (The mouse who reached the sky)* by Petr Horáček on July 3. Next, he recorded *¿Por qué no quieres comer? (Why don't you want to eat?)* By Jonathan Farr for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on July 16. On July 30, he presented the library trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. In this game he emphasized questions on the Fourth of July as well as famous ruins.

Library Assistant, Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry attended the Teen Services and Esports Committee meeting on July 20. Mr. Mayberry served as the facilitator for the Teen Library Instagram Live Journal Kit with Maverick Branch Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl and Neko Massi on July 9.

Circulation Attendant & Wellness Liaison A. Abella Lazalde-Jimenez continued with Wellness Wednesday Morning Sessions: July 21- guided office exercises; July 28- guided Peaceful Relaxation & Gratitude meditation. The Guerra staff attended the Free Your Mind Friday session on July 9 as a group. Ms. Lazalde-Jimenez recorded three stories for Story Time/Telecuentos: July 6 - *De Qué Tienes Miedo Ratoncito* by Susanna Isern; July 9- *Felipe Tiene Gripe* by Gracia Iglesias; July 23- *Nico y Pato* by Bernat Munes.

## IGO

Igo Branch was very busy in the month of July with 25000 customer visits doubling the number of visits in June. Few adult in-person programs resumed and attendees were very happy to be back at the library. Igo Mystery book club members had their first post COVID in-person book club in July 2021. Sixteen members attended the program.

During the month of July, the teen services librarian Laura Herman had in-person programming. Some new teens joined and they were able to play musical instruments, paint, play games and meet other people they might not have met before. July craft kits were distributed to teens and more summer reading shirts were given away too. There is also a passive voting poll in the teen space that the teens can vote on their favorite hot beverage and there were many participants.

Igo Branch Manager Tim Johnson resumed hosting meetings of the Igo Dollars and Sense book group on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Despite it being a holiday weekend seven members showed up to discuss the book *Naked Money* by Charles Whelan. The book is highly recommended for anyone looking for an entertaining and easy resource to develop an understanding of monetary policy and central banking. Mr. Johnson is also co-host of SAPL's monthly sci-fi and fantasy podcast *Escape the Earth* which has almost 600 downloads since its inception.

Library Assistant Irene Scharf is sending a newsletter every month to the members of her senior group Elderberries. The July Elderberries newsletter was emailed to 150 Elderberries members. The theme with listed resources was the Summer Olympics 2020 in 2021. In July 23, 2021 she presented a PowerPoint on Zoom for OASIS on "The Igo Library Elderberries Senior Services"

## JOHNSTON

Branch Manager Cristine Mitchamore has been answering Reader's Advisory questions submitted to the new service "SAPL LibPicks" since the initial rollout on July 1. Patrons looking for something to read/listen/watch can submit a form through SAPL LibPicks, that can be found on the website, and staff will offer suggestions to read/listen/watch.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham continued to co-hosted the following programs on Zoom: Baby Time-Live Online and the bi-weekly Game Time Live. She recorded the story "One Dog Canoe" for Dial-A-Story program and delivered a Summer Play Prompt encouraging families to visit their local parks. Miss Tiffany was instrumental in leading the planning and presentation of Summerfest Beach Party on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Zoom Beach Party included yoga, a sing-a-long, creating treasure maps and a demonstration of paleta making by a young library patron. Assisted by other Johnston staff, Miss Tiffany encouraged young



patrons to sign up for Summer Library Club. Pictures were taken of proud completers as they turned in their trackers. In addition to system-wide Take-and-Make Kits Miss Tiffany and Circulation Assistants Vida Salas and Raquel Gonzales created and distributed branch-specific Summer with SAPL Take-and-Make Kits which included: "Rainbow Wand and Colorful Banner," "Make your Own Rainbow," "Robot/Machine Collage," and "If I was an Olympian." Miss Tiffany is ready for August as she planned to make the last month of Summer as fun as the first month.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop presented at the uncoiled Conference on July 16<sup>th</sup>, with a presentation on cosplay in libraries and another on tabletop roleplaying game options for library programs outside of Dungeons & Dragons. They assisted their peers in Teen Services by running a Dungeons & Dragons game on July 21<sup>st</sup> to fill in for Daniella Toll and assisted Connie Hejl during Random Fandom on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mx. Prukop continued the Tryday Friday program. To help promote a book list on lesser known superheroes to be posted on the @210teenlibrary Instagram account, Mx. Prukop built a video on what is—and how to go about creating—a closet cosplay. They created miniature canvas painting activity kits for teens in response to interest that exceeded the July kits supplied by Teen Services. Mx. Prukop continued the partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank. An average of 18 lunches were supplied per day, every Tuesday through Thursday throughout the month of July.

Interim Training Officer Marcella McGowan attended the City of San Antonio (COSA) Black & African American Employee Affinity Group on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McGowan also attended several virtual Toastmaster meetings held on (August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th). Ms. McGowan also filled in on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Bazan as the Training Officer. Marcella McGowan also presented an in-person program entitled The Art of Salary Negotiations. Ms. McGowan attended the virtual 11th National Conference of African American Librarians, attending several presentations. Marcella also completed hosting the final round of the six-week series Healthy Bites, Healthy Moves with Evelyn Green. She was also joined by Blanca Hernandez and Sally Bauer, who helped monitor the chat for questions.

## LANDA

Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta delivered books on construction to classroom 4 at UPCC.

Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley, with awesome support from her Landa colleagues, helped over twenty teens join the Teen Summer Reading program, promoting virtual programming and sharing t-shirts and DIY kits. Because of these one-on-one engagements, two new teen volunteers signed up – one to work with the 210teenlibrary Discord team and another to help at Landa on-site. This volunteer will be a leader in the planning and development of Landa's teen activities as well as it's teen space and collection relocation.

During this time, Ms. Corley supported the Teen Nonfiction workgroup, assisting and troubleshooting the creation of physical labels for the new collection. She also visited Highlands High School with McCreless' Teen Services Librarian, Marisa Debow, where they connected with over forty new and returning students, giving away tees, sharing homework help and virtual program info, and creating library cards.

The Landa adult book clubs are all now meeting in person. The first to go back face-to-face was the book club that meets at The Village at the Incarnate Word. This month they read *Simon The Fiddler* by Paulette Giles, author of the very popular *News of the World*. Both are set in Texas in the Civil War Era. Reader's Ink read Elizabeth Warren's *This Fight is Our Fight*, a blueprint for rebuilding the Middle Class in America. The Mystery Book Club read the gritty first Jack Reacher novel, *The Killing Floor*, by Lee Childs.

In July, Landa Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta joined Sylvia Reyna from Texana and Irene Scharf from Igo Branch to present a program for Oasis, an organization that operates out of Morningside Manor Senior Residence providing programming for senior citizens. Sylvia, Irene and Karen shared information about programming and services available for older Americans.

## LAS PALMAS

Throughout the month of July we hosted teens from the YWCA who visited Las Palmas once a week to play games and work on crafts. Teen Take-and-Makes continued to be popular at the branch, as well as the teen summer registration tee shirts and free books.

## MAVERICK

Summer Reading continues to plow forward at Maverick! The Maverick Branch provided three in person adult programs such as Adult Coloring, Geocaching and welcomed back the Ladies Choice Book Club. As the new school year approaches, the reference team continues to weed and enhance the collection.

As of July 31, Maverick Library has 465 children registered for the summer reading club and 62 finishers. Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts and staff will encourage kids to sign-up and complete the program through August 31. The Maverick staff distributed 150 Take-and-Make Kits to kids within the first two weeks of July, which were much appreciated by our younger patrons!

Ms. Roberts spent the reporting period doing some much needed weeding of the juvenile collection. She completed the majority of the non-fiction area and finished all of the juvenile fiction area.

Ms. Roberts created programming and attended meetings in July. She attended 2 children's meetings on July 14 and July 28. On July 30, Ms. Roberts observed the online Baby Story Time group on Zoom. She created a curated Story Time for the Tiny Tots Committee based on the book "Piggies" by Don and Audrey Wood. On July 16, Ms. Roberts read "The Wheels on the Bus" by Jane Cabrera on Dial-A-Story.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl welcomed Teens back to Maverick, facilitating programs on Tuesdays, assisted by Library Aid Sarina Hackworth and two Teen Volunteers. The first week Bleichwehl set up Ping Pong and Teens enthusiastically crafted the Journal Take-and-Makes provided by Central Teen Services. The remainder of the month Teens chose to compete at Beat Saber, Ping Pong, Apples to Apples, Uno Flip, Uno Avengers and the ever-hilarious Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza card game. Bleichwehl, per Teen request, invented an analog version of the popular game Among Us for the last week of July. Three new Teens requested Volunteer Applications and several new Teens have been attending and getting to know others with common interests.

## McCRELESS



Adult Services Librarian Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard prepared mason jars to be distributed as a summer prize, 12 of them were given away during an outreach event at the South Side Lions Senior Center. She also attended the meeting of the Library and Homelessness workgroup.

Teen Librarian, Marisa DeBow, conducted 4 lunchtime outreaches at Highland's High School during their Jump

Start program. DeBow was able to talk to students about Teen Summer and SAPL resources. She made 15 new cards and gave away 28 summer t-shirts and 37 activity kits.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales hosted an outreach event at South Side Lions Senior Center. During the affair, he issued 25 new library cards and renewals, and gave away 12 summer prizes. Gonzales cohosted two virtual programs: a new episode of prerecorded "What's Poppin": Bingeable TV to be released in August, and the live program on Discord the "Cinema Terrible" on July 28<sup>th</sup>. He continues collaborating with Fiscal Symphony Team on creating a "Paying Bills Wizard" staff training session. Since July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Gonzales has been working as interim training officer at Bazan LEARN center.

## MEMORIAL

Reconstruction continues to move forward at the branch, the progress is evident as patrons enter the parking area to drop off items or pick up their items on hold. WI-FI services continue for limited hours in several parking slots.

Library on the Go, the literacy caravan continues to be used by staff to provide public service as a mini library to the community of Westside San Antonio. Summertime Reading is in full swing as adults and children pick up their requested items, craft materials and Snak Paks for children.

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall contributed two entries to the Children's Services Blog in July. She reviewed *President of the Whole Fifth Grade*, by Sherri Winston, for the July 9 entry and *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*, by Kwame Mbalia, for the July 16 entry. Mrs. Deffendall continues to provide reading services and craft activities for children.

Adult Services librarian Freddy Hudson attended an outreach event at Dress for Success on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The program advises candidates searching for employment on the proper attire to wear as they interview for possible hiring. Mr. Hudson spoke to DFS clients about computer and job resources offered by multiple SAPL branches. He also promoted LEARN Centers, LibGuides, databases and a variety of programs offered by different SAPL branches. Attendees were provided Summer Reading Program information handouts

Branch manager Maria Gonzales meets every week with SAPL administration, Kencon project manager and Munoz architects to ensure all building operations are on schedule. Mrs. Gonzales provides water intrusion reports to Administration as soon as rainwater is evident inside the building. Planning is underway for selection of furniture for different service areas.

During the July quarter meeting Amigos, Memorial's Friends group met with Mrs. Gonzales to learn more about the renovation project. During the meeting Amigos President Mr. Rodriguez placed a motion to provide water and ice by purchasing an HEB card for staff use. The motion passed and the card was delivered the next day by Secretary Diane Duesterhoeft.

## MISSION

Mission hosted a 5-hour outdoor activity program for all ages, the Mission Fun Olympics, on Saturday, July 31. Activities such as Archery, Discus Throw, Fencing, and a Book Balance Run were a few of the 13 competitions offered. Medals were awarded to winners of each of the competitions.

Library Assistant (PT), Jessica Viera, hosted an adult craft program, DIY-U: Sand Terrarium in which participants created their own colorful mini globe sand terrarium.

Teen Club was held two Tuesdays in July. Teens worked on an Art Journal activity and created Mini Canvas Tape Resist art at the two programs. A Teen K-Pop program also took place during the month of July which was organized by Circulation Attendant, Megan Feely. Librarian, Cindy Cruz, also helped facilitate the virtual teen book club (Bookworms) on July 17th.

## PAN AMERICAN

In July, the Pan American Branch Library continued to provide walk-in computer access, browsing, and inside use of the library space. Customers were again happy to find out that they could again enjoy the libraries and take advantage of all services that were reduced for nearly 15 months. Pan American Branch staff were excited and glad to see all the smiling faces coming through the door.

Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal organized two branch-specific Take-and-Makes 1 was a Mandala Sand Art Pictures and the other was a Butterfly Sand Art Pictures. Patrons were supplied with a kit that included a Mandala picture and five different colors of sand. Based on patrons' feedback, they really enjoyed assembling this craft.

Children's services librarian Olivia Escovedo and Library Assistant Stephanie Perez created an "I Spy" activity for the kids at Pan American. The images hidden among the stacks are characters from popular children's books. The children search the stacks for the characters for a chance to win a prize consisted of pencils, stickers, and a SAPL button. Ms. Perez also created a reader's advisory "zine" that featured a variety of books for teens and adults.

During July, Library Assistant Cassie Garza began hosting teen time programming in-person. There were a total of four in-person teen times held at Pan American Library. During each program, had an opportunity to choices from a variety of activities and crafts. Lily, a long-time regular attendee, suggested an air-dry clay craft and the continuation of shrinky dink keychains. Teens also designed and created their own pinback buttons and magnets.

Ms. Garza assisted Gina Garcia hosting the Teen services virtual gaming club. The club was held on the Teen Services Discord server every Saturday afternoon from 2pm-4pm. This month teens continued to stream their video games on the Teen service Discord server and also participated group gaming. The group decided to play multiple rounds of Jack Box games, Gartic Phone and Minecraft.

## PARMAN

The highlight of this month was a birthday celebration for everyone's favourite wizard. Parman was visited by many wizards and muggles. Keeping safety in mind and observing COVID-19 restrictions patrons of all ages were able to sign a gigantic birthday card for Harry. Magic wands were available to all and picked their wizards wisely. During the day 97 wands were connected with their wizard. There was also a scavenger hunt that led several wizards on the wild chase through the library. This event was successful thanks to the dedication and involvement of all the staff members at Parman



Due to the branch needs the manager Barbara Kwiatkowski presented a few meetings for teens in July. Teens were excited to be back in the library and meet face-to-face now that some COVID restrictions had been lifted. Many said how much they missed the library and being able to see their peers at Parman was truly special. Within their first week they formed the Teen Council of Parman with 9 very active members. They already got to work around the library helping out with programming. Teen Council members played a pivotal role in Parman's birthday celebration for Wizard of the century. Council members made the day special for patrons by making sure wizards of all ages got to test out their wands and spells on a nearby lamp that happened to light up at just the right moment. Council members also established a book club for teens of Parman and the book has been already selected. If the first month of teen time meetings is any indication of how things will go, the rest of the year will be the "Year of Teen Domination at Parman."

Stationary bikes continue to be a good addition to the services offered at Parman and many patrons enjoy daily "read and ride" opportunities.

In a children's department highlight of July was a visit from local children's author, Catherine Stier, whose book, *If I Were a Park Ranger*, was featured on the Parman StoryWalk®. Children's librarians Lisa and Teague brought in all seventeen of Ms. Stier's books for a special display highlighting the author. Summer Library Club finishers started bringing in their reading logs to share what they accomplished this summer. Kids were excited to tell librarians what goals had been met and the many fun summer activities they had partaken in.

Teague Shosh and Lisa Taylor created a pineapple paddle game kit for an additional seventy-five children to pick-up. Teague created a Summer Fun Scavenger Hunt for kids to enjoy while in the library, and over one hundred children spent time searching for the pictures and asking staff for hints. Several displays have been displays in the children's area to highlight special events and themes.

Digital programs continue to be presented for all age groups.

## POTRANCO

Adult Services Librarian Monica Huerta hosted the Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club where members discussed *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin over Zoom and in person at the Potranco Branch Library.

Monica continues to host weekly in-person "Mindfulness Meditation" programs and plans to provide outreach sessions at a local over sixty housing complex.

This month, Ms. Huerta invited representatives from the Positive Parenting Program to provide a three-session seminar for the local community covering positive parenting techniques.

Teen Librarian Jenny Borrero held a Teen Hangout in the Potranco teen area. Teens played board games, ate snacks, and hung out discussing their summer and preparing for the new school year.

Bookworms on Discord has been discussing "The Lord of the Flies" for the past few weeks. The teens have really enjoyed reading the book without having the pressure of being graded. They are looking forward to voting on the next book!

Children's Librarian Jackie Gonzales and Library Assistant Lisa Leandro were at Family Day hosted at Main Event. Ms. Gonzales and Ms. Leandro offered library card sign up, and provided resources on SAPL services.

Ms. Leandro continued to host the Virtual Adult Coloring program via Zoom. Her regular attendees have really enjoyed the bonds created over the past year. They spend time coloring, discussing their artwork, current events and sharing stories about their families.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services continued to celebrate *Summer with SAPL*. The branch signed up 163 children for the *Summer Reading Club*. Sixty-eight have written their names so far on paletas which are displayed on the Pruitt Finishers' Wall!

School age patrons participated in passive programming in the Kids' Zone, where they voted for summer break spots and their favorite paleta flavors. The branch gave away 275 summer-themed crafts, including paleta crafts, foil fish puppets, and puffer fish paintings as well as July's *Take-and-Make* SAPL kits.



The "Page-Turners Tween Book Club" met virtually and discussed "Turning Point," which was selected by a book club member.

Pruitt Teen Services was excited to bring back in-person "Teen Time" programming this month, beginning with board games, make and take drawing, and other passive programs. The branch had two well-received sessions with a total of 11 participants. Teen Services also distributed 37 Take-and-Make craft kits during the month of July.

In preparation for the new school year, Teen Librarian Sheri Watkins and Library Assistant Destiny Saenz-Taplin provided outreach at the Windcrest United Methodist Church "Back-to-School Bash."



Adult Services held the in-person and virtual attendance July session of the *TGIF Book Club*, discussing Brené Brown's "The Gifts of Imperfection." Participants had very different feelings about the content ("I'm so glad we read this book!" "I didn't like this book; maybe I missed something.") but the discussion was civil and lively.



Adult Virtual Coloring continued ("It was a pleasure. I have not colored since middle school").

The Special Needs Adult Programming group met, featuring a reading of "Fergal and the Bad Temper" by Robert Starling and a dragon craft. Additionally, Adult Services distributed 59 Take-and-Make crafts.



## SAN PEDRO

In July, the San Pedro Branch Library, continued to provide walk-in computer access, browsing, and inside use of the library space. Customers were again happy to find out that they could again enjoy the libraries and take advantage of all services that were reduced for nearly 15 months. San Pedro Branch staff were excited and glad to see all the smiling faces coming through the door. Computer usage was brisk during July and the branch saw an upswing in visits, likely due to the closure of the Central Library

Children's Librarian, Karen Braeuler reports that children and their families continued to stop by San Pedro to sign up for the summer reading program as well as drop off completed goals sheets for the summer. Ms. Braeuler also continued to co-host a monthly virtual Story Time for toddlers to much success. She also ventured to the San Pedro Springs Park pool to visit with Parks staff and talk to parents and their children about the SAPL summer reading program. The branch also had a variety of make and takes for the kids to work on at home.

In July, Adult Services Librarian Diana Starrett continued to host a monthly Tai-Chi class via zoom that has proven to be very popular with the community. Additionally, Ms. Starrett organized different adult Take-and-Make kits for customers.

Finally, Teen Liaison, Chrystal Hernandez continued to provide teen programming and support at the San Pedro Branch this summer. Ms. Hernandez assisted with the Teen summer reading program as well as various Take-and-Makes for young adults.

## SCHAEFER

Kids at Schaefer continued to sign up for the Summer Library Club throughout the month of July, and by the end of the month the total reached 400! In July kids also started bringing back their Summer Bucket List handouts – they received a goodie bag, a reading certificate and took a picture for the slideshow in the children's area of the library.

Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser was involved in many online programs during July. As a member of the Story Time workgroup, she hosted Story Time online on July 15 and was a presenter on July 29.

She co-hosted the Adventurers Book Club on July 17. She was involved in Read to a Dog online on July 9 and 23. She also hosted Dinosaur George's program on July 9.

With a group of children's librarians, she presented SummerFest, SAPL's end of summer party online on July 31. The party had a beach theme with lots of fun activities that included ocean animal yoga, a treasure map craft, a Story Time, a sing along and a treasure map craft.

The celebration for the grand opening of the Schaefer Trail was July 21, and Leslie put together bags of sidewalk chalk and created "chalk challenges" that the kids could draw on the trail! She gave out chalk to enthusiastic young artists throughout the party. The kids got to keep the chalk to use at home!

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez:

Published a Throwback themed playlist and a curated catalog list for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) programs during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Schaefer staff contributed their favorite songs to share with patrons.

Hosted the monthly Schaefer Virtual Craft program. Patrons created a Jeweled Sun Catcher. All the final Sun Catchers were very different as patrons created unique patterns with the jewels. Patrons had fun and shared laughter during the program.

Hosted the Schaefer Skimmer Book Club's hybrid meeting at the Schaefer Branch. Participants met in person and joined using the Zoom platform. The group discussed the book *Squeeze Me* by Carl Hiaasen.

Moderated Librarian Marcella McGowan's zoom program "Healthy Bites, Healthy Moves." Where Mrs. Evelyn A. Green, Nutrition Education Assistant from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service taught participants about healthy eating (MyPlate), family meal planning, budgeting at the store, food safety and the importance of physical activity..

Continued the "Book to Movie" Display for patrons to browse and enjoy. She also assisted Librarian Dacari Lambert with her Booktok display this month

The June Film Noir Movie club, led by Training Officer, Daniel Gomez discussed the film, The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946). Librarian Maria Adams facilitated the registrations of patrons and sent zoom instructions to access the online program.

Librarian Maria Adams co-hosted another round of SAPL Live Trivia with fellow librarians Brooke Mjolsness and Morgan Yoshimura on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

## SEMMES

Ms. Randi had a busy and truly fun month of virtual programming for children from her laptop stationed at Semmes Branch Library. She presented songs, stories, fingerplays and rhymes for Story Time Online Live on July 1, 8, and 15 and hosted this program on July 22. She presented the opening songs for Toddler Time Online Live on July 7 and the closing songs for that program on July 21. She co-hosted two special summer virtual programs: Hot Toast on July 7 and Kevin Sherry on July 14. She presented a story, song and meditation for bedtime for a virtual Pajama Story Time on July 6. She provided technical support for virtual Read to a Dog on July 9 and July 23. Two of her curated programs for toddlers

premiered on SAPL for Kids: One on July 6 for Across the Stream by Mirra Ginsburg and one on July 13 for Hello Day! by Anita Lobel. Her curated preschool program for Saturday by Oge Mora premiered on July 6. Ms. Randi recorded for the Dial-a-Story line three times: On July 20—A Cloak for the Moon by Eric A. Kimmel, on July 27—Ogilvy by Deborah Underwood and on July 30—One Grain of Rice by Demi. On July 31, Ms. Randi did a sing-a-long with the children for the virtual SummerFest program. The children who Zoomed in seemed to love being spotlighted, doing their best lip synching into their “microphones”.

Children’s Librarian Valerie Carroll

July 2nd, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and July 30<sup>th</sup> – Co-hosted Among Us for Tweens on Zoom

July 3rd - My SAPL STEAM: Gravity video premiered on YouTube. It has 23 views to date. It was created in conjunction with the STEAM workgroup's Gravity curated content post on the School Age LibGuide.

July 27<sup>th</sup> – first in-person Teen Time since the closure – 2 teens attended and played games

Distributed 36 CD Scratch Art Take-and-Make kits to teens

Distributed 13 teen kits with materials to weave a bluebonnet flower out of yarn

Distributed 128 STEAM-based Take-and-Make kits for children to make a harmonica out of craft sticks and rubber bands

Distributed 42 Marble Maze Take-and-Make kits for children

Distributed 50 Color Spinner Take-and-Make kits for children

## THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as chat moderator for the Noon Time Helping of Cooking program on July 1, 15, and 29. The program series is offered bi-weekly on Thursday afternoons and covers various recipes and kitchen topics.

The Film Noir Club program was held on July 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 July 9 and 23. The chair yoga series has a dedicated following and is held the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

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

On July 30, Ms. Mjolsness was the Master of Ceremonies for the SAPL Live Trivia program, a popular program that is held the last Friday of every month.

Adult Services Librarian and Teen Liaison Kimberly King continued attending online trainings and webinars. She attended the meetings for Teen Services, Volunteer Liaisons, and Pop Culture.

Ms. King ensured the Take-and-Make craft kits for July were available for distribution to patrons. She created an interactive activity which encouraged teens to vote for their favorite pet – cats or dogs.

Ms. King continued collaborating on the Teen Booklists Workgroup. She led the re-labeling project for the Young Adult Nonfiction collection.

## **TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL**

Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse, hosted a new program Cryptocurrency: Basics Part I on July 20. Good attendance for users wanting to learn about this on-line currency and how people can purchase bitcoins and utilize them.

On Tuesday July 13, Library Assistant, Terry Verner hosted a San Antonio Public Library table in Travis Park at the Movies by Midnight event. Ms. Verner spoke to lots of attendees prior to The Goonies starting at 8:30pm. These movies have been offered on Tuesday's by San Antonio Parks and Recreation.

Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier teamed up with Brooke Mjolsness from Thousand Oaks for an Open House at Compass Rose Charter School on July 31. New library cards were issued along with sharing information on Summer Reading and activities. Children's summer reading has continued to be very popular with nearly 500 children signing up and receiving a free book upon enrollment. The branch has a 31% completion rate for kids through July. Similarly, adults have enjoyed the Summer at SAPL glass cup and the Take-and-Make crafts.

Tobin's team is proud that Library Aide, Sandra Ruiz, was promoted to Circulation Attendant at the branch in late July. Ms. Ruiz is transitioning well with the rest of the team providing on the job training. At the July 30 staff meeting, employees created pool noodle sailboats and then raced them in shallow water, utilizing a large fan. Ms. Verner led this activity and received lots of directions on how fast to run the fan. Everybody enjoyed this special team building time. Pictures below.



**Noodle Boats**



**WESTFALL**

Angela Morrow has started as Branch Manager for Westfall as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. She was welcomed warmly by the Westfall team.

A total of 98 children were registered for the Summer at SAPL Reading Program, with 97 books and 1 journal given away to children. Westfall had 16 children bring in their completed “bucket lists” and they each received a certificate and goody bag including a sticker, button, and pencil.

Training Officer Michelle Rickman stayed busy with regular appointments and drop-in requests for the LEARN center. Enhanced Library Card requests have seen an increase in demand, helping the community by providing a supplemental identification for those in need of secondary identification.

Children’s Librarian Imelda Merino posted seven children’s programs to the Preschool LibGuide. These curated programs include links to songs, a read aloud book session, and rhymes. This provides families with a “Story Time at Home”. Merino participated in a Zoom Story Time Online on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, sharing a story and a closing song. She also participated in a July 8<sup>th</sup> session of Live Art Club and presented paper sculpture ideas.

Teen Services Librarian Heather Swindell has a new Teen volunteer who now leads the weekly Teen Time on Tuesdays and decides the program activities each week. Outside of program times, the teen area is stocked with art supplies and coloring pages for teens to enjoy. The Teen volunteer who heads the Discord Bookworms program on Saturdays has begun to take an active leadership in the day’s discussion. Heather also remains attentive to the teen community on Discord, participating weekly with Bookworms.

## 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.

# JULY 2021

FY 2021

### CIRCULATION: GOAL



**4,745,519**  
TOTAL FY GOAL

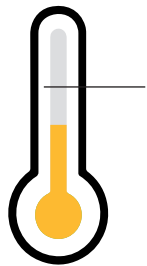
FYTD GOAL: 3,827,739

### CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR 2021



**4,571,526**  
ITEMS BORROWED

### LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



**1,794,701**  
TOTAL FY GOAL

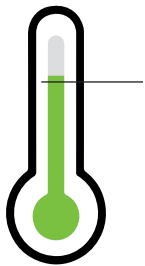
FYTD GOAL: 1,347,892

### LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



**1,000,696**  
VISITS

### DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



**953,237**  
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL: 752,386

### DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



**34,118**  
COMPUTER  
HOURS



**736,771**  
HOURS OF  
WI-FI USE

**770,889**

TOTAL HOURS OF  
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

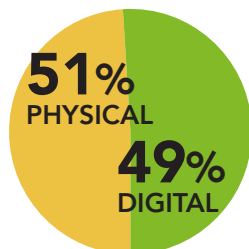


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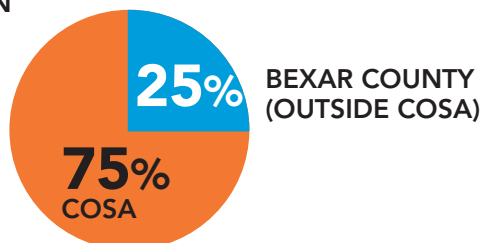
## JULY 2021 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2021

CIRCULATION  
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION  
BY SERVICE  
AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2021



**1,099,824**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**649,571**  
MYSAPL  
APP SESSIONS

**1,198,547**  
OVERDRIVE  
SITE VISITS

**3,078,355**  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS

### PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2021

**1,730**  
TOTAL PROGRAMS

**729**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**459**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**542**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**27,666**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**7,170**  
ADULT ATTENDANCE

**3,980**  
TEEN ATTENDANCE

**16,516**  
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

**291** PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

**37,324** PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

### JULY HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Back!

**ESL**

English as a Second Language

Open House: Westfall Branch Library

Saturdays: July 17, 24 & 31  
10 AM - 12 PM



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**SCHAEFER BRANCH  
LIBRARY TRAIL  
NOW OPEN!**



Join the Celebration!  
Wednesday, July 21 9:30-11:30AM  
Schaefer Branch Library  
6322 US Hwy. 87 E., San Antonio, TX 78222



**Summer Food  
Service Program**

GRAB AND GO! Free lunches for anyone 18 and under



Fuel your summer reading!

June 22 - August 5  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays  
12 - 1PM

At participating library locations:  
Central Library, Bazan, Carver,  
Collins Garden and Johnston Branches.  
While supplies last.



LEARN<sup>at</sup>  
sapl

**Art of Salary Negotiations**

Tuesday, July 27 6:15PM - 7:15PM

Johnston Branch Library

In-Person Event • 6307 San Valley Dr. 78227

Learn tips on how to be  
your own advocate, and  
develop a script before  
your next interview.



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# San Antonio Public Library

## July 2021 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	1,714	3,354	3,093	546	2,547
Brook Hollow	25,699	9,451	4,034	609	3,425
Carver	1,947	2,401	2,128	477	1,652
Central	6,036	11,315	15,388	1,170	14,219
Cody	29,255	8,731	5,140	492	4,648
Collins Garden	2,743	1,365	2,682	320	2,362
Cortez	2,906	2,987	2,109	239	1,871
Encino	17,802	3,287	4,009	114	3,895
Forest Hills	19	12	0	0	0
Great Northwest	23,555	16,232	4,280	343	3,938
Guerra	6,823	3,307	2,853	365	2,488
Igo	35,195	25,113	6,298	329	5,969
Johnston	6,116	3,355	2,310	351	1,959
Landa	13,336	6,520	2,515	245	2,270
Las Palmas	2,464	2,969	2,961	412	2,549
Maverick	23,148	6,229	4,889	450	4,439
McCreless	1,600	1,133	1,389	0	1,389
Memorial	967	199	0	0	0
Mission	8,145	7,687	4,236	658	3,578
Pan American	2,550	2,191	1,964	253	1,711
Parman	34,111	11,823	4,643	141	4,502
Potranco	14,818	4,530	11,369	355	11,014
Pruitt	3,254	3,067	952	162	790
San Pedro	2,757	2,202	2,189	250	1,939
Schaefer	7,169	2,465	4,281	386	3,895
Semmes	20,323	6,935	5,364	554	4,810
Thousand Oaks	5,439	2,985	2,258	234	2,024
Tobin	15,437	5,295	2,786	448	2,338
Westfall	9,112	5,181	6,498	746	5,751
Kampmann Library Portal	0	969	124	0	124
Interlibrary Loan	1,235	0	0	0	0
Online/Phone Renewal	41,248	0	0	0	0
Digital	223,404	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>590,327</b>	<b>163,290</b>	<b>112,743</b>	<b>10,648</b>	<b>102,095</b>

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

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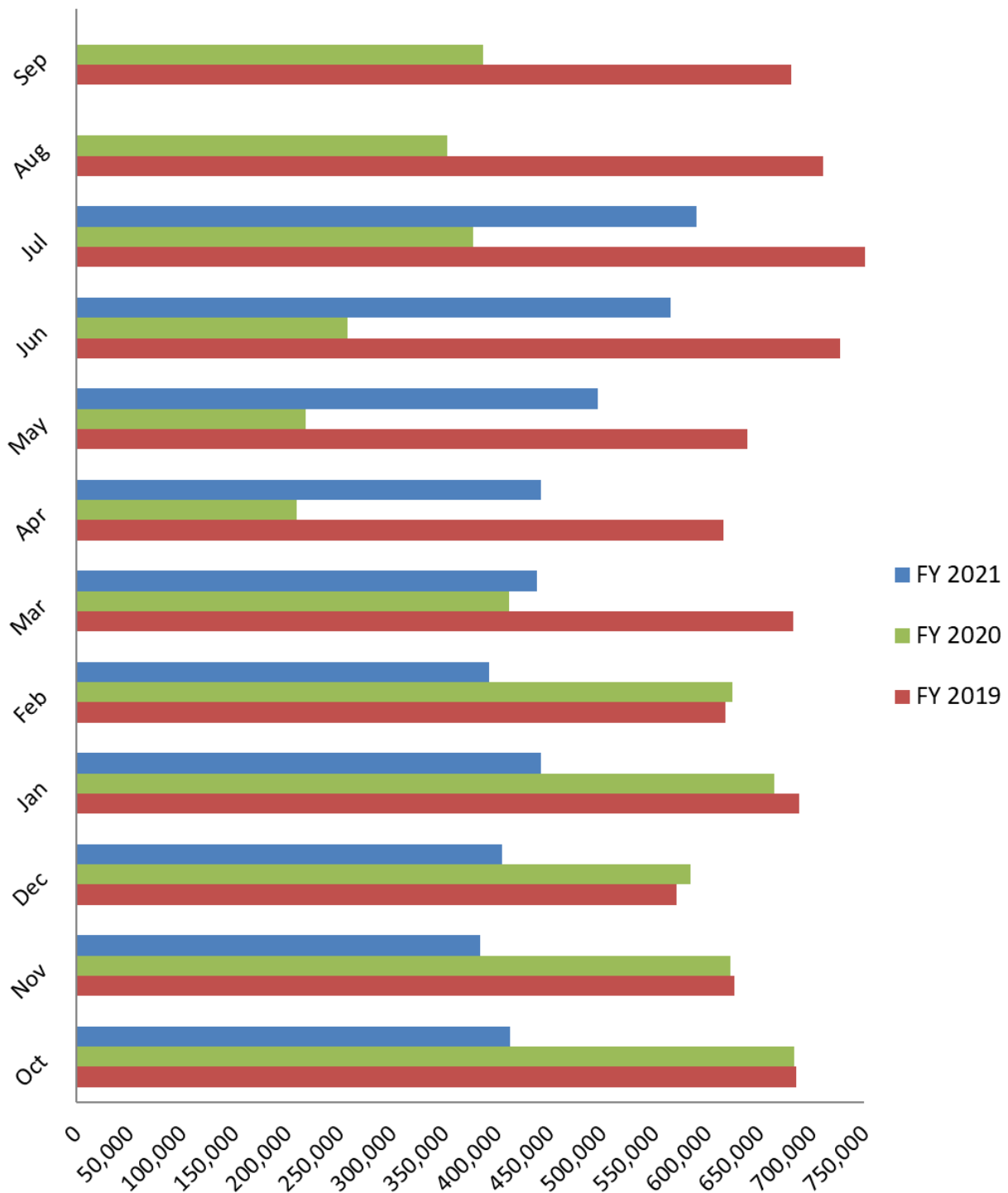
## July 2021 Programs and Attendance

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

Location	Total Live Programs	Number of Programs			Total Live Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	3	3	0	0	10	10	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	2	0	0	20	20	0	0
Carver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	25	14	6	5	478	317	76	85
Cody	7	7	0	0	45	45	0	0
Collins Garden	3	1	2	0	23	2	21	0
Cortez	5	5	0	0	34	34	0	0
Encino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forest Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Northwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guerra	2	2	0	0	30	30	0	0
Igo	11	7	4	0	67	53	14	0
Johnston	1	1	0	0	9	9	0	0
Landa	4	3	1	0	42	22	20	0
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick	8	4	4	0	90	46	44	0
McCreless	5	1	4	0	145	45	100	0
Memorial	1	1	0	0	15	15	0	0
Mission	16	12	3	1	174	139	9	26
Pan American	4	0	4	0	18	0	18	0
Parman	14	10	4	0	126	105	21	0
Potranco	12	9	1	2	129	58	2	69
Pruitt	12	6	2	4	400	104	154	142
San Pedro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	2	2	0	0	19	19	0	0
Semmes	3	2	1	0	8	6	2	0
Thousand Oaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tobin	5	2	0	3	307	10	0	297
Westfall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kampmann Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	14	0	0	14	334	0	0	334
System	87	15	37	35	2,350	154	299	1,897
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4,873</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>2,850</b>

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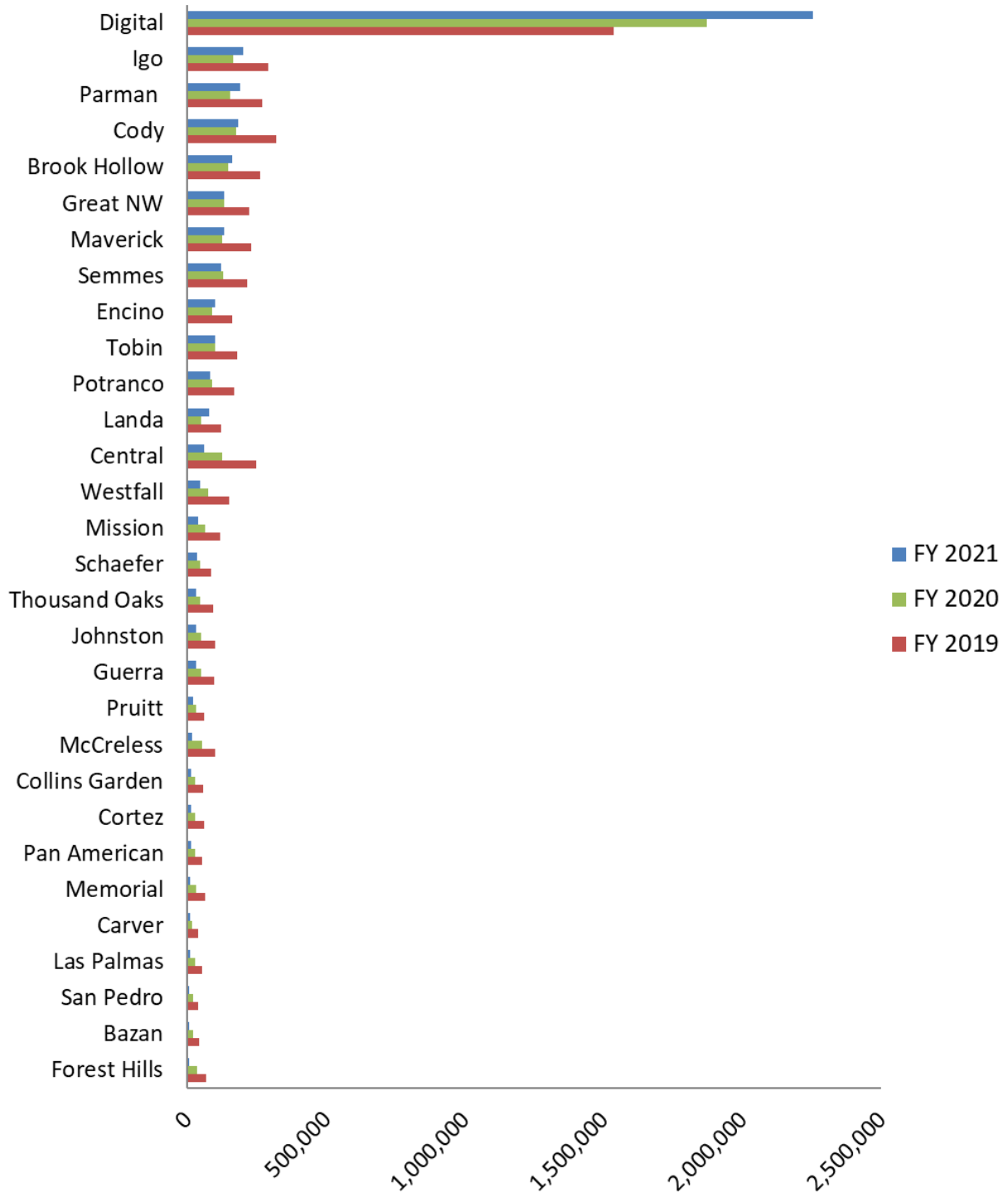
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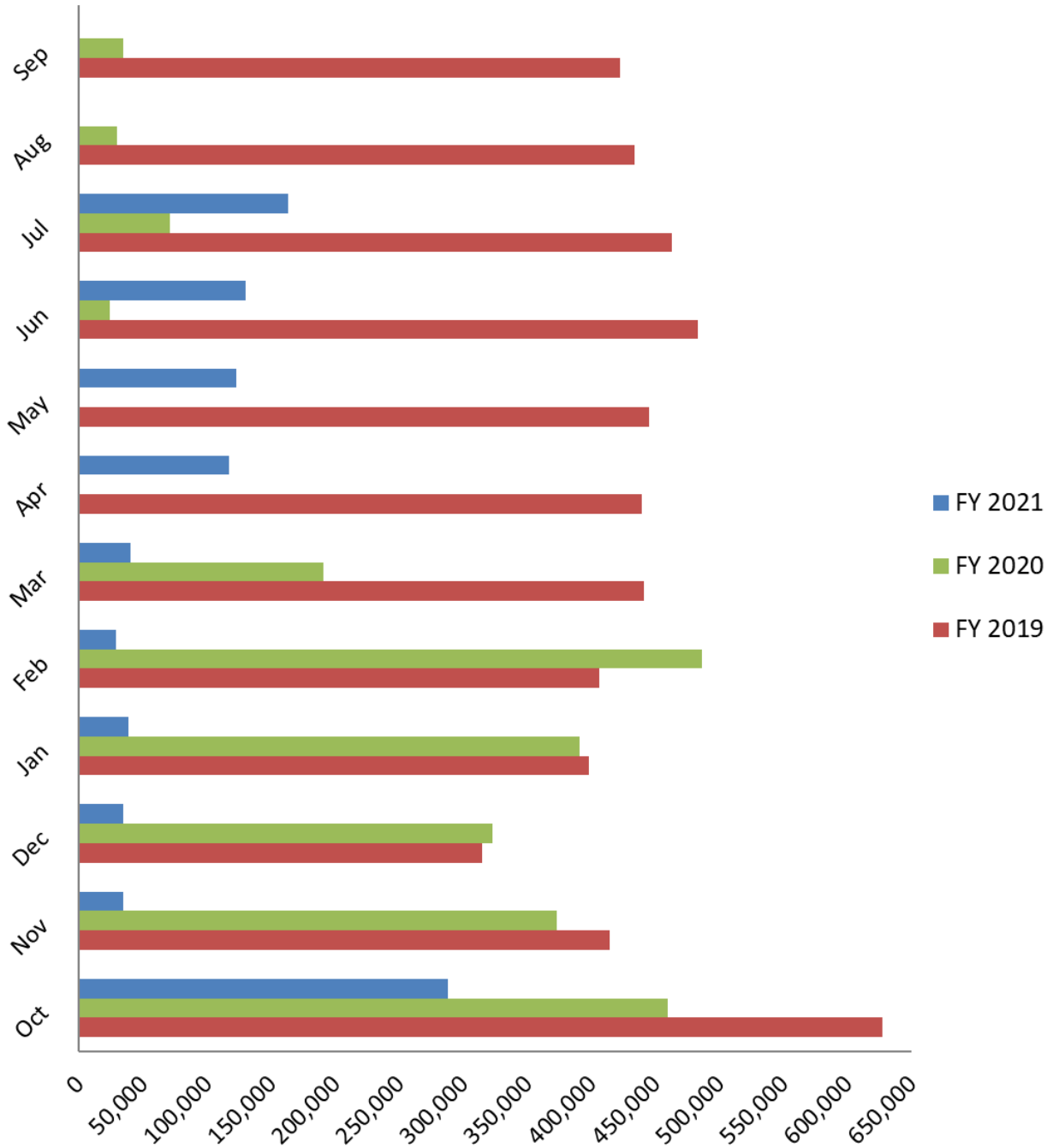
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## Visits



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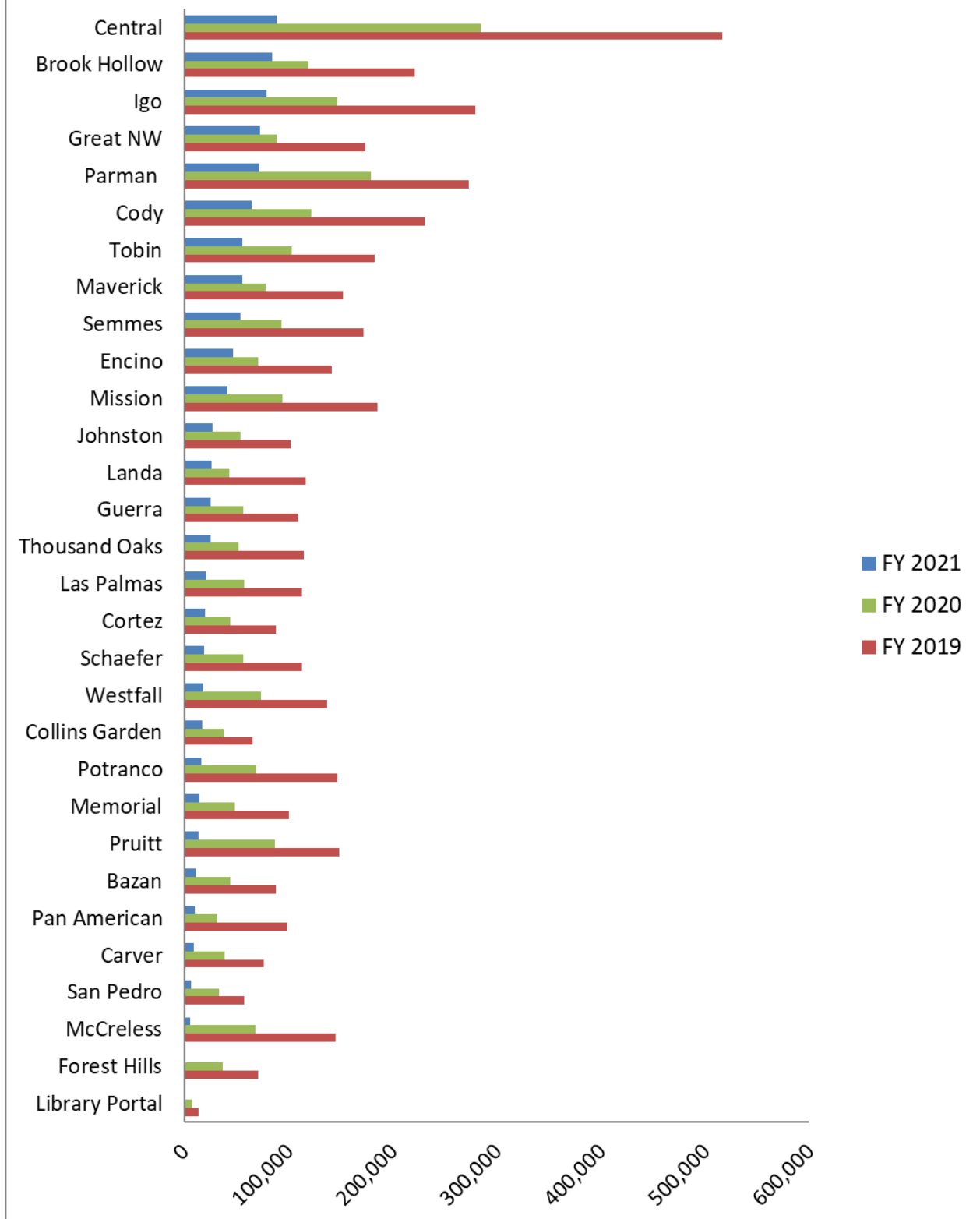
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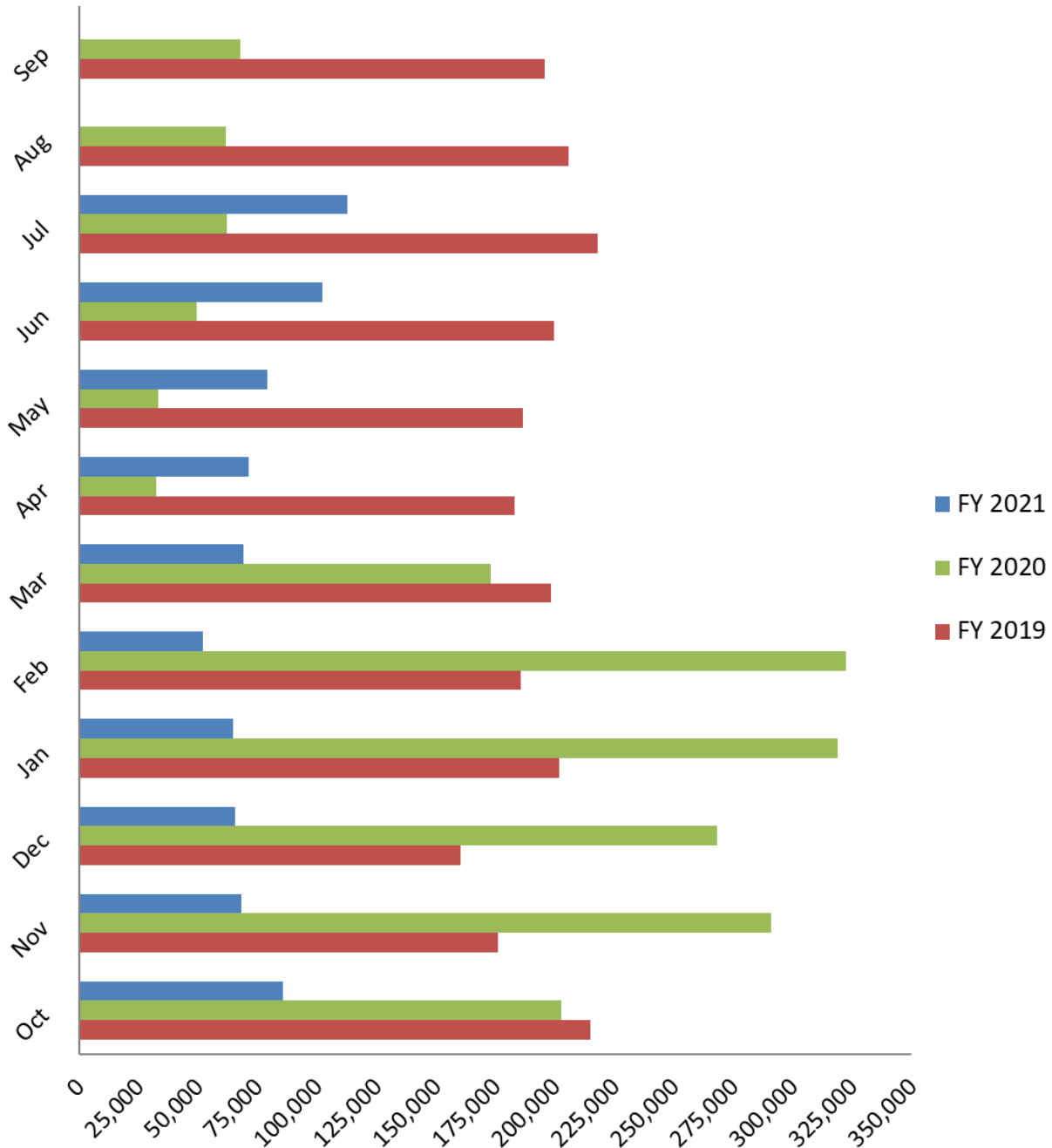
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## Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



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

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

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

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# APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

**LibPicks** – Online readers' advisory service being offered by San Antonio Public Library

**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.