

Carver Library

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Hours	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Monday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Manager	Ronnie Delgado
Bus Route(s)	25

The Collection

Special collections: African American Studies, Spanish Language Materials

56,696 volumes, includes music CDs, videos, DVDs, and audiobooks with strength in the areas of African American Studies and children's literature.

The History

The first Carver Library was set up in a small wooden building established by Afro-American Army officers based at Fort Sam Houston during World War I. It was moved to the Colored Community Center on North Hackberry in one room at the end of the auditorium. In 1973, the present building was built on donated land at 3350 East Commerce Street next to Second Baptist Church. The existing buff colored brick building, designed by Norcell D. Haywood Associate, was built at a cost of \$215,000.00. The initial book capacity was 35,000 volumes.

The Library was remodeled in 1994. The budget for the Carver expansion and renovation was approximately \$800,000.00. The funds for the project were authorized in the 1989 bond issue for library expansions, renovations, new branches, and literacy centers.

The Library was named after George Washington Carver, the African-American scientist of Tuskegee Institute. VCR player and monitor donated by the Carver Friends group

Renovation Architect: Haywood, Jordan, McCowan

Renovation Contractor: Dyna Construction

Square footage of the building: 12,000 square feet

The Community

Eastside of San Antonio and Bexar County, located in City Council District 2. Approximately 39,500 persons: 46% African-American, 33% Hispanic, 20% Anglo, and 1% Other. Fort Sam Houston is several miles north of the branch. Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum is 1 mile north of the branch.

Serves 37 schools, approximately 29 daycare centers and 11 nursing homes in the area. Serves schools in the San Antonio Independent School District, Alamo Community College District 2, and School Board of Education 3.

Located in U.S. Congressional District 21, State Senate District 19, State House District 120, Commissioners Court Precinct 4, Justice of the Peace 4, and Constable 4.

Directions

Via IH 37/US 281 and **Via IH 10/US 90 E**: Exit IH 35 N to New Braunfels Rd. South on New Braunfels to E. Commerce. Left on Commerce for four miles. Library is on the right.