



April 14 – May 18, 2014

## DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

On Wednesday, April 16, Library Director Ramiro Salazar, Assistant City Manager Gloria Hurtado and District 10 Library Trustee Linda Nairn met with Councilman Mike Gallagher. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the Libraries in City Council District 10.

On Thursday, April 17, Assistant City Manager Gloria Hurtado, Library Director Ramiro Salazar and District 8 Library Trustee John Nicholas met with Council Ron Nirenberg to provide information about Library services.

Ms. Belem Clark, Coordinator of the National Library of Mexico (Biblioteca Nacional de Mexico under the auspices of UNAM) visited the San Antonio Public Library on Friday, April 18. Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with Ms. Clark to provide information about the San Antonio Public Library and provide a tour of the Central Library.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar accepted an invitation from District 9 City Councilman Joe Krier to deliver a presentation about the new District 9 Branch Library during the Councilman's *Java with Joe* event on April 22. Attendees to the event are Presidents of District 9 Neighborhood Associations. That evening, Ramiro Salazar delivered welcoming remarks when the Library hosted newly minted San Antonio Poet Laureate Laurie Anne Guerrero for a poetry reading and book signing.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar accepted an invitation for a tour of the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network (GAATN) on April 24 with Councilman Diego Bernal, Councilman Ron Nirenberg, former Councilwoman Leticia Ozuna and Information Technology Services Department Director Hugh Miller.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar accepted an invitation to participate in the American Library Association's (ALA) Summit on the Future of Libraries at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC on May 2 – 3. The Summit is the precursor to the creation of a Center for the Future of Libraries within ALA.

On Wednesday, May 7, Library Director delivered remarks during the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy media event. The Project WORTH event sponsored by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, featured SA 2020 Executive Director Darryl Byrd and children and teens Project WORTH participants.

On Wednesday, May 14, Library Director Ramiro Salazar delivered welcoming remarks for the Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month program *Japanese Internment Camps of Texas*. The Honorable Judge Peter Sakai shared his family's experience in a Japanese Internment camp during World War II. Texas Archives historian William McWhorter also shared his findings on the camp in Crystal City.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar attended the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting on May 18 and delivered a presentation about plans for the Friends 2014 Gift to the Library.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The Young Pegasus Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 18 at the Herman Sons Grand Lodge. Assistant Director Kathy Donellan and Board member John Nicholas were on hand to congratulate the selected poets and distribute certificates. The 88<sup>th</sup> edition of the Young Pegasus Anthology contains sixty-six poems written by fifty-one poets. Two of the poets are home-schooled; the others represent eighteen area schools and one university. Assisting Children's Coordinator Viki Ash in hosting the event were five children's librarians: Valerie Shelley (Forest Hills), Nancy Rodriguez (Igo), Gina Brudi (Las Palmas), Ariel

Cummins (Tobin) and Imelda Merino (Westfall). Special thanks to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and Board Chair Jean Brady for their support of the Young Pegasus competition.

On May 15, Viki traveled to Phoenix with Robin Voigt of the San Antonio Children's Museum. Viki and Robin were part of a panel discussion at the Association of Children's Museum Conference. The panel's topic, Partnerships and Collaboration, gave the pair an opportunity to discuss the IMLS grant the SA Children's Museum received and the work the museum and the library are doing together.

Viki was also on hand for the Early Childhood Resource Fair, hosted by Councilwoman Ivy Taylor on May 3 at St. Phillip's. These resource fairs provide a unique opportunity to distribute information to formal and informal child care providers who may not be aware of the materials and services the library has to offer. Posters that include the five early literacy practices (Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, Playing) are always a big hit with resource fair attendees.

On April 26, children's services staff participated in Kids Fest, a community literacy celebration at Lockwood Park hosted by the United Way as part of their East Side Promise Neighborhood initiative. The Library's new VROOM! van was on hand for the festivities with crafts for the children along with information about library locations, hours and programming. Thanks to Arlene Richardson-Gibbs (Guerra) and Randi Jones (Semmes) for joining Viki in staffing the SAPL activity tent.

## LITTLE READ WAGON

### **Every Child Ready to Read Workshops (ECRR)**

State testing schedules and the end of the school year caused a reduction in the number of ECRR presentations at area schools. However, there were two ECRR break-out sessions presented by Xelena Gonzalez on May 3 at St. Philip's College as part of the Council District 2 Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair. Cresencia Huff and Martha Wichy presented another Math, Science and Early Literacy workshop for early childhood teachers on May 17 at Central Library.

### **Programs for Teen Parents**

Although the overall number of programs for teen parents is lower this reporting period, schools served include East Central High School, Navarro Academy and Sam Houston High School. On May 17 Ms. Gonzalez and Ronnie Webb offered a special Play & Learn program for Navarro Academy teen parents who were attending a Saturday credit recovery session. The Play & Learn was well-attended and teen parents had many moments of connection between what they had learned in their formal presentations from Little Read Wagon staff and the application of those concepts as they interacted with their children.

### **Youth Outreach Story Time**

Little Read Wagon staff continues to offer Youth Outreach Story Time programs. Each month at least 40 programs are offered at the following sites: Healy-Murphy Child Development Center, Pilgrim Head Start Center, Burleson Early Childhood Education Center, Tynan Early Childhood Center, Nurturing Hearts, John Calvin Preschool-The Cherished Child, Monticello Montessori, Southwest High School, Respite Care of San Antonio, San Antonio Can High School, Avance SW19th, Center for New Communities Early Head Start at Tynan, All My Children Day Care, and House of Neighborly Service.

### **Community Events**

With the end of the school year approaching, Little Read Wagon has received multiple requests for participation in career day events. The majority of these requests are referred to the closest branch library. However, Julia Lazarin participated in Career Day at Carvajal Head Start due to the ongoing Little Read Wagon relationship with the center. On May 3, Ms. Gonzalez began her day at the Council District 2 Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair (ECTRF) with a story time for parents/informal caregivers and their children. This is the only ECTRF with a parent track.

Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Wichy hosted a library information table at the City of San Antonio Head Start Conference on April 16. Ms. Huff represented the library at the Parent Child Incorporated Early Head Start/Head Start round-up event on May 3.

PreK4SA had a special event for families from both the North and South centers on May 17 at Olmos Park. Called MOVE, the event focused on family health and nutrition. Ms. Lazarin and Liliana Ornelas had an information table and a fun dramatic play activity featuring a “farmer’s market” with pretend produce for the children and their families. The event drew approximately 1,000 families and kept Little Read Wagon staff plus two volunteers from the PreK4SA staff busy the entire time.

### **Play & Learn**

City parks are the sites of current Play & Learn programs. A series began April 29 at Fairchild Park within the Eastside Promise Neighborhood. The VROOM! van has been very valuable in making the events more visible and transporting chairs, rugs and tables to help make the park experience more comfortable for participants. On May 13 LRW presented Dinosaur Day at the Woodlawn Wi-Fi room. In spite of the rainy and cool weather, a good-sized crowd attended and enjoyed playing with many dinosaur activities. On a dinosaur graph more children preferred the stegosaurus to other dinosaurs. Staff is already distributing flyers for summer Play & Learn programs already listed on the library’s electronic calendar.

### **Professional Development**

EarlyON!, a kindergarten readiness collaborative, had a quarterly meeting at the Central Library on May 6. Representatives from KLRN, Northside Independent School District, YWCA, Avance, and Little Read Wagon gathered to share recent activities and plans for the summer. These quarterly meetings are an opportunity to invite each other to upcoming events, share flyers and other information, and coordinate services across the city. All agency representatives were excited to hear about the summer reading programs for children, teens and adults.

## **TEEN SERVICES (SYSTEM-WIDE)**

### **Partnerships**

#### Music-Focused Organizations

Teen Services Library Assistant, JD Elizondo, continued planning and organizing the “Rock the Plaza” teen event, a concert which will be held at the Central Library Plaza on May 31. This is a partnership with Alamo Music’s Alamo Rock School.

JD is currently in talks with YOSA (Youth Orchestras of San Antonio) and the team that runs the City’s Take Note music program to discover ways that they can collaborate with him on his Eclectic Electric music program, as well as Teen Services in general.

#### San Antonio Food Bank

Teen Services is partnering with the SA Food Bank again this summer to provide free lunches to children and teens Monday through Friday from June to August. Teen Services staff attended training for the program at the Food Bank during the reporting period.

#### Inspire U

Staff involved in the Inspire U Workplace Mentoring Program (part of SA2020), met with their “littles” from Edison High School on April 28 at the Central Library. Bigs and Littles had lunch and enjoyed spending time with each other.

### **Off-Site Service**

Teen Services Librarian II, Kathleen Fordyce, conducted several outreach visits during the reporting period, in which she provided off-site service. On April 15 and May 13, as part of her monthly visits, Kathleen spoke to new students during Orientation at the Academy for Creative Education (ACE). She informed the students about the services and resources the Library offers for teens and signed them up for library cards. 150 students from ACE will be visiting the Central Library on May 22 for a tour, catalog and database instruction and creative activities.

Kathleen also visited Edison High School on April 16 to speak to students and their parents for Edison Parent Night. She spoke with them about Tutor.com, Learning Express, free after-school activities and other valuable resources the Library offers for teens. Afterward, Kathleen signed the teens and parents up for library cards.

On April 30, Kathleen staffed a table at Café College for College Week. She signed teens up for library cards and talked with them about the services and resources the Library offers for teens.

### **Committee Meetings**

On April 23, the V.R.O.O.M workgroup, consisting of Teen Services Library Assistant, JD Elizondo, and Teen Services Librarians Caroline Mossing, Barbara Kwiatkowski and David Gallin-Parisi, met to create guidelines for aligning V.R.O.O.M service with its mission of bringing technology to underserved communities and to design a range of programs for use in V.R.O.O.M. outreach.

### **System-wide Meetings**

On May 14, The Teen Services Librarians met for their regular meeting at Cody Library. Before the business portion of the meeting, Teen Services Librarian, David Gallin-Parisi, provided the group with a tour of the library.

### **Collection Development**

Teen Services Librarian II, Kathleen Fordyce, assisted the Collection Development Department by working through the YA Manga and Graphic Novels section of "Suggest a Purchase", ordering books for teens and clearing the queue.

## **MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS**

The Marketing department continued with its projects including the branding and communications project for the library and the website re-design and development by meeting with various department heads to determine the best options for the new mysapl.org website.

Joseph and Ana continued their work with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's L3 Committee in the planning and design of the Latino Collection space on the sixth floor of the Central Library. The space is expected to be completed by June 10. A reception is also being planned by Joseph.

Joseph also continued his work with the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio to present Holocaust: Learn and Remember. This includes management of the program's website, event promotions, media relations, and artifacts displays at bot Guerra and Memorial branch locations.

### **Marketing**

Daniel continued managing his regular projects that include media reviews, document and promotions translations, and production of both the Library's monthly newsletter as well as the Texana/Genealogy newsletter.

Daniel is also working closely with Caitlin and Veronica Anderson (Volunteer Services Coordinator) to re-write the volunteer handbook and develop a new strategy for securing more volunteers and library "ambassadors".

### **Graphic Design**

Ana and Giselle continue their work on projects such as: Young Pegasus, PRIDE, Rock the Plaza, and other general flyers being requested by branch locations system-wide.

### **Public Relations**

Marcie managed all media communications for the Laurie Ann Guerrero (Poet Laureate) event at the Central Library as well as for programs system-wide. Additionally, she introduced the hugely popular, "Weekends at SAPL" event newsletter that now goes out every Thursday.



Marcie also facilitated a media interview that included Ignacio Albarracin, Digital Services Coordinator and Univision. Ignacio talked about all of the new digital services that SAPL has recently introduced.

### **Social Media**

SAPL currently has 6,824 followers on Facebook and 1,881 active followers on Twitter. Additional social media platforms will soon be added over the next several weeks.



## CENTRAL LIBRARY

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

As summer approaches lots of outreach visits and tours occur within the Children's Department. Ruth Chiego (Manager) works with KIPP Camino serving middle school students. Their campus does not have a library, but teachers do have small book collections in their classroom. To facilitate the in-depth research of students several classes studying history and science topics visited the Central Library with their teachers and parents to learn what was available through the collections. All students obtained library cards and Ms. Chiego trained them on how to use the many research databases the library can give them access to for their research. The breadth of information available delighted students, parents and teachers since they needed multiple types of sources including documented oral histories, statistical information, primary sources, and photographs. Another KIPP campus, Un Mundo, held a Health Fair for their families and Kate Sandoval (Assistant Manager) represented SAPL through providing the Library's health initiative promotional materials, the library's wellness resources and information about the summer reading club and fun activities at the Library during the summer, encouraging them to stretch their brains. Ms. Sandoval also led a large tour of students from Carrizo Springs ISD. The most accomplished readers from all grades enjoyed a special trip to San Antonio, with a visit to the Central Library being a highlight on their tour of the River City. Having just come from the McNay Art Museum, the group was captivated by the art on view at the Central Library, such as Dale Chihuly's *Fiesta Tower*, Fernando Botero's *El Caballo Tamano Grande*, and Jesse Amado's *Days*. Jasmin Salinas (Librarian I) and Amy Lewis (Librarian I) shared information about the summer programs as well with their Outreach groups, Central Christian, Madison Square, and Green Acres Childcare Centers, while sharing lots of stories and songs.

Family Fun on Wednesdays grew considerably and children attending enjoyed a variety of springtime themes, magical stories involving princes and princesses, and wild animals. Before ending the spring session, Ms. Lewis treated the children to a building extravaganza with LEGOs, blocks. The children, inspired by architecture examples Ms. Lewis shared with them, created many magnificent structures! Saturday Family Fun activities led by Ms. Sandoval continued the continued the global theme of her spring programming with Middle Eastern and African culture exploration in April. After hearing stories set in the Middle East and making a mosaic sun catcher, the children had a blast playing with homemade play dough and an array of spices found in Middle Eastern cuisine. Participants sprinkled paprika, cumin, cardamom, allspice and mace into their dough so that the aroma of a spice market filled the room. During *Africa Family Fun*, the families heard stories from Ghana and Tanzania and learned about the different cultures in each country. They made paper necklaces reminiscent of the beaded necklaces made by the Maasai from Tanzania, and together made a large paper swath of kente cloth, in the Ghanaian style. Mother's Day served as an opportunity to investigate family history and introduce the subject of genealogy to the group, with a special promotion of the Texana Department as a vital resource for exploring family histories. Families created a three-piece collage about the child, their mother and their

grandmother and took home blank family trees and oral history interview questions to help them get started in genealogy. The spring session ended with a bang with a beach party, complete with pirate dress-up, paper leis, water bead sensory play, all while dancing to surf music, and examining real sea shells up close with large magnifying glasses.

A school year of Play & Learn programming ended with record attendance for the session. Librarians Kate Sandoval and Amy Lewis tried new approaches to imaginative play with themes such as Fiesta and magic. Children rode in cardboard Fiesta floats and made paper crowns and capes, transforming themselves into Fiesta royalty! The fairy tale fun continued as children played in a cardboard castle with dragon puppets and treasure chests full of beads.

Ms. Salinas and Ms. Sandoval serve on the Celebrations Committee for Children's Services. Both led the system wide effort of *El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros* with a Mi Barrio/Mi Neighborhood theme. Part of the program agenda they created involved stories of families written in both Spanish and English which also feature Hispanic American culture. Children created their own neighborhoods as a group, each making a building out of a paper bag to contribute to a neighborhood created by their fellow story time friends. Central Library used this opportunity to create a weekend long Come & Go Craft. While many children took home their creations, several contributed their buildings to help create a good sized town to display.

As summer is just around the corner, Central Children's Department prepares all the summer prize books for distribution to all the branches in anticipation of the Summer Reading Club. This first phase of this project takes three weeks and involves several staff members at Central, including the very hardworking Delivery team led by Manager Carla Conrad. Ms. Chiego has served as Chair of the Summer Reading Committee this year which prepared all the programming in place for school age children called, Kids Time. Ms. Lewis also served on this Committee and both Chiego and Lewis worked with Children's Services Coordinator Viki Ash to facilitate the delivery of related supplies system wide. This summer all the Kids Time activities are science-related as the theme is FIZZ, BOOM, READ! Ms. Chiego presented information to several organizations regarding the Summer Reading Club and summer activities including City Departments, SAPL work groups, family aid organizations, schools, and day cares.

## DIGITAL SERVICES

On April 21, Digital Services introduced PINs/passwords for accessing patron accounts online in order to add additional security and allow for better integration with third-party library services.

In April and May, Digital Services launched four new sources of downloadable and streaming media: Hoopla (movies, TV shows, educational/instructional videos, documentaries, music and audio books), Zinio (magazines), Freegal Movies (feature films and TV shows) and Starz streaming movies from OverDrive.

In May, Library Assistants Veronica Rodriguez and Sierra Mendez, in partnership with the Texana Department, began the day-to-day work of digitizing the library's historic photograph collection in preparation for the future launch of an online digital collections and exhibit site.

During April and May, Ms. Mendez and Ms. Rodriguez created 3 new digital displays for the Kampmann Library Portal at the Briscoe Western Art Museum. They also began working with audio recordings housed in Texana and oral history materials created by Mission Library in order to create new iBooks content for the portal.

On May 10, Ms. Rodriguez hosted the first story time at the Kampmann Library Portal.

## REFERENCE

In the past weeks final steps were taken in preparing the Government Documents collection for the move to City Storage. Staff organized, numbered, and barcoded 1500 boxes; professional movers then spent

several days loading and transporting the Documents to the Storage facility. Special thanks go to Jennifer Jennings, Pam Billings, and James Laferla for the many hours spent overseeing this massive project. Along with several Reference staff, thanks also go to Norma Ramirez in Administration, Carla Conrad and the entire Shelving Team, Matt DeWaelche from Texana, and Edward Cantu from Facilities who were instrumental in the final stages of this multi-faceted endeavor.

This month Reference staff hosted and organized several successful programs and events.

On April 19 Sally Bauer hosted another “Clean Green” program. Presenters discussed the potential dangers of some of our household cleaners and demonstrated how using common items like vinegar, baking soda and salt can clean safely and effectively.

On April 17 and May 15 Michelle Hill presented Part One and Part Two of “ArtSmart”, a four-part art appreciation and history lecture series. Ms. Hill holds a Masters in Art History and began the series with an engaging discussion on pre-historic art.

To celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Pannaga Prasad and Gamini Haluwana hosted a program on May 4 called “The Essence of Hindu Philosophy, Religion and Mythology.”

They also organized a hugely successful program entitled “Classical Indian Dance Performance: Bharatnatyam” held on May 11 at Central as well as other Branch venues throughout the month.

Julia Selwyn noted that there was a very good turnout for the events featured during the May 12 Small Business Week Open House. Ms. Selwyn presented a, “Target Your Market Business Decision” class and completely filled the Connect Training area with enthusiastic attendees. Many came specifically to find out about Library Business Databases and Resources.

## TEEN SERVICES

### Weekly Programs

**Mondays with JD Elizondo (Library Assistant):** JD continued his weekly Eclectic Electric music program, in which teens learn to play guitar and/or keyboards. Teens can also teach their peers to play. On April 21, a teen suggested, planned and implemented a DIY program, showing teens how to make stickers. Other activities that are part of the “Eclectic” component of the weekly programming are gaming and art.

**Tuesdays with Caroline Mossing (Librarian I):** During the reporting period, Caroline hosted Science and Tech Tuesdays. Teens held a Peep jousting competition, discovering the treat’s reaction to sudden temperature change. Creativity and technology came together when teens used 3Doodlers, 3D pens, to make unique objects. Teens tinkered and experimented with Lego robotics equipment, Arduino microcontrollers, and a Raspberry Pi computer, growing their STEM and critical thinking skills.

**Wednesdays with Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II):** During the reporting period, teens enjoyed playing video and board games and getting creative with crafts. In addition, teens excitedly used the 3D printer. On April 30, Teen Services Library Assistant, Victoria Tijerina, hosted a perler bead craft program, which is a teen favorite.

**Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant):** At Teen Services, teens engaged in creative activities, mostly involving food, inspired by culture and health. Teens felt supported and encouraged to suggest Thursday night programs. One teen wanted to make bubble tea, a popular Taiwanese drink he’d heard of, but hadn’t tried. Another teen suggested making chalupas in honor of *Cinco de Mayo*. Teens also decorated cookies using frosting and yellow sugar to create baby chicks. To enhance their growing repertoire of culinary skills, teens tried a challenging French recipe: *pâte à choux*, using the dough to create swans and other highly inspired shapes. Teens also participated in many craft sessions to make bubble magnets, mini-clay figurines, cotton ball animals, drawing on Post-its for a bulletin board display, faux punched tin and a new retro craft, quilling. Peer interaction and encouragement, creative expression and friendly competition rank high on Thursday nights. It’s a blast. Pictures from select Thursday



programs (as well as other fantastic teen programs around the system) are on Teen Services' Flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>.

### **Tours and Groups**

On April 22, 45 students from New Life Christian Academy were given a tour of the library by Library Assistant Regina Almanza, and Librarian II Kathleen Fordyce provided catalog and database instruction. On May 14, Regina provided a library tour for students from the Academy of Career and Technology.

## TEXANA / GENEALOGY

This reporting period has been a busy one for Texana/Genealogy. There were two classes presented at Central and two outside. The first on April 15, Andy Crews presented a class on how to locate and use Bible records in family history research at Igo branch. On May 6, Sylvia Reyna spoke about how to research the history of a person's house, and it was particularly popular with twenty-one people attending. Northwest Vista College was the site of the next class (May 9) when Frank Faulkner discussed "Researching with Courthouse Records" to a senior group of fifteen. On May 13, researchers had a treat when David Haynes, a local researcher and photography historian, discussed the history of photography and how to "read" photographs.

Two groups came into Texana/Genealogy during this period. A group of eight genealogical researchers from Canyon Lake came on 16 April and received a tour of the department and then spent the day on their own quests. On 8 May, Charles Delgado, who is working as a part-time Library Assistant at the Central Library and teaching at a local private school, brought his Art History class to Texana/Genealogy. They looked at the King James Bible (1611), a Latin Bible (1250), and numerous single illuminated manuscript leaves from the Hertzberg Collection discussing them from an art perspective.

Two presentations were made to large groups, each about fifty strong. Matt DeWaelsche spoke to the *Daughters of the American Revolution* at the San Antonio Country Club on May 8. A few days prior to that (April 27) Mr. Faulkner was the speaker for Confederate Decoration Day held at the Confederate Cemetery in the Eastside cemetery complex.

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy met on May 10. They are again sponsoring the Family Names Booth at the Texas Folklife Festival. They will also support the upcoming Federation of Genealogical Societies national conference being held in San Antonio at the end of August.

On the archives front, a couple recently purchased a home and in its attic they found a ledger from a cigar manufacturing company in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, covering the years June 1931 through September 1936; wanting to see it preserved and safeguarded for others to use they gave it to Texana/Genealogy.



## BRANCH LOCATIONS

## BAZAN

On May 5, Librarian III Rebecca Alvarez returned to the Bazan Branch. Thanks to Jimmy Jimenez (Memorial) who served as the Interim manager.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen presented the *Dinosaur Days* Play and Learn, in addition to her weekly *Family Fun* program. The Book Groups at Margil Elementary School (both fourth grade groups read *Hades: Lord of the Dead* by George O'Connor) and at Crockett Elementary School (the fourth graders read *Hera: The Goddess and Her Glory* also by O'Connor, and the fifth graders read *No Talking* by Andrew Clements) enjoyed reading their chosen titles, and the pizza party finale!

A second partnership was begun this month, with the Catholic Charities Organization. Parents in the *Precious Minds, New Connections* program will meet monthly with parent educators for "parents as teachers" sessions. Ms. Sonnen will be working with the educators to present monthly parent/child activities.

Bazan has initiated a partnership with the COSA Metro Health Department, to present *Reality Resources*. Each Friday, from 1-3pm, members of the Metro Health STD/HIV Mobile Outreach Team provide confidential testing, are on hand to answer questions, and serve as contacts to needed community services.

In addition to the *Reality Resources* partnership, Librarian II Patricia Soderberg followed through on these programs, initiated by previous manager Ramona Lucius: the UTHSC Community Storm educational program on STDs and HIV/AIDS, held on April 28, and the Boys Town program on foster parenting and adoption, held on May 14.

Ms. Soderberg invited Mr. Ignacio Garcia, author of *When Mexicans Could Play Ball*, to speak at Bazan, as his work is the branch's *Read Our Book* selection. He accepted, and will be at Bazan on Thursday, June 5, from 5-6pm. His presentation will be the kick-off event for Bazan's Adult Summer Reading Program.

## BROOK HOLLOW

Brook Hollow has recently hosted two programs for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. On May 15 there was a performance of classical Indian dance courtesy of the Kaveri Natya Yoga Group. On May 17 patrons could learn about tea and its place in various Asian cultures at an Asian tea tasting where three different types of the beverage were available for sipping.

Librarian Tapley Trudell attended the spring luncheon of the San Pedro Hills Women's Club on May 7. The ladies of the club marked the end of its 2013-2014 seasons with a generous donation, which Ms. Trudell was happy to accept on behalf of the branch.

Brook Hollow celebrated Dia de los Ninos with an all-day Come and Go Craft. The participants made buildings out of scrap paper and paper bags and they were displayed on top of the Easy book shelves. The tweens also participated during Tween Time, and everyone enjoyed adding to the neighborhood. Brook Hollow's final Play and Learn of the spring took place on May 6. We had a record turn-out, with 81 participants.

Brook Hollow had another record-breaking month for attendance in children's programs. We had 728 attendees for children's programs for the month of April.

Brook Hollow's Teen Time continues to be very active with five meetings in the last few weeks. From crafts to activities to movies, the teens really enjoy hanging out with other teens at the branch. The staff is looking forward to getting some decorative material for the teen area in order to define the space more as a dedicated space and the teens chose these items themselves.

## CARVER

May 1 was Law Day. To mark the occasion, Carver Branch celebrated the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall's visit to the East Side. Marshall, the first African-American appointed to

the high court, served from October 1967 to 1991. In 1971, a reception was held in his honor at the home of the late Justice of the Peace Clarence Williams. A collection of images highlighting that visit were placed on display.

On May 2, Librarian II DL Grant attended career day at Herman Hirsch Elementary and read passages from *Tomas and the Library Lady* by Pat Mora. He used the opportunity to promote the library's summer reading program. The event was part of Books Build Character, a joint project of San Antonio School District and the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel.

## CODY

Cody Library celebrated 30 years of service to the community on Thursday April 17. The public was invited to join library staff for an evening of festivities including birthday cake, crafts for children and a performance by magician Spikey Mikey. Brief remarks from Director Ramiro Salazar, Councilman Ron Nirenberg and Library Board member John Nicholas kicked off the event. Library staff members especially enjoyed the opportunity to meet and say hello to Cody's namesake, Mr. Edmund Cody, who served as the Superintendent of the Northside Independent School District for 17 years and was instrumental in promoting the library.

Lego enthusiasts showed up for the monthly Lego Club program on April 15. Four teams of Lego masters created sci-fi structures and wrote descriptions for their Lego creations that were then exhibited in the library.

Beginner Readers Club members showed up for their monthly book presentations on April 16. Beginning readers, ages 4-7, were on hand to "book talk" their book selections, and both children and parents participated in a "vocabulary bingo" game designed to aid in word recognition.

Children's Librarian Sheila Acosta provided crafts for the children attending the branch's 30-year anniversary celebration on April 17. Approximately 43 people participated in the arts and crafts activities. Tweens created "eco-friendly" art projects with materials provided by Ms. Acosta on April 21. In commemoration of Earth Day, Ms. Acosta asked the students attending Tween Time, to create art with recycled products. The tweens were enthusiastic about their art projects which were displayed in the library.

The newly formed Tween Book Club met for the third book discussion on April 23. The students were most eager to discuss the plot of the monthly selection. Sheila invited each of the students to either write a review or sketch a scene from the book. The Tween Book Club reviews were then exhibited in the Juvenile Fiction area for others to view.

On May 1, families attended the Dia de Los Ninos/ Dia de los Libros program celebrating the theme of "Mi Barrio/ My Neighborhood." Ms. Acosta presented the story, *Quinito's Neighborhood* by Ina Cumpiano and other titles, and then discussed what the children notice in their neighborhoods. Materials were provided for children to create their home or favorite neighborhood business or buildings.

On May 5, Sheila visited McDermott Elementary School to inform students about the Summer Reading Club and all the other programs taking place throughout the summer at the Cody Library. Her presentation was broadcast to over 700 students during the school's morning video announcements.

Mother's Day arts and crafts were a very popular event with Cody families. About 50 attended this event on May 7. Three-dimensional Mother's Day cards and flowers were a couple of the popular crafts made by the children.

Tweens were entertained by a local 4-H group that presented several skits on May 12 for Tween Time. Some of the skits were instructional- like how to train your dog with basic commands, and the proper way to introduce yourself and others. A couple of the skits were simply entertaining, and Sheila said everyone really enjoyed the entire presentation.

Lego Club members met on May 13 and created Lego attractions or rides that might prove to be popular at a theme park, like Six Flags. Each of the four teams had to describe how their Lego attraction or ride was unique as part of their presentation. Sheila displayed these Lego creations near the Express collection.

Jensen's Yamaha Music School presented a musical story time on May 14 for Cody's Story Time children. The "music fairy" was on hand to show how music can be integrated within children's stories. In addition to presenting the children's programs at Cody, Sheila also visited the following sites for early literacy outreach during the month- Head Start on Rhapsody, the Chabad Center, Kids Campus I, Kids Campus II, and the Pineapple School.

Teen projects wrapped up at Cody Library. The first project completed was the new issue of the teen zine. Cody Teens contributed photos they took during teen programs and music playlists. Clark High School students contributed writing works and playlists. Teen Leader Luisa Mader combined all of the above into a sweeping statement of teen creativity. It's also a snapshot of various teen communities and how they are connected via Cody Library. Luisa presented how she made the zine to the general Cody teen audience after school.

The second big teen project that finished was Clark High School student and Cody Volunteer Glennette Castillo's online book group. Miss Castillo started a book group via Tumblr, Twitter, and Instagram for people to read and connect with each other about young adult books. Glennette will present to the general Cody teen audience about her project once all the end-of-school activities allow enough time.

Regular teen programs continued at Cody. These include gaming, making artwork, taking photos via Instagram, and having fun. Teens are working on another issue of their zine to complete before school gets out and the teen audience changes at Cody Library. Current teen volunteers are also making a comeback on the 210teenlibrary blog, writing about their experiences working as a volunteer in a library setting.

## COLLINS GARDEN

Spring Cleaning is in full force at Collins Garden Branch Library. The adult and juvenile collections have been carefully examined to remove damaged or outdated books. The craft supply cabinet has also been cleaned and edited to make room for summer supplies. To make use of the edited supplies, Collins Garden offered a two day *Craft-a-Palooza*, allowing families to make all sorts of things to take home, which was a hit with many of the branch's regulars.

Children's Librarian Leigh Bedford is enjoying her new duties as Teen Liaison. Although Family Fun, Tween Time and now Teen Time have some elements in common, she is careful to keep Teen Time more sophisticated. During Teen Time participants may use laptops for study or to listen to music. Teen Time is also limited to older students, so that age-appropriate activities for teens can be scheduled to attract this older age group.

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on May 17, 2014 Collins Garden hosted a performance of Bharatnatyam Classical Indian Dance by Kaveri Natya Yoga Group. This performance of traditional Indian dance featuring story telling of Indian mythology combined with music was enjoyed by an audience of twenty.

## CORTEZ

Cortez Library continues to prepare for renovations that will begin next month. The library will be undergoing an Extreme Library Makeover. Staff will be helping out at other branch libraries while Cortez is closed from June 9 to June 29. The staff is planning many exciting new programs to welcome patrons back in July.

Library assistant Jo Ann Paredes designed several displays: one congratulating graduating seniors, a prom display, and a popular Spurs display for the NBA playoffs (go Spurs go!).

Zombie Meet, hosted by Ms. Vasquez, continues to be a well-attended monthly program. This month the group met offsite and watched the movie *Godzilla*.

Cortez Library's weekly Teen Time on Thursdays remains a popular place to play video games and use laptops. The Friends of the Library continue to generously donate refreshments.

The English as a Second Language course, offered on Saturdays, remains popular.

Children's librarian Connie Hejl visited two school Spring Carnivals to promote the Summer Reading Program. During Dia de los Niños on April 29, children and their parents made houses and other neighborhood buildings out of paper bags. Two popular displays in the children's area were a shower of flowers wall where kids colored their own flowers, and this month's wall of planets display (picture below).

## FOREST HILLS

### **Adult Services**

The Forest Hills weekly Qigong classes resumed mid-April as the VITA tax service came to a close and the group was allowed once again to meet in the Forest Hills meeting room. This event is popular with adults of all ages and abilities.

Forest Hills marked National Small Business Week by hosting an information table from SCORE on May 14. The representative was able to provide useful information to area small business owners and those interested in starting their own small business in San Antonio. The one-on-one sessions provided the opportunity for guests to have their important questions answered.

The Ladies Chic Chat Club met on May 18 to view the movie *Saving Mr. Banks*, the story of PL Travers, and author of the Mary Poppins series of books. The ladies were delighted to have the opportunity to watch this movie as it is a very popular checkout. Despite the long hold list, the club was able to view the movie because it is part of the Forest Hills Express Collection.

The Snap mobile clinic utilized the Forest Hills parking lot on May 1 to offer free spay and neuter services to qualifying residents. This is always a popular offering and is appreciated by area residents.

### **Children's Services**

Children continued exploring colors in Story Time. They learned about mixing primary colors to make secondary colors. Story Time then took on emotions the past several weeks. The children enjoyed being able to make various expressions on their faces in the wall mirror using picture books as references. Number games were introduced to enhance number concepts among the children. Parents learned stages of number concept development to guide them with choosing games appropriate for their children.

Movement is the key to the Tweens recently. They want to compete, move, and laugh. The board games, Wii, and ping pong allow for competition, movement and much laughter.

Forest Hills celebrated Dia de los Niños on April 29. School aged children recreated the neighborhood surrounding Forest Hills with brown paper bag constructions representing their houses, schools, and businesses. The neighborhood was then put on display in the Children's area.

### **Outreach Services**

Branch Manager Mary Naylor attended the Catholic Charities Senior Fiesta event at Wonderland Mall on April 24. Ms. Naylor was able to make contact with organizations which provided services for seniors. She promoted the San Antonio Public Library Live Well, Age Smart events specifically designed for patrons over the age of 50. She distributed SAPL Fiesta Medals to potential community partners. Ms.



Naylor has been busy planning events for Older Americans Month (May) and promoted these events at the Department of Human Services Senior Day in the Park at Camargo Park on May 16.

Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley visited the Woodland Ridge Apartment community Fair on May 1. She interacted with the community while teaching young residents how to make tissue paper flowers. Services to the Circle North HeadStart and Children's Summit learning center continue as Ms. Shelley delivers books and tells stories every month. Ms. Shelley visited a number of schools in April and May to promote the library's summer reading program.

## GREAT NORTHWEST

Cindy Moreno, Adult Services Librarian, visited the Alicia Trevino Senior Center for a Summer Reading outreach in May. Seniors were excited about the Adult Summer Reading program and several registered for library cards.

In April, Child Protective Services displayed photographs of children in need of an adoptive family to raise awareness in the community. Other displays included one in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and one for National Poetry Month. Sarah Vinton, Library Aide, created a bright and festive display for Fiesta.

The Great Northwest Quilting Group made a quilt and graciously donated it to the Friends of the Great Northwest Library for their use during an upcoming book sale. The Great Northwest Knitting Club continues to meet every Saturday as well.

The GNW Thursday Book Group met and discussed *How to Be an American Housewife* by Margaret Dilloway.

Cari Raley, Children's Librarian visited several elementary schools for the Summer Reading Program. She and volunteers were getting the summer activities ready for the children's programs. Customers are eagerly snatching up the summer schedule. In addition, Ms. Raley scheduled several outreaches to promote Summer Reading.

The teen video gaming night continues weekly and provides a place for teens in the community to meet others who share their interest. The Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez visited the school libraries at Taft High School, Brennan High School, and Warren High School to provide information about the 2014 Summer Reading Program and volunteer opportunities for students and to discuss outreach possibilities for next school year. Ms. Vazquez also undertook a webinar in May titled "Innovative & Engaging Teen Programming."

## GUERRA

The branch said good bye to Library Assistant Leticia Guerra at the end of the reporting period. Leti has been a valued member of the team and her knowledge of Millennium and skill with the DLA will be missed. She has decided to transfer to Central Reference. Planning for July celebration continues. The Guerra Branch Friends held their spring book sale May 4-6, raising about \$600 for library programs.

Branch Manager Dexter Katzman attended the District 6 Fiesta sponsored by Councilman Ray Lopez on April 15. He promoted library programs and activities to community members at this large even held at the San Antonio Event Center. On May 3, he collaborated with Dianna Morganti, Interim Library Services Administrator at Central for a Cinch de Mayo event at and sponsored by HEB at the Portico and Loop1604 store. They distributed library information, promoted library programs, especially the summer reading programs. Some 75 members of the public stopped by the table and almost all had questions about a future library in that sector of District t. On May 6, he attended the monthly meeting of the Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association where he provided information about early voting, summer programs, and the 10th Anniversary scheduled for July 19. He spent most of the reporting period at Pan American as Interim Manager.

Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard began work on filling the vacancy created by Leti's departure and an earlier Library Aide vacancy. She hosted the Thursday Evening Book club on May 8. The group discussed *Me & Mom & Me* by Maya Angelou.

During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson-Gibbs continued her spring programs with weekly Toddler Times and Story Times. On April 11, she presented three story times to 53 at Greatest Gifts Daycare. On April 18, she presented three story times to 50 at Lil' Dragon Daycare. She also planned an Easter Come & Go Craft for families. On May 2, she presented three story times at Angelic Smiles to 63. On April 26, she attended the Kids Festival at Lockwood Park where she assisted with providing information to families about the library and Summer Reading and assisted with a craft for children. On May 2, she celebrated Día de los Niños with a Mi Barrio Come and Go craft. On May 16, she presented three story times to 41 at Greatest Gifts Daycare. She visited Meadow Village Elementary School, JB Passmore Elementary School and Cable Elementary School where she spoke with the school Librarians about Summer Reading and Summer Reading programs for children at the Guerra Branch.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, attended the volunteer liaison quarterly meeting on March 18. He moderated the Club de Lectura (Spanish language book club) on March 27 during which the participants discussed biographies of Anne Frank including, among others, her diary. Steve made sure that each volunteer was personally recognized during Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 7-12, by reminding them of our appreciation for their assistance and working with the Friends who provided an appreciation lunch.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra activities on April 17 and 24 and May 8 and 15. Also on May 8, he screened *Despicable Me 2*.

## I GO

Early voting kept people coming into the library during this timeframe. On April 15, the Genealogy Club met to hear a talk by Andy Crews about using family Bibles for research, while the Afternoon Book Club discussed Patrick DeWitt's *Sisters Brothers*. On April 28, Dr. Jim Bower from UTSA spoke to eight avid listeners about computational neuroscience. On May 7, the Mystery Book Club discussed Linwood Barclay's, *Trust Your Eyes*.

The Igo Elderberries had a "Walk on the Wildside" on May 1. Led by local naturalist, Patty Leslie Pasztor, the Elderberries had a stroll around the Bonnie Conner Park, (adjacent to the library) identifying plants, wildflowers, birds, and more. A May Day picnic in the park concluded the program, which was nicely attended. Irene Scharf attended the Senior Fiesta and the Silver Solutions Senior Resources Fairs in May for the Live Well, Age Smart Committee.

Teen Services Librarian resented 16 programs at Igo this month. This month the highlight of the regular weekly teen programs at Igo was an Open Mike Event which was the great success. Over 40 teens attended and half read their own poetry or other works. The event was enhanced by musical performers by some other teens. Teens enjoyed showing their work and decided to make Open Mike event a yearly affair.

The Igo Teen Digi Lab Published the Summer Reading Video which will help to promote the library activities during the summer.

Igo "Knight Club" continues to grow, so the meetings were moved to Thursdays in order to have auditorium available. Igo Chess Club also is holding a tutoring sessions for the entry level players presented by Igo Teen Leaders. "Knight Club" is also having a chess masters on site ready to assist the players.

## JOHNSTON

Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth had good attendance at Baby Time (average 8 per week) and Story Time (average 23 per week). The Story Time themes for this period included Easter, Music, Homes, and Mother's Day. The final Story Time of the spring was a Tea Party, with refreshments. The Kids Time program for April 29 was Dia De Los Niños, with an attendance of 5.

Diane Backhus, along with lots of staff help, set up a table in the children's area for customers to make mother's day cards. The table was available from Wednesday – Sunday before the Holiday. Customers were invited to decorate a card based on "mother's Day kisses," a short poem. A total of 109 folks took advantage of the opportunity.

Johnston staff is busy getting ready for summer! On Tuesday, May 13, Diane Backhus and Vida Salas attended the SWISD Summer Activities and Job Fair at Trader's Village. They shared library information with 179 attendees. The most popular question: is the Library hiring? (We certainly hope to see many of these folks at the library.) The other cool thing is that we recognized so many library users.

Adult Services Librarian Monica Bustillo continues to conduct one-on-one eReader Tutorials. She facilitated a Cascarones craft for forty patrons. On April 23 the Branch participated in World Book Night by giving away twenty copies of Stephen Chobosky's *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Ms. Bustillo also participated in several webinars including Hachette's Hot Summer Reads; using eBooks to Serve Different Student Populations; The Power of Positive Conflict Resolution and Hoopla Live Training. She partnered with Volunteer Coordinator Veronica Anderson at the TPR Silver Solutions outreach event where they spoke with over eighty attendees. She presented the first of a summer film series called Friday Flicks which featured the hit film *Gravity*. She welcomed the Air Force Band of the West quintet Spectrum Winds who performed in the children's' area of the library. With the help of Library Aide Vida Salas, she helped set up several displays including Teachers Appreciation Week, Older American Month, and the Holocaust Remembrance display.

The Friends of Johnston Library held a meeting on Sunday, May 18. They discussed possibilities to increase membership: setting up a table during the summer with information about the Friends; purchasing incentives such as pencils with a logo on them to hand out at outreach events; having members in the building to do one on one recruiting. Branch manager also updated the staff wish list for the group, and several items were voted on to purchase.

## LANDA

Over 60 children and their caregivers participated in an outdoor Dinosaur Days Play & Learn! A wonderful time was had by all as evidenced by multiple requests to do it every week. Children created play dough fossils, stepped into dinosaur footprints, played with giant dinosaur eggs, made a cozy nest for their dinosaur babies and roared their dinosaur roars. Clair Larkin was very pleased with the outcome of this event both as the children's librarian and as the Chair of the Early Literacy Committee.

Participants in Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros' Come & Go craft celebrated diversity in children's literature and their lives by creating Mi Barrio/My Neighborhood structures. Children were given free rein and their imaginations took over, from fantastical structures to very true depictions of their own homes, the results were impressive.

Weekly programming continues to see impressive turnout across the six programs. Clair is quite busy preparing for Summer Programming and the Summer Reading Club. Staff is looking forward to stopping summer brain drain and getting books into the hands of readers!

Teen Services at Landa and the Landa Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) worked on the Spurs' Silver and Black Give Back grant application on May 11. Tracey Bennett approached the TLLC based on their Tutoring for Young Children service program. This work day gave the teen council members' real grant writing experience through team working on budgets and future programming proposals. Landa's

International Teen Club member, Rubi, networked with Martha Henry, COSA's International Affairs Division about pen pals to Sister Cities.

During National Library Week, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation played host to the Landa Cool Teens Club. Ms. Tracey Bennett talked to the teens about how the Foundation "changes lives". Here is the vlog of the event <http://goo.gl/Ct1s7C>. On May 4 TLLC's continued with their monthly Science Demonstrations Live! children's program on how nature "selects" and adapts to new environments.

On May 12, Bea Canales is the recipient of the 2014 Teens' Top Teen Book Giveaway by ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Landa Library will receive 25 books and will be added as Landa's Teen Express Collection.

Singer-songwriter Roy Kamin returned to Landa for a repeat performance in late April. One of Landa's most popular musical entertainers, Roy always draws a big crowd and this month's program was no exception. Adult Programming also welcomed San Antonio College's Early Music Ensemble for a third performance in the Landa meeting room on May 1. This group performs music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods using reproductions of authentic instruments of that era.

Landa was privileged to host Dr. Edward Westermann, Distinguished Scholar in Residence for the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio and nationally known Holocaust authority. Dr. Westerman presented a program on the Holocaust and its impact on different groups who experienced Nazi persecution.

Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta organized Landa's first annual observance of Older Americans Month with a two-part program on May 16. Terry Harris from Milberger Landscaping and Nursery (which maintains the Landa Grounds) gave participants an informational walking tour of the gardens. He answered questions about various trees, shrubs, flowering plants and groundcover that are found on the Landa property and gave advice and recommendations to the participants who sought help with their own gardens. Following the walking tour, pastel artist Irena Taylor gave a demonstration on the Landa Terrace showing how nature inspires artists. She created a pastel work modeled on a flower from the Landa garden. The San Antonio Public Library Foundation provided bottled water, granola bars, and yogurt for the event. Participants were very enthusiastic about the event and felt that the combination of a nature walk and artistic demonstration constituted a well-designed program.

Landa's monthly senior events—Silver Screens Classic Movies and Senior Adult Mystery Book Club—continue to have regular participants as well as new ones. This month's movie selection was the Academy Award winning *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* with Humphrey Bogart and Walter Huston based on the 1935 book of the same name by B. Traven. The seniors' Mystery Book Club discussed Sue Grafton's *V is for Vengeance*. Karen continues her outreach to the residents of the DeMatel Nursing Home at The Village at Incarnate Word. This month they did a Memorial Day Trivia Game and made a red-white-and-blue craft.

## LAS PALMAS

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi continued her outreach to the Good Samaritan, *Avance* Marisol & Castroville, and Madonna day care centers, presenting story hour and delivering classroom collections. Family Fun continues on a weekly basis. Ms. Brudi presented Play and Learn events in April: *Dino Day* at Las Palmas attended the St. Gabriel Church Festival to promote library services.

The Friends of the Las Palmas Branch inaugurated the in-branch book sale cart on March 27, decorated by teen volunteer Clarissa Martinez-Linares; at the April 30 meeting, plans for the June Book Sale were finalized.

The novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes, a love story that has at its center the main character planning his assisted suicide, was presented at the April Book Discussion group; the difficult topic generated a thoughtful discussion.

Las Palmas hosted the program, "Becoming a Chef" on May 17, which was presented by Edna Arteaga who grew up in the Las Palmas neighborhood, came to the library often and even volunteered here when she was in high school. She graduated from St. Phillips College with an Associate of Applied Science Culinary Arts degree this May. By the date of the program, 21 items on the related book display had circulated and 20 copies of the suggested reading handout were taken.

Library Assistant, Anne Schuette, published an article in the spring edition of the American Indian Library Association online newsletter. The article described two fun and educational programs for Native American Heritage Month held at the Las Palmas branch. The programs in the article, which were both a huge success, were presented by Isaac Cardenas and Chief Ramon Vasquez y Sanchez representing the American Indians of Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions (AIT-SCM) who are members of the Coahuiltecan Nation. They showed the film, "A Thousand Roads" and conducted a lively discussion with the audience. Then the Cherokee Township of San Antonio shared personal and tribal histories and taught the audience to make traditional corn husk dolls and beaded bracelets.

## MAVERICK

The Maverick Branch focused on programming during this time period. On April 26, the Ladies Choice Book Club had 14 attendees. During the afternoon of April 26, 55 attended the Dinosaur Day Play and Learn program. Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, was pleased with the numbers as it was a holiday weekend. Teen Time averaged 12 attendees. Teen liaison, Lucy Villa taught the teens how to play a playground game from the past, 4 square. They had a blast!

In other news: the staff worked diligently on its Teamwork vision board. The next vision board on the agenda is "Integrity". Jef Martin continued his Interim Manager position at Igo. Thank you to the Maverick staff who opened early and stayed late for early voting, April 28-May 6 and Election Day on May 10. On May 12, Librarian Ben Longoria attended a Small Business Open House outreach at the Central Library. On a personal note, Library Aide, Elizabeth Santos, earned her Interdisciplinary Studies degree from UTSA on May 10.

## McCRELESS

McCreless branch hosted Movie Time May 10 and UTSA Small Business Center table talk May 13.

Librarian Monty Holcomb hosted five informal weekly chess events.

The Teen Time group is growing larger all the time and the kids are looking forward to summer.

Five Story Times were presented. Among other topics, preschoolers learned about dinosaurs, the jungle and food chains. They created dot-paint dinosaurs, monkey stick puppets and multi-flavored paletas and practiced singing, dancing and playing instruments. Story times concluded with free play using a variety of items, including puzzles, magnets and blocks.

Two additional Story Times for visiting classes of preschoolers were held in addition to our regular story times listed above.

Tours of the library were given to several classes of third grade students from Forbes Elementary School.

Families enjoyed five Family Fun programs, and all were well attended. During one of the month's family events, Construction Time, participants built structures with a variety of materials - Legos, Duplos, wood blocks, soft blocks, magnetic tiles and straws and connectors. Dia de los Niños also was a big hit, with children having fun making their own houses from paper bags and combining them to form a neighborhood.



Librarian Kathleen Brown visited Foster Elementary, meeting with a total of 165 students to talk about summer reading and careers in library science. Ms. Brown also spoke at a Highland Hills Elementary School HeadStart parents meeting to promote early literacy, library services and summer reading.

## MEMORIAL

Children visiting the Memorial branch library enjoyed listening to stories about spring, read by Children's Librarian, Trina Smith, along with making amazing crafts during story time. Ms. Smith was also invited to read to the students at Jose Cardenas Early Childhood Center during their Career Day event.

Each month Memorial features artwork from local artists. During the month of April, the art work of Carlos Loera, Library Assistant and adjunct professor at San Antonio College, was displayed. The abstract art work depicted religious landscapes with discreet crosses and skies full of expressive colors that dominated the landscape. The library hosted a reception where Mr. Loera discussed his art. In May, Memorial showed art work by John Coleman whose work has been displayed at Central and Carver library. The majority of his paintings reflect folk art scenes of black culture and rural life. Photos of the exhibits can be viewed on Flickr.

Tai Chi classes for seniors continued to attract a small, but loyal following. The classes are led by Mario Briseño, who has taught the free class for the past two years.

On April 23, Adult Services Librarian, Rhonda Davila conducted outreach to St. Mary's University where she shared information with students and faculty about the many items available through our digital collection. She encouraged students to apply for or update their card in order to take advantage of databases, some of which are not available at their university. Students and faculty were impressed by the many new digital services available.

Teen Tuesdays continued to be popular with many teens submitting poems to our annual teen poetry contest. Three teens were awarded gift cards donated by the Friends of Memorial Library.

## MISSION

On April 23, Mission hosted the monthly board meeting. Several presentations were made, including a presentation by Bibliotech and Mission Library Branch Manager Elma Nieto-Rodriguez.

On May 1, Mission hosted the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Nomination reception. Councilwoman Viagan and Judge Nelson Wolff were among the speakers. A corresponding 'Missions' exhibit provided by the National Parks Service was made available for viewing as well. The exhibit can be seen in the library's foyer and main area through the summer.

On May 5, Mission Library started hosting DHS to provide resource assistance for relocation to individuals and families. The service will likely continue through mid-June.

It has been an exciting time for the children's department. Most of the enhancements to the children's area have arrived. The colorful new shelving end panels, new tables and chairs and new board book bins have created a more inviting and accessible area. Many patrons have commented that they appreciate the changes and many more people than usual have been seen happily using the new arrangement.

Manager Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and Children's Librarian Jane Miller participated in Career Day at SAISD's Stewart Elementary School. They spoke to 240 enthusiastic Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and their teachers about librarianship and library services. They thoroughly enjoyed a brief story time and question and answer session.

Reading with Foxy the dog continues to be a popular biweekly event. Foxy even brought a cocker spaniel friend last week, Chico. The children had a great time reading to two canine friends.

Discovery Time wound down for the school year with two exciting weeks of science and math. Plant growth including planting different types of seeds was the focus one week and the last week water science including three different water science experiences was a lot of fun and educational.

Baby Time continues to grow, with a record number of attendees. Toddler Time remains popular and there are many new families. Tween Time is drawing a large number of children, especially boys, who really enjoy the lap top computers and various building activities.

Mission's Dia de la Familia and book sale was held on May 10. Crafts, trivia games, giant Jenga, the VROOM! van, a tree giveaway, and a water-balloon launching demonstration entertained families throughout the day. Azul Barrientos performed traditional music as well. Mission's door count registered 500 more visitors than the previous Saturday. Students from Harlandale High School assisted with both activities and the book sale. The Mission Friends of the Library had a successful run raising funds. Besides the books sale, the group also received a 500 pledge from Union Pacific to support and promote programming at Mission Library.

The Holocaust program held on May 15 was well attended. Over 140 visitors had the opportunity to listen first-hand to compelling personal experience. A group of 40 students from Charlotte, TX who had recently complete *Night* by Elie Wiesel attended the event. The program concluded with many photos and hugs for the speaker. The students were grateful to take a group photo with the speaker to commemorate the occasion.

Academia America finished their citizenship classes for the spring cycle. Attendance continues to be strong averaging 10 students per class. The class will begin again in early June. A Silver Screens program was held on May 2.

During the past several weeks teens at Mission Library have helped out by making targets for the water balloon launch that occurred during the Dia de la Familia event. The teens also enjoyed making their choice of peanut butter or yellow cakes in mugs. Peanut butter cakes were the hands down favorite. The teens have also enjoyed the return of the video game club which included new games. Recently some of the teens have begun playing a round of Dungeons and Dragons, the role playing game, and have been having fun with it.

## PAN AMERICAN

During the 2013-14 school year Pan American partnered with Harlandale ISD in mentoring a senior from McCollum High School's internship program. Hilary Garcia was our assignee. She worked professionally with library staff each day after school on a range of projects and tasks. She was enthusiastic and mature and gained an understanding of how a public library operates and programs and services fit into the branch mission. She helped with router, shelving, program preparation, and displays. Amy Miller, Pan American Assistant Manager, served as Hilary's mentor. On May 1, Amy and Teen Services Liaison, Angela Olivarez joined Hilary at a special recognition program for interns, mentors, and parents at McCollum High School. Joe Farias (District 118 Representative) was the guest speaker. Pan American was proud to be part of this program sponsored by McCollum High School Leadership and Public Services Program and hopes to participate in the future with other students.

Health education classes continue to be popular with the Pan American community with Quigong, Wellness and Yoga classes weekly. During the reporting period, Pan American hosted a presentation on how to put together a Quinceañera on a limited budget.

Children's Services Librarian Carol Collins presented eight early literacy programs for 48 people, eight school age programs for 63 people, and eight Family Fun programs for 33. Toddler Time and Reading with Fokie, a trained Reading Education Assistance Dog, are especially popular programs. One anonymous feedback form reported that the Family Fun program for El Día de los Niños "awesome." Carol promoted the Mayor's Summer Book Club to 990 people during student lunches at three elementary schools in Pan American's service area and delivered to five other schools in the area

promotional materials for children's summer programs at Pan American. Many children said they did not know about Pan American Library.

Teen Liaison Angela Olivarez provided a range of programs. On April 14, she worked with the teens to design Fiesta Medals. On April 21, the teens used the Wii gaming system to compete with one another; options included Just Dance or Smash Brothers. Some also enjoyed traditional board games. On April 28, it was movie night. The Friends provided the refreshments and the teens enjoyed the first-run movie *White House Down*. May 5 gave the teens a chance to design and create mini piñatas, recycling available materials. May 12 was a movie night--the teens enjoyed snacks from the Friends and watched the Disney animated feature *Frozen*.

Library Assistant, Jonathan Saldana continued his alternate Saturday afternoon program for tweens and teens. During the reporting period, the youngsters played xBOX or laptops games. The tweens and teens enjoyed the games.

## PARMAN

Parman Dance Month concluded with the Kids Dance hosted by Assistant Manager Tim Johnson. The participants enjoyed refreshments, a photo op, and lots of games including a hula hoop competition, musical chairs, and hot potato. Mr. Johnson served as the DJ too.

The DIY U (Do It Yourself University) last group of classes were held which included miniature bookmaking (taught by Manager Haley Holmes), spa essentials (taught by Senior Circulation Attendant Megan Stanley, Library Aide Meredith Black, and Haley Holmes), 2 writing workshops (taught by local writer Sasha Summers), coffee foods (taught by Tim Johnson and Circulation Attendant Sharleen Daube), sketching (taught by Parman patron Aaron Landez), genealogy (taught by Debbie Countess from the Texana department), and bookmaking (taught by Haley Holmes). The classes have been very popular, and many patrons have asked when the next semester will begin. Staff will begin planning for the Fall Semester soon with classes starting in September. The End of the Semester party will be held on May 29. DIY U students have been asked to bring their creations to share with one another, and they will have the opportunity to screen print a t-shirt with the DIY U logo.

Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow accompanied Forest Hills Manager Mary Naylor to an outreach at Holmes High School. Children's Librarian Carrie Vance began her outreach programs to area schools to promote summer reading. She participated in the Bulverde Creek Kindergarten Roundup and visited Indian Springs Elementary.

Assistant Manager Tim Johnson hosted a May the 4<sup>th</sup> Star Wars event with refreshments, crafts, and balloon lightsabers. The same afternoon Ms. Gnecco's flute students held a concert in the library.

Parman participated in the Holocaust Remembrance events with a talk by Holocaust survivor Mrs. Anna Rado. The audience was very moved by Mrs. Rado's experience and everyone went up to thank her and to have their picture taken with her at the end of the program.

Tim Johnson and Circulation Attendant Cara Garcia planned several Discovery Time sessions around the Parman caterpillar to butterfly garden. The 4-6 year olds helped to move the caterpillars into individual cups and then into a large mesh container once they had formed into chrysalises. Parman staff really enjoyed watching the process and several people were able to see butterflies emerge. On the day of their release, patrons were invited to walk to the Parman trail to witness their first flight. Twenty adults and children participated in the release.

Assistant Manager Tim Johnson has been promoted to the Manager of the Las Palmas branch. Parman staff misses him already but wish him the best in his new position.

## PRUITT

Adult programming at the Molly Pruitt Library is changing. Zumba is moving to a new time slot at 6:30 on Tuesdays with a new instructor, Alicia Moreno. Ms. Moreno is upbeat and will provide a nice rigorous workout. Family Chess Night is taking a break and will resume Thursday, June 5 at 5:45 PM. The Chess Tournament on Sunday, May 4 was a great success. There were 40 participants in this tournament. The next tournament will be held Sunday, July 27. Anna Quinlan's book *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* is the book chosen by the Pruitt Library for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Teens are having a blast. They have participated in karaoke, Wii gaming, and fun arts and crafts. Artist Doerta Weber instructed teens in the art of weaving. Teen Librarian Rae Downen has been working diligently to plan fun Summer Reading activities and student volunteers.

Bilingual Kid's Time was held at Pruitt on April 29. Children celebrated "Dia de los Ninos" as they were treated to the story, *Mi Barrio – My Neighborhood* by George Ancona in both English and Spanish. Children participated in a discussion as they described the diversity of neighborhoods found in San Antonio. Afterwards, they recreated their own personal "home" using paper bags, colorful construction paper, and markers. The children were quite creative depicting a variety of homes and giving them their own personal touch.

On May 6, children had a fabulous time as they listened to a story and then created their personal Mother's Day picture frames. They added their own "personal touch" as they decorated the colorful frames with messages to mom and colorful décor. Then each child posed for their picture which was printed and placed in their frame. The completed frames were wrapped and taken home to surprise Mom on Mother's Day.

Dinosaur Day held on Saturday morning, May 10 was a great success as it attracted children from throughout the city. Children sang "Dinosaur" songs and excitedly listened to stories about dinosaurs. Then they rotated through the different activities set up as they sorted dinosaurs, dug up dinosaurs, constructed a dinosaur egg complete with eggs, built dinosaur fossils in the mud, and matched up dinosaur families.

## SAN PEDRO

San Pedro Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presents monthly story times to children at the VIA Child Development Center, Educare Child Care Center and Monte Vista Montessori. Fifteen books are also delivered to each child care class for their use during the month.

During this period, Ms. Dalton facilitated monthly books discussions at for the fourth-grade class at Monte Vista Montessori and fourth- and fifth-grade classes at Hawthorne Academy book clubs. The book clubs have 12 members each. The book clubs meet during the students' lunch period in the school library where the books read the previous month are discussed.

Monte Vista Montessori brings 25 students on a biweekly basis to the library. These students range in age from eight to 13, grades two through eight. When the classes come to the library, the Children's Librarian spends approximately 30 minutes with the students, suggesting books and helping them navigate the Dewey Decimal system, place holds, use the catalog and databases and locate materials.

Ms. Dalton presents a weekly Kids Time for Kindergarten through fifth grade students. On April 30 the children celebrated Día de los Niños by building a friendly neighborhood out of paper sacks and construction paper.

On April 2, the LEGO Club members met to create imaginary machines. One boy built a monster throwing robot.

The branch continues hosting a weekly, informal chess meet. The event draws players as young as 8 to adults.

San Pedro is continuing its partnership with Metro Health, which offers free testing for sexually transmitted diseases. They use space on the library grounds to conduct tests.

## SEMMES

The Semmes Children's Librarians have been very busy during April and May. On May 1, Children's Librarian II, Randi Jones, presented the Mi Barrio/My Neighborhood program. The program was in celebration of Dia de Los Niños / Dia de los Libros. Children were invited to build their town out of paper bags and construction paper. All who attended had a terrific time. Children's Librarian I, Shannon Seglin, has been very busy this month visiting schools and daycares. During these outreach programs, she has been doing story times and promoting the summer reading program.

Librarian II, Beth Schorlemer, conducted the outreach book club to the Waterford Senior Living Apartments on April 29. The group had a lively book discussion over lunch and then one of the members of the club gave Ms. Schorlemer a tour of the facilities' library.

## THOUSAND OAKS

### Teen Time

The Thousand Oaks Teens celebrated Easter by making Peep s'mores and helped the local birds get ready for spring by making nesting purses. They have also been showing their artistic sides by creating masterpieces with decoupage and paint.

### Book Groups

The Thousand Oaks Monday Night Book Group met on May 5 to discuss the book *Howard's End* by E.M. Forster. Although recognized as a classic, the group agreed the language was a bit too silted and archaic to be really enjoyable.

### Programming

The branch hosted a Salsa Tasting event on April 27. Local restaurants provided salsa for patrons to sample, which they did with gusto. Some salsas proved to be a bit spicy, but emergency iced tea was kept at the ready and everyone had a good time. Attendance was a quite high for this event, as over 75 patrons came out for the fun.

As part of Asian Pacific American Heritage month, Thousand Oaks hosted a Classical Indian Dance performance on May 11. A pleasure to have, the program was a resounding success with over 20 people in attendance. Due to the time and date (Mother's Day, and at 11:00AM), the branch was a little worried that patrons may not come, but it was both well-attended and well-received.

## TOBIN

Librarian, Betsey Leitko and her husband welcomed baby Elliot Matthew on Monday, May 5, 2014 weighing 7.5 lbs. and 20.5 inches long. The proud parents and brother, Van, are all doing well and quite excited that Elliot is here and healthy. Tobin Library Aide, Jesus Jimenez, impressively was offered and accepted a full 4 year scholarship to Columbia University Medical School in New York City. Jesus will be leaving SAPL the end of July to pursue his longtime dream of becoming a surgeon.

Tobin hosted Early Voting for the Joint General and Special Election April 28 through May 6, as well as Election Day May 10. Librarian Keri Moczygemba was a lead planner and host for San Antonio's Poet Laureate, Laurie Ann Guerrero reading at Central Library on April 22. Also, K. Moczygemba and Library Assistant, Terry Verner entertained Northeast Service Center's seniors with lively trivia questions for monthly outreach. The Google Nexus Tablet Pilot program is thriving with seven day check out and feedback survey completion through May.



Children's Librarian, Ariel Cummins' continues with a growing crowd of toddlers and families at Wednesday morning toddler and story time. The monthly Lego Club has parents and kids of all ages actively participating. Some kids collaborated this month to create multiple structures they named "Mars Battle". Ms. Cummins attended a special outreach for Literacy Night at Serna Elementary this period. Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos and Aide, Rebekah Corley attended Regency Place's Kinder Round-Up for on April 15.

Tobin Friends funded a pizza party for ten Mac Teach tutors for all their time and extra efforts this school year tutoring kids twice a week at Tobin. Teens and tweens have been enjoying gaming, movies and crafts and the monthly nutrition lesson on healthy snacks.

The entire adult DVD collection was re-located to the middle of the library for easier access and browsing. Weeding of all fiction genres was completed with month so the Young Adult genre can be moved to the front of the branch. Special displays included Classic Movies, Older Americans' Month and Road Trips.

## WESTFALL

Westfall Branch Library has been busy the past month as it goes through its extreme library makeover. Crews have been everywhere as work continues to spruce up the building and grounds and patrons are excited to see the finished product.

The Friends group had a very successful spring book sale. They also hosted a meeting to discuss changes to their bylaws.

Westfall played host to the Las Comadres Book Club and Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams and Adult Services Librarian Karen Sagun facilitated their book discussion groups.

As part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Westfall held a tea tasting featuring samples of three varieties of tea. Approximately 55 people participated.

Ms. Williams, who serves on the Lifelong Learning Committee, organized Open Mike Night to celebrate National Poetry Month.

Ms. Sagun, who is on the Jobs and Small Business Committee, assisted with the Small Business Open House event at Central Library.

Outgoing Celebrate Diversity chair and Branch Manager Sherrie Hardin organized three talks by Holocaust Survivors and four lectures by a history professor as part of SAPL's Holocaust Remembrance observances. Rose Williams spoke at Igo Branch Library and Anna Rado spoke at Mission and Parman branches. Dr. Edward Westermann, who teaches at Texas A&M-San Antonio, provided a history of the holocaust at Landa, Forest Hills, Cody and Cortez branches.

Children's Librarian Imelda Merino has been busy getting ready for Summer Reading Program. She did outreach at Woodlawn Elementary School and talked with students visiting the library from Discovery School. Miss Imelda coordinates and conducts a weekly Family Fun event on Saturday afternoons.



## CONSTRUCTION

### **District 2 Branch Library**

**Description:** Development of a branch library in Council District 2.

**Funds:** \$6,000,000 (2012 Bond); \$100,000 (Public Art Piece)

**Location/District:** 5.73 acre site on US Hwy 87 East near Fosters Meadow Road / District 2

**City Architect:** Stacy Gonzales

**Project Architect:** O'Neill Conrad Oppelt Architects, Inc. (OCO)

**Design Enhancement:** Cakky Brawly – Artist from San Antonio

**Construction Contract:** TBD

**Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2016

#### **Project Scope:**

Development of a Branch Library in Council District 2. There is a commitment for a donation of land for this project, as such funding does not include resources for the acquisition of land

#### **Current Status:**

Library Board voted March 27 to accept property donation for new library, contingent on the completion of due diligence. Planning Commission approval was received on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and City Council approval for acceptance of donated land was given August 8.

Design Kick-off meeting was held with OCO Architects on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

The first public input meeting was held on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at Sinclair Elementary School. On September 25<sup>th</sup> an input session was held with the Library Board of Trustees.

The Owner Project Requirement meeting (OPR) was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Central Auditorium. A library staff input meeting was held on October 12. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Facilities Committee recommended accepting an additional donation of land from Mr. Schaefer that would allow for a possible driveway into the as yet developed subdivision. The Library Board of Trustees approved accepting the land donation at their December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. A staff meeting was held January 16 to finalize programming requirements. Conceptual floor and site plan was recommended for approval by Facilities Committee on February 12, and was approved by the Board of Trustees February 26. A second public input session was held on February 20, 2014 at Sinclair Elementary School. HDRC approved project on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Bi-Weekly project team meetings are being held as Architectural team continues developing design documents.

The selected artist has been introduced to the design team and will begin developing conceptual themes for the project. An artist workshop will be scheduled for late April to receive input from selected stakeholders, and a report will be made to the Facilities Committee and Library Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

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### **District 6 Branch Library Outlet Site**

**Description:** Development of a branch library site in Council District 6.

**Funds:** \$1,400,000 (2012 Bond)

**Location/District:** TBD/District 6

**City Architect:** Stacy Gonzales

**Project Architect:** TBD  
**Design Enhancement:** N/A  
**Construction Contract:** TBD  
**Estimated Completion Date:** TBD

**Project Scope:**

Development of a branch library site in Council District 6

**Current Status:**

Library staff met with Councilman Lopez to provide an update on the project, solicit his feedback regarding the target area and to obtain feedback regarding service model options. Staff met again with CM Lopez on August 29, 2013 to explore a potential opportunity for Library Outlet. Outlet would be approx. 5,000 s.f. co-located in a 40,000 s.f. recreation center. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, an executive session of the Library Board of Trustees was held regarding proposed Real Estate transaction.

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**District 9 Branch Library**

**Description:** Development of a branch library site in Council District 9.

**Funds:** \$7,000,000 (2012 Bond); \$100,000 (Public Art Piece)

**Location/District:** 2515 East Evans Road/District 9

**City Architect:** Stacy Gonzales

**Project Architect:** Alvidrez Architects

**Design Enhancement:** Joe O'Connell & Blessing Hancock - Artists from Tucson, AZ

**Construction Contract:** TBD

**Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2015

**Project Scope:**

Development of a branch library in Council District 9. This project will require the purchase of land. Funding includes acquisition of the land

**Current Status:**

Library Board voted February 27 to accept offer for property located along Evans Road, west of HWY 281. Planning commission approved on March 27. City Council approved purchase on May 2, 2013. Property closed on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and all locks were re-keyed after ownership transfer to secure building. Staff has begun scoping meetings with Alvidrez Architects.

Owner Project Requirement meeting (OPR) was held on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Central Library Auditorium.

First public input meeting was held on October 12 at Encino Park Elementary School. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> an input session was held with the Library Board of Trustees. A library staff input meeting was held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. A Second public input session was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2515 East Evans Road from 6:30-8:00pm. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Library Board of Trustees approved a conceptual floor plan for the facility. Floor plan, exterior elevations and selected finishes were shown to the Library Board of Trustees on February 27<sup>th</sup> and approved. HDRC approval was given on March 7<sup>th</sup> for this project. A third public community meeting was held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the library site, 2515 East Evans Rd. to update the community on project progress. Bi-Weekly project team meetings are being held as Architectural team is finalizing design documents.

The selected artist has been introduced to the design team and will begin developing conceptual themes for the project. An artist workshop will be scheduled for late April to receive input from selected stakeholders, and a report will be made to the Facilities Committee and Library Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

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**Central Library**

**Description:** Renovations, repairs, upgrades and space reconfiguration to the Central Library facility

**Funds:** \$4,000,000 (2012 Bond)

**Location/District:** 600 Soledad / District 1

**City Architect:** Stacy Gonzales

**Project Architect:** Marmon Mok  
**Design Enhancement:** N/A  
**Construction Contract:** TBD  
**Estimated Completion Date:** FY 2017  
**Project Scope:**

Renovations, repairs, upgrades and space reconfiguration to the Central Library facility

**Current Status:** Preliminary meeting with the selected Architectural firm (Marmon Mok) has been held to finalize their contract scope. Kick-off meeting was held on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Marmon Mok is currently designing 1<sup>st</sup> floor restroom renovations to coincide with Café Commerce project. Additional planning meetings have been held with Marmon Mok to finalize project scope for FY 2014. Scope to include new carpet in public areas on floors 2, 5 & 6; restroom renovation to all public restrooms; installation of new exterior sign along Soledad Street; staff and collection moves associated with Café Commerce project; Audio/Visual improvements to Auditorium and other assorted mechanical, electrical and HVAC repairs. Work has been completed at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor restrooms adjacent to Connect Space. Renovations have begun at the restrooms adjacent to the auditorium, and will be complete in May. Carpet replacement for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors are in the procurement process, and will go before City Council for approval of purchase on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Carpet replacement for the Chihuly area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is complete. Design work is being finalized for the rest room renovations at all public rest rooms throughout Central, and construction bids will be solicited by TCI Department. Collection and staff moves relative to Café Commerce Phase 2 are complete. A/V improvements to Auditorium have been completed, and a new podium has been installed in the auditorium. Assorted building repairs highlighted in the 2009 Facilities Assessment Study have been completed. Exterior sign has been installed, and a lighting component is being completed.

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#### **Café Commerce Phase Two**

**Description:** Renovation of 1<sup>st</sup> floor Central Library 'Fiction' area (EDD Project)

**Funds:**

**Location/District:** 600 Soledad / District 1

**City Architect:** Stacy Gonzales

**Project Architect:** Marmon Mok

**Design Enhancement:** N/A

**Construction Contract:** Davila Construction

**Estimated Completion Date:** June 2014

**Project Scope:** Design, construct and install office area with meeting room and conference space for entrepreneurial development.

**Current Status:** Pre-construction meeting held March 31<sup>st</sup>. Construction began April 1 with installation of construction wall between 'Connect Space' and construction area, and demolition of existing space began with carpet and wall removal. All work scheduled to be complete in early June.

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#### **2013 Facilities Assessment Study**

**Description:** Repairs and improvements to 8 Branch Libraries

**Funds:** \$1,492,000 (Deferred Maintenance Funding)

**District:** 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10

**Project Architect:** Debra J. Dockery Architect, PC.

**Design Enhancement:** None

**Construction Contract:** BES / Job Order Contractor system (CIMS) / Vendor Contracts

**Original Target Completion Date:** September 30, 2014

**Project Scope:** Make branch repairs and improvements, based in part on the April, 2009 Facilities Assessment Study conducted by Debra J. Dockery Architect, PC. Some additional repair items identified since the 2009 FAS study have also been included in this work. There will also be three Extreme Library makeovers completed at Carver, Cortez and Tobin at Oakwell Libraries.

**Current Status:**

**1<sup>st</sup> quarter projects:** Work at Guerra (retainer block repair) and Maverick (roof, irrigation and wall repair) has been completed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> quarter projects:** Work has been completed at Landa (interior painting, roof repairs, front door replacement and other building repairs). Johnston parking lot improvements have been completed and security camera installation is pending ITSD scheduling.

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter projects:** Work has begun at Westfall (interior and exterior improvements) and Cortez (Extreme Library Makeover) All work to be complete by June 30, 2014

**4<sup>th</sup> quarter projects:** Work scope is being finalized for Carver and Tobin at Oakwell (both Extreme Library Makeovers). All work to be complete by September 30, 2014