



San Antonio
Public Library

Director's Report

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Luminaria at the Central Library Plaza 2014

October 13 – November 15, 2014

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

On October 14, 2014, Library Director Ramiro Salazar and Library Services Administrator Candelaria Mendoza joined Board Members and Staff from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in attending the 5th Annual Women's Award Luncheon hosted by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. That evening, Ramiro attended a panel discussion moderated by Mayor Ivy Taylor regarding Hispanic Heritage Month. The panel featured remarks by local author John Philip Santos.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with Tom Livesay, the incoming director of the Briscoe National Western Art Museum, on October 15. That afternoon, the Library dedicated the Caroline B. and John H. Kampmann San Antonio Library Portal at the Briscoe Western Art Museum.

On October 17, Library Director Ramiro Salazar and Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill met with District 8 Councilman Ron Nirenberg regarding access to the Library's materials. That afternoon, Ramiro and Dale joined other Library employees at the United Way of San Antonio's Annual Campaign Kick Off Luncheon. That evening, Ramiro attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Nuit Blanche fundraiser held on the grounds of the Landa Library.

Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan attended two Community Meetings, October 16 and October 21, 2014) organized by District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez. The public meetings included public input for the recreation center and the Library outlet planned for District 6, among other agenda items.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar represented City of San Antonio at Sister City event in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Ramiro Salazar was the City of San Antonio's official representative at the Inauguration of Kaohsiung's new Main Public Library (Taiwan) on November 13, 2014. As our Sister City, officials of Kaohsiung also invited Ramiro to deliver a presentation at their International Library Conference, "Flipped Libraries: International Conference on new Paradigms in Space and Services of Public Libraries".

On October 21, Library Director Ramiro Salazar served emcee for the ribbon cutting of the Digital Library Community at the San Antonio International Airport. A kiosk that provides access to the Library's digital collection, also featuring rapid charging technology, is located in each terminal at the Airport. This project was made possible with the financial support of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. That afternoon, the Library hosted the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Latino Leadership for the Library (L3) Committee in a discussion regarding the planned move of the Latino Collection to the 1st Floor of Central Library.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar attended the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library's annual Arts and Letters Awards ceremony and reception on Sunday October 26.

Dr. Ricardo Romo lent the San Antonio Public Library photographs of his trip to Guatemala for display during the Fall 2014 at the Forest Hills Branch Library. The exhibit was mounted in early October and run through mid-December 2014. A reception for the exhibit took place on October 29, 2014 at the Forest Hills Branch Library with remarks by Library Director Ramiro Salazar and University of Texas at San Antonio President Dr. Ricardo Romo.

The Library hosted an open house on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Carver Branch Library to highlight the improvements at the branch library. The program included remarks by District 2 Councilman Keith Toney, District 2 Library Trustee Gloria Malone and Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill. Antoinette Franklyn, Friends of the Carver Branch Library, delivered a reading during the program as well.

The Central Library welcomed a new City partner and fellow community service provider during this reporting period. The Neighborhood Engagement team of San Antonio's Metro Health Department has moved two of its Community Health Worker supervisors into Room 2.2 of the 2nd floor. This

collocation shows the Library's and the Metro Health Department's commitment to the City wide effort to consolidate facilities and conserve resources.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Dr. Jo Dee Duncan, science educator at St. Phillip's College, invited SAPL to participate in a envisioning and preparing a three million dollar grant she is submitting to the National Science Foundation (NSF). The purpose of the grant is to foster an informal learning environment that supports low-income children in developing STEM knowledge and skills. Dr. Duncan's request was very timely in light of last summer's reading club theme as well as October's professional development day on science in early childhood. Among the children's librarians, there is an increasing commitment to including science in library programs. If funded, the NSF grant will provide funds for SAPL to create "science in a shoebox" kits to pilot in SAPL's inner-city branches. These kits will include hands-on, independent science activities for children to explore while they are in the library.

At the monthly meeting of the children's librarians on November 13, nine committees were established to support system-wide goals and objectives. Establishing these system-wide committees and recruiting members is an annual occurrence in Children's Services as these groups share in the responsibility of developing and promoting much of the work done system-wide. Here is a listing of the FYI 2015 committees and their charges:

Celebrations Committee I (Jan 2015 – June 2015)

Celebrations Committee II (July 2015 – Dec 2015)

Charge: To create and coordinate activities, programs and promotional materials that support the children's librarians of SAPL in celebrating multicultural and special events throughout the year ensuring that the library maintains a relevant and positive presence in the community through high-quality, fun, and meaningful children's and family programming.

Early Literacy Committee I (Jan 2015 – June 2015)

Early Literacy Committee II (July 2015 – Dec 2015)

Charge: To promote early literacy efforts system-wide, based on the Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) curriculum. To create programming kits and learning tools for both internal and external use, particularly Play & Learn programming for system-wide use.

Literary Committee

Charge: To create electronic guides and bibliographies of children's materials for the Kids Page, library celebrations and events and for library partner organizations.

SAPL Kids Committee

Charge: To write and post SAPL Kids blog entries. To prepare and submit monthly "Now at Your Library" booklists for posting on the SAPL Kids page and to promote and assist colleagues in integrating technology into children's library programming.

Science Committee

Charge: To develop and promote science programming for young children. (Subject to revision as the committee evolves.)

School Age Committee

Charge: To provide school age children with enjoyable library activities that foster reading, learning and creativity. To encourage and support productive and rewarding relationships between the public library and the schools of San Antonio

Summer Reading Committee

Charge: To develop system-wide program plans for weekly Kids Time (school age) programming to be used during summer session. To develop and share ideas for summer celebrations (Kick Off & SummerFest). As needed, to assist in making decisions regarding Summer Reading plans, promotions and evaluations.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Workshops for Child Care Providers

The October 18 workshop, "Music and More Early Literacy Moves," was presented by Elizabeth Huber, Xelena Gonzalez, Cresencia Huff and Ronnie Webb with assistance from practicum student Deborah Carter. Occupational therapist and drum circle facilitator, Jorge Ochoa, again joined the group to demonstrate how teachers can help children build early literacy skills and more through the use of simple rhythm instruments. Following the workshop, Mr. Ochoa led a short HealthRHYTHMS session for a few participants who were able to give up a little more of their day. This session focused on strategies for reducing stress, an excellent tool for caregivers.

On November 8, Corinne Sanchez presented an Every Child Ready to Read workshop at the Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair for City District 3. The event was held at the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus and Ms. Sanchez' session was full to room capacity.

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

Julia Lazarin, Liliana Ornelas and Ms. Huff completed the fall series of workshops at the four Pre-K 4 SA centers. They also began visits to four of the large Head Start centers operated by the San Antonio Independent School District: Knox, Tynan, Carvajal and Carroll. Each center will receive two additional visits in the spring.

Ms. Huber continued to visit smaller Head Start sites and schools to share Every Child Ready to Read with parents. These smaller sites will receive one workshop this school year. Ms. Huber's ability to present in Spanish and English has been especially valuable in serving these sites.

Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Teen Parents

Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Sanchez have made visits to Churchill, McCollum, Harlandale, Tejeda, Lee, Brackenridge, Edison and Holmes high schools. At each visit teen parents receive an overview of Every Child Ready to Read with special emphasis on one or more of the pre-reading practices (talking, singing, reading, writing and playing) and the opportunity to make a tool to use with their children. Teen parents have enjoyed making gel writing boards this month.

Ms. Sanchez visited a new site, Pickett Academy, an alternative San Antonio Independent School District campus for students that need therapeutic interventions while completing requirements for high school graduation.

Library Promotion

Ms. Huber and Ms. Huff attended several community events this month. Parent Child Incorporated (PCI) held a fall festival on October 17 for the Early Head Start and Head Start families. Ms. Huff brought the VROOM! and set up an activity area along with an information table. Although it was still very hot, many families appreciated the free activities. Ms. Huff also brought library information to an OctoberFest for Avance's Early Head Start program. Avance's Home-based Head Start programs had fall festivals at their Carmen P. Cortez and Fenley centers. Ms. Huber and Ms. Huff also had information tables and activities at these events.

Ms. Sanchez brought library information and Every Child Ready to Read posters to the Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair on November 8 at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Play & Learn

The Play & Learn series at the Jean Yates Community Center concluded on November 4 with several families looking forward to joining Little Read Wagon the following week for a special Counting Sheep program at Heritage Park. Unfortunately, the day of this event was cold and windy. The few families who ventured out to Heritage Park decided not to stay since there was no indoor space available to escape the blustery cold.

Catholic Charities again invited Little Read Wagon to facilitate a Play & Learn series for newcomer refugee families. The series, held at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, has focused on traditional nursery rhymes and songs, such as Old MacDonald, Jack and Jill, and Ten Little Fingers. These songs and

rhymes have the elements of repetition and good basic vocabulary appropriate for participants who are learning English. The families speak Arabic, Malay and Burmese.

Professional Development

Ms. Lazarin had the opportunity to attend the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Dallas. The November 5-8 conference drew participants from all of the United States and other countries. Ms. Lazarin reported that the importance of relationships was a common thread in the sessions she attended. The quality of interactions and relationships a child experiences in early childhood impacts everything from vocabulary development to social skills, math and science.

TEEN SERVICES (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Off-Site Service

Kathleen Fordyce (Teen Services Librarian II – Central) visited the Academy of Creative Education during the reporting period to speak to students during their Orientation about the resources and services the Library offers for teens. At the end of the presentations, the students applied for library cards.

Partnerships

Kathleen applied for and completed the necessary paperwork and other components to begin Teen Services' annual Kids Café afterschool snack program, administered by the SA Food Bank. The Teen Services staff participated in a training session by the Food Bank on how to run this year's Kids Café. Teen Services is scheduled to begin serving snacks to teens in November.

On November 12, staff from the City's Project WORTH facilitated a focus group with teens in Teen Services at the Central Library. The teens gave their input on several issues regarding teen health and were asked how they felt about PR videos and other marketing materials created by Project WORTH.

Staff involved in the Inspire U Workplace Mentoring Program (part of SA2020), met with their "littles" in the Central Library Auditorium on October 27 for their monthly lunch.

Programming

Caroline Mossing (Teen Services Librarian I – Central) went on the road with a quadcopter to Igo and Mission Libraries for Above and Beyond programming in conjunction with the Mayor's Book Club. Teens learned the basics of drone piloting and explored situations where these small flying machines might be useful. Teens had the opportunity to fly the quadcopter, experiencing firsthand the effects of wind and speed on maneuverability, as well as capturing some interesting footage from a new perspective.

Aedan, a long-time teen volunteer in Teen Services, has served as Central Library's teen book reviewer on the Teen Services WordPress blog. Since Aedan will be graduating this school year, she wanted to make sure a new teen book reviewer could take her place. Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Velasquez and Kathleen Fordyce created a LibGuide to promote the volunteer position, and Kathleen created an application for candidates using Survey Monkey. In addition, an Express News reporter ran a story about Aedan and included a link to the application on the LibGuide. Aedan reviewed the applications, contacted the candidates to schedule interviews and – with assistance from Teen Services PT Library Assistant Victoria Tijerina – interviewed candidates and selected a teen for the position.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

SAPL Marketing continued its regular project work during the reporting period including graphic design, community and media relations, social media promotion and event logistics for several ongoing projects. Projects include the Mayor's Book Club, Native American Heritage Month, LEARN at SAPL, Digital Library Community Project, ongoing branch programs and more.

The marketing team also supported several projects that were hosted in partnership with other departments including Parks & Recreation, Department of Health Services and more. The team worked extensively with its partners at the Briscoe Western Art Museum to host the official dedication of the Caroline and John Kampmann Library Portal within the museum. The team focused some of its design efforts on the SAPL holiday card and design of holiday promotions.

Marcie Hernandez participated as a panelist at the Urban Management Association of South Texas conference. Additionally, she worked with Caitlin Cowart to coordinate the official launch of the Digital Library kiosks located at the San Antonio International Airport. Marcie also coordinated media relations for the launch of the Ricardo Romo photography exhibit at Forest Hills Branch Library.

Joseph continued his work with the Latino Leadership for the Library Committee of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. He also managed all social media and worked on next steps related to the SAPL website re-design project.

Thousands of visitors enjoyed the sights, lights, food and sounds of Luminaria 2014 at the Central Library Plaza. This is the first time that SAPL was incorporated into the event as it moved from Hemisfair Park to the north side of downtown to include the Southwest School of Art and the new Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. Special Events Coordinator, Andy Gordon, managed the project on behalf of the Library.

As of this reporting period, SAPL has 7,816 Facebook friends, 2,250 followers on Twitter and 164 followers on Instagram.

SAPL appeared in media 152 times.



CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Play & Learn took a noisy turn with the first “noisy” themed session. Librarians Kate Simpson and Amy Lewis led the all on a sound-rich adventure! Musical instruments, dancing, and animal sounds were all included. The program was a great (albeit, loud) success!

Kate Simpson (Librarian II) gave a presentation to parents of Kindergarteners and First Graders at Austin Academy about ways to improve their children's literacy. Simpson engaged the parents with fun and simple methods to build their child's vocabulary, phonemic awareness, highlighting these key contributors to a child's success in reading. Her presentation was based on the American Library Association's *Every Child Ready to Read* program and was enthusiastically received by the parents. Based on the success of the event, Ms. Head (Austin Academy Librarian) and Ms. Simpson are coordinating to conduct these workshops on a quarterly basis.

On October 25, the Central Children's team hosted the annual Halloween Party. In addition to some crafts, games, and a costume parade, a gross-out zone was included this year. Children were able to get messy with water beads, orange Oobleck, and even witness a few puking pumpkins in action – while learning a bit of science while witnessing the exothermic reaction happening inside the jack-o-lanterns. The team dressed up as usual and featured were Red Riding Hood (Ruth Chiego - Manager), Mildred

Hubble, aka Worst Witch (Kate Simpson – Assistant Manager), Nancy Drew (Amy Lewis – Librarian I), Trekkie (Jasmin Salinas– Librarian I), and Princess Bonnibel Bubblegum (Judith Slaughter – Library Assistant). Special thanks to Ms. Lewis for coordinating the effort.

Jasmin Salinas (Librarian I) led Lego Club with a “Things that Go” theme, encouraging children to make cars, rockets, trains, and other fun creations. Automobile, military vehicle and aircraft books filled the story room for inspiration. The biggest hit of the program was the opportunity to test their creative boundaries and build with marshmallows and toothpicks. Kids and parents alike came to relax and build together.

Ms. Simpson led a special Family Fun focused on El Dia de los Muertos, in which the families enjoyed a field trip to the first floor of the Central Library to admire and examine the altar erected in honor of Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Ms. Simpson then led the group back upstairs to use the altar as inspiration for making their own paper *calavera* masks and marigold flowers out of colorful tissue paper.

Ruth Chiego was selected to be a presenter at Region 20's annual TAPPestry Conference. TAPPestry is an organization comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and other professionals working with children with special needs. Ms. Chiego will lead the workshop in February and it will focus on ideas grown out of Central Library's *Play & Learn* programs - which focus on bringing early literacy skills to young children through talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. It is through these meetings that Ms. Chiego has adapted portions to work with children who have sensory processing disorders and autism. The goal of the sessions is to show adults how they can be the conduit for a love of reading, through making the development of this skill fun and accessible to all children.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On October 16, Sierra Mendez, Veronica Rodriguez, and Ignacio Albarracín hosted the grand opening of the Kampmann Library Portal at the Briscoe Western Art Museum. Ms. Mendez designed and produced the “Save-the-Dates,” invitations, signage and guest take-aways for the event.

Ms. Mendez headed the up the Briscoe book club's presentation and discussion of *Empire of the Summer Moon* by S.C. Gwynne on Tuesday, November 4.

Ms. Rodriguez, on October 14, conducted an oral history interview with Juanita Chipman (descendent of the Kampmanns).

REFERENCE

Training is the theme this month. Reference staff presented over twenty trainings for the public including sessions for ‘Technology Questions Answered’, ‘Foro Abierto’ and ‘Prep Yourself Before You Test Yourself’. On October 25, for “Family History Month”, Deborah Countess arranged for Jeremy Balkin, of Family Tree DNA in Houston, to speak about genetic testing and genealogical research. Sylvia Reyna arranged two exciting programs on November 1. In the morning, Frank Faulkner conducted a tour of the Historic Eastside cemeteries; in the afternoon, the ‘American Indians of Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions’ celebrated “Native American Heritage Month” through dance and storytelling in the Central Library Plaza. Texana/Genealogy staff thanks the Library Foundation for supporting these events.

For fellow staff, Reference created and/or taught the following vital courses: Cristine Mitchamore co-taught ‘Reader’s Advisory 101’; Julia Selwyn created a lively ‘Top Databases’ session, with prizes as an inspiration; ‘Research Databases’ training was offered as an alternative to Wikipedia. Utilizing Databases can lead a researcher to more reliable information from scholarly journal articles, reports and more.

To celebrate Diwali, the Hindu “Festival of Lights,” Pannaga Prasad facilitated Indian Classical Dance presentations at Memorial (October 16), San Pedro (November 1) and Central (November 9) Libraries. Attendees were captivated by the wonderful performances.

TEEN SERVICES

Weekly Programs

Mondays with JD Elizondo (Library Assistant): JD continued his weekly Eclectic Electric program, in which teens learn to play guitar and/or keyboards. Teens can also teach their peers to play. After the music ends, teens engage in different weekly craft projects. In addition to Eclectic Electric, during the reporting period JD facilitated weekly meetings of the teen leadership group, Power Up. During the month of October, JD focused on helping to facilitate with the department's teens the development and running of the Teen Services Haunted House, which was open to the public on October 25 and October 27 through 30. The 2014 Asylum Edition of the haunted house had over 200 visitors. JD has been working on his second annual Rock the Plaza event, which will take place in March of 2015. JD has also been fostering a partnership with the Henry Ford Academy and is in talks with the school to do a talent collective between Teen Services and them.

Tuesdays with Caroline Mossing (Librarian I): During the reporting period, Caroline hosted Science and Tech Tuesdays. Teens worked on spooky electronics projects for the third annual Teens' Haunted House and used teamwork, a digital camera, and lights to create amazing light painting photography. Upcoming programs include creating simple apps and 3D holiday ornament design.

Wednesdays with Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II): On Wednesday nights, teens pick their favorite video or board game and engage in friendly competition with their peers. In addition, teens have the opportunity to express their creative side by participating in craft or art projects of their choosing. During the reporting period, teens also continued working on the haunted house.

Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): In October, teens continued making Halloween-themed foods, crafts and decorations. Teens wrapped strips of refrigerated crescent dough around hot dogs and cheese to create mummy-looking food. One doubting teen could not believe the deliciousness that was the "mummy dog." They also stuck dry spaghetti in hot dogs to create creepy-looking squids. The following week, teens learned how to make a royal icing. Decorating skeleton, bat, gravestone, and moon-shaped cookies was a Halloween highlight. On the last of the Haunted House run, teens were able to carve small pumpkins and light them for the night. The jack-o-lanterns added a nice touch to the Halloween ambience. Teens were able to celebrate a popular Mexican holiday, *Día de los Muertos* while watching the new DVD release of *Maleficent*. Teens made and decorated sugar skulls and based on a teen suggestion, *pan de muerto*. In a moment of "I've got this," each time a new question was raised one teen shared all he had just recently learned on the subject at school. Their skulls are displayed with a Death and Remembrance book display. Incorporating architecture into their art, teens made fantastic sculptural letters of an initial from their name, using basic items like paper cups, poster board, glue, and tape. Afterwards, in what has become a teen-requested yearly treat, they melted caramels to cover apples and create caramel apple turkeys with peanuts and fruit roll ups. These activities really encouraged peer-to-peer assistance, artistic expression, coordination, and cultural relevance. One teen that attended each program for this reporting period high-fived and thanked the sole staff member that night, and then reassured that any program idea he had could be brought to fruition. After most craft programs have concluded, in a non-competitive environment, teens played video games. Pictures from Thursday programs as well as system-wide programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>.

Tours and Groups

During the reporting period, classes from the Henry Ford Academy visited several times during the reporting period to receive a tour of the library from Teen Services staff and to use the department's computers for research. In addition, a Sociology class from Fox Tech and students from Por Vida Academy visited Teen Services for a tour of the library and catalog and database instruction. Lastly, a class of seniors from CASA reserved computers in Teen Services for research.



BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

Bazan Branch Children's librarian, Hope Sonnen, among several outreach efforts, visited De Zavala Elementary where she recently added another book club group that she facilitates for fourth and fifth graders. Along with Library Assistant, Jennifer Martinez, she also participated in De Zavala Elementary Career Day where they talked about their jobs with Pre-K, Kinder, and first grade students.

Academia America-Citizenship classed resumed at the Bazan Branch in October. The classes are conducted by Academia América, a non-profit organization based in San Antonio that provides tuition-free citizenship education programs and referral services to immigrants, and legal residents who are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.

The Learn at SAPL center at Bazan continued to be a busy spot, providing adults one-on-one and small group assistance with English language study, computer tutoring, job searching and social service assistance. Training Officer, Sonia Colon, reported that the computer literacy club continues to draw the most customers. The Center said goodbye to, Elie Flores, who was temporarily filling the position of Community Service Specialist and returns to her permanent post at the Willie Velásquez Center.

BROOK HOLLOW

On October 18, in honor of Disabilities Awareness Month, Brook Hollow hosted a presentation on guide dogs. Three representatives (2 human, 1 canine) from Guide Dogs of Texas were on hand to offer information about raising and training guide dogs and living with a guide dog. Volunteering opportunities were also discussed.

On October 22, Adult Services Librarian Tapley Trudell teamed up with Rolf Laun from Digital Services to present Readers' Advisory 101 in the Central Training Room. This class covered some of the basic tools of readers' advisory service and was open to all SAPL staff.

Brook Hollow served as a voting location on November 4 and during the two weeks of early voting. This important partnership with the county had high attendance, bringing many local residents into the branch.

Brook Hollow supports good health! Biometric screenings and free flu shots were available to city employees on November 10 in the Brook Hollow meeting room. On November 14, certified benefit counselors from the Bexar Area Agency on Aging were available to assist the public with Medicare enrollment.

Brook Hollow hosted a Hispanic Heritage preschool story time featuring New World Foods on November 14. Kids and their families had lots of fun tracing and decorating foods to put in the baskets in the open air market made out of craft paper.

Forty-eight people attended a space-themed story time at the branch to promote the Mayor's Book Club. Kids made their own shape rockets and decorated them with chalk and shiny star stickers. Brook Hollow's

youngest patrons got into the spooky Halloween spirit with a Halloween story time and party. Along with treats and crafts, kids got to dig into creepy black and orange playdough!

The success of monthly Play and Learn programs continued at the branch. Sixty people participated in the Branch's first ever bilingual Play and Learn program, *Counting Ovejas*. Participants in this system-wide program got to count and sort sheep, sort colored objects on a sticky wall, re-tell the story *The Napping House*, put babies to bed, and dig into sparkly nighttime playdough. Fun was had by all as little ones developed important early literacy skills.

CARVER

On Tuesday, October 14, Children's Librarian Jodi Miller conducted outreach at the District 2 Senior Center, where the library's digital wall paper recently went on display. Ms. Miller visited with customers and discussed digital services and other programs the San Antonio Public Library has to offer. The Senior Center and Carver Branch Library are community partners. Staff will return to the location over the next few weeks to encourage more customers to sign up for library cards.

Carver Manager DL Grant represented the branch at the Wednesday, October 29 grand-opening the District 2 Senior Center expansion. Dignitaries on hand for the event included Mayor Ivy R. Taylor and District 2 Councilman Keith Toney.

Carver Library observed National Novel Writing Month by encouraging more people to take up the craft. On November 12, DL Grant offered an information session to teens on literary style techniques. On November 15, San Antonio poet Antoinette V. Franklin was invited to teach a workshop on introductory prose writing.

CODY

School-aged children had an opportunity to participate in a creative art process at the *Rocky Pals* event on October 16. They took various sized rocks and created animals after examining several animal books. Sheila Acosta, Children's Librarian, said the kids turned their rocks into a variety of animals created -- from crocodiles to dinosaurs.

"*Bats! Bats! Bats!*" proved to be a highly popular event with Cody patrons of all ages. This family fun event held on October 18 was presented by the BCI, Bat Conservation International. Fran Hutchins, Director of Bracken Bat Cave, showed slides of various bat preserves in Texas, including those in Austin and San Antonio. Sheila provided fun bat crafts for the children after the presentation, and Debbie Bender, Library Assistant, provided bat-themed door prizes and informational handouts for families to take home.

Over 25 patrons were on hand to help break the record for the *Read for the Record* event at Cody Library on October 21. Sheila read the story by author Rosemary Wells, selected for this national event, and then provided fun arts and crafts for the children to make after the reading.

Colonies North Elementary Kinder teachers invited Sheila to visit with their classes on October 23. After reading several stories, many interactive, Sheila spoke to the students about getting their own library cards, and mentioned the variety of things they could check out with their library cards. She reported that all of the kinder students were excited and asked when she would be coming back.

The *Beginner Readers Club* met on October 23. Every child who attended brought a book they had finished reading to share with the group. After the readings, Sheila had them write a one-sentence review about the books they read. Sheila posted these reviews in the Beginner Reader section. Both parents and children also enjoyed the *Sight Word Tic Tac Toe* game that Sheila introduced to them.

Babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers dressed up for the Halloween story times, and participated in the *Cody Boo! Parades* on October 27 and October 29. Many pictures were taken, and the children enjoyed their “treats”.

The *Cody Annual Halloween Party* on October 30 was well attended. Volunteers assisted Sheila with a variety of Halloween games, such as the Witch’s Hat toss, the Spider Scavenger Hunt, and the Ghost Bean Bag Toss. Arts and crafts were available for all ages, such as creating “Scary Scapes” and ghost pops. Halloween tattoos and a photo corner were also included in the fun.

Tweens were busy in October coloring *Día de Los Muertos* skulls and creating art pieces out of packing foam and toothpicks. Sheila said that many of the tweens volunteered to create and color black spiders for the Halloween party’s Spider Scavenger Hunt.

The *Tween Book Club* met on November 12 to discuss this month’s book, *Game Over*, *Pete Watson* by Joe Schreiber. All who read the book said they were hoping this was the beginning of a series. One parent reported that she had not seen her child that excited about a book before!

The pre-kinder children from the Pineapple School came by the Cody Library for a tour on November 7. The children wanted to know about the different jobs that people have working at the library. After introducing them to the various staff and explaining their jobs, Sheila gave each one a library card application so that they could check out their own books and media before they left.

The Cody neighborhood showed that not only are they among the city’s busiest readers but also the City’s most civic-minded: over 7,000 votes were cast during early voting in October.

On October 26, in partnership with the McNay Art Museum, Cody served as one of three shuttle stops to transport families to the Museums’ *Family Day: Bonjour Les Artistes!* Assistant Manager Adam Spana created displays of French Impressionists, complete with flyers to promote the event.

In November Library Assistant Kimberly Ammerman engineered a space-themed display to promote the Mayor’s Book Club selection, *Rocket Boys*. Adam also hosted a November 13 viewing of the film adaptation of the book, *October Sky*.

COLLINS GARDEN

It was all treats and no tricks at the Collins Garden Branch with plentiful displays celebrating Halloween and *Día de los Muertos*. The branch offered books, movies, and bundles of items with Halloween themes for patrons to enjoy. Branch staff members also decorated the juvenile area with playful bats, skeletons, and other holiday icons.

The juvenile area has been slightly redesigned with new titles being prominently displayed. The hope is that patrons will see the displays and feel invited to check out new and interesting titles to take home. Collins Garden is also experimenting with more books displayed *cover out* so patrons will be intrigued and encouraged to select more titles for home reading.

And even though it is still relatively early, Christmas titles are already being checked out by library patrons. So, in response to this interest in Christmas titles, more displays featuring Christmas titles are being created. Patrons seem to appreciate convenience, and it is very convenient for them to have the Christmas titles already up for display and ready to be checked out.

Collins Garden staff members are excited about the upcoming renovation of the branch and have started to evaluate the collection, equipment, and furniture with a view to reducing clutter. They have also submitted suggestions for improvements that would benefit the community and employees.

CORTEZ

Children's librarian Connie Hejl's Halloween Party was a huge success. 47 kids and 23 adults played Monster Bean Bag Toss, Creepy Bingo, video games, and made crafts. Story time continues every Wednesday at 11am, Game Time is at 3:30 on Wednesdays, and Family Fun is every Tuesday at 4 pm. Students and parents of Kindred Elementary School may have seen Ms. Hejl at the Fall Festival on November 14.

Librarian Michelle Ricondo hosted two Mayor's Book Club programs during the month of October – the *Rocket Boys* Book Club discussion on October 16 and the movie screening of *October Sky* on October 23.

Ghost Hunter Peter Gonzales ushered in the Halloween spirit with his ghost hunting program on October 30. Cortez drew 17 inquisitive and excited participants for this program.

The Gettin' Crafty Cortez Crafters' Group continues to be a hit. This month, crafters are working on aprons and table runners for the holidays. During December the crafters will be making ornaments, wreaths and penguins out of soda bottles.

The Once Upon a Crime Book Club continues this month with *Back from the Dead: One Woman's Search for the Men who Walked off America's Death Row* by Joan Cheever.

The English as a Second Language continues weekly on Saturday mornings with loyal attendees.

Teen Time continues to offer a place for teens to hang out with friends, play video games, and grab some snacks. Thanks to the Friends of the Cortez Library for refreshments.

Zombie Meet with Madeline Vasquez continues to be a popular program on the second Saturday of the month. They always welcome new members to join their zombie survival team.

FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch Library hosted its 3rd annual science day event on October 18. This year's event explored the topic of robotic sciences and was titled JUST ROBOTS!

Many community organizations shared their knowledge with patrons. These included the Southwest Research Institute, Trinity University, UTSA, St. Mary's University, the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Best, and Alamo First. Each organization provided hands on interactions with robots. Wild and wacky robots built by students of all ages were demonstrated, including one that threw candy! The Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) provided two presentations and demonstrations that covered the research SwRI is doing in the field of Robotics and Automation. Spare parts, an art organization lead younger patrons in the creation of robots and rockets from recycled materials.

Forest Hills is currently hosting a photography exhibit by Dr. Ricardo Romo, president of UTSA. The exhibit titled, *Guatemala*, is colorful, vibrant and mesmerizing in its details. A reception for the exhibit was held on October 29. Opening remarks at the opening were given by SAPL Director Ramiro Salazar. Dr. Romo also spoke and took questions from the audience that included community residents, Library Foundation and Board members, UTSA administrators and Art faculty. The Friends of the Forest Hills Branch provided refreshments. The exhibition will run until December 15.

Dancers from the school of Kaveri Natya Yoga celebrated the Indian holiday "Diwala" or Festival of Lights on November 13 with a demonstration various classical dances from India. Patrons seemed charmed by their vivid costumes, intricate hand and arm motions and dance positions.

Children's Services

StoryTime attendees explored the alphabet and began learning about the letter shapes, sounds and words. The children are signing songs and creating various items using the letter(s) of the week.

Five fifth grade classes visited the library from Villarreal Elementary School. Forty-four new library cards were issued and 17 card holders were renewed or advised of fines. Students were actively engaged in selecting their library books and checking them out on the self-check computer.

Counting Sheep/Contando Ovejas had the children counting and baying in two languages. Colors were abounding as were books, games and volunteers.

Outreach

Adult Services Librarian, Sandra Griffin, was part of a group of organizations meeting with the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) at their offices on South Flores. Ms. Griffin was there to discuss SAPL services that could be delivered to the "community libraries" SAHA is intending to open at every apartment complex community center.

Ms. Griffin also participated in an art show at Colby Glass Elementary school. Due to her artistic talents, Ms. Griffin was asked to act as a judge for the student art show on November 13. Ms. Griffin was able to share information about library programming, and invited the students to show their art at the library.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Bob Ross Senior Center to support their monthly book club. The book club read *Rocket Boys* as part of the Mayor's Book Club in October. The members expressed a desire to retrieve training on downloadable resources after the holidays.

Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley made a number of outreach visits in October and November. Early literacy outreach centers, Circle North and Children's Summit learning centers, received support for their new curricula. Ms. Shelley connected with Nohemi Lopez Rosdahl from Collection Development to purchase new titles to support these areas.

Ms. Shelley read *Bunny Cakes* to four classes at the Reading for the Record at Woodlawn Hills Elementary School. Ms. Shelley also participated in three elementary school career days.

Young Pegasus Poetry Competition was the focal point at two additional elementary schools this month. Poetry was read and Ms. Shelley shared an original poem with the students. Teachers and the school librarian were eager to get their students to participate.

The librarian from Glenoaks Elementary School and Ms. Shelley met to discuss preschool program ideas. The ROAR Kits appeared to be a good fit for Mrs. Moore's need with the community around the school. Ms. Shelley provided ROAR Kit titles and instructed Mrs. Moore in securing check-outs and putting kits on hold.

Volunteers

Socorro Barker continues to bless Forest Hills Branch Library by volunteering weekly. She is fervent about her volunteering, willing to complete a variety of tasks and to come in on special event days. Two additional volunteers assisted with the Play & Learn event. They are high school students and shared in the activities with the children and their care givers. Omar Hernandez-Olvera, one of the high school volunteers, offered his Spanish expertise to the mix.

GREAT NORTHWEST

The Great Northwest Book club discussed the book *The Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta.

Cindy Moreno, Assistant Branch Manager, hosted a book discussion for the seniors at the Alicia Treviño Senior Center on the book *The Leftovers* by Tom Perrotta for October and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot for the November discussion.

During the last week of October, children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and paraded around the library. Children listened to stories first and then collected treats from staff members.

Cari Raley, our Children's Librarian, attended an outreach event at Knowlton Elementary. Theresa Brader attended a PTA event at Timberwilde Elementary.

Theresa Brader, Library Assistant, conducted an outreach at Li'l Peas and Sprouts Learning Center.

Stephanie Vazquez, Teen Librarian, visited the Northwest Crossing Elementary school PTA Meeting and talked to parents about the libraries Live Homework Help Tutor.com services. She also visited the Taft High School Library and Brennan High School Library and talked to teens about the library and teen services followed by a video gaming program. Great Northwest has a weekly teen video gaming program that meets every Wednesday evening. Great Northwest presented an Armchair Astronomy program for teens to make its DIY constellation projector to celebrate the Mayors Book Club.

GUERRA

The branch hosted early voting (October 21 through 31) and Election Day (November 4). Staff from Metro Health provided ten biometric screenings and eleven flu immunizations on November 10.

Branch Manager Dexter Katzman attended the monthly managers meeting on November 4 at Forest Hills. He provided a computer instruction class on November 7.

Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard facilitated the Clube do Livro (Portuguese language book club) on November 15. One member of the community attended this first session; Cris led a discussion of *A Noite Escura e Mais Eu* by Brazilian author Lygia Fagundes Telles. The book was available in its original language in the SAPL databases Latin American Women Writers. Cris designed and installed a display using suggestions from Overdrive for read-a-likes of *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. She participated in training covering NeoGov (October 13), SET/Leave Management (November 12), and Coaching, Counseling and Progressive Discipline (November 14).

Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson-Gibbs planned and presented five Toddler Times, five Story Times and five Kids Times where school aged children enjoyed learning about the Fall season and working on Fall crafts. All art projects created by the children were placed on display in the children's area and drew favorable comments from library users. She planned and presented a Mayor's book club Come and Go craft where children and adults were invited to decorate rockets. She created a display of these rockets in the children's area. School-aged children read to therapy dogs Foxy and Chico on October 13, 16, and November 13. These opportunities allowed children to build their reading skills and confidence. Arlene visited Greatest Gifts Daycare where she presented story times to 37 toddlers and Angelic Smiles Daycare where she presented to 82 toddlers. She completed two modules in the New Supervisor Excellence Training and received six hours of training in defensive driving.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson moderated the Club de Lectura (Spanish language book club) discussion of *Eldes* by Christopher Paolini on October 30. For Native American Month, on November 1, he assisted Anne Schuette, Library Assistant/Las Palmas

Library Assistant in setting up and hosting UT/Austin Library Professor Lorie Roy's presentation "Tribal Voices" at Central Library. On November 3, he installed a display on Native Americans with an emphasis on those who became famous nationwide. He included short biographies about Maria Tallchief, Russell Charles Means, and Charles Curtis. On November 14 he represented SAPL at a Cable Elementary School event.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra events on October 16, 23 and 30. He participated in an outreach to Brennan High School with Stephanie Vazquez, Teen Librarian/Great Northwest on October 22. The program included a Teen services video and the opportunity for the students to play video

games; over 100 students participated. *Godzilla* was screened on teen movie night--November 6. Total attendance for the reporting period was 24.

IGO

Igo Branch Library staff collaborated on a special all-ages project during the reporting period which will become an annual event. The Igo Halloween Party was quite successful with over 200 participants and featured a Haunted Forest, Green "Scream" Photos, ongoing story times, crafts, fortune telling, face painting, a "guess the gross stuff" game, snacks, treat bags and a costume parade through the library. The Green Scream Photos were the most surprising success and allowed anyone to take a picture in front of a green screen which was later emailed to them with a scary background edited into the picture. The photo op sessions were an Igo Teen Digi Lab project and 48 participants had their picture taken. The Haunted Forest was the Igo Library's own Woller Outpost – decorated with a variety of frightening props, but most terrifying were the teen volunteers who were hiding in the forest. Library staff wishes offer special thanks to the Igo Elderberries for stuffing treat bags and the many volunteers who provided assistance during the event.

Children's Services

October and November were busy times at Igo Branch Library due to the wonderful programming, as well as, the added excitement and enthusiasm of early voters. Story time families and weekly program attendees were not discouraged by the large voter turn-out and all story times and weekly programs were well attended. Staff received many positive comments and numerous inquiries about library programs and services from those waiting in line to cast their ballots.

In addition to regular early literacy and school age children's programs, youth services staff presented several notable special events. Offerings included the New World Foods family fun event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, an all-day Come & Go "rocket" Craft inspired by the Mayor's Book Club selection, *Rocket Boys*, the annual Family Halloween Party, and an early literacy bilingual play and learn program entitled, *Counting Ovejas/Contando Ovejas* based on Sarah Weeks' exceptional children's picture book.

For this reporting period the Igo Children's Services librarian, Nancy Rodriguez, presented 32 programs which served 1,882 children and their caregivers.

Teen Services

During the reporting period, there were 168 participants who attended an Igo teen program. The highlight of the month was the "I. Go Above and Beyond" program which celebrated the Mayor's Book Club pick - *Rocket Boys*. Igo teens took a leap into drone technology with a noted and award winning photographer, who uses drones for his work. Thanks to the Central Library, teens were also given the opportunity to pilot a drone during the program! The 3-axis drone, mounted with a camera recording live video, soared above the library. Participants agreed that it was incredible to witness and partake in the event, as flying a drone was a new experience to all of them. The teens are working now on a short video of the Igo library from above using the footage obtained from flying the drone.

Teens had a chance to participate in 3-day, 6-hour mid-level course, entitled "Learn 3-D Animation" presented by Carl Schuett. This course expands on topics taught during the introductory summer class which was part of Igo's MEGA camp. Teens learned how to complete a video project from start to finish including pre-production, modeling, rigging, animation, compositing, and rendering. This registered event got very positive reviews from its participants.

Adult Services

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Celebrate Diversity committee brought filmmaker Hernán Vélchez to Igo to show and discuss his documentary *Huicholes, The Last Peyote Guardians*, and Mickey Killian gave a presentation about the history of the people of the San Juan Mission. The Afternoon Book Club discussed Brian Kilmeade's *George Washington's Secret Six*, while the Mystery Club

discussed Shamini Flint's *A Most Peculiar Mayasian Murder*. Leslie Tomlinson, owner of Genealogy by Design, taught the Genealogy Club how to make family storybooks using PowerPoint and Keynote.

The Igo Elderberries group hosted an information program on "Medicare, Part D: Prescription Drug Program" which was presented by Tony Flores a local Walgreen's pharmacist.

JOHNSTON

The Johnston Library had a very busy month! The last two weeks of October the library opened its doors to many new visitors for early voting. The library also hosted several programs. There was something for everyone (story times, teen programs, a fraud prevention workshop, a Veterans' Day concert, and International Game Day).

On November 15, the Johnston Library hosted an International Game Day celebration. The event was hosted by Library Assistant, Christina Martinez, and Librarian II, Monica Bustillo, provided help with organization and planning. Ms. Martinez offered board games (both classic and new), card games, and a MineCraft tournament. A volunteer from Yu-Gi-Oh! demonstrated and taught the game as well.

Children's Librarian Beverly Wigglesworth promoted library cards and the Young Pegasus poetry program at Five Palms Elementary, Valley Hi Elementary, Madla Elementary and Armstrong Elementary Schools. She spoke to 800 students and teachers.

Ms. Wigglesworth viewed a Texas State Library webinar on the 2015 "Be a Hero" Summer Reading program. The webinar gave ideas for activities and books to use during next summer's reading program. Ms. Wigglesworth also attended the SET Leave Management training session.

Besides weekly story times for infants and pre-school and an after-school program, Ms. Wigglesworth also hosted a Play and Learn, "Counting Ovejas."

Ms. Wigglesworth took books to Nurturing Hearts Learning Center and read stories to their three classes. Ms. Wigglesworth also visited parents at Parent Child Incorporated/Head Start and promoted library services and early literacy.

Teen liaison, Christina Martinez, provided weekly teen programming. During this reporting period, the teens used a computer lab to access Learning Express and other educational resources, and they went to the adjacent park to read scary stories to each other.

The teens also celebrated Halloween with a party. Only one teen bravely wore a costume so he won the grand prize (a spinning microphone) while all the teens got cupcakes, cookies and small trinkets.

The teens also participated in celebrating the Mayor's Book Club. Ms. Martinez led them in an Armchair Astronomy project where they gazed at the stars through a star projector.

Ms. Martinez also provided outreach to Shepard Middle School. Ms. Martinez did five presentations, where she talked about library services, live homework help, and Teen Events. She reached 200 students.

Adult Services Librarian, Monica Bustillo, continued outreach efforts to the Virginia Gill Senior Center and the Willie Cortez Senior Center.

Ms. Bustillo organized a Fraud Prevention presentation at Johnston branch by Sandy Sullivan from Frost Bank. She facilitated the final BYOD: Bring Your Own Device program on October 16.

She also presented a very successful Pumpkin Carving event at Johnston on October 19 for over 80 customers with two news stations also attending. And on November 10 she organized a Veterans' Day

Celebration that featured a performance by the Air Force Band of the West: Freedom Brass. Light refreshments and a children's craft were also available.

Ms. Bustillo presented the Mayor's Book Club movie *October Sky* on two Friday afternoons. Ms. Bustillo also facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club at Johnston. In October the selection was *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and in November the selection was *Rocket Boys*.

Ms. Bustillo attended training at Central Library for the upcoming Affordable Care Act enrollment period. Ms. Bustillo attended the Supervisor Excellence Training Module for Performance Management and also attended Recruitment Module.

LANDA

Children's Services

Children and adults enjoyed a variety of activities at Landa. In addition to two weekly Baby Times, weekly Toddler Times and Story Times, there were special and monthly events. The Early Literacy Committee's fall Play & Learn, Counting Sheep/Contando ovejas, was held outside on the Terrace, attracting nearly 60 attendees. It was a well-executed kit and many adults pledged to head home and recreate several of the activities. LEGO Club participants continue to surprise Landa patrons with their inventive creations and the accompanying descriptions on display in the children's area. Landa Lab program goes tested out chemical reactions by comparing what happens when baking soda is combined with water and vinegar. The chemical reaction was captured in a plastic sandwich bag to the delight of many children and all of the adults! Paper thankfulness pumpkins are helping Come & Go crafters get ready for Thanksgiving. Each crafter cuts out strips of paper, writes what they are thankful for and engineers the paper strips into a sphere. Children's Librarian Clair Larkin also held 3 outreach story times at University Presbyterian Church Childcare Center and visited with children at Respite Care of San Antonio for their community helpers' celebration.

Teen Services

Teens continue to advise and implement creative programming and activities at Landa. The Landa Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) worked together to create agendas for their weekly meetings. In addition to their weekly programming, the TLLC are collaborating to create accountability guidelines as a council, i.e. bylaws, etc. As part of the TLLC's Teen Fiction **Genrefication** project, the TLLC chose different books by genre in order to help circulate books. Every other week, a TLLC member will chose different genres to pick from. TLLC members assisted Bea Canales, Landa Teen Services Liaison, with International Teen Games Day on November 15 by setting up the meeting room and inviting their friends to attend.

The International Teen Club (ITC) enjoyed a historical and cultural perspective on Halloween by participating in Celtic traditions. ITC founding member, Rubi J., 17 years, has been corresponding with Avantika Krishna, Trinity University student, from the City of San Antonio's International Relations department regarding a **Pen Pal** program with our sister city, Chennai, India.

On October 29 the Cool Teens Club helped setup and reset for the Landa Children's Halloween party. During this time, the teens had their moving cart of fun and food, supplied by the Landa Friends group.

Adult Services

It has been a busy Fall for adult programming at Landa. The special October series, October Mondays @ Landa concluded with two informative programs with dynamic presenters. Sandy Sullivan, Senior Vice President of Frost Bank, presented "Immunize Yourself Against Fraud," an outstanding program designed to teach adults and seniors how to keep from becoming a victim of fraud. This program was part of the Live Well, Age Smart Committee offerings and fit perfectly into Landa's October series. Ms. Sullivan had useful hand-outs for all those in attendance. The last in the October series, "A Long Road Home: Information for Family and Caregivers of Those in Last-Stage Care," was given by Valerie Taylor, RN, BSN. Thanks to both the Veterans Hospital and University Health Science Center for this excellent presentation.

Since the Landa kids have their own LEGO Club, Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta decided it was time for the adults to get into the fun. In conjunction with the Mayor's Book Club selection, *Rocket Boys*, and with the help of the Landa Friends, Karen purchased two sets of LEGO blocks and invited the grown-ups to try their hand at building rockets or anything else creative. The event was a great success and the results are on display at Landa.

Once again this October, Landa was privileged to have Shirley Morrison and the crochet team from Alamo Rows Crochet Guild here to teach beginning crochet. These classes are presented at Landa approximately once per quarter.

Landa's regular monthly programs are still attracting both new and returning participants. This month, the Silver Screens Classic Movie was the brand new SAPL purchase, *Till the Clouds Roll By*, a musical based on the life of Jerome Kern. The Seniors Mystery Book Club read and discussed the hilarious Elizabeth Peters Egyptology who-dun-it, *The Laughter of Dead Kings*.

LAS PALMAS

Branch Manager Tim Johnson hosted the Las Palmas Book Club on October 15. The club added two new members in October who greatly contributed to the discussion of Mary Roache's *Packing for Mars*; this was selected because the subject matter was closely related to Mayor Taylor's book club selection, *Rocket Boys*. Johnson has also continued to learn about and teach chess on Monday evenings for the Las Palmas Dark Knights chess club, which has benefitted from donations by HEB, Castle Chess, and the Friends of the Las Palmas. The group has seen a regular attendance incorporating a variety of ages. Children's Librarian Gina Brudi's LEGO Club has continued to draw enthusiastic crowds. With the generous donation from the Las Palmas Friends group, the branch now has additional LEGO wheels and people. Children's Librarian Gina Brudi delivered classroom collections and presented story times at Madonna, Good Samaritan, and Avance literacy centers as well as Family Fun on Monday night. At the Family Fun Halloween Party children made monster puppets and skull masks and took home some tasty treats in plastic pumpkins.

Teen Services Librarian Marco De Leon had a successful month with teen flagship program Super Cool Awesome Teen Gaming Block 3000, as the month of October saw a considerable increase in teen attendance. The teens that have become regulars took charge of the program by choosing to make one of the weekly evening meets into a dance party and having a Mario Kart tournament the following week. They also used one night to prepare Halloween goodie bags that were filled with candy with the intention of passing them out to library patrons on Halloween. The program continues to give teens the option to choose their entertainment (video games, board games, movies, etc.), but Mr. De Leon has given the teens complete control of the program.

The UnHomework Hour also saw an increase of teens visiting into the library to do their homework and school projects. Teens were helped with their English, History, and Math school work. The greatest success has been with the teens that are brought in from St. PJ's Children's Home. As per the agreement with St. PJ's, they transported their teens every Thursday where the teens were able to get help with their school work. While Mr. De Leon has a background in teaching History and Geography, as well as tutoring in English, the majority of the teens that sought out The UnHomework Hour were in need of help with their Math coursework. As a response, Mr. De Leon was able to borrow a fleet of iPads from Teen Services for the purpose of using them as supplemental instruction tools during the UnHomework Hour. The iPads have been a huge success as the teens use them to connect to Tutor.com to get help from live tutors.

October was also the month where teen volunteers finally began to dedicate their time to the library. So far, there are a total of eight volunteers. Six of the volunteers are special needs students from JFK High School. JFK High School reached out to Las Palmas library to see if the library could participate in a work preparation program for their special needs students and Las Palmas responded by having them volunteer in the library and assisting the library aides with shelving items in the library. The other two

volunteers have also used their volunteer time to shelve books in the library. There are more volunteer applications that have been accepted and cleared. It is Mr. De Leon's goal to have the volunteers take a leadership role in the coming future.

MAVERICK

During the reporting period, a few staff members attended various trainings. Librarian II, Benjamin Longoria and Children's Librarian II, Amy Roberts attended some of the Supervisor Excellence Training (SET) classes. In addition, Ms. Roberts, Circulation Attendant Sarah Borque and Library Assistant, Lucy Villa attended Database Training at the Central Library on October 29. Ms. Villa also attended more Database Training on November 6.

Special programs took place during the reporting period. On October 18, Guitar SA performed for 24 patrons. Over 150 people attended a Suzuki violin/viola concert in the public area of the library on October 25. The library had a couple programs relating to Mayor Ivy's Book Club. Teen liaison, Lucy Villa, showed 16 teens the movie, *October Sky*, based on the book, *Rocket Boys* on October 18. On November 10, Ms. Roberts had 2 preschool story times where 43 children decorated die-cut rockets with various craft materials. A special Play and Learn, Counting Sheep/Contando ovedas, was conducted by Amy Roberts on November 8 for 11 attendees.

In other news, Maverick Library was once again an Early Voting site and an Election Day site. Thank you to the staff that opened the branch early and stayed late. The Ladies Choice Book Club had 14 attendees on October 18. Ms. Roberts had the privilege of attending a Literacy Festival at Ward Elementary on November 5. She talked about resources that the library provides to 300 parents and students.

McCRELESS

Four Story Times were presented during this time period. Children learned about caterpillars and butterflies, tyrannosaurus and apatosaurus, pumpkins and monsters, and bears and hibernation. Projects included a caterpillar home, a standup stegosaurus, a pumpkin patch and a bear in a cave. Children also enjoyed play time, music and movement, rhymes and songs.

Counting Ovejas, a Play & Learn program, was hosted by the branch during this month. Children and their caregivers participated in a variety of activities, including listening to and retelling stories and using playdough, felt fabric, magnets and a sticky wall.

The branch Halloween Party was a big hit. 41 children and family members enjoyed making Halloween masks and snacking from treat bags.

In addition to the Halloween program, three additional Family Fun programs were presented, with participants creating leaf paintings, Q-tip skeletons and fall wreaths.

Monty Holcomb, Librarian I, hosted five informal weekly chess events, which included a surprise visit by chess master Eduardo Loyola. Mr. Holcomb also hosted (with the help of assistants) five teen events. Besides the usual video games, the teens also brought and played the card game Magic and, in the spirit of Halloween, the teens also played Zombies board game.

McCreless welcomed two new Temporary employees during this time period: Melissa Gomez, Library Aide and Ana Menchaca, Library Assistant.

Branch Manager Cammie Brantley held her Book Club on October 18 for a discussion of "Maisie Dobbs" and the title November 8 was "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie". The group has grown to seven active members and the discussion is lively and intelligent.

MEMORIAL

Children at Memorial Branch Library had a blast creating Origami sculptures, taught by Circulation Attendant, Adam Capelo, as Part I of an Origami series. Memorial's Family Fun programs consisted of Do-It-Yourself Art Stations where families were encouraged to let their creative juices flow by making amazing crafts using various materials. Children had a blast during the branch's annual Halloween Party by making crafts, listening to music, reading stories, playing games, and receiving lots of candy donated by the Memorial Amigos, Friends of the Memorial Branch. In honor of King Tut Day, families learned about the discovery of his tomb and the items that were buried with him. Children wrote their names in Egyptian Hieroglyphics, and made cartouches, which are ancient Egyptian frames that held the name of the king in power. Families also enjoyed playing board games and putting together jigsaw puzzles during our Games and Puzzles program.

In conjunction with the Mayor's Book Club book, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir* by Homer Hickam, kids checked out books about rockets, along with decorating their own rockets to post on the pretend San Antonio sky. School aged children also enjoyed playing with Duplos and Lego building Blocks.

An art exhibit entitled, "*Mi Barrio/My Town*" by library patron Richard Garcia, opened in November at the Memorial Branch. A long-time resident of San Antonio, Mr. Garcia's subjects are familiar to many locals as his paintings include local historical buildings, popular icons and related architecture such as the Zarzamora Street Westside Gym where many local boxing legends were trained. The exhibit runs through on January 7, 2015.

The Memorial branch was also a host site for both Early Voting and Election Day. Along with greeting voters, staff also welcomed the opportunity to introduce them to library services.

MISSION

The library served as an early voting site, continues to host citizenship classes, table tennis for adults, a chess club, and has begun a trivia night. Silver screens, a four-week genealogy class and an Affordable Care Act enrollment program were also offered.

On October 28 Mayor Ivy Taylor hosted her first Roadshow event. Community members were invited to meet with the mayor. At the end of the event Friends of the Mission Library President Roberto Anguiano presented the mayor with a Mission Library team polo shirt.

Mission Library hosted a "They Answered the Call" event, with 16 attendees, including a Vietnam veteran, and a former employee of Department of Labor who worked with Veterans of Vietnam and most recently with UTSA on a Vietnam POW project. The Vietnam veteran voiced his appreciation of the program and emphasized the importance of these programs to remind people that these veterans are our fathers, our uncles, and our neighbors and that they did what they were asked to do. The vet and speaker Gil Dominguez both stressed the importance of thanking vets for their service and, in the case of Vietnam vets, providing them with the "Welcome Home" they did not get when they returned from combat.

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month the library hosted a film screening titled *Huicholes: the last peyote guardians*. Director Hernan Vilchez was on hand to answer questions related to the documentary and a member of the tribe in traditional garb provided musical accompaniment. The event was well-attended with over 70 participants benefitting from the program.

On October 18, District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran launched a Legacy Leadership Initiative at Mission Library. The program provides leadership development opportunities for area teens.

Mission Teen Services had a total of 16 programs with 270 in attendance for the reporting period. Mission teens participated in activities that celebrated the Mayor's Reading Club, Día de los Muertos, and Halloween. The Mayor's Reading Club centered on the book, *Rocket Boys*, which offered teens the

opportunity to operate and navigate an AR Drone quad copter. The Mayor's Reading Club event drew 26 attendees. Teens also crafted block prints with cultural images linked to Día de los Muertos creating multiple ink prints. Teen Time events drew 79 participants. Halloween also offered the opportunity to celebrate. Teens enjoyed a party with goodie bags, cake, crafting, and gaming. The Halloween party drew 27 teens. Dungeons and Dragons night had 15 teens participating. Mission Video Game Club had 131 participants during the reporting period. The Anime Club met on November 7. Members had the opportunity to create their own ink to use in art projects. Anime Club had 19 teens participate.

Mission Branch Library teen volunteers contributed over 25 hours of service during the reporting period. Teen volunteers provided assistance with programs and planning of teen services. They also share their experiences with others through blogging and social networking.

Children and families of Mission Branch had a very busy month. In addition to the usual activities, family groups participated in a "Rocket Boys" activity building "junk" rockets out of recycled materials such as cardboard and plastic tubes and containers, foil and even bubble wrap. A special Discovery Time, experiencing the tastes of New World foods and creating a large mural was a lot of fun. The biggest program was the annual Mission kids Halloween Party. Around 200 little ghouls and goblins and their families enjoyed a special story time, costume parade and crafts, treats and games.

Assistant manager Oscar Gonzalez promoted library services at the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Center during National Red Ribbon Week.

PAN AMERICAN

The Pan American Branch Library hosted a Community Health Fair on October 18. The Gonzaba Medical Group offered free medical screenings and health services information to patrons. Representatives from various other community health organizations also distributed helpful information to patrons. The Parks and Recreation Mobile Fit Van was on hand to provide exercise advice and biometrics. The Friends of the Pan American Branch also held a book sale and treated patrons to popcorn and bottled water.

Children's Librarian Carol Collins delivered promotional materials for the annual Young Pegasus poetry program to seven schools in the branch's service area. Additionally, Ms. Collins delivered over 200 books to six daycare centers in the Pan American service area. Ms. Collins also presented 22 in-house programs for a total of 166 people and 8 outreach programs for 84 people. Children especially enjoyed making their amazing paper helicopters at the Rocket Boys Come and Go event.

The branch also held a variety of programs for teens centered on Halloween and science experimentation. Teen Liaison, Angela Olivarez, gave teens the opportunity to go back to the 60s and make "lava lamps" from water bottles, cooking oil, food coloring and antacid tablets. Just in time for Halloween, the Pan American teens also watched some scary movies with friends.

PARMAN

Parman's popular DIY U (Do It Yourself University) continued with a variety of creative, hands-on workshops for the public. Manager Haley Holmes led classes on Mixed Media Painting and Quilling. Library Assistant Eva Banda taught participants how to design a sample layout in her Scrapbooking 101 session. Library Assistant Christina Hess showed participants how to make a functional bird feeder out of a recycled teacup and Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow conducted a class on decorating sugar skulls just in time for Día de los Muertos. Assistant Manager Amy Miller demonstrated how to transform an ordinary stepping stone into art using mosaic tiles. Most staff has participated in planning, coordinating and /or teaching these free classes sponsored by Parman's Friends of the Library.

Library Assistants Sherrie Sholes and Christina Hess shared information about library events and services at Paint the Parkway Pink (a 5K run) and at the Senior Lifestyles Event at Holy Trinity Banquet Hall. Children's Librarian Carrie Vance presented an interactive story time at St. Andrews Lutheran

Church. Marisa DeBow met with 75 AVID students from Johnston High School who got new library cards. She also demonstrated the features of SAPL's Tutor.com and Learning Express databases.

The third annual Spooky Walk and Halloween Carnival was held on October 30. The trail behind Parman Library was transformed into a haunted wonderland with rooms featuring creepy dolls, zombies at a prom and a dark Wizard of Oz scene. Younger children enjoyed the carnival in the amphitheater where they participated in games such as Eyeball Toss and Ghost Bowling. There was also a place for Halloween themed arts and crafts in the meeting room. Staff got into the spirit by dressing up and working hard to host an estimated 1,600 people who came to the library for this fun community event. Special thanks to SAPL staff from other departments who helped make Spooky Walk a success: Heidi Novotny (Landa), Cheryl Sheehan (Administration), Tim Johnson (Las Palmas), Barbara Kwiatkowski (Igo) and Rebekah Corley (Thousand Oaks).

PRUITT

The Molly Pruitt Library hosted Meet The Mayor on Thursday November 13 with approximately 50 people in attendance. Mayor Ivy R. Taylor met with constituents to discuss ideas and concerns brought forth by the public. That same evening the Teen Chess program had 35 attendees and Family Chess Night hosted 60 people. It was a busy evening filled with teamwork, community engagement, and fun. This gave the staff of the Pruitt branch a time to show off their wonderful facilities and partnership between the North East Independent School District and the San Antonio Public Library.

Teen Time activities this month have sparked quite an interest. Teens got to create animal headbands, play Wii video games, create their own Dia de los Muertos skulls, and work on their poetry for the upcoming Young Pegasus poetry competition. Teens have been given the opportunity to plan and write their own novel through the National Novel Writer's Month activity. Each Wednesday in October teens met to plan their novels. Wednesdays in November are set aside for the teens to collaborate on writing novels.

Children's librarian Cynthia Saenz has been preparing and presenting programs to support Hispanic Heritage Month. Kids' Time programs included learning about el Mercado and the foods native to Latin American countries and Dia de Espantos, where the children learned about the celebration of Dia de los Muertos. Ms. Saenz has been working with library assistant Catrina Grivich to present tween activities. Tweens were able to create their own Dia de los Muertos skulls, create poetry for the Young Pegasus poetry competition, and participate in a Halloween party. Ms. Saenz gave a tour of the Pruitt Library to parents of Montgomery Elementary students and presented online resources to the teachers of Clear Spring Elementary.

SAN PEDRO

Children's Librarian Betsy Dalton presented monthly story times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes), Monte Vista Montessori (two classes), Learning Center Child Care Center (2 classes), and Respite Care Day Care (2 groups – 5 combined classes). Learning Center and Respite Care are both new this month. Fifteen books were also delivered to each child care class for their use during the month.

On November 5, a group of children enjoyed creating with LEGOs and DUPLOs on LEGO Day at the Library.

Ms Betsy continues to present a weekly Kids Time for Kindergarten through 5th grade students. The programs frequently include science based projects.

Two Family Fun events were held during this time period. In connection with the Mayor's Book Club, a Rocket Man Family Fun was held on October 21 and a Halloween Family Fun event was held on October 26 at San Pedro. The children came in costume, made Halloween treat bags and other Halloween crafts, and went trick or treating at the circulation desk!

Ms Betsy facilitated the inaugural meeting of the Great Hearts 4th grade book club.

During this period, Ms. Betsy facilitated monthly books discussions at Monte Vista Montessori (4th) and Hawthorne Academy (4th and 5th grade) 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 approximately 50 students weekly to the library. These students range in age from eight to thirteen, grades 2 through 8. When the class comes to the library, the Children's Librarian spends approximately thirty minutes with the students, suggesting books and helping them navigate the Dewey Decimal system, place holds, use the catalog and databases, and locate materials.

San Pedro was one of the presenting library locations for the Diwali Festival of Lights program series. On November 1, approximately thirty people were in the audience to enjoy the dancing and explanation of the Festival. Carmen Roja, Library Assistant was the coordinator for this program.

SEMMES

Semmes Branch Library was an early voting location for the November 2014 elections. From October 20 through October 31, Bexar County voters had the opportunity to cast their ballots at the branch. As usual, the election workers were very busy, with very good voter turnout. After the daily counts were taken, the Semmes Branch location was often the third busiest location in Bexar County.

On November 1, Branch Manager Jamie Flowers attended the District 10 BBQ hosted by Councilman Mike Gallagher. Ms. Flowers manned an information table that promoted various library initiatives, such as Digital Resources and the Mayor's Book Club. Other COSA Departments also in attendance included Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation and 311. According to Councilman Gallagher's office, about 400 citizens attended the event. Ms. Flowers talked to people about a variety of topics, from how to download an eBook, to better ways the library could be arranged to accommodate computer users.

In celebration of the Mayor's Book Club, the Semmes Branch hosted a screening of *October Sky* on November 6. This is the 2005 movie that is based on *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam. The outreach book group at the Waterford Senior Apartments will be reading *Rocket Boys* at their December meeting.

THOUSAND OAKS

Teen Time

In November, two teen programs were held with eight youth in attendance, several who returned because of the Zombie Bash which the branch held on October 15. The first program was a welcome back event where teens stopped by to create edible crafts and chat about the teen program. The second program was themed on the Mayor's book club, in which the teens discussed the selected book and engineered mini straw-rockets and gave real flight tests.

Book Groups

Thousand Oaks hosted two interesting book groups in October and November. The Thursday Afternoon Book Group met October 23 to discuss *The Alchemist's Daughter* by Katharine McMahon. Reactions and opinions varied on the title selected, which led to a spirited debate. This, of course, is one of the great things about book discussion groups! That said, all was well by the end of the discussion, and everyone promised to return next month. The Monday Night Book Group met on November 3 and discussed the book *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson. The consensus of the group was that this was a terrible book! Sadly, this was a recommendation from Branch Manager Troy Hoyles, who greatly enjoyed the novel. It goes without saying that future recommendations from that quarter will be disregarded.

Programming/Events/Outreach

The Thousand Oaks hosted a Zombie Bash event on October 15. There was food, such as the ever-popular baked intestines and graveyard dirt cake, games that included zombie bowling and a zombie shooting range, a hugely popular costume contest, and a best zombie contest. On the plus side, nobody was eaten, and the crowd of over 75 had an enjoyable time.

The branch hosted Early Voting from October 20 through October 31, and was a general election site as well on November 4.

Medicare Open Enrollment was available on November 8 at the branch, and was much appreciated by the patrons who were able to utilize this service.

Assistant Branch Manager Jorge Chavez was the host for the monthly trivia challenge Thousand Oaks and Tobin Library at Oakwell present at the NE Senior Center on November 13. As always, a large and boisterous crowd was on hand to compete for the title of trivia champion.

Local historian Mickey Killian visited the branch on November 15 and presented on the 'People of San Juan Mission: Colonial Days to Now.' Even with nasty weather outside, a number of patrons attended the program and enjoyed it.

TOBIN AT OAKWELL

Early Voting at Tobin Library was very heavy throughout the period, along with considerable turn out on Election Day on November 4. San Antonio's Ferrel Cat Coalition held a workshop at the branch in November. The Mobile Fit Van was here on November 1 for health screenings along with SA Bikes who gave out information and demonstrated proper bike maintenance. Librarian, Keri Moczygemba's First Tuesday monthly craft group has seen attendance double since its inception. The group made fall vases and leaf coasters with decoupage at the latest session.

Children's Librarian, Ariel Cummins, attended College and Career Night at Garner Middle School on November 12 to talk to middle school students about a librarian and its career path. Librarian Tracey Knouse has coordinated a partnership with George Gervin Academy where 8 different classes toured the library in October and had library cards made. In November, visits began with the Academy having classes come as a group to check out books on varying days.

Library Assistants, Terry Verner and Elvia Ramos continue with robust teen and tween programming including decorating the teen room for Halloween. The teens especially enjoyed making marsh mellow treats for the holiday. Armchair Astronomy was shown with extraordinary space photos and creating rockets and paper airplanes were embraced by teens and tweens as part of the Mayor's Book club special programming.

The Interesting Book Club continues with very good attendance with recent selections of Chad Harbach's, *Art of Fielding* and Chinua Achebe's, *Things Fall Apart*. Friends of the Tobin Library purchased a large screen for better viewing on the meeting room wall for guest speaker presentations as well as on-going events.

Texas Pastel Society displayed 23 works throughout the library for the month of October. A brochure detailing information on the artists was made available to the public as part of the Fall show. Displays featured this period were fall into a healthy lifestyle, holiday cooking and mysteries.

WESTFALL

Karen Sagun, Westfall Branch Library's teen liaison, spoke to 157 10th grade students about SAPL's electronic resources and digital downloads, issued 100 library cards to Jefferson High School students and created a book kit on *Dracula* for the school's teen book group.

Classes have gotten under way in Westfall's Learn Center, and include Word for Resumes, English Conversation, GED Math Workshop, Resumes and Applications, GED Information, Career Development and Basic Computer Skills.

Adult Literacy Specialist Deborah Carter met with a group at St. Mark's United Methodist Church to tell them about the services available in the Learn Center.

Westfall participated in the Mayor's Book Club by hosting a screening of the movie *October Sky*, making paper rockets at Family Fun and discussing the title during the monthly meeting of the Stranger Than Fiction Book Group.

On October 26, the San Antonio chapter of the Human Rights Campaign held its annual Truck or Treat event in the Westfall parking lot. More than 150 kids trick or treated decorated vehicles, got their faces painted, danced to the DJ and ate hot dogs. After the treating, the library showed *Frankenweenie* in the meeting room.

Former San Antonio poet laureate Carmen Tafolla spoke about her new book to members of Las Comadres & Friends National Latino Book Club. The group meets monthly at Westfall and opened their October session to the public.

Children's Librarian Imelda Merino participated in Woodlawn Elementary School's Literacy Night and talked about library services to students at Jackson Middle School. She also held a story time at KinderCare and worked with a class from Discovery School.



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, 2013 to accept property donation for new library, contingent on the completion of due diligence. Planning Commission approval was received on May 22nd, and City Council approval for acceptance of donated land was given August 8.

Design Kick-off meeting was held with OCO Architects on Sept. 12th.

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

The Owner Project Requirement meeting (OPR) was held on October 1st in the Central Auditorium. A library staff input meeting was held on October 12. On November 13th, 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 4th meeting. A staff meeting was held January 16, 2014 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 at Sinclair Elementary School. HDRC gave conceptual approval of the project on May 7th. Bi-Weekly project team meetings are being held as Architectural team continues developing design documents. Final design development documents were presented to the Facilities Committee and Library Board at their August meetings and approved. Final design approval was given by HDRC at their September 3rd meeting. Construction documents have been finalized by Architect and solicitation for bids begins on October 20, 2014. Bid opening is scheduled for December 2nd, with city council approval scheduled for January of 2015.

The selected public artist has developed conceptual themes for the project. An artist workshop was held on April 30 to receive input from selected stakeholders. Conceptual approval of the artwork was presented to the Facilities Committee and Library Board at their August meetings and approved. A Community Public Art Workshop was held on September 11th at the Sinclair Elementary School. Final artist design will be presented to Facilities Committee and Library Board at their January meetings.

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 sf co-located in a 40,000 s.f. recreation center. On September 25th, an executive session of the Library Board of Trustees was held regarding proposed Real Estate transaction. Additional discussions were held at an executive session of the June 25th Board meeting regarding this project. Presentation was made by TCI to Facilities Committee and Library Board at their August meetings detailing the latest developments for this project. Another presentation was given to the Facilities Committee on October 8th detailing the latest developments for this project. A Town Hall meeting was held by Councilman's office to receive public input on project. Library staff will work with Facilities Programmer to develop service model.

Encino 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: Davila Construction
Estimated Completion Date: May 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, 2013 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 10th, 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. 6th at the Central Library Auditorium.

First public input meeting was held on October 12 at Encino Park Elementary School. On October 23rd an input session was held with the Library Board of Trustees. A library staff input meeting was held on October 30th. A Second public input session was held on November 20th at 2515 East Evans Road from 6:30-8:00pm. On December 4th, 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, 2014 and approved. HDRC approval was given on March 7th for this project. A third public community meeting was held on March 24th at the library site, 2515 East Evans Rd. to update the community on project progress. Construction documents were completed in May, and on May 28th a pre-submittal conference was held for all interested contractors to review the project. Construction bids were opened for public disclosure on June 17th, and a review committee determined qualified low-bid contractor (Davila Construction). Construction contract was approved by City Council on August 21, and construction began on August 27th. A Transformation Launch Event was held on September 9 at 9:00am at the building site. Construction continues on the project, with weekly project meetings.

At the June 25th Board meeting, the Board approved the geographic name "Encino Branch Library". The Naming Committee held a public comment meeting on August 23 at the building site.

The selected artist was introduced to the design team and began developing conceptual themes for the project. Conceptual design was presented and approved at the July 23rd Library Board of Trustees meeting. A public input meeting was held on July 24th at the building site for community feedback regarding the public art content. Final art work was presented to the Facilities Committee and Library Board at their October meetings, and approved. Construction is on schedule to meet the Feb. 2nd substantial completion construction deadline.

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, 2013. Marmon Mok is currently

designing 1st 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 1st floor restrooms adjacent to Connect Space, and at the restrooms adjacent to the auditorium. Carpet replacement contract for 2nd, 5th and 6th floors was approved by City Council on June 12th. Carpet replacement for the Chihuly area on the 2nd floor is complete. 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 lighting was also added for illumination of the sign. Lights were also installed to illuminate the flags, so security guards will no longer need to raise and lower the flags each day. Design for the Teen Space has been completed, and a pre-bid meeting was held on August 28th. Construction contract awarded to Con-Cor Construction by City Council on November 13, 2014, with construction scheduled to begin the following week. Staff moves to accommodate the Teen Center space include ILL Department, which has moved from 3rd floor to basement, Facilities Department has been moved from 2nd floor to basement, Periodicals department has been moved from 6th floor to 2nd floor, and Marketing will move from 3rd floor to newly designed area on 6th floor. Carpet installation for 2nd, 5th and 6th floors have been completed. Elevator replacement of the 4 public elevators at Central is underway, and is being partially funded by the Bond project. Work on the 6th floor marketing area began on September 11th, and was completed on schedule. Marmon Mok is currently working with consultants to provide a life safety assessment of Central Library, as well as a security assessment. They are also working with their HVAC consultant to provide plans and specs to replace the aging computer control system and outdated HVAC components throughout the building.

2015 Collins Garden Branch Library Deferred Maintenance Project

Description: Extreme Library Makeover

Funds: \$724,000 (Deferred Maintenance Funding)

District: 5

Project Architect: TBD

Design Enhancement: TBD

Construction Contract: TBD

Original Target Completion Date: TBD

Project Scope: Re-design public restrooms for ADA compatibility, Re-design front vestibule to create additional 760 sf. interior space, New Circulation Desk, New Carpet throughout, New Computer Area, New furniture to include computer desks, study chairs, lounge seating, meeting room tables and chairs, Repainting all interior walls and ceilings, Installation of new Overdrive Media Station, Install new automatic entry doors, Install security cameras and card access system

Current Status:

Staff is developing final project scope. Architect will be required to produce construction documents. Library closure will be required for this project, but length of closure and actual dates are yet to be determined.

2015 Great North West Branch Library Capital Project

Description: Roofing and Weatherization

Funds: \$250,000 (Capital project)

District: 6

Project Architect: TBD

Design Enhancement: TBD

Construction Contract: TBD

Original Target Completion Date: TBD

Project Scope: New Roof and other weatherization scope as can be determined

Current Status:

Staff is developing final project scope. No library closure is expected with this project