



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report June 2016

Mayor's Summer Reading Club Kick Off - May 31, 2016

# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



## **Mayor Taylor and Library Kick-off Mayor's Summer Reading Club**

Mayor Ivy Taylor delivered remarks during the kickoff of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. The event garnered the attention of several media outlets who covered the event, including the Express News who featured a Page 2 article in their June 1, 2016 edition. The main focus of the summer-long reading club is to keep children engaged in reading for pleasure to avoid the 'summer slide' where their reading levels could decline; however, the Library offers a summer reading club for all ages, children, teens and adults. The adult component strives to model reading and interest in literacy to the younger generations.

Library Director Ramiro Salazar and members of the Library's Management Team also delivered remarks at the event.



## **Library Briefs Councilman Ray Lopez, District 6**

Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with Councilman Lopez on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 to provide a status update on the under-construction Potranco Branch Library. The Library, funded through the 2012 Bond Program, is co-located with a YMCA and occupies approximately 5,900 sq. ft. within the shared-use facility. Construction is on schedule with the Library and YMCA scheduled to open in October 2016. Councilman Lopez did not raise concerns regarding the project.



## **Library Briefed District 2 Chief of Staff**

Library Director Ramiro Salazar met with Dereck Roberts, Chief of Staff and Natalie Saavedra, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilman Warrick on Tuesday, May 25, 2016 to provide a status update on the under-construction Schaefer Branch Library. The Library, funded through the 2012 Bond Program, is located on the far eastside of San Antonio. The Library is scheduled to open in Winter 2016. The San Antonio Rotary Club/ Kingdom for Kids is donating a playground for the new library (through a volunteer-driven onsite playground build) and the Councilman's Staff inquired about this amenity. Library Staff followed-up with photos of existing playgrounds through the Rotary at the Parman and Semmes Branch Libraries.



## **Coordination of Friends of the Library Gifts to Library**

In an effort to have a simpler, more streamlined and timely process for branch and central library Friends groups donations, donation plans will be implemented for FY 2017. Kathy Donellan, Assistant Library Director for Support Service, presented this improvement at the Silver, Green and Gold workshop in May. Each library branch or central library unit manager will prepare a draft, recommended donation plan for FY 2017. The draft plan will show, in a simple format, items or funds the Friends Groups would donate to the branch or the central library unit for the time period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Items are welcomed donations and would be listed on the template with an estimate of value. Anticipated donations by check (from the umbrella friends to the SAPL Fiscal Office) would also be listed on the plan. The draft plan will then go to the friends groups for action and would be used in the subsequent year to streamline donation efforts.



## **Library Partnered with Kiddie Park on Author Reading**

The San Antonio Public Library partnered with Kiddie Park to promote the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. An event at Kiddie Park featuring Jenna Bush Hager, #1 New York Times bestselling author and contributing correspondent for NBC's Today Show, took place on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 was a success with over 500 in attendance, including 100 children from the Boys and Girls Club. In addition to the Library, HEB was also a partner in the book reading event. Library staff attended the event and promoted the Mayor's Summer Reading Program and provided information regarding the Library's programs and services to event participants.

# MARKETING



The Marketing Department wrapped up a successful month of marketing and event support for several initiatives including the The Holocaust: Learn & Remember closing program with Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger attended by approximately 200 people. The Marketing team provided event coordination support and publicity outreach and marketing efforts for the program during the month of May. In addition, the team launched The Mayor's Summer Reading Program which included design and branding for marketing collaterals to all ages as well as the event and press coordination for the official launch with Mayor Taylor on May 31. The team continues to work on visual and written content as well as design of the Library's new website, scheduled to be launched to the public on June 28.

Marketing is excited to host a City Ambassador through the summer to help with various projects.

Overall, SAPL received **109** media mentions during the reporting period. The total value of broadcast coverage equals **\$60,599**.

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 11,654 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,380 followers
3. Pinterest: 55 followers
4. Instagram: 1,020 followers
5. Youtube: 134 subscribers

# DIGITAL SERVICES



Digital Services has reached the final stage of feedback gathering for the Library's newly updated website, which it aims to launch on July 12. The new website will reflect improvements in terms of both style and functionality. It will use a responsive design that allows the Library's online content to automatically shift so that it displays optimally on all computer and mobile devices regardless of their screen size. This change is important because it will improve the customer experience on mobile devices, which now constitutes over 40% of all Library website usage. Customers will no longer have to pinch and zoom to use the Library's website on their smartphones or tablets.

Another major improvement on the website will be the use of a CMS (content management system) to administer the website. This should eventually allow Library staff across the system with varying levels of administrative control to collaborate on the creation, editing, and publishing of online content available through the website. In effect, it should become easier to update the Library website and give select stakeholders (e.g. Library staff) the appropriate ability to quickly make these necessary changes without having to jump through so many hoops.

# LITTLE READ WAGON



## Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

Little Read Wagon closed out the school year with early literacy workshops for parents at Bob Hope, Spicewood Park and Palo Alto Elementary Schools. The team has already received inquiries for the next school year. Pre-K 4 SA invited Little Read Wagon to participate in their first Parent Symposium. The Symposium, held May 21 at the East center, included break-out sessions and a resource fair. Julia Lazarin developed "C is for Cloud," a themed early literacy workshop emphasizing creativity and including an opportunity to make binoculars from cardboard tubes and play dough.

The Little Read Wagon team is making visits to all of the Avance Early Head Start sites. The workshop developed for the six sites emphasizes singing and rhymes. Parents have the opportunity to make a butterfly finger puppet to use while singing with their babies.



### Services to Teen Parents

Corinne Sanchez, Cresencia Huff, and Clair Larkin were busy presenting final workshops to teen parents at the following high schools: Kennedy, Harlandale, Navarro, Jay, Marshall, Lee, O'Conner, Holmes, Memorial, and Tejada. This final round of workshops gave the team the opportunity to invite teen parents to sign their children up for summer reading, bring them to Play & Learn, and participate in teen activities at the library.



### Outreach Story Time Programs

Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Huber, and Ms. Larkin continue to provide monthly story time visits to the following early childhood centers: Seton Home, Nurturing Hearts, Tynan Early Childhood Education Center, Healy Murphy, Navarro Learning Center, and Ella Austin Child Development Center.



### Play & Learn

Mini Play & Learn programs were offered at the following Parent Child Incorporated Head Start sites: Adelina Fritz, South San Fenfield, Baptist Temple, Madonna Neighborhood Center and Circle North. Mini Play & Learn includes reading tents with several book kits for families to enjoy, play dough, and bubbles. Staff also shares information about the Library's Summer Reading Program and more. Ms. Lazarin arranged the programs as a means of serving centers that Little Read Wagon had not been able to visit for their November "Literacy" parent meetings.

Avance's Home Based Early Head Start program participants had their monthly socializations at the Mission and Las Palmas branch libraries. Little Read Wagon offered Play & Learn for the four groups of families on June 6, 7, 8 and 10.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The 2016 Mayor's Summer Reading Club was successfully launched with a press event on Tuesday, May 31. Registration for the Reading Club officially opened on Wednesday, June 1. As of Sunday, June 12, 3,271 young children have registered as Summer Listeners while 4,569 school age children have registered as Summer Readers. Thus, total registration for children has reached almost 8,000. Summer programming also kicked off on June 1 with children's activities planned through the end of July. The Central Children's staff is providing much of the programming at Collins Garden and Memorial. Carolyn Bradley, a recently hired part-time temporary Library Assistant, and Little Read Wagon team member Clair Larkin are sharing the programming responsibilities at Igo. Of course, branch team members at these three locations are also heavily involved not only in programming support but in assuring the success of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. Sincere thanks are due to all these employees and their commitment to the city's core values, particularly teamwork.



Children's Services Coordinator Viki Ash hosted a "Get Acquainted" breakfast for the education officers of the city's arts and cultural institutions on Friday, May 20. Held in the Central Library auditorium, the breakfast welcomed colleagues from the San Antonio Museum of Art, the Southwest School of Art, the Institute of Texan Cultures, the Witte Museum, the Tobin Center, the DoSeum, the Briscoe Western Art Museum, the San Antonio River Authority and Gemini, Ink. A number of other agencies were invited but were unable to attend. However, those who did attend were pleased to network with each other and a number of cooperative opportunities were discussed. There was considerable interest among attendees to host future gatherings and to work more closely together. One

immediate result of the breakfast was the development of a directory of participating agencies along with contact names, phone numbers and email addresses. Dianna Morganti, Jennifer Velasquez, Ruth Chiego and Kate Simpson joined Viki as representing the San Antonio Public Library.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



### Off-Site Service

Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor connected with the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, a branch of Boys & Girls Club San Antonio that caters exclusively to ages 13-18. He participated in a meeting alongside six of the organizational staff and introduced all of them to the opportunities available at the Central Library, and planned field trips for their students. He also was invited to bring weekly programming to the center, where he will assist in team-building activities and work closely with the teen boys of the center.

Adam built a relationship with the Sonny Melendrez Community Center, an affiliate of Parks and Recreation. This organization serves often socio-economically disadvantaged kids and teens on the Westside, and will be partnering with Teen Services through field trips to Central. Also, Adam will be hosting teen programming twice a month to reach the teens at the center through musical arts, dance, and writing.

Adam visited several high schools in order to do outreach for the Teen Summer Reading Program, as well as recruit volunteers for the Teen Library @ Central. At Providence High School and Fox Tech High School, he hosted a table with information on teen library programming, and also visited tables to answer questions the teens had about volunteering. At Brackenridge High School, he was able to meet more personally with a group of college-readiness students who participated in a round-table discussion of the library and its many facets.

Adam represented the Central Library at the Churchill Robotics Competition, and connected with teens about the various opportunities available at Central. The teens spent time making music with various instruments and the “Drum Pants” technology housed at the Teen Library @ Central, and learned about the opportunities to get involved with summer programming at the Library.

Adam visited Kennedy High School to reach out to students from freshman-junior class, and inform them about the opportunities available for programming at both the Central Library and Las Palmas Branch Library. A survey was distributed to students to ask about preferences for activities at teen programming, and a strong relationship was built with the librarian at Kennedy High School.



### Inspire U

Staff involved in the Inspire U Workplace Mentoring Program (part of SA2020), met with their “littles” for their last meeting of the school year in the Teen Library @ Central on June 1. Bigs and Littles had lunch together and enjoyed catching up with each other. The teens were treated to cupcakes from Central Market for this special lunch.



### Summer Food Service Program

As the Kids Café after-school snack program ended in May, the Summer Food Service Program began in June. The SFSP provides free lunches to children and teens, ages 1-18. The program is available to sites that are located in areas where many kids and teens receive free or reduced price lunches at school. When the school year ends, many of these kids and teens go without lunch, which is why SAPL serves as a food site each year. The San Antonio Food Bank is a program sponsor for the Central Library and Carver Branch Library this year. NEISD is a program sponsor for four branch libraries: Pruitt, Semmes,

Thousand Oaks, and Tobin @ Oakwell. While SAPL has partnered with the SA Food Bank for over ten years, the NEISD sponsorship is new.



### Teen Arts Fest

J.D Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been planning the Teen Arts Fest, which will take place on September 17 at the Central Library. J.D. met with the Director of Say Sí, as well as the Marketing and Events Coordinator for the San Antonio Music Academy to discuss their involvement in the event. J.D. and Adolph Lopez (Library Assistant, Central Reference) met with a teacher from Brackenridge High School to discuss the school's participation in the event as well.



### Professional Development

On June 9, Kathleen Fordyce (Teen Library Assistant Manager) and J.D. Elizondo attended *Motivating Youth by Igniting Their Spark*, a workshop provided by the Search Institute and sponsored by the City of San Antonio's Project WORTH program and the DreamSA initiative. The workshop focused on ways to motivate children and teens in the community by tapping into their passions. The workshop was located at the Urban Ecology Center at Hardberger Park.



### Program Promotion

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) made an appearance on SA Live on June 2 to promote Teen Summer Reading. She demonstrated a recycled bottle craft on the show and talked about free activities for teens at the library this summer.



### System-wide Support.

J.D. Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) and Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor assisted the Pruitt Branch Library with their Dylan Days initiative. J.D. brought live music instruments to the space to teach teens about the basics of guitar-playing and composition. Teens were able to jam, or learn basic chords, and connect with the history of music through Bob Dylan. Adam talked to teens about the library activities available for teens in the summer, as well as the Teen Summer Reading Program.

Adam Tutor led the first summer program at Las Palmas Branch Library, where teens participated in a writing exercise about "Green" (the Library's Summer Reading theme) and spoke about their goals for the summertime.

Adam created flyers and promotional materials to recruit a presence at the Teen Time for Johnston Branch Library. Teens came and participated in a "Go Green" Collage Making activity that will be used as decoration for the teen space and to get teens excited about the programming for summertime.



### Teen Summer Interns

For several years, SAPL has participated in the Youth Career Opportunity Program coordinated by the Family Service Association (FSA). Kathleen Fordyce, Teen Library @ Central Assistant Manager, has served as the contact for the FSA for years and has coordinated the implementation of the program at participating library locations. On June 7, Kathleen and several teen services librarians attended job fairs at three sites around the city to interview potential teen candidates for internship positions. Thanks to Matthew Loaiza (Encino), Connie Hejl (Las Palmas), Caroline Mossing (Brook Hollow), Karen Barton (Tobin @ Oakwell), and Adam Tutor (Teen Outreach Specialist) for attending the fairs.

This year seven locations are participating in the FSA's program and include: Central, Brook Hollow, Forest Hills, Great Northwest, Igo, Las Palmas, and Tobin @ Oakwell. This summer internship is often the teens' first work experience and serves as valuable experience on their resume, as well as providing much needed help for library staff during the busy summer months.

The Central Library and Bazan Branch Library are also participating in the Leaders of America summer Youth Employment Program through JOVEN. The Central Library will also hire a City Summer Youth Worker.



### Teen Summer Reading Program

The Teen Summer Reading Program kicked off on June 1 and will run through July 30. Teens earn chances to win a prize by reading books and attending library programs. The *Green* theme lends itself to a variety of programming and creative displays. Information about the program can be found at <http://guides.mysapl.org/teensummer2016>.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



Several Reference staff members assisted lead staffer Cindy Pope in hosting the Come OUT! program at the Central Library in celebration of Pride Month. Emceed by Foxy Blue Orchid, the four panelists spoke movingly about their experiences coming out as gay or transgender to their families and friends. An extremely positive review of the event was featured in the Rivard Report.



Rock OUT! was another program offered in celebration of Pride Month and included music from local musicians Saakred, Chris Conde, and Pink Leche. One patron's comments on the program were a perfect example of why SAPL pursues programming that celebrates diversity. The patron's written compliment said, "The music show was fantastic! While I am 57 and enjoy metal music, being exposed to the young musicians gave me a new point of view. I welcome community outreach to AIDS/STD education and the registration of votes. The Library is leading the way to educate."



The final Holocaust Learn and Remember month program also saw great success at the Central Library. Bernd Wollschlaeger spoke to a crowd inside the Central Library of almost 200, and to a virtual audience of 116 viewers through NowCastSA's live streaming video. Mr. Wollschlaeger spoke of his experience of learning his father was a Nazi soldier, and how he himself found peace through service and conversion to Judaism. Thanks go to the Library Foundation, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Sharkmatic Advertising for partnering for a very productive Holocaust Learn and Remember series.



The San Antonio Public Library received a \$10,000 award from Dollar General Corporation on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The award will be used to support adult literacy at the Carver Branch Library.



Amazon approached the San Antonio Public Library about providing a donation of 25 tablets and \$500 worth of content to be used as part of the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. Amazon representatives joined the San Antonio Public Library in launching the Mayor's Summer Reading Program at the Central Library.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

## CHILDREN'S



### Early Literacy & Family Fun Programming

Spring programming concluded with a bubble-themed *STEAM Family Fun* led by Librarian I Julia Pouliot. She enlivened physics and chemistry concepts through stories, surprising experiments using common household ingredients, and an innovative art project. Children made bubble wands out of pipe cleaners and blew a food coloring bubble solution onto white paper, creating abstract masterpieces.

Shannon Seglin, Assistant Manager, kicked off summer programming with an Under the Sea *Toddler Time* featuring a collaborative ocean scene art project, and continued the early learning fun with a Porcupines & Hedgehogs story time. The highlight was a sensory porcupine activity with play dough and straws.

Ms. Seglin and Ms. Pouliot also presented a new hybrid program, called *LEGOs & More* this month. The content of this all-ages program changes every week, but always features LEGOs as a central component. One week, children engaged in an engineering project using marshmallows & toothpicks while another week children expressed themselves creatively with a LEGO mask craft.

Ms. Pouliot and Librarian I Robin Alcorta started off the summer programming for school age children with an ecology conservation theme. Ms. Pouliot led *Family Fun* and Ms. Alcorta led *Kids Time*, using different interactive techniques, they facilitated discussions of animal habitats around the world. Stories about endangered species were shared and children created their own animal habitat from paper and pictures from old animal magazines. One group made animal habitats using blocks and playdough!



### Special Programming & Displays:

Early in the month, families were treated to a presentation of the mesmerizing Kamishibai Japanese story telling art form by Toni Gustafson from the Japan American Association of San Antonio. This event was organized by Gamini Haluwana, Central Reference Librarian I, and hosted by Children's Department Manager Kate Simpson in another example of the fruitful partnerships between Central Departments.

The Third Floor was transformed into a jungle in June for the "Go Green" theme of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. The decoration efforts were spearheaded by Ms. Alcorta, who coordinated the Central Children's Team to produce eye catching paper foliage draped around the service desk area and Story Room; it received effusive praise by staff and patrons alike. The décor served as a lovely backdrop to the summer reading press conference held by Mayor Ivy Taylor.

The Department roared into summer with the Summer Kick Off Dinosaur Party. In the story room, families made dinosaur fossils with playdough, painted with dinosaur-shaped sponges, played a dinosaur toss game, and made colorful dinosaur headbands. Fun also spilled outside the Story Room, where children made a dinosaur egg hatching craft, decorated the collaborative dinosaur scene, and posed in a photo booth with props. Families explored the children's collection, finding facts about dinosaurs hidden throughout the area. One such fact was that a Tyrannosaurus Rex was as tall as the Fiesta Tower! The party drew nearly 150 people and prompted many children to sign up for summer reading fun.



### Outreach & Tours:

Ms. Seglin and Ms. Simpson led tours of the Central Library for children from Leon Valley Baptist Church Vacation Bible School and the Lighthouse for the Blind this month. Both groups enjoyed the introduction to the library and the art on display. The children visiting from the Lighthouse for the Blind were especially excited by the resources in the Low Vision Reading Room, where they pored over the many Braille volumes, and they delighted in experiencing the accessible art that made up the *Color of Blind* exhibit on the Third Floor and in the Gallery. This enthusiastic group raved about the experience of exploring art through touch.

Ms. Alcorta represented the Library at Cultural Conversations with Councilman Nirenberg and Senator Jose Menendez held at the San Antonio Zoo. She shared information about the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and library resources with the families in attendance and presented a chameleon craft for the children to enjoy.

Ms. Simpson helped bid the children from Austin Academy farewell for the summer at the school's end of the year celebration and awards ceremony. She signed up over fifty children for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and introduced many parents to the Learn @ SAPL centers. Her visit was especially meaningful due to the long relationship she has maintained with the school, which will become an

Advanced Learning Academy in the fall. Hopes are high for a new relationship between this school and the Central Library in the new school year.

Ms. Seglin continued to forge new connections with area learning centers, this time by visiting the Temple Beth El Summer Camp. She delighted the children there with stories and a visit from her panda puppet! Central Children's Department staff continued their monthly visits to Madison Square Child Development Center, Green Acres Child Care Center and Central Christian Church Childcare Center.



### **System Support & Professional Development:**

The team presented programs at Collins Garden and Memorial Libraries, where they will provide coverage this summer due to current children's librarian vacancies there. Ms. Alcorta and Ms. Pouliot began their presentations of *Kids Time* at Collins Garden Library with dinosaur books, a hatching dinosaur egg craft, and experimentation with the Library's Mondopad technology. Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin initiated their *Kids Time* presentations at Memorial Library with interactive animal books, a collaborative art project and exploration of the oil pastel art medium.

Ms. Simpson attended the Excel Beyond the Bell Annual Conference, where an array of different agencies came together in support of quality afterschool experiences for San Antonio children. Ms. Simpson again connected with representatives from educational institutions at the Educators Get Acquainted meeting, where news and resources from each organization were shared at this exceptional networking opportunity.

Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin supported the system-wide Mayor's Summer Reading Club by coordinating the delivery of the prize books to all San Antonio Public Library locations. They worked closely with Carla Conrad, Shelving and Delivery Unit Manager, to develop the distribution schedule. Ms. Simpson and Ms. Seglin carefully packed crates full of prize books of every reading level and subject. They will continue to replenish the prize book supplies for each location throughout the summer as needed.

## **TEENS**

### **Weekly Programs**



**Mondays with JD Elizondo (Library Assistant):** JD continued with Eclectic Electric programming during the reporting period. The ever-popular recording studio in the Teen Library is attracting more new teens, each with different musical styles. To accommodate this influx, JD is segmenting the recording time on Mondays so that everyone will have a chance to perform and record. In addition, JD and few of the teens are dividing the studio into virtual and performance sides so that bands that want to rehearse can do so at the same time the studio is being used for recording.



**Tuesdays with Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT):** During the reporting period, Ciana hosted Science & Tech Tuesdays, during which teens designed 3D models to print and printed models found online.



**Wednesdays with Kathleen Fordyce (Librarian II):** On Wednesdays, teens pick their favorite video or board game and engage in friendly competition with their peers. During the reporting period, teens have enjoyed playing the WiiU and PS4 games, as well as board games like Chess, Jenga and Apples to Apples.



**Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant):** Teens enjoyed some activities they suggested and helped plan, engaging in some encouraging socialization, and positive activities, and expressing themselves creatively. First and foremost, teens helped Teen Library @ Central celebrate the one-year anniversary (May 12) of the move from the dark and cramped 1<sup>st</sup> floor spot to the spacious, state-of-the-art, bright 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor space. A display wall posed the question: "What's your favorite thing about Teen Library?" Teen responses: "the look!," "we can be loud," "I like the staff," "the chairs," "there is

a lot of space,” and “EVERYTHING.” Teens celebrated birthday style, snacking on cupcakes and juices, and playing lively video games. They also made beadsprites and buttons. To highlight the use of a vegetable in a new technique to them, teens peeled and grated potatoes, added some onion, eggs and flour, and made potato pancakes. Teens held a Disney double feature movie night, while following teen volunteer Adrienne’s lead in showing off her skills in making peanut butter chocolate blossoms. When handed the recipe by staff, Adrienne refused it, saying, “I got this. Trust me.” She showed her fellow peers to shape dough into a sphere, roll it lightly in sugar, bake, then set an unwrapped Hershey’s Kiss in the center as it comes out of the oven. The results were delicious. The first Teen Summer Thursday coincided with teens’ last day of school, but still occurred after school. Teens used cheddar cheese and flour to make cheesy goldfish crackers. They also created mini-cookie cutters by cutting an aluminum can into strips and taping it into goldfish and hearts. To kick off the first 2:00 Summer Thursday, teens watched movies, had snacks, played games and painted with watercolors. After most craft and cooking nights, teens request video game systems to play on the MondoPad and engage in some friendly competition. Pictures from this and other system-wide teen programs can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/210teenlibrary>.



### Tours and Groups

During the reporting period, several schools brought groups of students to visit the Teen Library @ Central for a tour. E.T. Wrenn Middle School visited the library and received a tour. McCollum High School brought ESL students to apply for library cards, tour the library, and participate in a hands-on activity. The Idea School brought middle-grade students for three days in May to apply for library cards, check out books, tour the library, and hang out and read in the Teen Library. Radiance Academy brought students in for a tour of the Teen Library.

## REFERENCE



The Central Within Reach Art and History tours continued to be incredibly popular throughout the reporting period and always reached capacity. These tours are hosted by a small group of Reference and Texana staff, rotating for each tour. Surveys and participant feedback has been amazing and staff is looking forward to developing and expanding the program for the fall.



The “Central Cinema” team is once again hosting a summer film series and this year it is “The Summer of Ford.” Staff selected fan favorite films starring Harrison Ford and kicked off the summer film series on Sunday, June 5 with *American Graffiti*, followed by *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on June 12.



As part of the celebration of Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month, Central Library hosted Okinawa Dance and Taiko Drums. This amazing program had 112 people in attendance, who were able to watch a riveting show of Okinawa Taiko drumming by San Antonio Okinawa Taiko that included a dynamic blend of traditional Japanese dance.



Central Reference and Children’s departments collaborated to offer the program, Kamishibai Japanese Storytelling Event on May 21. The presenter was Toni Gustafson from the Japan American Society of San Antonio. The total attendance at the event was 16 children and 12 adults. The presenter provided many opportunities for the audience to participate in the session of storytelling and singing and was enjoyed by all.



A Tea Tasting at Central Library was also offered where over 50 participants had the opportunity to sample 5 different teas, while learning about Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month. Attendees

gave extremely positive feedback about the program. This is the second Tea Tasting at Central Library and the growth in participation between year one and year two is very encouraging!



One of the quarterly “Prep Yourself” classes was offered on June 12 to all interested attendees. The focus is to help students score high on college admissions testing, but participants sometimes need assistance with GMAT testing or other college or graduate level tests. Reference staff members provide focused assistance to the students and share the library’s resources that allow for a variety of testing and preparation on these subjects.



On June 6, two of Reference’s talented Library Assistants, Cynthia de Leon and Daniel Gonazlez, hosted Free Books for Tea Time. Cynthia and Daniel gave short five minute book talks on eight of the latest non-fiction titles at the library including *Kill Em’ And Leave* by James McBride and *Running Down Red Dog Road and other perils of an Appalachian Childhood* by Rita Wendell. They also served tea and cookies and had James Brown music playing in the background. The book talk was attended by 10 patrons, some of whom were able to take home free Advanced Readers Copies of the books that Cynthia and Daniel discussed. Many of the patrons had learned about the event through the library’s email newsletter.



Reference staff also arranged for two programs to help kick off the Summer Reading Program’s theme of Go Green by hosting Clean Green and Nutrition 101. During Clean Green, attendees were shown how to clean using non-toxic supplies such as baking soda, Borax, and salt. In Nutrition 101, attendees discovered the foundations of good health through the food that you eat and learned some revealing facts about food and drinks.



Reference’s ongoing programs continued in this reporting period and found their usual successes. These programs included Technology Questions Answered, Foro Abierto, Brain Games, and Brighten Your Day: Adult Coloring. Central Library’s partnership with Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) was expanded during the summer months to three days a week to now include a presence on Wednesdays, in addition to Monday and Tuesday. SSVF’s goal for expanding is to reach out to homeless or struggling veterans who may be in the library more often during the summer months to avoid the hot weather.



Other programs offered during the reporting period included Zumba, Game Day, Open Mic Night, Clean Green, Nutrition 101, and the Science Fiction Book Club.



Reference staff provided Basic Overdrive Training (BOT) to SAPL staff in the month of May. This training continues to be popular whenever it is offered.

## TEXANA/GENEALOGY



Andy Crews’ research efforts over the past two years played a significant role in Kendall County’s recent installation of a Texas Historical Marker near Sisterdale. The marker was in honor of Ottmar von Behr, an early German pioneer and the second settler in that region. Mr. Crews worked with Bryden E. Moon Jr., identifying Texana resources that would provide evidence of von Behr’s historical influence and importance to the Kendall County community. From Mr. Moon’s letter of thanks: “Having these wonderful and unique resources available, shared, and referenced contributed to our success...”



David Hardin conducted the genealogy program “Probate Records: A Guide for Genealogists” on May 17 and discussed how the probate process in the United States can help genealogical researchers uncover their family history.



On Sunday, May 22, Ms. Reyna and Maria Hernandez (Reference) led a “Local History” walking tour of the historic buildings along the San Antonio River. The tour began in the Texana room and ended at the Briscoe Western Art Museum’s Kampmann Library Portal.



Matt De Waelsche, along with the University of North Texas’ Portal to Texas History, was honored in Austin on May 25 at the Texas Digital Libraries annual meeting with the Trailblazer Award for their collaboration on SAPL’s African-American funeral program collection. Currently, there are close to 3,800 digitized funeral programs available on the UNT Texas Portal website.



To celebrate International Archives Day on June 9, Ms. Reyna put together a display of costume books from around the world showing various indigenous people in their native dress.

What people are saying about us...

“Just a line to express our profound gratitude for your thoughtfulness, your time consuming, patience, and compassionate diligence, in providing such detailed informative data on our loved one...The information was printed on his funeral program...and moreso, it was woven into the fabric of our families hearts...the eugologist was able to manifest his thoughts surrounding information you provided.. Thank you seems inadequate...please accept our heartfelt appreciation.. you went far and above more than we could have ask for.. your compassion is God sent.”

## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



Library Assistant Jennifer Martinez visited KIPP High School on May 20 to visit with students to promote Summer Reading. Ms. Martinez spoke with junior and senior students during their lunch hours. On May 24, Ms. Martinez, and Children’s Librarian Hope Sonnen visited with teens, adults and children at an outreach event at City Life San Antonio. City Life works with teens in middle schools, high schools and community centers to promote personal success.



Children’s Librarian Hope Sonnen attended a book giveaway at Odgen Elementary on June 1 where she saw students from Pre-K through 5th grade and promoted the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Sonnen started summer programming with Kids Time on June 6 which was met with great excitement and had good attendance for Lego’s Club and Come and Go Craft programs. Ms. Sonnen added the World of Knowledge learning center to her outreach locations and will be conducting a story time and bringing reading materials.



Branch Manager Jim Jimenez visited the San Antonio Housing Authority’s Alazan Apache homes on May 19 where he spoke at the Resident’s Council meeting and shared information about library services.



Bazan Learn Training Officer Emily Sauer Flores attended the Barrio Network / Lanier High School Parents Meeting on May 18 at Lanier High School. Representatives from Good Samaritan Community Services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Texas, Methodist Healthcare Ministries and Alamo Colleges, among other organizations, were present at the meeting. The Barrio Network focuses on coordinating social service efforts to maximize community impact and respond to unmet community needs.



On June 19, Mrs. Sauer Flores, along with Central Marketing and other branch participants, promoted library services at the Silver Solutions Fair organized by Texas Public Radio at the TriPoint Event Center.



Mrs. Sauer Flores participated in the BCFS Westside Community Center Community Network Meeting on May 26, coordinated by Lanier High School Parent & Family Liaison Tina Morales (from the Parental Involvement Program). Learn promotional material was provided to Family Service employees at Lanier High School to distribute along with informational packets for families of all incoming freshmen.



Mrs. Sauer Flores was invited to attend the second annual East Central ISD Partners Appreciation Breakfast on May 27. The event was organized by parent volunteers and hosted by Superintendent Roland Toscano in gratitude for the support and services provided by ECISD community partners. Attendees expressed that they are enthusiastically awaiting the opening of the Schaffer Branch.



Bazan's ESL Book Club, led by volunteer Mr. Daniel Gomez, is thriving as participants continue to explore books in the Stage 2 level of the Oxford Bookworms series. Learners are currently enjoying *Robinson Crusoe*. Several adult English as a Second Language learners have already signed on to participate in the Summer Reading Program.

## BROOK HOLLOW



Summer reading at Brook Hollow means lots of fun displays to entice busy adult readers. Currently, patrons can browse displays of short stories, international cookbooks, travel guides, and a multimedia selection of summer-themed items.



Patrons are also invited to check out copies of *The Weight of Blood* by Laura McHugh, the branch adult summer reading pick. Thrillers and crime novels are always big circulators at Brook Hollow, and the summer selection taps into that interest. *The Weight of Blood* is a literary thriller that won McHugh the International Thriller Writers' Award for Best First Novel in 2015, as well as the 2015 Silver Falchion Award for Best First Novel: Literary Suspense.



Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera visited four elementary schools in the area in anticipation of the Mayor's Summer Reading program. She visited with the librarians, participated in morning announcements to promote SAPL programs, and at two schools, Thousand Oaks Elementary and Harmony Hills, she spoke to the students during individual library times. All in all, over 2,300 students had the opportunity to learn about the great resources and programs that San Antonio Public Library has to offer.



Librarian Rachael Barrera has pitched in to give a hand to Tobin at Oakwell Library during the transition to a new Children's Librarian who will start the week of June 13. Ms. Barrera enjoyed getting to know the branch's customers while providing them with weekly Toddler Times and Story Times.



Brook Hollow Children's Services made room on the shelves to accommodate a growing collection of Graphic Novels. The staff weeded the fiction collection on condition and circulation, offering the books in good condition to other branches. After shifting the fiction collection, the children's room was able to free up five new shelves for the popular genre.



Brook Hollow is green! The Children's area is decorated for the summer with frogs everywhere. The display fixture features green books, and the green bulletin board is ready to showcase the names of all of the amazing kids at Brook Hollow who finish reading their first eight books or listening to their first sixteen books for the summer. Summer is in full swing at the branch. Children and their caregivers are exploring all things green. So far, they have learned about alligators and crocodiles and are excited to spend a week learning even more about dinosaurs.



Caroline Mossing (Teen Services Librarian II) visited Churchill High School's library on May 17. She circulated through the library throughout lunch, informing approximately 250 teens about the library's Teen Summer Program and the teen programs happening at Brook Hollow during the summer. Many thanks to Churchill High School Librarian Charlotte Gustafson for making this visit possible!



Caroline Mossing attended the Family Services Association's Intern matching fair to assist with the selection of summer interns for Brook Hollow, Igo, and Tobin branch libraries. Caroline and Karen Barton (Tobin at Oakwell Teen Services Librarian) interviewed 30 prospective interns and made hiring recommendations for each branch.



Caroline Mossing is currently recruiting a Teen Library Leadership Council for the branch. Several teens have volunteered for the Council, and the branch will host the first TLLC meeting on June 13.

## CARVER



The first of four art classes offered by the Carver Branch Learn Center was a success. San Antonio painter Ukwanni Warumbe was pleased by the response. Learn Center instructor Jeanne Johnson said participants were required to register for a spot in the 16-slot class. The roster had filled several days before the first session.



Assistant Manager Monty Holcomb gave a presentation of the Mayor's Book selection, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, to the Carver Page Turners, the branch's book discussion group.



Children's Librarian Jodi Miller attended training at the San Antonio Food Bank on May 24 to prepare for Carver's summer food program.



SAPL Adult Services Coordinator Didi Morganti and Carver Branch Manager DL Grant Jr. were among the guests celebrating the grand opening of Dollar General's San Antonio distribution center. The discount retailer has a commitment to literacy, and presented a check for \$10,000 to assist the branch in its efforts to offer adult basic education.



Mr. Grant attended Literacy Night at the Young Men's Leadership Academy, where he spoke to parents and students about services and programs offered by San Antonio Public Library. He discussed

the responsibilities and challenges of being a librarian at Martin Luther King Academy's annual end-of-year career day.



The branch kicked off Juneteenth activities with a reception for San Antonio Artist John Coleman. The exhibit includes images that depict the emancipation of Texas slaves some 150 years ago. Professor Rebecca Czuchry of Texas Lutheran University held a lecture on the plight of newly freed Texas slaves during the period of Reconstruction.

## CODY



On May 16, Sheila Acosta, Children's Librarian, visited with the second, third and fourth grade students from Boone Elementary School, telling them about the *Mayor's Summer Reading* program and about the events happening at the library this summer. Later that afternoon, Sheila visited Howsman Elementary School to tell grades second through fifth about summer reading and to invite them to Cody's *Summer Reading Kick-off Party*.



On May 17, Sheila visited the Pineapple School for her regular school visit. She also visited with the kinder and first grade students at Colonies North Elementary, promoting summer reading and to remind them of the many family fun programs that they can attend during the summer.



On May 26, Huebner Elementary invited Sheila to appear on their morning video announcements to promote summer reading and other summer activities at the library. Sheila also visited students at Rhodes Elementary and Oak Meadows Elementary in the afternoon.



Locke Hill, Larskspur, and Thornton complete the list of elementary school campuses that Sheila visited May 27 through May 31. Students were most excited to hear about the *Lego Club* and *Minecraft Club* events as well as the special *Kids Time* performances.



On May 29, children and their families enjoyed a hat craft celebrating Memorial Day. Children wore their hats with red and blue stars all around the library. Parents even made their own hats.



On May 31, several children attended the last school year *Lego Club* program. Attendees were encouraged to sign up for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club.



Minecraft enthusiasts showed up on June 1 for the first summer meeting of the *BYOD! Minecraft Club*. Sheila provided iPads to several children while several others brought their own devices. Everyone had a great time and a few even asked if she would consider sponsoring more than one meeting a month. She added an additional Minecraft program due to the demand.



Tweens had a creatively fun time "going green" during *Tween Time* on June 6. Sheila presented a brief power point on "colors" via artists like Chagall, Picasso, and Warhol to show how they can color things as they feel. Some of the tweens allowed Sheila to display their artwork in the library.



Cody's *Superhero Summer Reading Kick-off Party* was a great success with more than 100 people in attendance. Many attendees wore their superhero's costume and were super excited to meet the Green Lantern and Spider Man from Heroes With A Heart organization. They could also participate in

other fun activities and crafts. Sheila also invited parents and children to sign up for the summer reading program.



Cody's first Tabletop Saturday saw parents and children competing to be the first to spot certain zany pictures in the game *Pictureeka*. Attendees also tried to escape the zombie apocalypse in *Zombies!!!*



The first summer *Lego Club* on June 10 was a rousing success. Close to 60 children were divided into teams and challenged with building a structure that showed what they wanted to do this summer. Sheila displayed all of the entries in the New Books section of the library.



For the third month in a row teens selected a craft project to complete during Teen Time. On May 17, they built on their sewing skills as they made Emoji Pillows. On May 24, the teens used looms to create animals out of rubber bands.



On May 31, the teens celebrated the end of school with board games, cupcakes and ice cream.



To kick off the summer, on June 7, teens created turtles using pecans, caramel and chocolate.



The computer coding program met twice during the reporting period. Teens learned how to use basic code and worked together to create a music video and other projects.



In conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Cody community had an opportunity to learn about Chinese language and culture on May 21. Presenter Y C Tang provided a brief overview and demonstrated basic calligraphy skills.



The Cody Library hosted a second Holocaust: Learn and Remember *Anne Frank: A Child's Life in War* on May 24. Bruce Rockstroh, Superintendent and CEO of the Educational Resource Center which is home of the John Wood Charter District and the Anne Frank Inspire Academy, presented a lively and informative talk about Anne Frank, the "Secret Annex", and the three concentration camps where her family was held.

## COLLINS GARDEN



Welcome branch manager Jeannette Davies and adult services librarian Cris Yamada-Lokensgard. Cris is the assistant manager at Guerra Branch Library who will be working at Collins Garden Library through the summer.



Collins Garden, in partnership with a community poetry group, Voces Cosmicas, is presenting a series of writing workshops. The workshops are hosted by local poet/educator Fernando Esteban Flores.



Children's Programming: SAPL Summer Reading Program began June 1, and is in full-force with children, teens and adults signing up to win free books. The library is tastefully decorated with frogs jumping into ponds of sparkling cool, blue water following the GO GREEN theme. Decorations were made by staff, circulation, and reference staff, in the absence of a children's librarian. The entire Collins Garden Library Team has jumped on the decorating bandwagon and been challenged to create displays, strategically placed around the library to promote the Summer Reading Program. As of June 5, 50

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children have signed up for summer reading, averaging ten children per day. Children's Librarians from Central Children Department host weekly Kids Time on Fridays and Come and Go Crafts programs on Fridays, attendance averaging approximately 11 people. Staff is concentrating on increasing attendance numbers along with library materials circulation statistics.



The Teen program, hosted by library assistant Carlos Loera, is holding steady, averaging 7-10 teens weekly. Teens are making crafts, playing video games and signing up for the Summer Reading Program. The program is gaining momentum with teens brainstorming ideas for future programs in the fall. Collins Garden Library hosts Thursday matinee movie series for teens and children.



Mary Valdez and her beautiful golden retriever Foxie visit the library bi-weekly so community children have the opportunity to interact with Foxie. Reading with Rover programs in libraries throughout the country help children who may be struggling learning to read.

## CORTEZ

Cortez Branch welcomes Cammie Brantley as Acting Manager for the summer months. The staff is pleased to have her leadership and calm direction during this busy time of the year.



### **Family Fun/Story Time/Kids Time Events** (Kathy Armbruster)

The Cortez Library hosted 2 Family Fun events – one honoring Mothers' Day and the other with activities about National Bike Safety Day. A total of 16 children and 4 adults attended these programs.



Story Time has had some difficulty catching on at Cortez. The Wednesdays at 11 a.m. timeframe seldom sees participants. In an effort to increase participation, the story time session has been moved for the summer months to a new day and time. Story Time is now held concurrently with the adult crafting club. These sessions are held on Mondays, from 10 a.m. – noon in the meeting room. The crafting club occupies half of the space and Story Time is in the other half. The first meeting was held June 6<sup>th</sup> with 11 children and 4 adults attending the Story Time program. This not only garnered increased attendance for the children's program but several parents attending the children's program expressed interest in attending the crafting session. Win-win!



Kids Time attendance for the fabulous first session on FROGS was 23 children and 6 adults participating in all aspects of the session – listening to science facts about frogs and toads, dancing the hokey pokey and creating a take home graphic of the life cycle of a frog and an intensely colored poison dart frog cut out! Summer Kids Time sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays at 2pm at Cortez.



### **Tween Time** (Kathy Armbruster)

Tweens know that Wednesdays at 4 p.m. is their time. Dodgeball continues to be a favorite! Video games are offered as well as favorite board games and a craft activity. Four sessions were held during the reporting period with a total attendance of 23 tweens attending. It's a pleasure to note that five new tweens joined in the fun for the first session of summer vacation!



### **Outreach Efforts** (Kathy Armbruster)

Children's Librarian Kathy Armbruster visited several schools to speak about the Mayor's Summer Reading Program at SAPL. Visits were made to Palo Alto Elementary School, Price Elementary, Carrillo Elementary and Kindred Elementary and 809 students heard the message about the reading program

and the roster of performers visiting public libraries this summer. Fifty faculty members were also included in these visits and were encouraged to participate in the adult summer reading program as well.



### **Teens Program (JoAnn Paredes)**

During the time frame of May 15 thru June 12, the teen program held four programs with 49 teens present. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the teens planted their avocado seeds in water as part of the “Green” theme for summer reading. The teens are proud to say that their seeds have started to root and stems are growing. They attend each program eager to see what progress that their seeds are making. The Summer Reading Program started on June 1 and in the first week, there were 53 sign ups. This already surpasses last year’s record which took until the latter part of June to get that many registrations. Cortez teens are off to a great start!



### **Cortez Film Club (Michelle Ricondo)**

The Cortez Film Club presented *Attack the Block* on May 21st to an enthusiastic crowd of six.



### **Adult Coloring (Michelle Ricondo)**

Adult Coloring @ Cortez continues to interest many at Cortez. Music is played, conversation happens and ideas are spun for new adult programs! 4 sessions were held with 19 participating. A new program will be offered to incorporate the community’s desire for a writers group. 90% of all adult programs are organically grown from the input of the community.



### **Getting Crafty Program (JoAnn Paredes)**

The crafting program had three sessions during the reporting period with a total attendance of 25. It was agreed upon by the participants that they would like to continue working on their hexagon blankets. They all expressed that they would like to finish them in class before moving on to a new project. This is also the program that is sharing space with the children’s Story Time program making it an attractive option for crafters and their preschool children.



### **Adult Outreach and Program Participation**

Adult services Librarian Michelle Ricondo serves on several community initiatives and SAPL system program committees. During the reporting period, she was active with LGBT Community Events, joined the SA LGBT Chamber of Commerce and served as a member of the Pride Month committee. She created a panel discussion program for the OUT series titled OUT Entrepreneur: Living Our Love and Telling Our Stories. Michelle partnered with colleagues from different City departments to assemble the panel and asked the SA LGBT Chamber to sponsor the event. The Vice President of the San Antonio LGBT Chamber served as the moderator of the event. She also serves as chair for the Go Green! Adult Summer Reading Program and has met with other adult services librarians to coordinate offerings for adult readers this summer.



### **Monster Meet (Madeline Vasquez)**

On June 11th, 13 monster fans, including two new members, got together for a session called “Dracula Untold” which involved a review of the Dracula myth and history followed by the film. Monster Meet is a program developed and coordinated by Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez who brings her love of the horror genre to the community at Cortez. Next month the branch will kick off the “It Came From” series beginning with “It came from nuclear waste.” We will discuss the origins of Godzilla and view a Godzilla movie.



### **Mayor’s Summer Reading Club – Branch Wide/System Wide (All Staff)**

Cortez staff takes promoting the summer reading initiative seriously. Every staff member can be heard talking about the various program offerings with each patron at the check-out desk, reference desk,

before and after programs and while helping patrons find books and DVDs. To date, children registered at Cortez number 196; Teens are at 53 already shattering the record from this time last year; and adult registration is currently at 100 participants. All copies of the Cortez recommended read for adults are checked out (*Seeing off the Johns* by Rene S. Perez). Go Green!

## ENCINO



Encino hosted early voting for the Primary Election Runoff from May 16 – 20. The flexible meeting room space and patio entrance were a perfect fit for the election officials and voters. The Friends of Encino held their quarterly meeting on June 6 in Encino's meeting room. The agenda included highlights from the May FOSAPL training, a presentation by Teen Librarian Matthew Loaiza, a spending plan for Friends funds, and a discussion of future fundraising efforts.



Encino hosted Maxine Cohen, former president of the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, on May 23 as part of the Holocaust: Learn & Remember series. This well-attended presentation focused on the experience of children during the Holocaust and the local history tied to the subject. The appreciative audience thanked Mrs. Cohen for her emotional presentation and engaged her in a lively discussion about the Kindertransport and those rescued during the Holocaust.



Children's programming continues on its exciting journey at Encino. The feature for May was a special Space Day Play & Learn designed by Children's Librarian Ashley Stubbs. Attendance was over 90 people for the 2 hour program, and several parents took the time to leave written compliments about the creative program. Activities included moon sand, dramatic play as astronauts (complete with a rocket, of course!), a photo opp inside an astronaut suit, crafts, and story time. To promote summer reading, Children's Librarian Nicki Weaver visited area elementary schools to describe the details of the program. Encino Park and Bulverde Creek Elementary schools assembled hundreds of children to hear her presentation about summer reading at SAPL, including descriptions of the special programming that takes place throughout the summer.



The Summer Reading Kickoff Party was held on June 4, and it included activities for all ages. Crafts, pop-up story times, registration for summer reading, green screen photography, and Minute-to-Win-It style games were available for everyone. Librarian Barbara Kwiatkowski arranged a lovely presentation of Bharatanatyam: Classical Indian Dance at 1 p.m. Nearly 200 people attended the event, giving the branch a great start to summer! A timely addition to the June 4 festivities was the SA Food Bank Farmers' Market, which is held in Encino's parking lot on the first Saturday of each month. Patrons enjoyed fresh produce, tamales, jams, and tacos from the various vendors.



A special addition for summer children's programming at Encino is Messy Fridays. A total of 8 sessions will be held in June and July, and the goal is to get messy and have fun on Encino's fantastic covered patio! The first installment of the series was held on June 10, and over 60 people attended the fun program. Activities included sensory bins of beans for younger children, cotton ball painting, shaving cream color mixing, salt watercolors, and finger painting. Several children thanked Mrs. Nicki for allowing them to be messy, and the parents expressed their gratitude for hosting such a fun activity for younger children.



Encino's Teen Library Leadership Council worked with Teen Librarian Matthew Loaiza to create a dynamic set of programs for the summer. Teen Gaming, Teen Club, and Teen Anime Club have all moved to 2 p.m. on their respective days. By special request from the lively bunch, a fourth teen program has been added for the summer. Teen Library Living Club will include cooking demonstrations, sewing

lessons, and general car maintenance. Encino's teen program attendees assisted with the Space Day Play & Learn preparations by spending several hours creating a space-themed backdrop large enough to cover the entire meeting room. This special touch took the already popular Play & Learn event over the top!



Adult Services Librarian Barbara Kwiatkowski organized a series of career and professional development programs led by a professional career coach for Encino's adult summer programming. The series was featured on News 4 WOAI's morning segment, and the first class on June 8 was close to capacity. During the eight part series, the group will explore personal branding, job search strategies, skill development, networking, resumes, and interviewing skills. Further additions to Encino's adult programming include Game On!, an adult gaming hour, and 60 Seconds, a Minute-to-Win-It style competition for older children and adults. Barbara's popular Create University has been rejuvenated for summer, with praise heaped on the Introduction to Mayan Chocolate class. Registration for the second installment, Green Cleaning, has already reached capacity.

## FOREST HILLS



Forest Hills began preparing for the arrival of Summer Reading in May. Staff kept busy with numerous outreach visits to schools, craft preparation, and program planning at the branch. As children were released from school for the summer, they flocked to the library eager to sign up for summer reading. Staff began signing up readers of all ages on June 1.



The 2016 Summer Reading Staff Pick for Forest Hills is titled *Stiff: The Curious Life of Cadavers*. The first event related to this title was held on June 4 as Mr. Suhail Arastu from the San Antonio Mind Science Foundation, offered a brief philosophical history of the great mind/brain debate and discussed current scientific research into the function and description of consciousness and our brains. On July 13, another event related to the title will be offered as Dr. Daniel Wescott, Director of the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State, will discuss the donation of human remains for scientific research, why people choose to donate, and share a sample of research projects being conducted at the human decomposition facility at Texas State University.



Teen Lounge, the weekly teen program, kicked off on June 8. Weekly events will be held every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. At the first Teen Lounge meeting, teens created images out of pearler beads. The craft took an equal amount of hand-eye coordination and patience as the images were painstakingly crafted. The teens were pleased with their creations.



Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Dorris Griffin Senior center for the monthly book discussion on May 18. The book club read and discussed the Mayor's Book Club selection *The Book Thief*. The participants spoke about their visits to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC and the other Learn and Remember events they have attended.



Partnering with other City Departments is one way Forest Hills strives to exemplify the Core Value of Teamwork. Ms. Griffin met with Ross Hosea and Trudy Barh from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding an upcoming STEM event to be held in October 2016. The topic for the event is Botany and will be titled "SAPL Grows STEM Events". The City Forester is working on plans to plant four trees on the Forest Hills Branch property that will be part of the City's goal to increase the urban canopy of San Antonio.



The Summer Reading Kids Time program was held on Tuesday, June 7. Children learned about parts of a plant and germinating seeds. They also listened to stories and created flower garden art. On another day, 17 students from a daycare visited the library for stories and crafts. They also received library cards and checked out books.



Children's Librarian Kathleen Brown visited three elementary schools to promote summer reading, talking to a total of 1,428 students and teachers about summer reading programs and library services.



Brown also attended Cypress Cove Apartments Community Fair, visiting with residents to promote Summer Reading programs and activities.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



The branch is hosting a Hawaiian Hula Class Mondays in June and July. Mrs. Tina Negrete, who is the returning instructor, teaches adults how to dance hula. Hula dancing is good physical activity that promotes socialization and brain stimulation.



Adult Coloring is being offered Wednesday evenings at the Great Northwest Library in June and July. Adults can color and listen to soothing music.



The book *Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins is the Great Northwest Branch Adult Summer Reading selection. The book is being checked out by customers and staff and is hard to keep on the shelf!



Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno organized a tour for a group of seniors from the Alicia Trevino Senior Center to the Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 6. The idea was formed when the senior book club discussed and read the novel *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. David Present, the docent who led the tour, and Mrs. Hanna Pankowsky, a Holocaust survivor, spoke to the group.



The Great Northwest Thursday Book group met on Thursday, June 9 to discuss the book *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel. The participants stayed to watch the movie.



Great Northwest Teen Writer's Guild met on May 16 for their monthly meeting with teen librarian Stephanie Vazquez. Teens with an interest in writing meet once a month to create and share their work with other teen writers.



Teen volunteers at Great Northwest Library worked together with the teen and children's librarians to help produce puppet shows for the Summer Reading Program. Teens volunteered after school once a week to create props that will be used for the summer reading programs.



Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez contacted the English Department Coordinators at Warren and Taft High School and informed the teachers about the Summer Reading program. Flyers and information were given to the teachers to distribute to their students.



Great Northwest Library kicked off their Go Green summer programs for teens with a wind chimes and watermelons Teen Craft Night. Teens used repurposed objects to create their own DIY wind chimes and learned how to make *aguas frescas* to beat the summer heat.



Computer Tutoring is held at the Great Northwest Library every other Monday evening. The branch's very knowledgeable volunteer tutor Jacob provides basic computer instructions and answers computer and technology-related questions.



Great Northwest Library had the opportunity to have the entire Timberwilde Elementary School visit the branch on a walking field trip during the last week in May. They were informed about the Summer Reading Program and were entertained with *The Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock* puppet show. Two classes at a time walked to the library throughout the week.



Summer Reading has begun and many happy, excited children have come to the library to sign up for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and enjoy the programs. The branch provides children's programming for three different age groups. The ABC Club has puppet shows, bilingual stories, songs, and many activities to encourage fun and play with adults and children. So far they have explored the alphabet with *T for trucks*, *P for pigs*, and *F for frogs* during the first week of summer. They will have the opportunity to explore three different letters a week.



The School Kids (Kids Time and TWEEN Time) has many STEAM projects during the summer in which they learn about teamwork and creativity. The first week revolved around the fairy tale *Rapunzel*. The younger group made a bigger and improved tower for Rapunzel to live in. The older group developed a pulley in which Rapunzel could haul her prince up to the tower without having to use her hair. The extra challenge was to add something green into their invention in honor of the *Go Green* reading theme.



The branch is extremely grateful for the Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library for their assistance in financially supporting the programs, as well as their help in putting together and organizing the programs. The branch also thanks all the volunteers that are assisting during the actual programs as well.

## GUERRA



The branch hosted early voting (May 16 - 20) and Election Day (May 24). BCFS staff presented a program on teen life skills training on May 21. On May 26, the Metro Health Screening Bus was in the parking lot for most of the day; outreach staff provided health screening, testing, and information to nine members of the community. The Guerra Friends held its semi-annual book sale May 27 through 29. A quarterly staff meeting was held on May 31; most of the time was spent on the second branch goal of sharing information about adult patrons who may have special needs. Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard received her five year pin and Adult Services Stephen Jackson received his ten year pin. Elena Marin with the University of Texas Health Science Center provided cancer information and literature on June 7 to members of the community.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented music and literature outreach programs to the Careplex Adult Day Care Center on May 18 and June 1. On May 19, he spoke to about 125 recently-hired City of San Antonio employees about the purpose and mission of the Employee Management Committee.



The Assistant Branch Manager continued her temporary reassignment to Collins Garden Branch Library. She was at the branch on June 4 for a Financial Literacy Program for military veterans.



Children's spring programs ended on May 11. Between May 11 and May 31, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson visited eight childcare centers in the area to promote Summer Reading 2016. She spoke with center directors at each location about library services and upcoming summer programs at the library. On May 18, she attended the online webinar "A Moving Child Is a Learning Child: How Movement Prepares the Brain to Think." That same day, she attended City of San Antonio's online training on Prezi. Arlene began registering children for the summer reading program on June 1; she provided an overview to reference staff so that each staff member could assist with registration in her absence. During the reporting period, she planned and presented seven children's programs. Children participated in the Read to a Dog program on May 26 and June 9.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson moderated the Spanish language book club (Club de lectura) whose members discussed *La reina de sur (Queen of the South)* by Arturo Perez-Reverte on May 26. Interest in this title was high in expectation of the televised version airing in June.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry held Game-Ra sessions on May 19 and June 2. The teens watched *Men in Black* on June 9; refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Guerra Library. The teens assisted with the preparation of the Friends Book Sale on May 26.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl visited Igo's Crochet Program and gathered information from Library Assistant Barbara Celitans in preparation for developing her own program at the branch. She created a Staff Picks display featuring "SURPRISingly good reads" with custom jackets.



Circulation Attendants Dave Alvarez, Abella Lazalde, Corinna Reed, and Allison Fink installed a display for the selected summer reading book *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Abella and Corinna designed a Japanese culture display for Asian American Heritage Month. Abella has continued helping with the Telecuentos program approximately once every two months.

## IGO



Children's Librarian Nancy Rodriguez dedicated the last two weeks in May to promoting the Mayor's Summer Reading Program to area children. This year's theme, Go Green, provides many wonderful possibilities for kid-friendly summer programs and is sure to inspire readers of all ages.



On May 24, Mrs. Rodriguez welcomed University United Methodist Day School to the Igo Branch for an engaging story time, preview of summer activities, and interactive tour of the library.



The Igo Library kicked off the Mayor's Summer Reading Program with a fun-filled Carnival Day on June 4. Over 530 patrons of all ages visited Igo to sign up for summer reading, plant sunflower seeds, create sun visors, take pictures at the photo booth, meet with three clowns for face painting and balloon animals, take a swing at the piñatas, and throw a line into the fish pond for a small prize. Popcorn, lemonade, and water were also provided. The Carnival Day was held in conjunction with the Friends of the Igo Branch Book Sale making the day even more energetic and lively.



With the recent resignation of Mrs. Rodriguez in late May, Clair Larkin, Early Literacy Specialist with Little Read Wagon, assisted with children's programming and presented two Baby Time and two Toddler Time programs to an enthusiastic group eager to jump-start their summer reading.



Igo's Lego Club was back in full effect after the brief children's programming hiatus. Attendees eagerly delved into their imagination to craft Lego creations of their favorite summer vacation.



Children's Library Assistant Carolyn Bradley presented three story times along with Igo's first Kids Time program of the summer: *Frogs and Toads*. Ms. Bradley shared animated stories, described the differing characteristics, and engaged the children in fun activities about the life cycle.

To recap this reporting period at the Igo Library, children's services staff presented 11 programs and served 1,045 children and their caregivers.



Teen Services Librarian Marco De Leon ended the school year with strong attendance for all the teen programs at Igo. The branch held 24 teen programs with over 440 teens in attendance for this reporting period. While the most popular program continued to be the weekly FNKY YES Time! (Teen Time), the local teens spent also quite a bit of time at all of the other the branch programs this past reporting period.



The Teen Cooking Class had its largest class yet as a parent volunteer who previously worked as a Chef taught the teens how to make wiener schnitzel. The teens are enthusiastically looking forward to the next cooking class which will see the group taking on pizza or an Indian dish as the cuisine of choice.



Mr. De Leon also spent time away from the branch targeting outreach efforts. He represented SAPL along with three other SAPL librarians at the San Japan Mini-mini Con held at the Wonderland of the Americas Mall where he was able to reach over 300 people. He also performed outreach at Brandeis High School where he connected with 127 students with 84 library card applications filled out. Additionally, he visited Garcia Middle School where he reached 60 students and had 23 library card applications.



Most of the focus for the month of May was for the production of the annual *Anime Fest!* held before the end of the school year. Mr. De Leon and the Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) put a lot of hard work into *Anime Fest!* to include kid friendly crafts based on Japanese culture, a video game tournament, freshly made Japanese comfort food, an anime cosplay contest, and a special performance by the Japanese Culture Club from Health Careers High School. Over 200 people attended the exciting event.



As a special way of thanking the graduating seniors of the TLLC, Mr. De Leon produced one last event for those outgoing seniors, the Graduation Send Off. This last teen event for the group was a fun filled event with music, lots of pizza, homemade dishes made by the teens, and a special goodbye speech that left nary a dry eye in the room.



Adult Services Librarian Ramona Lucius offered an information table at Valero's spring fair on May 18 to offer library card registration and promote the services the San Antonio Public Library provides to residents of Bexar County.



On May 21, the St. Bernard Society presented a very informative session on *Severe Weather and Disaster Preparedness Training*. The program discussed emergency supplies, organizations that can help with recovery, insurance policy types, creating disaster plans, along with key documents needed after a disaster.



The Igo Elderberries hosted a Senior Speed Connect@ Igo event on May 26. Forty-eight seniors enjoyed a special lunch with several “meet and greet” activities to socialize and make new friends. The well-received event was also covered by several local media, promoting the importance of senior activities and events.



The Igo Elderberries hosted a program on June 9 entitled *Drones: Aerial Robots of our Time*. Drone pilot Justin Moore presented an overview of drone technology, including how the technology works, legal aspects, and the varied uses. Following this, he gave a live demonstration with a bird's eye view of the Igo Library and the adjacent Bonnie Conner Park.



On June 11, as part of the Summer Reading Program's green theme, April and Charles Mier presented “Clean Green,” a program which taught listeners how to make safe, environment-friendly home cleaning products.



Igo's Afternoon Book Club enjoyed a lively conversation regarding *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain and the Mystery Club read Donna Andrew's *Stark Raving Mad*.

## JOHNSTON



The Johnston Branch Library hosted early voting from May 16<sup>th</sup> thru May 20<sup>th</sup>. Turn-out was quite light for this run-off election, with only 187 total ballots being cast.



Staff worked together on displays for Summer Reading – GO GREEN, the Staff Summer Reading Club pick *Pretty Girls* by Karin Slaughter, and a Frankenstein display.



During the reporting period, Johnston welcomed Interim Branch Manager Cindy Pope. Ms. Pope will be the new manager at the Potranco Branch Library when it opens this fall. She has graciously agreed to be the Interim manager at Johnston, until a new manager can be hired. Ms. Pope was recently promoted to Librarian III. She had been the Librarian II, Assistant Manager at the Pan American Branch Library. Previous Interim manager, Jamie Flowers, was able to return to her full time duties as the Semmes Library Branch Manager.



Children's Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth attended a Resource Fair at Valley Hi Elementary School on May 27<sup>th</sup>.



For the week of June 6, Ms. Wrigglesworth presented 3 programs: Baby Time, Story Time (“Flowers”), and Tween Time (IPads). On June 8<sup>th</sup>, she presented a Kids Time (“Flowers”).



Current Summer Reading Program registrations (as of 6/8/16) are 180 readers and listeners.



Library Aide Vida Salas facilitated the Athena Reader' Book Club discussion of Lisa Gardner's *Find Her* on May 18.

## LANDA



Starting in May, Ms. Salinas implemented a two week programming break to prepare for Summer Reading. During this time, Ms. Salinas hosted a Kindergarten class from Howard Elementary school to talk about the Summer Reading Club at the library and to celebrate reading. The Howard Kindergarten class listened to some silly stories and then held a picnic on the grounds. While Ms. Salinas had arranged multiple school visits to Landa Library in order promote summer reading, the weather cancelled many of the field trips.



Summer Programming kicked off in June with children’s programming geared towards all ages. Ms. Salinas continued with the traditional baby, toddler, and story times, but also added a weekly summer Play & Learn program on the Landa grounds that focused on the “Every Child Ready to Read” practices and aimed for ages 0 to 5. Ms. Salinas will be assisted with the Play & Learn program by Ms. Julia Lazarin from Little Read Wagon for the duration of the summer. For the first week, the Play & Learn was a farm theme outside with about 30 children plus their parents attending. The second week, about 50 children attended the transportation themed Play & Learn. The kids loved painting with matchbox cars, stamping letters in play dough, and curling up in the reading tents to look at some board books.



Ms. Salinas also hosts a weekly summer Lego Club at the Landa Library for school aged children. Every Lego Club program encourages children to build something they love. However, Ms. Salinas offers challenges to inspire children in their building. During the first Lego Club of the summer, the kids were challenged to build a water filtration system to kick off our “green” summer. For the second week of Lego Club, the attendance doubled, and Ms. Salinas encouraged the children to design a new space ship for NASA that would get people to Mars. The creativity involved in their creations and designs was exceptional. The excitement that building with Lego brings makes this program very unique because much of it is filled with the kids eagerly explaining their design decisions to Ms. Salinas, weaving elaborate back stories for their every creation.



To start our “green” Kids Time programming, Ms. Salinas held a program on green plants and flowers for children ages 5 and up. The kids listened to stories, painted landscapes with forks and q-tips, planted seeds, and also made some fiesta flowers out of tissue paper. The kids loved painting and getting messy, and parents have reported back that their seeds have begun to sprout.

The Summer Reading Club continues to go strongly with the staff from the whole branch helping to sign up participants.



Teen Night at Landa continues to be a space for teens to relax and hang out every Wednesday evening. Games, crafts, and snacks are available for teens on a weekly basis. This month, Teens could play the anagram game Bananagrams, relax with coloring sheets, and create fused bead designs. A few teens also gained volunteer hours by helping the Children’s Librarian Jasmine with the Summer Reading kick-off party.



Landa launched its “Read Our Book” with *Thyme of Death* by Susan Wittig Albert, the official summer read for the branch. The author will be coming to Landa in August to talk about her mysteries which are set just outside of Austin. She has other series as well including the *Darling Dahlias* and the *Beatrix Potter* series. Landa customers are getting exciting about this special author visit.



This month, Adult Services Librarian Karen Sebesta started a new outreach at the Kenwood Community Center. This is a Senior Services location that serves people just north of the Landa location. Karen also made her monthly visit to The Village at Incarnate Word, a senior residence community located on the Incarnate Word campus. Her readers include both residents and those who participate in “Connections,” a program in which friends of the Incarnate Word community are invited to Residence

events. In June, the group read *Tuesdays With Morrie*, an inspirational story of a beloved professor and his former student. The book is a personal account by Mitch Albom.



The Landa Mystery Book Club—still going strong after more than three years—read the delightful *The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax* by the late Dorothy Gilman. Karen chose this title in celebration of Older Americans Month as the book is the first in a series of mysteries about a senior-citizen sleuth.



As part of Landa's informative adult programming, Karen invited John Plent from the Texas Department of Insurance to do a presentation on all types of insurance. Judging from the questions of the attendees, their primary interest was in homeowners' insurance. Karen highly recommends this program and its presenter for excellent consumer information about insurance.



On Wednesday, June 8, the children, teen and adult leaders (Jasmin, Melissa, and Karen) joined together in the official Landa Summer Reading Program kick-off. Activities included crafts for the kids and informative presentation by Justin Moore on the new drone technology. Justin followed up his all-ages presentation with a demonstration of one of his machines. It was an experience enjoyed by all!

## LAS PALMAS



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi represented the Las Palmas Library at the Reading is Cool celebration at the Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary School promoting the services of SAPL. She participated in Career Day at Perales Elementary promoting summer activities and reading stories to over 60 students. She also assisted with other Children's Librarians at the Young Pegasus celebration at Hermann Sons Lodge.



Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez presented two story times in May, including one in which participants celebrated Mother's Day by listening to *Mommy where are you?* and *Te Quiero, Mama*. Ms. Perez celebrated a major milestone on May 7th by graduating from Our Lady of the Lake University with a Master of Business Administration. Reinforcing the importance of education, bilingual story time parents and children attended the graduation ceremony. Thank you to Branch Manager Mary Kay Rathke, Librarian Timothy Johnson, Librarian Gina Brudi, Librarian Jerry Madrigal and Las Palmas Friends of the Library for all their support.



Teen Services Librarian Connie Hejl organized the San Japan Mini Mini Convention held at the Wonderland Mall of the Americas. Around 1,500 people were in attendance. Librarians took pictures using the green screen, had cubee crafts and gave out information about summer reading.



Anne Schuette continued the Bilingual Citizenship classes this month taught by our Academia América partners who continue to attract greater numbers of class members. This semester ends June 17th and 18th. The summer semester begins July 15th.



Anne Schuette and volunteer JJ Garza conducted Computer Help Thursdays with patrons needing anything from job searches, digital devices to safe web searching.



May 18th the Adult Book Club discussed *Measure of a Man: From Auschwitz Survivor to Presidents' Tailor: a Memoir*, by Martin Greenfield (2014). Anne Schuette led the discussion with eight book club members. They greatly appreciated the strong family values and religious faith Martin's father

instilled in him. These and his father's demand to survive no matter what sustained him through horrific experiences as an Auschwitz prisoner before the Allied Forces chased off the fascist tormentors and liberated the surviving captives. They enjoyed details of sophisticated customized male attire and the intricacies of building a successful business in the highly competitive fashion industry. They also enjoyed the fun facts about Mr. Greenfield's superstar and governmental leader clients.



On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Library hosted Habitat for Humanity from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Blanca Salazar (Asst. V.P. of Family Services) returned to help the community learn if they qualify for home ownership and the requirements of joining the program. This includes financial responsibility necessary for acceptance to the program. Anne Schuette facilitated the program and had nine attendees.

## MAVERICK



Maverick was an Early Voting site and an Election Day site in late May. Thank you to the staff that opened the branch early and stayed late to accommodate the voting process. The staff also won the system-wide creating poetry with book titles contest. The prize was a yummy gourmet cookies/brownies tray with raspberries, blueberries and strawberries that did not last very long! During the first full week of summer reading, the staff decided to have themes for what to wear the entire week. Our green Summer Reading T-Shirts were for Monday, tie-dye, Superheroes and more were on the agenda.



Staff welcomed PT Circulation Attendant Celicia DeLosSantos who was promoted from being a library aide at Guerra. On May 23, Librarian II Benjamin Longoria went to Pan American to work there temporarily during the summer. Librarian II Monica Garza went back to Johnston in late May after being at Maverick temporarily for 3 months. Maverick staff welcomed back Librarian I Pat King who had served temporarily at Johnston for 3 months.



Children's Librarian Amy Roberts visited four schools and reached more than 2,600 students to promote the Summer Reading program the last week of May. It is always a joy when kids come into the library and say "We saw you at our school!" or "Can I check out the book you read us?" In addition, Circulation Attendant Brittany Gates and Library Aide Raina Oster assisted Ms. Roberts with a window display for summer reading, consisting of a transparent blue pond with paper grass, cattails, rocks, lily pads, logs and what will be frogs for the summer reading finishers! Story Times started back up on Monday, June 6. The Friends of Maverick Library assisted with volunteers for the summer reading Kick-Off party on June 6. Over 156 people attended. In addition, they provided financial assistance so that Ms. Roberts could hire "All Things Balloon" so that each child/parent could take a creation home and two performers for later in June. As of this writing, Maverick has registered 238 children for summer reading.



In adult programming, the movie *Not in Our Town* was shown on May 28, in commemoration of Asian-American Heritage Month, for 10 adults. Chess Club started up again on June 10 for all ages. On June 11, J.D. Elizondo from Teen Services played his electric guitar for patrons. Both book clubs at Maverick read *The Train to Crystal City* in June. As of this writing, Maverick has registered 34 adults for summer reading.

## McCRELESS



In the last two weeks of May, McCreless replaced in-house programming with school outreach. The purpose of outreach is to remind parents and students that the library offers a variety of interesting activities during the summer and hopefully encourage kids to keep reading during the summer break.



The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at McCreless Branch. Staff registered 240 children during the first two weeks of the program. Each child is given a reading log, a bookmark and paper frog. They put their first name on the frog and the frogs are then put in the windows. The branch windows are now almost completely covered in bright, cheery frogs. The branch is also offering displays that reflect the theme of "Green." Books with green covers, books featuring green animals or green ideas such as recycling or gardening are all on display.



Collection development is continuing in the children's area. Since picture books are especially popular during the summer months, weeding and title replacement will take place in the non-fiction areas with the goal of having a freshened up collection for the students in the fall.



For the latter half of May, McCreless teen liaison worked with a volunteer from McCreless to design a bright and motivating young adult display that read "End of School Read Something Cool." The branch volunteer, who is a young teenager, selected a montage of popular young adult books to fill the display. The May display was a great transition to kick off summer reading. Currently the young adult section features a bright green display to promote SAPLs summer reading theme.



McCreless library hosted three teen programs. Due to early voting in May, teen liaison Georgina hosted teen time in the open space by the children's collection. Teens gathered round to play board games and brainstorm ideas for upcoming summer teen events. The following week on June 1<sup>st</sup>, McCreless library began registering teens for this year's summer reading program.



Teen liaison Georgina hosted a special teen time on June 1st, a DIY succulent terrarium workshop. Teens brought their own planters to make their own succulent terrariums. The program proved to be a success by bringing in new teens but more importantly it got everyone engaged and interested in gardening and caring for the succulents. At the end of the program, teens got to take their projects home.



A second teen summer program hosted by the branch was another DIY event in which teens painted recycled plastic bottles cut into flowers. Teens took their project home to decorate their patio lights. These back-to-back June summer programs were inspired by the teens' interest to integrate SAPLs green summer theme into young adult programming by participating in events that promote recycling, repurposing, and reusing materials.



Furthermore, teen liaison Georgina visited Highlands High School to conduct presentations on library services and resources. Presentations were hosted at one of the school's history classes for six periods. Georgina did a live demonstration of both Learning Express Library and Live Homework Help, introduced SAPLs summer reading program, and discussed teen volunteer opportunities at the library.



In addition, Georgina partnered with Karen Barton, teen librarian from Tobin at Oakwell, to conduct outreach at the Juvenile Detention Center. While spending time with the young teenage boys, Georgina and Karen used library themed words to play Pictionary with them and donate young adult paperback books to the teens.



Book a Librarian sessions are increasing in popularity at McCreless. Adult Services Librarian, Tina Hudec, held four during the end of May and beginning of June. The one on one sessions discussed resume building and general computer usage. During this period, the branch also hosted two heavily visited Movie Times. The branch's summer movie selections will all have a green theme in connection with the Summer Reading Program.

Finally, McCreless hosted the monthly Book Club on June 4. The book discussed was *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan.

## MEMORIAL



Memorial marked its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a community celebration. Lots fun activities and events were planned such as Foxy the Therapy dog, who was a huge hit. The kids and adults alike were amazed by Foxy's cool trick of turning the pages once they were done reading the page. Kids wanted to take Foxy home with them. Patrons participated in an open mic poetry reading. They were asked to freestyle a poem based upon a book title and then recite it. Some local poets were up to the challenge. Patrons were also entertained by the Indian traditional dance troupe, Bharatanatyam. Patrons enjoyed and admired the traditional costumes and music of the dance troupe as well. The dance troupe was arranged by Pannaga Prasad from Central Library and staff member Rhonda Davila. J.D. Elizondo, Central Teen department, brought his electric guitars and had kids rocking out at Memorial! Staff member Vickie Pena made paper tiaras and Teenage Mutant Turtles masks for the kids. The children also enjoyed face painting as well, and everyone enjoyed the 100 cupcakes generously donated by H-E-B.



Summer Reading is off to great start. Friday, June 3, Viki Ash presented a Come & Go craft activity. The children and parents had a really fun time working together. On Tuesday, June 7, Kate Simpson (Central-Children's) presented a Kids Time program. The children enjoyed jungle theme books and roared loudly in the library, startling some patrons and staff alike. The children cut out different animals and insects and pasted them on a large piece of green butcher paper to make fun jungle scene. Family Fun time featured Donnabelle the Clown. She has been performing at Memorial for the last 10 years, and she had children and parents laughing and clowning around! *Finding Nemo* was shown on Family Movie Thursday, June 9. The children and parents enjoyed watching the movie and eating popcorn.



On June 8, the teens enjoyed playing Wii and making chocolate covered pretzels with pecans and caramel. A teen went around the library passing out the chocolate turtles for the staff to enjoy as well. They were delicious!



UT Health Science Center-Pain Management Classes were well attended on June 9 and June 11. Participants have been learning different pain relieving strategies such as yoga poses and sharing successes.

## MISSION



On May 16, Mission Library hosted a library partnership with UT Health Science Center San Antonio to help promote public health research. They're currently undergoing a pediatric obesity research project wherein they are interviewing families of their clinics who have successfully reversed their child's obesity. The aim is to find out how they did so, and the hope is to discover community practices that they can turn around and recommend to the physicians at the same clinics to help fight obesity in other pediatric patients.



The city Metropolitan Health District mobile unit was at Mission Library on May 19 providing services to the community.



On May 21, as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month program celebrations, the Mission branch hosted an interactive presentation on Japanese art, with a focus on Origami presented by the President of the Japanese Studying Club at UTSA.



As part of the Holocaust Learn and Remember series on May 26, the Mission Library hosted Ambassador Sichan Siv and his well-attended presentation *From the Killing Fields to the White House: The American Dream in First Person*. The presentation with book signing was a great success and was enjoyed by many Mission Library patrons.



As a continuation of the Holocaust Learn and Remember series on May 31, the Mission Library hosted Judge Peter Sakai who shared his family story regarding Japanese American internment camps during World War II. Library Director Ramiro Salazar provided opening remarks for Judge Sakai. The program was well attended and people enjoyed the talk immensely. The story was covered by a local TV news station.



The Mission Library Community Garden volunteers were very busy maintaining the garden. They hosted several programs, including sustainable gardening, DIY spice recipes, how to successfully grow plants in an apartment, and recipes for non-toxic cleansers.



Mission Library was a host site to a partnership between Little Red Wagon Play & Learn sessions and Avance's Home Based Early Head Start program. The multiple sessions started on June 6.



Ongoing programs at Mission Library include Table tennis for Adults, Chess Club, Trivia night, Embroidery & Craft Group, and Coloring for Adults. Fitness in the Park continues to partner with the library with yoga and cycle circuit classes. Mission Library served as an early voting site from May 16 to May 20.



Mission Library teens ended the school year with a party on the library's porch area. Teens enjoyed eating pizza, spraying their hair wild colors, and playing games like dodgeball, badminton, and volleyball. Teens were also given the opportunity to sign up for the Teen Summer program.



Teen Librarian Cynthia Cruz visited with parents and students at the East Central family fun night at Salado Intermediate School. While there, Ms. Cruz spoke to 68 individuals about library programs, the summer movies playing at the Mission Marquee, and the summer reading programs. Ms. Cruz also spoke to international students from St. Peter's – St. Joseph's Children's Home. Eighty teens from Honduras, Mexico, and El Salvador learned about library services and took a tour of the library building and grounds.



Teens were given the opportunity to attend a program on careers in the digital arts. Artist Juan Ramos presented to teens on career opportunities for those interested in creative fields. Teens were also given the chance to learn about the software the artist used to create his work.



The main focus in this time period was preparing for Summer Reading. Each story time group was informed and they are very excited. The kids and parents were looking forward to all the fun summer

activities that are planned. The Go Green Summer Reading Theme is showing up all around the library. Giant frogs decorate the windows and the bulletin board is ready to go with lots of little frogs and lily pads. After a Toddler Time an older woman poked her head in and asked what was going on. She smiled and said "I love this library!" She said that there is always so much to do and that everyone who works at Mission is really nice.

## PAN AMERICAN



In June the Pan American Branch began holding weekly "Zentangle" in addition to adult coloring on Monday evenings. The Zentangle method of drawing by creating structured patterns that is easy to learn and relaxing. Adult coloring was offered along with Lego Club for children, which also proved to be popular with branch patrons. The children got to be creative with Legos while their parents enjoy coloring intricate patterns and designs.



During the reporting period, Pan American hosted a Job Fair in partnership with LEARN@SAPL and Workforce Solutions Alamo. The event featured over 11 employers from the trades and service industries. Staff from the Texas Workforce Commission was also on hand to assist attendees with registering online at [workintexas.com](http://workintexas.com) where people search for employment as well as post a resume. Additionally, a representative from Chrysalis Ministries gave presentations on how to handle gaps in employment and conviction records.



To kick-off the adult summer reading challenge, Pan American Branch staff offered patrons a variety of teas to taste and the opportunity to sign up for the program. The branch pick for this year was *Prison Ramen: Recipes and Stories from Behind Bars* by Clifton Collins Jr. and Gustavo "Goose" Alvarez. This unique and edgy book takes readers behind bars with over 65 ramen recipes and stories from the inmates who created them.



For the second year in a row, the Pan American Branch Library will be participating in the 2016 Fit Pass program by hosting Tai Chi Easy and Yoga as part of Fitness in the Park. This Parks and Recreation program highlights the many great free and low-cost fitness, wellness, and nutritional opportunities available to residents throughout San Antonio. Fit Pass challenges participants to attend programs during the summer to gain points and get entered for a chance to win prizes.



In order to accommodate planning for summer reading programming, the branch took a short break from children's programming. However, Fokie the READ dog and her handler Mary still visited the library to help children become better readers.



New Teen Liaison Lisa Leandro has reinvigorated teen programming at Pan American and has developed exciting new activities for the summer. Ms. Leandro held a successful teen resume workshop where young adults got help either writing their first resumes or updating existing ones. Additionally, Ms. Leandro met with Jennifer Velasquez from Teen Services to discuss ways to better market the YA collection and to engage teens.



Lastly, branch staff said farewell and good luck to Assistant Manager Cindy Pope due to her promotion to Branch Manager at the soon to open Potranco Branch. During her time at Pan American, Ms. Pope brought high energy and a passion for programming. We all wish her well in this next phase of her career with the San Antonio Public Library system. In the interim, Ben Longoria, Assistant Manager at the Maverick Branch Library is filling in. Welcome Ben to the Pan American Branch Library.

# PARMAN



Circulation Attendants Melissa Moser and Joey Lackups worked together to present a DIY U class on pressing flowers. They taught participants the ins and outs of pressing wildflowers and how to create art using those flowers. Students made a framed picture and laminated bookmarks. The instructors received many compliments for their class. Branch Manager Haley Holmes led a full day workshop on making art dolls from muslin including painting and sewing clothes. The group worked for 8 hours and still had to finish up details at home. Despite the intensity of the class, the students made beautiful detailed dolls and were very pleased with the results. Two of the students emailed Ms. Holmes with pictures and comments. One wrote, "Thank you for being so patient and for all of your help. The art doll class was great. Did not really know what to expect and was pleasantly surprised. It turned out beautiful." Library Assistant Elissa Vura taught a class on Exploring Color. The students really enjoyed working with paint and learning about how to mix colors and about color theory. The End of the Semester party was held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Attendees made sewn sachets, dream catchers, and coasters using alcohol inks. The students always enjoy this last night of creating and socializing. Parman staff is offering the first summer semester of DIY U in 2016. Classes start mid-June and are available for sign up on the online calendar.



Library Assistant Eva Banda volunteered to assist Central Children's at an event at the San Antonio Zoo. She and Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta provided crafts and information to families attending a special cross cultural event hosted by Senator Menendez.



Senior Circulation Attendant Cara Garcia joined the newly formed Wellness committee. She has attended two meetings so far. The group has been tasked with coming up with ways to engage SAPL staff in more wellness efforts.

# PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Children's programming at Pruitt Library has continued to delight children and families with a multitude of experiences.



During Kids' Time, children enjoyed listening to Deborah Diesen's fun fish story, *The Pout-Pout Fish*.



Afterwards, they were treated to an engaging activity where they created colorful fish posters using celery and tempera paints to create fish scales.



On another date, the children eagerly listened to the engaging selection, *Iggly Peck, Architect*, by Andrea Beaty. The event was centered on architecture, and kids, along with their parents, had a great time building all kinds of structures with straw connectors. The librarian also discussed the job of an architect and what skills are utilized during their job performance such as math.



Parents and tweens of the Family Circle Book Club enjoyed an afternoon of snacks and discussion over the month's fascinating novel, *Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms*, by Katherine Rundell.



Children’s Librarian, Cynthia Saenz, reached out to Montgomery Elementary where she met with third, fourth, and fifth graders, and got them all excited about the Mayor’s Summer Reading Book Club, as well as all the great library events throughout the city.



She also discussed with them the importance of continuing to practice their reading during the summer break.



The Summer Lego Club got off to a great start with an amazing attendance and fun for all as teams competed for the best creation.



In collaboration with North East ISD, the branch sponsored Dylan Days, a week-long commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of music legend Bob Dylan.



J.D. Elizondo hosted a special Eclectic Electric Teen Time featuring acoustic and electric guitars. Teens, as well as several Roosevelt High School staff members, had a great time jamming at this event.



Dr. David Gaines, professor and author of *Dylan Town: A Fan’s Life*, presented several lectures about Dylan’s impact on music and society, and dozens of teen and adult patrons joined together to sing “Happy Birthday” and enjoy a piece of birthday cake.

T.G.I.F. Book Club participants discussed the book *Chocolat* while sampling a variety of delicious artisan chocolates from a local chocolatier. This lively group has met at Pruitt for the past seven years.



Special Needs Adult Programming (S.N.A.P.) focused on fireflies this month. Patrons learned about these amazing creatures, worked on a craft, and then collaboratively wrote a song to capture their experience.



Teen Chess and Family Chess kicked off the summer season in early June and will continue through July. Thanks to the generous support of the Rackspace Foundation, Pruitt patrons enjoy chess lessons, playing chess, and a terrific dinner each Thursday evening. Dee Dee Davenport, formerly North East ISD’s Library Instruction Coordinator, assumed branch manager and adult services responsibilities at Pruitt on May 15.

## SAN PEDRO



Children’s Librarian Betsy Dalton presented monthly story times to children at Educare Child Care Center (two classes), Laurel Heights Methodist Weekly School and Monte Vista Montessori (two classes). Fifteen books were also delivered to each child care class for their use during the month. She also presented a monthly story time to two groups of children (each group was a combination of two classes) at Respite Care, a child care facility for developmentally disabled children. Books were left for each of five classes.



During the last two weeks in May, Ms. Dalton spoke to 240 students at Cotton Elementary School, 500 students at Hawthorne AC, 40 students at Monte Vista Montessori and 105 students at Bonham Academy promoting the Children’s Summer Reading program and the various activities at the library.



During this period, Ms. Dalton facilitated monthly books discussions at MonteVista Montessori (4<sup>th</sup>), Cotton Elementary School (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) and Hawthorne Academy (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) book clubs. The book clubs have 12-13 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 25 students once or twice a month to the library. These students range in age from seven to eleven, grades 1 through 4. 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.



The Summer Reading Program started off with a bang, with a full house for our first LEGO Club on Wednesday, June 1. After discussing summer themes with the children, Ms. Dalton challenged them to build something related to summer. The children created swimming pools, beach scenes, and other related creations. Similarly pleasantly full, the weekly Minecraft Monday provides a workshop for budding engineers. Also on Mondays, but for a different set of children, is Baby Time. Kids Time for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets weekly on Wednesdays.



Various STEM activities will be presented during Kids Time. So far, the children have a nature journal and explored San Pedro Park for natural "treasures" and completed a scavenger hunt, and made a dinosaur fossil.



A patron thanked Ms. Dalton for the special Autism spectrum collection at San Pedro, mentioning that her child was recently diagnosed, and that she really appreciated that the difficulty of finding topical books was eliminated.



San Pedro staff visited other locations during this report period. Diane Backhus worked at Memorial Branch for several hours, and Robert Briseño, Jr. supported staffing needs at Johnston Branch for two days.

Branch Manager Diane Backhus has put together a work group of seven managers to update the Branch Manager's Handbook. It is designed to be a resource (LibGuide) for new and current managers to use.

## SEMMES



The branch hosted Early Voting for the run-offs from May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Voter turnout for the run-offs was much lighter than the original turnout for the Primary Elections. Staff anticipates much higher turnout for the November elections.



In order to promote the 2016 Summer Reading Program, Children's Librarian Randi Jones did several outreach story times in May. This included her bi-monthly story time program at Rolling Oaks Mall. This program is popular with mall shoppers and their children and helps promote the public library and the programs at the branch.



On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the branch hosted one of the Asian American Heritage Month dance programs. Dancers from the Kaveri Natya Yoga Center presented Bharatanatyam: Classical Indian Dance. About thirty Semmes patrons enjoyed the hour long performance, with many staying after the

program to talk with the dancers. Special thanks to Pannaga Prasad, Reference Librarian at Central, for arranging the program.



The San Antonio Shell Club is currently displaying a collection of shells in one of the branch's display cases. In addition to providing the beautiful display, the Shell Club gave a one hour presentation about shells at the branch's Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Patrons attending the presentation were able to select a shell to keep and take home with them. Thanks go to the Friends of the Semmes Branch Library for providing an honorarium for the group, as well as providing all of the refreshments for the party.



The Summer Reading Kick-Off party started the summer off on the right note. Many families came out to the branch and enjoyed learning about shells, making bottle cork boats and enjoying fun, outdoor activities on the patio. Great job Ms. Randi!



The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library held their summer book sale on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This sale was notable for the large number of children's books donated to the branch. The Friends recently purchased several large book drop bins for the branch. Semmes staff continues to be grateful to have such a terrific Friends group supporting the branch.

## THOUSAND OAKS



The spring Story Time session ended on May 19 with a gardening Play & Learn program. The kids planted seeds, bought and sold produce at a farmer's market, painted pictures with celery and bell peppers, read stories, sang songs and had a blast!



Summer Reading kicked off on June 1 with a snow cone party for all ages. Participants signed up for Summer Reading, had their faces painted, enjoyed a snow cone and played horseshoes. More than 80 people came to the party! As of June 10, more than 200 kids have signed up for Summer Reading! The goal is 900 by summer's end.



Summer Reading programs have gotten off to a strong start with Toddler Time, Story Time, Come & Go Crafts, LEGO Time and Kids Time being offered on a weekly basis.



Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser read insect stories to three groups on kids at her monthly outreach on May 18. She also attended a Career Day at Royal Ridge Elementary School on May 20. On June 10, she went to a daycare and read farm stories to two groups of kids. She also had the opportunity to attend a conference with Excel Beyond the Bell on May 25 with many employees from organizations in San Antonio that provide after school activities for children.



Teens at Thousand Oaks have been busy. Activities they have requested include making meals popular with other teens. Summer Reading is off to a great start with 20 teens signed up in the first two weeks of the program. The goal is to have 70 teens by the end of the summer. The number is already above last years.



For the month of May, the Thousand Oaks Book Group read *The Traitor's Wife* by Allison Pataki. The novel was about Peggy Shippen Arnold, wife of Benedict Arnold told from the perspective of her maid. The ladies enjoyed the book thoroughly and this historical fiction made for a lengthy conversation

about the Revolutionary War and the characters involved in the story. A Blueberry Muffin Bundt Cake was served with tea and lemonade during the discussion.



Ten seniors attended the Northeast Senior Center Book Club on May 24, where we discussed *Noah's Compass* by Anne Tyler. Most readers were disappointed by the story and expected a much better book by the acclaimed writer. Readers felt that the book had no core conflict and the characters lacked motivation; members took the story as a cautionary tale about how not to live their golden years.



The adult's summer reading goal is 100 adults. The branch has already signed up 70.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



The branch hosted Primary Run-off early voting May 16 – 20 and Election Day on May 24 with light turnout for all days. Tobin at Oakwell's Writing Group hosted an author event on May 21 where several of the published authors read from their works and shared writing tips with the sizeable crowd. The group's meeting on June 11 doubled with more prospective and new writers joining for pursuit as a career or hobby.



A new partnership has been established with R&K Specialized Group Home near Tobin at Oakwell. A small group of adults are transported to the branch on Mondays and have begun adult coloring during their visit. Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse continues hosting a monthly adult coloring group at the branch and has seen this popular activity grow to nearly 20 seniors at outreach at City of San Antonio's Northeast Center. Senior outreach continues at Stonebrook Manor at Broadway with trivia and various activities once a month as well.



Teen Librarian Karen Barton put together a terrific end of year party for 70 teens with help from The AM Project as DJ's. Teens had a great time making music with the group, taking crazy pics with props on the green screen and wild truth or dare selections Ms. Barton devised on a spinning wheel.



Manager Tracey Knouse spread the word for SAPL's Summer Reading program with 300 packets created for students at George Gervin Academy. Ms. Knouse also delivered 100 packets for residents at two of San Antonio Housing Authority's locations nearby – Cross Creek and Beldon.



The entire Tobin team and several volunteers helped with the planning and hosting of the Summer Reading Kick-off party on June 4. A special performance by Okinawa Taiko, a Japanese drumming and dancing group entertained the audience with an interactive program. Children were also able to check out the educational games and computers on San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Scholastic Literacy Van. Other go and green activities for the summer theme included sorting recycling and trash items, making green alligators, and a clever dinosaur bean bag toss to determine which type of dinosaur people were. All ages participated in the green origami frog contest where measurements were taken after each round of paper frogs jumping to see which one went the furthest. Clever snacks included green dinosaur eggs, fossil bones, green apples, grapes and punch.



Additional summer programming started on June 7 with Kids Time and a large crowd indulging in dinosaur books and cool stuff with Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse. Attendees reveled in creating dinosaur fossils in dirt made of playdough and participated in other fun dinosaur activities.



Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell, children are crawling into a new castle reading nook in the juvenile area. The blue castle adds a nice space for kids to enjoy reading inside or just check out the view through the windows. Other recent purchases by the Friends are a projector and DVD player to enhance viewing of presentations and movies. The audience appreciated these for the double feature on June 11 – *Minions* and a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary showing of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

## WESTFALL



Summer is in full swing at Westfall Branch Library. In the first days of Summer Reading Program registration, 181 children and teens signed up to participate in the program and 37 adults registered. It was a packed house for the kickoff party on June 4 when 40 children and 17 adults arrived to make fans and wiggly frog rings, decorate alligators, play games and get a balloon sculpture. Teen Library Megan Stanley held her first Teen Time on June 6, with three teens who ended up having so much fun they stayed most of the afternoon.



The San Antonio Food Bank's Mobile Mercado Farmers Market set up on the first Monday of June. According to John Velasquez of the Food Bank, many vendors are requesting to set up at Westfall because the library attracts a great crowd. The Farmers Market sold fresh produce, crystals, spiced nuts, jewelry and bath and beauty products. This is the third month the Farmers Market has been at Westfall and people who have purchased produce rave about the quality.



Children's Librarian Imelda Merino attended the Principal's Coffee at Wilson Elementary School to talk about summer reading. Miss Imelda also joined Crescencia Huff from Little Red Wagon at Maverick Elementary School's annual Careers on Wheels event.



Westfall hosted WorkOUT as part of SAPL's annual Pride Month celebration. Area LGBTI entrepreneurs discussed their business creation stories and shared the successes and challenges they experienced in building their dream. Joining the panel discussion were:

- Jess Molberg, the Ride Empowerment Director for the San Antonio Coalition LezRideSA, an organization that raises money for LGBTQIA youth to apply for grants revolving around health and fitness education;
- Anel I. Flores, author of *Empanada: A Lesbiana Story en Probaditas*;
- Shelley Larson, a cosmetologist and owner of Hair by Shelley and Larson Shears Salon, and;
- Ruby Resendez, Managing Partner of Cilantro Creative graphic design agency and Past President of the San Antonio LGBT Chamber of Commerce.



Branch Manager Sherrie Hardin opened a pop-up library at Brookdale Senior Living on Jackson Keller Road and another one at Tarry Towne Apartments on Vance Jackson. Sherrie took a variety of books to both locations in order to allow people who are not physically able to visit the library to check out books, get a library card and sign up for summer reading. Brookdale is a privately owned facility and Tarry Towne is part of the San Antonio Housing Authority.



Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams led the Stranger Than Fiction Book Group in a discussion of *Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Sherrie facilitated the Third Thursday Book Group's discussion of *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. Westfall again served as the polling for Precincts 2058 and 2085 on Election Day, May 24.

# PERFORMANCE MEASURES

San Antonio Public Library  
Fiscal Year-to-Date Comparisons  
May 2016 (66.7% of FY Completed)

Performance Measures	FYTD 16	FYTD 15	% Chg	FY 16 Goal	% of Goal Achieved	FY 16 Status
Total Circulation	4,693,155	4,641,295	1.1%	7,455,000	63.0%	◆
- Physical Circulation	3,951,099	4,046,077	-2.3%	6,395,065	61.8%	◆
- Digital Circulation	742,056	595,218	24.7%	1,059,935	70.0%	✔
Visits	3,431,945	3,480,320	-1.4%	5,493,000	62.5%	◆
Program Attendance	228,687	226,055	1.2%	350,890	65.2%	✔
- Adult's Program Attendance	43,835	35,270	24.3%	57,000	76.9%	✔
- Teen's Program Attendance	29,845	31,194	-4.3%	43,890	68.0%	✔
- Children's Program Attendance	155,007	159,591	-2.9%	250,000	62.0%	✔
Hours of Computer/Wi-Fi Use	1,538,181	1,525,430	0.8%	2,410,000	63.8%	✔
Website and App Visits	2,163,413	2,235,743	-3.2%	3,658,000	59.1%	◆
Bexar County (Outside the City of San Antonio)			Customer Satisfaction*			
% of Circulation	FYTD 16	FYTD 15	2014		2012	
Total Circulation	20.5%	19.4%	96%		94%	
- Physical Circulation	19.4%	18.5%				
- Digital Circulation	26.9%	25.3%				

Goal Status    ✔ = On Target    ◆ = Monitor    ⓧ = Not on Target

FY 16 Renovations/Closures: Collins Garden Oct 1 - Jan 12

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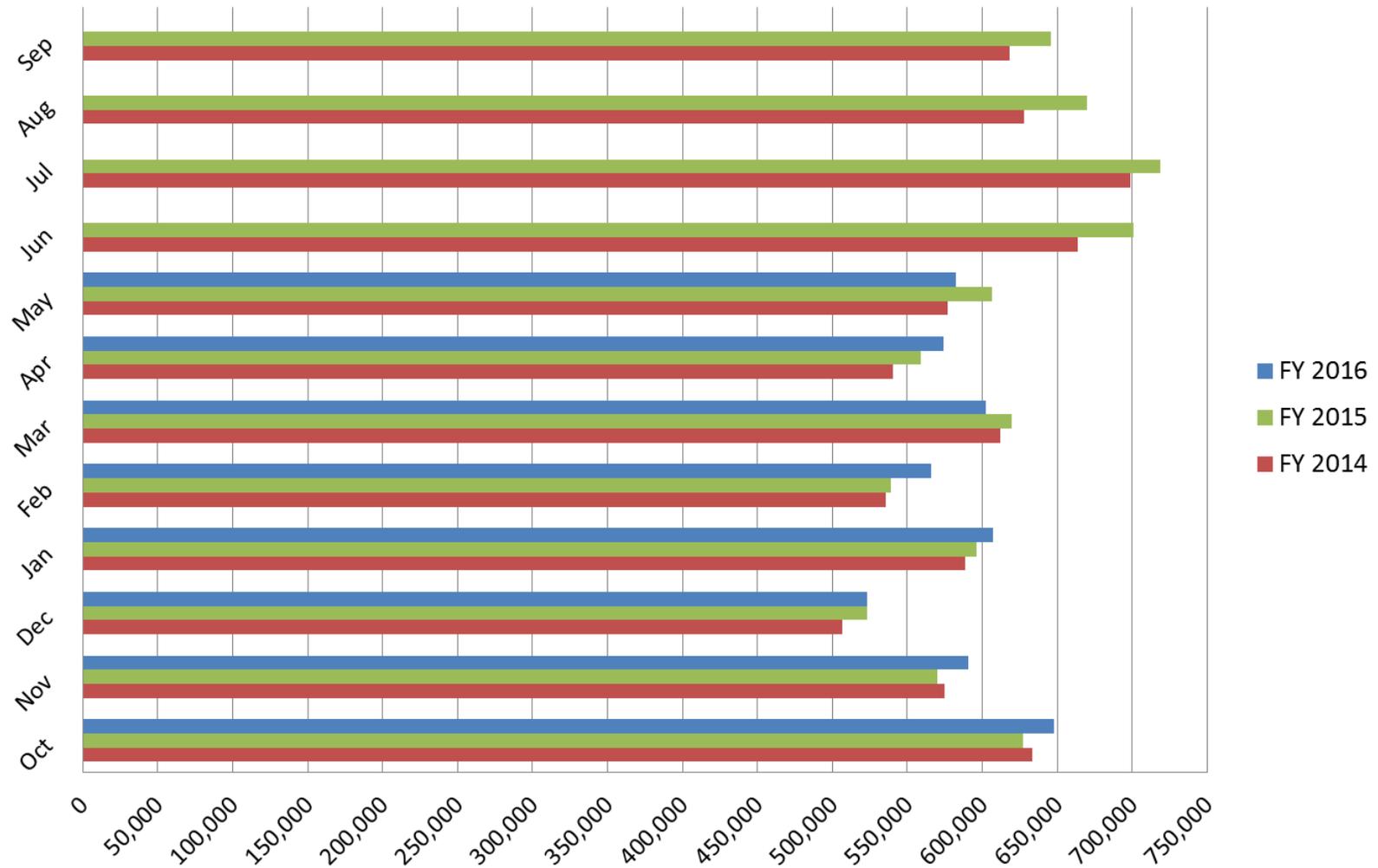
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Bazan	4,920	8,229	51	31	4	16	399	199	55	145	6,183	1,826	4,357
Brook Hollow	24,394	18,696	38	7	1	30	2,284	57	250	1,977	5,759	1,431	4,328
Carver	4,718	9,884	44	23	6	15	904	433	250	221	5,248	1,772	3,476
Central	27,812	52,627	202	31	79	92	3,914	560	1,282	2,072	42,145	13,063	29,082
Cody	35,407	23,294	77	11	7	59	6,342	112	410	5,820	7,314	1,682	5,633
Collins Garden	6,137	10,180	9	4	3	2	60	21	21	18	8,950	1,910	7,039
Cortez	5,894	9,872	70	58	4	8	1,110	154	64	892	5,116	1,628	3,488
Encino	19,222	11,623	96	31	14	51	1,877	443	165	1,269	3,788	429	3,359
Forest Hills	6,908	6,533	48	14	4	30	1,637	100	6	1,531	3,612	1,246	2,365
Great Northwest	30,831	17,549	37	7	6	24	1,130	57	21	1,052	6,468	1,828	4,640
Guerra	13,342	12,853	28	10	4	14	467	244	33	190	7,476	2,101	5,376
Igo	27,123	21,348	57	21	21	15	1,991	382	889	720	6,166	1,364	4,802
Johnston	11,495	8,636	21	2	7	12	208	10	32	166	5,326	1,484	3,842
Landa	11,405	10,920	25	6	4	15	674	63	10	601	2,331	735	1,596
Las Palmas	5,981	12,035	52	17	6	29	716	242	106	368	5,562	1,764	3,798
Maverick	23,880	12,511	24	5	5	14	3,048	83	5	2,960	6,680	2,106	4,575
McCreless	12,510	14,922	15	4	8	3	383	16	343	24	6,358	1,752	4,607
Memorial	5,893	10,885	83	4	2	77	815	114	13	688	5,927	1,904	4,023
Mission	12,077	20,742	67	30	15	22	983	354	303	326	10,437	2,472	7,965
Pan American	6,925	8,529	37	15	4	18	860	629	2	229	4,380	1,634	2,746
Parman	28,741	24,061	68	29	5	34	2,677	1,759	70	848	4,963	581	4,382
Pruitt	6,012	13,320	87	35	27	25	2,343	630	926	787	6,870	1,411	5,459
San Pedro	3,882	7,008	37	3	0	34	1,192	17	0	1,175	2,421	641	1,780
Semmes	22,987	19,968	32	4	8	20	616	47	28	541	6,933	2,150	4,783
Thousand Oaks	10,565	10,615	29	4	6	19	736	30	366	340	4,874	1,379	3,495
Tobin	18,267	17,666	44	19	6	19	713	163	116	434	6,572	1,918	4,655
Westfall	16,682	14,641	27	10	0	17	332	114	0	218	7,622	2,346	5,276
Kampmann Library Portal	N/A	1,803	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	1,512	N/A	1,512
Interlibrary Loan Lending	985	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online/Phone Renewal	76,357	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Digital	100,768	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>582,120</b>	<b>410,950</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>38,411</b>	<b>7,033</b>	<b>5,766</b>	<b>25,612</b>	<b>196,995</b>	<b>54,557</b>	<b>142,438</b>

Circulation includes Digital (Freegal, OneClick, Overdrive) and NEISD materials to SAPL patrons at Pruitt

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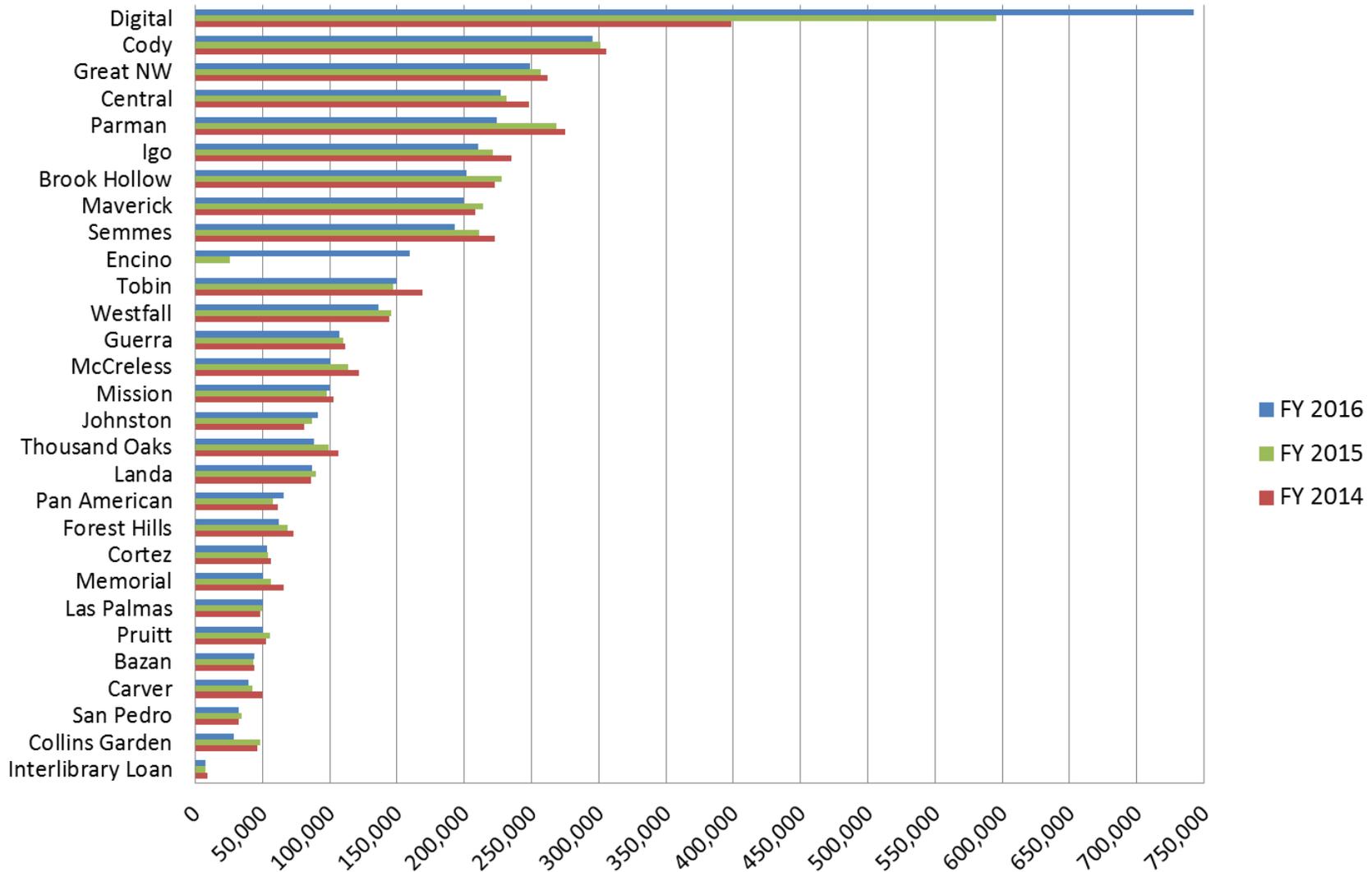
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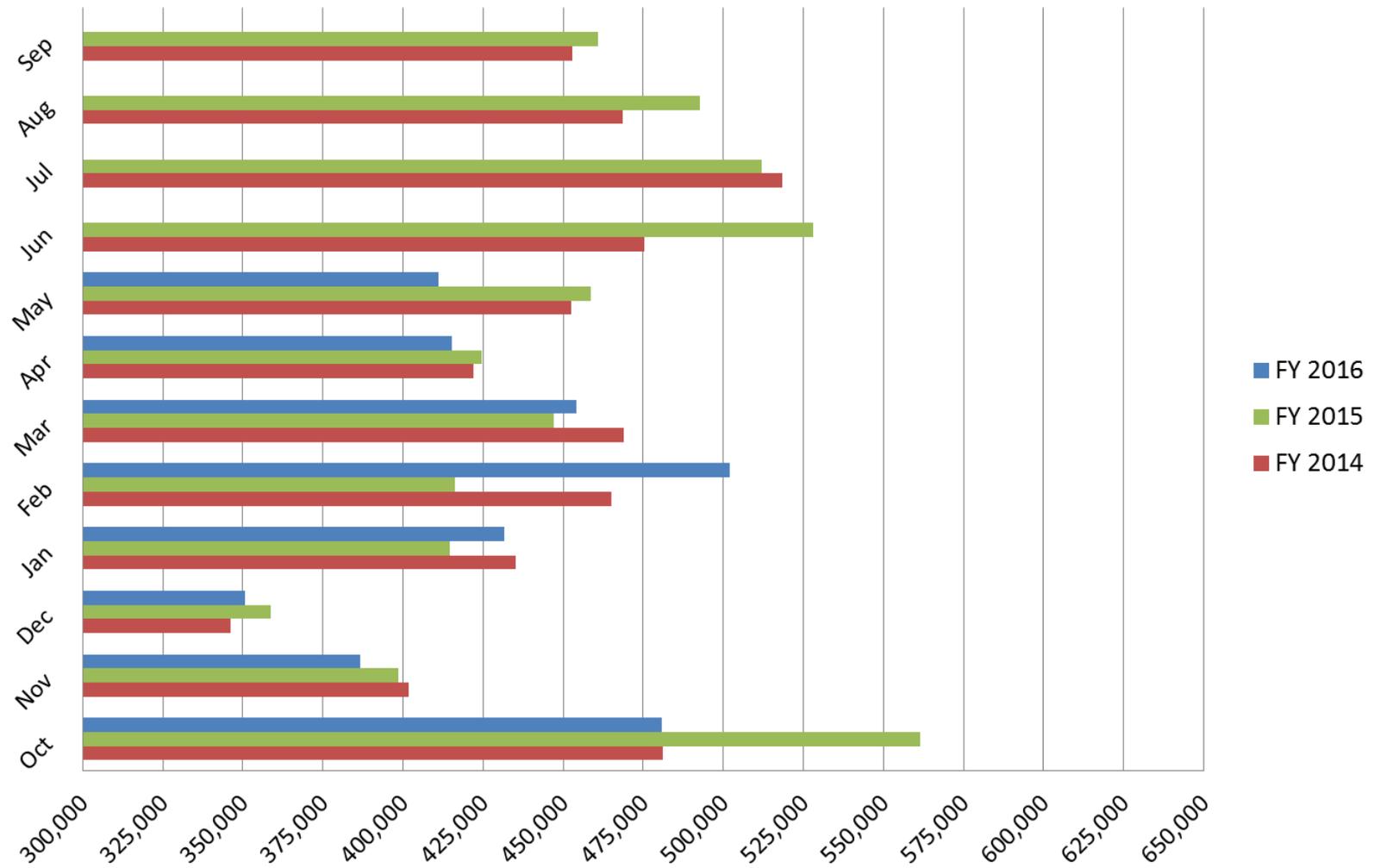
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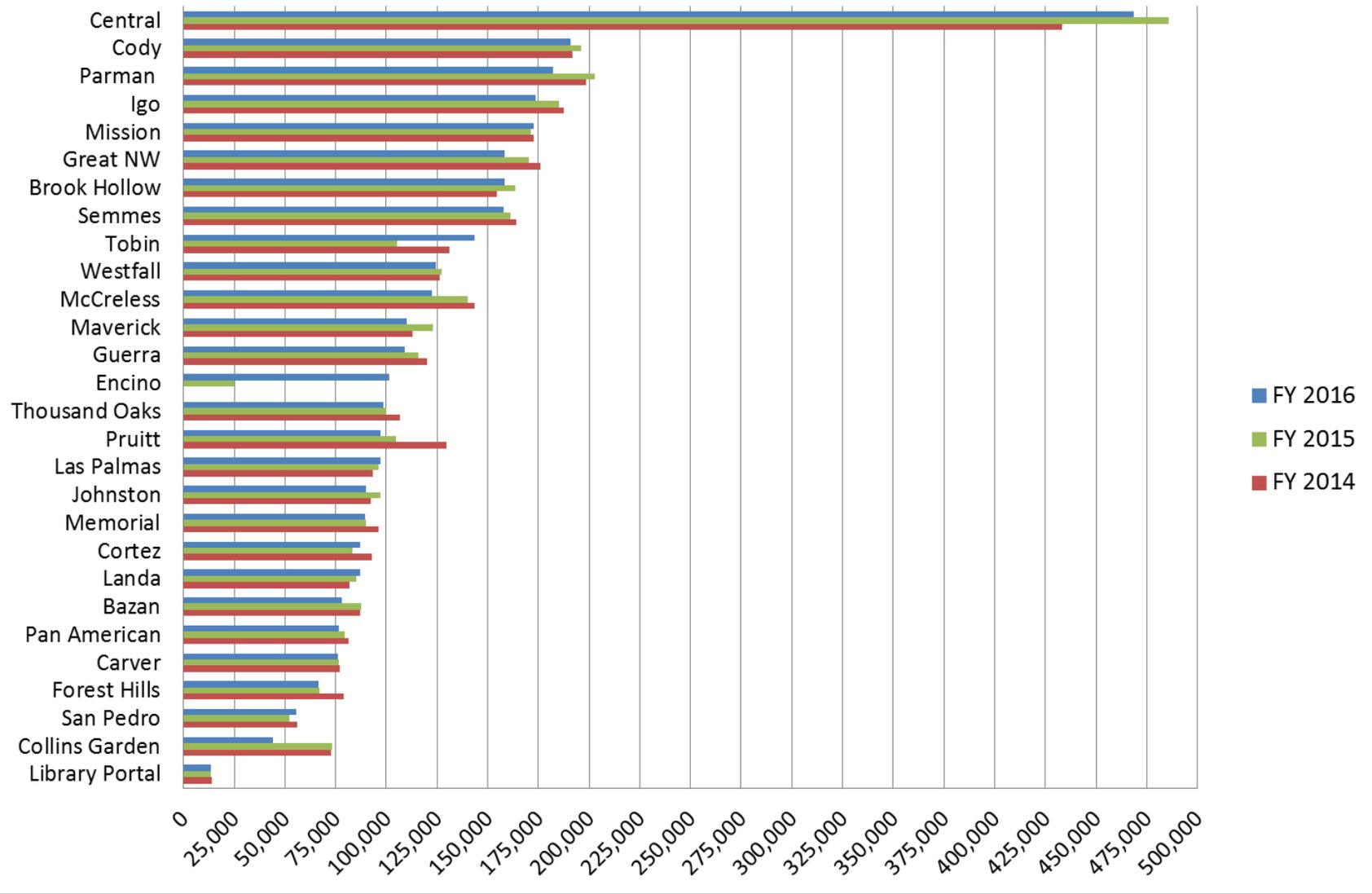
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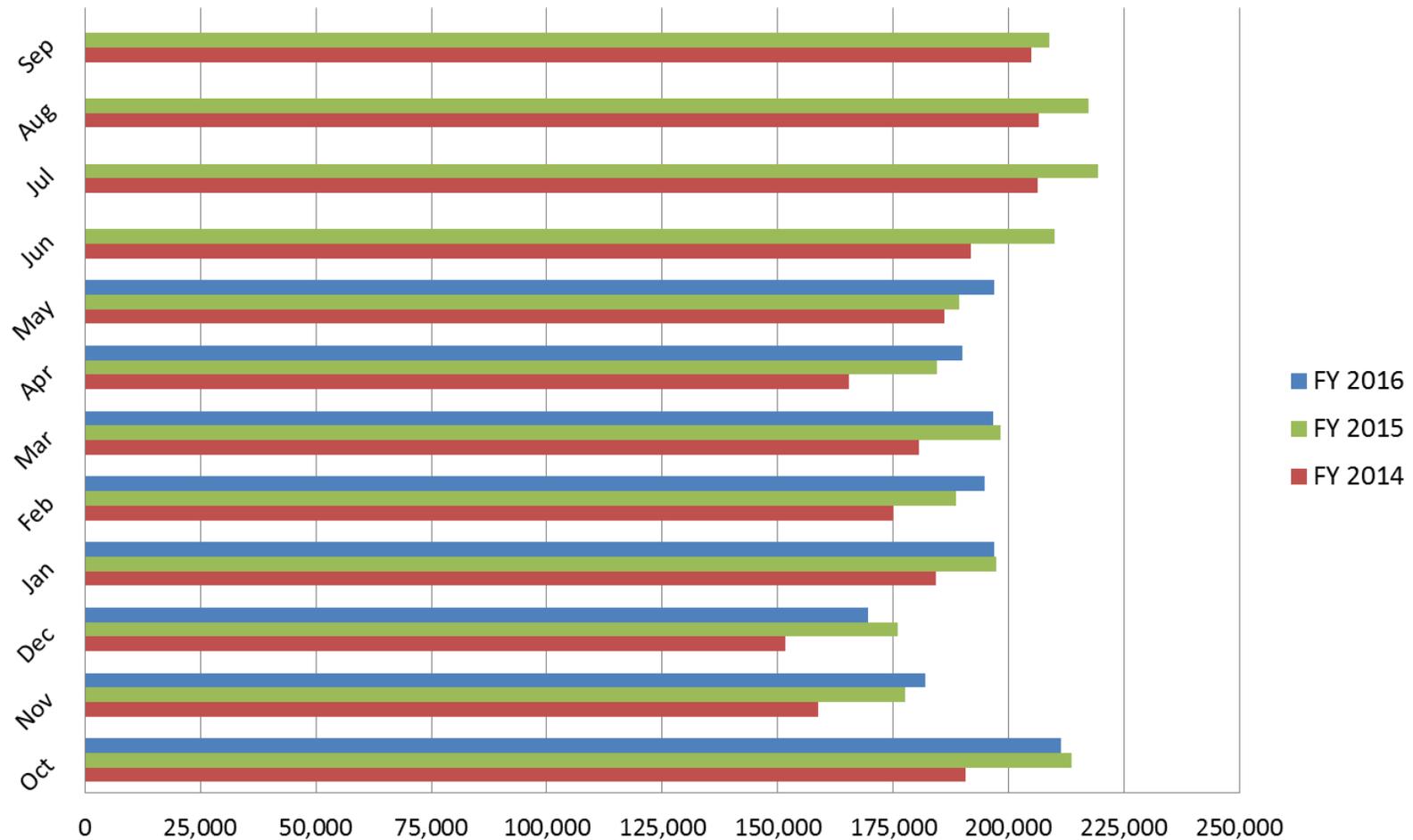
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