



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

Ramiro Salazar accepting the PRXchange Award at ALA Convention 2016

# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



**Library Launches Redesigned Website:** On July 19, 2016, the Library unveiled a new and improved website (mysapl.org). A major feature is a change to make the website display optimally on computer devices of all screen sizes - whether on smartphones, tablets, or desktops. The launch culminates a year-long project in coordination with ITSD. In addition to improving the overall user experience, the redesigned website makes it much easier to perform common tasks like searching the catalog, asking a librarian a question, managing one's personal account, and finding the nearest library location. In addition, the new site provides quick, convenient access to the Library's calendar of events and its collection of digital content (e.g. eBooks and eAudiobooks).



**Bazan Branch Library (D5) Possible Site for KaBOOM! Playground:** On July 19, 2016 the Library was notified by a representative from the Nursing School at the University of Texas Health Science Center – San Antonio that the Bazan Branch Library was nominated as a site for a KaBOOM! playground build on a grant application submitted by UTHSC-SA. We were advised that this project has been shortlisted from 2,000 to 200 applications. The Library is following-up with UTHSC-SA to obtain additional details and evaluate the proposal as this request was unsolicited by the Library.



**Bazan Branch Library the target of arson** – Unknown person(s) tried to start a fire on the roof of the Bazan Branch Library, apparently during the night of July 6. Library Staff discovered smoke in the building this morning, July 7, and SAFD was called. It appears there is minimal damage to the Library building. The library remained closed until 11a.m., one hour past scheduled opening, while SAFD conducted an arson investigation. The investigation is ongoing and library staff is reviewing security camera footage. Councilwoman Gonzales has been made aware of the incident and ongoing investigation. The response to the situation exemplifies the City of San Antonio Core Value of Teamwork and Professionalism.



**Plans Finalized with Councilman Medina on D7 Digital Field Office:** On June 27, 2016, Councilman Medina met with library and other City staff to review the final plan for the planned co-located District 7 Digital Field Office at the Maverick Branch Library. Two existing rooms within the library's existing footprint will be retrofitted as a satellite Council Office for office hours and appointments and, when not in use for the field office, as an enhanced public service space with enhanced technology. The Councilman was pleased with the final plan and voiced his approval. The new Digital Field Office is scheduled to open Fall 2016.



**Break-in at McCreless Branch Library:** At approximately 1:30 a.m. on Saturday June 18, 2016 a break-in occurred at the McCreless Branch Library (District 3). SAPD was dispatched and one suspect was apprehended at the scene. Damage as a result of the break-in was minimal and the Library reopened for service as scheduled on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. The response to this incident demonstrates the City of San Antonio Core Value of Teamwork and Professionalism.

# MARKETING



This reporting period, the team has been focused on the creation of materials and plans for the website and logo launch as well as the "SAPL Transforms Lives" video. All is underway with rollout to the community and press via social media, newsletters, community partners/fellow departments, media

placements and additional channels. The team is also creating a series of short, fun but informative videos called “SAPL Social Media Shorts” that showcase our programs.



Additional promotional efforts have also been focused on the Summer Reading Program as well as community awareness strategies for Potranco Branch Library and the Schaefer Branch Library.



The team has recently redesigned the newsletter resulting in an increase of customers opening the email by 6 percent and an increase of click-thrus by 141 percent! Most clicked through links are the MySAPL calendar and Children’s calendar of events. The goal is to continue to increase this number over time.



The SAPL Street Team has been focused on attending outreach efforts and supporting branches with community requests (as needed) with the purpose of ensuring the Library is represented at as many community events as possible. This month the top events attended by The Street Team were Pride Fair and United Way Paletas in the Park where collectively over 500 people were reached. The next large community events will be Bark in the Park Alzheimer’s Association, Saturday July 30 and various back-to-school events in August.

Overall, SAPL received **147** media mentions during the reporting period.

Social Media statistics for the month:

1. Facebook: 11,897 page likes
2. Twitter: 3,413 followers
3. Pinterest: 56 followers
4. Instagram: 1,132 followers
5. Youtube: 137 subscribers

## DIGITAL SERVICES



Sarah Carolan and Digital Services staff completed the migration of the Library's LibGuides system to the newer LibGuides II. The new platform will provide library staff greater options in the designing of subject and other library guides, plus the new look for LibGuides will tie in better with the soon to be released new library web site.



Digital Services has continued to work on the new Library web site which will launch on July 19, 2016. Work has also been done to carry over the new look of the web site to other Library resources.



Andrea Silva and Digital Services began the process of refreshing the Library intranet (The Staff Web). The intent is to not only give the staff web a new look, but to add new capabilities as well.



Rolf Laun and ITSD finished outlining the system architecture for the new Millennium Server. Innovative Interfaces Inc., the designers of Millennium, are now installing software in preparation for a

data migration in August. The new server will improve the performance of the Millennium application and will increase the overall resiliency of the system.

## LITTLE READ WAGON



### Every Child Ready to Read Workshops for Parents

The Little Read Wagon (LRW) team finished visits to all of the Avance Early Head Start sites with RCC on June 13 and the Frank Garrett Center on June 14. The workshop emphasized singing and rhymes. Parents had the opportunity to make a butterfly finger puppet to use while singing with their babies.

On July 13 Cresencia Huff presented an Every Child Ready to Read workshop to 18 Family Service Workers (FSWs) employed by Parent Child Incorporated. The FSWs assist families with setting goals, connecting them to relevant resources, and engaging them in their children's education. Parent Child Incorporated offers Early Head Start and Head Start services throughout Bexar County. The FSWs will take the information learned in the workshop and share it with parents at their monthly meetings as well as when they meet with individual family members. LRW staff will offer early literacy activities and information at each site once during the school year. Staff is already coordinating to schedule these visits.

Mrs. Huff presented Every Child Ready to Read workshops to incarcerated parents at the Bexar County Jail. Participants in the MaTCh/PaTCh program (Mamas and Their Children/Papas and Their Children) attend several classes per week on topics ranging from substance abuse and anger management to parenting. Early literacy, as presented by the LRW, has been part of the class rotation since 2003. Currently LRW visits the Bexar County Adult Detention Center at least twice per quarter with separate classes offered for the women and the men.



### Services to Teen Parents

Corinne Sanchez and Elizabeth Huber made visits to teen mothers at Seton Home and Casa Milagros in June and July. The teen mothers residing at these facilities have requested that this service continue through the summer as they enjoy the ideas for interacting with their babies and making literacy-related items for them to enjoy together.



### Outreach Story Time Programs

Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Huber, and Ms. Larkin provided monthly story time visits to the following early childhood centers: Seton Home, Nurturing Hearts, Healy Murphy, and Ella Austin Child Development Center.

The entire LRW team is making visits to all of the City of San Antonio MetroHealth WIC Nutrition Clinics. The clinics are summer nutrition sites and the team has coordinated visits during meal distribution times. While the children eat the breakfast or lunch provided by the San Antonio Food Bank, LRW staff has an opportunity to read to the families and share library information with the parents.

LRW is also working a few "Pop-up Story Time" programs into the summer schedule. So far the team has visited Walker Ranch, Southside Lions, Roosevelt, Levi Strauss, Lackland Terrace, and Tom Slick parks to offer story time and one simple activity to the families who happen to be visiting. The programs are unadvertised but presented with permission from the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.



## Play & Learn

LRW has just two more Play & Learn programs to present this summer. The program series at Southside Lions has been very successful in drawing families from the southeast side of San Antonio. Walker Ranch Park, in the north central area of San Antonio, is typically very busy and has also garnered several new families. At both sites LRW has invited special guests to share information with participants. Special guests included:

- Healthy Start, a program of the City of San Antonio's MetroHealth department, provides home visits to help families have healthy pregnancies and births. Program representatives brought lots of information about prenatal care and some very well-received swag.
- Read to a Dog brought Foxie, a charming golden retriever who the children were thrilled to meet. Foxie's owner gave children instruction on how to behave around and interact with dogs, followed by an opportunity to read to Foxie, if they liked.
- San Antonio Food Bank brought nutrition information and samples of water infused with cucumber, lemon and mint.



In addition to LRW's usual Play & Learn programs, Julia Lazarin has been providing support to Jasmine Salinas to offer Play & Learn at the Landa Branch Library. As expected, a very large crowd has attended each program and Ms. Salinas as well as many parents have expressed their appreciation.



## Workshops for Early Childhood Practitioners

June 18 was the final presentation of "Smart Arts: Enhancing early literacy through creativity." The workshop presented on Father's Day weekend was very poorly attended in spite of reminder calls and emails sent to the registered teachers. The LRW team, in preparation for the new school year and a new workshop topic, has decided not to offer workshops for teachers in summer 2017. Instead, several workshops will be offered during the school year. The auditorium has already been reserved for the workshops and the content is almost fully developed.



## Community Events

Healthy Start invited LRW to several Community Baby Showers this summer. Ms. Lazarin represented the Library at the June 21 shower for the East side of San Antonio. Mrs. Huff represented the Library at the South baby shower on June 30.

Center for New Communities, a provider of Early Head Start and Head Start services, invited LRW to their Family Fun Fest. The event at Comanche Park had numerous representatives from the community. Ms. Huber and Mrs. Huff staffed an information table and interacted with several families and agency employees.

LRW is participating in pre-show entertainment for three of the eight Movies by Moonlight events hosted by Center City Development and Operations at Travis Park. Ms. Huber had an information table and a wand-making activity at the June 28<sup>th</sup> showing of Cinderella. Mrs. Huff and two teen volunteers joined Ms. Huber at the July 5<sup>th</sup> showing of Minions to help children make goggles with short pieces of pool noodles. The team looks forward to the July 26<sup>th</sup> showing of Aladdin, when they will offer a paper lantern activity. The events are attended by hundreds of families and the very popular craft activities give LRW staff a chance to engage the adults and share library and early literacy information.

July 16 was the Eastside Promise Neighborhood's Summer Learning Festival. The event theme was "Paletas in the Park" and Mrs. Huff teamed up with Viki Ash to offer a "paintsicle" activity. Washable tempera paint was diluted with water and frozen in ice trays with craft sticks as handles. Children were invited to paint with the frozen mixture and created many colorful and interested pieces of art.



Mrs. Huff attended a School Readiness Summit hosted by the City of San Antonio's Head Start program. At the summit, representatives from several agencies serving families and children, along with Head Start parents and staff, reviewed a draft list of kindergarten readiness standards. The standards will eventually be formatted for distribution to parents in the community.

Mrs. Huff was interviewed by Caitlin Cowart for a taping of Cover to Cover. The "back to school" edition will feature LRW services and the SAPL Learn centers.

Clair Larkin has been offering much-needed assistance at the Igo Branch Library. Ms. Larkin has spent every Thursday morning this summer at the branch to offer Baby Time and Toddler Time programs. The programs are so heavily attended that tickets are required.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)



The 2016 Mayor's Summer Reading Club was in full swing throughout June and July. As of July 18, just over 22,000 children have enrolled as either Readers or Listeners. While this figure is down slightly from about the same time last summer, children's staff remains optimistic that the 2016 Reading Club will continue to increase throughout the remainder of July and on into August.

This year's slate of summer performers has included singer Joe McDermott, Eulenspiegle Puppets, Sandbanks Shadow Theatre, TamboRhythms and of course, San Antonio's favorite paleontologist, Dinosaur George. These special performers continue to draw large crowds to both the Central and branch libraries. Children's staff is indebted to both the Library Foundation and the Friends for funding these audience-pleasers.

Summer programming concludes on July 30 with SAPL's annual SummerFest. This year's SummerFest returns to the Central Library after several years of celebrating at neighborhood branches. New this year is the fact that both the teen and adult summer reading programs are celebrating their summer success at the same time as SAPL's younger patrons. Staff is looking forward to hosting a big, multigenerational crowd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Children's Services Coordinator Viki Ash is working with San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL) this summer as the featured reader for their summer reading camps at the Ella Austin Community Center and the Guadalupe Community Center. Viki visits each center once a week to talk with the children, share stories and assist with activities SAYL staff has prepared to increase comprehension, fluidity, and other reading skills.

On July 8, Viki traveled to Austin for the Texas Library Association's Annual Assembly. Viki was one of three panel members providing insights into service on national book award committees. Viki has enjoyed opportunities to serve on numerous award committees including the Newbery Committee (for text), the Caldecott Committee (for illustration), the Sibert Committee (for non-fiction) and the Wilder Committee (for lifelong achievement in children's literature). She was delighted to share her knowledge and experience with members of TLA's Bluebonnet Award Committee.

## 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 is partnering with Teen Services through field trips to Central. Also, Adam is hosting teen programming twice a month to reach the teens at the center through musical arts, dance, and writing.



### 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. During the reporting period, J.D. met with staff from Say Sí, ArtPace, the Southwest School of Art, Fresh Ink, the San Antonio Museum of Art, the San Antonio Music Academy, the Tobin Center Organization, The AM Project, Project Worth, and local artists Alex Rubio and Allison Valdivia. J.D. was aided by Teen Arts Fest committee members Georgina Salinas (Librarian I, McCreless Library), Adolph Lopez (Library Assistant, Central Reference), Jennifer Martinez (Library Assistant, Bazan Library), and Hondo Aguilar (Library Assistant, Central Reference).



### System-wide Support.

Teen Outreach Specialist Adam Tutor has led teen summer programs at Las Palmas Branch Library and Johnston Branch Library on a weekly basis.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



All staff throughout the system is also supporting and encouraging adults to participate in the Summer Reading program. The number of adult registrations is slightly up from the same time last year and staff is looking forward to Summer Fest on July 31<sup>st</sup>.



Coordinator of Adult Services, Dianna Morganti is working with a few organizations to establish and maintain partnerships for future programming efforts throughout the system. Dianna along with Library Services Administrator, Candelaria Mendoza met with a few organizations to create programs and services that will impact the following initiatives: Hispanic Heritage Month, Digital Inclusion, and Community Health Information.



The San Antonio Public Library is partnering with the Small Business Administration to host three Business Smart programs at the Carver Branch Library (District 2). The programs are scheduled for July 26 (1:30 p.m.), August 18 (4:30 p.m.) and September 24 (11:00 a.m.). The Business Smart series, based on national SBA curriculum, is intended to help budding and beginning entrepreneurs professionalize their ideas to achieve success.

# CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S



## School Age Programming

Summer fun reached its peak in July at the Central Children's Department! In addition to a jam-packed month of programs and performances, it has been a successful month for *Summer Reading Club* registration, with the team already surpassing June's sign up totals.

The team presented exciting "Green" themed *Family Fun & Kids Time* programs at the Central Library, as well at the Collins Garden and Memorial branches. Children and their parents enjoyed stories about brave knights and fire breathing dragons in the "Dragons & Knights" *Kids Time* presented by Librarians Robin Alcorta and Julia Pouliot. Participants engineered popsicle stick catapults and used them to shoot pom poms at dragon puppets and towering stacked cup castles. Participants worked on their own family crests, making sure to reflect their favorite things. Shannon Seglin, Assistant Manager, introduced the concept of financial literacy to children in the "Money" *Kids Time* and demonstrated the difference between spending, saving, and giving money as they created budgeting boards. The interactive learning fun continued with a "guess the price" slideshow game. The parents were in hysterics over the wildly inaccurate guesses. Art theory was explored in the "Color It Green" *Kids Time*. Librarians shared stories about colors inspiring emotions and presented a slideshow of works of art that demonstrated this concept. Children were encouraged to express their feeling through color in creating tempera paint masterpieces.

Ms. Alcorta, Ms. Pouliot, Ms. Seglin and Manger Kate Simpson all presented *Kids Time* programs focused on animals in July. The "Alligator and Crocodile" *Kids Time* taught children the differences between alligators and crocodiles through stories and interactive slideshows. Ms. Pouliot used the Mondopad technology at the Collins Garden branch, bringing the slideshows to life with the touchscreen. The groups worked together to create a life sized alligator collage from recyclable materials. Children explored animal habitats during the "Conservation" *Kids Time*. They designed sanctuaries for endangered animals, learned about the variety of animal life through fold out picture books with life size images, and made animal crafts to take home. Technology was again a learning tool as the group watched a live feed of the Georgia Aquarium's largest tank and were able to spot creatures like whale sharks and manta rays. During the "Frogs and Toads" *Kids Time* children enjoyed learning the differences the two creatures and explored the art medium of oil pastels to create colorful paper poison dart frogs.

The natural world was highlighted in several of the "Green" themed *Kids Time* programs. Children crafted their own nature journals from lunch bags to record their observations on nature walks. The outdoors was brought inside for an abstract artwork project that used natural elements like grass, leaves, flowers, herbs, and twigs as paintbrushes. Librarians emphasized the importance of a healthy diet. They shared stories about fruits and vegetables and discussed how they grow. In demonstrating the parts of a plant, fresh vegetables were examined and enjoyed as a healthy afternoon snack. Art activities included using green peppers, apples and celery to make colorful prints, making fruits and vegetables from play dough, and decorating their own fruit and vegetable bags to fill with more healthy treats at home.



## Early Literacy

Ms. Seglin created engaging learning experiences for toddlers this month, with *Toddler Time* attracting record numbers of families. Young children were encouraged to explore their world during the "Hide and Seek" themed story time, in which they participated in "lift the flap" guessing game books and interactive discovery toys. The learning fun at the "Jungle" themed story time was recorded by the Marketing Department, which shared a video of Ms. Seglin's lively songs and stories on the Library's Facebook page. Yoga was a feature one week when children learned yoga poses that Ms. Seglin incorporated into



the stories. Afterwards, they played with a variety of invigorating peppermint-scented sensory materials and practiced yoga poses with stuffed animals. Pirates were also a great topic to encourage imaginative play, as toddlers donned pirate hats and foil “hooks” as they searched for treasure on the high seas with a big cardboard boat and a sensory bin with dyed blue water. Toddlers got messy during the “Things That Go” story time as they washed car toys in a shaving cream sensory bin, then practiced driving the oversized cardboard school bus and firetruck created by staff.



## Special Events & Displays

Summer visitors to Central Library enjoyed special performances by *Eulenspiegel Puppet Theater*, *Los Inocentes*, and *Joe McDermott*. At the interactive shows, children heard stories, learned the art of puppetry, danced, sang, and signed up for the Summer Reading Club. These events were attended by many families and the local *Boys & Girls Club*.

The *LEGOS & More* programs, led by Ms. Seglin, were special each week, with surprise activities and performances accompanying the LEGO play. Several times, LEGO themed crafts and activities enriched the building experience. One week the group made cards to be delivered to the Baptist Medical Center just a few blocks from the Central Library. Ms. Seglin, Ms. Simpson and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez presented a puppet show before LEGO play for a special treat. The team had a fantastic time working together to put on the show and discovered a passion for puppetry that will lead to many more performances.

In an innovative approach to programming, the department initiated *Pop Up Programs* this month. The team prepared engaging activities to have on hand for moments when many families were gathered on the Third Floor. Ms. Alcorta, Ms. Seglin and Ms. Pouliot took turns presenting these surprise *Pop Up Programs*, to the delight of visiting families. Activities included straws and connectors, LEGOs, watercolor painting and spy imaginative play with blanket forts and I Spy books.

Ms. Alcorta enhanced her wildly successful *Do Stuff Station* with extra interactive games to enrich the library experience for the flood of families the department saw this month. In addition to the scavenger hunt games that encourage children to explore the Juvenile Collections, she developed an educational *Question of the Week*, accompanied by reference books to aid their discovery of the answers, and a voting challenge that inspired children to express themselves on a variety of themes. Library Assistants Judith Slaughter and Ms. Fernandez established another very popular zone of exploration with their *Fact or Faked?* book display that featured the mysterious themes that children can't get enough of – aliens, mummies, ghosts, shipwrecks and more. The books have been flying off the shelves! These two engaging areas of the Children's Floor have greatly enhanced the summer fun at the Central Library.



## Outreach & Tours

Ms. Alcorta and Ms. Pouliot represented the Library at the Travis Park “Movies By Moonlight” presentation of *Goosebumps* on Tuesday evening. They registered over 50 children for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and shared their well-crafted *Goosebumps*-themed toss games and photo ops, to the delight of the visiting families.

Ms. Simpson promoted the *Go Green* Summer Reading Program on a *SA LIVE* television segment, where she demonstrated a nature themed activity. She emphasized the importance of exposing children to nature and used the example of painting with leaves and herbs as a fun sensory method of nature exploration.

Ms. Simpson strengthened the professional relationship between the San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA) and the Library this month. She worked on developing tour plans for children with low vision that highlight

the Low Vision Reading Room on the Third Floor. Ms. Simpson worked with Norma Gomez Perez, SAMA Coordinator of Tours for Visually Impaired Visitors, to identify ways to make tours more inclusive at the library. Ms. Simpson attended a SAMA Multisensory Tour and came away with invaluable tips and inspiration.

Central Children's Department Librarians celebrated the Summer Reading successes of their outreach centers this month with special story times: Temple Beth El Summer Camp, Madison Square Child Development Center, Green Acres Child Care Center and Central Christian Church Childcare Center.

## TEENS



**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, J.D. 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. In honor of impromptu Shark Days, teens watched shark documentaries, made shark fizzies, shark buttons, used Twinkies and frosting to create cake sharks, and painted white tube socks in the style of sharks.



**Thursdays with Regina Almanza (Library Assistant):** Teen Summer continued with teens enjoying some activities they suggested and helped plan, engaging in some encouraging socialization and positive activities, and expressing themselves creatively. DIY plushie crafts and turtle snacks accompanied a movie afternoon showing of *Scott Pilgrim vs the World*. Comparisons to the book series were made by some teens who had not seen the movie. Inspired by the book *The Fault in Our Stars*, one teen suggested making an Amsterdam dish as Amsterdam is a place the main characters visit. Teens made a Dutch apple pie. As a pre-July 4<sup>th</sup> extravaganza, teens made individual ice cream sundaes, using freezer bags and ice cream salt to freeze their cream, sugar and vanilla mixture. Teens also enjoyed mimicking a hot dog recipe found online. Teens also used socks, pillow stuffing and buttons to create stuffed bunnies and other characters. As was teen-requested, Japanese July was brought back. The month will focus on Japanese-inspired crafts, recipes, games and movies. Week one saw teens making sushi, using a combination of sushi rice, carrots, cream cheese, crab sticks, wasabi, cucumber, and nori (the toasted seaweed sheet). Bottle caps and cute stickers were also set out for teens to create keychains and magnets. Week two took on a Pokémon theme. Teens made the bread-like treats used in the games called poffins. Teens also decorated t-shirts using fabric paints and sprays, most decorated with Pikachu and Gengar. This, plus the current Pokémon Go app sensation, inspired teens to suggest having a full-fledged Pokémon party, which just may happen in August. 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> and also <http://www.instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.



A group of students from Brentwood Middle School received a tour of the library and an introduction to the Teen Library @ Central.

## REFERENCE



The Central Cinema team's Summer of Ford movie series (each Sunday afternoon a movie starring Harrison Ford is shown) is going exceptionally well! During this reporting period, films included *Blade Runner*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, *Patriot Games* and *Witness* and the program has had over 250 participants.



Two of Central Library's popular programs, Adult Coloring and Brain Games, have changed scheduling and now alternate Sundays, so that there is a program available every Sunday at 4PM. This has started to increase attendance further and on Sunday, July 10 there were 14 participants in the Brain Game program.



Central Reference staff was asked to help provide Health Literacy services in collaboration with UT Health Science Center San Antonio as part of their Chronic Pain Project called "Living Better Beyond Pain," a grant-funded initiative to promote health literacy and alternative approaches to chronic pain management led by Dr. Barbara J. Turner. This group has been meeting at the Memorial Library for several weeks. Reference staff presented to the group of attendees (approximately 10) twice during the first week of July and taught attendees how to research their medical and health needs on their own using library resources, databases and electronic resources.



On July 16, Reference Librarian Sally Bauer hosted the program: "Investigating the Paranormal". The program was presented by Jeff Sullivan of the organization Sixth Sense Paranormal, an organization dedicated to the investigation, documentation, and study of paranormal phenomena and activity. Jeff described their methods and the types of equipment they use and also described some of his experiences as a "Ghost Hunter." Participants greatly enjoyed hearing about this interesting topic!



Despite being on a summer hiatus due to the hot weather, the Central Within Reach Tour group continues working towards an even better set of tours for the fall months. Working towards that goal, several team members met with the San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA) Education Director Katie Erickson and her staff to discuss partnering with SAMA for future tours. The discussion was extremely positive and great ideas for future tours resulted from the discussion.



Central Reference staff partnered with Café Commerce several times during the reporting period and offered several presentations and trainings at various events. One of the trainings provided was on using secondary research sources to perform market research to a group of aspiring entrepreneurs. Another presentation was on general resources for business the library offers to a group of graduate students who were pitching their business ideas to an experienced group for feedback.



Reference Manager Ashlee Chavez met with Southwest School of Art's Dean Dupuy and discussed a new curriculum to be offered by the library to SSA students later this year. The new programs offered to students will be developed this summer and launched in September.



Reference staff analyzed the Technology Questions Answered (TQA) program and developed a new program offered entitled Digital Library Help. TQA is now offered once per week and focuses on answering all types of Technology Questions. Digital Library Help is offered for a longer period of time on Sundays and is available by appointment. It focuses on the library's downloadable and electronic resources.



Other programs offered by Central Reference this reporting period included hosting a SCORE panel presentation on June 25, the Science Fiction book club, and the Ukulele Club on June 28.

## TEXANA/GENEALOGY



The Canary Islands Descendants Association held their June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in the genealogy area of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. With the help of Texana staff and materials, attendees spent much of the morning researching their Canary Islands ancestors.



Sylvia Reyna developed an African American Genealogy class for the Juneteenth Celebration at Carver Branch Library on June 18. The class discussed the special research strategies needed when researching African American family history.



Andy Crews conducted a June 24 program at Guerra Branch Library entitled "Using Military Records for Genealogy Research." He discussed the types of records that were created during the different wars, as well as general military records, that can be useful to family historians.



On July 1, Ms. Reyna presented a program at Great Northwest Branch Library on researching Hispanic Genealogy and the different challenges faced by those doing research in Spanish-speaking countries.



Matt De Waelsche spoke at Great Northwest Branch Library on July 15 on the topic, "Preserving Family Treasures." Mr. De Waelsche offered useful tips and ideas for preserving photographs and historical documents.



Sarah Zenaida Gould, PhD, Lead Curatorial Researcher at the Institute for Texan Cultures, brought two interns for a tour of Texana/Genealogy.



On the evening of July 7, a patron visited the Texana Department and inquired about historic photos. She explained that she was searching for photographs and information on a house on Matamoros Street that was the residence and office of her grandmother, a midwife. Staff provided her with a book in the collection from a 1972 historic survey with photographs of homes. Staff member, Andrew Crews, then remembered that the department holds an archival collection of journals from a local midwife. After locating the finding aid for the collection, he realized that the collection documented the work of the patron's grandmother. After presenting the materials to the patron, she quickly pulled out her cellphone and called her sister who was on another floor of the library, saying, "You need to come up to the sixth floor right now! You aren't going to believe this!" As they viewed the collection, they commented on the people in the photographs and even mentioned that one of the ledger books had been covered with fabric that had been used in the house as wallpaper. The two ladies were very excited and on the verge of tears to find a piece of their heritage that they thought had been lost.

# BRANCH LOCATIONS

## BAZAN



The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre visited the Bazan library on June 13 and delighted a group of 35 children and adults with the performance. On June 24, Joe McDermott helped celebrate Summer Reading by playing songs on his guitar and having the audience sing along. Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen continued outreach activities with visits to literacy centers and COSA Park and Recreation Summer sites including Barkley Ruiz on July 11. Visits included registration for the Summer Reading Program, story time, and crafts with the kids.



Bazan welcomed three summer interns in July, two from JOVEN and one COSA Summer Youth worker. The enthusiastic teens shadowed Bazan's Library Aides and gained first-time employment experience. They were also very helpful in assisting with Children's and Teen Programming. To assist with Summer Reading, the interns set up a registration table in the lobby and registered customers as they entered and exited the building.



The Bazan Branch BrainLift book club met on June 25 to discuss the *Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammet. The discussion was followed by a viewing of the movie version of the book starring Humphrey Bogart. The book club, which was formed earlier this year, continues to have strong attendance.



Training Officer Emily Sauer Flores and Bazan volunteer Daniel Gomez were selected to present at the Literacy Texas Conference in San Marcos in August. The presentation is entitled "Reaching ESL Learners: Cultivating English Language Skills and a Love of Reading through the San Antonio Public Library's Learn Centers."

## BROOK HOLLOW



On June 15 and June 29, the tweens at Brook Hollow engaged in STEM activities. On June 15, a group of girls created a marble roller coaster in the meeting room. They worked together to engineer a track using pipe insulation, paper cups, paper tubes and funnels that spanned two walls of the room. After much trial and error, the girls were able to get a marble to complete the course that included loops, drops, and jumps. On June 29, a group of nine tweens ages 9-12 collaborated to build a structure out of two sets of straws and connectors. The challenge was to make something that used every straw in the two sets and that every part had to be physically connected to the main structure. Every child was to participate in some way. As they worked, each child chose a "construction role", i.e.: general contractor, project manager, architect, etc. At the end of the hour, their parents came into the room and Children's Librarian Rachael Barrera introduced each child with their "title" and the children got a chance to explain their role in the construction process. The program was a great success according to the children, parents, and grandparents that attended.

On June 21, the branch hosted *Sandbank's Shadow Factory* for two performances. One hundred eighty-three people enjoyed an art form that many of them had never before seen. Matt Sandbanks came out from behind his screen at the end of each show to show the kids a shadow puppet and demonstrate how he operates them. Many of the kids asked to touch, hold, and operate it themselves.



Librarian Rachael Barrera visited the Heimer Kindercare Center on July 5 to deliver books to the classrooms and provide story times for the kids. Three of the center's classes had completed their summer reading logs as a group and were excited to bring their parents to the library to pick out their prize books.

On July 12, the Friends of the Brook Hollow Library brought Happy Tails Entertainment to the branch for two performances. Happy Tails brought seven exotic animals for the kids to see, including a kinkajou and a capybara. At the end of each program, the children got to touch two of the animals, a hypomelanistic boa constrictor named Charlie, and an alpaca. The program was a huge success as usual with over 250 attendees.

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club for children is going swimmingly with registrations exceeding last year's. To date, the branch has registered over 795 children.



Teen Services Librarian Caroline Mossing facilitated weekly Teen Time programs at the branch on Mondays. The Teen Library Leadership Council began meeting during this time. The TLLC has taken an active role in choosing and planning teen programs in the branch. Programs have included a film screening, game day, craft program, and a Hamilton-themed celebration.



Book groups continue to be the most popular adult program at Brook Hollow. Six groups met this month, and discussed titles that included *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, *Una Boda en Haiti* by Julia Alvarez, *Bone Rattler* by Eliot Pattison, *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins, *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant, and *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent. Along with the wide selection of traditional book groups, Brook Hollow hosts a monthly Meetup group called Book Lovers where attendees bring books to swap and discuss.

## CARVER



Assistant Branch Manager and Teen Services Liaison Monty Holcomb hosted three Teen Time events with the Wii game console. Mr. Holcomb also hosted three Chess Events. Mr. Holcomb also attended the Lakeside Neighborhood Association Meeting in which, along with several other city departments, he gave a presentation as a representative for SAPL. Mr. Holcomb also scheduled ACA Enrollment programs for later this year.



The branch celebrated Juneteenth with a full day of activities on June 18. Highlights included a genealogy workshop to teach techniques for researching family ancestry, as well as a presentation by Trinity University History Professor Anene Ejikeme who discussed the wonders of present day Africa.



On June 25 the branch hosted a celebration honoring the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of Carver Library. The event was attended by Councilman Allan Warrick and SAPL Board member Gloria Malone. Branch Manager DL Grant was presented a plaque for outstanding and service to the branch and community.



Buffalo Soldiers Appreciation Month kicked off on July 1 with a ceremony and an art exhibit depicting the legacy of the four historic regiments that defended the American frontier after the Civil War.

## CODY



Knights and dragons were the focus for *Tween Time* on June 13. After a discussion on both, tweens had an opportunity to create and test catapults, which they enjoyed immensely. In addition, tweens used straws and connectors to build castles. They also liked designing their family crests, some of which displayed a dragon or two.



The USAA Summer Camp invited Sheila Acosta, Children's Librarian, to visit two groups on June 14. The children were currently learning about myths and legends. Sheila brought several books and stories to reinforce those topics.



By special request, Cody hosted a second *Minecraft Club* on June 15. Boys and girls alike enjoyed creating new structures. Many of the children were excited to assist the novices who were in attendance.



Trinity Learning Center scheduled a tour and orientation of the Cody library on June 16. After Sheila signed the group up for the Summer Reading club, the students were very excited about looking for books to check out.



The *Happy Tails* program was well attended with more than 140 people on June 16. The kids loved to see and learn about the many different animals they showcased. Many of the children and their parents signed up for Summer Reading before and after the event.



On June 20, tweens participated in a short hike around the grounds of the Cody Library as part of a nature walk and study for *Tween Time*. Tween partnered up and were given a sheet of paper with various items to look for, such as insects, birds and leaves and trees. They made some very interesting finds on the Trek.



SAPD and McGruff visited for Cody *Story Time* on June 22 to present their puppet show on safety. More than 100 were in attendance, and most of the parents expressed their appreciation for the information that the SAPD shared with the children.



Country Home Child Care visited Cody Library on June 22 for a special story time with Sheila.



The *Middle Readers Book Club* met on June 22. Several new members joined, and after the book sharing and discussions, Sheila divided the Middle Readers into two groups to play *Scrabble*, with parents supervising beginning players.



On June 23, David Pitts, cartoonist, ventriloquist and magician, presented his program *How to Train Your Brain*. The focus of his show was that one needs to read books to learn something new. Several children of the 100 plus attendees were able to participate in the show.



The *Tween Book Club* met on June 29. Members read the Texas Bluebonnet nominee, *Woof* by Spencer Quinn. After a post-it note dialogue, Sheila book-talked some new books, Members then worked on a display to encourage participation in the Tween Book Club.



On June 30, Cody families attended the *Eulenspiegel Puppet Show*, which presented the Grimm fairy tale of *The Fisherman and His Wife*.



Cody's weekly *Lego Club* has been consistently well attended by boys and girls this summer. Kids break into teams and work to build a creation based on a theme, such as *Going Green*. The Lego team creations are displayed in the New Books section.



Early Literacy outreach continued this month to Kids Campus, Discovery World, Chabad Gan-Gani Pre-school, and the Pineapple School.



More than 120 patrons enjoyed drumming to the beat at *TamboRhythms* on July 7. Drums, shakers, and other percussion instruments were shared by all of the children and some parents. Drum leader Jorge Ochoa then led the group in a series of rhythmic patterns.



Alligator vs. crocodile? Tweens selected to be on Team Alligator or Team Crocodile on July 11. They then participated in a quiz slide show. Afterwards they all agreed that they knew much more about these swamp creatures. They then used their new knowledge to create miniature alligators and crocodiles.



Mo Willems is ending his popular *Elephant and Piggie* series. On July 12 Elephant and Piggie fans gathered for a *Farewell and Thank You!* party on July 12. Sheila read the final book of the series, *Thank You*, after which several children performed a readers' theatre of some of his popular books. Children also created a commemorative craft and received Elephant and Piggie tattoos.



Minecraft players showed up for the final program of the summer on July 13. Over 14 children were on hand to play and compare their newly created worlds.



Spikey Mikey the magician performed on July 14 to a huge audience. Many of the children were eager to assist Spikey Mikey with some of his magical feats, and almost everyone stayed for photo ops with Spikey Mikey.



Teens had a chance to play a life-sized version of the *Game of Life* on June 14. Spaces of the board were updated with recent pop culture references. They threw giant, inflatable dice to advance through the game spaces on the floor.



On June 21, teens had the opportunity to explore crafting using recycled materials. They made CD scratch art by painting the shiny side of recycled CDs and scratching off the paint in a design.



Teens explored freezing and states of matter as they made homemade mint chocolate chip ice cream using plastic bags, ice cream salt, and other ice cream ingredients on June 28.



On July 5, teens were given the opportunity to play board games and a variety of craft supplies.





On July 12, teens had the opportunity to make their own pencils using graphite and recycled scraps of paper.



Teens continued to learn computer programming skills during two *SA Youth Code Jam* sessions. Teens worked to create music videos and together they worked to solve problem that came up in their code. Afterwards, they were able to show off the music videos they had created.



*Tabletop Gaming* continued at Cody every Saturday afternoon throughout the summer. In response to a large number of younger gamers attending, staff added more games suitable for them, such as *Memory* and *Hi-Ho Cherry-O*.



Librarian Adam Spana continued his monthly outreach to residents of the Adante Senior Living community on June 15, where the book club discussed Ayana Mathis's *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*.



On June 25, artists from Spareparts Studio led an altered books workshop where participants created artistic sculptures from hardback books.



On July 15, author Jan Jarboe Russell made a guest appearance at the monthly meeting of the Cody Friday's Book Club, where the group discussed Russell's *The Train to Crystal City*.



On June 28, Cody staff welcomed new temporary Library Aide Emily Pierce, who in her spare time is a competitive rodeo rider.

## COLLINS GARDEN



The MondoPad at Collins Garden Branch Library is highly utilized by community groups such as Voces Cosmicas, a professional writers group, for weekly critiques and the Golden Girls crochet/knitting group has learned how to use the technology to display examples of various patterns to the group. Both of these groups conduct weekly meetings at the branch.



SAPL Summer Reading Program is in full force at Collins Garden Branch Library with children, teens and adults signing up to enter drawing and to receive free books. The library is decorated with frogs jumping into ponds of sparkling cool, blue water following the GO GREEN theme. Decorations were made by staff, circulation, reference, 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 SAPL Summer Reading Program. Nearly 250 young people have signed up for summer reading at the branch.



Children's Librarians from Central Children's Department host weekly Kids Time and Come and Go Crafts with Viki Ash, Coordinator of Children's Services, kicking off our inaugural bi-weekly LEGO program. The library hosted a standing-room-only puppet show to a large enthusiastic crowd of children and parents and also listened to the music singer/songwriter Joe McDermott during this time period. Staff is concentrating on increasing attendance, along with circulation of library materials.



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 teen brainstorming ideas for future programs in the fall. Collins Garden Library hosts Thursday matinee movie series for teens and children averaging approximately 35 per movie. Teen volunteer Justine Cruz started this month, along with temporary library aide Crystal Cruz.



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. Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Voces Cosmicas hosted a group of writers from South Africa and India that attracted an audience of 20 patrons.



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, feel comfortable reading.



UTHSCSA, in partnership with the library, hosts participants in a chronic pain management group. UTHSCSA representatives coach and track participants techniques and practices to manage their pain.



Adult Services Librarian Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard is hosting a terrarium making program August 16<sup>th</sup>. Branch Manager Jeannette Davies is coordinating neighborhood outreach and preparing for Back-to-School in August.

## CORTEZ



Cammie Brantley, Branch Manager (Temporary), has brought the stability the staff has needed in order to better do their jobs. This may be evidenced by the growing number of program offerings for both adults and children. Staff appreciates Cammie's hands-on approach and her willingness to be away from her managerial duties at McCreless.



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, 356 children have registered for the summer reading program at Cortez, with close to 50 finishers. Teen and Adult registrations have slowed somewhat but staff continues to promote each program. Michelle Ricondo, Adult Services at Cortez, serves as the committee chair for SAPL's Adult summer reading initiative. Go Michelle! Go Green!



**Story Time** (Kathy Armbruster). Story Time is now held concurrently with the adult crafting club. These sessions are held on Mondays, from 10am – noon in the meeting room. The crafting club occupies half of the space and Story Time is in the other half. Four sessions have been held during this reporting period (SAPL was closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday) and attendance has picked up. Thirty children and 13 adults attended, and sessions included programs featuring a SAPL produced puppet show of *Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock* and *Tops and Bottoms* (put together by a talented group of SAPL children's librarians for use in libraries over the summer) in anticipation of the branch hosting the

Sandbanks Shadow Factory (more on this later!), and a drums and rhythm day to promote the special visit of performers with TamboRhythms. Sessions about “Crocs and ‘Gators and Dragons were also held.



**Kids Time** (Kathy Armbruster). Kids Time attendance for the summer sessions has varied for each session. Five sessions have occurred during the reporting period and have included the same puppet show mentioned above; the visit of special performer Jorge from Tambo Rhythms; a session on crocodiles and alligators which featured a collaborative art/sculpting activity for all participants; a session about the Great Outdoors; and some great crafts and stories about dragons. Summer Kids Time sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at Cortez. Total attendance for the Kids Time (not including the special performer’s program) was 29 children and 12 adults.

Cortez Branch hosted two special performances during this reporting period to support the summer reading initiative. Sandbanks Shadow Factory performed on June 13<sup>th</sup> and attracted an audience of 46 children and 20 adults. TamboRhythms, featuring drummer Jorge Ochoa performed on June 21<sup>st</sup> to a “with it” crowd of 25 children and 13 adults all snapping, clapping and tapping to the rhythms.



**Tween Time** (Kathy Armbruster). Tween Time is really catching on at Cortez! Wednesdays at 4 p.m. brings together a group of about 11 tweens each time. New tweens are attending each week and that’s an exciting news note. Past sessions have included a “food challenge” of some kind. “Chubby bunny” with mini-marshmallows was the first game; followed the following week with a blind taste test of various soft drinks. Tweens were then challenged with the task of moving a cookie on their face from their forehead to their mouths WITHOUT using their hands. The final week in the reporting period brings another round of “Chubby bunny” but this time with regular sized marshmallows. Food is a hit! The weekly food challenge is followed either by board games, art activities, video games, or a timed group contest. Five sessions were held during the reporting period with at total attendance of 54 tweens attending. Cortez received a recent donation of PS2 games for the tweens and this has caused some excitement!

Twice each month, Mary Valdez and her service dog, Golden Retriever Foxie, visit the Cortez library to allow children an opportunity to read aloud to this patient, non-judgmental listener! Sessions usually attract about 6 participants each week but summer numbers have been a bit lower. Miss Mary and Foxie will take a summer break as well and will return to Cortez in September.



**Teens Program** (JoAnn Paredes). During the time frame of June 12 through July 16, the teen program held 5 programs with 39 teens attending. Teens continue to follow the progress of their avocado seeds in water as part of the “Green” theme for summer reading. Several seeds have sprouted roots and a few have shoots as well! New video games and guitars were purchased for teens.



**Cortez Film Club** (Michelle Ricondo). The Cortez Film Club presented 2 films during the reporting period. The first was “Hedwig and the Angry Inch” on June 17<sup>th</sup>, in honor of Pride Month with 12 attending and “Death Trap on July 16<sup>th</sup> with 13 attending.



**Adult Coloring** (Michelle Ricondo). Adult Coloring @ Cortez has moved to a new time to accommodate the ever growing number of program offerings for adults at Cortez. This group met 3 times during the reporting period with 15 adults attending.



**Creative Writing Group** (Michelle Ricondo). Responding to requests from the Adult Coloring group, Adult Services librarian Michelle Ricondo quickly put together a time and space for interested local writers to meet and hone their craft. Four sessions were held with 19 attending.



**Altered Books** (Michelle Ricondo). This special program was presented Mary Elizabeth Cardenas and showed 9 participants how to fold and manipulate pages from old, discarded books into interesting patterns and art pieces.



**Diabetes Workshop** (Clara DeLeon, Health Program Specialist). A series of workshops in partnership with COSA-Metropolitan Health District was held to lead participants to healthier eating habits to lessen the chance of developing diabetes. Participants register for 4 sessions which will be held over consecutive Fridays. To date, 2 sessions have been held with 8 participants attending each time.



**Getting Crafty Program** (JoAnn Paredes). In June, each crafter finished a crocheted hexagon blanket. This group of crafters has not come across anything that they cannot do! For July, the group is making tin tiles, using aluminum disposable cookie sheets. Attendance for the class has been good since the crocheting started. The attendance was 41 for four classes.



**Monster Meet** (Madeline Vasquez). On July 9th, 14 monster fans got together to revisit the monster classic, "Godzilla". 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.



**Community Programs – AARP Workshops** (Cheryl Zuchowicz, AARP). AARP selected Cortez Branch as a meeting site for 2 workshops this past month. One was held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and offered caregivers an opportunity to meet and hear about resources and talk about shared experiences. Although several registered, attendance was poor due to severe weather predictions on that day. The second session was held during this reporting period on June 12 and was about becoming familiar with technology for seniors. Three separate sessions were held on the day with approximately 53 seniors attending. From smartphones to tablets, seniors were introduced and encouraged to get their hands on some of the newest technology. This workshop also brought many newcomers into the library; many came to search the catalog and hear about eBooks and audio downloads and to get library cards!



**Learn@SAPL –** (Melody Vega, Lindsay Minarovic, and Michelle Ricondo). Working together with the Learn Center at Cortez, Michelle helped coordinate a series of Financial Literacy workshops that embrace the "green theme" of summer reading. Family support supervisor Lindsay Minarovic has put together a slate of classes for adults. Classes are held Thursday evenings in July.

Free Art Classes are also being offered in cooperation with the Learn Center. Artist Ukwanni Warumbe visits Cortez on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. and encourages adult painters to relieve stress while painting.

## ENCINO



Summer is in full swing at Encino! The youngest visitors have enjoyed the continuation of regular programming in addition to special additions for summer. Messy Fridays has drawn over 50 children and their caregivers to Encino's patio each week for painting, slime making, splashing, and general messy fun. Many attendees thank children's librarian Nicki Weaver for allowing them to make a mess, and the parents have expressed an interest in continuing a program such as this after summer ends. Kids Time and Tween Time attendees have enjoyed following the green summer reading theme as they make new friends and explore dinosaurs, frogs, and crocodiles. Dinosaur George visited Encino with his fossils and fun facts for two full performances. He graciously stayed after the second performance to

discuss details about his fossil collection with young visitors who missed the shows. Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre performed “The Fisherman and his Wife” to two large crowds on June 14. Attendees enjoyed the theatrical presentation.



During the reporting period, Adult Services Librarian Barbara Kwiatkowski provided Encino Branch with 28 programs which were attended by 421 participants. Recurring programs, including Encino Create University, Knight Club, and Encino Older Adults, continue to be very well attended and bring new patrons to the library every week. Two new adult gaming programs were introduced for the summer: Game On and 60 Seconds or Less. These summer additions to regular programs are gaining an audience and are very well received by participants. The Adult Book Club presented by library aide Ellen Leland is growing fast. Members enjoy fun and intellectually stimulating literary discussions as well as snacks related to the book’s theme.



Outreach to the Emerald Oaks Retirement Community continues to be a successful venture for Librarian Kwiatkowski. The number of residents asking for Overdrive tutoring increases with each monthly visit, and many of the mobile residents attend library programs at Encino. The feedback from these residents is incredibly positive, and each person remarks on the value added to their library experience with the ability to view and listen to electronic materials.



Librarian Kwiatkowski arranged a special series of programs at Encino for adults wishing to improve their career search, polish their resume, and improve their skills. Catapult Your Career, led by career coach James Beemer, has been one of the most successful programs of the summer. Attendees find his classes very informative and useful, and many patrons have already requested additional sessions in the fall. Topics have included Personal Branding, Social Media & Job Searching, and Maximizing LinkedIn.



Collaborate is being used increasingly and regularly by patrons, with many local entrepreneurs, small business owners, and volunteer organizations taking advantage of the professional space. Collaborate is used twice monthly for two different HOA Board Meetings, and the area Girl Scouts Leadership Group regularly uses the space to plan activities for their groups. Collaborate is also hosting a weekly study session for CompTIA Networking Certification. Volunteer David Hess leads participants through the official CompTIA Networking study guide, which prepares them for the Networking + certification test.



Teens at Encino had a great start to the Summer Reading Program! The “regular” teen group has excitedly welcomed new teens who are visiting Encino for the first time, and they have all actively attended the four weekly teen programs as they hope to win one of the awesome summer prizes. Teens created videos with a green screen, made perler bead art and nebula jars, and learned how to sew, budget, and work effectively in teams. Teens also participated in two cooking classes with Chef Lilla Bernal from the San Antonio Food Bank, exploring healthy breakfast and snack options while learning about kitchen basics and safety. <https://210teenlibrary.wordpress.com/2016/06/29/cooking-with-chef-1/> Even though this summer has been extremely hot, the teens managed to get outside and get some exercise through a series of water-fueled activities! The Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) has been a tremendous help with children’s programming, and as the TLLC continues to grow, the members are excited to explore new ways of volunteering at Encino. Currently, they are working on uniquely designed book bags to sell as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Encino Branch Library.

# FOREST HILLS



Forest Hills has been enjoying a summer full of excited young readers and their families. As they transitioned from the end of school to the full summer swing, families arrived in droves requesting to sign up for the Summer Reading Club. Many had learned about the program from school visits by librarian Kathleen Brown at the end of May.



Forest Hills has benefitted from an influx of volunteers during the summer. Most of these volunteers have been teens looking to earn community service hours for scholarships and college entrance. The teen volunteers eagerly assisted with the Teen Summer Lounge every week as well as with the Kids Time programs.



Family Services Teen Intern Alexandra has been of immense help during these busy summer weeks. She spends her day searching for books on the router list, preparing crafts for Children's programs, and helping with Teen Summer Lounge. The staff has appreciated her assistance and has been able to focus on other tasks.



Five Kids Time programs were held during this time period. Children learned about saving money, eating healthy, and using color in art. They also investigated the differences between frogs and toads and alligators and crocodiles. They listened to stories, played games and created projects. Two Story Times and a Bilingual Story Time were held during this time period. Students learned about coastal life, undersea animals, caterpillars, butterflies and metamorphosis. They sang songs, recited rhymes and danced. They also created projects related to their learning. The three Come & Go Crafts provided for the children this month were very well received. Kids had a great time making jellyfish and ice cream cone art and constructing fans to beat the summer heat.

Dinosaur George made a visit to the library on June 29. On July 6, children participated in the Tambo Rhythms drum circle. Even patrons without children enjoyed the fun beats for the short portion of the afternoon. The Literacy Caravan made a stop at Forest Hills on July 12. This year's stop was more popular than in any years past.

On July 13, children and their families were treated to a special puppet show. Children's Librarian Kathleen Brown and Branch Manager Mary Naylor delivered *Anise the Trickster*. Children laughed at the antics of the tricky spider. Teen Volunteer Mondo jumped in and volunteered to play the part of Bear in the trickster tale *Tops and Bottoms*. The children giggled at the grumpy bear and were able to "pet" the puppets after the show.



Teen volunteers assisted with creating and hosting the Teen Summer Lounge. They participated in activities such as building a 3D cellphone projector and puppetry.



Forest Hills hosted a PRIDE program titled Break OUT: Transgender Transitioning program on June 22. The turnout for this event was larger than expected. The conversations centered on the legal and social elements of the transitioning process. The League of Women Voters and the Metropolitan Health Department were present to hand out information to visitors.



AARP hosted a very successful day of tech training for seniors on June 23. Seniors were invited to learn more about their smart phones and other devices. The group will revisit later in the year for another round of programs.

A new exhibit went up June 13 and features Anthony Rundblade's work and is titled, "The Beating of One Universal Propeller (Bravery, Repetition & Noise)".



The Adult Summer Reading Club is also a very popular offering this year. Registration is up 172% over last year! The selection for this year's book is titled "Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers" by Mary Roach. In support of the book selection, Dr. Daniel Wescott, Director of the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State, was invited to discuss the donation of human remains for scientific research, why people choose to donate, and a sample of research projects being conducted at the human decomposition facility at Texas State University. The program on July 13 was very popular and drew attention from across the City.

## GREAT NORTHWEST



The Great Northwest Branch welcomes Brian Biayobzcki to the staff team. Brian was a long-time volunteer at the branch and has been hired as a library aide.



A Mini Scrapbooking program was held on Thursday, June 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Christina Martinez, Library Assistant, demonstrated how to make a mini scrapbook. She also showed attendees the scrapbooking books available for checkout.



Senior Hula Classes continue to be held on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. The program was publicized on KENS5 news and picked up by a Hawaii news station!



The Alicia Trevino Senior Center Group and the Great Northwest Book & Movie Group discussed *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy and watched the movie on July 11 and July 14. Both are moderated by Adult Services Librarian Cindy Moreno.



A Coloring for Adults Program is held every Wednesday at 6 pm. Customers can color and listen to soothing music.



The branch hosted Essentials Oils 101: Clean Green – a program where attendees learned how to make household cleaners with essential oils. The program was very popular, and the branch will host additional programs demonstrating the various uses of essential oils.



Library Assistants Monica Trejo and Nicole Garza continued the Cooking Class program with a demonstration on how to make ice cream at home.



The branch hosted three genealogy programs in June and July. Debbie Countess presented Beginning Genealogy on June 17 where attendees learned tips on where to start their research, how to use courthouse records, church records, cemeteries, archives and the SAPL website. Sylvia Reyna presented a Hispanic Genealogy program on July 1. Participants learned the basic research principles

and techniques for conducting a Hispanic genealogical research. Matthew DeWaelsche presented Preserving Family Treasures on July 15. Attendees learned how to protect family items so that the treasures would be passed on to future generations.



Great Northwest children's summer programs have been very active. There have been 3 puppet shows every week (15 programs total) during Story Time with over 2,000 in attendance through the month. The children also had the opportunity to listen to stories, play games, and learn their alphabet letters.



The puppet shows are presented by the Great Northwest Middle School Puppet Club at the library. The audience has enjoyed watching the shows improve and expand throughout the summer. The audience has given the puppeteers very positive feedback.



The elementary and middle school children have been having a unique experience with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) projects which explore something green in each program. Many of the STEAM projects this month have been imagining new endings to folk tales – such as finding a way for the prince to get to Rapunzel without climbing her hair. The participants are given common household materials like rubber bands, paperclips, string, coffee filters and paper to create a new scenario. The children that have bravely come to this new experience have left with enthusiastic shouts that they will be back.



The branch enjoyed hosting Matt Sandbanks Shadow Puppets and Dinosaur George. Many of the attendees had not experienced either show, and enjoyed the entertainment.



The Mayor's Summer Reading Club has taken off at Great Northwest. The branch has over 1,500 children registered so far. After they have completed their reading log, they receive a free book, a reading certificate signed by the mayor, and get to put something green on the wall. The children could choose: green frogs, alligators, fish for the water; green apples and leaves for the tree; or green cactus, boots and lizards for the plains area. The wall area has already had to be extended to make more room.



Teen summer programs included the Yummy and Creative cooking classes where teens could play with their food. In June, teens learned to make Pancake Art and Leche Quemada Mexican Candy. Summer programs also included the No Experience Needed art activities for teens. Teens got creative this summer and made abstract art and poured art paintings. Also, every Wednesday afternoon the branch hosted Teen Video Gaming in the library where teens were welcomed to bring games rated E-Teen to play against each other.



A monthly Teen Anime Night was held on June 13 and July 11 and celebrated love of Anime and Manga. Teens made cat ears, Pikachu origami, and Suminagashi paper marbling.



Great Northwest Teen Writer's Guild met on June 20 for their monthly meeting. Teens with an interest in writing meet once a month to create and share their work with other teen writers.



The Great Northwest Library participated in the Family Services Association Youth Summer Internship program. The partnership allows a teen intern to work at the Great Northwest Library for the summer while under the supervision of Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez. The FSA Intern helped with Teen programs, Summer Reading sign-up, Kids programs, and other daily tasks.





The volunteers at Great Northwest Library volunteered over 500 hours in June and helped with many library programs and daily tasks. Volunteers from the U.S. Airforce visited the library to perform a puppet show for the ABC Club and volunteers from a local church group visited the library to help with the Kids Time and STEAM challenge programs. Teen volunteers helped with a variety of things, including producing puppet shows three days a week for the ABC Club and making the props and backgrounds to accomplish this. Teen volunteers also helped with the Kids Time and STEAM challenge programs by being a group leader and helping the kids solve the STEAM activity of the day. Teen volunteers also helped the library with summer reading sign up for kids, teens, and adults.



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

## GUERRA



David Meza with the Daughters of Charity provided ACA information and on June 30, the Metro Health Screening Bus was in the parking lot for most of the day; outreach staff provided health screening, testing, and information to eight members of the community. Roxanne Menchaca joined the branch team as a Library Aide on June 27. Two teen patrons shared their amazing Star Wars Lego creations--the display was popular and attracted favorable comments.



Branch Manager Dexter Katzman presented music and literature outreach programs to the Careplex Adult Day Care Center on June 15, 22, and 29. He presented a computer class on June 27.



Assistant Branch Manager Cristiane Yamada-Lokensgard continued her temporary assignment at the Collins Garden Branch Library. She coordinated Andrew Crews who presented a class on Using Military Records for Genealogy Research on June 24.



Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson planned and presented 26 children's programs: five Toddler Times, five Story Times, five Kids Times, five Movie Times and five Lego Clubs. On June 17, she hosted a Lego program for 24 children from the Temple of Praise Early Childhood Center summer camp. Children participated in the Read to a Dog program on June 9 and 23 and July 7 and 21. Sandbank's Shadow Factory entertained families on June 15 and Joe McDermott provided musical entertainment to families on June 25. On July 9 and 10, children and their grown-ups enjoyed an all-day Come and Go Craft. Arlene served on two interview panels--Library Aide vacancies at Guerra, Great Northwest, Igo, and Brook Hollow and Children's Librarians vacancies at Potranco and Schaeffer.



Adult Services Librarian Stephen Jackson recorded *Soy el mejor (I'm the Best)* by Lucy Cousins on June 20 for Telecuentos. He set up a display promoting books about the U.S. independence and the Fourth of July on June 27. He moderated the Spanish language book club, Club de Lectura, whose members discussed *Frío como el acero (Stone Cold)* by David Baldacci on June 30.



Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry presented a homemade ice cream in a bag program on June 14. On June 16, he coordinated with the Friends Group and held an ice cream sundae activity--the Friends supplied everything. He held Game-Ra sessions on June 23 and July 7. He held an arts and crafts session using perler Beads supplied by Teen Services on June 30.



Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl updated the Staff Picks Display with help from Circulation Attendant David Alvarez who installed a display highlighting superhero materials. She created a crochet display and survey to assess patron interest in a Crochet Program and put a slide on the display TV.



Abella Lazalde recorded *Osito y su Abuelo (Little Bear's Grandpa)* by Nigel Gray for Telecuentos.



Circulation Attendant Corinna Reed completed and posted her Autism LibGuides--1 and 2.

## IGO



The children's summer reading program is in full effect at the Igo Library. Clair Larkin, Early Literacy Specialist with Little Read Wagon, and Children's Library Assistant Carolyn Bradley assisted with children's programs to offer five weekly early literacy story times, Lego Club, and Kids Time, as well as numerous special summer reading programs.



Certified Texas Master Naturalist Tom Kinsey visited Igo on June 15 to share an engaging wildlife and ecology presentation including a snake, rat, bird, and roaches, among other animals, providing in-depth knowledge to over 130 enthusiastic children and their caregivers in attendance.



Igo welcomed Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory on June 29. Mr. Sandbank's shows enliven the imagination and feature uniquely expressive shadow puppets, tying in to Language Arts and Humanities academic standards. Over 160 attendees enjoyed the lively presentation.



On July 6, Happy Tails Entertainment brought eight animals to the branch for children and caregivers to learn more about various animals from different countries of the world. The 182 guests in attendance received a close-up look at a boa constrictor, porcupine, capybara, wallaby, and coatimundi, among others. Discussion included habitat, eating habits, and how these animals thrive and survive in the wild.



The Igo branch held its last Read to a Dog session on June 22. Unfortunately, Therapy Dog Cinder must retire for medical reasons. Igo hopes to find a new dog team to offer the program again in the near future.



In addition to the summer reading programs, Igo also held the first two sessions of a 4-part Learn & Play Chess series for grades K-12 with instruction provided by a local patron.

To recap this reporting period at the Igo Library, children's services staff presented 39 programs and served nearly 2,700 children and their caregivers.



The Igo Library partnered with the San Antonio Ethnic Art Society to present a two-week art exhibit showcasing canvas work from local high schoolers, featuring the creative work of their scholarship recipient.



In partnership with the Family Services Association (FSA), Teen Librarian Marco De Leon hired three teenagers to serve as interns over the summer. An additional intern from the COSA Ambassadors program was also hired for the summer. Mr. De Leon was able to take on a program that has been years in the making with the help of the FSA interns. The summer-long project is an inventory check of the entire library holdings. The goal is to have the entire collection inventoried by the end of summer.

The COSA Ambassador has been helping with the Children's programs and has been actively registering patrons for the Summer Reading Program. With her help, the numbers of patrons signed up for the SRP in all ages groups have gone up from the previous year.



The PoeTree Club continues to meet on a regular basis with a strong following. Although it is new to branch, the turnout for this club continues to increase, averaging 15 attendees at each meeting.



On June 25, the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center bloodmobile visited Igo prompting numerous patrons to help save a life with their blood donation.



The Igo Elderberries held its monthly program meeting on July 7. A presentation was given about the International Community Garden, created by 4 different religious denominations/churches that are utilizing gardening to provide refugees with opportunities to grow some of their native foods, as well as provide socialization and "culture-shock therapy". Fox News 4 and Time Warner Cable covered the event.



Igo's three book clubs continued to meet throughout the reporting period. The Afternoon Book Club enjoyed a lively conversation regarding *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson. The Romance Readers Club discussed *A Bollywood Affair* and *The Bollywood Bride* by Sonali Dev and the Mystery Club read Robert Galbraith's *The Cuckoo's Calling*.



In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program's *Green* theme, Igo Library ran a weekly series of bibliographic slides on the LCD monitor with each slide providing a three-item annotated bibliography of sources pertaining to a *green* subject. Topics included green building, gardening, landscaping, recycling, fitness and nutrition.



The Igo library has partnered with UTSA's Project Shape to offer substance abuse and STD education courses aimed at reducing health disparities among young adult minorities. Numerous sessions are being held throughout the summer months.



Igo welcomed two new library aides during this reporting period. David Lipsey is a temporary hire until mid-August and Sylvia Parsons is a permanent addition to the team. Katie Robinson also joined the Igo team as a part-time Circulation Attendant. The Igo branch is excited to have these individuals on board and for extremely thankful for the extra assistance during the busy summer months.



Manager Amanda Henderson has moved on to another employment opportunity. Igo staff will miss her deeply.

## JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library partnered with teachers from Valley Hi ES to bring additional story times to the community. The teachers shared *Waiting* by Kevin Henkes, *Dog vs Cat* by Chris Gall, and *Strega Nona* by Tomi DePaola. Children’s Librarian Beverly Wrigglesworth augmented the Valley Hi ES guest appearances with story time themes; Father’s Day, Fruits and Vegetables, Alligators, Frogs, and Dinosaurs



On June 25, special Summer Reading guest Joe McDermott entertained a small group of children with his funny and energetic songs. He had the children bouncing, dancing, and singing along.



Plenty of physical and construction play went on during June/July at Johnston Branch Library. Tween programs included stamping art, putting on a puppet show, LEGOs and a Big Dawgs presentation. Kids Time programs included the Shadowbanks Shadow Puppet show, Eating Green, Alligators, Frogs, and Dinosaurs



Johnston Branch Library families enjoyed a unique family program on June 25. Adult Librarian Monica Bustillo brought the Alamo Kiteflyers Outfit in to teach kite construction. Participants enjoyed the construction play. Afterward, children and their parents delighted in some outdoor play when kites were launched in the park next door.



On July 8, Monica organized a monthly Adult Coloring event and on July 15 Monica presented a Ghostbusters Film Festival giving community members a cool and fun place to be on a Friday afternoon.



Library Assistant Elsy Jackson engaged Spanish speakers with book club, Club de Lectura.



During June, staff spent time during closing procedures to describe and give kudos to fellow team members regarding observations made that day. Using the Core Values as a guide, co-workers shared moments of team spirit as a group. Each entry was tracked on the Johnston workroom white board for all to see.

## LANDA



The Landa Branch continued to offer its Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time in the summer. Parents in the Story Time program complemented Ms. Salinas saying that they learned so many fun songs to sing with their children at home. One mom even mentioned that she has learned how to read books and engage in singing and play with her children better after coming to library programs.



Additionally, Children’s Librarian Jasmin Salinas added weekly summer Kid’s Time and Lego Club programs for school age children. The Lego Club at the Landa branch has seen kids tackle the challenges of building bridges, devising ways to rescue Lego Man from the bottom of the Grand Canyon, designing space vehicles to transport people to Mars, and creating luxury hotels for the San Antonio skyline. Every week at least 20 kids have participated in the Lego Club at Landa along with their parents. One mom that has come to almost every program commented that her son is designing more elaborate creations and free building so much better at home with the practice at Lego Club.



This summer, Ms. Salinas also partnered with Julia Lazarin from Little Read Wagon to host a weekly Play and Learn on the Landa grounds for children age birth to 5 years. The weekly Play and Learn attracted around 50 children plus their grownups each week in June and July with the purpose of highlighting the importance of playing, talking, singing, reading, and writing as Early Literacy practices. Highlights from the summer include: painting with potatoes, splashing in the water sensory tub, making play dough pizza, and selling make believe ice cream. Several parents have asked about many of the activities done at the weekly Play and Learns so that they can replicate them at home or where else they can find this type of library programming in their communities year round.



The Landa Library also hosted some summer performances for kids that ranged from magic and illusions with Richard Blake to live music with Joe McDermott to a drum circle with Jorge Ochoa and a puppet show with Eulenspiegel puppets.



In June, Landa Library librarians Ms. Salinas and Ms. Karen Sebesta also hosted students from Alamo Heights Independent School District in kindergarten, first, and second grades on three consecutive days to provide them a story time and provide a place for lunch on the grounds. During the second grade class visit, the kids also enjoyed the magic show held on the ground by illusionist Richard Blake before enjoying an outdoor story time with Ms. Salinas.



The children from Room 4 of the University Presbyterian Child Care Center also visited Landa to sign up for Summer Reading, learn about the library, and check out library books. Their visit was lots of fun and every child checked out two books that they loved.



The Landa library staff continues to sign up children for the Mayor's Summer Reading club and celebrate each child that returns with their log sheet to receive their certificate and prize book!



Landa kindly welcomed new Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Rebekah Corley to the branch this June. Current Landa Teen Service leader Melissa Carroll has generously shared her expertise and guidance in working with Rebekah to eventually take leadership of Landa's teen services this summer.



Summer has brought new faces, not just in staff, but in teens to Teen Night, too! Several new teens to the area have attended, assisted with and helped promote summer reading themed events (homemade pencils, turtle plushies, or green candy frogs, anyone?) as well as in saying goodbye (for now ) to old ones. Longtime teen volunteer J.C. has traveled abroad to Japan in a student exchange program until November, and the branch wishes him safe travels and a wonderful experience!

The Teens and Ms. Corley are all excited for all the new opportunities and possibilities to keep their new home library and its teen traditions as awesome as ever!



The Landa adult patrons have been enthusiastically signing up for the Adult Summer Reading Program—making little Landa third in enrollment. One enticement besides being part of the “goody bag” drawing at the end of July is the generous contribution by Landa Friends of “gently used” best-sellers for each of Landa's finishers.



Adult Service Librarian Karen Sebesta reports that all programs are continuing throughout the summer. This Director's Report cycle included two Reader's Ink meetings. June's book selection

was *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough which received great praise from members and July's selection was Larry McMurtry's humorous take on the Wild West, *Telegraph Days*. The Mystery Book Club read Sue Grafton's latest who-dun-it, *X*. Karen's Outreach Book Club at The Residence at Incarnate Word also read a mystery this month, entitled *The Devil Amongst the Lawyers* by Sharyn McCrumb, a story based on a true life trial and murder.



Karen's "crafty" Kenwood Outreach enjoyed an Independence Day adult coloring sheet. The group really enjoys what they call a "relaxing" experience.



The day after Independence Day, the Windsong Recorder Ensemble, directed by Cathie Rodriguez, played to a large crowd. Their music ranged from Medieval and Renaissance to American folk and patriotic numbers. This group will definitely be coming back! Cathie was formerly a member of the San Antonio College Early Music Players, the premier early music instrument ensemble in town.



Karen also had the pleasure of substituting for Children's Services Librarian Jasmin Salinas to do Baby Time and Story Time on a particular Tuesday. Karen always finds it a delight to be with the little ones again!

## LAS PALMAS



The Scholastic Literacy Van visited the library, where over 30 children enjoyed interactive activities and received a free book. On Monday June 13, the branch hosted Sandbanks Shadow Factory which featured funny and inventive vignettes featuring shadow puppets enthralling the audience of over 40 children and adults. The branch hosted TamboRhythms on June 20 with children of all ages making music with drums and percussion instruments. Las Palmas hosted several in-house family events including Kids Time and LegoClub. On June 24, Children's Librarian Gina Brudi visited the Calderon Boys and Girls Club promoting the library and reading to over forty 2nd graders. Overall during June, Children's Services staff at Las Palmas presented 28 in-house and outreach programs and served 422 children and their caregivers.



Circulation Attendant Patricia Perez continued to highlight the summer reading 'Green' theme during bilingual story time, when children learned about the differences between crocodiles and alligators. Children used mixed-media in creating their alligator/crocodile craft. Patricia presented a total of four Bilingual Story times during June.



Teen Services Librarian Connie Hejl collaborated with Project Worth and The AM Project, an organization teaching kids ages 7-18 music theory and teamwork. The AM Project brings the Bass Bus which is a "mobile digital arts and music experience" to locations throughout the city. They teach kids how to express creativity through learning how to be a DJ. Project Worth is an organization dedicated to promoting teen health and pregnancy prevention.



On July 13th, Adult Services librarian Samantha Gordano held an impromptu Pokemon Go! event in conjunction with an ongoing MetroHealth and teen services event to lure in even more patrons. Las Palmas Branch Library is a Pokestop in the game, and lures were active on the building for two hours to bring a large number of Pokemon to the area. Customers who came even shared their personal supplies of lures to help keep the event going longer!



The Bilingual and English Citizenship Summer semester classes began July 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The library expects another successful partnership with Academia América.



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Book Club discussed: 1) *Undertaker's Daughter* (memoir) by Kate Mayfield (2015) and 2) *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes: and Other Lessons from the Crematory* (memoir) by Caitlin Doughty (2014). Members enjoyed refreshments and a lively discussion of the funeral industry.



On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Library hosted Richard Gonzalez, Vice Chair of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, who showed and discussed, from the Band's viewpoint, the documentary *The Lost Ones: the Long Journey Home* to 77 attendees. The Library appreciates the library administration for supporting activities focused on Native American topics throughout the year, including National Native American Heritage month in November. The Library also thanks the Friends of the Las Palmas Library for providing refreshments.

## MAVERICK



A plethora of children's and teen programs occurred during the reporting period. On June 22, Richard Blake from "Illusions by Blake" performed great magic tricks for an audience of 107 children and parents! Naturalist Tom Kinsey brought several types of animals to his program on June 29. The animals included snakes, rats, a dove, a toad, and Madagascar cockroaches. All 59 of the attendees had an opportunity to touch or pet each animal. Both the June programs were funded by the Friends of the Maverick Library and appreciated by all who attended. On July 6, The Eulenspiegel Puppets brought their show "The Fisherman and His Wife" to Maverick. The two performances had 109 attendees at one and 81 attendees at the other! The teens had 14 participate in water balloon fights in the field behind the library parking lot on June 28.



Maverick's circulation staff instituted a summer reading challenge for adult patrons. They created a bookmark of challenges in addition to the system-wide requirement (reading 4 books). Weekly drawings give adults chances to win \$5 off coupons to Friends of the Maverick Library Book Sales. As of July 11, 103 adults were registered for summer reading. Also, 659 kids were registered for summer reading and 168 have picked up their summer reading prize, a brand new book.



During the reporting period, community organizations came to help patrons at the library. A representative came from the Affordable Care Act the beginning of July. In mid-July, representatives came to promote voting registration.

## McCRELESS



Summer is an exciting time at McCreless Library. Children, teens and adults are all signing up for summer reading. As the summer progresses, families are coming in with completed logs to redeem for a free book. Families have a lot of fun looking through the books and selecting one to take home.



Displays have been expanded to reflect the weekly story time theme. Each week features books with themes such as "Nature" "Farming" "Frogs" or other green ideas. The book display is usually changed out monthly, but during the summer it is changed every week. There is also a display featuring outdoor activities, sports and games.



McCreless library continues to host weekly summer teen programs. Programs have ranged from DIY projects to outdoor activities. Teens continue to engage in friendly competition with board games and video games as well as partake in more artistic and crafty programs. Some of the DIY programs include building birdhouses out of popsicle sticks and creating an art journal out of old and grubby books. Teen participation is consistent throughout summer, and McCreless welcomed two new volunteers who assist with teen programming. In addition, Georgina continues to partner with teen librarian Karen Barton from Tobin Library to visit the Juvenile Detention Center and host outreach programs for teenage boys and girls.



Adult Service Librarian, Tina Hudec, partnered with Home Depot for two programs: Water Saving Landscapes and Building Butterfly and Bird Houses. Home Depot gave away plants for the first event and supplied the materials for the second program. Tina also partnered with Sandy Sullivan, Vice President of Frost Bank, for a program on Identity Theft and Fraud Protection. Hudec also hosted two Movie Time events, which continue to be popular at McCreless.

## MEMORIAL



On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Tom Kinsey-Naturalist brought his unique collection of animals and insects to the delight of children and adults alike. The hissing cockroaches got mixed reviews from the audience.



On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Happy Tails Entertainment lived up to its name and had patrons happy and entertained with their friendly animals. Some brave children in audience petted a very large boa constrictor snake. The alpaca stole the show. Patrons and staff alike enjoyed taking pictures and selfies with the alpaca.



The summer family movie program on Thursdays continues to draw patrons who are looking for a family friendly movie to enjoy together. They also enjoy the popcorn, which was generously donated by Amigos of Memorial. The Amigos donated a hot air popcorn popper and a huge bag of kernels for the summer movie program.



The children's department staff continues to hold weekly and bi-weekly programs. The children and parents enjoy listening to the stories and making fun crafts. The parents and children are very appreciative and look forward to each week's program.



This summer, Memorial teens have been enjoying weekly programming. Memorial teens have done everything from making terrariums to creating unique string art. Teens have also made some yummy summer treats, such as ice cream and chocolate turtles. Teen summer volunteers have taken on lots of different tasks around the library, including signing patrons up for summer reading, and creating displays.



On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Librarian II Rhonda Davila conducted outreach at Woodlake Lake. The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July event is sponsored by Parks and Recreation. She promoted Summer Reading for all ages and received many positive comments about SAPL from patrons.



Later on July 6<sup>th</sup>, she hosted Project H.O.P.E. in partnership with the George Gervin Youth Center. The organization has a workforce development program designed to help adults who are going to be released from incarceration within nine months. The acronym "H.O.P.E." stands for Harnessing Optimism Potential through Education/Employment. The event was well attended and drew in press to the library. Fox News and KSAT covered the event. Ms. Davila plans to hold more sessions to help patrons in need.





The Amigos of the Memorial Branch Library held their meeting on Saturday July, 9<sup>th</sup>. The members approved purchases to support branch programming and the purchase of new book trucks.

## MISSION



Table tennis for Adults continues to be one of Mission’s strongest adult programs. During the summer, the event is offered as a one of the city’s FitPass programs. The program offers free exercise options for families. Besides adults, children are also enjoying table tennis at the library.



The Chess Club, Trivia night, Embroidery & Craft Group, and Coloring for Adults continue to be offered.



The city Metropolitan Health District mobile unit was at Mission Library on June 16 providing services to the community. Due to its successful run, the unit will continue to provide screenings.



During this review period, COSA World Heritage representatives held open house sessions to answer questions related to Land Use Amendments.

Community Garden representatives held a Stevia class on July 7. A well-attended Rain Garden Program was held on June 30. Plants were given away at the event.



Mission Library teens have had the opportunity to “Go Green” with many “green” programs. Teens learned about green screen technology, made crafts out of recycled materials, and created green sea turtle plushies all in celebration of the Teen Summer Program.

Teens have also had the opportunity to learn more about Pokemon card trading and card battling through Mission’s newest offering, Play! Pokemon League. Youth at Mission meet on Saturdays to hang out and battle with their cards.



Staff members Cynthia Cruz and Jonathan Saldana, took the Teen Library’s VROOM van to the Roosevelt Park Pool for outreach. While there, they connected with the community by providing information on library programs and services and presenting a drone demonstration.



STEMtastic! was celebrated on June 25. The science-based program was organized by the District 3 Council office. Girls, Inc., Solar Energy, CPS, National Parks Service, and other vendors and organizations were among those that offered hands on science activities for children. The library’s VROOM Van and the Geek Bus also made an appearance at the event.

June 16 marked the end of Mission Library’s writing camp. UTSA educators served as partners and provided instruction to local area students entering the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The event was free and was sponsored by the Friends of the Mission Library. This year’s theme was “Uncovering My Stories”. A video of the camp, which was produced by the instructors, can be found on You Tube at <https://goo.gl/mKUPqj>.

A free reading camp offering tutoring by UTSA educators was well attended. The three week Roadrunner Reading Camp culminated in an event showcasing students' progress for parents.



On July 6 a Family Drone demonstration was held. Parents and their children were offered the opportunity to practice drone flying in and around the Mission Library Courtyard. Participants had an enjoyable time.



On June 21, we had a tour for 60 dual language students in grades 3-5 and a tour for a boys and girls club. The children signed up for Summer Reading.

Mission is experiencing large groups for children's events. For example, on June 22, 36 attended Baby Time and 62 for Toddler Time. Sixty five attended Libros and Legos, a weekly event with a different theme each time. The creators love seeing their work displayed in the foyer cases. At each event the children either reported on their SRP progress or registered.



PEER group, a group of 3<sup>rd</sup> year A&M vet student presented an interactive power point on animal behavior to a group of enthusiastic children. It was immediately after a visit from Foxie, our R.E.A.D. dog and the children learned a lot about how to act around different animals.

Joe McDermott came to sing with the children as a special SRP event. They danced and sang along and had a great time.

## PAN AMERICAN



It's been extremely hot in San Antonio, but it's been cool inside at the Pan American Branch Library. The branch has seen busy with residents visiting the library to escape the heat and check out a book or two, as well as a program. Pan American continued to hold weekly programs for all ages such as Yoga, Tai Chi, Teen Time, Family Film Time, Kids Time and children's crafts.



To kick off the Mayor's Summer Reading Program, Pan American hosted a Youth Summer Garden Day Camp. This program was a partnership between the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office and the Friends of the Pan American Branch Library. During this three day workshop, children ages 7-10 learned about gardening and plants through hands on activities. Master Gardeners and Educators from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office facilitated this program. Students from a local Harlandale elementary school were also invited to attend one day of the workshop to experience a condensed version of the program. Additionally, staff from the Last Chance Forever, an animal rescue organization, stopped by with some raptors to educate the children about the importance of birds of prey to the ecosystem.



Children's Librarian Gladis Martinez was busy planning and hosting a variety of children's programs at Pan American. The branch held activities three times a week and included come and go crafts, kids time, and family film time. Additionally, the branch had two special performances from Joe McDermott and Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory as part of summer reading.

Ms. Martinez also visited a local pre-k to talk to parents about the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. This was a great way to promote the program as well as educate the community about the importance of children reading during the summer months. Children have been steadily stopping by the branch to either sign-up or drop off their completed reading logs.



During the hot days of summer, Teens were given plenty of opportunities to stay entertained. Crafts and activities at Pan American included Creepers from Minecraft, Sea Turtle Plushies, and Bottle Cap Key chains and charms. Youth from Joven also stopped by the branch to take part in one of the teen times on Tuesday. Additionally, Teen Liaison Lisa Leandro has been busy signing teens up for summer reading as well as collecting all their entries for a chance to win a cool prize.

## PARMAN



Parman Staff put together an extra project for patrons called the Parman Library Summer Experience. The Experience is for all ages. Each participant was given a blank journal with suggested activities to complete such as writing a review of a book or movie, taking a nature walk and writing or drawing about it, and participating in the community art project. In order to complete the Summer Experience, the participant must also complete Summer Reading. The Summer Experience was supported by Mr. Dan Parman.

Gabby De Moraes shared this story about the Parman Library Summer Experience: Her 11 year old son, who currently hates reading, asked her if they could take a nature walk. She was kind of surprised and asked him why. He said that he “saw in the brown book (Summer Experience Journal)” if they document 5 activities they could win a prize. She had no idea what brown book it was. He said their neighbor had left it in the car, and he started reading it... That’s when she saw the summer reading requirement and told him that Ms. Carrie will not care what he reads, just as long as he reads something that he likes, she knew magazines would be ok. She is very excited because he is actually contemplating finishing summer reading because of this brown book!



The Summer session of DIY U continues with many classes including Homemade Dog and Cat Treats taught by Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow, Altering Fabrics with Bleach taught by Library Assistant Elissa Vura, Reclaimed Wood Décor taught by Branch Manager Haley Holmes, Bullet Journaling taught by Library Assistant Keith Kisser, Make your Own Knitting Needles taught by Children’s Librarian Carrie Vance, Tortas y Atol de Elote taught by Library Aide Evelyn Cabrera, Modern Made Easy taught by Circulation Attendant Allie Villarreal, Cooking Nopales taught by Circulation Attendant Carmen Zarate, Mini-Weaving taught by patron Molly Beaufait, Women’s Self Defense Basics hosted by Senior Circulation Attendant Cara Garcia. Staff receive a lot of requests for specific classes, and each semester, community members are involved in teaching as well.

Parman Library hosted two special Summer Reading programs, Shadow Puppets and TamboRhythms. The attendees really enjoyed both of these programs especially since Parman had two performances of each which meant the children could see/participate much more with fewer people in the audience.



The Community art project that was initiated at Parman Library’s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday is almost complete. Patrons have been adding recycled CDs to the net on the front of the library making a beautiful display of “sequins” reflecting sunlight and moving with the wind. Many patrons, young and old, have remarked how awesome the project is. Three patrons have asked to speak with the manager to let her know how much they appreciate the beauty and collaboration of the project.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS



Summer programming continues to bring large numbers of patrons into the Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School. In addition to serving patrons within the library space, Pruitt staff has provided outreach in the local community. The library had a booth at the Walzem Road Area Revitalization

committee's annual meeting in early July. It was a great opportunity to connect with local residents and share information about the wide variety of resources and programs the library has to offer.

The art organization Spare Parts presented a session to adult patrons on transforming discarded books into journals. Attendees worked independently and collaboratively to create unique treasures such as recipe journals and gifts for loved ones.



Teens have enjoyed many opportunities to relax, develop skills and interact with their peers this summer at the Pruitt Library. Teen Chess, led by Chess Master Alex Weinberg from the Rackspace Foundation, has been among the most popular activities, followed by Dungeons & Dragons and green-themed movies.



Pruitt Library has incorporated some popular children's activities this summer. Not much effort was required to get kids excited about the newest addition, Minecraft Mania. Attendees have been treated to a LAN party, amazing crafts, themed treats, and some cool prizes.



During Toddler Time, led by Kimberly Wygant, kids excitedly prepared a "World's Best Dad Award" craft in preparation for Father's Day.



Children's librarian, Cynthia Saenz, has facilitated Kids' Time events with a variety of green-themed activities. Kids read some fascinating facts depicting similarities and differences between alligators and crocodiles, as well as frogs and toads. On another day, children pretended they were paleontologists on a "dig" for dinosaur fossils.



Lego Camp has turned out to be a popular event as families compete to see who can build the best building, castle, spaceship, or even dinosaurs. Parents proudly take pictures of their kids with their creations which are then displayed in the library for visitors to see. The weekly event has offered children an opportunity to take part in teambuilding, making new friends, and practicing good sportsmanship.



Staff members continue to share information about the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and the importance of reading during the summer. As children complete their Summer Reading requirements, they are thrilled to receive their free book and Mayor's certificate. They are especially proud when their name is announced and other patrons join in and congratulate them.

## 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.



For LEGO Club on July 6, Ms. Dalton challenged the children to build something that represented where they wanted to go or what they wanted to do this summer, with no restrictions such as money or

reality to impede their creativity! The weekly Minecraft Monday provides another venue for budding engineers. Ms. Dalton also presents Baby Time on Monday mornings. The group is really growing!



Kids Time for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets weekly on Wednesdays. Various STEM activities are presented during Kids Time. During one very popular Kids Time the children learned about the differences between alligators and crocodiles and then made an 82 inch long alligator to display in the library! The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre presented *The Fisherman and his Wife* to an appreciative audience of 50 patrons on July 13.



Branch Manager Diane Backhus started her Story time at the Pool series in June. This takes place during a twenty minute break when all swimmers have to be out of the pool. She is sharing three of her favorite books, *The Big Hungry Bear*, *The three little fish and the big bad shark*; and *the Wide-Mouthed frog*. Listeners have even included teens. Mrs. Backhus also share the importance of coming to the library, getting a library card, and above all her love of reading. And the best feedback – hugs! So far she has shared story time with almost 160 children and their caregivers, connecting with our local community.

## SEMMEES



Summer Reading is going strong at the Semmes Branch Library. As of early July, 912 children have signed up for the program at the branch. Sixty five adults are also participating. Teens are also doing lots of reading and earning lots of chances for prizes.



Summer Reading programming is also hot at Semmes. On Thursday, June 30, Dinosaur George came by the library for two well attended programs. One hundred and seventy people came out and enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and seeing real fossils. The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre visited the branch on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and put on two performances of “The Fisherman and his Wife”. One hundred and fifty five children and adults enjoyed this entertaining show.



For the final “Exploring Nature, Growing Up Wild” story time, Children’s Librarian Randi Jones invited Tom Kinsey, a local naturalist, to come to the branch and talk about his experiences living and working in nature. The program was held on Saturday, June 25 and over 30 people came to hear Mr. Kinsey’s presentation.



This summer marks the first time the branch has participated in Northeast Independent School District’s summer lunch program. During June and July, NEISD is providing free lunches to children 18 and under. The Semmes branch is one of four library branches in the area that are participating in the program. During June and July, children can enjoy a free lunch at the branch, courtesy of NEISD. The program had a successful June, with 539 lunches being served. Lunch is provided Monday – Thursday.



Adult Services Librarian Beth Schorlemer invited Tom and Patsy Inglet, local birders, to conduct an Introduction to Birding class at the branch, on Saturday, June 18. The Inglets talked to the interested attendees about identifying local birds, the proper way to use binoculars, and gave suggestions for some good birding books. The group was able to go outside on the patio and practice their newly learned skills. Several birds were spotted, including a hummingbird.

## THOUSAND OAKS



The Thousand Oaks Friends group generously donated money so two special performers could entertain children. Spikey Mikey performed on June 29 and kept the kids in hysterics during his magic show. Tom Kinsey brought insects and small animals on July 13. The kids enjoyed holding the critters after learning about them during the presentation.



Two of the system-wide special performers entertained enthusiastic crowds as well. Joe McDermott sang his silly songs and had the kids dancing and singing on June 23. The kids also really enjoyed Eulenspiegel's puppet show *The Fisherman and His Wife* on July 5.

More than 400 kids at Thousand Oaks have signed up for the Summer Reading Club! Each day kids are bringing back their completed reading logs to get their free book!



Toddler Time and Story Time themes have included bubbles, zoo animals, kites, construction and dinosaurs. Toddler Time participants build with blocks after the songs and the stories end, and the Story Time kids blew bubbles, made kites and flew them outside, and built with blocks.



Kids Time programs have included green themes – frogs, flowers and dinosaurs – because of SAPL's Go Green Summer Reading theme. LEGO Time continues draw enthusiastic builders and Come & Go Crafts on Fridays are quite popular.



Teens are having a super time during the summer. They are enjoying three days of activities per week. Teen Gaming Time on Tuesdays, Teen Time on Wednesdays, and Anime on Thursdays have been a constant. Teen participation is growing and it's an exciting development. They are looking forward to the culminating party in August.



The Thousand Oaks Thursday Book Group thoroughly enjoyed, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. A peach cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream and ice tea was served, making this discussion for the month of June a success.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Personnel changes at the branch have seen significant changes this period. Amanda Wilson, Teen Intern, was hired for the summer via Teen Services partnership with Family Services Association. In addition, Elijah Garcia, a Texas State University college student, started employment as a temporary Library Aide to help with summer shelving. Teen Librarian Karen Barton resigned July 15 for a promotion at The University of Texas Health Science Center's Library. Fortunately, the new Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler began in June and jumped right into Toddler, Story, Kids and baby times. All of the branch's personnel have been assisting in various areas of operations at all levels to ensure a positive experience for all visitors and patrons who come to Tobin at Oakwell.



A new partnership pilot with Northeast School District was established at four branches serving free lunches to children under 18 in June and July. The pilot began June 13 and has seen attendance on heavy days with 40-49 children and on lighter days with 13-14. This attendance is impressive considering free lunches are being served next door at Garner Middle School, who is holding summer school sessions this year.



Tobin Library at Oakwell has a resident mascot, a squirrel named “Bob” due to his cut off tail. June 15 was named Bob Day in his honor and celebrated with nutty snacks and squirrely crafts that branch personnel created to share with patrons of all ages. Bob has been known to wait near the employee entrance for his row of pecans and other delicacies to be placed on the sidewalk ledge for his enjoyment.



Joe McDermott sang and played lively music to a sizeable crowd on June 23 as part of Children’s Special programming for Summer Reading. Then on July 5, Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre entertained with a kid’s story utilizing clever puppets and lighting to a large crowd. All ages enjoyed these memorable performances. Kid’s time on Tuesday afternoons incorporate the activities planned and created by SAPL children’s librarians for the summer theme. These programs include both STEM and educational activities but in a fun manner. Librarian K. Braeuler incorporates similar motifs in baby time on Friday’s, and at the weekly Toddler and Story times.



Outreach continues to all ages including Teen Librarian Ms. Barton’s twice monthly visits to Bexar County Justice’s Detention Center (JDC). Ms. Barton attends with McCreless’ Teen Librarian, Georgina Salinas, where together they share donated books with teens after each visit’s activities. Similarly, senior outreach is maintained twice a month at Northeast Senior Center currently with coloring time and trivia and active games at Stonebrook Manor once a month.



Groups meeting once to twice a month maintain solid to very good attendance. These are comprised of the Tobin Writers’ Group, The Drama, Death and Daring Book club, The Interesting Book Club and The Whedonists.



Thanks to the generosity of SAPL’s Organizational Health unit, branch personnel shared a lunch provided by Raising Cane’s and Big Bib BBQ on Friday, July 15. This luncheon was made possible with utilization of the branch’s employee recognition funds. The occasion was to mark the half way point through the busy summer season and with mixed emotions, Karen Barton’s promotion and leaving the branch.

## WESTFALL



Summer is in full swing at Westfall Branch Library. Children, adults and teens have registered for Summer Reading Programs and attended programs and special events.



The branch’s revamped Teen Time has proved so popular that a second session is now offered each week. A small, but regular, group of teenagers are playing the video game Halo, making Perler bead sculptures, and they even had a wild water balloon battle in the alley one afternoon. Teen Librarian Megan Stanley, who joined the Westfall staff in April, is responsible for the resurgence in teen programming.



Hundreds of children have registered for Summer Reading Program and have enjoyed the weekly Kids’ Time activities as well as performances by singer Joe McDermott and the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company.



The number of adults registered for the Summer Reading Program has doubled since last year. Assistant Branch Manager Jernell Williams awards each adult who finishes the program with a very gently used book. Adults are also participating in a weekly library Scavenger Hunt where they answer a number of questions about Westfall. Those who finish also receive a gently used book of their choice.



Branch manager Sherrie Hardin took a bit of the library to three San Antonio Housing Authority facilities. Ms. Hardin took books, library card applications, and information about the library to Tarry Towne Apartments, Pin Oak I and Madonna. Six library cards were issued during these visits and residents were able to check out books. At Madonna, there are several residents who speak Russian and are interested in books written in Russian. Ms. Hardin will visit there facilities monthly through the end of the year.

The San Antonio Food Bank's Mobile Mercado Farmers Market wasn't able to make their July visit because of the holiday, but opted to add an extra stop on July 7. Vendors ask to be part of the Westfall stop because they are well received and very busy.

Westfall's Friends of the Library held their annual book sale July 16-17.



The branch's Learn Center topped 500 users during the month. A total of 510 people met with Training Officer Michelle Dangler for one-on-one help. Of that number, 502 said their short-term goals were met. Ms. Dangler completed a training session on Elder Fraud and the next day heard from a patron who had been defrauded by one of the scams discussed in the session. Ms. Dangler also attended a workshop on Personal Branding and learned effective teaching techniques for teachers of English as a second language.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES



San Antonio Public Library  
Fiscal Year-to-Date Comparisons  
June 2016 (75% of FY Completed)

| Performance Measures                           | FYTD 16   | FYTD 15   | % Chg                  | FY 16 Goal | % of Goal Achieved | FY 16 Status |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Total Circulation                              | 5,386,858 | 5,342,059 | 0.8%                   | 7,455,000  | 72.3%              | ◆            |
| - Physical Circulation                         | 4,543,964 | 4,662,563 | -2.5%                  | 6,395,065  | 71.1%              | ◆            |
| - Digital Circulation                          | 842,894   | 679,496   | 24.0%                  | 1,059,935  | 79.5%              | ✔            |
| Visits                                         | 3,924,763 | 4,008,273 | -2.1%                  | 5,493,000  | 71.5%              | ◆            |
| Program Attendance                             | 265,389   | 267,473   | -0.8%                  | 350,890    | 75.6%              | ✔            |
| - Adult's Program Attendance                   | 49,117    | 40,562    | 21.1%                  | 57,000     | 86.2%              | ✔            |
| - Teen's Program Attendance                    | 32,173    | 33,380    | -3.6%                  | 43,890     | 73.3%              | ✔            |
| - Children's Program Attendance                | 184,099   | 193,531   | -4.9%                  | 250,000    | 73.6%              | ✔            |
| Hours of Computer/Wi-Fi Use                    | 1,753,267 | 1,735,412 | 1.0%                   | 2,410,000  | 72.7%              | ✔            |
| Website and App Visits                         | 2,470,464 | 2,571,669 | -3.9%                  | 3,658,000  | 67.5%              | ◆            |
| Bexar County (Outside the City of San Antonio) |           |           | Customer Satisfaction* |            |                    |              |
| % of Circulation                               | FYTD 16   | FYTD 15   | 2014                   | 2012       |                    |              |
| Total Circulation                              | 20.7%     | 19.5%     |                        |            |                    |              |
| - Physical Circulation                         | 19.5%     | 18.7%     | 96%                    | 94%        |                    |              |
| - Digital Circulation                          | 26.8%     | 25.4%     |                        |            |                    |              |

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

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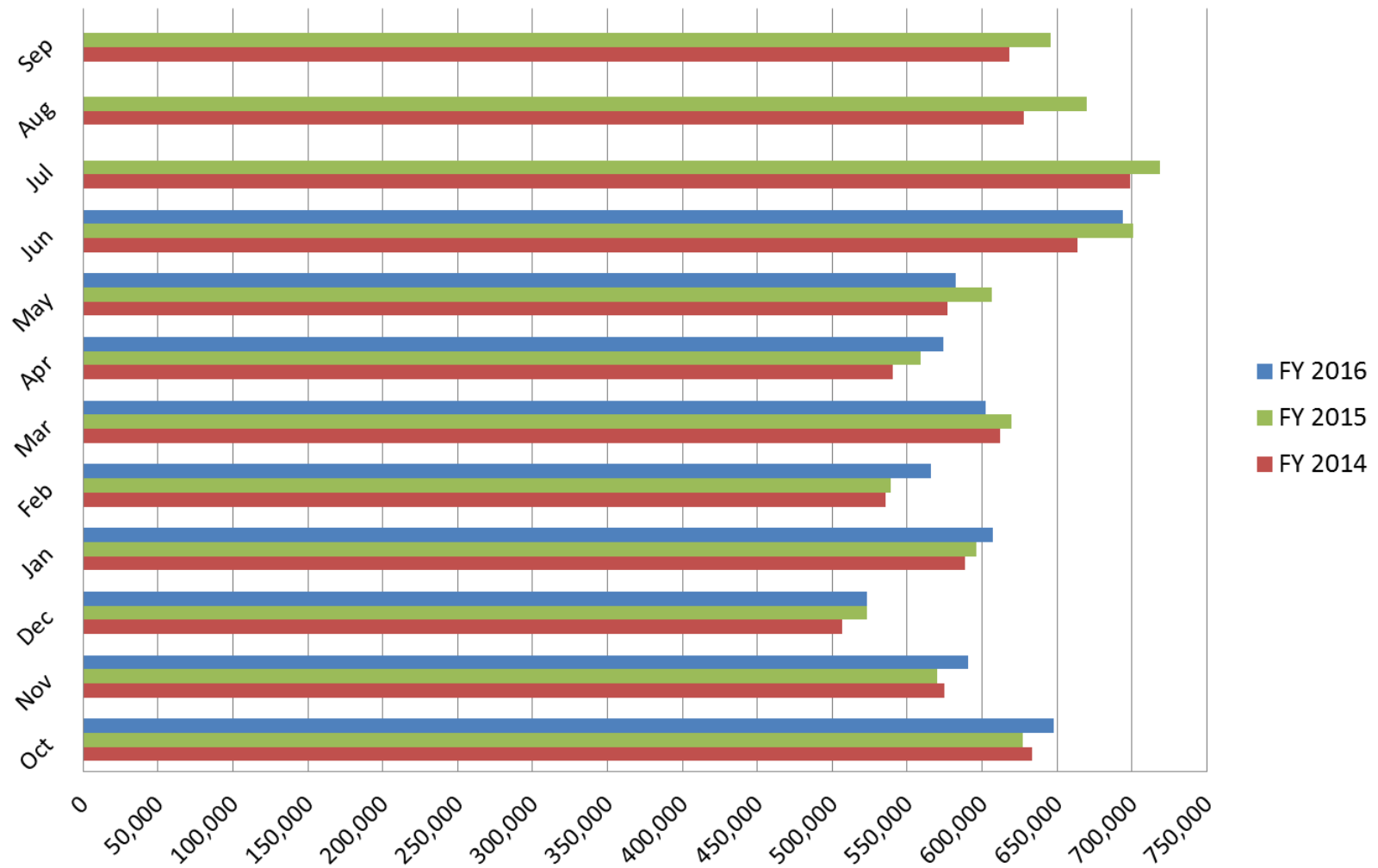
| Location                  | Total Circulation | Visits         | Total Programs | Number of Programs |            |            | Total Program Attendance | Attendance     |               |                     | Hours of Computer / Wi-Fi Use* | Computers - Hours of Use* | Wi-Fi - Hours of Use |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                           |                   |                |                | Adult              | Teen       | Children's |                          | Adult Programs | Teen Programs | Children's Programs |                                |                           |                      |
| Bazan                     | 5,751             | 9,955          | 50             | 25                 | 5          | 20         | 967                      | 102            | 23            | 842                 | 7,254                          | 2,028                     | 5,226                |
| Brook Hollow              | 29,027            | 18,912         | 44             | 8                  | 6          | 30         | 2,203                    | 74             | 30            | 2,099               | 5,871                          | 1,434                     | 4,437                |
| Carver                    | 6,253             | 12,718         | 28             | 23                 | 2          | 3          | 280                      | 231            | 11            | 38                  | 6,619                          | 2,094                     | 4,525                |
| Central                   | 35,137            | 59,409         | 184            | 25                 | 81         | 78         | 4,357                    | 1,300          | 639           | 2,418               | 50,911                         | 14,153                    | 36,758               |
| Cody                      | 43,024            | 23,493         | 59             | 7                  | 6          | 46         | 2,263                    | 77             | 26            | 2,160               | 7,802                          | 1,781                     | 6,021                |
| Collins Garden            | 7,765             | 8,477          | 18             | 4                  | 4          | 10         | 168                      | 20             | 23            | 125                 | 9,659                          | 2,289                     | 7,370                |
| Cortez                    | 8,389             | 13,238         | 87             | 68                 | 5          | 14         | 483                      | 184            | 47            | 252                 | 5,980                          | 1,677                     | 4,303                |
| Encino                    | 26,771            | 15,527         | 103            | 32                 | 17         | 54         | 2,798                    | 754            | 210           | 1,834               | 3,797                          | 540                       | 3,256                |
| Forest Hills              | 8,855             | 10,291         | 33             | 14                 | 5          | 14         | 432                      | 95             | 46            | 291                 | 4,188                          | 1,303                     | 2,885                |
| Great Northwest           | 42,243            | 23,363         | 75             | 25                 | 9          | 41         | 2,983                    | 145            | 46            | 2,792               | 6,988                          | 1,930                     | 5,058                |
| Guerra                    | 16,096            | 13,978         | 36             | 6                  | 4          | 26         | 803                      | 109            | 37            | 657                 | 7,310                          | 2,240                     | 5,071                |
| Igo                       | 35,624            | 26,528         | 59             | 9                  | 17         | 33         | 2,478                    | 103            | 93            | 2,282               | 6,856                          | 1,375                     | 5,480                |
| Johnston                  | 14,128            | 13,614         | 29             | 4                  | 5          | 20         | 405                      | 37             | 14            | 354                 | 6,570                          | 1,711                     | 4,859                |
| Landa                     | 14,578            | 12,727         | 44             | 6                  | 5          | 33         | 1,640                    | 59             | 18            | 1,563               | 2,551                          | 801                       | 1,750                |
| Las Palmas                | 7,517             | 14,574         | 62             | 15                 | 10         | 37         | 821                      | 177            | 118           | 526                 | 6,552                          | 2,137                     | 4,415                |
| Maverick                  | 31,276            | 16,184         | 40             | 8                  | 4          | 28         | 1,611                    | 53             | 37            | 1,521               | 7,213                          | 2,230                     | 4,984                |
| McCreless                 | 14,728            | 17,110         | 21             | 3                  | 6          | 12         | 178                      | 23             | 45            | 110                 | 6,294                          | 1,877                     | 4,417                |
| Memorial                  | 6,500             | 10,611         | 19             | 2                  | 4          | 13         | 270                      | 39             | 21            | 210                 | 6,177                          | 2,005                     | 4,172                |
| Mission                   | 16,249            | 24,680         | 81             | 27                 | 16         | 38         | 1,651                    | 326            | 206           | 1,119               | 11,455                         | 2,677                     | 8,778                |
| Pan American              | 8,827             | 9,640          | 59             | 13                 | 5          | 41         | 947                      | 132            | 18            | 797                 | 5,538                          | 1,940                     | 3,597                |
| Parman                    | 37,500            | 28,707         | 89             | 25                 | 4          | 60         | 1,787                    | 175            | 60            | 1,552               | 5,278                          | 740                       | 4,538                |
| Pruitt                    | 8,418             | 12,320         | 61             | 21                 | 13         | 27         | 1,844                    | 581            | 357           | 906                 | 3,452                          | 1,407                     | 2,046                |
| San Pedro                 | 4,466             | 7,988          | 25             | 0                  | 0          | 25         | 380                      | 0              | 0             | 380                 | 3,021                          | 653                       | 2,368                |
| Semmes                    | 29,687            | 22,866         | 60             | 4                  | 7          | 49         | 1,787                    | 14             | 47            | 1,726               | 7,721                          | 2,393                     | 5,328                |
| Thousand Oaks             | 13,753            | 13,388         | 47             | 8                  | 14         | 25         | 945                      | 66             | 87            | 792                 | 4,857                          | 1,260                     | 3,597                |
| Tobin                     | 22,008            | 16,864         | 59             | 20                 | 6          | 33         | 1,290                    | 242            | 43            | 1,005               | 5,719                          | 1,787                     | 3,932                |
| Westfall                  | 19,937            | 18,662         | 57             | 32                 | 7          | 18         | 577                      | 160            | 26            | 391                 | 8,508                          | 2,477                     | 6,032                |
| Kampmann Library Portal   | N/A               | 1,879          | 0              | N/A                | N/A        | 0          | 0                        | N/A            | N/A           | 0                   | 943                            | N/A                       | 943                  |
| Interlibrary Loan Lending | 905               | 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      | 77,453            | 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                   | 100,838           | 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>693,703</b>    | <b>477,703</b> | <b>1,529</b>   | <b>434</b>         | <b>267</b> | <b>828</b> | <b>36,348</b>            | <b>5,278</b>   | <b>2,328</b>  | <b>28,742</b>       | <b>215,086</b>                 | <b>58,939</b>             | <b>156,147</b>       |

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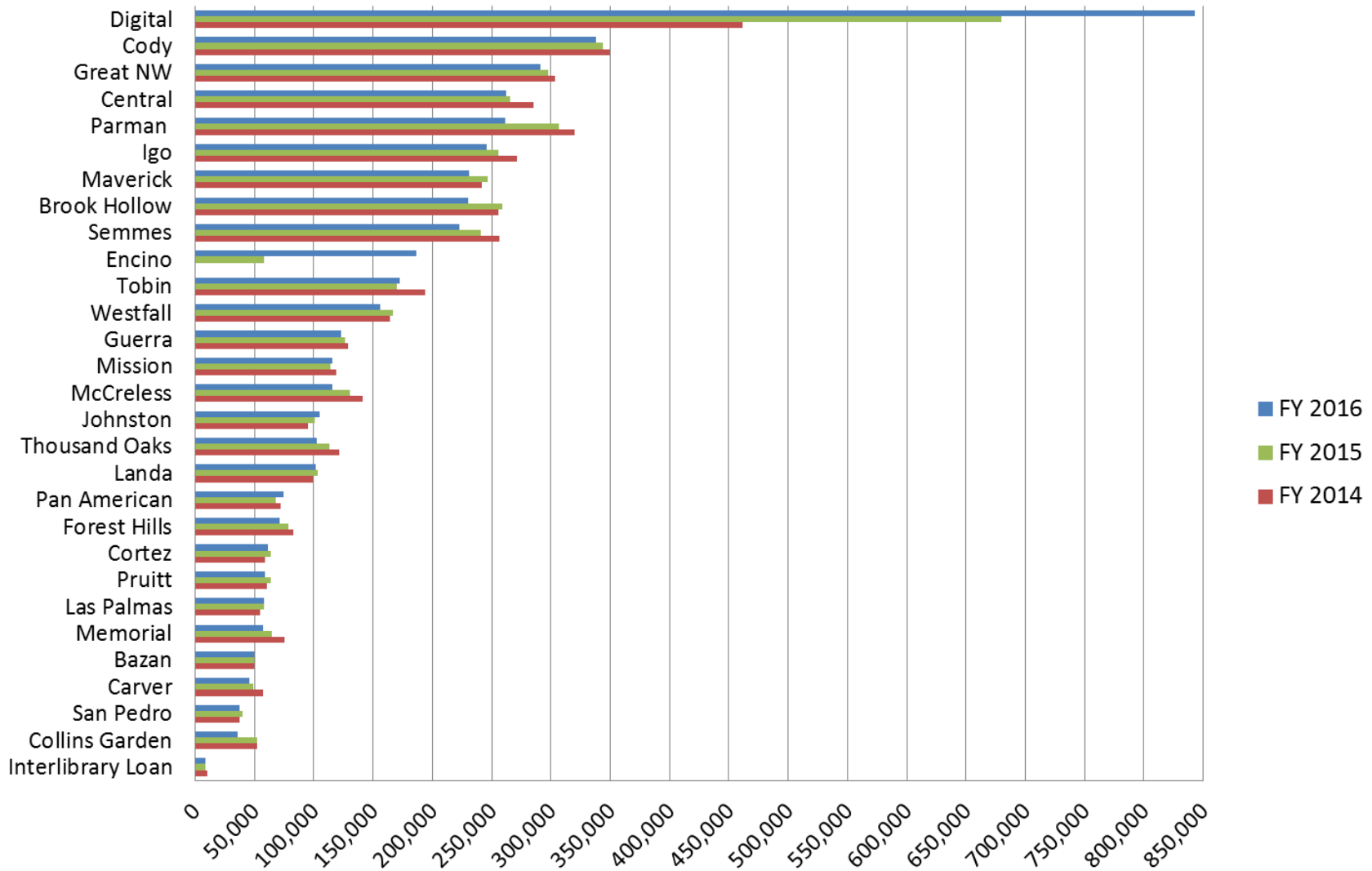
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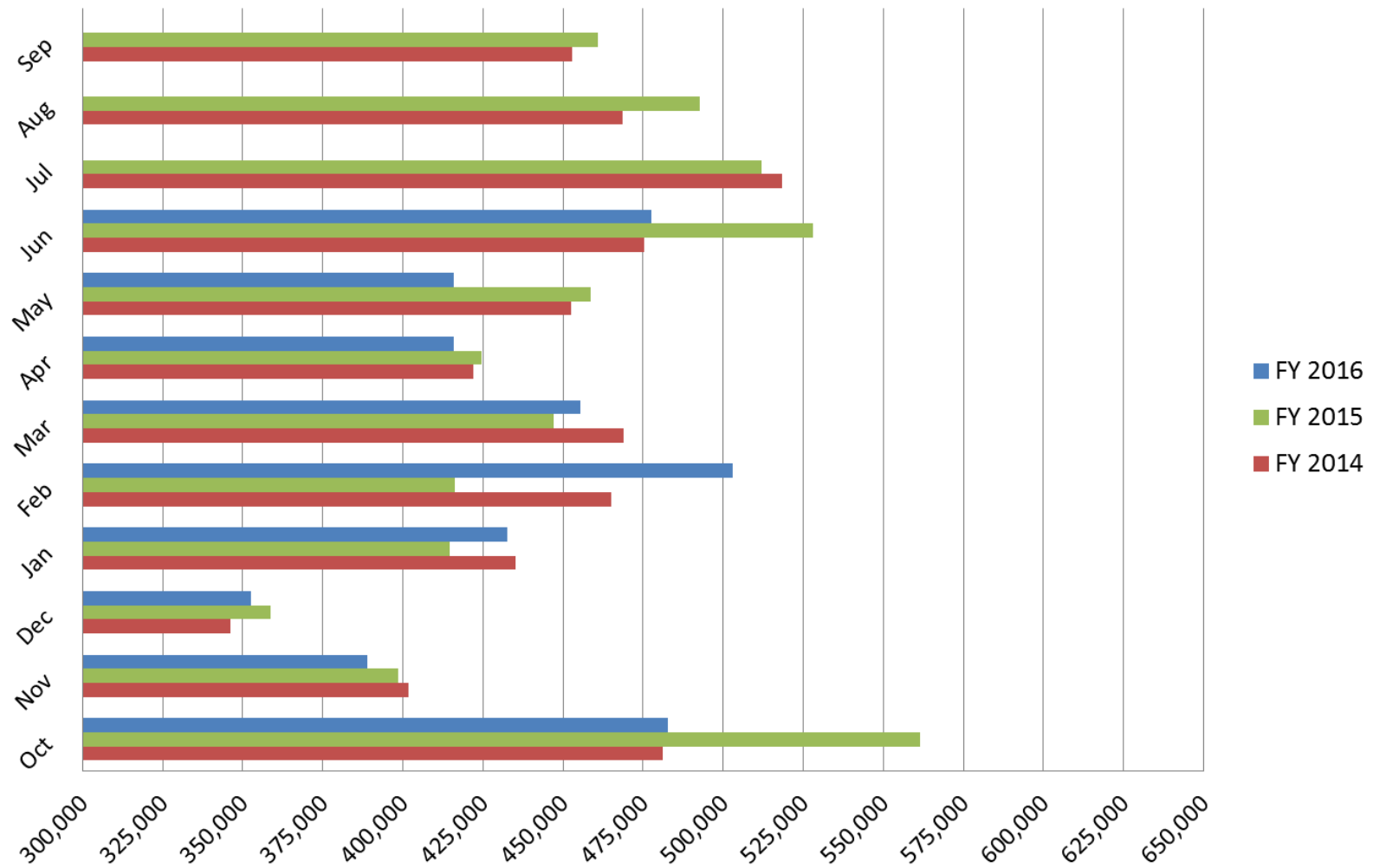
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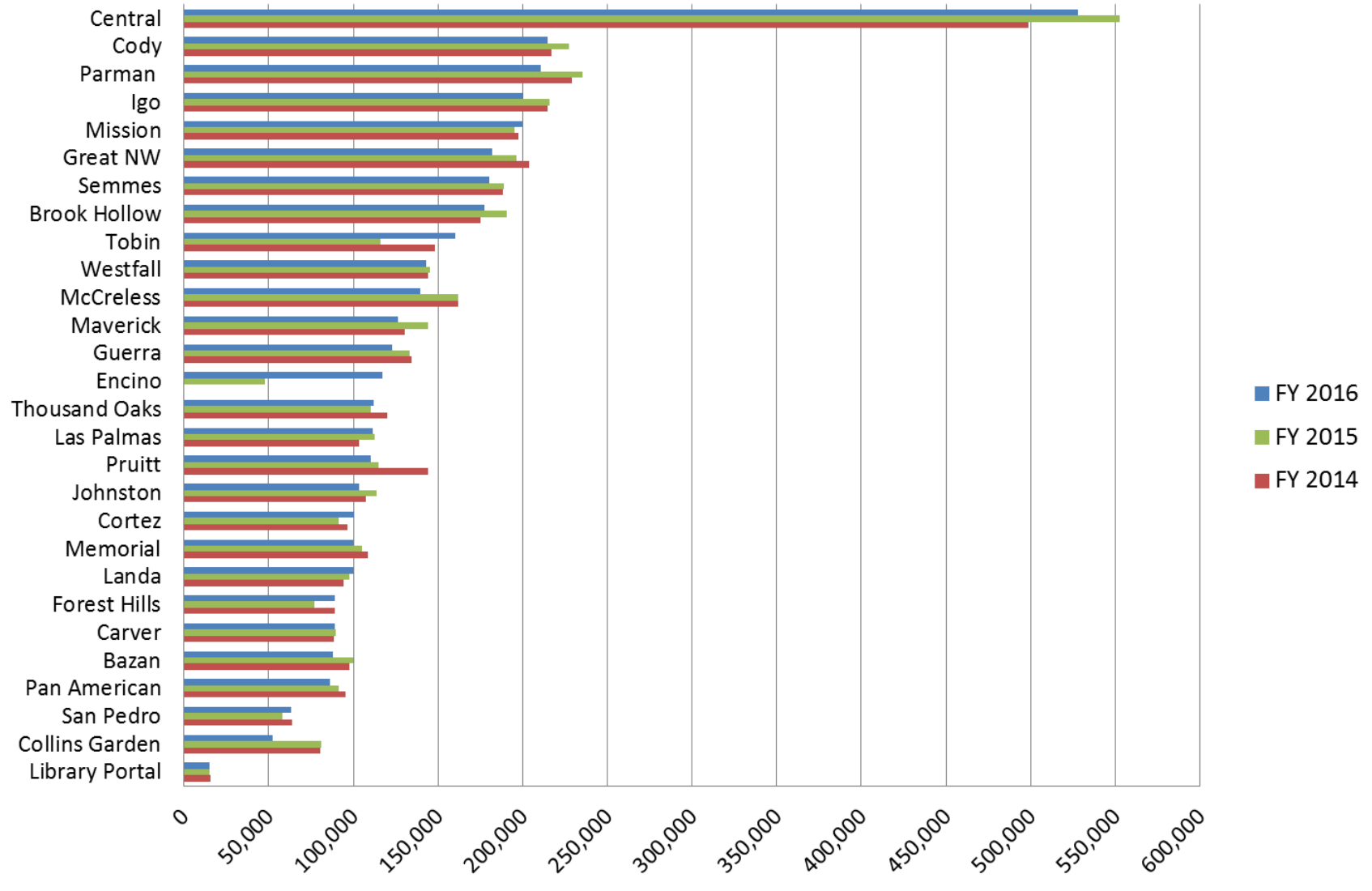
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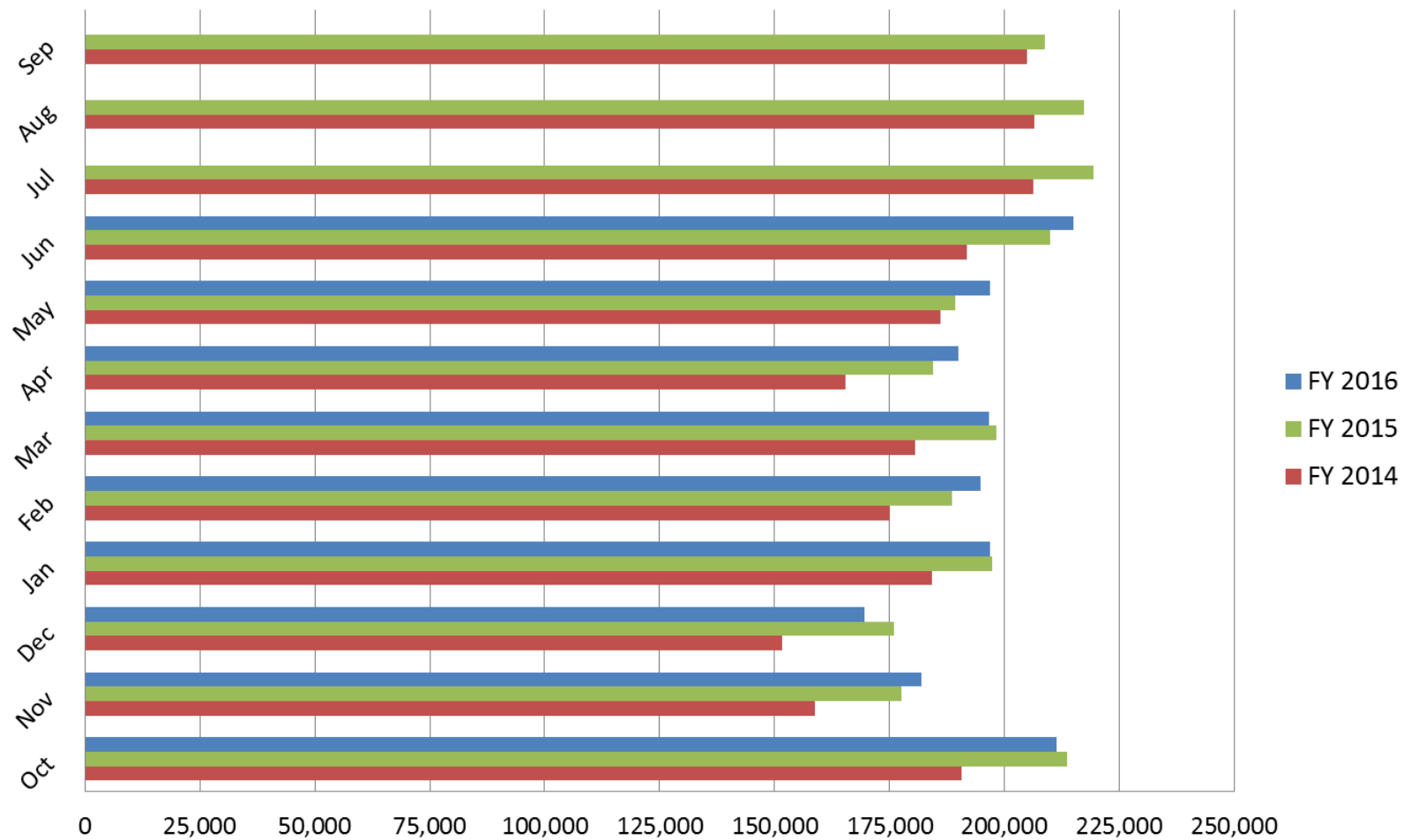
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