

San Antonio Public Library

San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

May 2024



The Cody Branch Library staff prepare to celebrate the branch's 40th Anniversary on May 11, 2024.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The following is a summary of notable activities during the month of May related to the Library Director's professional involvement and engagement with San Antonio Public Library stakeholders.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan met with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director, Amy Hone on May 6, 2024.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended Cody Branch Library 40th Anniversary on May 11, 2024. San Antonio Library Board Vice Chair, Jo Ann Harris (District 2) and Assistant City Manager David McCary attended and provided remarks.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended Las Palmas Branch Library Community Meeting on May 15, 2024. District 5, San Antonio Public Library and Public Works Department held a community meeting as an opportunity to inform community members of new funding and the proposal to add back key items.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended the first FY 2025 Budget Development Meeting on May 22, 2024, with Office of Management and Budget Director Justina Tate.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended the second FY 2025 Budget Development Meeting on May 29, 2024, with Office of Management and Budget Director Justina Tate.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended the Library Safety Project meeting with UTSA on May 30, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS

San Antonio Public Library Communications kicked off the month by promoting the May selection for No Holds Weekend, *The Three Body Problem* by Cixin Liu. The Library also promoted Asian cultures and history as part of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, collections and programs for Poetry Month, the closure and upcoming improvements at Johnston Branch Library, and the 40th Anniversary of the Cody Branch Library on May 11.

Social Media metrics overview for May 2024:

- SAPL's social media generated **148,224** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **442** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **4,866** times.

Social Media growth for May 2024:

- X: **6** followers
- Facebook: **128** followers
- Instagram: **308** followers

YouTube statistics for May 2024:

- Subscribers: **9**
- Impressions: **23,844**
- Total Views: **2,180**
- Videos published: **0**

DIGITAL SERVICES

In May, the Digital Services team in cooperation with ITSD Application Support team successfully updated both the Pharos production and Symphony training environments.

On May 16, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun and Library Services Administrator Adam Zaby met with representatives from BiblioCommons to review dashboards customized to visualize SAPL catalog and website analytics.

On May 22, Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun and Mr. Zaby met with Sirsi Dynix Library Relationship Manager Nicole Romyak for a quarterly review of ILS product status.

Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson and Digital Library Services Assistant Elise Garcia provided staff training on the new ILL platform on May 29th & 30th.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

On May 4, the LCRC participated in the historic and cultural preservation community gathering, *Paseo por el Westside*. LCRC program manager Sarah De La Rosa and Texana librarian Sylvia Reyna, tabled the event, promoting both SAPL and LCRC resources and programming.



On May 4, the LCRC held an opening reception and artist talk promoting an LCRC gallery exhibit titled, *Infatigables*. *Infatigables* (untiring) is an art exhibit by artists Francis Acevedo, Mario Alvarado, and Laura Delmis, inspired by Latina mothers. It is a tribute to all mothers and aims to bring a spotlight to the narratives of Latina mothers through the ages, capturing the essence of their unyielding spirit and their labor-intensive lives. The show invites reflection on the vital roles Latina mothers have played throughout history, shedding light on their perspectives with authenticity and love. The artist's talk was moderated and recorded by Armando Estrada of Empower House. The exhibit will be on display through June 29.

On May 17 & 18 the LCRC hosted MACRI's (Mexican American Civil Rights Institute) 5-year anniversary and symposium inside of Central Library. The two-day event promoted learning about Mexican American civil rights past, present & future. The symposium featured over two dozen speakers from across the country, inspiring attendees to learn about civil rights history & take action in our nation's ongoing work to advance democracy.



On May 25, the LCRC hosted the first of 3 workshop sessions for a program titled, *Encantos: A Latinx Fairytale Writing Workshop*. The captivating workshop focused on reimagining classic folk and fairytales through the rich tapestry of Latin culture and heritage. Attendees worked on the retelling of stories with a fresh, modern perspective, infused with culture, language, and traditions of Latinx experiences and perspectives. Presented by Caesar Morales of Empower House.

LITTLE READ WAGON

The Little Read Wagon team offered the *Let's Play at San Pedro Library* program the first Saturday in May. The team brought a wide variety of loose parts, playdough, a makerspace, some gross motor materials, etc. for children and families to enjoy. These open-ended materials allow children to build connections in their brains as they are able to bring their own thoughts and creativity to the materials and to practice important skills.

The team concluded the *Let's Play at Mission* series in May. During the last program at Mission on May 15th one mom commented to the team that she knew the programs were a lot of work, but that she really appreciated them. During the program on May 1st children and families particularly enjoyed painting on large pieces of cardboard. Some children even painted themselves and each other! During the program on the 15th children used colorful tape to make their own socks. When you give children the freedom to use open-ended play materials their creativity is boundless!



The team offered a pop-up play program at Alderete Park on May 17th to promote the upcoming summer *Let's Play at Garza Community Center* series. Alderete Park was selected strategically because it is close to the community center, and it is directly beside an elementary school. The team arrived at the park after school, and they were able to see lots of families! The team brought many of the items that they usually offer at *Let's Play* programs, such as playdough, a makerspace, bubbles, loose parts, Squigz, chalk, etc. The team also offered families a healthy snack. Children were very creative with the Squigz during this program. Squigz are toys that look like colorful suction cups. The children used the play materials to give themselves unicorn horns. They also designed a game where they tossed the materials on the playground slide to see if they could get them to stick. Families who attended the program were able to get a small taste of the *Let's Play* program. The team also handed out flyers for the upcoming play series.



In a similar way, the team also offered a pop-up play program at Carroll Early Childhood Center on May 22nd after school. This program was designed to promote the upcoming *Let's Play at Martin Luther King Park* series, as Carroll is very close to the park. The team brought sample play materials, healthy snacks, and handed out flyers for the program.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Much the activity in May involved preparation for and promotion of Summer with San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) for children. Staff across work units and locations of SAPL assisted with sorting brand new books for delivery to branches. The books will be given to children to start off their summer of reading for fun. Children's Services team members made many visits to schools to promote Summer with SAPL, inviting children to visit with their families to enjoy weekly and special guest events in addition to the books and other materials available to borrow.



Thanks to the generosity of SAPL Foundation board members, several SAPL staff members attended the Literary Luncheon featuring the author of *Dragons Love Tacos*, Adam Rubin. Mr. Rubin offered an engaging presentation and signed books for a long line of fans.



On Saturday, May 11 SAPL hosted the City-Wide Battle of the Bluebonnets. Seventy-two upper elementary students, plus their team coaches and families, gathered in and around the Central Library auditorium for the competition. Teams representing six school districts competed to correctly answer questions about the twenty books on the 2023-2024 Bluebonnet list. Following the competition and recognition of the top two teams, guests went on a brief tour of the Central Library. Cresencia Huff read out the questions and answers. Rachel Forbes (Pan Am) and Teague Shosh (Parman) assisted with scoring and the tour.

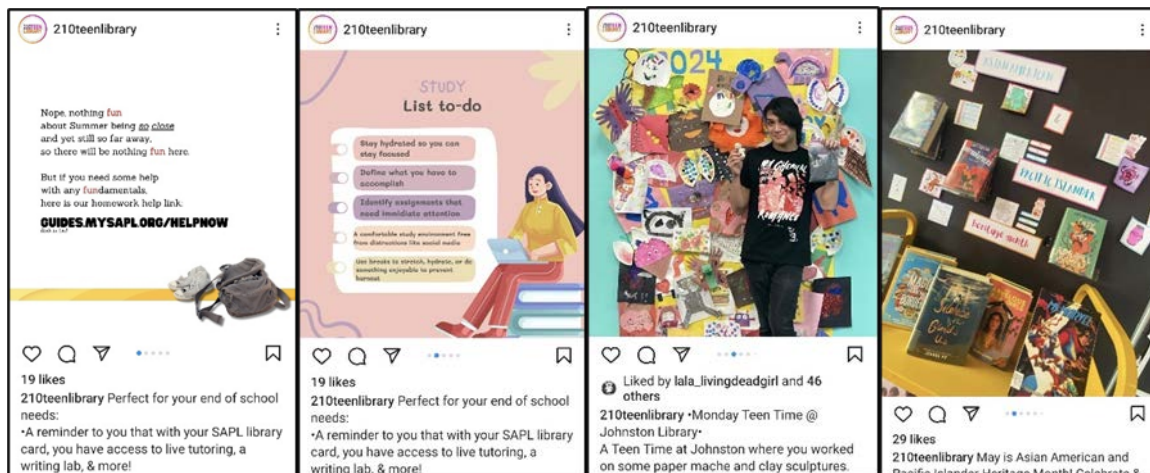
The 98th Young Pegasus Poetry celebration was held Sunday, May 19 at the Briscoe Western Art Museum. Celebrated poets received a copy of the anthology and read their work to a room full of family and friends. Randi Jones (Semmes) and Jacqueline Gonzales (Johnston) received the poets as they arrived.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities – The Virtual Teen Services workgroup—led by Matthew Loaiza (Teen Services Librarian II / Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of teen services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system—continued to collaborate with virtual teen volunteers (“Teen Mods” and “Club Assistants”) to offer weekly virtual activities (“clubs”) on the 210teenlibrary Discord Server (“the server”). Teens made meaningful connections with their peers while discussing a variety of topics on their own, as well as hanging out together during clubs including Dungeons & Dragons, Random Fandom, and Music Monday, and Teen Time. Teens shared their input and suggestions for Teen Summer 2024 on the server, including ideas for movie nights, brainteasers, and other pop-up activities. Teens also continued planning for the annual in-person Teen Pride Party in June.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Ami Sarabia (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas), Ciana Flores (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), and Regina Almanza (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. During the reporting period, teen volunteers and Teen Services staff shared posts and Stories with a variety of information. Content included making slime, enjoying funnel cakes, creating clay sculptures, the library’s homework help service, a display celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and several Stories highlighting daily celebrations, interactive questions, and relevant information.

@210teenlibrary Instagram pictures below:



Professional Development – On May 8, Matthew Loaiza—along with Daniella Toll (Teen Services Librarian/Assistant Manager, Collins Garden) and Shannan Prukop (Teen Services Librarian/Assistant Manager, Forest Hills)—met with Élan Delgadillo (Teen/Adult Services Librarian, Contra Costa County Library) to discuss best practices for providing virtual library services for teens via Discord.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In May, San Antonio Public Library celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to showcase the diversity of Asian Americans that live in the San Antonio area. Programs offered included K-Culture Day, which was an introduction to Korean culture presented by King Sejong Institution San Antonio that was offered at Maverick Library, a demonstration of a traditional Chinese Tea ceremony that was offered at Collins Garden Library, an introduction to Chinese calligraphy that was offered at Forest Hills and Westfall Libraries, a salt watercolor painting (which is common in Japanese culture) program offered at Collins Garden, and a series of demonstrations of the Bharatanatyam classical dance form common to India that were offered at five library locations.

On May 4th, Westfall Branch Library hosted May the 4th Star Wars Celebration to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Phantom Menace. Activities included Star Wars Trivia and a screening of The Phantom Menace.

In May, the Library hosted six additional sessions of the Talking Bees Roadshow. These sessions are presented by Certified Master Beekeeper and owner of Round Rock Honey, Konrad Bouffard. In these sessions, Mr. Bouffard taught participants all about these fascinating pollinators and how they make honey, how to identify pollens and nectar in honey by taste and shared meaningful ways to save the bee. Mr. Bouffard also brought samples of Round Rock honey for participants to taste – and to take home with them. This series (which has been presented in Dallas, Houston, Austin, in addition to San Antonio) is made possible by the Healthy Hive Foundation through a grant from HEB's Our Texas Our Future initiative.

May 2024

Learn at SAPL received nearly 700 patron visits and assisted during nearly 900 hours of public computer use. Learn staff hosted over 50 programs. Service was impacted by both Bazan Branch Library and Johnston Branch Library's renovation closures. Learn at Bazan Training Officer, Carlos Loera, was invaluable as a floating member of the team, confidently covering other Learn branches.

Special event programming kicked off with financial literacy from River City Federal Credit Union, coordinated by Adult Education Program Manager Michelle D. Rickman. Patrons were invited to “Soar into Saving & Budgeting” at three branch libraries: Pan American, Memorial, and Collins Garden. Presenters encouraged expense tracking, the 50-30-20 rule, and goal setting.



Financial Inclusion Officer Elizabeth De Santiago of River City Federal Credit Union speaks at Memorial.

“Second Saturdays: ASL Basics” visited its fourth location, presented by Language Equity Access, Advocacy & Advancement for the Deaf Enterprise (LEAD Enterprise). The program reached new families at Forest Hills Branch Library and facilitated an important discussion about interacting as a deaf person.



ASL presenter Melissa Escamilla begins with introductions to a multigenerational group at Forest Hills.

Additionally, Michelle Rickman presented on behalf of SAPL Adult Services at the quarterly meeting of Successfully Aging and Living in San Antonio (SALSA), an initiative of the San Antonio Area Foundation (SAAF). Organizational leaders were excited to connect with SAPL, especially on older adult services.

OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In May, the San Antonio Public Library celebrated Older Adults Month. A variety of programs were offered at library locations around the city to celebrate the older adults in our community and the important roles that they play and share with older adults throughout San Antonio that the San Antonio Public Library offers many opportunities for them to be active mentally, physically, and socially. Highlights of programs offered during the month included are described below.

Technology classes were offered by Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), a program of AARP. These classes included a session at Thousand Oaks that was an introduction to apps that support learning (such as language learning apps, apps that help individuals explore the arts and art history, and apps that help individuals learn to play an instrument). Another session that was also offered at Thousand Oaks was a session on digital scrapbooking tools that provided participants with an overview of a few different tools that make it easy to create, share, and print scrapbooks.

The library offered sessions of loteria for older adults at five branch library locations: Schaefer, Memorial, Encino, Landa, and Thousand Oaks. These sessions offered older adults the opportunity to enjoy social connection while playing the familiar game loteria. The loteria boards used for these sessions were a larger size with larger images and larger print size, which makes the program more accessible to older adults overall but specifically those who might have a vision impairment. Participants provided positive feedback that they appreciated the opportunity for social connection.

The library also hosted ABODE Contemplative Care for the Dying for a total of four sessions on two topics related to end of life planning. Sessions were hosted at Central and Tobin. The first session topic was How to Stop Procrastinating End of Life Planning, which helped participants identify their end-of-life planning priorities and identify what's stopping them from starting or finishing their planning. The second session topic was 9 Things to Include in Your Departure Directions™, which helped participants gain clarity about who and what matters most when it comes to prioritizing how they wish to be cared for and remembered after they are gone.

The library offered an information session with staff from Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) at Cody Branch Library. This session offered the opportunity to learn about AACOG's Aging Services for older adults.

Finally, a session of intergenerational QiGong essentials was Offered at Central Library. This session, facilitated by QiGong Instructor Natalie Envold offered older adults and families with children the opportunity to learn the basics of qigong and its benefits related to movement, posture and balance.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Tween Time: Librarian Ashley Palacios was assisted by Librarian Madeline Nezat and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez in providing activities for tweens to engage with in May. They used different materials such as scrap paper, tissue paper, yarn and felt to make cards for Mother's Day. One week they tried their hands at origami and made paper airplanes and folding stars. They also played board games and built forts. They had fun attempting to create bouncy balls using glue, borax, and water, even added glitter to make them more unique.

Family Story Time: Family Story Time, coordinated by Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin in partnership with Ms. Palacios and Librarian Madeline Nezat, continued to be a popular early childhood program. Highlights included a reading of the book *Dinosaur Kisses* and play with mini dinosaurs, a basket with dinosaur-sized eggs and dinosaur puppets as well. The programming team also borrowed a kit of balls and tubes from the Little Read Wagon early childhood outreach division that was a big hit. Ms. Seglin read *Hat Tricks* and afterwards the children worked together and used problem solving to figure out how to get the balls to move through the tubes. It was like magic!

Sensory Friendly Play Time: With steady growing numbers, Librarian Madeline Nezat continues to experiment with her sensory bins, bottles, and toys as she ascertains the needs of her regular community and learns new ways to define "joy" and "success." Her innovative offerings were the subject of an engaging presentation to her peers during the monthly Children's Librarians Meeting, where her sensory bin ideas were very well received.

Mother's Day Baby Time: Ms. Madeline Nezat held a special Mother's Day Baby Time in May. After picking a board book that centered around maternal affection for a baby, Ms. Nezat sang an array of songs that encouraged affection, joy, and trust between mother and child. The patrons that attended were thrilled with the special Saturday baby program.

Tours: Ms. Palacios led a tour of the Central Library for a group of 6th graders from Leal Middle School in partnership with the Teen Library, whose staff toured the older grades around the building.

Outreach: Ms. Seglin and Ms. Nezat visited Beacon Hill Academy for their Career Day. They spoke to 4 classes of 6th-8th graders. Not only did they talk about their paths to becoming librarians, but they had good conversations about what the library has to offer. They answered lots of thought-provoking questions as well. Ms. Palacios visited Central Christian Day School, where she presented story times to children and brought books for the teachers to use in class. Ms. Seglin visited Madison Square Child Development Center where she shared stories and songs with two classes and delivered library books in support of their curriculum. Manager Kate Simpson delivered books for all 5 grades of children at Discovery School and received a lovely thank you card signed by all the PreK 4 students.

Escape the Earth Podcast: Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Escape the Earth podcast with Tim Johnson (Igo) Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow), and JD Elizondo (Information Services @ Central). The Escape the Earth crew discussed the book *Legends and Lattes* by Travis Baldree. The Escape the Earth podcast can be found on Soundcloud on SAPL's Podcast TunedIn Channel.

TEEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, Tobin) facilitate the "Random Fandom" club Thursdays on Discord, in which teens engage in discussions about fandoms that interest them and chat about their lives with one another. Kathleen also serves on the 2024 Teen Summer and Virtual Teen Services workgroups.

Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager) continues to lead the 210teenlibrary Discord and Instagram workgroups. He also joins Daniella Toll (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian II, Collins Garden) for "Teen Time" every Friday on the Discord server.

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I) continues to engage with teens as they explore and activate the Teen Library as their own space to serve their needs, such as reading, crafting, gaming, or gathering with friends. Rosalie supports and interacts with teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server every Tuesday and as needed in weekly clubs such as "Teen Time" by chatting with teens and answering questions they may have about the library and Teen Services. During the reporting period, Rosalie coordinated a couple of library tours at the Central Library and the Teen Library with students from Taft High School as well as a small group of students from Leal Middle School. The groups of visiting students were provided with opportunities to register for library cards and explore the services and resources found in the Teen Library.

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) continues to engage with teens both in the Teen Library and via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. She is responsible for the 3D printing requests from teens on the Discord server. Ciana prints and sends the requested item out to the teens' preferred library branch for pick up.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): "Teen Tuesday" after-school activities at the Teen Library highlight general teen interest and celebrations. Suggesting, participating, and leading – these activities allow teens to show their peers tips and tricks. With the school year winding down, teens focused on filling the schedule with past favorites. Many of the dishes prepared this month allowed teens to have moments where they could cook and then sit and enjoy their meal with fellow participants, providing moments of community and camaraderie. Teens made fresh lemonade, ramen, crepes, and more. In a sushi-making session, teens ran out of nori, so they created new sushi appetizers and sushi mini tacos using seaweed

chips. The ingenuity and creativity of teens never ceases to amaze the staff! Teen Library congratulates graduating teen volunteer Angelina, who spearheaded and led many after-school “Teen Tuesdays” activities. Random artwork has also been found in the craft area, meaning teens have been making creative and independent use of the supplies. Painting is a current teen favorite, as is making slime. Pictures and videos from program times can be found on the @210teenlibrary Instagram page.

Pictures below – a teen working on a 3D printed piece, after-school snacks, teens making sushi, garlic knots and beads:



INFORMATION SERVICES





Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez displayed library materials on “Explore Asian Countries” highlighting visual art, photography and culture. Special bookmarks about the Asian countries were created for patrons to take.

On May 8th Library Assistant JD Elizondo recorded the latest Science Fiction/ Fantasy Escape the Earth Podcast along with Tim Johnson, Elissa Vura and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez.

On May 8th from 4-5pm, Christina Montero held the DIY Pet Toys program where in celebration of National Pet Week, patrons could make their own playful dog, cat or bird toy.

On Saturday, May 11, Bexar County Master Gardner Nancy Mills presented Starting a Spring or Summer Home Vegetable Garden as part of the Dig It series of gardening programs. Attendees learned about best practices for planting vegetables. Josh Yurcheshen created a vegetable gardening book display for patrons to browse and checkout.

On May 11th and 25, JD Elizondo and L.C. Keefe hosted the Creative Collective Open Mic with double digit attendance and patrons playing a variety of music with some reciting poems.

Pannaga Prasad and Jordan Torres offered a May 11 Classical Dance: Bharatnatyam program on May 11 for Asian Pacific Heritage month at Central. The program was additionally hosted in partnership with branch staff at Westfall on May 5, Thousand Oaks on May 18, Mission on May 25, and Parman on May 26. Each of these professional dance performances was followed by a demonstration and a Q&A. The attendees enjoyed watching the performance and asked questions about the performers' costumes.

On May 13th, Sheran Awe and LC Keefe hosted a Game On program where patrons played various board games with their friends, family, or staff.

An Artist Panel for Under the Lens: Flowers, Pollinators, and Us was presented on Saturday, May 18. Patricia Perez welcomed painter Norma Jean Moore, poet Zan Green and poet/puppeteer Mobi Warren for a discussion on their works. Poets from Stone in the Stream also performed. Sixty-seven patrons attended the Artist Panel.

On May 31, from 10 am to 3 pm, the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) was invited by Jordan Torres to assist patrons with SNAP applications and other food-related programs/services. During their visit, the SAFB representative helped patrons apply for benefits. The SAFB's continuous monthly visits for the past six months have been greatly appreciated by staff and patrons. We look forward to having them again next month.

LEARN AT CENTRAL

Insert response here. In Learn at Central, patrons have created community with each other. One of Learn's younger patrons came by a few months ago trying to get into school and to get a job. Another patron was here during that time and often would come by and ask staff if they knew whether the young man had received a job. Today the young man came by, saw the other patron, and went to talk to her and update her about his life. Another Learn patron who had been on the street for over 25 days came by to thank staff for helping him with his Opportunity Home application. He was able to secure housing and was very happy for all the support that he received.

In the month of May, Training Officer Denise Cadena continued to hold the Tech Time class on Fridays at 10 am with a total of 6 participants.

Training Officer Daniel González and Learn Library Assistant Brianna Glass taught five Bilingual Computers y Creative Learning classes at Central Library. In addition, Brianna and her colleagues have started teaching Bilingual Computers y Creative Learning at Willie M. Cortez Senior Center as a part of her Digital Inclusion Fellowship. In total, she and her colleagues Daniel, Denise, and Training Officer Carlos Loera taught basic computer skills to 38 folks. Attendance at the Senior Center doubled and there are more requests from attendees for the coming weeks.

Learn Library Assistant Francisco Rodriguez's Leadership Evening Book Club met to discuss the book Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman on May 20. The June selection is Self-Leadership and The One Minute Manager by Kenneth Blanchard.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



As part of the Older Adults Month programming initiative, Librarian Deborah Countess helped coordinate Loteria gaming events at Schaefer, Guerra, Memorial, Encino, Landa, Central and Thousand Oaks libraries. Over-sized playing boards and large playing chips were used to make the game easier for older eyes. Ms. Countess also arranged with ABODE Contemplative Care for the Dying CEO Mary Thorsby to present at Tobin Library (May 13 and May 17) and Central Library (May 30-31), a two-part series workshop on making End-of-Life arrangements. The first workshop, *How to Stop Procrastinating End of Life Planning* went over how to identify what it is that's holding us back from making decisions about what happens once we die. The second workshop, *9 Things to Include in Our Departure Directions*, provided a

type of Death-to-Do list to ensure a person has done what they want and need to do in order to be at peace. In an effort to provide intergenerational programming, Librarian Sylvia Reyna invited Natalie Enevold to do a Qi Gong presentation on the east terrace of Central library's Children's department on May 18th. Older adults and children participated in the gentle relaxing exercise.



In celebration of Preservation Month, Ms. Reyna participated in the 15th annual Paseo por el Westside at El Rinconcito de Esperanza on May 4. For this year's event, Ms. Reyna led a *Mexican American Genealogy* and a *Preserving Your Family Documents* class. She also staffed a library information table in cooperation with Latino Collection and Resource Center Program Manager Sarah De La Rosa. The fun-filled community gathering highlighted the cultural and historical aspects of the lesser-known part of our city and featured architectural tours, presentations, storytelling, games, cultural traditions, and food tasting.



On May 4, Library Assistant Clarissa Chavira and Librarian Lucy Agado participated in the annual History and Genealogy Day sponsored by the National Park Service on the grounds of Mission San Jose. Visitors learned about mission descendants and were introduced to local historical and genealogical organizations. Participants visited the SAPL information table to both ask questions about the Texana/Genealogy Department and to spin the prize wheel. Ms. Agado also offered two *Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition* programs, the first at Guerra Library on May 18 and the second at Westfall Library on May 29.

As a supplement to the April program *Igniting Chispas of Love with Agua, Yerbitas y Más*, Ms. Reyna invited Gloria Camarillo Vasquez to present part two on May 7, where Vasquez brought some “vases of abundance” for the participants and directed them on how to fill the vases with spices, herbs and organics.

Librarian Andy Crews presented the class, *An Overview of Fold3*, on May 9, demonstrating the SAPL database to staff in cooperation with Organizational Health. His presentation covered not only military information but census records, Texas vital records and even government reports that can be found by using Fold3.



On May 16 Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson and Ms. Reyna engaged with members of *The Manuscript Society* during their 2024 Annual Meeting here in San Antonio. They coordinated a special display and presentation at the Kampmann Library Portal in the Briscoe Western Art Museum of Illuminated Manuscripts from Texana's Hertzberg Special Collections. Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Reyna were invited to join the group that evening for a unique dining experience onboard a private dining barge operating downtown along the historic Riverwalk.

As part of the May Mental Health Awareness Month initiative, Mr. Crews hosted a virtual class featuring Maria Hoenigman of National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) – San Antonio on May 28. Ms. Hoenigman gave a talk on various free services and classes provided by NAMI-SA, both in-person and virtually to assist people in the San Antonio area. Lastly, on May 31, Mr. Crews presented his "Preserving Family Treasures" class at Blue Skies West retirement community. His presentation gave tips on how to preserve information and family artifacts, while also demonstrating some damaging examples of display and presentation to avoid.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

The Bazan Branch was closed during the month of May to replace the standing seam metal roof system.



BROOK HOLLOW



Brook Hollow Library (BHL) hosted the Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting May 20-24, 2024, election days May 4, 28, 2024. During SAPL's May 10 In-Service, members of the BHL Team met at the Bread Box for lunch.

Jeannette Davies, BHL manager, continues to record Libraries Transform Lives Podcasts for the Texas Library Association (TLA) as past-chairperson of the association's public relations committee. The TLA podcast can be accessed via the TLA website. Davies continued senior outreach to the Walker Ranch Senior Center (WRSC) in May during BHL's monthly Library Hour. Davies led the charge for BHL Staff to BLING OUT the library's children's area with beach balls and umbrellas for SUMMER WITH SAPL. The BHL Team relocated the library's CD collection onto library shelving, instead of rounded towers, and has received compliments from patrons who can now efficiently browse the collection. Additionally, the manager and staff have rearranged library tables and furnishing to accommodate better seating for adults. BHL Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon coordinated BHL's May Book Clubs including, The Mystery Book Club 5/2/24 with eight attendees who read *A Slow Fire* by Paula Hawkins. The Tuesday Evening Book Club was 5/14/24 with eight attendees who read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hasseini. Nine members of the BHL La Tertulia Book Club met 5/11/24 and discussed *Donde Todo Brilla* by Alice Kellen. Walker Ranch Senior Center (WRSC) Book Club met at WRSC 5/15/24 with 19 attendees who read *Trust* by Hernan Diaz.

BHL Assistant Vura along with Librarian Tim Johnson (Potranco), Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central – Children's), and J.D. Elizondo (Central - Information Services) hosted the Escape the Earth podcast—a monthly sci-fi and fantasy book discussion. The May episode, featuring Travis

Baldree's *Legends and Lattes*, has received 69 views, and counting. The Escape the Earth podcast is available on Soundcloud under the San Antonio Public Library Podcast TunedIn Channel.

In May, BHL Children's Librarian Catherine Robbins continued BHL programs including, Let's Build: creative building with LEGOs on Monday afternoons facilitated by BHL LA Lauren Revel; Tweens Create: older kids and preteens explore mediums with homemade scented clay, painting, and other art on Wednesdays; Family Storytime: Listening to and performing stories and songs on Thursday mornings; and Read to a Dog: therapy dogs visit the library and children read to them on Friday afternoons. The dog program is popular and continues to draw a crowd of kids and parents. Robbins visited Coker ES to provide information about SAPL's summer reading program and coordinated a future outreach to La Petit Academy daycare. Summer @ BHL includes programs such as Happy Tails, Illusions by Blake in June and Big Time Bubbles at Blossom Park the last weekend in July. BHL also offers Let's Create programming for children ages 5-8 on Tuesdays, SAPL free books to kick off summer reading, collectable bookmarks and summer BLING decorating for the community to enjoy have already taken off for the beginning of summer.

Grace Holt, BHL teen librarian/assistant manager, facilitated Teen Time Tuesday evenings in May, where teens engaged in activities they chose, like making bracelets, slime, and art with perler beads. BHL teen volunteers helped prep for Teen Time each week. Teen volunteers also created new book displays each week, including a Fantasy book display. Holt joined Library Assistant Elissa Vura for Teen Gaming Club on Thursdays, where teens continued a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. The teen area at BHL continues to make space available for teens to express themselves. Holt also continued to help facilitate the weekly Dungeons and Dragons Club on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, where teens use their imagination, think strategically, and work together as a team during their Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Additionally, Holt led the SAPL Teen Summer Workgroup as they readied for Teen Summer. Teens ages 13 through 18 gathered for Teen Gaming @ BHL, a weekly program facilitated by Library Assistant Elissa Vura. The program allows teens to engage in positive social interaction with their peers and explore their interests related to tabletop and video gaming. Dungeons and Dragons was the most popular activity this month, giving teens the opportunity to exercise their creative, collaborative, and leadership skills.

CARVER

The month of May included two nationally recognized observances – mental health and preservation. Staff planned accordingly.

For Preservation Month, the Carver branch held *Preservation Day* on May 4. Dr. Melinda Creech shared her research on early African American settlers who moved to the East Side, particularly after their emancipation at the end of the Civil War. Dr. Charles Gentry, City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), discussed how that group thrived and contributed to a robust entrepreneur presence in their forged community. The event included a pop-up exhibit, Go Together, which documented the heritage of African Americans in San Antonio. Claudia Guerra, formerly of OHP, who worked extensively on the exhibit discussed the research that went into its creation.



(Caption) Dr. Melinda Creech presents findings at Preservation Day, May 4.

In honor of Mental Health Month, the branch partnered with the San Antonio Black International Film Festival (SABIFF), screening Antwon Lindsey's documentary film, *HUSH* (2023) on Sunday, May 19. The film explores the "various historical, social, and political influences that have contributed to the stigmas associated with mental illness in Black communities throughout the United States," according to the filmmaker.

May also marked the return of the branch's annual Pan African Cultural Festival, held this year on Saturday, May 11. Some 500 people attended. Celebrating the diverse cultures of Africa and the influence of the worldwide African Diaspora, the festival included live performances, arts, cuisine, music, a fashion show and panel discussion, *The Pan African Conversation*.



(Caption) Ile Bahia de San Antonio performs Capoeira, the African-inspired Brazilian martial art at the 9th Annual Pan African Festival

Children's

Mr. Jarzombek attended a Property Tax Help event at Second Baptist Church on May 1st, where he had sheets with property tax information that he gave to persons who came to his table. Before attending the event, he had his doubts about how much value he could bring to the event. Besides bringing the sheets of property tax information, he had very limited knowledge about property taxes, and as a children's librarian, he knew there would be few (if any) children attending the event.

However, before the event started, a fellow exhibitor came to his table and told him he was a little disappointed he was no longer able to access an online class given by the City of San Antonio. Mr.

Jarzombek told the person that he was not aware of the class he was taking, but that he would be glad to look into it. He asked the person for his name and contact information so he could let him know why he was unable to continue taking the class.

After a couple of phone calls and email messages, Mr. Jarzombek found out that the class had in fact been discontinued. However, Brian Douglass from Digital Services told him there was another website that offered free classes covering the same information. Mr. Jarzombek called the person and explained the situation – the person was happy to know he could still learn the information he needed.

Sometimes it can be in surprising and unexpected places that you can make a difference!

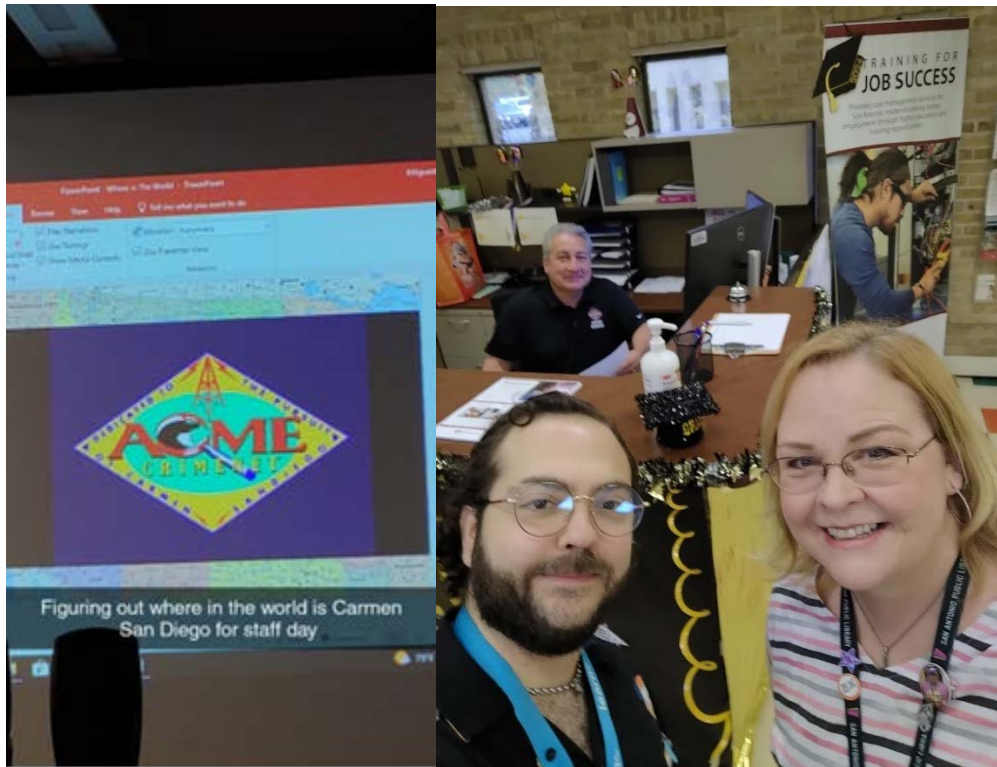
Mr. Jarzombek made a couple of visits to the Central Library to help sort books for the summer reading program. He has also been very busy preparing a cart for the free books that Carver Library will be giving to the children at the beginning of next month.

Teens

Teen Librarian, Michael Harle, continues to ensure Carver's Teen Area is reserved for teens 13-18 only. This has proven a formidable challenge as the branch is frequented by a large group of neighborhood tweens aged 11-12 and their younger siblings. However, through continued work with volunteer, Paula R., to maintain a regular Teen Time (which will be shifting to Tuesdays in June), the teen room continues to be maintained as an exclusive space.

Learn

For the month of May, Marcel spent much time preparing for the following months programming and building relationships within the community. May 10th was Staff Day which consisted of a team building game show set up by Teen Librarian Michael Harle, which Marcel and their team won. Marcel has also been working with Shauna Mendoza and Veronica Loxsom with the Claude Black Community Center to be able to create a resume building presentation for Claude Black's Training for Job Success Program which is happening on June 26th and June 28th. Marcel attended several meetings to work out the details with Shauna and Veronica.



Marcel also performed an outreach event at the District 2 Senior Center, which consisted of speaking to seniors about the Learn Center's services and the senior's needs, as well as playing Emoji Bingo with them. Marcel also worked with the patrons attending the Carver Crochet club to be able to throw one of the members a going away party. The community was very sad to see that patron leave, but Marcel was able to leverage Learn's other services (mobile device assistance) to teach the members of the Crochet Club how to keep in touch using their iPads and Smartphones.



CODY

The Cody Branch Library celebrated forty years of service to our community on Saturday, May 11. Library Assistants Luanne Bloom and Angela Olivarez put together several craft stations for attendees centered around the I ♥ Cody theme, including a heart shaped corner bookmark, a heart magnet, a beaded keychain, and origami. Teen volunteers helped with face painting, which turned out to be the most popular offering that morning! Members of Ed Cody's family were in attendance and thanked staff for the wonderful celebration, which featured Board member Jo Ann Harris, Assistant City Manager David McCary, Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan, and a special performance from The BarCodyans.



The branch hosted both the May Uniform election and the Primary Runoff election, for both early voting and election day. Regular programming including book clubs, Fiber Club, Film Club, and French Conversation Club worked around the election schedule and continued to meet throughout the month, utilizing other areas in the library.

Children's Librarian Cari Raley visited nine area elementary schools, meeting over 4000 kids and their families and telling them about the free library they could visit this summer seven days a week and the great programs Cody has for children this summer. Several grown-ups mentioned that they were excited to attend the library and get a card for their family to check out free books.

Teens at Cody have many programs to choose from! We have programs every day after school as well as a later program on Monday nights for high school teens who need more time to get to the library after school. A well-received Homeschool teen program, hosted by Teen Librarian Ashley Frost, has recently

been introduced Wednesday afternoons. Cody currently accounts for 11% of all Teen programming in SAPL and 17% of all SAPL teen programming attendance.

Teens spent May learning new skills like face painting, weaving, and getting creative with slime on top of the activities always available in the teen section.

Adult Services Librarian Adrian Leal coordinated several events for adults. On May 16, Master Beekeeper Konrad Bouffard of Round Rock Honey brought the Talking Bees Program, an attention-grabbing, informative, and humorous presentation. Those in attendance appreciated the information provided and asked a ton of questions. Free samples of honey were available to those in attendance.

On May 17, in support of SAPL's Older Adult Month initiative, the branch offered an "Ageing Services" presentation presented by the Alamo Area Community of Governments (AACOG). The presentation focused on the services able to help those older adults or their family members. Services such as: Respite, Caregiver Maintenance, Income Support, Residential Repair, along with many others.

On May 29, in support of SAPL's Mental Health Awareness Initiative, the branch offered a "SACRD Information Session". This presentation focused on the mental health resources available to the community. Attendees were grateful for the program and appreciated all the information.

COLLINS GARDEN

Collins Garden enthusiastically welcomed Teen Librarian Ami Sarabia to the team for the summer during the Las Palmas renovation. The library was happy to again serve as a voting center for the community.

On May 2 Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi attended Perales Platica at Perales Elementary and talked to families about library resources and programs. She attended the SAPL Foundation Literacy Luncheon at the Witte Museum on May 5th, featuring author Adam Rubin **Dragon Loves Tacos**. Ms. Brudi continues her monthly story time visits to Little Wonderland, Knox Early Education Center, and the Preschool classrooms at Collins Garden Elementary. For the reporting period she hosted three Lego Clubs, two Let's Create: Art Time and Let's Build: Blocks and More and five Preschool Storytimes. In celebration of Mother's Day, she mounted a display of books featuring mothers. Children decorated flowers and taped them on the white board in the children's area and tweens created Squishmallows and taped them on the middle school white board.



Teen Services Librarians Daniella Toll and Ami Sarabia helped supervise teen volunteers and empowered them to create a plan for events ages 13-18 would like to see at the Collins Garden Library. At weekly Teen Club, teens made slime, made new friends, supported each other, bonded over music.

On other days teens all did different activities: one brought a LEGO kit, another asked for puffy paint to decorate her purse, and the last one made a clay sculpture as a gift for a friend. Sarabia continued leading Music Monday on Discord and Toll continued to assist with the weekly Teen Time Club on Discord with the Virtual Teen Services workgroup and daily passive programming activities in the branch.

Many new teens came into the Collins Garden Library for the summer. New teen volunteers worked together to create a different activity for each week, and a flier promoting the weekly Teen Club. Toll and Sarabia put together gift bags celebrating the graduating teens on Virtual Teen Services who may be soon aging out of the 210teenlibrary Discord server for ages 13-18. The Branch hosted snacks for ages 0-18 five days a week. The branch also hosted a high school intern in partnership with the Family Service Association, who is learning leadership skills and helping the branch with the 3D printer.

On May 15, Adult Librarian Rosa Villa hosted the Collins Garden Book Club, where they discussed Kristin Harmel's novel *The Book of Lost Names*. In honor of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Ms. Villa mounted the Collection Development's curated Asian/Pacific book display, an Anime/Manga display, screened the movie *Shang-chi & the Legend of the Ten Rings* and hosted a Koi Salt Watercolor Painting craft on May 21, a hands-on experience where patrons could create their own koi fishes using salt and watercolor. On May 18, Collins Garden hosted Yaping Zhang for a tea ceremony demonstration, an interactive session where she shared insights about the importance of tea in Chinese culture. Ms. Villa also provided a platform for personal growth with the Adult Diamond Art Painting class on Sundays, a delightful opportunity for patrons to unwind and explore their creativity using sparkling gems at their own pace.



As the first week in May is also known as National Pet Week, Ms. Villa hosted a DIY Pet Toys craft on May 7 and allowed patrons to create toys for their pets. On May 25, the Collins Garden Library hosted a Soar into Saving & Budgeting class, a highly informative session where financial advisors from the River City Federal Credit Union shared invaluable tips on how to save and budget effectively. In May, Ms. Villa partnered with Brenda Dorador from Senior Planet to host the Chrome Essentials Program Series at the library every Wednesday and Friday, during which seniors were taught basic computer skills.

CORTEZ

The Month of May had a lot of end-of-school and beginning-of-Summer preparations for Cortez Library. Added to that, Cortez Library hosted two early voting cycles for the election office. On May 5th, the staff gathered to spend some quality time together, led by the people in charge. Angela Morrow conducted a game tournament of the card game Nertz, a social solitaire game, with one-on-one competition brackets and prizes for the first and second place. Melissa Carroll hosted a hilarious board game, *Really Loud Librarians*. Linda Childs hosted a Movie challenge, where staff had to give vague information about their

favorite movie until someone guessed correctly. Staff also brought their favorite foods to share and ended the time together with a special karaoke session which Library Aide Dillon Martinez put together and quickly became a raucous good time for singers and supporters alike.



Branch Manager Angela Morrow with Children's Librarian Linda Childs continue to cohost Name That Tune on Monday evenings at 6PM. Attendees made their own playlists for the first time ever to challenge the Librarians for a change, which was a delight! Ms. Morrow also finished her 3-month commitment to Innovation Academy, where she was able to learn data analysis skills and gave a presentation about the Library on May 31st.

Adult Services Librarian Melissa Carroll hosted the Nothing Fancy Book Club. This month the group discussed books from two different genres; a literary mystery, *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai and a graphic novel, *Can We Talk About Something Pleasant?* by Roz Chast. Cortez Crochet Club continues to be a popular weekly program with new and returning customers. The club got "wild" and even welcomed a couple of knitters. Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt shares cohosting duties for the Crochet Club by popular demand of her impressive fiber art skills. Metro Health's Diabetes Prevention & Control Group offered two more Diabetes Prevention workshops (Prevent T2) in this ongoing series for patrons with prediabetes or another chronic disease. The Healthy Neighborhoods cooking program, led by Metro Health's Vince Escobedo, featured asparagus prepared two different ways; grilled and baked with lemon, garlic, and parmesan. Cortez welcomed Bexar County Master Gardener, Candy Roach, as

part of the *Dig It!* gardening series. She presented a lively and highly informative program on starting a summer garden for beginners.

There were four of Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes's *Getting Crafty* craft classes for May: Ribbon Flowers, a Woven Hat, Mod Podge, and a Tote Bag. Crafters also brought in their own crafts to work on.

May was a slightly slow, but no less fun, month for Cortez children as preparations for Summer with SAPL got underway. New faces joined the regular attendees for story time and LEGO time, especially once Johnston Library closed for renovations. Children's Librarian Jacqueline Gonzalez of Johnston, who is a fearless singer, made the kids' days when she joined story time! A special event was planned for the tween time before Mother's Day. Tweens could make either a scented salt scrub or a scented salt soak for the Special Grown-Up Lady in their life as a gift. Everyone who made was very excited with the result!

ENCINO

Children's

Encino's children had fun while also slowing down a bit to prepare for Summer in May. We had a special Picnic with Parents (and Grandparents!) to honor caregivers while also working to include different types of families that may feel left out on parent specific holidays. Families were able to create their own picnic themed snacks, play outdoor games, enjoy conversation starters and have fun in the photobooth.

We also continued our regular Story Time and Baby Time programs which continue to be a hit and a great community building experience. Caitlin Leonard had the opportunity to meet with students and parents to talk about the library and summer at Bulverde Creek Elementary's Early Literacy Night. She also spoke to ~800 students throughout a career day at Wortham Oaks Elementary where she presented to groups of 40-60 students at a time about the library's exciting summer opportunities.

Teens

Encino teens have been led by our teen library aide Kelli Pyles while we await our next Teen Librarian. Each week the kids come up with different activities and they always have a nice big group hanging out together.

Adults

May was a busy month for adults at Encino! Encino participated in system-wide initiatives, as well as hosting independent programs. For system wide initiatives Encino participated in the Bexar County Master Gardeners "Dig It!" series where attendees got to learn about making a Spring and Summer garden; on May 9 patrons got to make DIY Pet Toys for their dog, cat, or bird as part of National Pet Week; and on May 15 Encino hosted Debbie Countess from Texana to play Loteria as part of Older Americans Month!

On May 5, families got to enjoy "Picnic with a Parent (or grandparent!)." This was a collaborative program between adult librarian Ann Laird, and children's librarian Caitlin Leonard. At this program we had picnic themed snacks, a photobooth opportunity, and outdoor activities.

Ann Laird continued her outreach at the Franklin Park Assisted Living community on May 2, with an author talk featuring Clive Cussler. The residents enjoyed the presentation and had the opportunity to borrow a couple of Clive Cussler's books.

The “Get Craftin’” series for adults also continued in May. On May 13 adults learned a technique using plastic bags, markers, watercolor paper, and spray bottles to make abstract watercolor type printing over pre-printed quotes.

Encino distributed over 90 “Mini Art Show” kits May 29 – 30. The kits contained a mini canvas and easel, paints, and two paintbrushes. The goal is to get patrons to return artwork by June 14, and then art will be displayed June 18 – July 9.

FOREST HILLS

Forest Hills was excited to host one of the meetings of the ASL Basics activity, giving patrons in the area an opportunity to learn more about American Sign Language and the resources available. The branch was also honored to be the site of May’s library board meeting on May 22nd so the community could attend in-person and hear about upcoming events and changes for the library system.

This year, Children’s Librarian Ana Menchaca did not take the usual programming break in May and instead, Baby Time, Story Time, Lego Time, and Kids Time continued as usual. On May 23rd, Kids Time included a celebration of World Turtles Day, during which families could choose between several options to make crafts celebrating the turtle. Forest Hills was lucky to host the “Talking Bee Roadshow” with Mr. Konrad Bouffard of Round Rock Honey. Mr. Bouffard shared his extensive knowledge about bees with library patrons. The branch was also thrilled to have Ms. Yaping Zhang teach interested families about Chinese calligraphy, as well as some history and information about Chinese art and culture. As she does every month, Ms. Menchaca contributed to the children’s reader advisory blog. She wrote about the graphic novel “Monster Friends.”

Ms. Menchaca went to A Place for Life, Head Start, to read to four classes of preschoolers; she read a couple of stories to each class and sang songs with them. In preparation for summer reading, Ms. Menchaca went to Martin Elementary to speak to students about everything available at SAPL over the summer. Ms. Menchaca and Ms. Linda Lopez, children’s librarian at Guerra Branch Library, attended the annual NISD Storyfest. The two spoke to over 200 families about SAPL and what to expect for summer reading. Ms. Menchaca went to Kiddie Corner Learning Academy to read to two classes of preschoolers, where she read and sang songs with the teachers and kids. To end the month, Ms. Menchaca visited Villarreal Elementary School and spoke to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders about Summer Reading, answering questions about the library and encouraging everyone to visit during the summer.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop continued the weekly Teen Time activity for Forest Hills, with a slight change starting in May based on teen discussion and planning to make every other Tuesday focused on tabletop roleplaying games (TTRPG). The teens built the idea as a time for peers interested in playing, running, or creating their own TTRPGs, building critical thinking and social skills. On May 24th, Mx. Prukop visited Holmes High School to talk to parents during their weekly Coffee with Parents program, sharing information about the library’s services for all ages as well as what’s available for teens and particularly at Forest Hills.

Mx. Prukop also continued the weekly Dungeons and Dragons Club on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, leading teens through an epic fantasy story and encouraging them to collaborate in creating the story and giving them opportunities to use creative problem solving and conflict resolution skills. Mx. Prukop also helped with the Bookworms club on Discord along with Teen Librarian Heather Swindell, engaging teens in discussions on book-related topics, encouraging them to think analytically about such things.

Library Assistant Shy Axelrod held the monthly Bring Your Own Book Club, focusing this month on Latine culture and life; attendees were excited to discuss their choices for the month and how they worked within the culture they were from. Ms. Axelrod also held the Tabletop Gaymer Night activity, continuing to create a welcoming space for LGBTQ+ adults and their allies to meet and chat while sharing in some board games.

GREAT NORTHWEST

The Great Northwest Library hosted Dig It! Starting a Spring or Summer Home Vegetable Garden on May 11. Presenter, Karen Gardner, with Bexar County Master Gardener provided information for the beginner gardener on selecting the right plants, the proper ways to plant and the maintenance of their gardens throughout the Spring and Summer.

On Saturday, May 18 the GNW Potpourri Book Club met to discuss *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. The book club meets once a month to discuss a book from a different genre. Video Gaming Club meets every Saturday afternoon and is for all ages. Participants meet up to play a variety of video games every month at the library. On May 3 Great Northwest staff member Fay McHale hosted the Lofi Stitchery. Adults were invited to bring their knitting, crochet, or sewing projects and listen to Lofi radio.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen visited the Braun Station Elementary School for an outreach event and shared information about San Antonio Public Library Summer Program. The Timberwilde Elementary School also visited the Great Northwest Branch Library for a field trip to the library and for a presentation on Summer Programs.

In May Great Northwest Teens planned and implemented all Teen Time programs at Great Northwest Library. Teens planned and implemented an event for National Chihuahua Day. Teen volunteers prepared three activities for this event that included homemade dog and cat food and dog toys out of old t-shirts. Teens also provided a rock painting art activity for teens who don't own pets. In May Teens planned the monthly board games meet up and played Taco Cat and Uno. One of the Teens brought a card game they created themselves. Great Northwest Teens also met up to plan a World Hunger Day food drive. They made flyers and a donation box where other teens and adults in the community could donate canned goods and books. All the donations will be donated to local food pantries.



GUERRA

May at the Guerra branch came with preparations for Summer with SAPL. The team spent time on displays, program preparations and promotion of upcoming programs for all age groups. On May 27, the branch served as a *Place to School Cool*. Six patrons sought refuge from the high temperatures and passive activities were made available for them to stay engaged. On May 28, the branch served as an election day site for the Texas Primary Runoff.

On May 21, the branch welcomed Teen Services Librarian I, Ana Pina. Ana joined the Guerra team while her branch undergoes renovations. Ana added engaging activities to the teen space.

Children's Librarian, Linda Lopez, continued weekly Toddler Story Time for the month of May. On May 18, she attended NISD's Story Fest along with Children's Librarian, Ana Menchaca from Forest Hills. There they spoke with children and families: shared about Summer with SAPL, programming, and library resources and services.



On May 23, Ms. Lopez attended Career Day at Mary Hull Elementary School and engaged with children about different types of librarianship and other library jobs. On May 28, she presented story time for all students at Passmore Elementary School. After story time, she shared with students all about Summer with SAPL: all the fun summer programs and special performers, and how they could get a free library card and all the resources they could access.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, facilitated the weekly Spanish/English conversation hour. On May 3, he recorded *El pirata de la pata de pato (Who stole my leg?)* by José Carlos Andrés for Dial-a-Story. He recorded another book *Las cosas son como son (You get what you get)* by Jule Gassman on May 10. On May 11, Mr. Jackson hosted Coffee and a Movie, where he screened the movie *Jupiter rising*. On May 30, his outreach efforts took him to Willie Cortez Senior Center where he hosted Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day themed trivia game. On the same day, he moderated a book discussion group, Club de Lectura, both face-to-face and via Zoom where the group discussed *Elizabeth Finch* by Julian Barnes.

On May 11, the branch partnered with Texana's Debbie Countess to host an Older Adult Loteria program. On May 18, we again partnered with Texana and Lucia Agado facilitated an Ancestry.com presentation at the branch.

IGO

Deborah Hinshelwood, the children's librarian at Igo Branch held a cardmaking event on May 5th in anticipation of Mother's Day. The purpose of this event was to celebrate and honor the special individuals in the lives of our children, whether they be mothers, grandmothers, or other significant figures.

Throughout the hour-long event, families joined us to participate in the cardmaking activity, which aimed to ensure every child felt included and had the opportunity to express their appreciation creatively. The concept of the VIP card symbolized the importance of these cherished relationships and allowed children to showcase their love and gratitude through personalized cards.

Igo supplied the necessary materials including paper and additional embellishments, enabling the children to unleash their creativity fully. Witnessing the enthusiasm and joy with which the children engaged in crafting these cards was truly heartwarming. They embraced the opportunity to design unique cards that reflected their affection for their loved ones.

This event was a resounding success. The turnout of families and the active participation of the children surpassed our expectations. It was evident that the event not only brought joy to the children but also strengthened the bond between our library and the families we serve.

JOHNSTON



Johnston Branch Library closed for renovation construction on Monday, May 20. Work will replace HVAC systems as well as complete minor interior improvements to the branch. While the branch is closed Interim services for Johnston Branch Library are located at Miller's Pond Community Center (6175 Old Pearsall Rd, San Antonio, TX 78242).

Interim service site hours of operation:

- Monday – Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - Friday | 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Librarian Yamada conducted the Adult Craft Club on May 18th, patrons enjoyed making bath bombs.

Children's Librarian Jackie Gonzales held Family Story Times the first three Thursdays in May. Ms. Gonzales sang songs, told rhymes, and read stories to children and their caregivers. Targeted for preschool age children, families were encouraged to come and listen, learn, play, and sing along. Within the program, the children's librarian ensured to incorporate the five building blocks for early literacy: sing, talk, read, write, and play. Stories shared included: *Still a Gorilla!* by Kim Norman and *The Greedy Goat* by Petr Horacek. A simple craft was provided at the end of each Story Time where children and their caregiver(s) could work on something. Children who wished to opt out of doing the craft were provided toys to play with. Ms. Gonzales offered Let's Create: Come and Go Art the first three Thursday afternoons in May. Prompts included: popsicle stick flowers, slime and handprint flowers. Children were invited to follow the prompt or create another project with any materials provided. Children were encouraged to be creative and to challenge themselves with the materials provided. Lego Time was held on Wednesdays at 4pm. Children were given free build time and then challenges that they could do alone or with a partner. Projects created were then displayed until the next Lego Time. On May 6 Ms. Gonzales visited Big Country Elementary School, speaking to the entire campus about summer reading and library services. On May 13 she set up a table at Kriewald Road Elementary for their Family Wellness Night and offered information to about 150 families of the school. On May 14 she spoke with the entire student class of Allen Elementary about summer reading and library services. On May 22 Ms. Gonzales participated in

Valley Hi Elementary's career day. She spoke with classes up to third grade about summer reading and library services.



Teen Librarian Ana Piña facilitated in-person Teen Time on Monday 6th and 13th of May. Teens assisted in selecting and planning weekly activities throughout the month which included learning how to make paper mâché and clay sculptures, and Spaghetti.

Library assistant Ella Mertz hosted the Johnston No-pressure Book Club on Sunday, May 19th where participants gathered to talk about the books they have been reading for the month of May.

Between May 1 and May 20, the Johnston Learn center served a total of 44 patrons, who used the center for a total of 85 hours. Nine new patrons utilized the Learn services, seeking computer training and job preparation assistance, while 40 patrons received ongoing support for improving their computer skills. The most sought-after programs included computer skills training, resume building and job searching assistance. The Learn Center significantly contributed to four patrons securing employment. Training Officer Shauna Mendoza attended community outreach events at Claude Black Community Center, Town Twin Village, District 2 Senior Center, and Training for Jobs for Success. She also attended two Homeowner's Association (HOA) meetings—Valley Hi North Neighborhood HOA on May 13 and Springvale Neighborhood HOA on May 21—which are both located in the Johnston Branch community. Training Officer Mendoza spoke with the communities about SAPL and Learn at SAPL services.

LANDA

The Village at Incarnate Word Book Club read *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. It was not a well-loved story. However, the discussion questions for the book brought about many happy memories of friends and family that related to the book.

Mystery Book Club read *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine. It was not well received. The characters were unlikable, and the story felt ingenuine.

On Saturday, May 18, seniors showed up to play an enlarged game of Loteria. They won prizes and shared stories with one another.

Readers Ink Book Club read *The Guest* by Emma Cline. The members wondered why the book was chosen. Adult Services Librarian chooses books from Time's Best Of book list. Books are selected with the question of whether they should be on that list. Members thought *The Guest* should not be on the list because of the frustrating plot.

Talking Bees Roadshow came to Landa on May 14. Konrad Bouffard gave a wonderful presentation about bees and how they make their honey. He even gave out honey samples!

During May, Children's Library Jasmin Salinas wrapped up Landa's spring children's programming by focusing on STEAM activities during her Story Time and adding new materials to sensory bins during her Outdoor Family Story Time programs for kids to explore. In Preschool Story Time, children practiced

sorting items and also testing if objects would sink or float, and in Outdoor Family Story Time the kids enjoyed cutting paper, hammering nails in Styrofoam, and playing with chia seeds. In Baby Story Time and Toddler Story Time, families continued to enjoy songs, rhymes, stories, and play. One family mentioned to Ms. Salinas that due to Baby Story Time, they created a lasting friendship and planned to send their children to the same day care. For children ages nine to twelve years, the Tween program continued to see the kids engaged and building friendships as they literally built structures taller than themselves with straws and connectors and plastic cups. Ms. Salinas rounded out May with final outreach visits to University Presbyterian Children's Center, Gonzalez Childhood Center, and the Little School of Keystone. Children's Librarian Salinas took a two-week programming pause at Landa Library to get ready for Summer with SAPL, but she did return to Little School of Keystone at the end of May to do eight Story Times for their summer camp classes.



Librarian Jasmin Salinas also received some new materials to create more display space in the Children's area after attending a visual merchandizing staff training and from Children's Services that highlight library materials including new books, popular topics, and upcoming holidays. One parent spoke to Librarian Salinas and mentioned that they loved the displays on top of our shelves because the staff at Landa make an effort to curate them and it makes browsing and finding great items so easy.



LAS PALMAS



Las Palmas Branch Library is currently closed for renovations. Due to Our Lady of the Lake University's (OLLU) Summer campus schedule, Las Palmas Branch Library's interim site located at Sueltenfuss Library (411 SW 24th St., 78207) has adjusted its scheduled hours of operation.

Interim service site hours for Summer 2024:

- Monday – Thursday | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday | closed.



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On May 21, Branch Manager Lily Treviño Pérez contributed to San Antonio Public Library's Dial-A-Story (Telecuentos) service by reading, "*Ut, el Mamut*" by Anna Obiols-Subi".

Throughout May, Teen Librarian Amisarahi (Ami) Sarabia continues to spearhead the *Music Monday Discord* Program, drawing in enthusiastic teens eager to share and listen to their favorite tunes spanning genres like Pop, Rock, and K-Pop. Amidst the music, participants also bond over conversations, discussing school events, and sharing updates about their lives.

MAVERICK

During the reporting period, Maverick welcomed the Lady Mavs Book Club, the Ladies Choice Book Club, and the Poetry Club for their monthly meeting. Maverick also hosted another great The Edge Writing Workshop presented by Poet, Dario Beniquez. Residents of the Mystic Park Nursing Home paid Maverick Library a visit to participate in an Adult Coloring Program and learned of the valuable library services offered. Maverick welcomed the Bexar County Master Gardeners for a dynamic gardening program called "Starting a Spring and Summer Home Vegetable Garden". The Mah Jongg Group met twice in May. Ben Longoria, Adult Services Librarian II, continued weeding through the nonfiction collection. In early May and late May, Maverick once again welcomed the Bexar County Elections for two Elections. The Reference Team ensured the Election Judges had access each morning and remained until voting ended for the day.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, was quite productive during the reporting period. She opened the branch for Early Voting on May 20 and 24. She participated in LibChat May 10 and 24.

Summer reading preparation occurred during the reporting period. Ms. Roberts went to Central on May 7 and helped sort and pack summer reading prize books with other children's librarians. At the end of May, she promoted the summer reading program to students at Brauchle, Carson, and Wanke Elementary Schools. Ms. Roberts prepared summer crafts, organized the gift books for the kids, and created programming signage and calendars. She also made a colorful bulletin board on the large windows at Maverick.

Ms. Roberts was active with committee work and training classes during the reporting period. She attended Children's Librarian Meetings on May 10 and May 24. On May 10 Ms. Roberts attended the Staff Inservice Day. On May 13, she attended Climate Training. May 21 was a Tween Committee Meeting. Finally, on May 29, Ms. Roberts attended ILL training for the upcoming Interlibrary Loan system.

Maverick Teens competed at Super Mario Smash Bros. and Jackbox games on the Switch gaming system in May. They particularly enjoy using the Switch – on loan from Central Teen Services – as it accommodates up to 8 players for some games. One week the Teens had full access to the craft cupboard and unearthed some materials they had previously not used, tiny bottles and colored sand. They also enjoyed creating with felt, air dry clay and relaxing by coloring. One Teen Volunteer was pleased to share with the group that she had created petitions at school to get a school library and that her initiative on starting a school newspaper had paid off; the first edition was being published! Another Volunteer created a new, fresh display in the Young Adult Collection area, photo below. Library Aide Adrianna Toledo assisted Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl at an Outreach event at Marshall High School. Bleichwehl facilitated students and staff obtaining or renewing Library cards and with Toledo's assistance they promoted Teen Summer programming and resources at SAPL. Bleichwehl displayed the Teen Summer T-shirt at the outreach and provoked a lot of interest in SAPL Teen programs.



McCRELESS

On May 2nd the Children's Librarian, Paula Lenington, was invited to Career Day at Highland Hills Elementary where she talked to the Pre-K program about libraries, being a librarian, and summer programming.



Paula led Family Story every Thursday in May. The children sang songs, listened to stories, and had an engaging time playing and building.



Every Tuesday of the month, children came to build and play with Legos. They did a great job using their imagination to create.



Children's Librarian Paula Lenington also leads a reoccurring crafting time called Creator Club. Anything can happen at Creator Club; it is only limited by your imagination.



The Center for Health Care Services visited the library on May 16th with a group of 16 Adults who have special needs. Paula Lenington had a story/craft time with them where she read stories and did some crafts.



On May 22nd Paula Lenington had the opportunity to visit Kiddie Corner Learning Academy, and had the privilege to read stories, and sing songs with the kids. There were around 20 kids in attendance.



On two Sundays in May, Amy came with her dog Seamus for the Read to a Dog program. Kids took turns reading to Seamus to increase their reading fluency.

On Thursday May 23 Brianna Rangel teamed up with Paula to the Schenck Elementary school end of year Literacy Night. They talked to families about the summer programming and colored bookmarks with the kids.



Paula was also invited to the Pre-K for SA year end celebration where there were about 500 people in attendance. She talked to the adults about summer programming and played bubbles with the kids.



During May, Learn Training Officer Christina Flores joined fellow SAPL employees in Outreach activities at two COSA events, connecting with folks in the community and promoting public awareness of the Learn at SAPL program. On May 6th, she staffed a table with Adult Services Librarians Vicky Villalobos and Christina Montero at Paw-lates, a San Antonio Parks & Recreation and Animal Care Services event where participants could take a Pilates class AND meet puppies up for adoption. On May 11th, Christina, Vicky, and Circulation Attendant Madison Hinojosa staffed a SAPL table at La Villita, where over 550 attendees participated in San Antonio's Asian Festival.

Gerardo Arizpe, the new part-time Learn Training Officer at Central Library, is visiting all existing Learn Centers to observe the unique demographics and classes offered at each location. He enlivened the McCreless Civics for Citizenship Class with his enthusiastic presence on May 22nd and demonstrated his friendly approachability and expertise as an educator with walk-in patrons that afternoon.

While Spanish happens to be the home language of all the recent participants in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Class at McCreless, Training Officer Lodie Mueller is delighted with the group's cultural diversity, with 5-7 countries represented during most classes. These adult English learners are big proponents of the Libby app, sharing with each other about audiobooks which enhance and reinforce their language acquisition at home. One Colombian student showed her classmates an appealing audiobook in the EarWorm series. It plays English phrases and their Spanish translations against a background of catchy Latin music, and she listens to it right before going to sleep. Lodie had to get a whole new stack of Libby bookmarks to keep up with the demand of students who wanted to get in on the fun!

Every Tuesday night (from 5:30-7:30 PM) Daniela Moreno, Teen Services Librarian at McCreless, facilitated weekly programs for teens aged 13 to 18 in the teen space. Teens decided the activities they

did for the following week while at the program; some examples of these activities are playing with the Nintendo Switch, creating art with materials provided, making buttons, etc. On May 1st, Librarian Daniela Moreno and Circulation Attendant Sarina Hackworth were invited to Jubilee's Ribbon Cutting ceremony for their lending library. Daniela and were able to speak with students, staff, and families about services the library provides, including the upcoming activities of Summer with SAPL. On May 8th, Librarian Daniela Moreno led the weekly program of Coffee, Crosswords, and Chisme. Every Wednesday, Older Adults are encouraged to attend this program to drink coffee, complete crossword puzzles, and gossip over the latest celebrity scandals/world news. On May 16th, Librarian Daniela Moreno was invited to Jubilee Academy to present for their Career Day. Daniela spoke to about 140 students about working as a Librarian, as well as promoting library services, Summer with SAPL, and giving out pencils, bookmarks, and fliers with more information.

Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos held McCreless' weekly Coffee, Crosswords & Chisme program for Older Adults. On Wednesday mornings, patrons enjoy a cup of coffee while they work on crosswords, Sudoku, and word finds as they discuss the latest celebrity "chisme" and read scallywag stories from Reddit. Vicky also facilitated the monthly Queer Crafternoon on May 19, where the selection was "A Marvellous Light" by Freya Marske. On May 31, Vicky joined Librarians Brook Mjolsness and Dan Garcia for the fourth anniversary of SAPL Live Trivia where she contributed a category on history. Vicky tabled at two outreach events in May. She joined Learn Training Officer Christina Flores and Adult Services Librarian Christina Montero to table at Paw-lates on May 6, an event hosted by San Antonio Parks & Recreation and Animal Care Services where attendees could meet puppies up for adoption while taking a fitness class. And on May 11, she was joined by Learn Training Officer Christina Flores and Circulation Attendant Madison Hinojosa to table at the Asian Festival where they interacted with over 550 festival goers.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales presented Beekeeper for Movie Night at McCreless. Everyone in attendance enjoyed popcorn, refreshments, and an exciting movie. Library Assistant Gonzales worked with Librarian II Paula Lenington and Librarian I Daniela Moreno on a plan for delivery and distribution of snacks to children and young adults this summer. Mr. Gonzales attended a food handling class at San Antonio Food Bank as well to prepare for the summer snacks. Library Assistant Gonzales also took a Personal Productivity Class to help serve the public better and give excellent customer service.

MEMORIAL

For nearly all of May, the meeting room at the Memorial Branch Library was home to a team of Bexar County Elections officials for primary elections and their run-off elections. An additional election was held for the new Bexar County Appraisal District representatives.

In spite of the occupation of the branch meeting room, all of the usual weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly programs and activities took place in other parts of the building. The gracious patrons of Memorial Branch seemed to take it in stride when the occasionally boisterous Basics of Loom Knitting and Jewelry Making for Beginners classes (led by Library Aide Lupe Pinales) for adults filled the Flex Space near the Connect public computers on Wednesdays. They were equally tolerant of the overflowing LEGO Time for school-age children in the same space on Friday afternoons.

Special events and activities included a May 9 class (again led by Lupe) on making paper flowers for Mother's Day, Loteria for Older Adults on May 12, the first of a series of programs about mindfulness on May 13, and an introduction to Emotional Awareness on May 14.



Mother's Day flowers



Loteria

The movie of the month for the Red-Carpet Book Club (which focuses on books turned into films which have been nominated for Best Picture) was *12 Years a Slave*, based on the book by Solomon Northup. The Red-Carpet Book Club discussed the novel *Out of Africa*, by Isak Dinesen.

Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson promoted the Library at two different locations. On May 7, he visited the West End Park Senior Center and spoke to about 50 clients about all the library has to offer. The photo below was taken May 15 at the Winston Intermediate School of Excellence during their end-of-year celebration.



Memorial Branch Library's Learn at SAPL hosted a presentation by River City Federal Credit Union. "Soar into Saving and Budgeting" was designed to help attendees launch a "financial independence plan."

MISSION

Mission continued with regular monthly programs for Adults, Teens and Children. The branch also served as an early voting location and election day voting center.

Teens participated in crafting their experience at Mission by choosing a number of activities. They chose to make perler sushi, pancake art, and to paint on mini canvases. Teens also competed and worked in teams to create the best marshmallow launcher (made from craft sticks) and who knew the most music trivia (Disney songs). Teens also played the Nintendo Switch and table tennis. Librarian Cindy Cruz also

visited the Villa Coronado Resource Center (COSA Metro Health) to make bubble magnets with teens from the area.

Librarian Oscar Gonzalez participated in the Culturally Inclusive Planetary Engagement Workshop that happened from May 16 to May 18th.

On May 18th Mission had a very popular indoor-outdoor program: "Come Explore the Solar System with NASA." Many NASA scientists were on site to provide hands on activities for participants and to answer any questions anyone may have about the solar system. There were many interactions and questions about NASA and planet exploration from all participants.

PAN AMERICAN

On May 5th, Children's Librarian Rachel Forbes attended SAPLF's Literacy Luncheon with Adam Rubin and promoted library services with the luncheon's attendees. To prepare for Summer Reading, Ms. Forbes assisted the Central Children's department and sorted summer reading books. She also attended a Coffee with the Principal event at Stonewall Flanders Elementary School to promote Summer Reading. On May 15th, she attended the Battle of the Books competition at the Central Library and worked with students, faculty, and parents. In June, Ms. Forbes hosted five Story Times, four Lego Times, five Tween Times, and five Family Fun Times. Also, during the month of May, Ms. Forbes had a variety of Come and Go crafts including Star Wars themed and bug crafts. There was also a month long musical-themed scavenger hunt. Both passive programs had over 73 participants!

During Teen Time in May, teens played video games on the PS5, made perler bead creations, played with air dry clay, and had a music listening party. This was the last month for the branch's practicum teen volunteer. The teen volunteer assisted both the teen librarian and children's librarian with various tasks during the spring semester. She said she learned valuable skills from volunteering at the library. Ms. Nunez also visited McCollum High School for an outreach visit during the school library's lunchtime courtyard event. The teens were able to make their own buttons and picked up some free pencils, stickers, and flyers.

On May 7th River City Federal Credit Union hosted the "Soar into Saving & Budgeting" teaching how to activate saving and budgeting strategies with practical money management tips and tools. On May 8th the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition hosted the program "Got Cats?" 12 patrons attended. On May 24th Eneida Prater, Valerie Saucedo, & Jennifer Gutierrez hosted a 210 Swiftie Book Marker Program. Swifties and their families got to make bookmarks for their favorite "Taylor Swift Era". Over Eighty people attended the program.



The Pan American team were able to participate in multiple activities for Staff Inservice. Team building and training activities helped Pan American practice and pilot ideas for Adult, Teen and Children's programming.



PARMAN

This May, the Parman Branch hosted its second History Faire. Reenactors shared their historical skills with more than 350 attendees. Parman guests enjoyed a variety of activities, including interacting with historical tradespeople, watching sword fights, enjoying live music, participating in historical dance class. Visitors also enjoyed participating in medieval sports such as axe throwing and archery. In May, to celebrate National Pet Week, Parman Branch hosted a special program "Sit, Stay, Learn!" - a dog training session led by a member of the city's Animal Care Services department and her adorable canine assistant. Later in May, a captivating Bharatanatyam dance performance celebrating AAPI was as usual, very well received by our patrons.

The Spanish book club Entre Paginas met for the first time. Led by library aide Veronica Yau, this group had a great time discussing Isabel Allende's *Más allá del invierno* and chose the book for their next meeting. Library assistant Melissa Moser also held an out of this world meeting for the Indecisive Book Club, which met to talk about *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir.



Our ongoing weekly adult programs continued to excel throughout May. The weekly Qi Gong and meditation classes saw growing attendance. The Polish Language and Culture Club and the Ukrainian Language and Culture Club hosted an engaging event where participants created stickers with traditional Ukrainian designs, adding a creative and cultural touch to our proposals. Overall, May was a vibrant and successful month for the Parman Branch adults with a variety of events and programs that engaged and delighted our community. May was a busy month for our Parman teens, filled with AP exams and graduation preparations, yet they still found time to unwind with friends at Teen Time by making soap, watching movies, creating Shrinky Dinks, making slime, and socializing. AP exams provided a shared experience for bonding, and one teen even taught watercolor techniques during Teen Time. We promoted SAPL opportunities at Pieper High School, where students showed great interest in summer volunteering. At Bot Camp, our teen volunteers explored Scratch, participated in a marble drop challenge, built bristle bots, and celebrated the end of STEM camp with a social gathering, marking a successful and fun-filled experience.



There were lots of celebrations in **Cuentos y Canciones** this month. Dia de las Madres was celebrated with Eric Carle's The Grouchy Ladybug and a craft project with hands painted and stamped on a sheet as flowers. Miss Veronica talked about being polite and not grouchy like the ladybug. One of the friends had a birthday and everyone sang "Feliz Cumpleanos" to him. He turned five years old!

The Baby Story Time attendees enjoyed bouncing rhymes, action songs, and shakers in May. Bouncing rhymes are great for allowing infants to feel the rhythm of language and to develop balance and spatial abilities.

Toddlers at Toddler Story Time loved Jane Cabrera's If You're Happy and You Know It book as we read and sang about lots of animals and the sounds they make. Everyone was engaged! Toddlers also enjoyed playing with the parachute.

Family Story Time patrons loved singing “Old MacDonald” with the help of farm animal puppets. Afterwards they enjoyed painting farm scenes with watercolors.



Kids in Creator Club helped prepare for summer by working on under the sea collaborative art pieces to hang on the meeting room walls in June! Creators also enjoyed using modeling magic to create sculptures, making designs with geoboards and constructing elaborate buildings with Magna-Tiles.

In Tween Time, kids created pom-pom animals out of yarn, made Mother’s Day cards out of variety of materials and spent a very messy hour making cloud dough and slime!

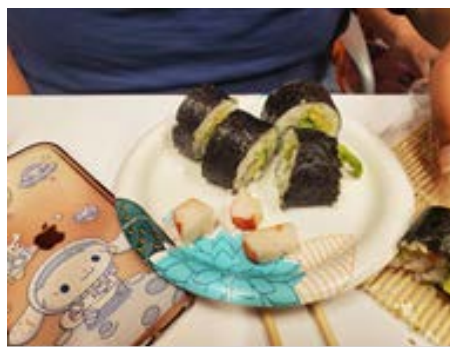
POTRANCO

Children’s Services:

Librarian Leandro attended a Career Day at Mora Elementary where she presented to about 35 children and their parents. The beginning of the month brought along well attended story times and crafts for children time & Tween Time that included: Slime, shrinky dinks, DIY snow globes and Lego creations.

Teen Services:

Sherry Ross, Teen Services Librarian at Potranco, facilitated weekly programs for teens aged 13 to 18, utilizing the library’s “Create” space and the dedicated Teen Area. During the weekly Teen Time, teens enjoyed various activities that they chose and planned, including making Sushi and Boba Tea in recognition of May being Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. Teen Time provides teens a venue to explore their interests while experiencing positive social interactions with their peers. Several teens were onboarded as new volunteers while the group said goodbye to teens graduating or aging out of teen programming. In addition to helping around the branch and maintaining the Teen Area, teen volunteers practice leadership skills by alternating the “lead” role for Teen Time and running other teen programs, including the Chapter Chatters Teen Book Club and the Young Writers Group. On May 29, Ms. Ross joined forces with Esperanza Meekins (Igo) and Michael Harle (Carver) to promote summer programming to the students at O’Connor High School, encouraging the teens to visit different library locations to get a free teens-only T-shirt, sign up for a library card, and check out the activities each branch has to offer.



Adult Services:

On Sunday, May 5th Ms. Zeig presented the film *Joy Ride* as part of the library's Asian-Pacific Heritage Month events. On Thursday, May 9, she hosted the Animal Defense League for a presentation on humane education as part of the library's Pet Week initiative. On Wednesday, May 15, she hosted professional beekeeper Konrad Bouffard and the Talking Bees Roadshow for a program targeted to older adults. Mr. Bouffard gave a delightfully informative presentation on honeybees that the audience thoroughly enjoyed. He brought samples of bee pollen for participants to try as well as different types of honey. All participants left with a bottle of delicious Me and the Bees honey lemonade courtesy of the Healthy Hive Foundation. The lemonade is made in the Austin area and uses wildflower honey from Mr. Bouffard's hives.

On Sunday, May 19, Ms. Zeig hosted a program titled *Spring into Landscape Gardening* with Master Gardener Grace Emery as part of the Dig It summer gardening series. Ms. Emery shared best gardening practices that will set up local landscape beds and lawns for strong spring growth and beautiful blooms. Geared towards beginning gardeners, participants learned about important tasks to complete to refresh, to renew, and to revitalize their garden.

Librarian Zeig hosted the last *Hormones and Hot Flashes* program on Sunday, May 26 due to waning attendance. Patrons that are experiencing perimenopause or are in menopause were encouraged to come listen to a podcast, chat, and color. This month's podcasts featured Alice Morrison, Adventurer, Author and Broadcaster discussing "Travel, Adventure & the Midlife Woman."

Librarian Zeig held two book clubs this month. The morning and evening versions of Shelf Indulgence, on May 21, discussed this month's selection, *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix. Next month's selection is *White Ivy* by Susie Yang. Librarian Zeig and Circulation Attendant Tiffany Pineda continue to host *Dreaded Threads* on Monday evenings. *Dreaded Threads* continues to be one of our best attended adult programs and we are delighted to see our regular patrons as well as new faces every week.

Chess! At Potranco continues to be very popular. Volunteer Chess Master David Pacheco III brought his skills and enthusiasm for the game to Potranco on May 25.

The Potranco branch participated in Collection Development's Asian Pacific Heritage Month book display for May and the offerings were heavily circulated.

Potranco Writers Group

In May, the Potranco Writers Group continued its twice monthly meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Attendance numbers have been steadily strong, in the 12-15 participant's range. Members have been submitting materials for the 2024 Potranco Writers Group Anthology, with more participants than in last year's inaugural edition. Target date for publication of the 2024 anthology is

September 1, 2024.



PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

In May 2024, Pruitt's Children's Services celebrated Spring by hatching Painted Lady Butterflies and releasing them in the Roosevelt Community Garden. Butterfly songs and dances were learned during their *Toddler Story Times* and *Sensory Play Times*. The story sessions featured songs and books about butterflies and springtime activities. In the *Sensory Play Time* sessions, children had the opportunity to interact with various sensory bins like a gardening bin, construction bin, and frog pond water station. They also enhanced their fine motor and prewriting skills by creating play dough butterflies.

The branch finished its Spring Session of the *Children's Yoga* program led by instructor, Ms. Lissette. To celebrate their hard work, each participant demonstrated their favorite asana and the group practiced partner yoga.

Pruitt's Children's Services organized nine programs tailored for young children and school-age kids, with 117 members of the Pruitt community actively participating in May.



May saw the concluding sessions of the *Pruitt Community Gardening Program*, with patrons taking a very short field trip to the community garden down the sidewalk from the Pruitt library to discuss cash for garden-based cottage products and learn how to process and save seeds for later planting.

Patrons also turned out to play and observe during Pruitt's *Community Chess Tournament*. Community partner Rackspace provided boxed lunches while Chess Master Alex Weinberg coordinated the four-round tournament for beginner children, advanced children, teen, and adult players.



SAN PEDRO

The San Pedro Branch Library provided a variety of programs and services in May. Programs for children, teen and adults were offered either weekly or once per month.

In May, the San Pedro Branch continued to provide the community an opportunity to play chess together. The matches were 30-minute time control for each side with an entire game of 1 hour. Additionally, the branch continued to host "Yarn Over to San Pedro" where the public could knit and crochet different projects. Needle crafters of all kinds were welcomed and invited to bring their own project to work on. Beginners were welcomed as well. Once you get started, we'll have you hooked!

Librarian Karen Braeuler facilitated the monthly book club at Chandler Senior Living. Eight seniors enjoyed discussing "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler, continued Saturday morning Toddler Time and Baby Time. Attendance was strong and many families were appreciative of weekend programming. Everyone had a good time sharing the experience and socializing together. Ms. Braeuler reported patron travel from all over the city to attend the programs at San Pedro.

The San Pedro Branch hosted 75 6th graders from Mark Twain Dual Language Academy in 3 visits. Students learned about the public library and most received library cards.

In May, the San Pedro Branch continued to host 'Playthings' is an exhibition of ceramic and soft sculpture by Michael Guerra Foerster that explores ideas of connection, play and memory. Much of the work resembles toys or cartoon characters and speaks to the brevity and joy of youth. Placing the work within the children's section of San Pedro Branch Library intentionally puts it in close proximity to kids, who are able to engage with it in an altogether different and perhaps more meaningful way.



SCHAEFER

In May, Dacari Lambert, Teen Services Librarian at Schaefer Branch Library facilitated weekly Teen Time alongside teen volunteers. During Teen Time, teens engaged in peer led programming/activities. In addition to regularly occurring teen programs, Dacari continued to work in partnership with the Vocational 18 program at East Central High School to host two groups of student volunteers on a weekly basis, to gain real world work experience.

For systemwide efforts, Dacari continues to work with the San Antonio Public Library Queer Committee, the Trauma Informed steering committee, and is in the process of developing a new systemwide workgroup: the Native American and Indigenous Committee, with colleagues Lisa Puchot and Morgan Yoshimura. Dacari continued to engage in work with Teen Services committees: Virtual Teen Services, Teen Pride, and Professional Development.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted the Fiber Arts Social Hour, where patrons bring their projects to work on while visiting with fellow crafters. She hosted an Adult Lego Time, where patrons created masterpieces that we put on display in the branch. She hosted an Adult Crafts program, where patrons used Moroccan beads to make jewelry. Some made bracelets and necklaces for themselves, and some made jewelry as gifts for loved ones. Blanca hosted a Homemade Pet Food Made Easy, where patrons learned how to make homemade basic dog and cat food for their furry family members. Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, demonstrated how to make the food and patrons got to take samples of what she

made home with them. She published a catalog list of popular titles for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) program. Blanca created a May the 4th Be With You display highlighting Star Wars themed material and a pet themed book display during National Pet Week.



During the month of May, the Adult Services Librarian coordinated the on-going, weekly health and fitness program at Schaefer: "Cardio-Dance Class", which features a moderate dance workout led by a Schaefer community member. On May 9, 2024, in collaboration with Adult Services Older Adults programming initiative, the Adult Services Librarian cohosted a Loteria for Older Adults program with Debbie Countess and Sylvia Reyna of Texana. On May 10, 2024, the Adult Services Librarian hosted the monthly Board Game Social program.

Schaefer's offerings of children's programs for the spring session ended in mid-May. Outdoor Family Story Time, Baby Time, Read to a Dog, Let's Build: LEGO Time, Let's Build: Blocks & More, Let's Create: Come & Go Art all paused until June. A group of children from Pre-K 4 SA attended LEGO Time on May 15 with their teachers and parents for a community field trip. KLRN's eight-week Play and Learn session at Schaefer concluded on May 31.

SEMMES

Semmes children's programming for May 2024 included: Five sessions of Preschool Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 with 182 children and 149 grownups attending. Five sessions of Toddler Story Time on Thursday mornings at 10:00 with 193 children and 164 grownups attending. Five sessions of Baby Story Time with 81 babies and 81 grownups attending. Two sessions of Read to a Dog on Mondays with 27 children and 18 adults attending and one session of Let's Build: LEGOs & More with 15 children and 10 adults attending. Ms. Randi recorded a story for the Dial-a-Story line on May 10, 14, and 31. She also helped check-in poets at the Young Pegasus Poetry Contest winner's ceremony on May 19. This year the ceremony had a beautiful venue, the Briscoe Western Art Museum on Market Street. Ms. Randi had so much fun meeting all the poets and hearing their winning poems read aloud! One of the winning poets, now a teenager, was a regular at Ms. Randi's story times when she was a baby, toddler and preschooler.

Read to a Dog from May 6 and May 20:



Baby Story Time on May 23



Semmes Adult services continued with the very popular Chess Time and Table Tennis, the later only slightly interrupted by the two times the library played host to voting. The Shelf Obsessed Book Club has grown to where it is less practical to host it in the Quiet Room, but Tai Ji had to take a break due to the unavailability of the meeting room. It returns in June! On May 19th, Semmes Library hosted another Plant Swap. Patrons who participated enjoyed talking about plants, sharing gardening tips and taking new plants home. A Rock Painting craft was also enjoyed by many.



Tweens coming to weekly Tween Time were able to let out steam as the school year came to an end by working with Perler Beads, completing a scavenger hunt around the library, and teaching each other new



games, like the card game Spoons.

Semmes Teen programming continues to be influenced and led by the teens themselves. A teen volunteer organized Teen Gaming sessions on May 6 and 13 where participants organized a Smash Bros Tournament to compete in. Teen Time of Tuesdays has included fun crafts like decoupage jars or creating button magnets, also organized by the teen participants.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted two programs taught by instructors from Senior Planet – Intro to Learning Apps on May 1, and Digital Scrapbooking Tools on May 15. She hosted Tai Chi classes led by certified instructor Debra Cox on May 2, 9 and 23. Ms. Mjolsness hosted a Bharatanatyam Dance Performance program on May 18 to honor Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. On May 29, she hosted a Loteria for Older Adults program taught by staff from the Library's Texana Department. On May 31, she served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick held Let's Create: Arts & Crafts Friday programs on May 3, 10, 17 and 24. She held the Let's Move: Music & Movement program on May 4, 11 and 25. She held Baby Time programs on May 7, 14 and 21. She assembled themed book bundles highlighting the juvenile collection and systemwide initiatives.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on May 13 and 20. She held an All Booked Up Book Club program on May 12. Participants discussed *Waiting for Eden* by Elliot Ackerman. She facilitated an outreach Senior Book Club program at the Northeast Senior Center on May 22. Participants discussed *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano created three book displays – National Photography Month, National Pet Week, and Asian-Pacific American Cooking. On May 7, she held a Super Smash Bros Free Play video game program. She held a DIY Pet Toys program on May 8. Ms. Castellano hosted a Fiber Arts Community program on May 12. Participants worked on their needlecraft projects with other like-minded community members. She held an Adult Craft Time program on May 15 at which participants made macrame plant hangers and keychains.



TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Tobin Library at Oakwell coordinated with Bexar County Elections and saw 820 voters in the month of May. Many community groups hosted partnership programs at the branch, including Tobin Interesting Book Club, San Antonio Poets Association, the Barony of Bjornsborg, Shakespeare Out Loud, and the Tobin Writers Circle.

Children's Librarians Lisa Ramirez and Kara Bailey hosted weekly story times for preschoolers and families, in addition to regular Read To A Dog visits, LEGO Club, and After School Zone for tweens. Favorite after school activities this month included crafting paper flowers, video gaming, and table tennis.

On May 31, the branch celebrated the end of the school year with 92 Garner Middle School students. The tweens enjoyed snacks, gaming, and crafts in the meeting room. Ramirez also made outreach visits to the Learning Tree Academy, Woodridge Elementary, and Garner Middle Schools to promote the upcoming summer reading program.

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl supported systemwide virtual teen programming weekly on Discord, in addition to in-person weekly Teen Times. Hejl has continued to build a strong volunteer community at the branch, and also hosted Geeks Assemble for adults in May. Circulation Attendant Sabrina Longoria and Library Assistant David Hazlett continued biweekly Dungeons & Dragons programming for Tobin.

Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse hosted weekly tai chi classes and a Sit & Stitch program for crafters in May. Woolhouse coordinated new genealogy programming with local volunteers, and also scheduled a Sound Bath event that was very popular with tai chi class attendees.



WESTFALL

The Branch Manager, Machaia McClenny planned and hosted a May the Fourth Star Wars program in which attendees created Origami Yoda, checked out Star Wars books and media, picked up Wookiee bookmarks, competed in Star Wars trivia for prizes, and watched Star Wars Episode I The Phantom Menace in celebration of the movie's 25th anniversary. Ms. McClenny continued her Sit and Stitch program every Monday in which time is spent working on fiber arts crafts with members of the community. Ms. McClenny also continued her monthly series "From Book to Big Screen" by showing "A Haunting in Venice" and providing copies of the book and other related media. In collaboration with the National Pet Week Committee and Animal Defense League, Ms. McClenny hosted a presentation regarding Humane Education.



As part of the Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month activities, Mr. Holcomb coordinated with another SAPL librarian with connections to the Kaveri Natya Yoga Dance group to arrange for a classical Indian dance performance at Westfall Library. Also, in honor of Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month, Mr. Holcomb arranged for a presentation on Chinese calligraphy where the attendees could also practice doing some simple calligraphy exercises. Mr. Holcomb arranged for another Master Gardener presentation at Westfall regarding "Finding Plants That Thrive." Mr. Holcomb collaborated with Texana to arrange a return visit by one of the department's staff members to do another Genealogy presentation, this time on the more specific topic of navigating the Ancestry Library database. Meanwhile, Mr. Holcomb continued his ongoing Tai Chi program on a weekly basis, where he served as the facilitator for patrons wanting to practice Tai Chi in a relaxed setting. Finally, Mr. Holcomb has continued his weekly chess program that is for all ages, giving the community an opportunity to play and/or learn informal chess games.

In May 2024, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino planned and presented four Preschool Story Times and presented three Family Story Times. Westfall hosts Crafts for Kids every Thursday. Blessed Sacrament School invited Ms. Merino to come to their last PTC meeting to talk about summer reading and to provide SAPL informational materials. Ms. Merino was invited to staff a table with SAPL flyers and promotional items at the "Be Fit and Be Cool" Health Fair hosted by the Granados Adult and Senior Center on May 17. Ms. Merino, along with fellow staff members Heather, Jackie, Zully, and Priscilla prepared library cards for approximately 40 students at Somerset Academy Brooks so that they would have access to SAPL services during the summer. This endeavor was initiated by the RTI Coordinator (Response to Intervention), Lindsey Walker. Ms. Merino assisted with sorting the free summer give-away books at the

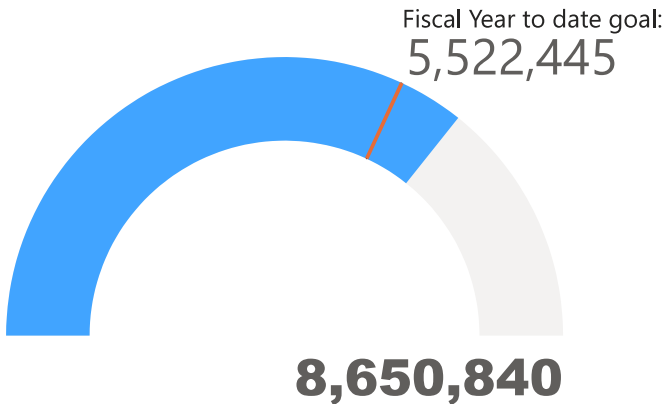
Central Library for four hours on May 15th. Research was also done by Ms. Merino to find titles to add to the "June is Pride Month" Book Picks list.

Heather, the Teen Librarian at Westfall, has noted a continued high teen interest in volunteering at the library, often due to school community service requirements, but many teens have said they wanted to volunteer because they love the library. May was a quiet month for teen activities at the branch due to final assignments, exams, and graduation preparation taking precedence.

During the month of May 2024, the Learn Center at Westfall aided walk-in patrons seeking service for computer training, resume building, and more. There has been an increase in individuals seeking information on bill assistance programs as well as free phone programs. The Learn Center has a regular group of patrons that have been attending the Wednesday morning Smartphone and Smart Device class. The Learn Center at Westfall also continues to offer other weekly technology classes on Friday mornings as well on top of the walk-in hours to offer more one-on-one sessions and tutorials. Some of these classes include introduction to mobile ordering apps, getting started with the Nextdoor App, and how to add medical information to your smartphone in the event of an emergency.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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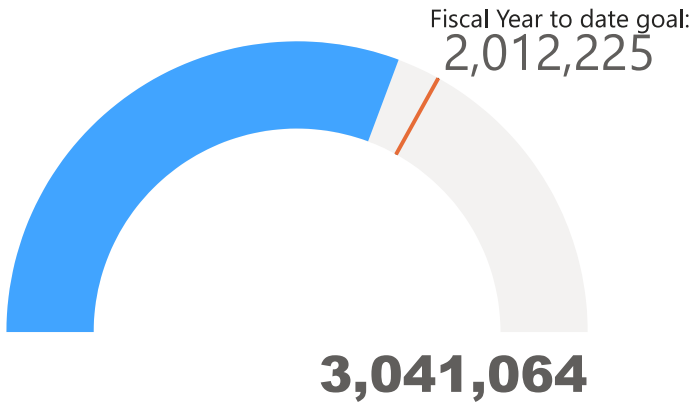


FY 2024 to date Items Borrowed



6,180,205
(+11.91%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal

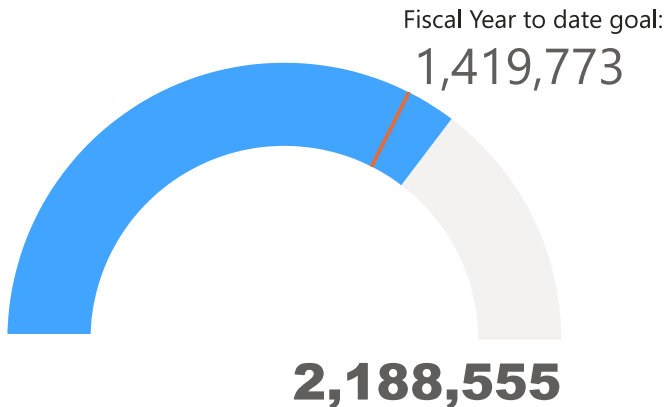


FY 2024 to date Library Visits



1,866,064
(-7.26%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2024 to date Digital Access



191,501
Hours of Computer Use



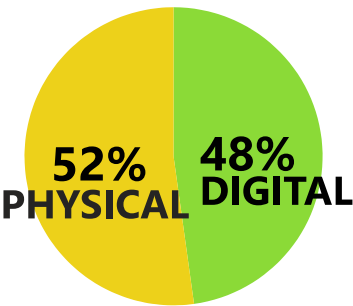
1,353,995
Hours of Wi-Fi Use

1,545,496
(+8.86%)
Hours of Technology Use

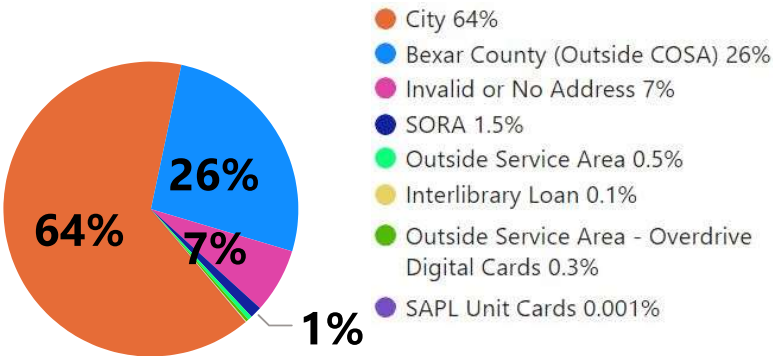
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS
May 2024 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2024

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2024



1,173,883
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

16,533
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS

110,690
OVERDRIVE
UNIQUE USERS

1,748,682
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2024

Total	Early Literacy (0-5)	School Age (6-12)	Teens (13-18)	Adults (19+)	Older Adults (60+)	General Interest*
8,034 programs	1,980 programs	1,614 programs	1,798 programs	1,786 programs	476 programs	380 programs
144,125 attendance	55,116 attendance	38,018 attendance	16,659 attendance	14,994 attendance	5,342 attendance	13,996 attendance

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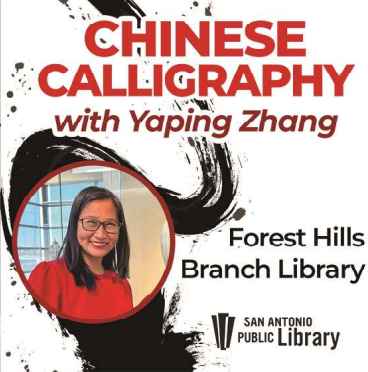
2 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED*

*Holocaust Learn & Remember and What's Poppin at SAPL Anime Favorites

120 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS**

**Total views from these two videos

MAY HIGHLIGHTS



San Antonio Public Library

May 2024 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	1,043	0	0	0	0
Brook Hollow	23,810	8,742	6,491	935	5,556
Carver	2,301	3,664	3,865	770	3,095
Central	27,582	21,799	43,210	7,061	36,149
Cody	29,830	12,325	10,106	1,070	9,036
Collins Garden	3,494	4,616	4,396	571	3,825
Cortez	4,815	6,248	2,771	574	2,197
Digital	400,800	0	0	0	0
Encino	21,081	8,435	5,664	211	5,453
Forest Hills	4,871	2,341	2,867	363	2,504
Great Northwest	24,208	8,976	5,445	509	4,936
Guerra	6,169	6,724	4,810	560	4,250
Igo	37,312	24,293	12,885	855	12,030
Interlibrary Loan	1,325	0	0	0	0
Johnston	6,647	1,157	2,455	408	2,047
Kampmann	0	597	311	0	311
Landa	16,976	12,238	5,186	506	4,680
Las Palmas	256	90	252	0	252
Maverick	23,914	9,837	5,029	754	4,275
McCreless	7,402	6,087	6,468	1,499	4,969
Memorial	4,542	6,468	6,801	969	5,832
Mission	9,433	9,767	5,717	766	4,951
Pan American	3,216	3,081	3,020	422	2,598
Parman	30,826	16,221	7,207	189	7,018
Potranco	17,781	8,685	14,456	592	13,864
Pruitt	3,726	5,710	5,528	178	5,350
San Pedro	2,884	3,340	3,985	399	3,586
Schaefer	9,105	5,266	5,659	471	5,188
Semmes	25,047	3,466	8,357	1,244	7,113
System	31,429	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	6,111	2,961	4,180	627	3,553
Tobin	16,170	8,156	4,376	905	3,471
Westfall	9,332	5,040	8,193	1,107	7,086
Total	813,438	216,330	199,690	24,515	175,175

Circulation includes Physical, Digital and NEISD materials to SAPL patrons at Pruitt

San Antonio Public Library Programs

May 2024

Location	Early Literacy Programs (0-5)	School Age Programs (6-12)	Teen Programs (13-18)	Adult Programs (19+)	Older Adults Programs (60+)	General Interest Programs*	Total
Bazan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brook Hollow	6	6	9	3	1	1	26
Carver	3	5	1	7	2	1	19
Central	13	8	78	22	3	6	130
Cody	5	23	24	9	0	0	61
Collins Garden	20	7	3	7	10	2	49
Cortez	5	11	0	15	0	0	31
Encino	6	3	3	3	9	0	24
Forest Hills	16	18	4	2	0	0	40
Great Northwest	0	1	4	1	0	0	6
Guerra	5	4	0	7	1	0	17
Igo	7	6	5	3	0	4	25
Johnston	2	4	2	3	2	0	13
Kampmann	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Landa	25	5	8	2	2	0	42
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	12	0	3	3	0	0	18
Maverick	6	19	5	4	1	0	35
McCreless	5	10	7	13	1	0	36
Memorial	4	18	4	28	3	3	60
Mission	10	2	8	13	9	2	44
Pan American	4	12	5	7	0	1	29
Parman	16	8	9	16	10	1	60
Potranco	2	0	10	9	1	2	24
Pruitt	6	3	5	2	0	2	18
San Pedro	6	8	0	3	3	0	20
Schaefer	5	6	2	7	1	2	23
Semmes	15	8	5	5	0	5	38
System	0	0	18	11	4	1	34
Thousand Oaks	3	8	0	8	4	1	24
Tobin	11	10	4	8	6	2	41
Westfall	7	6	3	8	10	6	40
Total	225	219	229	229	84	42	1,028

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San Antonio Public Library Program Attendance

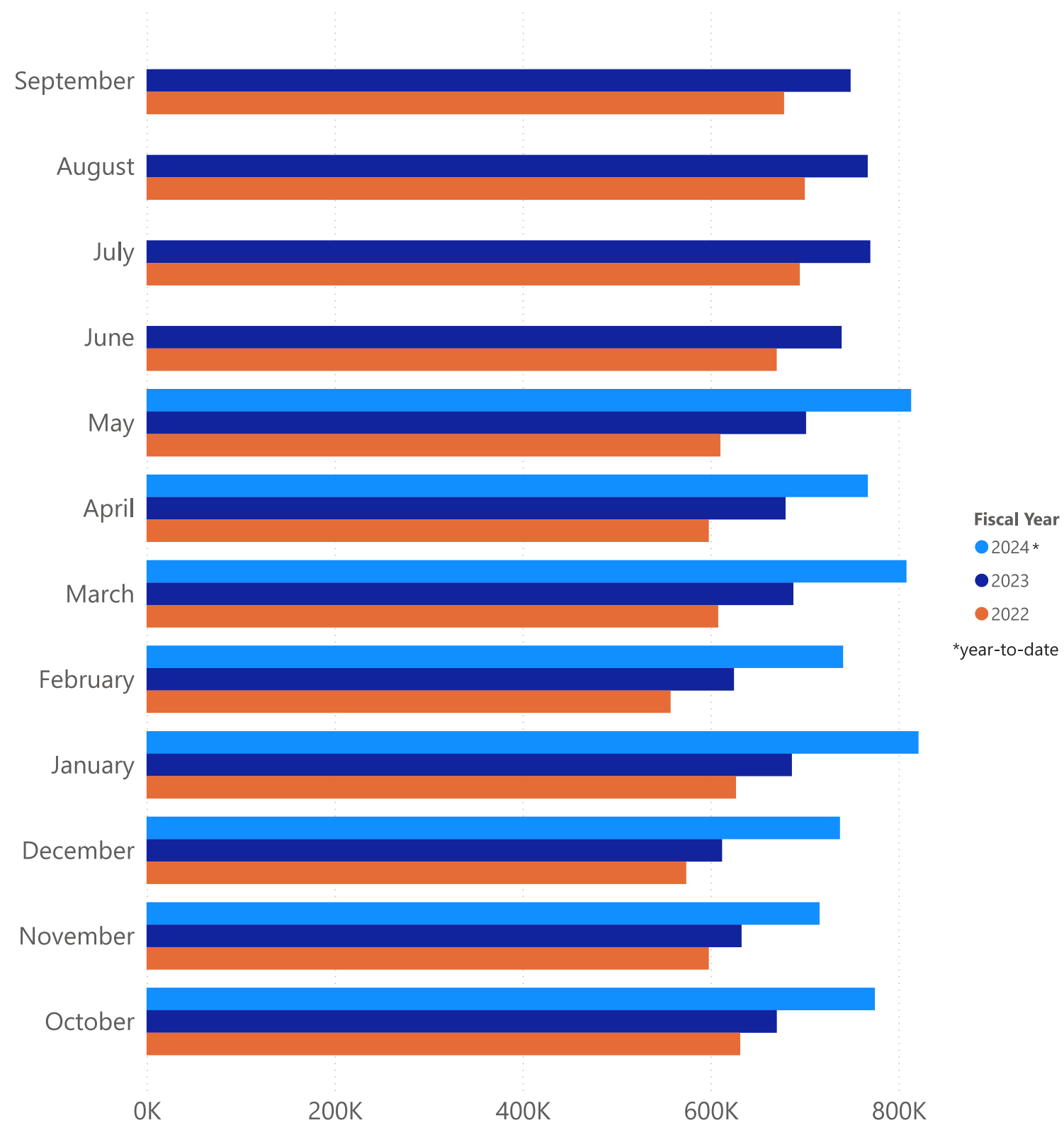
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Bazan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brook Hollow	143	126	57	25	19	18	388
Carver	6	9	5	90	34	500	644
Central	423	107	608	414	22	239	1,813
Cody	388	3,856	647	69	0	0	4,960
Collins Garden	306	29	10	66	35	20	466
Cortez	65	246	0	61	0	0	372
Encino	308	1,090	19	23	69	0	1,509
Forest Hills	188	727	9	9	0	0	933
Great Northwest	0	29	30	6	0	0	65
Guerra	171	473	0	19	22	0	685
Igo	504	510	139	28	0	24	1,205
Johnston	105	74	9	20	75	0	283
Kampmann	0	0	0	0	37	0	37
Landa	795	106	68	19	11	0	999
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	566	0	16	135	0	0	717
Maverick	260	1,762	150	34	12	0	2,218
McCreless	97	178	206	58	6	0	545
Memorial	58	344	57	169	55	26	709
Mission	191	35	28	89	89	17	449
Pan American	24	41	71	60	0	80	276
Parman	852	610	203	248	128	350	2,391
Potranco	88	0	54	86	18	10	256
Pruitt	85	32	51	11	0	52	231
San Pedro	97	160	0	0	19	0	276
Schaefer	180	133	14	36	9	47	419
Semmes	850	139	30	47	0	82	1,148
System	0	0	89	101	31	10	231
Thousand Oaks	36	83	0	55	21	18	213
Tobin	119	251	26	44	43	21	504
Westfall	75	79	2	37	81	46	320
Total	6,980	11,229	2,598	2,059	836	1,560	25,262

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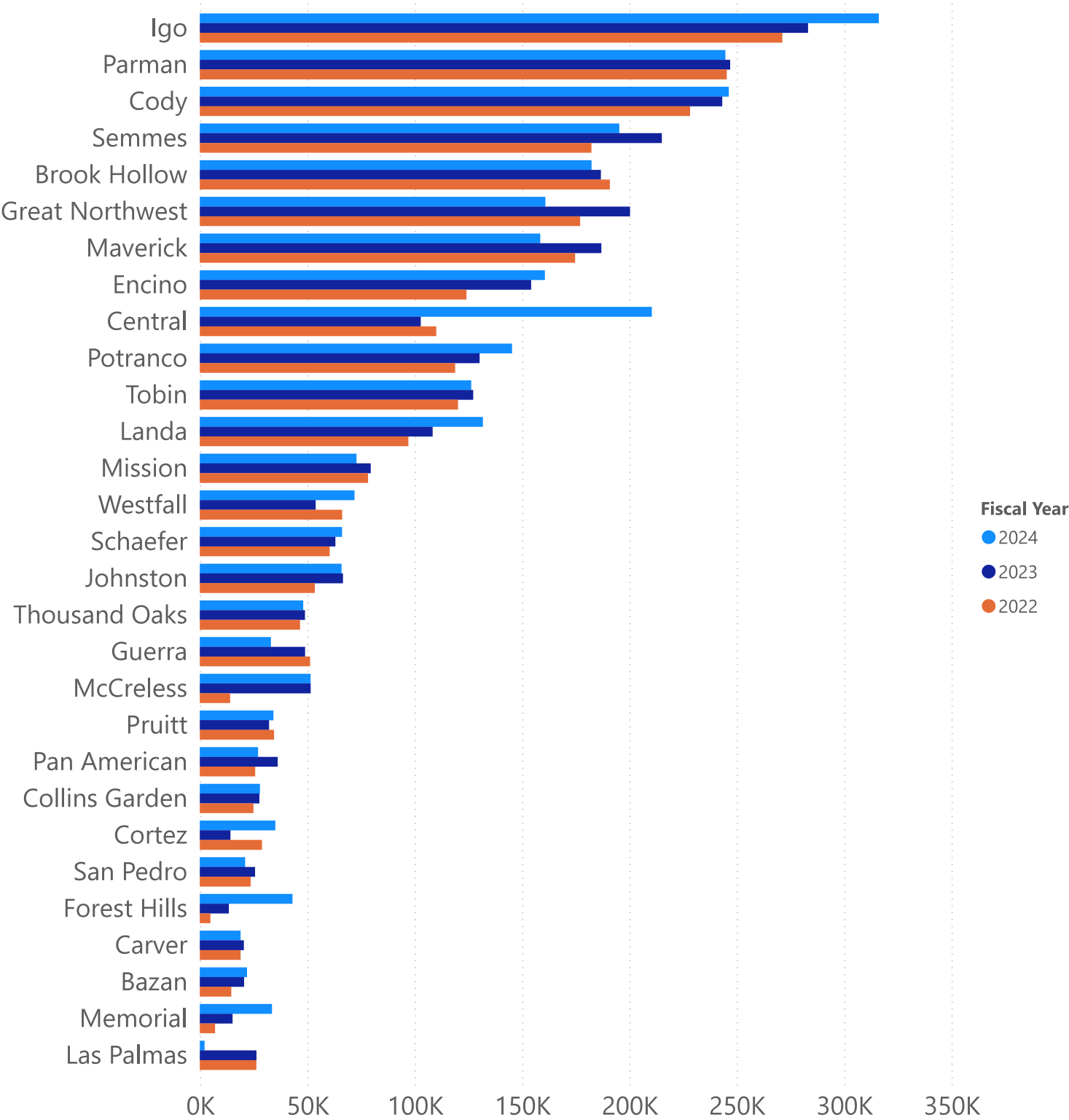


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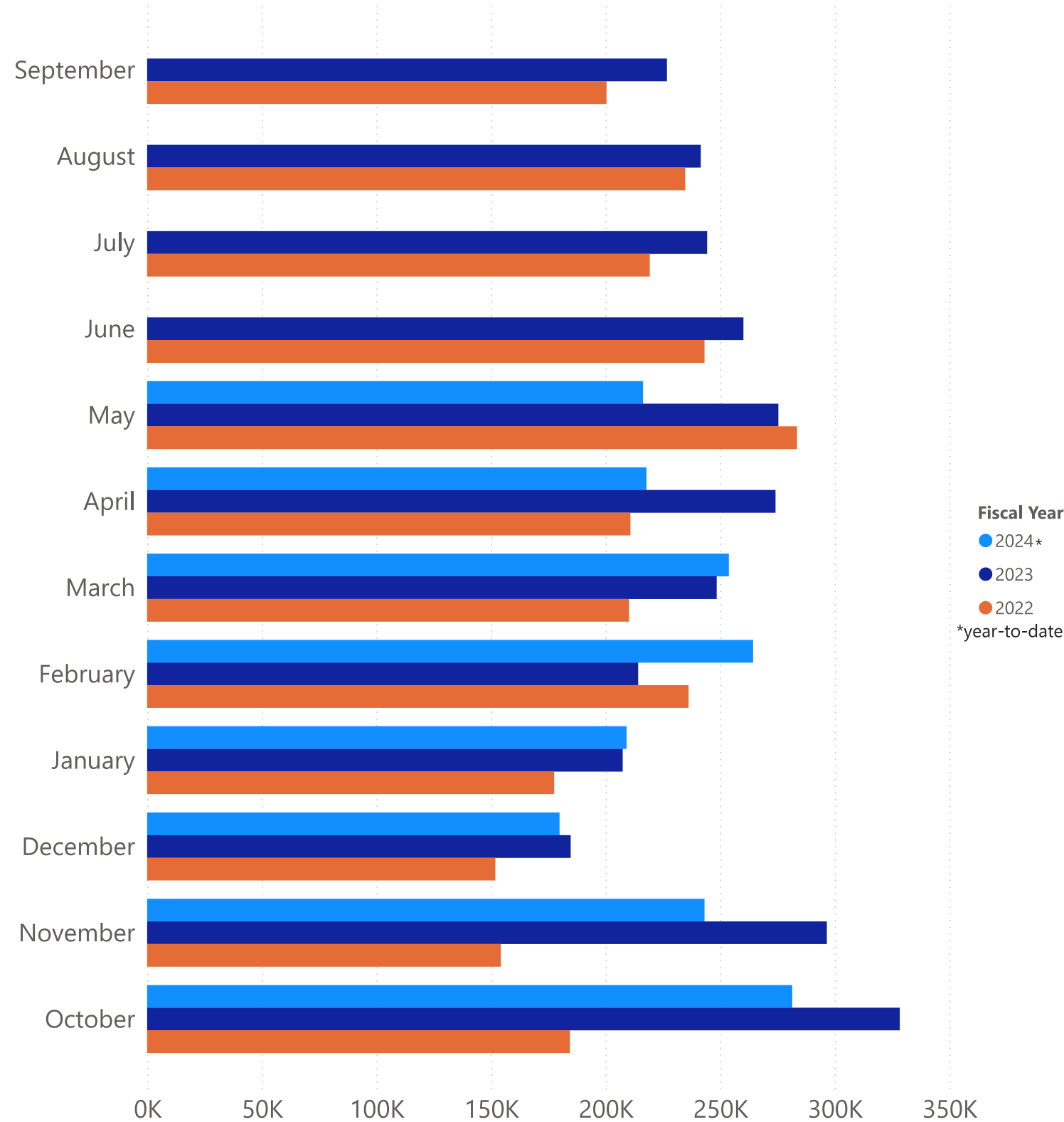


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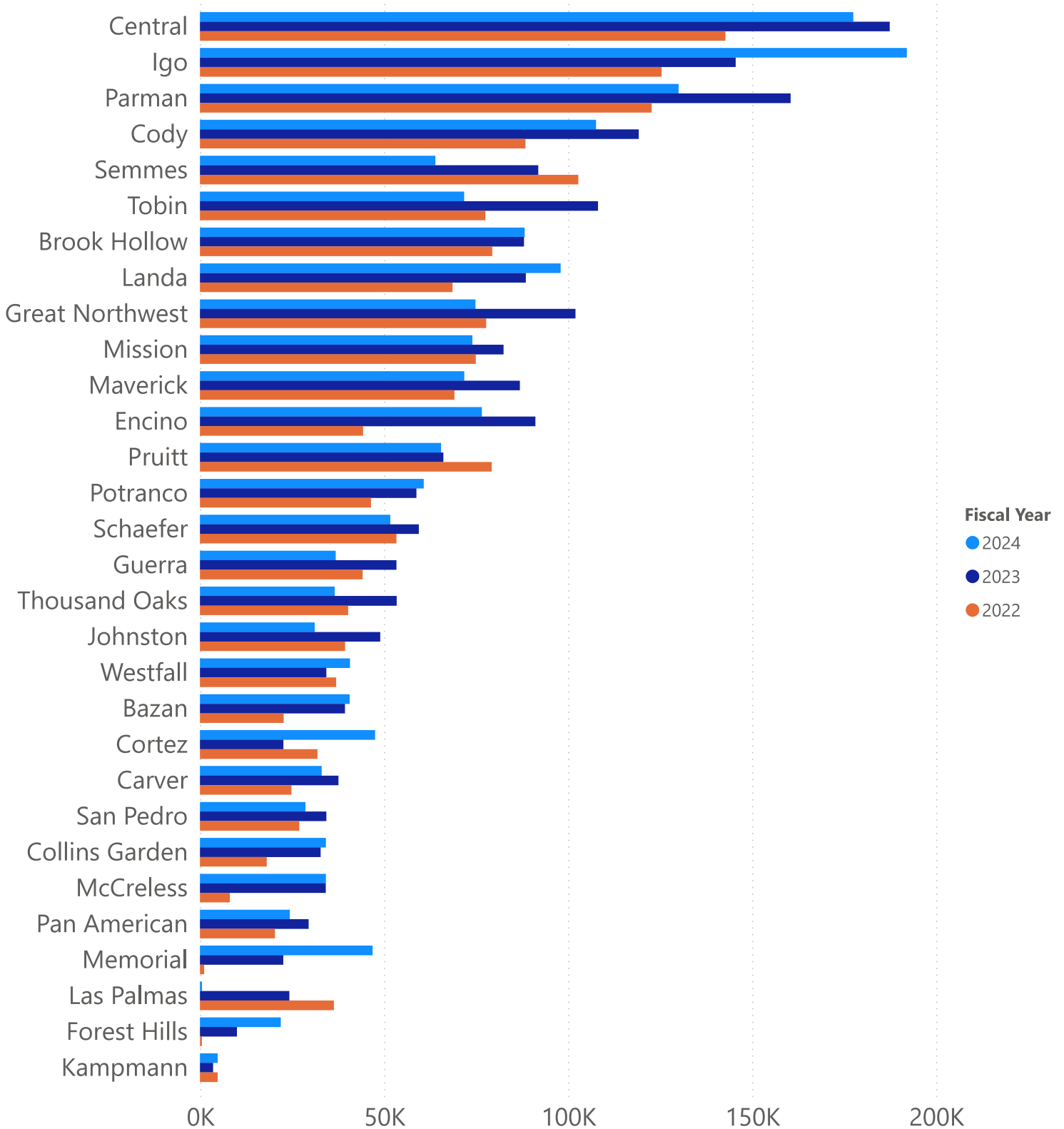


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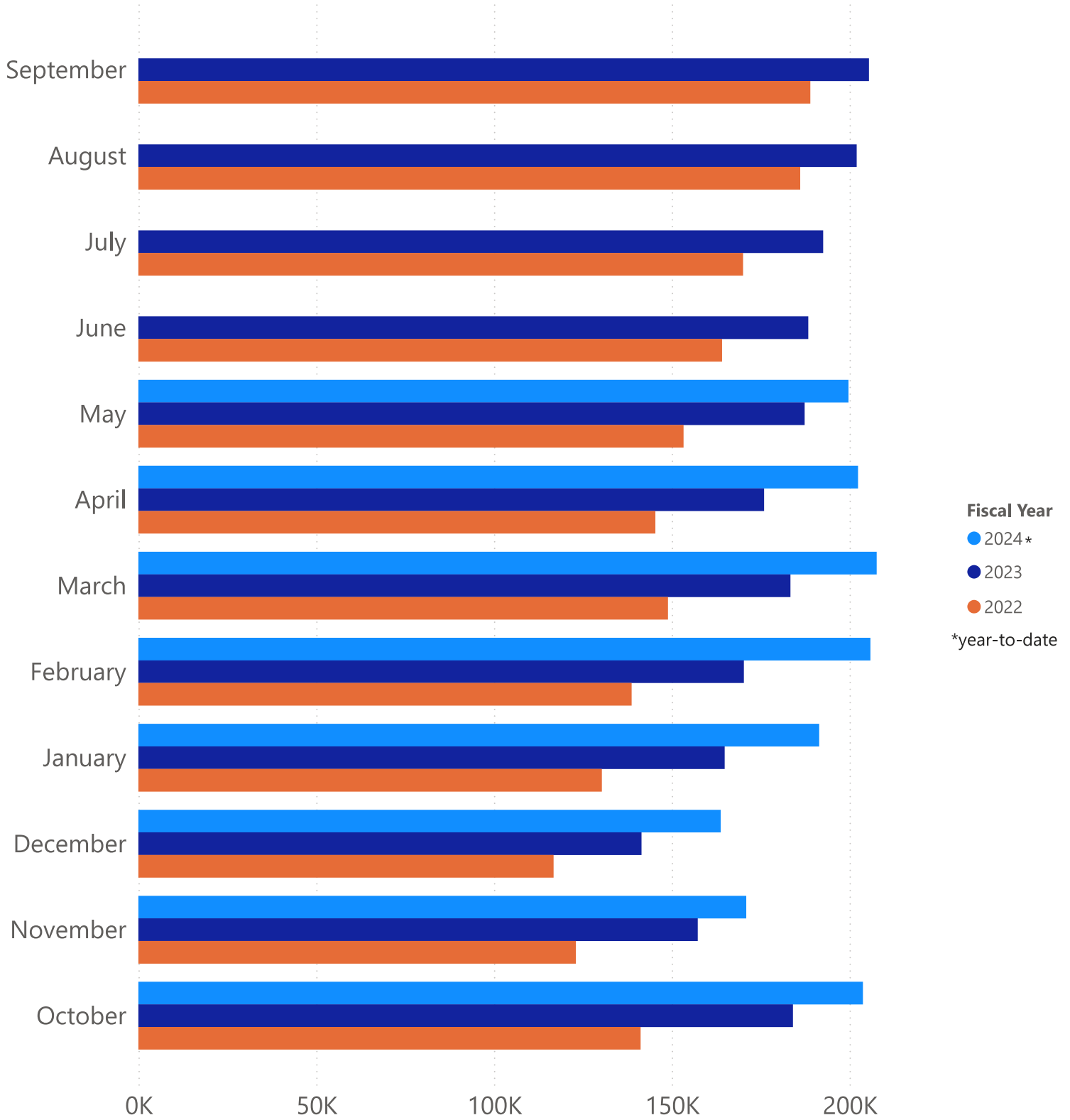
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Dial-a-Story – A free service which allows patrons to call San Antonio Public Library to have a children's book read to a child over the phone.

Esports – Video-gaming competitions over a variety of game titles

LibGuide – Online information or resource guides created by library staff for the public through San Antonio Public Library's LibWizard system.

LibWizard – San Antonio Public Library's content management system used to curate knowledge and share information, organize programs and subject-specific resources.

MobilCirc – Mobile application provided through SirsiDynix for Android, and iOS. Allows users to check out items, register users, process holds, and perform inventory.

SirsiDynix Symphony – San Antonio Public Library's integrated library system.

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

Take-and-Make – Crafts prepared for patrons by San Antonio Public Library librarians and distributed at various branches.

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.