

San Antonio Public Library

## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

April 2024



Smarty poses with the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Literacy Caravan during the 2024 San Antonio Book Festival on April 13, 2024.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan met with the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library leadership on April 3, 2024.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended the State of the City Luncheon on April 9, 2024, at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter on the River Walk.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended Texas Library Association Conference, April 16 to 19, 2024, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive meeting on April 17, 2024.

Interim Library Director Kathy Donellan and Interim Assistant Director Jessica Zurita attended the Resilience Hub Interdepartmental Working Group on April 23, 2024.

# COMMUNICATIONS

In April, the Communications team highlighted and promoted the novel *Bride*, by Ali Hazelwood as part of the ongoing No Holds Weekend promotion as well as the San Antonio Book Festival, National Library Week, SAPL's annual Fiesta Medal, and the temporary closure and improvement of the Bazan Branch Library. In April, the Communications team garnered immense success on social media where two of the Library's top performing posts of all time were shared. On April 1, the Library spoofed the community with an April Fool's Day Joke and later in the month, the Communications team ran a social media giveaway promotion to win one of 10 SAPL Fiesta medals. These efforts garnered significant engagement with both existing and new followers, with the Fiesta medal giveaway featuring nearly 50% of engagement from non-followers. The Library's follower base grew significantly on Instagram as a result of these efforts.

## Social Media metrics overview for April 2024:

- SAPL's social media generated **275,179** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **991** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **13,983** times.

## Social Media growth for April 2024:

- X (formerly Twitter): **-2** followers
- Facebook: **134** followers
- Instagram: **859** followers

## YouTube statistics for April 2024:

- Subscribers: **1,522**
- Impressions: **3,909**
- Total Views: **2,010**
- Videos published: **1**

# COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The Corazón Collection continues to be popular as of May 15. Out of available copies, 2,678 (82%) have been borrowed at least once since February 14. In the past seven days, an average of 92 copies were borrowed per day.

# DIGITAL SERVICES

During the month of April, Digital Services received 267 support tickets from staff and responded to 313 chat conversations.

On April 2 the Digital Services team received their final training from Bibliotheca, related to the new self-check devices. The training provided a refresher on how to connect and maintain the Library's fleet of self-checkout devices.

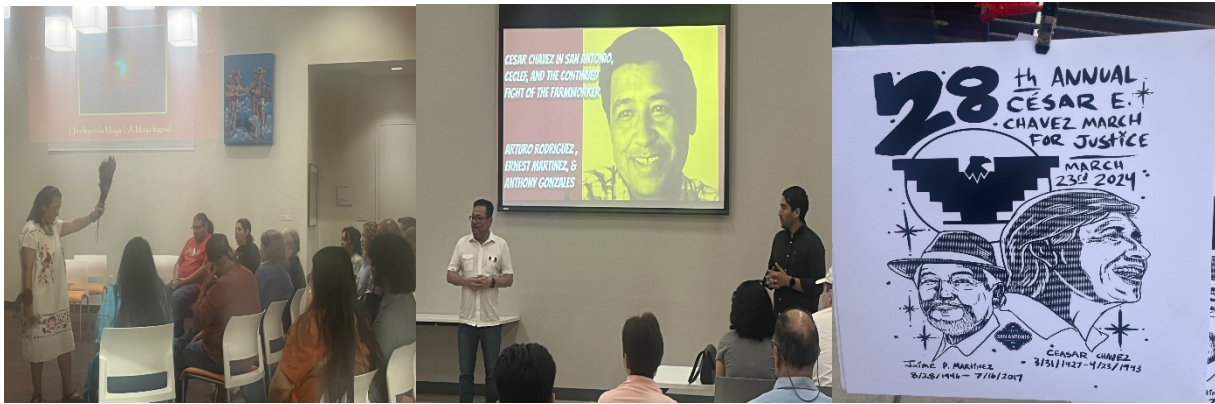
On April 3, 10, 17, and 24, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson, and Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglass met with the ITSD Application Support Team to continue planning the process for applying updates to both the Pharos system and the Symphony integrated library system.

On April 4, Mr. Spana, Mr. Rolf Laun, Library Services Administrator Adam Zaby and Marketing Manager Scott Williams met with catalog vendor BiblioCommons for an orientation to custom visualization dashboards of Google Analytics data related to user engagement with the Library's website and catalog.

On April 10 the entire Digital Service team met in person with the Tech Liaisons from the branches. The tech liaisons are branch or unit staff, chosen by their supervisor, to help the Digital Services team work on technology related issues and to help distribute technology information and training throughout the system.

Starting on April 16, and continuing through the month, Ms. Masterson and Digital Library Services Assistant Elise Garica provided virtual trainings on the new online version of the Pharos Remote application. Pharos Remote is used by staff to manage patron print jobs and computer sessions. In addition to the training, Ms. Masterson and Ms. Garcia created online documentation and videos to support the trainings.

# LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



On April 6, the LCRC hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> bilingual storytelling session of 'Eclipses in Meso America' featuring Blanca Reyna. Blanca presented 'A Bite of the Sun/Mordida del Sol' in the indigenous oral storytelling tradition and style, honoring the special April 8 eclipse.

On April 13, the LCRC teamed up with CECLEF (Cesar E. Chavez Legacy and Education Foundation) and librarian Dawn Zieg to bring the program, '¡La Lucha Sigue! Honoring the Legacy of Cesar E. Chavez' to Potranco branch library patrons. Arturo Rodriguez (President Emeritus of the UFW), Anthony Gonzales (CECLEF board member) and Ernest Martinez (CECLEF Chair) gave brief presentations and shared stories of Chavez's legacy and community impact. Artist Rudy M. Herrera was onsite screen-printing special commemorative Chavez posters for program attendees. In honor of Chavez's commitment to farm workers' rights, the San Antonio Food Bank provided 50 bags of free, fresh produce for attendees, while also tabling the event.

On April 16, the LCRC teamed up with librarian Sylvia Reyna (Texana/Genealogy) to present 'Igniting Chispas of Love with Agua, Yerbitas, y Más!', featuring Tribal Elder of the Tap Pilam Nation, Gloria Camarillo-Vasquez. Gloria shared ways in which to nurture and enrich the spirit using ancestral gifts and knowledge. Gloria is featured in the 2023 book "From the Boxing Ring to the Ashram" by Deborah Charnes and served as an "in-house residence healer" at Stanford University in 2018.

## LITTLE READ WAGON

In April the Little Read Wagon's *Let's Play at Mission Library!* program continued to grow. From week to week the team saw an increase in families who reported that Mission was their closest library. The first week three families said Mission was their closest library, and by the last week there were eleven families who came from the area surrounding the library. At the program, children played with open-ended play materials and families enjoyed a healthy snack of bananas, oranges, and cheese sticks. One mother commented that she was so happy we were doing the event at Mission, because normally she would have to travel to the north side for an event like the one the team hosted.



The team offered *Let's Play at San Pedro Library!* on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. This program was especially well-attended because it was offered in conjunction with KLRN's Kids Day in the Park event. One mom commented that she enjoyed the team's event because it was so peaceful and fun.



Melisa Hill, Library Services Specialist, and Kristin Yourdon, Librarian III, represented the San Antonio Public Library and the Little Read Wagon team at Earth Day at Woodlawn Lake. Children and their families delighted in making big and little bubbles. Later that month Julia Lazarin, Library Services Specialist, and Ms. Hill represented the team at Viva Los Tots at Garza Community Center.

The team offered reading tents at Gardendale Early Learning Program for three days in a row after the school's dismissal. Children and their caregivers were able to read a book together in a tent after school. Families also had the opportunity to play with bubbles.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

April was a month of celebrations. Part of the San Antonio area was in the path of the April 8 total eclipse. Cresencia Huff, Coordinator of Children's Services, and Morgan Yoshimura, Coordinator of Services to Adults, provided Library information at the Alamo STEM Ecosystem viewing party at Wolff Stadium. The event drew thousands of K-12 students and their chaperones from campuses outside the path of totality. Though the day was cloudy, there were a few breaks in the clouds that allowed the crowd brief glimpses of the eclipse. In addition to the information table, San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) contributed to the production of an event activity booklet and transported eclipse viewing glasses provided by the Office of Emergency Management.

The San Antonio Book Festival brought several children's book authors to Central Library and the Southwest School. Ms. Huff moderated a discussion with Kazu Kibuishi, creator of the Amulet graphic novel series and featured Book Festival author.

The following week was the Texas Library Association annual conference, here in San Antonio. Several team members presented conference sessions. Eva Banda, Megan Cruz, and Julia Lazarin shared how the Little Read Wagon team uses equity mapping in their planning process. Linda Lopez (Guerra) presented with Amanda Neace (Oakwell manager) about providing library services based on community needs.

On April 20, Parks and Recreation hosted an Earth Day celebration at Woodlawn Lake. Kristin Yourdon and Melisa Hill (Little Read Wagon) set up a bubble play area and went through five gallons of bubble solution in a few hours! Ms. Huff brought Library information to share with the Earth Day revelers and installed a temporary Story Walk®. As an official Fiesta event, there were many inquiries about the SAPL medal.

Ms. Huff also participated in a School Readiness Summit hosted by the Department of Human Services, Head Start division. The summit brought together early childhood stakeholders to review the division school readiness goals and results of a survey. Based on the survey results, participants drafted recommended revisions to the goals. The final draft was to be shared at a follow-up meeting of the Head Start Education Advisory Committee in May.

## 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”). During clubs, teens resumed their adventures in Dungeons & Dragons, shared new music while discussing thought-provoking questions about identities and genres, and played/streamed video games. Outside of clubs, teens made meaningful connections with their peers while chatting about a variety of other topics, including books, artwork, current events, and more. In preparation for Pride Month in June, teens also began planning for the annual in-person Teen Pride Party.

**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. Post content included Korean corn dogs, manganadas, LEGO creations, artwork, and of course—chicken on a stick (for Fiesta!). Story content included daily celebrations (such as Counseling Awareness Month, National Unicorn Day, and Volunteer Recognition Day) as well as interactive questions (such as favorite book genres, favorite poems/poets, and favorite jelly for a peanut butter & jelly sandwich).



**@210teenlibrary Instagram pictures below** – teens made LEGO creations at “Teen Time” at Schaefer Library; another picture of Schaefer’s LEGO Teen Time; teens made slime at Johnston Library’s “Teen Time”; some of the wall art teens drew in the Teen Library @ Central:



## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

**April 2024**

**Learn at SAPL** received nearly 800 patron visits and assisted during nearly 1,000 hours of public computer use. Learn staff hosted over 50 programs across seven operational service centers.

Special events this month included the third edition of “ASL Basics” coordinated by Adult Education Program Manager Michelle D. Rickman. Language Equity Access, Advocacy & Advancement for the Deaf Enterprise (LEAD Enterprise) presented to community members at Great Northwest Branch Library.



LEAD Enterprise presenter Melissa Escamilla reviews signs for the alphabet.

Learn at Central Training Officer Denise Cadena presented at the Texas Library Association (TLA) annual conference in San Antonio. Denise was joined by former Training Officer Marcella McGowan, now of Texas A&M University, in delivering “A Day in the Life of a Training Officer: The New Normal.” The Learn at SAPL team is proud of Denise’s work representing the program to a statewide audience.

Learn at Bazan hosted a launch event for City of San Antonio Neighborhood and Housing Services Division (NHSD) and San Antonio Community Resource Directory (SACRD). Jacob T. Floyd, Housing Policy Manager at NHSD, brought the event to Bazan Branch Library with the help of both Learn and Library staff. Executive Director of SACRD, Bill Neely, demonstrated the new Housing Services portal on the SACRD web site and its utility in helping the community.



Bill Neely presents the SACRD Housing Services portal to institutional users at Bazan Branch Library.

Learn at SAPL was invited to share with the Library Board of Trustees at the April Board Meeting at Central Library. Michelle Rickman spoke about the program at large and highlighted the Learn at Central team's patron resources, programming and success stories.



Michelle Rickman presents on adult education at the April Board Meeting.

## OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

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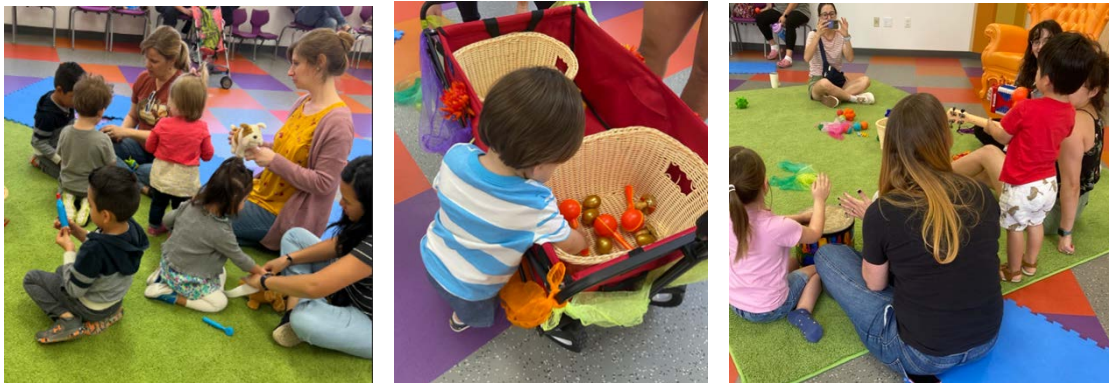


# CENTRAL LIBRARY

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



**Tween Time:** Librarian Ashley Palacios created popular Tween Time programs for her devoted group of regulars. The tweens enjoyed getting messy creating different types of candy sushi, using gummies, sour patches, fruit rollups and a few other options, help from Library Assistant Judith Slaughter. Ms. Palacios facilitated another activity in which the tweens used magazines, scrap paper and construction paper to make collages. Librarian I Madeline Nezat assisted one week as the tweens created bird seed ornaments using a gelatin mix and cookie cutters. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez assisted with Ms. Palacios' Fiesta themed program when the tweens made piñatas! For the last tween time in April, Library Assistant Judith Slaughter assisted with snacks as they watched the *Sonic the Hedgehog* movie.



**Family Story Time:** Ms. Palacios and Ms. Nezat partnered to present weekly story times with developmentally appropriate free play activities at the end. Throughout April, they shared interactive stories, songs and rhymes with the enthusiastic families in attendance. The librarians facilitated various forms of play such as magnetic blocks, sensory bins with bird seeds, cookie cutters, cups, and scoops. Manager Kate Simpson presented a Fiesta-themed story time with Ms. Nezat that saw the children making music with a wide array of instruments.



**Sensory Friendly Play Time:** Ms. Nezat continues to explore and curate her sensory bins for the local community members that have become tightly knit and committed regulars to the program. Her numbers are steadily growing, and her playdough invitations and ever-changing sensory bins continue to be a dependable hit.

**Escape the Earth Podcast:** Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Escape the Earth podcast with Tim Johnson (Potranco) Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow), and JD Elizondo (Information Services at Central). The Escape the Earth crew discussed the book *The Meister of Decimen City* by Brenna Raney. The podcast can be found on Soundcloud on SAPL's Podcast TunedIn Channel.

**Tours:** Ms. Palacios and Ms. Nezat led an in-depth tour for a group of very excited Kindergarteners from St. Luke's Episcopal School, with special stops to admire the art on display in the building and a story time! Ms. Simpson engaged with library staff visiting from the Texas Library Association conference to highlight the new features of the Children's Library renovation.

**Outreach:** Ms. Palacios visited Central Christian Day School twice in April, where she presented story times to children and brought books for the teachers to use in class. Ms. Nezat visited Madison Square Child Development Center where she shared stories and songs with two classes and delivered library books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Simpson delivered books for all 5 grades of children at Discovery School.

## 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, Virtual Teen Services, and Young Pegasus 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 studying, crafting, gaming, or gathering with friends. Rosalie supports and interacts with teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server every Tuesday by chatting

with them and answering questions they may have about the library and Teen Services. During the reporting period, Rosalie was invited to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Central Catholic High School Comic Con. Rosalie and Michael Wicks (Library Assistant PT, Teen Library @ Central) engaged with high school students who attend the Comic Con as they made buttons of their favorite superheroes, gaming characters, and sports teams.

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, such as celebrating Fiesta, carnival snacks, and making colorful crafts. Suggesting, participating, and leading – these activities allow teens to show their peers tips and tricks. Also, whilst having a set idea in mind, teens satisfy curiosity and learn new cooking techniques, such as when they wanted to make soft pretzels. By request, teens also made mangonadas, corn in a cup, and cookie cups. They also brought back a popular favorite: making fruit water with fresh fruits, honey, and sugar-free carbonated water.

For Fiesta, teen volunteer Angelina set up a chicken on a stick station for the third year in a row. This advanced activity brought out some confidence levels in teens who admitted they had never even boiled water. They handled challenges and worked well together, as they all had to share equipment, and took care to maintain levels of cleanliness. When they reported back to say it was "soooo good!," they were also reminded that *they* made it!

Teens also used the perler beads, rainbow loom, the bracelet beads box and various other craft items to get creative after school and on the weekends. Requests to make slime increased, and one teen tackled using resin. As the school year winds down, teen volunteers (the seniors of the group) have discussed bringing back some of the more popular activities. Random artwork has also been found in the craft area, meaning teens have been making creative and independent use of the supplies. Pictures and videos from program times can be found on the @210teenlibrary Instagram page.

**Pictures below** – Teens making fruit water with fresh fruit; wall art in the Teen Library; teens preparing food for a Fiesta teen time:





# INFORMATION SERVICES



On April 6, Arland Schnacker assisted Cynthia Deleon with a National Poetry Month program called Wyrdd Writers: Living in Interesting Times. This program had a great showing of approx. 25 patrons. The writers presented an afternoon reading about the wonders and why's of life. Special Musical Guest Rita Lopez Ortiz, also known as "La Galondrina" and her husband Matthew performed rancheras, ballads, and Rock en Español.

On April 8 and April 22nd, Christina Montero and LC Keefe held the Game On program where adults could come and enjoy playing board games with fellow patrons and staff.

On April 20, Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez organized a program entitled "Vaisakhi: Art & Cultural Event" as part of Vaisakhi Adult Services initiative. The Gurudwara Sikh Center talked about the significance of Vaisakhi and displayed their unique arts & crafts. The dance group wore unique cultural clothes, performed folk dances, and demonstrated martial arts and how to tie a turban. The attendees enjoyed the cultural performance.

On April 20, the San Antonio Recorder Society celebrated Shakespeare's Birthday with selections of Renaissance music from Shakespeare's time and even sang a few lines of Shakespeare's verse. The members of the Recorder Society wore Renaissance costumes and entertained the audience with selections from the time of Shakespeare. The musicians mentioned that the acoustics outside the Central Library Auditorium mimicked the acoustics of a Renaissance Italian cathedral.

On April 23, Christina Montero, Daniel Gomez from Memorial, and Dawn Zeig from Potranco attended the National Church Residence's annual Vida Fest outreach event which is held for their senior and older adult residents to have a space to enjoy a Fiesta celebration. San Antonio Public Library staff talked to 167 people and shared library resources and information.

Patricia Perez and Bettina Hernandez attended Festival de Amigos Fiesta de Salud 2024 at the Commander's House Adult and Senior Center on April 24. Attendees were provided with the opportunity to sign up for a library card and speak with SAPL staff about library services. A total of 112 attendees visited the library information table.

On April 26, from 1:30 PM – 10:00 PM, J.D. Elizondo, L.C. Keefe, and Emmanuel Garduno hosted an outreach for SAPL at the San Antonio College Fiesta event Fredstock. At the music festival, staff distributed SAPL material and various questions were answered, including questions about the library such as how to get a card, upcoming events, the digital collection, and more. Approximately 320 people came to the table. There was an interactive prize wheel with SAPL branded swag for the prizes.

For National Poetry Month, Arland Schnacker hosted a poetry Open Mic on April 27. This program has a good showing of 6 poets, including the host. Each poet enjoyed time taking the stage and talking about their inspirations and possible future Poetry programs at the Central Library.

## LEARN AT CENTRAL

At Learn at Central drop-in hours, staff helped a patron who had been trying to obtain housing through Opportunity Home. After being on the street for 25 days, he was able to finally complete the entire process of getting into an apartment. He stopped by to share the good news with the team.

In the month of April, Training Officer Denise Cadena held three Tech Time classes with a total of four participants. During Tech Time this month, patrons accomplished several goals, such as moving all their photos from their phone onto the cloud and creating cards to send to friends.

Training Officer Daniel González and Learn Library Assistant Brianna Glass taught four Bilingual Computers y Creative Learning classes for the month of April. They assisted 7 patrons with ChatGPT, Canva, and how to incorporate zine making for patron-led classes. Brianna has been designing a cohesive “digi” zine series, focused on digital literacy lessons that incorporate visuals, her drawings, and text.

Library assistant Frank Rodriguez began his monthly Leadership Evening Book Club on April 15 with *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman. May’s selection is *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman.

## TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



*Library Assistant Kaylee Avila and Librarian Lucy Agado at the Texas Library Association Conference.*



*Qi Gong participants at the Landa Library.*

On April 6, Librarian Sylvia Reyna invited author and collector Susan Toomey Frost to the Central Library to recount the story of a dying Mexican art and the catalysts behind three San Antonio art tile factories, known collectively as the San Jose Workshops.

Ms. Reyna invited Natalie Enevold to lead a Qi Gong meditation movement presentation at Landa Library on April 13. Children, picnickers, and photo shoots swarmed the grounds as folks took advantage of the beautiful weather.



In celebration of Herbalist Day, Ms. Reyna invited Gloria Camarillo Vasquez on April 16. Ms. Camrillo is an herbalist, mentor, and spiritualist advisor who gave a presentation on *Igniting Chispas of Love with Agua, Yerbitas y Más*. Camarillo spoke on remedies for various ailments and packaged little boxes with herbs, spices, a candle, and handouts. The participants were very eager and excited when it came to assembling the ingredients.



On April 7, Librarian Andy Crews presented a *Beginning Genealogy* class at the San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival held at the Helotes Fairgrounds. Mr. Crews also manned an outreach table to promote the Texana/Genealogy services. Mr. Crews also presented his *Preserving Family Treasures* class at the Blue Skies East Campus retirement community on April 10. This class gives tips on how to preserve information and family artifacts, while also providing examples of preservation that have gone wrong.

In April, Librarian Lucy Agado offered beginning genealogy programs at the Mission and Thousand Oaks libraries. Ms. Agado also developed an *Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition* that she will offer to branches starting in May. In addition, she also attended the Texas Library Association Conference (TLA) with Library Assistant Kaylee Avila where they sat in on sessions related to general librarianship as well as genealogy and archives.

On April 20, Librarian Deborah Countess held the virtual database class *Introduction to Newspaper Archive.com*. This SAPL subscription database allows users to search digitized historic newspapers not only for San Antonio, but also other cities around the United States.

During the TLA Conference, Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson assisted with two Tours of the Central Library on April 16 and 19, by highlighting the Texana/Genealogy Department's interim service location as part of the tour stops.

# BRANCH LOCATIONS

## BAZAN

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen saw good attendance for programs in April. Children enjoyed being creative and using their imagination playing with magnetic blocks and tiles. Children also had fun expressing their artistic talents with *Let's Create: Come and Go Fun* and building and creating during *Let's Build: LEGO CLUB*.

The Learn center at Bazan was busy in April assisting customers with one-to-one help sessions that covered computer skills, resume building, job search, completing job applications and help learning to use personal devices. Training Officer Carlos Loera presented *English as a Second Language* classes every Tuesday and additionally presented *Painting Classes for Seniors* twice a month, an *Ault Coloring* class and hosted *Coffee and a Movie* for senior adults.

The Bazan Learn Center hosted the launch event of the SACRD.org Housing Services portal in April. Guests were invited to be hands-on participants at a portal training session and demonstration. The new portal is a directory of human services including nonprofit organizations, congregations, government agencies, and compassionate groups in and around San Antonio.



In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Bazan library hosted the Voces Cósmicas poetry group for National Poetry Month with presentations by the Bazan community, Friends of the Library, Voces Cósmicas poets, and musical guests, the Mario Arias Project. Voces Cósmicas is a group of seasoned and emerging poets from San Antonio who meet weekly and promote writing of poetry/fiction and create venues to produce and bring written works of literature to the citizens of San Antonio. The event was facilitated by Training Officer Carlos Loera.

The Bad Girl's Romance Book Club, facilitated by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, met in April to discuss *Pucking Around* by Emily Rath, the first book in the Jacksonville Rays series. Members of the group enjoyed the hockey troupe romance and are eager to read the rest of the series that is available on SAPLs Libby app.

The Bazan *Ink Slayers Writers Group* gathered off-site on Sundays in April at Shotgun House Coffee Roasters, a local westside coffee shop. The location provided delicious coffee and a great ambiance for writing. The group plans on continuing the offsite meeting in the summer.

Assistant Manager and Teen librarian Cassie Garza hosted teen time at Bazan library on Tuesdays. Two new teen volunteers assisted with the shrinky dink activity and other teens visiting the branch enjoyed making brownie waffles. Another regular teen volunteer Kimberly tested out another tasty recipe for chocolate filled croissants.



Ms. Garza held a volunteer appreciation event for Bazan's volunteers in April. The celebration included individual recognition of volunteers' hours, treats and a chance to snag San Antonio library volunteer swag. The volunteers, most of whom are aged 14-18 years, were recognized for their hard work and positive impact they have had at the Bazan branch.

Ms. Garza assisted with hosting the *210 Teen Library Discord Gaming Club*. Several teens streamed some of their favorite video games during *Gaming Club* this month including fan made games that showcased independent video game developers.



Ms. Garza also hosted the *BTS Craft Club* at Bazan library. For this month Ms. Garza created a 30 BTS song challenge for the group with prizes available for those who completed it. The group discussed the new J-Hope album and were also to make several BTS themed bracelets.

## BROOK HOLLOW

Brook Hollow Library (BHL) hosted Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting April 22-April 30 and Election Day May 4, 2024.

BHL Manager Jeannette Davies continues to record Libraries Transform Lives Podcasts for the Texas Library Association (TLA) as chairperson of the association's public relations committee. Davies continued senior outreach to the Walker Ranch Senior Center (WRSC) in April during BHL's monthly Library Hour. Davies shared home-made peach and strawberry ice cream with seniors at WRSC and delivered ice cream, well wishes and Summer with SAPL Summer Reading Program materials to Coker Elementary School & Bradley Middle School Teachers, Staff and Administration for Teachers Appreciation Week. The BHL Team is gearing up for summer reading and working collectively to rearrange the BHL collection for better patron browsing. SAPL BHL CDs; Spanish and Science Fiction genres have been relocated. BHL Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon coordinated BHL's April Book Clubs including, The Mystery Book Club 4/4/24 with seven attendees who read *The Way of the Bear* by Anne Hillerman. Tuesday Evening Book Club was 4/9/24/24 with seven attendees who read *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert Heinlein. Eleven members of the BHL La Tertulia Book Club met 4/13/24 and discussed *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. WRSC Book Club met at WRSC 4/17/24 with 16 attendees who read *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich.

In April, 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 get a chance to explore with slime, clay, and other creative outlets 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. Robbins outreached to Coker Elementary & Bradley Middle Schools re: Summer at SAPL and shared library information with Bradley MS's PTA. BHL SRP includes programs Happy Tails; Illusions by Blake in June and Big Time Bubbles at Blossom Park the weekend of July.

Teen librarian Grace Holt facilitated Teen Time on Tuesday evenings throughout April, where teens engaged in activities they chose like painting, sewing plushies, and making art with perler beads. Teen volunteers at Brook Hollow Library helped prep for Teen Time each week. Teen volunteers also created new book displays each week, including a Fantasy and Female Leads book display. Holt joined Library Assistant Elissa Vura for Teen Gaming Club on Thursdays, where teens began a Dungeons and Dragons campaign. The Teen Area at Brook Hollow Library continues to make space available for teens to express themselves. Holt joined the MacArthur High School librarian to celebrate Unity Day at the school, providing button and bracelet making activities for students. 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 Teen Summer Workgroup as they continued planning Teen Summer.

Teens ages 13 through 18 gathered for Teen Gaming @ Brook Hollow, a weekly program facilitated by Library Assistant Elissa Vura. The program offers teens the opportunity for positive social interaction with their peers and exploration of their interests related to tabletop and video gaming. During the month of April, teens continued last month's Dungeons and Dragons campaign and played video games on the Nintendo Switch. Regular teen patrons have begun taking on the role of Dungeon Master and have led several short campaigns, a role which allows them to exercise skills in leadership, collaboration, and creativity.

BHL Library Assistant Elissa Vura along with Librarian Tim Johnson (Potranco), Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central - Childrens), and J.D. Elizondo (Central - Information Services) hosted the Escape the Earth podcast—a monthly sci-fi and fantasy book discussion. Episode 31, "Dinosaurs, Deep Topics, and the Metaphorical Meaning of Cheese," featured discussion of Brenna Raney's superhero novel *The Meister of Decimen City*. The episode has received 51 listens to date. The Escape the Earth podcast is available on Soundcloud under the San Antonio Public Library Podcast TunedIn Channel.

# CARVER

On Saturday, April 6 the branch welcomed Egyptologist Anthony Browder, based in Washington, D.C., who delivered a stunning address before a crowd of 70 people. In addition, Browder screened his film *Global Citizen* which focuses on the life and research of the late Ronoko Rashidi whose scholarship documents African presence around the world -- even in the most unlikely places and leaving a mark.

The Carver Friends were among local guests invited to experience the Annual Conference of the Texas Library Association. TLA's Black Caucus Reception, held on April 18, showcased children's author/spoken word artist Theresa Tha S.O.N.G.B.I.R.D., who read from her book, *You So Black*, written to instill pride and confidence in African American children. Everyone went home with a free, signed copy. Also appearing was Austin-based storyteller Elizabeth Kahura who delivered a riveting impromptu performance that had everyone drumming on the table tops and chanting. A native of Kenya, Kahura has launched a popular African Safari educational program which visits schools and libraries.

On Sunday, April 28, Carver Branch Manager DL Grant attended New Creation Fellowship's health and wellness fair where he promoted SAPL resources. He enjoyed interacting with the attendees.

Ralph Jarzombek attended an autism spectrum disorder event at Hirsch Elementary School on April 2nd. He brought the book "A Friend for Henry" by Jenn Bailey to the event and talked to the people who came to his table about the different resources the library offers about autism spectrum disorder.

Once again, Mr. Jarzombek did a Story Time event for the four pre-kindergarten classes at Tynan ECEC where he had been doing Story Time almost every month since the school year began. Since Tynan ECEC will be closing after this school year, he is hoping to do story time for the four pre-kindergarten classes one last time during the month of May. He plans to talk to the teachers of the pre-kindergarten classes to see if they know where they might be teaching next year so he can try to establish doing story time every month at their new schools.

Mr. Jarzombek attended a Career Day event at Candlewood Elementary School on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There were six classes from pre-kindergarten to third grade that rotated every half hour to the room where Mr. Jarzombek met with the students. After introducing himself to the students, the students were given the opportunity to ask Mr. Jarzombek questions about being a librarian. He basically did a story time with each of the classes, where he read the book "Ronan the Librarian" by Tara Luebbe and sang songs with the students while playing his guitar. As a reward, Mr. Jarzombek let the students strum on his guitar, and he also gave reading stickers to the teachers so the teachers could give the stickers to the students when they returned to class. Mr. Jarzombek was pleasantly surprised with the response he received from the students -- at the end of one of the story times, several students even came up to where Mr. Jarzombek was sitting and gave him a hug!

For Teen Services, Teen Librarian, Michael Harle, continued to work with Teen Volunteer, Paula Rios, to further develop Teen Time on Mondays. Paula hosted a slime-making session, a video gaming session, and planned a movie showing of "Pitch Perfect," which she selected. Carver's Teen Area is also facing issues with pre-teens attempting to intrude into programming, and Michael is working in collaboration with Children's Librarian, Ralph Jarzombek, to ensure pre-teens have programming catered to their interests. Michael will also be departing from SAPL at the end of June and is working to resolve any loose ends before his departure.

# CODY

The Cody Branch Library served as a polling place for the May Uniform Election, providing service for both early and day of voting for the community.

Regular adult programming this month included four different book clubs, the film club, the French Conversation Club, and Fiber Club. Staff also provided support for the book club at the Adante Senior Living Center.

On April 20, Adult Services Librarian Adrian Leal hosted the first Cody Puzzle Time Program for adults. The program allows patrons to choose from an assortment of puzzle types to solve, which vary in complexity. This program also allows participants to meet, socialize and make new friends who have the same love for puzzles. The program is free, and puzzles are provided.

Teens at Cody continue to create art, build friendships, try out new crafts, and explore cooking. Attendance for the High School Hangout continues to grow, with Teen volunteers running the programming for their peers.

The ABC Club finally reached Z is for Zoo this month. Several families have gotten close through the club and made wonderful friends. New play dates were arranged to be together at other city places like the parks and museums; to know that the library was the beginning of these fast friendships was heartwarming.

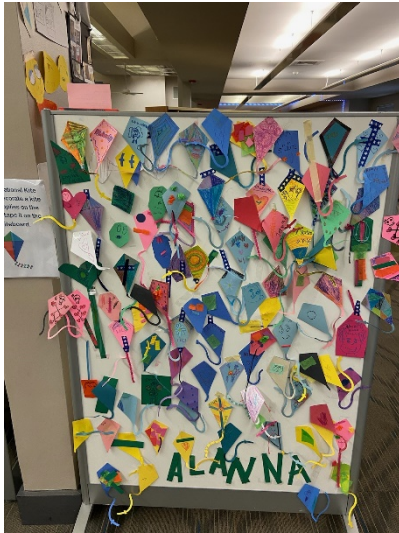
The World Makers (Tweens) had a planet celebration at the library. They have worked since January on building a planet civilization with ecosystems, laws and government, drawings and maps, and a good description of what it would be like to live on their planet. Library families were able to go to all the different planet tables and hear about each planet's citizenship requirements and perks of living on each planet. The celebration ended with each person getting to apply for the planet of their choice.

## **COLLINS GARDEN**

Collins Garden had a vibrant month of programming this April.

Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi continued her early literacy outreach by engaging children at Knox Early Education Center, Little Wonderland, and the preschool classrooms at Collins Garden Elementary with stories and songs. For the reporting period she hosted four Preschool Storytime; five Lego Club; two in-house Art Time; and one Blocks and More programs. To commemorate National Kite Month, children decorated kits and displayed them on the whiteboard located in the Children's area. Ms. Brudi mounted a book display of children's books on poetry.





On April 17, Adult Librarian Rosa Villa hosted the Collins Garden Book Club, where they discussed John Steinbeck's novel *Of Mice and Men*. In honor of National Poetry Month, Ms. Villa mounted the Collection Development's curated National Poetry book display. For April, she hosted a Movie Time Marathon – *Monster Verse* on Sundays in celebration of the new *Godzilla x Kong* release film. In recognition of Fiesta, Ms. Villa hosted a Fiesta Flower Crown craft on April 16, where patrons made flower crowns. She also mounted a San Antonio display in conjunction with the festival. On April 20, the library hosted the Mariachi de los Santos from Our Lady of the Lake University, where they performed an early serenade for Mother's Day. On April 10 and 17, Ms. Villa joined forces with Brenda Dorador from Senior Planet to hold two classes on an Introduction to social media in English and Spanish. On April 24, Brenda Dorador hosted a meet-and-greet sign-up session for a Chrome Essentials Program Series that will be hosted at the branch in May. On April 23, Ms. Villa did an outreach at the Impacto Community Center, where she taught their patrons how to make flower crowns for Fiesta.

## CORTEZ

The month of April was eventful for Cortez, hosting early voting and continuing to pack the calendar with programs. Branch Manager Angela Morrow with Children's Librarian Linda Childs continue to cohost *Name That Tune* on Monday evenings at 6PM.

Adult Services Librarian Melissa Carroll hosted the Nothing Fancy Book Club, a group for book lovers to talk about what they've been reading in a relaxed space. This month the group discussed *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut which stimulated a great discussion on deep topics like mental health and war. Cortez Crochet Club continues to grow. Patrons enjoyed learning new techniques and seeing everyone's projects progress. This month patrons were excited to get a ball of granny square yarn courtesy of Library Aide Esmey Staudt and learned how to crochet a granny square motif. Metro Health's Diabetes Prevention & Control Group offered three 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 learning how to make a radish cucumber salad. Patrons loved tasting how different ingredients altered the taste of the recipe. Everyone went home with healthy inspirations. Master Beekeeper Konrad Bouffard of Round Rock Honey visited

Cortez with his Talking Bees Roadshow. He shared his vast knowledge of bees. Patrons learned many facts about these fascinating insects and how they make honey. Patrons were excited to go home with a free jar of honey and honey lemonade.

For the month of April, the crafters of Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes' Craft Class got to be creative. They worked on their own design of String art and got to make Fiesta medals from scratch. They were excited to see how easy it is to make the ribbon drape that holds the medals.

April was a fun month for Cortez's children. The eclipse, despite being overcast, had everyone's attention. Cortez hosted a solar eclipse after party for kids where they could talk about what they had seen and how what they expected compared to what had happened. First Friday's Bad Art Night was well attended this month. New faces joined and had a fun time making art with bubble wrap! Story time had a larger than usual turnout, as well. The regulars had a great time making friends with the new people!

## **ENCINO**

### **Children's**

April being a rainy month as well as a voting month meant Encino children jumped around from the meeting room to the outside patio, to squeezing into the children's room for this month's programs. We enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate Earth Day by planting wildflowers in small pots to take home and care for this month. We also had fun with our regular Baby Story Time and Family Story Time programs.

Read to a Dog picked up this month with lots of kids eager to spend time with Dorothy. We also enjoyed a busier sensory playtime with the sorting station being April's hit activity.

Encino tweens learned about the meditative art of creating Zentangles. This practice has many benefits but most importantly it provides a low-stakes outlet for creativity that can help kids find calm and relaxation. We also created butterflies with yarn, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners and wooden beads. This served as a great activity for younger kids to work on fine motor skills and problem solving.

### **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. They have also continued their weekly Monday Art program led by volunteer Aubry Warmke where the students enjoy hanging out and working on different projects together.

### **Adults**

In April, Encino adults got to enjoy a variety of programming. On April 7, Encino hosted the Bexar County Master Naturalists to talk about the iNaturalist app and the City Nature Challenge. Adults enjoyed learning more about the app and how they can report different types of nature found in the Encino community and in San Antonio. Ann Laird also hosted two "Get Craftin'" adult crafting sessions in April. April's featured crafts were soap felting and shrinky dink creations!

Encino also hosted a "Sunday Funday" session where all ages got to make a sparkly sensory bottle. These bottles, also known as calming bottles, were filled with water, soap, and shiny beads.



Ann Laird is also on the Summer with SAPL committee for Adults which met in April to discuss giveaways for adults for Summer, and adult Summer programming! Ann is responsible for planning the systemwide adult summer craft offerings again this year.

## FOREST HILLS

An unexpected event was featured on April 20. Due to forecasted rains, the Agarita Chamber Players required another location for a planned Earth Day performance that had previously been scheduled at Woodlawn Lake Park. The group reached out to the library as a logical location for their event. Over twenty patrons enjoyed the performance and shared their compliments with the library staff.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Doris Griffin Center to host the monthly book club. The April book club book pick was Happiness Falls by Angie Kim. One of the book club members was so pleased with the book selection that she created bookmarks featuring the book cover for all attendees.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop continued their weekly Teen Time activity, with teens engaging in problem solving to help Mx. Prukop figure out settings on the branch's Nintendo Wii, and working together to build a list of supplies they'd like for future teen activities with branch funds. Mx. Prukop also continued leading the weekly Dungeons & Dragons Club happening on the 210teenlibrary Discord Server, where teens had the opportunity to explore consequences for behavioral choices through the frame of the game.

Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca visited A Place for Life, Head Start as she does every month, where she read stories and sang songs with four classes of preschoolers. Additionally, she checked out books to each classroom for the students to enjoy. Ms. Menchaca has also started to go to the daycare center Kiddie Corner, where she reads books to two classrooms. Ms. Menchaca attended the Linton Elementary Spring festival. She was able to speak to parents and kids about the wonderful opportunities available at the San Antonio Public Library.

Continuing to contribute to the children's blog, Ms. Menchaca read and wrote about the graphic novel "The Rats of NIMH."

Ms. Menchaca continued her weekly Storytime, Kids Time, Lego Time, Baby Time, and Bilingual Storytime activities in the branch. A special Kids Time celebrating "Velociraptor Awareness Day" was a hit! Kids were able to help dinosaur eggs (bath bombs made by Ms. Ana) hatch, dig for dinosaur bones, and do dinosaur crafts.

Library Assistant Shy Axelrod continued the monthly Bring Your Own Book Club and Tabletop Gaymer Night activities. For April, the book club read books of or about poetry for National Poetry Month, sharing favorites and interesting information. The Tabletop Gaymer Night continued to be a space for LGBTQ+ adults and their allies to gather for board games and conversation. Ms. Axelrod also organized a poetry reading with local poet Alex Z. Salinas; attendees brought books to get signed and listened to the poet share his work and some of his process.

Library Assistant Robert Solis offered a Fiesta Flower program every Friday in April. Participants were guided through a step-by-step creation of tissue paper Fiesta flowers. Members of the Doris Griffin Senior Center attended a field trip to the library specifically for this seasonal event.

## GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Branch Library hosted a Birds of San Antonio presentation on April 6 by avid birder Sebastian Casarez. The presentation educated attendees on how to identify common backyard birds and Spring bird migrants, what type of seeds and plants attract birds, and ways to help bird conservation.

On Saturday, April 20 the Great Northwest Potpourri Book Club met to discuss What Lies in the Woods by Kate Alice Marshall. The book club meets once a month to discuss a book from a different genre each month. 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 April 7 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.

On Saturday, April 13 Great Northwest hosted the Learn at SAPL featured event Second Saturdays ASL Basics. The event was presented by LEAD Enterprise and gave attendees the opportunity to learn American Sign Language basic vocabulary, deaf culture, and communication etiquette.

Tuesday afternoon is Story Time at Great Northwest. Children and their grownups listen to stories and enjoy simple, shared activities. It was a time for families to have fun together while developing early literacy skills and fostering curiosity. On Wednesday mornings the library hosted Family Play Time for children ages 5 and younger. Families with young children visited the library to enjoy come-and-go style play time activities. Thursday afternoon Baby Time program is a big hit with our littlest patrons and their grownups. Fridays were full of fun for kids. During Toddler Time children ages 18 months to 3 years old actively participated in stories, music, and movement to enhance their social, emotional, and language development. On Friday afternoon the library hosted the Let's Create Maker's Club for kids ages 6 to 12 years old. Kids expressed themselves with creative, self-directed art activities.

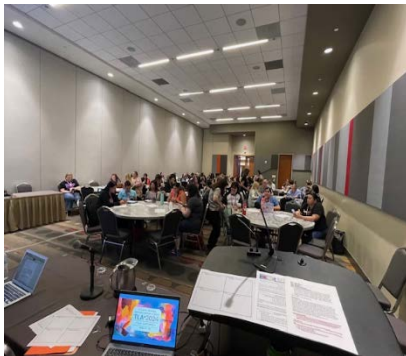
In April Great Northwest Teens planned and implemented all Teen Time programs at Great Northwest Library. Teens created a monthly template for each event and share the events on the 210 Teen discord. This April, Teens facilitated a Black-Out Poetry activity and upcycled some damaged books and magazines for the event! Each poem will be printed and made into a mini zine that will go into the teen room! Teens also met up for their monthly event Sew What? An introduction to sewing, this event has become increasingly popular, many of our teens sew at home but have access to limited supplies. After several donations and through Friends of the Great Northwest Library funding we were able to buy two more sewing machines for this event. Teens worked on a variety of their own projects. Projects included crocheting, painting on totes, making DIY punk rock patches, pillowcases and more. Every month they also meet for their event, Bored Games. If Teens are bored and want to play board games with other teens this is their safe space to be!

## **GUERRA**

On April 20, the Agarita Chamber Ensemble offered Guerra branch patrons a classical music experience. Their performance was well received by listeners.



Children's Librarian, Linda Lopez continued to offer weekly Toddler Story Times. On April 20, she presented Bilingual Storytime. She offered weekly Lego Clubs, where children and their caregivers build unique creations and challenged each other with Lego challenge cards. On April 18, Ms. Lopez along with Tobin's Branch Manager, Amanda Neace Watson, presented at Texas Library Association's annual conference. Their presentation was well attended with standing room only. Their topic was *Meeting People Where They Are: Learning into Community Driven Programming*. They shared options for reaching communities.



Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, facilitated the Spanish/English weekly conversation hour. On April 5, he recorded *Quiero dormir (I want to sleep)* by Michaël Escoffier for Dial-a-Story. On April 19, Mr. Jackson's outreach efforts took him to the Willie Cortez Senior Center where he facilitated a Taxes and Fiesta San Antonio themed trivia game. On April 20, he introduced a new program for adults: *Coffee and a Movie*. He screened John Lee Hancock's 2004 *The Alamo*. On April 25, he moderated a book discussion group, Club de Lectura, both face-to-face and via Zoom. They discussed *Sostener el cielo* by Cixin Liu. Mr. Jackson designed and mounted a display celebrating Fiesta San Antonio. The display informed the public of the major festivities happening city wide with a special focus on the San Antonio Cactus and Xerophyte Society. Potted plants of cacti, aloes and other succulents were integrated into the display.

Adult and older adult patrons continued to build connections by contributing to the completion of the community puzzle. They also participated in passive activities such as crossword puzzles, word searches, mazes and other brain booster activities.

Library Assistant Roxanne Menchaca mounted a display on National Gardening Month and the Collection Development curated display on National Poetry Month.

# IGO

Nature Fest program was held at the Igo Branch Library on April 18, 2024. This program was led by Morghann Patterson, circulation attendant at Igo branch. The event garnered an enthusiastic response from our community, showcasing a remarkable turnout (80 people) of participants from various demographics, including families, children, and senior citizens.

Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to engage with a diverse array of organizations, each offering unique insights and activities. Representatives from Phil Hardberger Park, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc, Native Plant Society of Texas, Latino Outdoors, Texas Master Naturalist, Government Canyon State Park, Bexar County Biologist, and San Antonio River Authority played integral roles in enriching the event with their expertise and resources.

David Jimenez from Phil Hardberger Park captivated attendees with informative displays showcasing local wildlife and educational programming. Lacey Jessamine of Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Inc demonstrated the art of crafting bird nests and provided valuable guidance on assisting orphaned baby animals.

Patrick McGuire, representing the Native Plant Society of Texas, led engaging discussions on native versus invasive plant species and facilitated an interactive game that resonated particularly well with gardening enthusiasts. Latino Outdoors brought attention to Latine representation in nature-related fields and offered enriching activities for children, including a bird treat craft.

Meanwhile, the Texas Master Naturalist group, through representatives Talat Shah and Peter Hernandez, provided valuable insights into their program and the City Nature Challenge, fostering connections within the local naturalist community.

Lisa Cole from Government Canyon State Park shared insights into the park's offerings and activities, enhancing participants' awareness of its ecological significance. Olivia Kost, our esteemed Bexar County Biologist, enlightened attendees on the diverse wildlife found in our county, further enriching their understanding of local ecosystems.

Janine Garcia of the San Antonio River Authority highlighted the organization's efforts in preserving our creeks and rivers while educating families about their importance, fostering a deeper appreciation for our natural resources.

Beyond individual interactions, the event facilitated meaningful networking opportunities among local naturalists, fostering a sense of community and collaboration within our city's nature enthusiast circles.



## JOHNSTON



Librarian Yamada conducted the Adult Craft Club on April 20th, patrons enjoyed making Fiesta Medals using wooden circles and colorful ribbons.



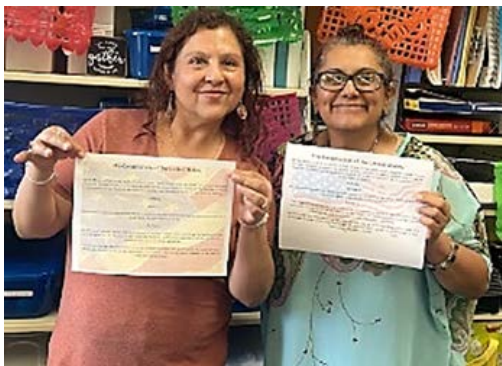


Children's Librarian Jackie Gonzales held Family Story Times every Thursday. Ms. Gonzales sang songs, told rhymes, and read stories to children and their caregivers. Targeted for preschool age children, families were encouraged to come and listen, learn, play, and sing along. Within the program, the children's librarian ensured to incorporate the five building blocks for early literacy: sing, talk, read, write, and play. Stories shared included *When Spring Comes* by

Keving Henkes and *How to Find a Unicorn* by Sue Fliess. 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 every Thursday afternoon. Children were invited to follow the prompt or create another project with any materials provided. Prompts included: paper robots; Fiesta shoebox floats; handprint butterflies; and paper plate ice cream cones. 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 April 5 Ms. Gonzales had Gateway Christian School visit her branch where she offered story time to the children, a tour of the library, and talked about the library and the services available to them. Ms. Gonzales visited La Petite Academy on Wurzbach on April 16 and provided Story Time. She also visited Kriewald Road School of arts on April 19 for their Family Wellness Night, where she provided information to children and families about the library.



Teen Librarian Ana Piña facilitated in-person Teen Time every Monday night of the month. Teens assisted in selecting and planning weekly activities throughout the month which included learning how to make brownie waffles, Fiesta floats, slime, and paper mâché sculptures. Ms. Piña also hosted the Johnston No-pressure Book Club on Sunday, April 21st where participants gathered to talk about the books they have been reading for the month of April. Notable titles were *Anita De Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez and *Dead Things Are Closer Than They Appear* by Robin Wasley.



Pictured: Patrons completing a Word formatting challenge in the Learn Center. In April, the Johnston Learn Center served a total of 51 patrons, providing various learning services. Of these, 16 were new patrons seeking computer training and job preparation assistance, while 33 received ongoing support for improving their computer skills. Notably, the most sought-after programs included computer skills training and resume building & job searching assistance. The Learn Center significantly contributed to 4 patrons securing employment. On April 18 Training Officer Ms. Mendoza attended the 2024 Texas Library Association Conference.

On April 23 she attended the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Adult Citizenship Education Seminar where she received training to assist our patrons with the Naturalization process. Ms. Mendoza hosted a Learn at SAPL information booth three times: on April 2 at the Claude Black Community Center, the Bexar County 2<sup>nd</sup> Chances Job and Resources Fair on April 10, and at the Harper's Chapel Community Resource Fair on April 24.

# LANDA

In April, Landa Library hosted more than 40 children's programs and served over 1,000 people including the very popular Baby Story Time and Outdoor Family Story Time.

This month, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas saw many of the Baby Story Time attendees graduate to Toddler Story Time. Attendance at the Preschool Story Time doubled.

The Tweens enjoyed a galaxy themed slime making program in honor of the Eclipse. The group continued to ask for more slime making opportunities.

Continuing the passive, child-led engagement opportunities, Children's Librarian Jasmin put up a Fiesta themed Scavenger Hunt created by Circulation Attendant Walden Booker.

In addition to in-house children's programs this month, Children's Librarian Jasmin visited three schools to provide story times for various classrooms.

After Circulation Attendant Vanezza Garcia and Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas attended a Visual Merchandise training, the entire team began to focus on ways to improve display spaces in the library that resulted in highlighting genres in Juvenile Fiction and featuring new books in the Children's area.

April continued to be busy in the Landa Teen Space. Teens started a book club that will meet once a month. They are learning how to promote their activity to draw in other teens.

Another group of teen volunteers started a gaming club due to the observed interest in games.

Teen Librarian Stephanie Thomas-Rosen has been working on signage to clearly label the different genres in the teen space. The Fiction by Subject section continued to be a popular choice for teens looking for a book to read. New genre signage assisted patrons in quickly locating what they are looking for.

This month, Readers Ink book club read *Educated* by Tara Westover. Members were interested in learning more about the family background and talked a lot about overcoming family trauma and obstacles.

The Village at Incarnate Word book club read *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict. The group enjoyed novels by this author and were engaged in talking about the friendship they never knew about between Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary Mcleod.

This month, Sylvia Reyna from Central contacted Adult Services Librarian Robin Alcorta to use the outdoor space at Landa. Natalie Enevold taught a class on Qi Gong Essentials. The class focused on how to move freely and help with posture and balance outside on a beautiful spring day.

Mystery Book Club read *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. They enjoyed comparing the movie and the book.

## **LAS PALMAS**

Las Palmas Branch Library is currently closed for renovations. Interim services for Las Palmas Branch Library are located at Our Lady of the Lake University's Sueltenfuss Library (411 SW 24th St., San Antonio, TX 78207).

Interim service site hours of operation:

- Monday – Tuesday | 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - Friday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday | 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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On April 23, Branch Manager Lily Treviño Pérez contributed to San Antonio Public Library's Dial-A-Story (Telecuentos) service by reading, "*Te quiero noche y día*" por Smitri Pasadam-Halls.

## MAVERICK

In April, Maverick hosted the Ladies Choice Book Club and the Poetry Club for their monthly gathering. For its fourth successful meeting this year, Maverick also hosted The Edge Writing Workshop presented by Poet, Dario Beniquez. Maverick also hosted another exciting 101 Geocaching event. The Mah Jongg Group met twice in April. Ben Longoria, Adult Services Librarian II, continued reviewing and weeding through the nonfiction collection. During the report period, Maverick once again welcomed the Bexar County Elections Department for the Early Uniform Election in late April. The Reference Team collaborated ensuring the Election Judges had access to the building and remained until voting ended for the day. For instance, Ms. Amy Roberts opened for Early Voting on April 22, 24, 27 and 29.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, had a variety of tasks and projects during the reporting period. Ms. Roberts weeded the Juvenile Easy's and Juvenile Graphic Novels for duplicate items and sent them to Collection Development and a couple of branches that requested them.

Story Times and Lego Times were very well attended during the reporting period. Ms. Roberts had 12 Early Literacy programs with 460 attendees and 4 School Age programs with 143 attendees.

The Children's Librarian ensured all her programs for "Summer With SAPL" were in Trumba. She also contacted librarians at 3 elementary schools in the Maverick service area that she will visit in May to promote "Summer With SAPL". Ms. Roberts started prepping for her summer in-house programs as well, making signs, calendars, and crafts.

Ms. Roberts had several meetings and training courses during the reporting period. She had Security Awareness Training on April 7, a children's librarians meeting on April 10 and Pharos Remote Web Training on April 25.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl checked out a Nintendo Switch gaming system from Central Teen Services. It was extremely useful during Voting when the Meeting Room was occupied, as the Switch does not need to be connected to a TV to be played. Maverick Teens delighted in competing at Smash



Bros. and some hilarious Jackbox games. The crowd favorite was a cooperatively played game in which all players are part of a family and assigned different tasks to accomplish, both together and individually. Teens also enjoyed expressing their creativity with Perler Beads, acrylic paints and a few crafted bracelets or necklaces. Maverick Teens requested Fruiteria style fruit cups with pineapple, mango, banana, and strawberries. Other snacks in April were noodle cups, mac and cheese and popsicles.

#### Fiesta of Words

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl and Librarian I Daniela Moreno made 45 buttons and promoted SAPL Services to 45-60 people at Fiesta of Words – an NISD celebration of poetry – on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Marshall High School. Attendees had free time during their lunch time to visit with SAPL and check out a few displays set up for them. Moreno and Bleichwehl also connected with NISD staff, event volunteers, parents, and a few siblings of the attendees.

## McCRELESS

Children's Librarian Paula Lenington held Family Story Time every Thursday in April. The kids sang songs, listened to stories, and had an engaging time playing and building.



Every Tuesday of the month, kids came to build and play with Legos, and did a very good job using their imagination to create.

Paula also has 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 Servies visited the library on April 18th with a group of 8 Adults with special needs. Paula had a story/craft time with them where she read stories about Caterpillars and Butterflies and did some crafts with butterflies.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 30 kids in attendance.



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



April highlights for the McCreless Adult Learn Center feature two exciting success stories. A patron came to the McCreless Learn Center for help creating a resume and applying for jobs. During several extended sessions, Learn Training Officers offered resume building tips and editing suggestions. After several weeks of dedicated effort, the patron successfully landed a job as a sales director for a local hotel. He then came back to the Learn Center for assistance with onboarding and training. Last week, he exuberantly shared several of his newly printed business cards, declaring that he would not have gotten his new job without the individualized support from the Learn Center.

Two participants in the Learn Civics for Citizenship class were disappointed that their new work schedules made it impossible for them to continue attending the class. The Learn Training Officer offered both patrons 1-on-1 coaching during Learn's afternoon walk-in hours and shared various printed Citizenship Resources so they could study effectively at home. This week, the first patron stopped by to show a photo of him proudly displaying his Citizenship Certificate and holding a tiny American flag. Two days later, the second patron came by to show Learn staff his newly minted Certificate as well. It turns out the two men were in the same Naturalization Ceremony! They shared that the in-person support and information they received at the Learn Center were an essential part of their journey toward Citizenship.

All three group classes continue to have consistent participation, and afternoon walk-in traffic remains steady.

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, so they were consistently able to decide what they wanted to do. Some examples of these activities are playing with the Nintendo Switch, creating art with the materials provided, making buttons, etc.

On April 6th, Daniela Moreno assisted fellow Teen Librarian Mary Lou Bleichwehl at an outreach event at Marshall High School for the Fiesta of Words event. From 11:30-1:30 PM, Daniela and Mary Lou spoke to



teens and their families, guiding them to get library cards while promoting all the services the library has to offer, especially for teens.

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 a blackout poetry program on April 8, the day of the solar eclipse for National Poetry Month.



In April Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales presented Aquaman and The Lost Kingdom for Movie Night at McCreless. Everyone in attendance enjoyed popcorn, refreshments, and an exciting movie. Library Assistant Gonzales worked with other Tech Liaisons on the upgrade from Pharos Remote application to Pharos Remote Web. This involved Mr. Gonzales training all staff that work with Pharos Remote at McCreless to be ready for the upgrade planned for May 5th.

## MEMORIAL

In addition to Memorial Branch Library's usual weekly and monthly programs and activities, some truly special events took place during the month of April. Library Aide Pristina Pinales initiated, planned, and led the first "Oh! Taku" Anime Club meeting. She showed the anime film, *Batman Ninja*, and taught attendees how to make shuriken origami and sword bookmarks.

On April 13, Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson and Library Aide Guadalupe Pinales collaborated on a papel picado program for Fiesta. Eleven attendees made papel picado from different colors and sizes of tissue paper. This easy craft was fun for everybody.



The Talking Bees Roadshow visited Memorial on April 16. Konrad Bouffard of Round Rock Honey spoke at length about bees and their importance in the environment. Attendees were enthusiastic about his presentation.

Also on April 16, Freddy held a workshop for adults to make Cascarones for Fiesta.

# MISSION

## Community

Mission Library served as a voting site for the May Uniform Election, providing a place for the community to participate in early and day of voting.

On Saturday April 13th, Mission Library partnered with the World Heritage Office's annual Open House event in which other city departments are invited to share their resources to the community. The event took place in both meeting rooms and the courtyard.

For National Poetry Month, Librarian Oscar Gonzalez represented the library at the Mission Marquee's Viva Poesia event on April 6th. Poetry-related arts and crafts were offered and enjoyed by the community.

Mission Library continues to represent the library at the Mission Marquee Farmer's & Artisan Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

## Teens

Teens at Mission Library were very busy during the reporting period. Tuesday night activities included: painting mason jars, making craft stick bracelets, making Fiesta wreaths, and washer necklaces. Teens at Mission also had access to Central's button maker, and they made several buttons/pins. Mission's Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, also visited with teens outside of the library at the Villa Coronado Resource Center. The teens at the center had the opportunity to try out the button maker and to use a sticker maker. The Saturday gaming club had two meetings in April. Teen volunteers have the opportunity to facilitate the program on their own and create a fun gaming experience for other teens who attend. Teen volunteers that help out on Saturdays (and other days of the week) received t-shirts, buttons, and a thank you card for Volunteer Appreciation month. Mission's teen volunteers are a vital part of the branch providing help with programming as well as assistance with on-shelf lists and other tasks. Thank you volunteers!

## Children

Little Read Wagon continued to offer activities for children of the community each Wednesday morning outside on the library grounds. Baby Time and Preschool Storytime continue to be offered as usual every Thursday morning. A dance program for children also continues to be offered on the first Saturday of the month. Lego Club continues to be offered on the first and second Monday afternoon of each month.

## Adults

Table Tennis continues to be the most regularly attended program at Mission library. Lately, it has even attracted other regular patrons of the library who were curious about the sport. A Beginning Genealogy class was offered on Saturday, May 6th. Karaoke Club continues to be offered on available Friday afternoons toward the end of the month. On April 16th, a touring program called Talking Bees was hosted at Mission Library. The goal of Talking Bees is to help bring awareness of the environmental benefits that honeybees provide, as well as to celebrate beekeepers, honey lovers, and all blooming things.

# PAN AMERICAN

The Pan American Library had several displays throughout the month of March. Library Assistant Linda Bauers created a display for National Garden month which included how-to guides for new gardens and advance information for residents that wanted to take their gardening skills to the next level.



Gladys Nunez, Teen Services Librarian, facilitated opportunities for teens at the Branch to share their creativity which included a display. One of the teen volunteers created a YA display (as well as the flyer) for the month of April titled "Spring Cleaning and Books Ready for Reading". The display featured books from a variety of genres and proved to be popular with patrons.



Children's Librarian Rachel Forbes created a "Fiesta" book display. The books on the display were all action packed and fun for young readers. This display was supplemented with a Fiesta Come & Go craft where families could create their own paper crowns and color their own badges.





On April 13th, Children's Librarian Rachel Forbes attended PAW-Changa with Children's Librarians Randi Jones and Deborah Hinshelwood and did a special pet story time. In the month of April, Ms. Forbes hosted four Story Times, five Lego Times, four Tween Times, and four Family Fun Times.

Teen Librarian Gladys Nunez had several Teen Times in April. During Teen Time the participants played video games on the PS5 and painted on canvases. The branch also welcomed a new teen volunteer during this time who specifically wanted to volunteer for Teen Time. 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.

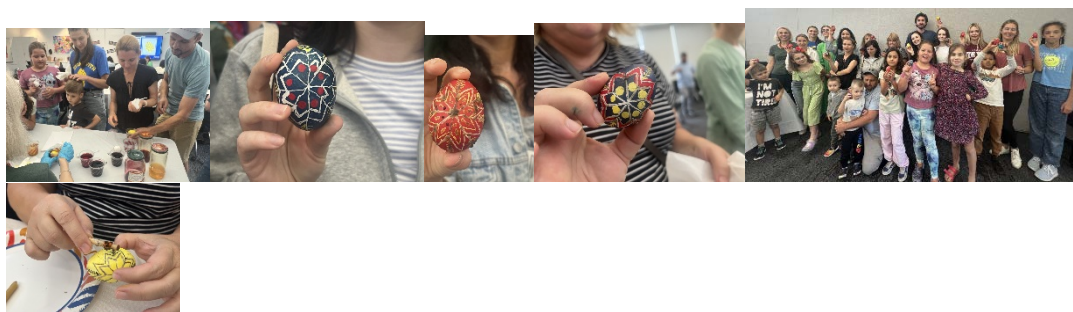
## PARMAN



For the majority of April, Parman hosted the Bexar County elections, which meant less space to accommodate just ongoing programs. As a result, this month's planning and the logistics were challenging, but as always, Parman staff pulled through.



In April a new art exhibit titled: "Flowers of a Foreign Land", was brought to Parman gallery by the manger Barbara K. in collaboration with Sarah from Latin Centre. A collection of artworks by three skilled artists: Francis Acevedo, Mario Alvarado, and Laura Delmis, this colorful art display brought a vibrant and multicultural experience to Parman Branch patrons, celebrating Women's History Month. Patrons are grateful for the opportunity to experience their evocative artwork firsthand. During the reception, members of our community had the opportunity to engage in insightful discussion with artist themselves and learned a lot about the unique cultural and artistic influences behind the artwork.

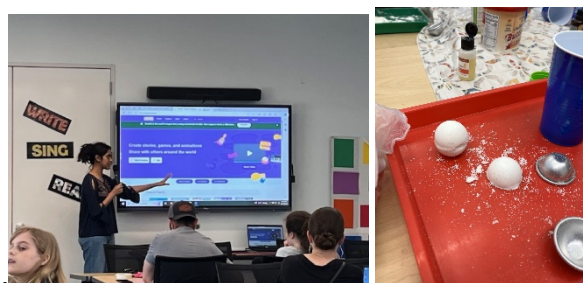


Parman Library features monthly programs called "Embracing Diverse Cultures in San Antonio", created by Barbara K. which targets the ethnic immigrant minority communities of San Antonio. The Ukrainian Language and Culture Club had this month a great turnout, celebrating the spring and Easter by holding a class on making Pysanky Eggs. Using traditional wax-melting tools and dyes, 44 patrons learned how to make these beautiful and traditional Ukrainian easter eggs.



The Polish Language and Culture Club was visited by Consul General and other consuls from Consulate General in Houston. The guests were delighted by how immigrants from first to even fifth generation were utilizing this program to connect and share their heritage. Over 65 patrons enjoyed the traditional dance "Krakowiak" performed by youngest children with Polish heritage, teens were reciting poems by famous Polish poets and adults were singing songs known to all Poles. The Consul General was impressed by SAPL's commitment to fostering inclusivity. They also donated several books and encouraged more ideas like this.

The Parman Branch Library was in the path of totality for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Total Solar Eclipse, but unfortunately, the weather had other plans. Even with cloudy skies, patrons and staff still took the opportunity to watch as night fell early, with small glimpses of the eclipse occasionally peeking through the clouds. Parman Branch ongoing weekly adult programs continued to do well in April. Patrons were able to practice wellness during weekly meditation and Qi-Gong classes presented by certified instructors and each week more people join the classes. The manager also organized an afternoon with The Alamo Area Master Naturalists also held a special program at the branch, teaching patrons about different plants and how to use the iNaturalist app as a part of the City Nature Challenge.



Our Teen Time program, led by our dedicated teen volunteers, has become a cozy space for creativity and friendship. From retro crafting activities that spark nostalgia to competitive gaming nights, our teens have created a welcoming environment where interests are explored, and friendships flourish. Activities selected by the teens this month included Mario Kart, Mod Podge, pom pom pets, bath bombs, and the surprise hit of the month - Shrinky Dinks! Meanwhile, another group of teen volunteers has successfully continued their efforts to promote STEM among their peers with Bot Camp. The focus this month was

creating a story using block coding. It's been so much fun watching their stories come to life through coding. With only five weeks left, we are excited to see what else they have planned.



Parman's April family story time and scavenger hunt were created by Parman's intern - library school student, Erin Lyons! Miss Erin also created a new page for the Parman "What to Read Next" notebook filled with excellent books about dogs. The "What to Read Next" notebook has recommendations from Parman's Children's Librarians on good books in different areas like mysteries, graphic novels, juvenile fiction, and series.



All regular 7 ongoing weekly children programs presented by our wonderful trio: Ms. Lisa Ms. Teague, and Ms. Veronica remain as popular as ever. The highlight of the month was when the Primrose School of Stone Oak visited Parman. Several books were read about the library and how the library works. They enjoyed a library-themed felt board game bringing different colored books back to the library on the felt board. Felt board games encourage social skills like self-

regulation, following directions and taking turns as well as learning colors!

## POTRANCO

In honor of Cesar Chavez Day, Potranco Adult Services Librarian Dawn Zeig collaborated with Sarah De La Rosa from the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) to host an energetic program titled: ¡La Lucha Sigue! Honoring the Legacy of Cesar E. Chavez. The program consisted of speakers Arturo Rodriguez, San Antonio native and President Emeritus of the United Farm Workers (UFW); Ernest Martinez, Chair, Cesar E. Chavez Legacy and Education Foundation (CECLEF); and Anthony Gonzales, Board Member, CECLEF, and teacher of Mexican American Studies (MAS) at John Marshall High School, Northside Independent School District. Participants had the opportunity to hear about the continued work and victories of the UFW, as well as the creation and work of the Cesar E. Chavez Legacy and Education Foundation here in San Antonio. Arturo Rodriguez shared personal stories about his friendship with Cesar Chavez and the impact that he had on the world. Ernest Martinez discussed his life-long ties to the cause through his father's involvement with the UFW and the challenges, as well as victories, that the CECLEF has faced. Anthony Gonzales discussed his pioneering class, MAS, and how it has affected and enriched the lives of his students in San Antonio. Marcela Hernández, MAS student at John Marshall High School, received a standing ovation for sharing their award-winning poem with the crowd about their experiences with being Mexican American. Artist Rudy Herrera screen printed and distributed special Cesar Chavez images for all patrons in attendance and the San Antonio Food Bank provided free bags of fresh produce for all attendees.



Librarian Zeig attended the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio April 15-19. Ms. Zeig had worked on planning this year's conference as part of the Conference Planning Committee and was excited to see all that hard work pay off. Ms. Zeig is grateful for the opportunity and experience of having served on the committee for the annual state-wide conference.

Librarian Zeig continued to host Hormones and Hot Flashes on the last Sunday of the month. Patrons that are experiencing perimenopause or are in menopause are encouraged to come listen to a podcast, chat, and color. This month's podcasts featured Clinical Psychologist and Author, Dr. Romi Ran, discussing "Emotional Eating, Body Image & the Menopause" and Rachel Weiss, accredited counsellor and Coach, discussing "How to Manage Anxiety & Enhance Emotional Wellbeing".

Librarian Zeig held two book clubs this month. The morning and evening versions of Shelf Indulgence, on April 30, discussed this month's selection, *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. Next month's selection is *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix. 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.

Librarian Zeig participated in an older adult outreach on April 23rd for Vida Fest hosted by the National Church Residences of San Antonio along with Christina Montero, Central Library, and Daniel Gomez, Memorial LEARN Center. Vida Fest brings the joy of Fiesta to older adult residents. Participants expressed how much they enjoy the library and loved the stylus pens and magnifiers that were given out on behalf of the San Antonio Public Library. Librarians Zeig, Montero and Gomez promoted library events taking place nearby and spoke to attendees about library offerings. Residents were particularly interested in LEARN Center offerings.

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 April 6.

The Potranco branch participated in Collection Development's Poetry Month book display for April and the offerings were heavily circulated.

Children's Librarian Lisa Leandro hosted Potranco's usual line-up of Story Time, Kids Time and Tween Time. One Story Time celebrated cows. Ms. Leandro represented SAPL at outreach to two events: Evers career day and the Glenn Pre-K Roundup. At the Glenn Pre-k event she got to meet with families and prospective library patrons while the kids enjoyed a petting zoo. Additionally, Ms. Leandro helped out by running the Escape Room at Tobin's Trek Wars celebration where even R2D2 joined in!

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, including crafts and movies. One of the teens' favorite activity was Black Out Poetry, in honor of National Poetry Month. The teens enjoyed the process so much they did it again a couple weeks later. Teen Time activities encouraged creative expression and positive social interaction. The new Teen Book Club and Young Writers Group continued to gain traction with increased attendance in both. Being teen-initiated and teen-led, these programs gave teen volunteers an opportunity to practice leadership skills. Ms. Ross concluded her mentorship of a student from Stevens High School involved in an independent studies class, celebrating the student's accomplishments by attending her final presentation in front of peers, teachers, and family. The mentorship experience provided the teen an opportunity to see "behind the scenes" at the library and envision a future career in the field while practicing some of the associated skills like digital marketing and collection evaluation.

On April 5, Ms. Ross attended the 2024 NSITE College and Career Expo held by NISD, where she and Daniella Toll (Librarian II, Collins Garden) talked to interested students about volunteer and summer employment opportunities at the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) via Family Services internships. The following day, Ms. Ross attended a Community Resource Fair at Warren High School, providing information about SAPL.

In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week, Ms. Ross delivered VolunTeen T-shirts to teen volunteers and awarded service-hour buttons to four teens -- two 25-hour buttons, one 50-hour button, and one 100-hour button.

In April, the Potranco Writers Group continued its twice monthly meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Attendance numbers have ranged from fewer (8) to our steadier 12-14 participants for each session. The call for submissions for the 2024 Potranco Writers Group anthology has gone out, so members are beginning to select their materials for publication. The deadline for submissions is June 15th. Two regular participants will design the cover, while editing will be provided by Paschal Booker, the group facilitator.

Potranco Branch Manager Tim Johnson continues to cohost SAPL's Escape the Earth Sci-Fi and Fantasy podcast. With the help of Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central Children's), Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow) and J.D. Elizondo (Information Services) the group reads and discusses one of SAPL's many offerings. April's selection is *The Meister of Decimen City* by Brenna Raney.







## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

In April 2024, Pruitt's Children's Services marked the arrival of spring with engaging activities centered around gardens, rain, poetry, and Earth Day during their *Toddler Story Times* and *Sensory Play Times*. The story sessions featured songs and books that explored themes of poetry, rejuvenation, and environmental conservation. 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, and engage in activities involving dirt and planting seeds. They also enhanced their fine motor and prewriting skills by making Earth-themed spin art and constructing vibrant flower gardens.

Moreover, the branch continued its Spring Session of the *Children's Yoga* program led by instructor, Ms. Lissette. Each child took it in turn to lead the sun salutations and then was guided into improving on more advanced yoga poses. Yoga participants made energizing essential oil mists and each participant designed their own sticker.

Overall, Pruitt's Children's Services organized ten programs tailored for young children and school-age kids, with 179 members of the Pruitt community actively participating.



During the month of April, Pruitt Adult Services continued to host the *Community Gardening* program, with presenter Misty Belmontez. Topics included Signs, symptoms and suggestions for common garden issues, and vermicomposting, where participants created compost bins and populated them with red wiggler worms to take home to their gardens.

*Adult Virtual Coloring* and *Adult Craft Time* continued, and *Chess Livestream* (virtual) and *Family Chess* (in-person) tied up their spring sessions.

Pruitt is trying a new program! Ms. Lissette Rubio from Pruitt's *Children's Yoga* classes welcomed adult participants to stretch and relax with *Chair Yoga*.



# SAN PEDRO

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

In April, 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!

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 cozy time sharing the experience and socializing together.

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the branch held an Earth Day Celebration to commemorate Earth Day. The event featured nature-based art, a plant swap, seed bomb making, learning about recycling and sustainability, and earth friendly household products. Community partners included the Department of Solid Waste, HEB, and City Council District One.

This month’s Film Virtuosity: A Reflection of Art featured the film short “Last Radio Call”. A locally made film that consisted of creepy found footage and an in-depth investigative narrative. The film was written and directed by local filmmaker Isaac Rodriguez.

The film's executive producer and industry professional Cynthia Bergen was in attendance to discuss the making of this terrific horror piece and all the details that went into production.

## SCHAEFER

In April, 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.

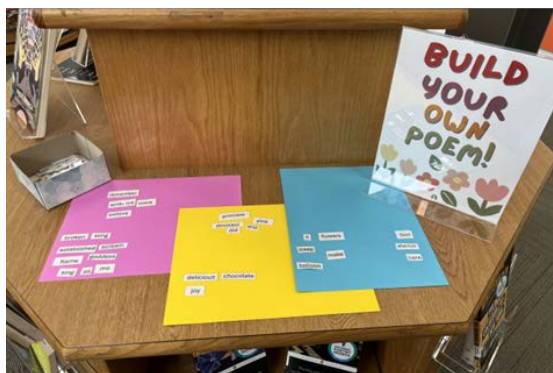
Dacari partnered with colleague Kiyanna Stephens to present two presentations at the Texas Library Association conference: Trauma Informed Care: A Focus on Public and Trauma Informed Care: A Focus on Staff. Both presentations were well received.

During the month of April, 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 April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024, the Adult Services Librarian supported and co-hosted the Making Memoirs Memorable writing seminar in coordination with a BASIS senior student whom he mentored.

On April 12, 2024, the Adult Services Librarian hosted the monthly Board Game Social program. On April 18, 2024, the Adult Services Librarian coordinated the final program in a series presented by the San Antonio Food Bank promoting their CHEF program initiative to improve health and wellness in the San Antonio area. Also on April 18, 2024, the Schaefer branch library played host to the Talking Bees Roadshow, a system-wide program about pollinators and their importance in our lives.

April was a busy month at Schaefer for children's programming. Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser offered a variety of programs for children of all ages during the month. Baby Story Time and Outdoor Family Story Time took place weekly for children five and younger. School-age children had many programs they could attend: Let's Build: Blocks & More, Robot Roundup, Read to a Dog, Let's Build: LEGO Time and Let's Create: Come & Go Art and Video Games for Kids.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted two Get Ready for Fiesta with SAPL programs, where families made homemade maracas to have fun during the festivities and adults made a Fiesta wreath to enjoy and display in their homes/offices. Her monthly Fiber Arts Social Hour met, and patrons cut sewing patterns and started new crochet projects. Blanca published a catalog list of popular titles for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) program. She worked with Librarian Dacari Lambert to create two book displays: an interactive display for Poetry month, where patrons created poems and a Bug Display, featuring the creepy crawlers of the animal world. Both displays were a hit.



## SEMMES

On Mondays in April, Semmes hosted two sessions of Let's Build: LEGOs & More for the school-age patrons with an attendance of 38 children and 21 grownups. In two sessions of Read to a Dog, 16

children read to Quincy Jones and Shadow to practice their early literacy skills. On Wednesday mornings at 10:30, one hundred eight (108) children and 90 grownups attended preschool story time. On Thursday mornings at 10:00, one hundred forty-five (145) children and 122 grownups attended toddler story time. On Thursday mornings at 11:00, seventy-eight (78) babies and 73 grownups attended baby story time! Ms. Randi recorded a story for the Dial-a-Story line on April 5, 9, 12, 19 and 26. She played her guitar, sang songs and read stories about pet cats and dogs at Animal Care Services PawChanga on April 13.

Teen Time at Semmes continued on Tuesdays throughout the month with teens eager to share their interests with each other. They brought games to play with the group and drew pictures of each other. Semmes also soft launched a Teen Gaming esports program on April 8 at the request and leadership of a teen volunteer. Participants play practice rounds of Super Smash Bros with the goal of competing in tournaments.

Semmes Tai Ji and Chess Club continued their popular weekly programs, while table tennis continues twice a week. Additionally, the monthly book club has had to move to larger accommodation in the library; it has proven popular enough that they must use the meeting room. Semmes was also host to more than 600 voters for the municipal elections.

## THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted two programs taught by instructors from Senior Planet – Protect Your Personal Info Online on April 3, and Anti-Virus and Malware Removers on April 17. She hosted Tai Chi classes led by certified instructor Debra Cox on April 4, 11, 18 and 25. Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted the virtual Red Carpet Movie Club on April 9. Attendees watched an Oscar-winning movie and participated in a discussion. On April 19, she served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program. On April 24, she hosted a Beginning Genealogy program taught by staff from the Library's Texana Department.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on April 8, 15 and 22. She held an All Booked Up Book Club program on April 14. Participants discussed *The Fervor* by Alma Katsu. She facilitated an outreach Senior Book Club program at the Northeast Senior Center on April 24. Participants discussed *Night Music* by Jojo Moyes. She created a young adult book display in celebration of Diversity Month.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano created two book displays - Classic American Novels, and Earth Day. On April 2, she held a Super Smash Bros Free Play video game program. She held a Fiber Arts Community program on April 9. Participants worked on their needlecraft projects with other like-minded community members. Ms. Castellano held an Adult Craft Time program on April 17 at which participants made paper quilling canvases. She held a Plant Swap program on April 21. She hosted a Dig It: Starting a Spring or Summer Vegetable Garden program on April 28.





## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL



Tobin Library at Oakwell coordinated with Bexar County Elections and saw 1,213 voters in the month of April. Library visitors had opportunities to create Fiesta flowers with Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse and enjoyed other festive flowers on display crafted by Circulation Attendant Lilliana Aguilar.

Children's Librarians Lisa Ramirez and Kara Bailey hosted weekly story times for toddlers and preschoolers. Ramirez coordinated popular LEGO programs and maintained the Read To A Dog partnership. Bailey hosted weekly After School Zone tween programming that was very well-received by

Garner Middle School students. Some of the activities this month included shrinky dink crafting, video gaming, and LEGO construction.

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl hosted weekly teen programs at the branch, contributed weekly to the teen Discord programming, and continued her monthly Geeks Assemble adult fandom program. Additionally, Hejl and Woolhouse coordinated an incredibly popular Trek Wars program that included light sabers, robots, an escape room, and trivia.

Woolhouse continued weekly Tai Chi and Tea programming for older adults and maintained partnerships with local book clubs, the Tobin Writer's Circle, and San Antonio Poets Association to offer programming at the branch. Woolhouse also explored a new partnership for a monthly Shakespeare Out Loud discussion group that met in April.

## WESTFALL

The Branch Manager, Machaia 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 continued her monthly series called "From Book to Big Screen" by showing "The Princess Bride" and providing copies of the book and other related media. Westfall hosted Texas Women's University student Angela Pena for her internship from January through April. Ms. McClenny attended the Texas Library Association Conference from April 16-19 and volunteered at the Author Area during her attendance. She also held the bi-monthly Wellness Meeting for staff about the book "The Body Keeps the Score."

As part of the National Poetry Month Committee, Monty designed, maintained, and updated the National Poetry Month website which promoted SAPL's poetry events. He also served as the committee's presenter at the Adult Services meeting, updating the entire Adult Services group about the committee's poetry programs for April. Mr. Holcomb also designed, promoted, and hosted a Poetry Circle event at Westfall Library. On the day of the total solar eclipse, Mr. Holcomb provided guidance to both the staff and patrons of Westfall in such a way that they would have an opportunity to experience the eclipse. Mr. Holcomb continued his Tai Chi program on a weekly basis, where he served as the facilitator for patrons wanting to practice Tai Chi in a relaxed setting. The activities that are provided in this program focus on Tai Chi that is done at an easy level, and so it is ideal for older adults. Furthermore, 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 the program, Mr. Holcomb helps to facilitate game play flow among the players and gives assistance (including lessons) as needed depending on the needs of those attending.

In April 2024, Children's Librarian, Imelda Merino, planned and presented four Preschool Story Times and four Family Story Times. Every Thursday at 4:00 pm, Ms. Merino hosts a "Crafts for Kids" program. The Discovery School first graders made their last visit of the year on April 17th. Ms. Merino also assisted with two Art Club Online programs and represented Westfall Library at Somerset Academy's Spring Fest on April 25th. She provided library information and a simple craft. A total of 24 people came by the table. At the request of the Somerset Academy staff, Westfall staff members have been creating library cards for the students there, so that they will have access to library services in the summer.

Heather, the Teen Librarian at Westfall, partnered with Michael from the Teen Library at Central to do an outreach at the second annual TeensDaySA event at Girls Inc. They met teens in the local area and teens from across the city and promoted library programs and services, including online activities via Discord and newer services like Kanopy and the Corazon Collection, as well as a preview of the upcoming Teen Summer 2024 T-shirt design. Many attendees expressed positive reactions to seeing the

library represented at a community event. Teens and other vendors alike expressed enthusiasm for the SAPL- and Teen Services-branded giveaway items that attracted event attendees to the SAPL table.

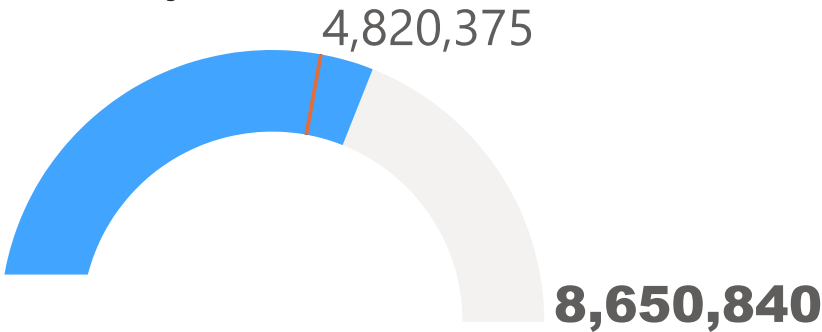


During the month of April, the Learn Center at Westfall continued to see an increase in walk-in patrons seeking service anywhere from computer training to resume building. several senior patrons who are getting to know how to use the computer and smart device for the first time. The Learn Center continues to gain a regular group of patrons that have been attending the Wednesday morning Smartphone and Smart Device class and other weekly technology classes on Friday mornings. Some of these classes include introduction to mobile ordering apps, getting started with YouTube, and email basics. A variety of classes are being created based on patron feedback to focus on skills they are looking for including mobile apps, introduction to artificial intelligence apps, and other media apps that relate to their daily lives.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Circulation: Goal

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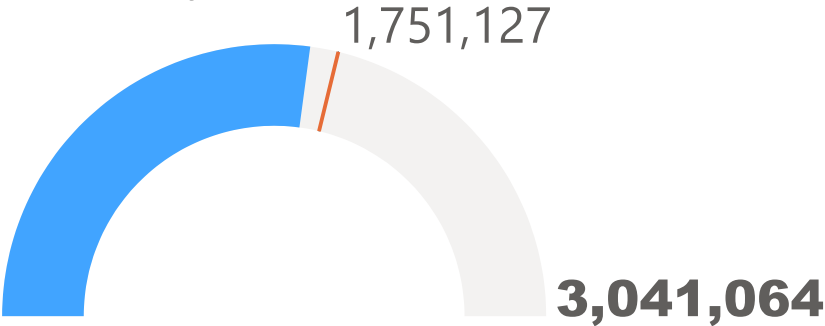
FY 2024 to date Items Borrowed



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Circulation

Visits: Goal

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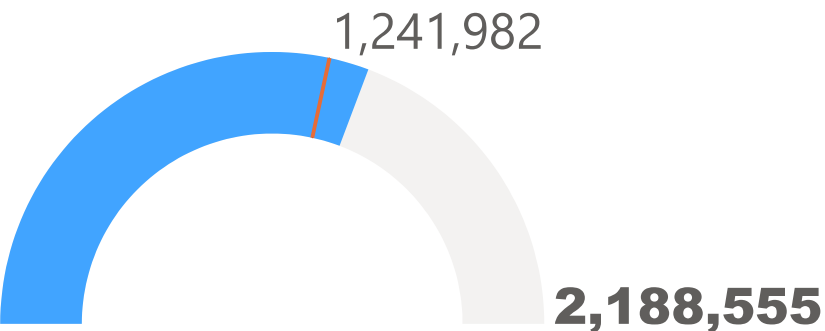
FY 2024 to date Library Visits



1,649,321  
(-5.81%)  
Visits

Digital Access: Goal

Fiscal Year to date goal:



FY 2024 to date Digital Access



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Hours of Computer Use



1,178,820  
Hours of Wi-Fi Use

1,345,806  
(+8.36%)  
Hours of Technology Use

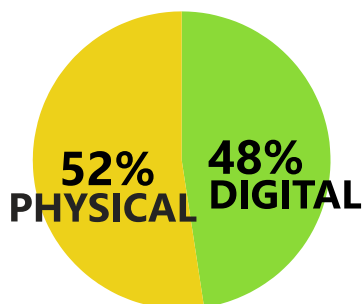


# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

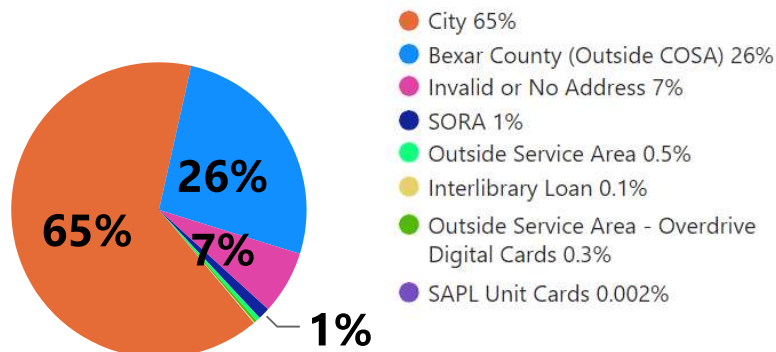
## April 2024 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2024

#### CIRCULATION BY TYPE



#### CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2024



1,024,250  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

14,335  
MYSAPL  
APP DOWNLOADS

105,125  
OVERDRIVE  
UNIQUE USERS

1,600,444  
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*
7,004 programs	1,755 programs	1,394 programs	1,569 programs	1,556 programs	392 programs	338 programs
118,843 attendance	48,136 attendance	26,772 attendance	14,061 attendance	12,932 attendance	4,506 attendance	12,436 attendance

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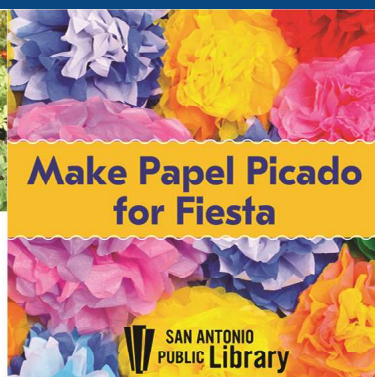
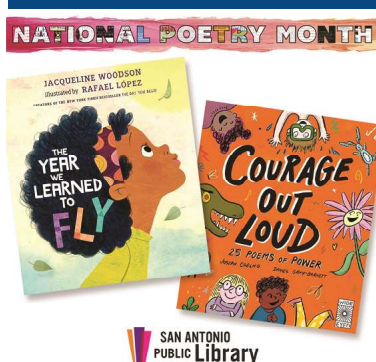
**2 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED\***

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

**120 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS\*\***

\*\*Total views from these two videos

### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS





# San Antonio Public Library

## April 2024 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
<b>Bazan</b>	2,600	6,343	6,201	1,289	4,912
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	22,785	9,705	5,720	917	4,803
<b>Carver</b>	2,286	3,958	3,739	800	2,939
<b>Central</b>	26,509	21,481	41,783	6,549	35,234
<b>Cody</b>	29,507	11,110	10,480	1,207	9,273
<b>Collins Garden</b>	2,978	3,990	3,654	411	3,243
<b>Cortez</b>	4,419	4,326	2,576	379	2,197
<b>Digital</b>	368,513	0	0	0	0
<b>Encino</b>	20,102	9,230	5,357	204	5,153
<b>Forest Hills</b>	4,590	2,478	2,375	289	2,086
<b>Great Northwest</b>	23,754	9,776	5,292	548	4,744
<b>Guerra</b>	5,441	6,660	4,983	550	4,433
<b>Igo</b>	37,745	25,093	12,099	808	11,291
<b>Interlibrary Loan</b>	1,314	0	0	0	0
<b>Johnston</b>	7,981	3,579	4,355	831	3,524
<b>Kampmann</b>	0	618	153	0	153
<b>Landa</b>	15,943	11,288	5,247	358	4,889
<b>Las Palmas</b>	260	94	229	0	229
<b>Maverick</b>	22,029	8,844	5,715	690	5,025
<b>McCreless</b>	6,750	3,922	6,612	1,271	5,341
<b>Memorial</b>	3,599	5,876	6,138	930	5,208
<b>Mission</b>	8,480	8,823	6,413	924	5,489
<b>Pan American</b>	3,057	3,711	2,171	372	1,799
<b>Parman</b>	29,656	13,693	7,477	244	7,233
<b>Potranco</b>	16,631	6,664	15,246	581	14,665
<b>Pruitt</b>	3,937	4,822	4,562	194	4,368
<b>San Pedro</b>	2,582	3,427	4,100	281	3,819
<b>Schaefer</b>	8,480	5,304	5,316	417	4,899
<b>Semmes</b>	24,016	6,233	7,679	1,158	6,521
<b>System</b>	31,662	0	0	0	0
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	5,775	4,832	4,402	775	3,627
<b>Tobin</b>	15,651	7,854	4,774	773	4,001
<b>Westfall</b>	8,306	4,109	7,519	1,053	6,466
<b>Total</b>	<b>767,338</b>	<b>217,843</b>	<b>202,367</b>	<b>24,803</b>	<b>177,564</b>

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

# San Antonio Public Library Programs

## April 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
<b>Bazan</b>	0	10	3	21	3	0	37
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	7	12	9	3	2	0	33
<b>Carver</b>	7	4	2	6	3	1	23
<b>Central</b>	8	5	75	17	3	5	113
<b>Cody</b>	6	9	27	10	0	0	52
<b>Collins Garden</b>	19	7	5	5	2	2	40
<b>Cortez</b>	4	12	0	17	0	0	33
<b>Encino</b>	13	5	4	3	6	1	32
<b>Forest Hills</b>	16	10	5	3	2	1	37
<b>Great Northwest</b>	7	6	6	3	1	3	26
<b>Guerra</b>	4	6	4	6	1	0	21
<b>Igo</b>	9	8	5	5	0	5	32
<b>Johnston</b>	5	10	4	4	0	0	23
<b>Landa</b>	32	12	5	3	0	0	52
<b>Las Palmas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	22	0	5	3	0	2	32
<b>Maverick</b>	12	4	6	5	0	0	27
<b>McCreless</b>	7	10	6	13	3	0	39
<b>Memorial</b>	4	4	0	26	1	4	39
<b>Mission</b>	8	3	12	10	9	1	43
<b>Pan American</b>	4	12	4	3	0	0	23
<b>Parman</b>	21	10	9	13	9	0	62
<b>Potranco</b>	4	4	11	8	0	2	29
<b>Pruitt</b>	6	4	5	3	0	4	22
<b>San Pedro</b>	3	7	0	5	3	2	20
<b>Schaefer</b>	9	11	5	6	0	1	32
<b>Semmes</b>	12	8	6	7	0	5	38
<b>System</b>	0	1	17	9	0	0	27
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	10	2	0	11	3	1	27
<b>Tobin</b>	7	9	5	6	4	2	33
<b>Westfall</b>	6	8	5	5	10	3	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,084</b>

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# San Antonio Public Library Program Attendance

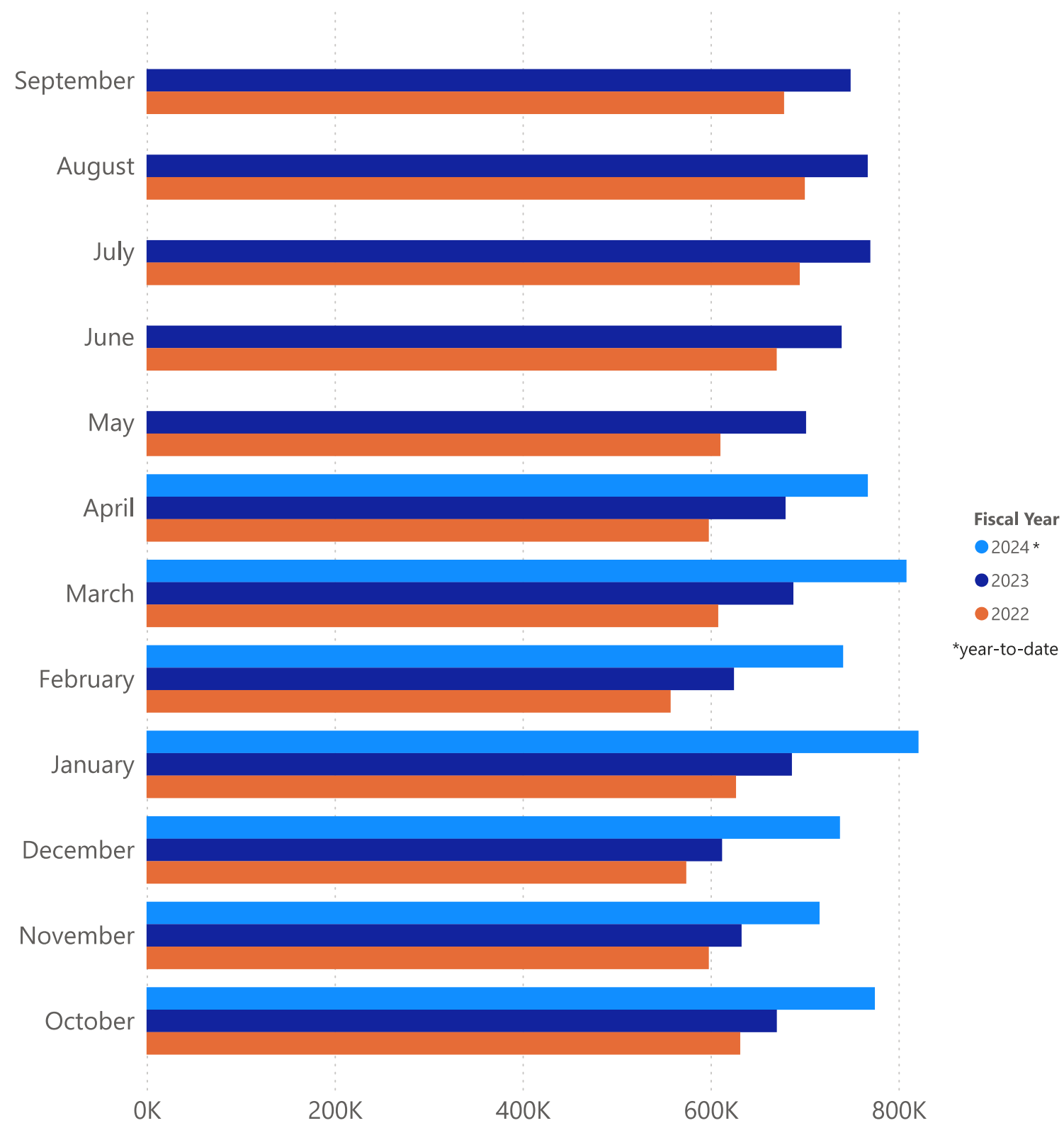
## April 2024

Location	Early Literacy Attendance (0-5)	School Age Attendance (6-12)	Teen Attendance (13-18)	Adult Attendance (19+)	Older Adults Attendance (60+)	General Interest Attendance*	Total
<b>Bazan</b>	0	18	15	63	17	0	113
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	73	174	143	25	21	0	436
<b>Carver</b>	59	9	12	28	19	31	158
<b>Central</b>	151	33	731	319	347	106	1,687
<b>Cody</b>	292	235	364	72	0	0	963
<b>Collins Garden</b>	334	53	19	48	2	44	500
<b>Cortez</b>	48	175	0	93	0	0	316
<b>Encino</b>	451	114	54	20	54	12	705
<b>Forest Hills</b>	202	72	11	17	6	22	330
<b>Great Northwest</b>	670	172	46	24	6	38	956
<b>Guerra</b>	109	61	2	19	24	0	215
<b>Igo</b>	290	50	11	51	0	125	527
<b>Johnston</b>	219	714	18	104	0	0	1,055
<b>Landa</b>	1,074	236	31	19	0	0	1,360
<b>Las Palmas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	900	0	34	50	0	206	1,190
<b>Maverick</b>	460	143	115	38	0	0	756
<b>McCreless</b>	78	105	96	86	20	0	385
<b>Memorial</b>	22	37	0	136	3	33	231
<b>Mission</b>	154	32	43	83	106	5	423
<b>Pan American</b>	19	43	31	18	0	0	111
<b>Parman</b>	1,081	577	187	248	76	0	2,169
<b>Potranco</b>	151	35	80	55	0	45	366
<b>Pruitt</b>	150	29	36	9	0	34	258
<b>San Pedro</b>	41	94	0	16	15	44	210
<b>Schaefer</b>	250	142	36	38	0	16	482
<b>Semmes</b>	616	168	32	34	0	65	915
<b>System</b>	0	6	55	73	0	0	134
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	65	19	0	65	42	13	204
<b>Tobin</b>	52	93	32	40	42	18	277
<b>Westfall</b>	32	80	123	18	58	6	317
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,043</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>17,749</b>

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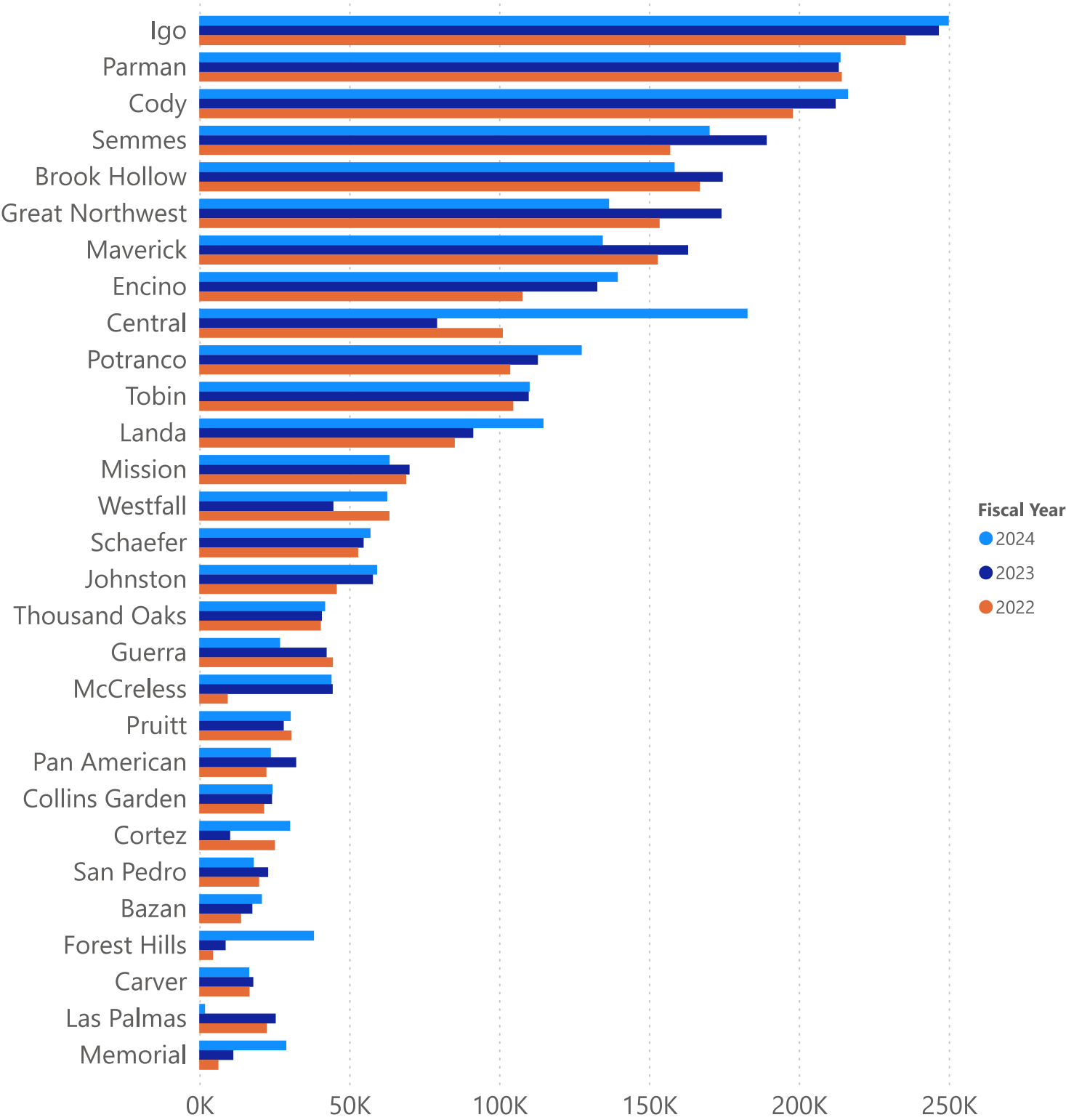
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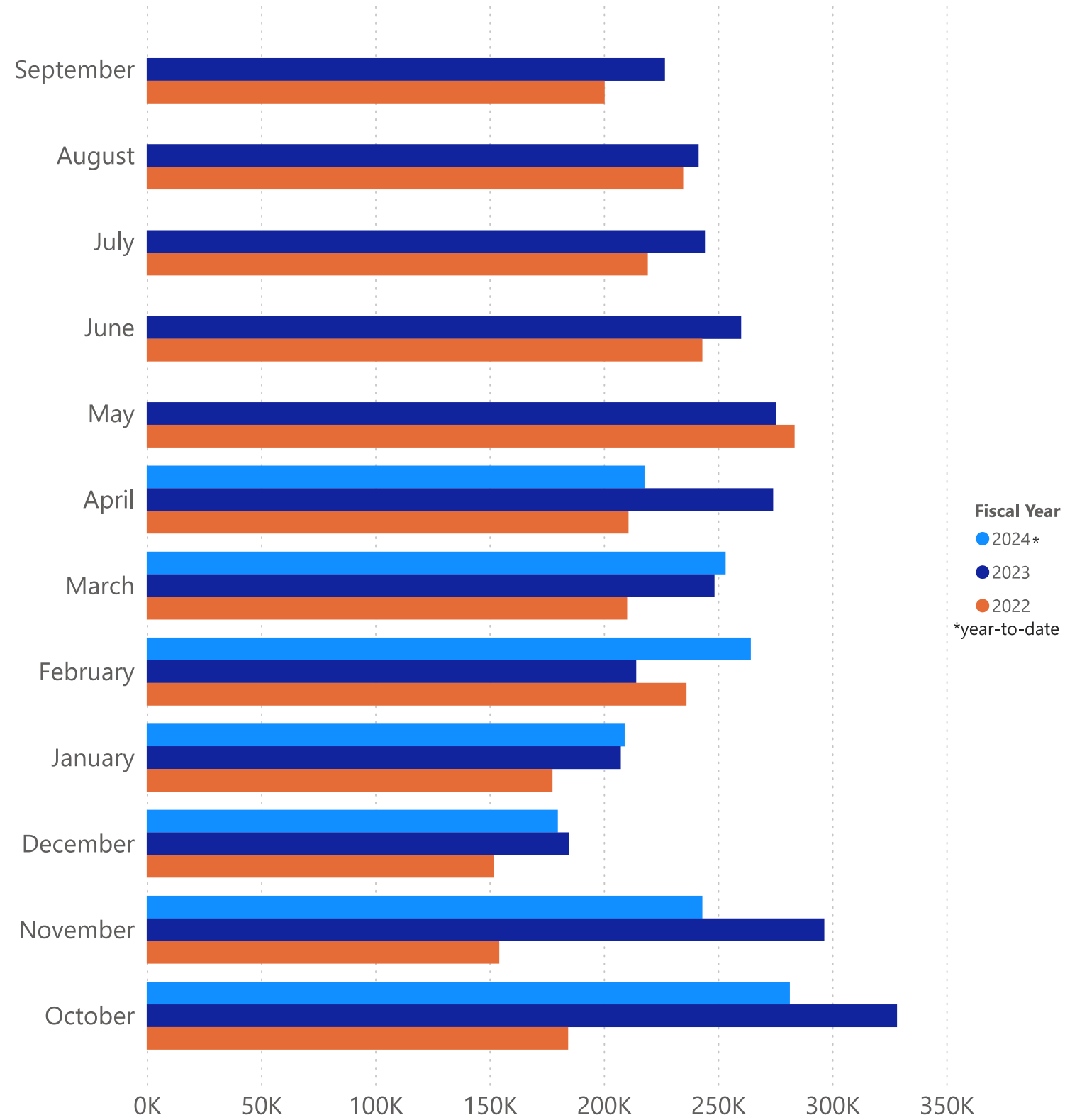


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## Visits

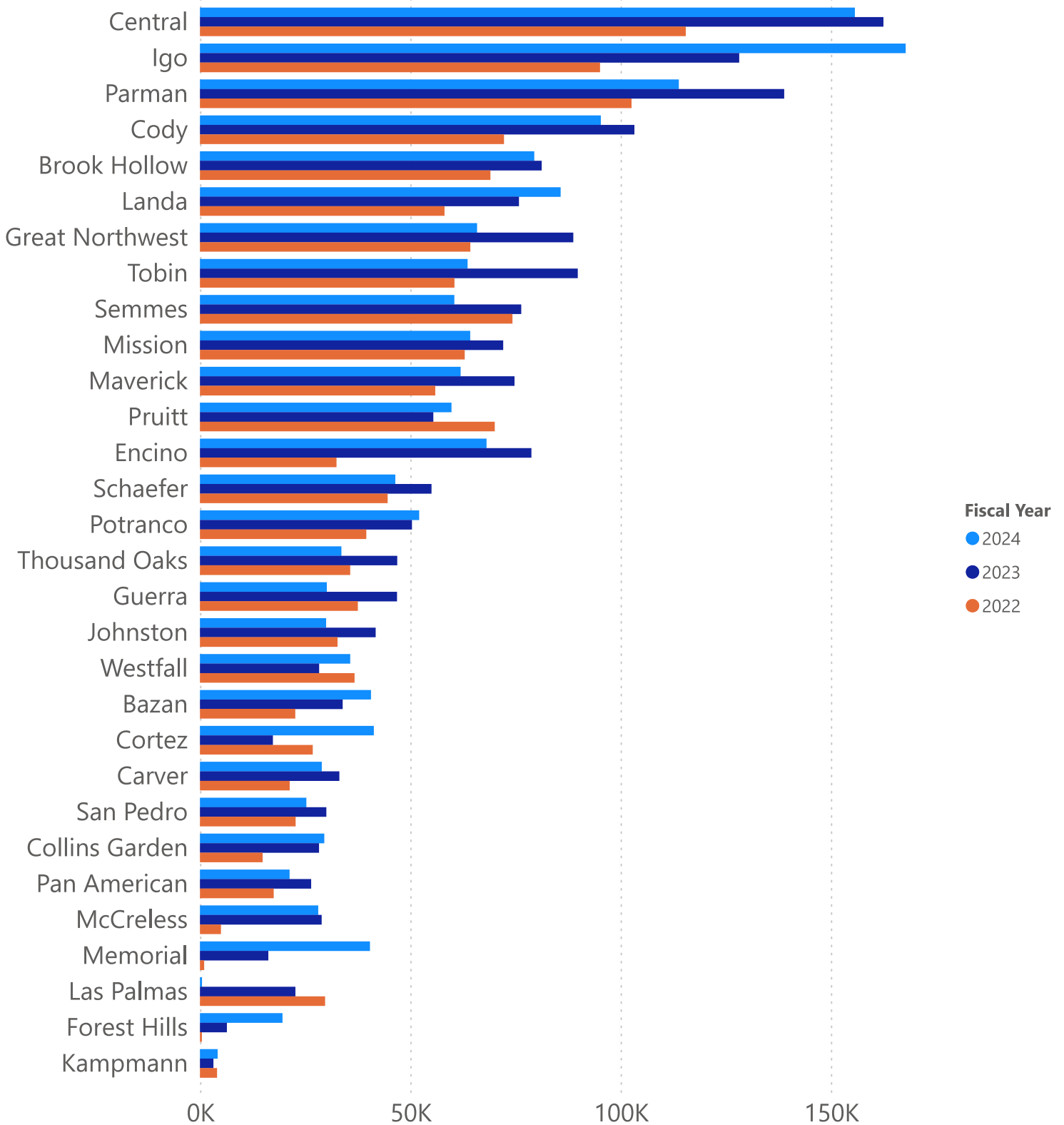


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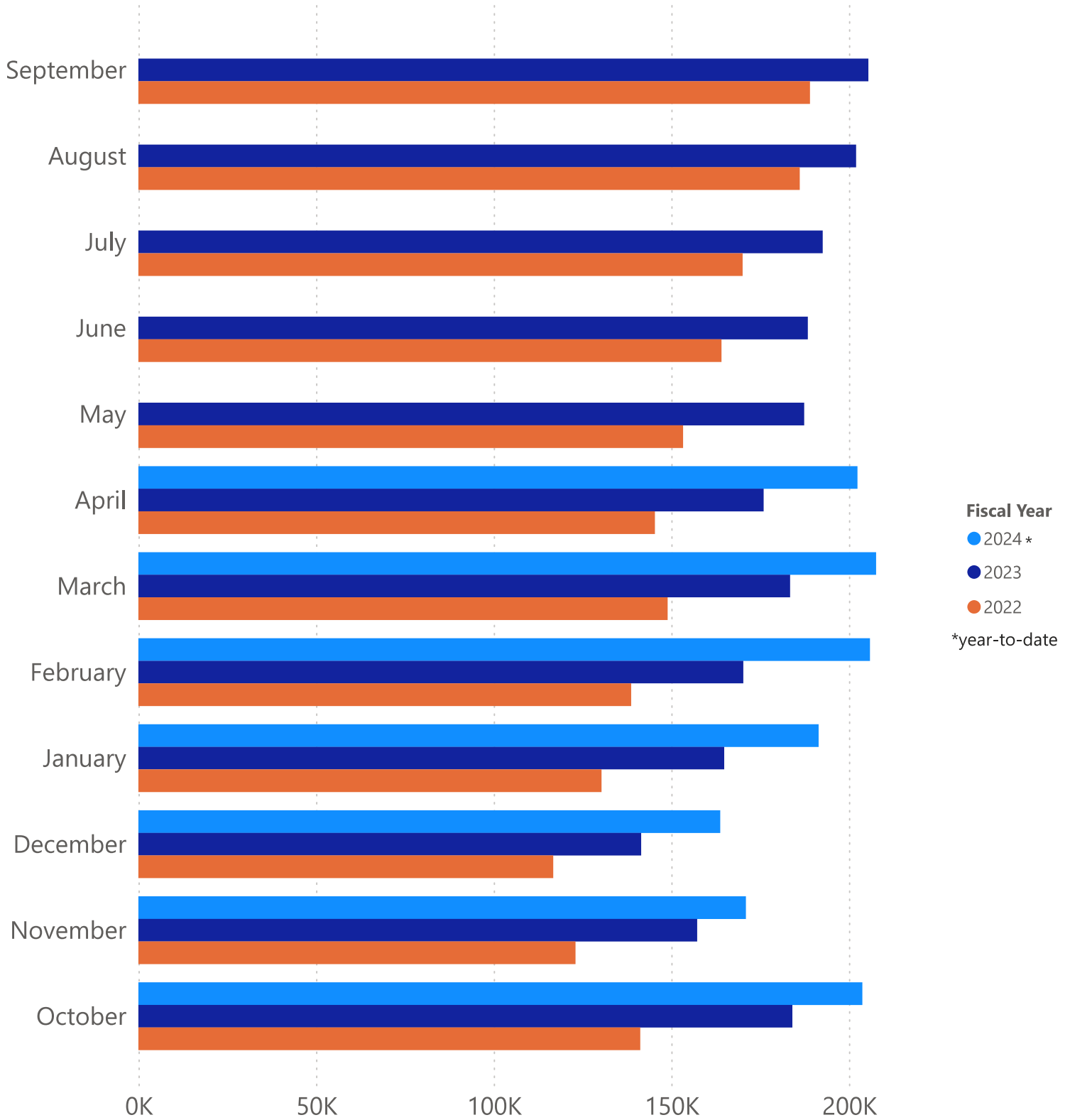
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# APPENDIX

**BiblioCommons** – Front end interactive catalog and web service developer for San Antonio Public Library.

**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** – Individual pages or guides created 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.