



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report June 2022

San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg joined San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) Teen Services for a photo at the Summer with SAPL Kickoff at McCreless Branch Library on June 1.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

On June 1, 2022 The San Antonio Public Library held a successful launch of the Mayor's Summer Reading Library Club at the McCreless Branch Library. Mayor Nirenberg, Councilwoman Cabello-Harvda and Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in the speaking program. Demonstrations of the different activities the library will offer during the Summer were included in this launch.

On June 1, 2022, The Library Department hosted the Federal Communication Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel to discuss the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Leadership teams from the Library, the Office of Innovation and the Department of Government Affairs were in attendance. The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The San Antonio Public Library had a successful media event at the Bazan Branch Library on Wednesday June 29, 2022, celebrating the City of San Antonio's united opposition to book bans and the City Council's adoption of the Freedom to Read Resolution. Mayor Nirenberg and Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in the media event.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- June 1 - KSAT 12 published an online article covering Summer with SAPL.
- June 2 - KSAT 12 reported on the Summer with SAPL Kickoff which took place on Wednesday, June 1, at McCreless Branch Library. The segment included an interview with Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar.
- June 2 - News 4 WOAI reported on the Summer with SAPL Kickoff at McCreless.
- June 4 - The San Antonio Report's "Where I Live" column featured a story about the Monticello Park Historic District. The author mentions Central Library and San Antonio Public Library branches.
- June 7 - News 4 WOAI reported on cooling centers and mentioned public libraries as an option.
- June 9 - KSAT 12 reported on Summer with SAPL
- June 28 - KENS 5 featured SAPL's Explore Opera program on Great Day SA. Cresencia Huff, SAPL Coordinator of Children's Services, was interviewed as part of this segment.
- June 30 - KENS 5 interviewed SAPL Director Ramiro S. Salazar at the Freedom to Read press conference on June 29.

### **Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:**

- SAPL's social media generated 155,374 impressions

- SAPL's social media following base grew by 288 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 7,098 times.

**Social Media statistics for the month(s):**

- Twitter: 51 followers
- Facebook: 90 followers
- Instagram: 147 followers

**YouTube statistics for the month(s):**

- Subscribers: 19
- Impressions: 35,755
- Total Views: 2,578
- Videos published: 4

**Graphics**

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for the Freedom to Read campaign, a Digital Library cling for the new Walker Ranch Senior Center, and developing materials for Back to School, as well as social media and other promotion for branch events.

## DIGITAL SERVICES

On June 16, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana, along with Assistant Directors Kathy Donellan and Dale McNeill, met with colleagues from the City's Office of Innovation to discuss a proposal for a digital navigator program and other opportunities afforded by the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund.

On June 21, Mr. Spana attended a meeting of the ITSD Customer Advisory Council and learned of upcoming improvements to client-facing intake tools for reporting IT problems.

On June 22, Mr. Spana, Ms. Donellan and Library Services Administrator Haley Holmes attended the kickoff meeting for becoming a beta tester of in-app RFID checkout functionality in the BiblioApp from BiblioCommons.

On June 23, Mr. Spana was on an interview panel, along with Executive Assistant Edward Mayberry and Assistant to the Director Jessica Zurita, interviewing candidates for the Executive Secretary position.

On June 30, Mr. Spana conducted a site visit at the Bazan branch to diagnose an issue with their digital signage.

## LITTLE READ WAGON

June was filled with opportunities for children and families to play. Altogether, Little Read Wagon (LRW) staffers provided 17 unique, immersive play experiences for the greater San Antonio community. Braving record-setting temperatures, staff set up play invitations outside at parks and community locations for 1,114 children and adults. Over 500 children were able to pick a book of their choice to add to their home libraries thanks to funding from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. The summer months require endurance and stamina. The entire LRW team was grateful to welcome two new part-time staff who helped lighten the load, particularly given the extreme temperatures.

In coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department, LRW visited McAllister Park every Tuesday, Concepcion Park every Friday, and San Pedro Springs Park on the second Saturday of the month for Let's Play. The events are two hours long to allow children the chance to have enough time and space to choose what to play with and how to play. It takes seven or eight staffers about an hour to unload vans after arriving at the park and set up for play. Clean-up can take an hour or a bit longer depending on how the play unfolded that particular day. Staff do not guide the play; their role is to observe and document so they can plan for the next session or provide tools to enhance the play experience. Staff will engage with children if invited to by that child. During the events, staff also are able to speak with the adults about the benefits of free play and the services that the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) provides.

Children (and their grownups) explored sensory materials and particularly enjoyed the water area during the very, very hot June weather. They scooped, poured, experimented, used tubes, chutes, and funnels to learn about volume, gravity, and water flow. Children discovered differences in states of water with large ice blocks that staff periodically added to the sensory bins. Gathered together around the water wall, children practiced their social skills and conflict negotiation depending on how much they wanted a tool another child was using. Children used spray bottles to build their fine motor skills and cooled themselves off. They scrubbed and painted rocks with chalk, water and brushes. Children had the opportunity to play with chia seeds and water, experimenting with how much water to add to the seeds and what that would do to their consistency. Using pipettes, bowls and small scoops they delighted in developing "recipes" for their playmates and adults. And this water play was only a small portion of the entire Let's Play event.

Water play was also the focus of the outdoor play offered monthly at the Mennonite Church. LRW staff provided a number of water tools for children to explore. Sixteen children participated and staff were able to provide services to families who do not usually visit a library location.



LRW staff took reading tents on tour throughout the ever-expanding Alamo Ranch area in conjunction with Northside Independent School District. Families were delighted to enjoy the tents and spent time reading each book, playing with flashlights and small toys. The parents were eager to learn about library services and hopeful that SAPL will offer even more services in their community in the near future.



LRW staff are working to create a robust fall, winter and spring schedule of events. From early childhood professional development to caregiver workshops to reading tents to play events, staffers are working to create unique opportunities to further early literacy throughout San Antonio.

# CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

After months of preparation, Summer with SAPL 2022 unfolded this month with library staff welcoming children to indoor programs, featured guest appearances, and offers of a free new book at sign-up. The support of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation made it possible for children to have the delightful opportunity to choose their own new book to start off a summer of reading and enjoying the library. Many children have chosen to share their summer adventures by leaving their Summer with SAPL story sheet to be displayed at the library.



Children's services team members offered at least two programs for children 5 years of age and older. Children were invited to move, build, create, and explore simple coding with robots. Families were thrilled to enjoy featured guests such as Opera San Antonio, Lucas Miller the Singing Zoologist, Illusions by Blake, Learn Nature with Tom Kinsey, readers theatre with Miss Anastasia, Astonishing Mr. Pitts, storytelling with Sue Kuentz, animal encounters with Happy Tails and Once in a Wild, and a series of online classes with Dinosaur George. Cresencia Huff appeared on Great Day SA with Opera San Antonio apprentice artist Tiffany Collazo to talk about summer library activities. Two more children's services team members are scheduled to appear on local TV in July.

# TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

**Teen Summer 2022** – Teen Summer kicked off during the “Summer with SAPL” press event at McCreless Library. Teen Services Librarians from around the library system were onsite to provide information about this year's in-person and virtual summer programs for teens. Percy, a 210teenlibrary Discord teen, designed this year's t-shirt for Teen Summer, and they attended the event and enjoyed the opportunity to meet Mayor Ron Nirenberg.

**Pride San Antonio Festival / Parade** – On Saturday, June 25, Teen Services represented the San Antonio Public Library at the Pride San Antonio Festival and Parade at Crockett Park. At the festival, teens were able to spin a “prize wheel” for the chance to win Pride-themed keychains, books, stickers,

pencils, and more. Teens also participated in a DIY “glitter glam” and learned about the Teen Summer 2022 program as well as the 210teenlibrary Discord Server. After the festival, the Teen Services VROOM! Van drove through the parade along with a group of library staff, and the San Antonio Public Library’s presence was well-received by parade attendees. The San Antonio Public Library’s participation in this year’s Pride San Antonio Festival and Parade was coordinated by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and involved several staff throughout the system.

**Virtual Teen Programs and Activities** – The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with off-site teen volunteers (“Teen Mods”) to host weekly virtual teen programs (“clubs”) on Discord (“the server”) along with additional activities and events. Prior to the reporting period, teens on the server voiced their thoughts about additional clubs and activities they’d like to participate in on the server during the summer, which included an art club, a writing club, friendly creative competitions, and an additional Dungeons & Dragon campaign. During the reporting period, 106 teens requested to join the server, with 75 teens ultimately joining; teens attended a variety of regular and new clubs while also interacting with their peers on the server through their own activities, such as gaming together, sharing art, listening to music, and having conversations about their interests. Teens also regularly discussed their excitement about this year’s t-shirt artwork, which was created by a teen volunteer on the server.

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I, Teen Library @ Central) joins Chris Castillo (Teen Services Librarian II, Brook Hollow) on Tuesdays to help facilitate “Create Club” on Discord, in which teens share their current creations, completed projects, and new and favorite hobbies. Rosalie assisted in other weekly clubs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server such as “Teen Time” and “Bookworms,” to further her understanding of how teens activate and participate in their own virtual space.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) creates graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content, such as polls and quizzes, and highlight celebratory events, such as Pride Month. Regina also evaluates teen-created content for posting as well, including providing tools and supplies or editing needs for Instagram videos, such as Instagram Live demonstrations.

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT, Teen Library @ Central) continues to engage with teens via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. Ciana takes both teen and staff content and presents it as posts and stories, as well as creating indirect programming. She continues to participate in Instagram Live videos with Teen Library staff. Ciana has continued to respond to the 3D printing requests from teens on the Discord server. She prints and sends the requested item out to the teens’ preferred library branch for pick up. Ciana also records and submits all monthly statistics associated with the 210teenlibrary Instagram account.

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist) shares teen-created Spotify playlists on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account weekly and creates weekly Instagram Spotify questions with which teens interact. Amisarahi and Bek Corley (Teen Services Librarian II Guerra) host Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server.

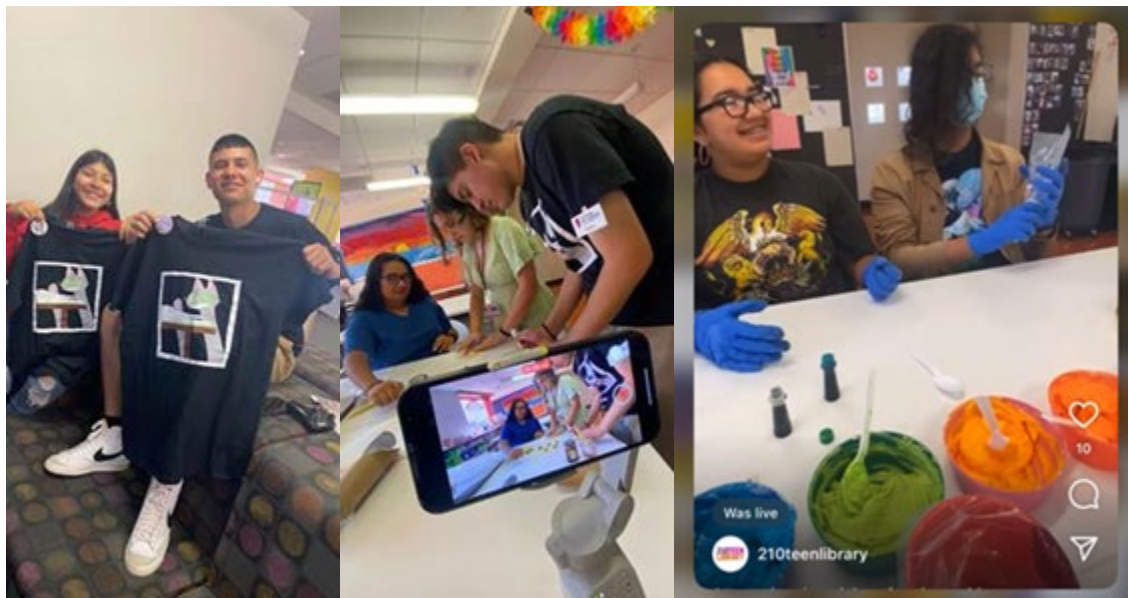
Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) serves as the Library’s liaison to the Family Service Association and helped to coordinate the hiring of teen summer interns at SAPL. Bazan, Central, Collins Garden, Parman, and Schaefer are participating in the program this year. Kathleen continues to join Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the “Random Fandom”



club, where teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime or pop culture shows. Kathleen also continues to serve as a member of the Teen Services Discord team.

**Virtual Teen Content and Resources** – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisarahi Sarabia, Ciana Flores, and Regina Almanza, 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 teens shared food recipes and demos for boorsok, rice cake peanut butter cups, mangonadas, strawberry shaved ice, and Japanese fruit sandwiches. Teens and teen volunteers also celebrated Pride Month with a rainbow frosting swirl demo, rainbow grilled cheese sandwiches, and homemade watercolor bookmarks. Teen Services staff congratulated teen volunteers who graduated at the end of the school year, and also promoted the Teen Summer 2022 program with the help of teens who picked up this year's t-shirt.

**Pictures below:** teens posing with their official Teen Summer 2022 t-shirts; summer intern and teen volunteers filming a demo for a future Instagram video; teen volunteers presenting an Instagram LIVE demo for Pride Month.



## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In June, Summer with SAPL for Adults was launched. As with the last several summers, this program is structured so that adults can participate in a way that is meaningful for them. Adults are invited to visit their local library branch to pick up a goal tracker postcard. This postcard provides a space for adults to record the goal that they have set for the summer. Goals could include reading or listening to books (including books that folks read or listen to with others), participating in library activities, or participating in an activity the library has inspired folks to learn more about. Once individuals have completed their goal, they are invited to return to the library to claim a pair of limited edition SAPL earbuds with a library card holder. In addition to this, the Library is offering several other opportunities throughout the summer. This includes Flamingo Bingo, where adults are invited to complete challenges such as “read a library book



published the year you were born”, “share a library social media post” and “watch a movie based on a book”. When individuals complete enough challenges to get a bingo, they are invited to come back to their local library branch to receive a flamingo-themed prize. The library also hosted two summer-themed program series, including once presented by the San Antonio Storytellers Association and a series of summer movies. Summer with SAPL concludes at the end of July.

In June, the Library recognized Pride Month to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community. Activities during the month included a virtual Pride Trivia Night. This program was MC'd by drag performer Aysia Rawse and featured questions about topics such as when was the first Pride parade in the US. Approximately 25 individuals enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the LGBTQIA+ community in a casual, entertaining atmosphere. A second highlight of the Library's Pride Month efforts was a call for submissions throughout the month for the Big Pride Zine. The theme of this year's Big Pride Zine was Be Proud, and community members were invited to answer the question “what about yourself and your journey are you proud of?”. The library received approximately 20 submissions that will then be reviewed by library staff and formatted into a zine that will be released later in the summer.

In celebration of Juneteenth, Texana Librarian Matt De Waelsche arranged for Mr. Allee Wallace, the official photographer of the San Antonio Juneteenth Coalition, to share his experiences of documenting San Antonio's Juneteenth and Martin Luther King Jr. parades. The events took place at three branch locations, which included the Pan American Library on June 11, the Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School on June 12 and the Carver Library on June 14. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to learn the history of San Antonio's Juneteenth celebrations from Mr. Wallace's experiences and photographs.

On June 4, Librarian Vicky Villalobos from Cortez Branch held SAPL BTS Festa at Mochinut Coffee Shop. The cup sleeve event celebrated the anniversary date of BTS (a well-known Korean pop - or K-Pop - music group) with vendors, photo opportunities, games, a special menu, and freebies for BTS fans. Patrons were given a custom cup sleeve when they showed their library card or registered for one. Over 300 fans of the K-pop group BTS came out to celebrate and participate in the event, resulting in a line out the door of the coffee shop for most of the event.

## **OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)**

The library offers a variety of fitness opportunities that are inclusive of older adults. Specifically, chair yoga is offered both online and in person. Carver Branch Library offers in-person chair yoga every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 am. Additionally, chair yoga is offered online once per month on the last Friday of the month from 10-11 am. Chair yoga is inclusive of older adults in that it uses various postures, stretching, meditation, and/or breathing techniques with the aid of a chair. It is also a great form of exercise for older adults who want to focus on wellness in a more gentle, relaxing way.

Older adults also have several opportunities at various San Antonio Public Library Locations to connect with others who enjoy black and white or film noir films. In June, Encino Branch Library offered three opportunities for individuals to view classic black and white films. Selections included Psycho, Casablanca, and Sunset Boulevard. Older adults also have the opportunity to view a film noir film once per month which is followed by an online discussion a few weeks later. In June, individuals watched the 1949 film White Heat, featuring James Cagney and Virginia Mayo.

# CENTRAL LIBRARY

## CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



*Summer with SAPL* has kept the Central Children's department very busy! Staff enjoyed signing up children for the Summer Reading Program, presenting a slew of outdoor programs at multiple locations, and hosting exciting programs at the Central Library.

Manager Kate Simpson co-chaired the committee that developed the 2022 *Summer with SAPL* program for children. Her leadership role, in partnership with Leslie Elsasser, Children's Librarian II at the Schaefer Branch Library, drove the program towards the open-ended, celebratory model that was rolled out this year. Development of the program started in September of last year, with weekly meetings of the *Summer with SAPL* team continuing all year long! Ms. Simpson felt a great sense of accomplishment seeing all the hard work come to fruition in June.

Librarian Ashley Stubbs coordinated the special event in the Central Library Auditorium: *Once in a Wild!* She introduced the performer who brought in live animals for the large crowd that packed the auditorium to view. Library Assistants Ana Sandoval and Judith Slaughter assisted in guiding the families to the interim service space on the other end of the building, making for a more pleasant visit.

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin was extremely active in the community this month. In the absence of a Children's Librarian at the Encino Branch Library, Ms. Seglin filled in to present two outdoor Story Times there, much to the delight of the large crowds of families who attended. She facilitated outdoor activities afterwards like washing rocks for the rock-themed Story Time.



Ms. Seglin also played a major role in developing and presenting the innovative movement program for children, *Let's Get Moving!* She was instrumental in crafting the program model that incorporates yoga poses, dance, and exercise, all through a fun lens that kids would relate to, like copying animals with yoga poses, etc. Ms. Seglin then partnered with Children's Librarians at two locations to help present the *Let's Get Moving!* program there: the Landa Branch Library and the Schaefer Branch Library. Finally, she teamed up with Librarian Melissa Fulmer to present *Let's Get Moving!* at the Central Library in the auditorium space. Due to road construction issues, families had a difficult time reaching the library. Only one family attended, who had arrived on the bus. Ms. Seglin and Ms. Fulmer conducted a personal movement program all for the one boy in attendance, who happened to have developmental disabilities and spoke only Spanish. Despite the language barrier, the three of them had a blast for the whole hour, dancing and connecting through the universal language of movement.

Ms. Fulmer also assisted with outdoor programs at other locations this month. She partnered with Librarian Jasmin Salinas at the Landa Branch Library to present Toddler Time programs every Thursday in June. The crowd size grew each week, at one point reaching almost 70 people total!

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs, and Ms. Fulmer each contributed to virtual programming for children in June. Ms. Seglin presented two Toddler Time programs, one Story Time and one LEGO Club program. She also participated in a virtual version of the innovative *Let's Get Moving!* yoga and movement program. Ms. Stubbs presented two online Story Time Live programs and supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time weekly programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and made several curated programs. Ms. Fulmer participated in two Baby Time Online programs and one Art Club Online event.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the *Escape the Earth* podcast with Tim Johnson (Igo) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow). This month they dove into a fun discussion about Rebecca Roanhorse's book, *Black Sun*. So far, at 176 listens, it is the Podcast's highest listened-to episode. *Escape the Earth* podcast can be found on Soundcloud on SAPL's Podcast TunedIn Channel.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin delivered books in support of the curriculum at Madison Square Child Development Center. Ms. Stubbs made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School and presented an outdoor Story Time for the children there. Ms. Seglin also presented two outdoor programs for children at CreativKids Day Camp at Temple Beth El.

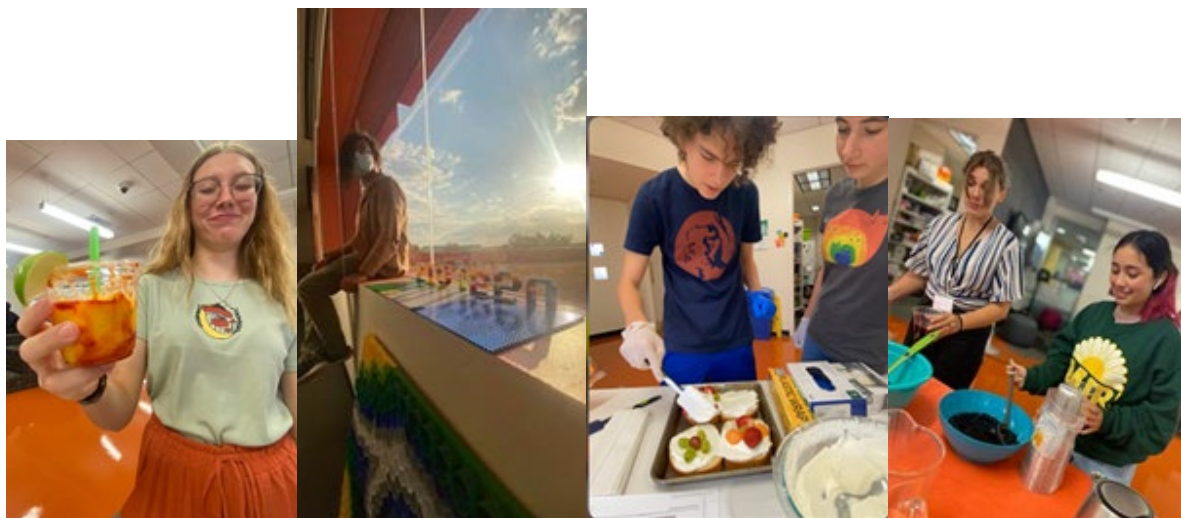
# TEEN LIBRARY

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central): Teen Summer 2022 programming got off to a fun start with teens making a quick healthy snack using rice cakes, watching movies and having popcorn and a drink, making Japanese fruit sandwiches, and participating in craft times. Teens also requested a fancy ramen night as they had this past spring, and a new favorite, making *mangonadas*, provided a refreshing summer treat. Teens also have use of the Teen Library studio, gaming systems, and lab equipment after cooking and crafting times. Pictures from these programs can be found on Teen Library at Central's Instagram page.

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I, Teen Library @ Central): During the reporting period, the Teen Library at Central welcomed summer teen intern, Stormy, from the Family Service Association (FSA) Summer Internship Program. The FSA summer internship program provides paid, part-time internships for local middle and high school students to build career opportunities and goals. Rosalie is the direct supervisor to Stormy who will be working her internship at the Teen Library from June 27-August 5. Stormy will provide support and opportunities for teens to engage in activities such as cooking demonstrations and craft activities. Stormy will also be given the opportunity to plan and lead a program of her choice during her internship. Rosalie continues to interact and engage with teens as they visit and explore the Teen Library.

**Teen Pride** – The Teen Library @ Central hosted a Teen Pride Party on Saturday, June 18 to celebrate teens of all identities during Pride Month. Teens made crowns using a variety of materials; watched short films and music videos featuring LGBTQ+ characters, artists, and directors; learned how to make rainbow grilled cheese sandwiches; and listened to music by LGBTQ+ artists. Throughout the event, teens engaged in meaningful conversations with their peers about Pride Month, identities, Pride flags, and other relevant topics. The event was facilitated by the Teen Pride workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Chris Castillo (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian, Brook Hollow), Dacari Lambert (Teen Services Librarian, Schaefer), and Shannan Prukop (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian, Carver).

**Pictures below:** teen with a freshly-made *mangonada*; teen posing with teen signage created using LEGO; teens preparing Japanese fruit sandwiches; making boba.



# REFERENCE

Julia Selwyn, David Gallin-Parisi, Melissa Gomez and Jordan Torres completed their systemwide training in June for the LibAnswers and Libchat rollout. The virtual reference system allows the San Antonio Public Library to expand this vital customer service to all locations. Staff that were unable to attend the May and June classes have access to the training videos and supplemental materials via LibGuides.

On June 2nd, Librarians Sara De La Rosa, Patricia Perez and Library Assistant Marcel Alvarez presented classes in both English and Spanish titled Chromebook Overview. Participants learned the basics about using a Chromebook.

On June 9th, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled OptimizeU: Yoga and Lifestyle Medicine. The session was presented by Maggie Grueskin, Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist, Chopra Center Perfect Health Certified Instructor and expert panelist Dr. Ajeya Joshi and Dr. Hetal Nayak.

On June 16th, Central Reference hosted Sarah Donaldson, an attorney from Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TLRA) for an hour and a half in Central's Lobby. Patrons asked questions and were given TRLA information, worker, and eviction resources.

On Friday June 17th, Central and Branch staff participated in the Baptist Child and Family Services Pride Resource fair in celebration of Gay Pride Month and aimed at clients ages 18-24. Staff members connected with new patrons, spoke about the Library's resources in front of the group and participated in Resource Fair activities such as Pride Bingo and a Poetry workshop led by local poet and singer Chibbi Orduña.

On June 21st, Stacey Martinez and Melissa Gomez partnered with San Antonio Pride to present and discuss resources available to the Trans and Non-Binary community. Emphasis was on the importance of mental health and was created to ensure the San Antonio Trans community has equal access to care, services, and a space where they can be themselves.





On June 24th, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled Beginner's Chair Yoga Class. The session was presented by a Professional Yoga Instructor from the Idoyogasa organization.

On June 25th, Pannaga Prasad and Diana Starrett offered a virtual session entitled How to maintain healthy skin through the application of skin care products and achieve better skin results: women and men. The session was presented by a professional, independent skincare and beauty consultant from May Kay and Rodan+Fields.

## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

The Latino Collection and Resource Center developed a new partnership with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) San Antonio. The inaugural program to result from this collaboration was presented to the public on June 28. The workshop, "Descarga Cultura," was presented in Spanish and covered UNAM's cultural podcast "Descarga Cultura" and its corresponding resources. The planning of the event, with LCRC Manager Emily Flores and UNAM San Antonio Director Paula de Gortari, involved staff in both San Antonio and Mexico City. The video, available on Facebook, has been viewed nearly 2,000 times.

Also during the month of June, Blue Star Contemporary MOSAIC Program Coordinator Aminah Parham installed a new exhibit of student work in the LCRC Gallery. The MOSAIC Student Artist Program is an after-school opportunity open to area high schoolers that allows students to learn about the business administration side of art while developing their artistic skills.

## TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



*Mr. Allee Wallace at the Pruitt Library on June 12, 2022*



Librarian Sylvia Reyna presented the class “Preserving Your Family Documents” at Igo library on June 7. She explained some of the ways to handle, store and even repair important family papers and photographs so as to best preserve them for future generations.

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Ms. Reyna also participated in Carver Library’s Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 by leading an African American Genealogy program. She discussed the different strategies that could be employed for researching African American families and the types of resources available through the San Antonio Public Library.

On June 18 and 25, Ms. Reyna facilitated a two-part writing workshop at Collins Garden Library, led by Eduardo Garza, entitled “Healing through Writing.” Mr. Garza showed how the written word can be used in a therapeutic way to repair one's psyche and heal emotionally.

Librarian Deborah Countess led a virtual beginning genealogy class on June 21 that went over the first steps to take when researching your family's history. Ms. Countess also went over how to access and begin using the library database *Ancestry Library Edition* and offered tips on the best ways to navigate this vast genealogical website.

Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson was invited by the Conopus Club of San Antonio to be the guest speaker at their weekly meeting on Friday, June 24. The luncheon was held at the San Antonio Country Club with 90 members in attendance. Ms. Ferguson’s presentation discussed the Library’s Texana/Genealogy Department and highlighted unique special collections from the vault. She also shared details about the City’s 2017-2022 Bond renovations that are planned for the Texana Resource Center.

On June 28 Librarian Andy Crews led a virtual presentation about the Fold3 database resource, which focuses primarily on military records. Mr. Crews demonstrated examples of records that can be located for ancestors with military service. He also presented a recently developed class entitled “What’s New in the 1950 Census” to the Elderberries group at the Igo Library on June 29.

## **BRANCH LOCATIONS**

### **BAZAN**

The Bazan branch reopened on June 4 after a scheduled maintenance project. Improvements included updated flooring, restroom renovations, interior & exterior painting, automatic front door installation, exterior lighting improvements, bottle-fill drinking fountain, and sidewalk improvements. A number of positive comments were received by customers, many of whom mentioned how much they liked the new

vibrant colors and how much brighter and spacious the branch felt. The branch also added a beautiful 35-foot-long vinyl art work in the Children's space. The whimsical scenery was designed by SAPL Graphic Designer Ana Farr.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen was busy in June registering kids for the Summer with SAPL Mayor's Summer Library club. The Once in a Wild program held on June 21, which introduced children to a number of interesting critters, was a big hit! Other programs such as the Processed Art and Legos were also enjoyed by families.

The Bazan branch held weekly gaming and crafting programs for teens in June. With the departure of Bazan's Teen Librarian, Georgina Garcia, Circulation Attendant Summer Casarez jumped into the role of Teen Liaison and did a great job keeping the ball rolling. Bazan also welcomed two summer interns, Joe Ortiz and Aubrey Ortiz who, under the guidance of Ms. Casarez, were very active assisting with programming and decorating the teen space.

The *Bazan Branch Bad Girls Book Club*, hosted by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, read *Something to Talk About* by Meryl Wilsner during PRIDE month. This debut novel did not disappoint, according to book members, although it was a frustrating slow burn at times. The book club looks forward to reading the author's second novel coming out in October titled *Mistakes Were Made*.

Bazan Training Officer, Carlos Loera, reported that the Learn Center was very busy in June with sessions covering computer skills building, job applications, resume building and multiple online tests such as Impact Texas. Mr. Loera also started a new ESL class and saw interest in the class steadily increase.

## BROOK HOLLOW



Kudos to BHL's Wellness Liaison Teresa Smith for coordinating BHL's Healthy Snack Day!

BHL welcomed new Children's Librarian Amanda Neace in June. Neace hails from Lexington, Kentucky, and has more than 10 years of experience in children's services. She has been busy with SAPL's Summer Reading Program since her arrival. Neace also completed the following training: COSA/SAPL orientation; Defensive Driving; Symphony Essential Skills; PIC phone overview and Moodle. Neace met with SAPL Children's Services Coordinator Cresencia Huff and her COSA/SAPL Onboarding Peers/Children's Librarians Carrie Vance and Leslie Elsasser to learn about SAPL children's

programming. Neace participated in outdoor Story Times, and a Little Read Wagon program at McAlister Park, at Landa, Igo, and Schaefer Libraries to prepare for new outdoor July Story Times at Blossom Park in the BHL Neighborhood. Neace also supervised her first Read to a Dog program and has planned three upcoming events for July including, two Story Times in Blossom Park and one craft program for elementary ages @ BHL.

BHL Adult Librarian Marco De Leon lead the La Tertulia Book and the Brook Hollow Mystery Book Clubs with approximately 20 attendees in June 2022.

BHL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies virtually attended the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees June meeting. Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in June featuring Father's Day BBQ Tips and A Red, White, and Boom program featuring 4<sup>th</sup> of July Side Dishes for backyard fun. See [mysapl.org](https://mysapl.org) under the events tab to register for Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen. BBQ is back on the menu on July 28, 2022, @ Noon. As a member of the Texas Library Association's (TLA) PR Committee, Davies interviewed Friend of the Brook Hollow Library (FOBHL) Vice President Pat Bjornson for the Association's Transform Texas Podcast. Bjornson discussed the thrills and challenges of a thriving friend's group. See the TLA website.

Library Assistant Elissa Vura along with Librarian Tim Johnson (Igo Library) and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central – Children's) hosted the Escape the Earth podcast—a monthly sci-fi and fantasy book discussion. The June episode, featured *Black Sun* by Rebecca Roanhorse and has received 175 plays to date, making it the most listened-to episode of the podcast so far. The Escape the Earth podcast is available on Soundcloud under the San Antonio Public Library Podcast TunedIn Channel.

In June, BHL Assistant Manager & Teen Librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four Create Club virtual teen programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server and three in-person Teen Times @ BHL. Teens tried new creative pursuits across mediums and formats and shared, supported, and encouraged each other's creative practices. Teens were emboldened to try new activities and created in new platforms along with other teens and asked each other questions, sparked peer-to-peer instruction and built on their competencies. Teens continued to improve the Discord user experience and suggest server channels for their wide interests. During in-person weekly Teen Time at BHL, teens drove the decision making and summer programming activities. Teens made new and stronger connections with peers beyond their schools. Teens are interested in building their leadership skills and steering Teen Time decisions. Teens submitted requests for free 3d prints, custom buttons, and magnets, and picked them up from the branch.

Saturday, June 18, Teen Pride Committee members Castillo and Matthew Loaiza, Teen Services Librarian II, Central, facilitated a Teen Pride Celebration at the Central Library. Teens created crowns, cooked rainbow grilled cheese sandwiches, and enjoyed taking photos with Teen Services' photo booth. Rainbow Films, shorts, and music videos played while teens made new social connections. Teens from the 210teenlibrary Discord server met in person for the first time. Saturday, June 25, Castillo and Loaiza facilitated off-site library services at the "Pride Bigger Than Texas" Festival and Parade. Pride San Antonio coordinated the gathering of the equality-minded San Antonio metropolitan community to celebrate and promote hope and awareness of equality and diversity through a cavalcade of events designed to recognize, accept, and celebrate the differences and contributions of the LGBTQIA community. Teen Services hosted a San Antonio Public Library festival booth with the VROOM! Van during the "Pride Bigger Than Texas Festival" at Crockett Park. Attendees were able to participate in a DIY glitter glam-up activity using aloe vera to help combat the sunny day. Attendees also spun a wheel to receive some library swag, including Pride-inspired buttons @210teenlibrary pencils, stickers, sunglasses, and free books. That evening, marchers including library staff, teen volunteers, family, and

friends represented the San Antonio Public Library in the “Pride Bigger Than Texas” Parade. The group marched along the parade route with Teen Services’ VROOM! Van.

In the area of professional development, Castillo was selected as one of 50 business individuals for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s 2022 Alexander Briseño Leadership Development Program (ABLDP). Castillo serves on the Arts & Culture Action Team. Participants are immersed in educational sessions that address topics that spark an interest in becoming a change agent in San Antonio. Topics include strategic planning, leading and managing change, building great teams, improving quality both operationally and culturally, and creating and sustaining professional and organizational results. In addition to developing individual and organizational leadership acumen, the program serves as a social innovation accelerator to foster social and economic impact action teams.

## CARVER

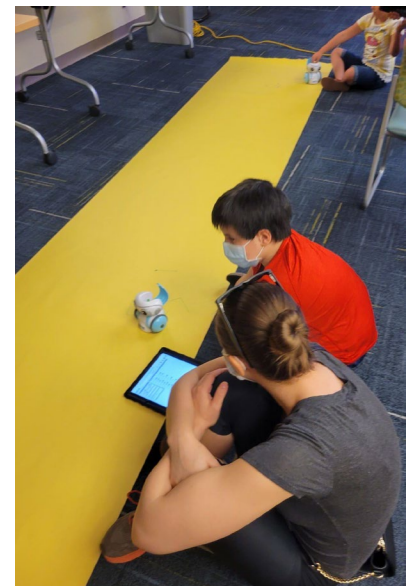


On the first day of June, Ms. Ramirez partnered with several other Children’s Librarians to sing songs and read stories in the first online Toddler Time of the month. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ramirez hosted an in-person Coding with Robots activity in the Carver branch meeting room. Children at this event used Artie Robot to code various drawings using Blockly.

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ramirez hosted an in-person daycare event with the Learning with Grace center. Children in this program listened to two stories, then created their own butterflies using recycled materials. Any left-over craft activities were packaged as Take-and-Make craft activities for children with the assistance of Ms. Elvia Rodriguez. On June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ms. Ramirez sang songs and hosted one Toddler Time online program at 10:00 a.m. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> Tambo Rhythms visited the Carver library to play drums with 23 children, 20 adults, and 2 teens.

Ms. Ramirez also has created large table-size coloring sheets for children to color while visiting the library and she has also completed a new design for the children’s display case, which was previously unused. Throughout the month, Ms. Ramirez and the entire Carver staff continued to promote the Children’s Summer Reading Program at the Carver branch library.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop, along with the other members of the Teen Pride workgroup, helped plan and run the Teen Pride Party at the Central Library on June 18<sup>th</sup>, where teens made crowns and rainbow grilled cheese sandwiches, watched queer music videos, and took selfies. Through this event, queer teens were able to meet their peers and feel supported by the community. Mx. Prukop continued to make



the Teen Room at Carver a space welcoming to teens, including setting out drawing supplies and setting up a shelf with board games available to play, as well as covering the tables with paper for teens to draw and write on. They continued running the weekly Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) and Sunday Funday programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, with teens often taking the initiative to create their own games to run during D&D or choosing games to run during Sunday Funday, showing leadership and decision making skills.

Photographer Allee Wallace visited on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to launch Juneteenth Week at Carver Branch. Mr. Wallace, a protégé of renowned photographer Ansel Adams, hosted a conversation that recalled his long career documenting Juneteenth celebrations in the city through photography.

On Saturday, June 18, the branch followed up Mr. Wallace's presentation with its day-long celebration of Juneteenth. Events kicked off at 10 a.m. with breakfast and the opening of the *Nias and Beverly Harris Africana Collection*, curated by Branch Manager D.L. Grant. The collection featured nearly a hundred artifacts and sculpture pieces from travels the Harrises made to Africa over a 30-year period. The branch staff was fortunate to be able to bring such an exhibit to the community that also included antebellum relics that conveyed the experiences of African Americans during their enslavement. Historian Jerelyne Castleberry Williams, author of *The Brackenridge Colored School* also shared pieces of her own collection, which featured images from San Antonio's early celebrations of Juneteenth, some dating back to the late 1890s and early 1900s. But there was, even more, to see as the African American Quilt Circle of San Antonio (AAQCSA) offered an exhibition dedicated to the tradition of African American quilting.

At 11 a.m., visitors were ushered into the Prudence Curry Meeting Room for a formal welcome, where San Antonio author Antoinette V. Franklin, shared her original poem, *Forgotten*, honoring the memory of enslaved African Americans in San Antonio and Texas history.

Having secured permission from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, the branch then screened the historical documentary, *Just a Ferry Ride to Freedom*, which focuses on the plight of enslaved African Americans in Texas who sought freedom across the Rio Grande in Mexico. The documentary also sheds light on the little-known alternative route of the Underground Railroad, the one that led South to Mexico as opposed to the more popularized route to Canada.

Following the screening, local journalist Denise McVea moderated a rousing panel discussion of topics generated. Panelists Dr. Charles Gentry, UTSA lecturer, and writer/professor Mario M. Salas also fielded questions from the audience. The final event of the day was a presentation on African American genealogy by archivist/librarian Sylvia Reyna of SAPL's Texana Genealogy Department.

## CODY

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon has brought programming for our youngest patrons to the great outdoors! The weekly Family Story Time, held in the parking lot before the library opens on Monday mornings, featured hats, dinosaurs, and vehicle themes. After each Story Time children had the chance to pop some bubbles and draw with sidewalk chalk. On June 7th Yourdon held a special Yoga Story Time at Hardberger Park. Yourdon told a story of a hike through the park which incorporated many yoga poses.

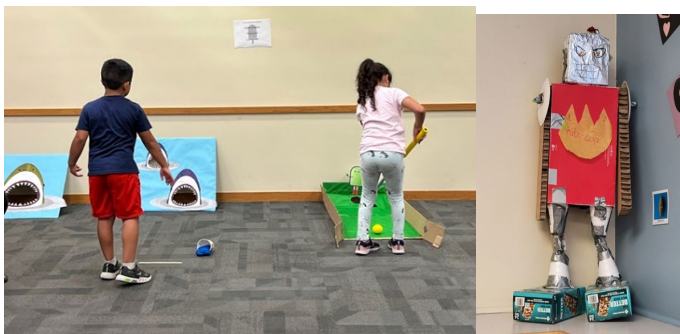




Lego Club and Art Club alternate Fridays this summer. During each Lego Club program, children build from a mystery bag of Legos or learn a new art technique. Lego creations were put on display after each program. In Art Club, children created tissue paper art and learned to create their own crayon resist watercolor paintings.



Special programs for children were a weekly event. On June 2nd school-age children gathered to celebrate the beginning of summer and played mini golf, enjoyed a shark-themed corn hole game, made their own coffee filter artwork, and enjoyed a paleta each! On June 9th the branch hosted a STEM Challenge Olympics. Children competed in several different STEM challenges, including guiding a Wonder Dash robot through a maze, drawing with the ARTIE 3000, making a circuit with Squishy Circuits, seeing who could make the strongest boat that held the most marbles, making a paper airplane that could fly the furthest down the tape runway, and who could make the longest paper chain with a single sheet of paper. Amazingly, the longest paper chain ended up being 10 feet long! On June 15th Opera San Antonio visited for a performance. On June 23rd Tambo Rhythms taught children about rhythm as they each got a chance to play the drum. Finally, on June 30th the Cody Library held a Dog Man Celebration. During the program, children were able to play a Dog Man scavenger hunt, make their own robot out of recyclable materials, make their own comics, and play a game where they tested their sense of smell.





Weekly scavenger hunts, created by Yourdon and Library Assistant Haly LeFlore, continue to be popular and feature a tic-tac-toe game between Piggie and Gerald, summer fruits, and summer activities.

Circulation Attendant Maria Treviño hosted Teen Time at Cody, every Tuesday afternoon. While attendance has been low, the Teens who are able to attend have enjoyed many art programs, including origami and rock painting.

Cody continues to host two book clubs and the ESL class from neighboring Westfall Library, in addition to the five regular book clubs, the film club, and the Adante Senior Living book club. Selections for all clubs are handled by Library Assistant extraordinaire Luanne Bloom. Library Assistant Haly LeFlore facilitates the weekly Fiber Club on Monday nights.

On June 10, Adult Services Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney worked with Brooke Mjolsness and Victoria Villalobos to organize an online Pride Trivia Night, in partnership with Pride Center San Antonio. Local drag performer Aysia Rawze, acted as MC and Pride Center San Antonio provided prizes for the top 3 scoring teams.

On June 18, Dunbar-Rodney, along with Josh Yurcheshen, hosted the weekly Queer Crafternoon program online; the listening choice for the week was The Silt Verses, a fantasy-horror podcast.

During Pride Month, the glass display cabinet featured items from the University of Texas at San Antonio's LGBTQIA+ archival collection, selected and arranged by Melissa Goelke, LGBTQIA+ Scholar and Assistant Archivist. The display consisted of artifacts and photos documenting San Antonio's queer past.

On June 25th, Dunbar-Rodney represented SAPL at the San Antonio Pride Bigger Than Texas festival in Crockett Park. The SAPL table offered promotional items, program fliers, and resources such as the Trans Community Resource Zine and MySAPL app bookmarks to over 300 people. Several of the visitors took advantage of the opportunity to register for temporary online library cards in order to access our digital collections.

## COLLINS GARDEN



The Collins Garden Library hosted two Metro Health flu and COVID-19 vaccine Pop-Up Clinics on June 3 and June 24. The June 24<sup>th</sup> clinic saw children ages 5 and under receive their COVID-19 vaccines. Staff at the clinic were very happy to report that they received some requests for Back to School vaccines.

June is National PTSD month and the branch hosted *Healing through writing*. Organized by the Texana department, Jazz Poet of San Antonio founding member Eduardo C. Garza led a two-part session - June 18 and 29 - demonstrating how to use writing as a tool for healing and wellness.

On June 5, Branch Manager Arlene Richardson invited adults and seniors to exercise their brains with challenging activities at a Brain Boosters program.

The Collins Garden Book Club, facilitated by Gina Brudi, met on June 17 and discussed the noir novel *Velvet was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.

On June 22, Daniella Toll and Beatriz Galindo attended a library card sign-up outreach event hosted by the San Antonio Housing Authority at Lincoln Heights.

The branch celebrated the Freedom to Read with a book display highlighting a diverse collection of challenged books. This display was very popular with patrons.

The branch welcomed 2 new teen volunteers during the month of June. These young ladies assisted with the branch's Music Vibe Club welcomed attendees and created a book display for the Teen Area, featuring *Skyward* by Brandon Sanderson. Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll assisted Ms. Cassie Garza with the Gaming Club on the 210teenlibrary Discord server on June 18th. Teens demonstrated some of the projects they were working on, including designing their own video games using Unity and other platforms.



They also discussed strategy and other topics in game design. Ms. Toll also assisted with the Writing Club on the 210teenlibrary, where teens shared original creations and gave each other tips on overcoming writer's block, and encouraged each other to keep working on writing projects and goals for the summer. She also took notes for the teen volunteer who ran a Dungeons and Dragons campaign for other teens.

During the month of June, Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted four Lego Club programs. All creations are displayed at the branch. Blake the Magician entertained a school-aged audience with his astonishing feats of magic. Several children were delighted to serve as his helpers. A Process Art program hosted by Ms. Brudi resulted in original artwork created with crumpled paper and liquid watercolors. Ms. Brudi continues her participation in Toddler Time and Baby Time live interactive programs. She contributed to the Freedom to Read display by assisting with book selections.

## CORTEZ

Cortez staff did an amazing job celebrating the start of Summer Reading. All Librarians and Circulation Attendants pitched in to create excitement for Children and Adults signing up to be a Summer Reader. When signing up, Cortez children chose between paper diamonds, rubies, emeralds, and gold coins to write their name on and 'bury' with the treasure chest on the 'Cortez Crew' Ocean Wall. Staff helped them pick out a free book and a free treasure from the treasure box donated by Branch Manager Angela Morrow and Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes to boost the branch's Pirates and Mermaids Summer theme. Teen Liaison Jo Ann Paredes managed to run out entirely of Teen Summer Reading prizes in the

first week through her efforts. The Cortez Artists Wall has grown, showcasing the art of young Cortez patrons with the prompt, 'draw your favorite Summer activity with more than 20 submissions on display.

Branch Manager Morrow collaborated with several local entities to offer services from the Cortez meeting room. Metro Health Immunizations hosted two Immunization events, on June 10 and June 29, and Royal Public Schools hosted information events on June 23 and June 28.

As a member of the Adult Summer with SAPL Committee, Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos coordinated the SAPL Summer Movie Series hosted at various branches. In addition to the June Take-and-Makes for Pride, Librarian Villalobos worked with Circulation Attendants Madeline Vasquez and Jasmine Sanchez to design Take-and-Makes for Cortez patrons. Patrons were encouraged to make creatures or "Dino DNA" in this beaded wire craft. On June 4, Librarian Villalobos held SAPL BTS Festa at Mochinut. The cup sleeve event celebrated the anniversary date of BTS with vendors, photo opportunities, games, a special menu, and freebies for BTS fans, also known as ARMYs. Patrons were given a custom cup sleeve when they showed their library card or registered for one. Over 300 ARMYs came out to celebrate and participate in the event. Librarian Villalobos was joined by Jordan Torres from Central Reference and Kathleen Markman from Great Northwest.



Librarian Villalobos worked with Queer Committee members on the weekly Saturday crafting program Queer Crafternoon. Patrons are invited to flex their creativity in a safe space while listening to podcasts about the LGBTQIA+ experience and history. On June 24, Librarian Villalobos participated as a moderator and contributed to June's *SAPL Live Trivia* with Librarians Brook Mjolsness and Dan Garcia, along with Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura. Librarian Villalobos joined Librarians Rhonda Woolhouse and Connie Hejl

for *Speak Geek: K-Dramas and Squid Game* on June 28. The group discussed popular K-dramas. On June 30, Librarian Vicky Villalobos hosted a Healthy Cooking program with Metro Health's Healthy Neighborhood. Patrons prepared a fun fruit pizza and learned healthy alternatives when eating.

Finally, in the month of June, Librarian Villalobos collaborated with Children Services Librarian Olivia Escovedo for a partnership with Empower House. The library offered patrons three series of bilingual courses centered on the art of positive parenting. Each participant received an HEB gift card.

On June 12, Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez held her monthly program Monster Meet with a screening of *Scream 5*, which six horror fans attended. Madeline, with Branch Manager Morrow, also began a new program series, Monday Movie Madness, to show family movies during the Summer to offer an escape from the heat outside. The first event was held on June 27 with a screening of *Jurassic Park*, which captivated 20 movie-goers. Madeline also coordinated with Librarian Morrow to create a unique photography exhibit of Selena Quintanilla for the month of June, inviting local photographer Richard Vasquez to talk about working with the 'Queen of Tejano Music' on June 7 and showcasing a gallery of

his photographs at Cortez. Madeline also created two interactive displays for adults, a mermaid in a bath asking patrons to add how they relax on a paper bubble, and providing coloring materials and crosswords for patrons to enjoy in-branch.

Librarian Escovedo took over hosting Cortez's board game program, *Get Board at Cortez*, formerly *COAST* with three adults attending the first program after a hiatus of several months.

Summer Reading has started for teens. Teen Liaison and Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes gave out all 25 T-shirts and every button in the first week of Summer Reading, which Cortez teens loved. Teens have started coming in to play games or do the weekly craft. Teen crafts for the month of June consisted of message in a bottle, air dry clay, gel pen art, and canvas painting.

Jo Ann's weekly crafting class, *Getting Crafty*, has its regulars showing up and enjoying the projects assigned. June's crafts consisted of clay pot people, hammered flower t-shirts and tabletop 4<sup>th</sup> of July decorations.

In June, Children's Librarian Olivia Escovedo was a part of an online Story Time, in which she read *Capybara is Friends with Everyone* by Maddie Frost and sang animal songs. An in-branch construction/building program was held by Librarian Escovedo, in which she set up stations with different building materials for families to build together. Attendance was 15 children and seven adults. Librarian Escovedo was helped by Circulation Attendants Madeline Vasquez and Ana Rodriguez to create a popsicle scavenger hunt, which Cortez families can complete to win stickers when visiting the branch. As a part of Summer Reading, Cortez hosted Once in a Wild, an interactive show with live animals for families to enjoy, with 70 children and 50 adults attending. Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt read two stories for Dial-a-Story, one in English and one in Spanish.

## ENCINO

**Children:**

Encino hosted Story Times on the patio for the Encino community every Thursday morning in the month of June, with children's librarians Shannon Seglin-Central Children's; Karen Brauler-San Pedro, and Cheryl Penick-Thousand Oaks substituting as we were looking to fill the Children's Librarian position.

Encino hired Caitlin Leonard, who was a children's librarian for the Mesquite Public Library, as the new children's librarian on June 20. She is working with Children's Services to bring a new focus to Children's programming and outreach at Encino.

**Teens:**

Teen librarians at Encino facilitated passive and in-person programming opportunities and also showcased displays for teens aged 13 to 18 in the teen space.

Teens planned and implemented some exciting activities such as the Art Theme activity in the Teen Room.

Teens participated in the promotion of literacy through a June *BookTok* display. Teen Services displayed authors, literature, and signage in a dedicated display area to celebrate Pride Month.

Teens participated in the weekly program, Teen Club @ Encino on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Teens were involved in an array of activities, from playing board games, and gaming to building puzzles.

Teens' involvement in the planning and implementation of these programs fostered leadership, creative expression, meaningful participation, and ownership of their teen space and library.

#### **Adult:**

During June, Encino continued the Black and White Matinee movie series. Titles shown were: Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho, Casablanca, and Sunset Boulevard. Patrons got to enjoy sparkling water, popcorn, and a movie in a cool darkened room – perfect for a hot Sunday afternoon!

Adults have had a chance to relive their childhood, or share some childhood memories with their teens, by attending the Retro Crafts series! So far adults have made Perler bead earrings and mini sand art bottle necklaces.

Encino Tweens have enjoyed a series of Tweens Create programs this Summer! They have made Perler bead creations, sand art in bottles, and created with Shrinky Dinks. The tweens really enjoyed getting to see their Shrinky Dinks get smaller before their eyes in the toaster oven!

Kids at Encino have been encouraged to sing along with some of their favorite movies this Summer! So far, the Summer Sing-Along series has featured Frozen 2, and Trolls World Tour. Through the generosity of our Friends group, we have been able to provide healthy snacks and drinks at these movie times.

## **FOREST HILLS**

#### **Community Center**

This month the library expanded the hours at the community center, which has involved interacting with the attendees of the center's summer camp and their parents/guardians. This has been a great opportunity to reach out to families who were not aware of the library services. The attendees of the summer camp have been enthusiastic about the displays and ask to check things out when they are picked up for the day.

#### **Children's**

Ms. Menchaca was pleased to help Igo Library host their Story Time on Thursday morning. Children had a lot of fun singing and listening to stories. She also helped with the online Yoga Story Time where the children worked on a scavenger hunt while incorporating movements as well as online Lego Time where the participants always make unique creations. She was also able to participate in online Story Time and online baby time where the librarians played songs, and rhymes and taught caregivers about early literacy.

Ms. Menchaca hosted an Outdoor Story Time at Gilbert Garza Park and Jane Dubbel Park. Little Read Wagon helped out with toys and creative opportunities for kids. Ms. Menchaca read, sang, and played with the children who attended and the Gilbert Garza Community Center hosted Mr. Pitts. He entertained children with tricks and magic; families had a lot of fun.

## Teens

The summer reading t-shirts have been a big hit with the teens at the community center. Those who attend the summer day camp frequently show up wearing their t-shirt, they have also been checking out more YA books as well as requesting more books to be sent to the center so they can pick them up after camp. The camp's attendees have a summer book club with books provided by the San Antonio Public Library, this month they read "Lupe Wong Won't Dance," and the park's staff incorporated activities related to the book each week.

# GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Library's Stephanie Vasquez hosted a craft-style program for adults in the month of June; the Library Bee quilting group for adults who meet once a month and work on quilting projects and learn new skills. Jenn Tristan led a group in a Cut and Glue project making collages out of old magazines and scrap paper.

In June, Library assistant Amber Hughes facilitated 4 weekly in-person Teen Time programs. Teens in the community were provided the opportunity to create and plan summer programming. Teens planned several craft projects and played video games with their peers.

This month the tweens program attendees were busy creating their own patents and learned the difference between an invention and an innovation. They learned about what a patent is and how inventors use them. The attendees discovered how to make their own prototypes and how to write up information for the application process. One 11-year-old patron was able to submit a toy patent for review at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and was excited to share the news.

The maker space club that met on Saturdays in June built a variety of things out of everyday common household objects. The projects vary, one of the projects included making electrical circuits out of cardboard, binder clips, watch batteries, and tiny, dollar store LED lights, while another project included learning how to make recycled objects fly in a wind tunnel made out of embroidery hoops, plastic, and a household fan.

The kid's time group met three times a week in June. In each program, patrons learned about a new continent and a major biome that is located in that continent. During group time, they learned about fun facts from social studies, geography, and culture that celebrated the region they learned about that day. Each program had a variety of crafts, distraction STEAM stations, and obstacle courses.

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# GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library welcomed several new staff members: Library Services Specialist Frances McGovern and Children's Librarian Linda Lopez. The Guerra Staff Book Club continues to meet every other Thursday morning and has discussed *Single Black Female* by Tracy Brown, *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman, and *That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner in June.



Branch Manager Monica Bustillo welcomed Access Services Manager Sarah Linley to visit Guerra Library on June 8 and a surprise visit by Safety Coordinator I Richardo Guajardo on the same day. Ms. Bustillo assisted fellow SAPL staff at the BCFS Pride Resource Fair on June 17. On June 28, Ms. Bustillo joined fellow SAPL staff at the San Antonio Foodbank to volunteer in the warehouse sorting and packing donated material. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *Last Summer at the Golden Hotel* by Elyssa Friedland on June 20.

# IGO

## Children's Service

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance continues to contribute to the online programs of Baby and Toddler Time Online – Live and the Proud to Be Me: Rainbow Families. Participants appreciate having the flexibility that the virtual format provides.

Story Time in the Park has proven to be very popular, with attendance averaging over 100 people in June. Ms. Vance had a lot of help with planning, preparation, and after activities from Igo's newest employee, temporary Library Services Specialist Mikala Thomas, along with assistance in presenting from Children's Librarians Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills) and Amanda Neace (Brook Hollow). Families are very excited to see the return of weekly programs with favorite songs and new books. The after activities are also hugely popular and have included bubbles, sidewalk chalk, streamer wands, kites, and just spending time on the playground with friends both old and new.

On June 15, the branch hosted Process Art at Igo. Ms. Vance and Ms. Thomas basically filled 8 tables with basic craft supplies and recycled materials like toilet paper tubes and let the children take whatever they wanted for their creations. 44 children showed the power of their imaginations and creativity with paper plate cities, paper bag puppets, toilet paper tube robots and monsters, and a planet made from pom-poms.

As part of Summer with SAPL, TamboRhythms visited the branch on June 22. Mr. Jorge Ochoa got 30 children and their grownups drumming up a storm. The children always enjoy the part where Mr. Ochoa allows them to direct the drumming with different signals.

Children and their families have also reacted very positively to the changes to the Library's summer reading program, with lots of excitement over choosing their book and returning their Story Pages to the branch for display on the windows. Ms. Vance created a very open-ended Paleteria interactive window, inviting children to "create the paleta of their dreams" and display it on the window. This window has brought so much joy to the Igo community and staff, as people marvel over the children's ingenuity.



Outside of the branch, Ms. Vance assisted Landa Library with a large school tour on June 22. It is nice to be able to work more collaboratively with librarians across the system. Ms. Vance also represented Children's Services at the Pride Festival on June 25.

Ms. Vance and Teen Librarian Annie Calonico continue to alternate facilitating the Igo Stitchery, which is still garnering good attendance. The group continue to work on their individual projects and assist one another when someone gets stuck. Friendships in the group continue to grow.

### **Teen Services**

Teen Time has helped the teens of Igo Library to develop friendships through a variety of activities including crafts, movie-watching, art projects, video, card games, and board games. Annie Calonico, the teen librarian at Igo, provides a variety of choices that allows teens to pick the activity that is most appealing to them and allows them to connect with other teens who share their interests, while encouraging teens to help brainstorm upcoming Teen Time offerings. Teen volunteers continue to be an essential part of our volunteer group, helping the Igo Library with router, craft kits, and organization of the collection.

## Adult/Senior Services

Senior services coordinator Irene Scharf is continuing to make Elderberry Newsletter and she created one for the month of June featuring the resources for outdoor activities. Irene also arranged a program titled "Preserving Family Documents" with the help of the Texana department.

Irene arranged another program on how to use Bexar County's digital resources on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June at Igo branch library. Community Relations Coordinator of Bexar County BiblioTech Digital Library, Carlos Saucedo did the presentation. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, Irene Scharf arranged a program on "The 1950 Census" which was presented by Andy Crews of Texana Department.

# JOHNSTON

Johnston's Mercado por tu Corazon on June 7 was cut short due to a storm with rain and strong winds.



On June 11 Texana/Genealogy's Matt Dewaelsche presented a "Beginning Genealogy" class at Johnston. On June 22 Johnston hosted one of Metro Health's first popup vaccine clinics that included COVID vaccines for children ages 6 months and up. The clinic was successful and included camera crews from Spectrum News and KENS 5 reporting on the clinic.

Branch Manager Cristine Mitchamore represented the library at a Pride Resource Fair sponsored by BCFS on June 17. Ms. Mitchamore answered Reader's Advisory questions for patrons through the San Antonio Public

Library's (SAPL's) LibPicks virtual service, offering suggestions for future reading (or watching) based on the patron's interests.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham kicked off summer by helping patrons decorate the library windows with colorful rainbows and then switched mid-month to a create-your-own pineapple craft. For Summer Miss Tiffany started a new school-aged programming on Thursdays that included Let's get Creative—a process art class, Let's Get Moving—a dance, games and movement class and Let's Get Building—a construction class. The programs rotated weeks and provided loads of fun for all who attended. She also hosted two special guests, Opera San Antonio and TamboRhythm. Miss Tiffany presented virtual programming for SAPL families with Toddler Time Online, Game Time Online, Art Club Online and the newest online program Let's Get Moving. She continued her work as the co-lead for the Tiny Tots Work Group and as a member of the Children Services for the Summer Reading Programming and Proud to Me groups. Miss Tiffany held her outdoor early literacy program, Bubbles at the Sun Valley Playground, twice. In July the Bubbles program started earlier at 9:30am to help provide programming to families at a slightly cooler time during the day. In addition to stories and songs the families explored water and ice play, sidewalk chalk and painted rocks for the Johnston Rock garden.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza continued to co-hosted a virtual video game program on the Teen Service Discord server with Bazan Teen librarian Gina Garcia every Saturday afternoon. The Discord Gaming club hosted a virtual movie night and streaming group game play. Ms. Garza facilitated in-person teen time two afternoons a week at Johnston library. Every Monday night and Friday afternoon teens were

able to hang out and play video games, crafts and activities. June's Teen Time highlight was making Peaches and cream desserts. Each teen learned how to make their own whipped cream from scratch. Several teen volunteers have revived Johnston's rock garden and several regular patrons have been excited to have it up and running again. The rock garden has been regularly stocked with teen volunteers' amazing artistic rock art designs.

LEARN Center Training Officer Marcella McGowan hosted the following programs: Open Keyboard & Mouse Training on June 5 and 26 at 10:30am; ESL Game Night on June 13 and 27 at 6:15pm; Career Exploration - Learning Express Library on June 15 at 10:30am and Exploring Topics for Citizenship on June 21 at 6:15pm. The Learn area had 35 patrons accessing the Learn Center.

## LANDA

This month, the Landa Team welcomed their newest addition: part-time Teen Librarian Stephanie Thomas-Rosen!

Librarians Robin Alcorta and Jasmin Salinas, along with Circulation Attendant Walden Booker, attended the PRIDE festival and parade. Librarian Salinas took a shift telling the community about the library and making rainbow wands for them to enjoy.

June saw the kickoff of Summer with SAPL at Landa. Branch staff welcomed the community with a Collaborative Art program. Families were provided supplies to design a paleta. The paletas were then added to the walls in the children's area for decoration.

As part of Summer with SAPL, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas presented an outdoor Yoga Movement Story Time with Children's Librarian Shannon Seglin. Several young toddlers worked on balance and large motor development through songs and rhymes.

The third event of the summer was Process Art presented by Librarian Salinas. Multiple tables of art supplies and recycled materials were placed around the grounds and terrace. Families enjoyed creating together in nature! More than 100 people joined Librarian Salinas for this event!

Tom Kinsey, the Master Naturalist, showcased his animal friends for Landa Library families. Several children voted on the dove and snakes as their two favorite animals.

In mid-June, Librarian Salinas hosted an in-person Robot Exploration Afternoon. Families were encouraged to experiment with the Artie 3000s, Sphero minis, and Cubelets purchased by Children's Services.

Throughout June, two school groups visited Landa. Alamo Heights Elementary School brought over their soon-to-be second and third graders. They enjoyed a tour of the library by Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas, a Story Time with Igo Branch's Children's Librarian Carrie Vance, and free time to make kites. Librarian Salinas received multiple cards and banners from the school saying thank you for a great visit and for getting to see the bathtub! University Presbyterian Childcare Center visited Landa frequently in June to check out books for their school-age camps, create paletas, make kites, and build with Legos.

In addition to all the fun Summer with SAPL programs, Librarian Salinas continued Landa's Outdoor Story Time with help from Children's Librarians Melissa Fulmer (Central), Valerie Carroll (Semmes), and Ana

Menchaca (Forest Hills). Online programs also continued in June, and Ms. Salinas participated in Baby Time Online weekly, Proud to Be Me: Rainbow Families monthly, and all the weekly school-age programs including Movement/Yoga Online, Game Time Online, Lego Club Online, and Art Club Online.

In June, the Mystery Book Club read *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware. Eight club members were in attendance. Overall, readers said they liked the book and said the final reveal was unexpected. Some readers disagreed over the characters, with some feeling that the connections between the plot and characters worked, while others felt the plot may have been better served in a short story. All readers agreed the dysfunctional characters led to a lively discussion, though they lamented they'd seen this type of character increasingly in mystery books.

This month, Reader's Ink met to discuss *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang. All but two of the eight attendees received the book very well, with one exception still finding the pick enjoyable, and the other being a new member and not having read the book. Everyone had interesting perceptions of immigrants, their lives, and their experiences, and were generally astounded by the level of hardship the author experienced. They had no idea it could be that bad! Many personal anecdotes were shared regarding how immigration has affected them and their friends and family, we had fantastic and deep discussions about race and discrimination.

As part of the Summer with SAPL events, Jane McDaniel (who happens to be a Landa Library user) told traditional Irish stories. Jane is a member of the San Antonio Storytellers, an organization of storytellers and story lovers in the Central and South Texas area. The goal of the organization is to reintroduce the art of oral storytelling to the community at large. The audience loved the program so much, they had to be asked to leave after the Branch closed!

## LAS PALMAS

As Las Palmas celebrates "Summer with SAPL" children, teens and adults enthusiastically registered for the annual Summer Reading program. Las Palmas staff created a Pride book display for the month of June, highlighting library materials for all age levels, which was well received by our library community.

**Adults:** Las Palmas gave out free books to adults who wanted to participate in the Summer with SAPL program, encouraging participants to have fun setting personal goals, whether it was reading or listening to a set number of books, attending a SAPL program, or setting their own creative goals.

Las Palmas hosted two bilingual "Basic Computer Skills", classes managed by Manager Lily Perez and Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos. The class provided lessons on getting started with computers, including Basic Computer Terminology, Powering up your Computer, and Using the Keyboard and Mouse.

Las Palmas hosted two movies, as part of the "SAPL Summer Movie Series" managed by Manager Lily Perez and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos.

**Teens:** Summer started off slowly at Las Palmas, but quickly picked up when teens from the YWCA began to attend activities at the branch. Teen services librarian Connie Hejl provided Perler Bead crafts for the teens to assemble various creatures and characters. Attendees also enjoyed playing video games on the Wii and PlayStation.





Summer signup shirts were all given away within two weeks. Teens registering for summer reading had the option of picking a book from donations collected throughout the year. Take-and-Make crafts for teens continue to be popular. June's craft was string art.

Connie continued to moderate the online Random Fandom club on Teen Discord online. Random Fandom provides a space where teens can connect through shared interests such as movies, tv shows, anime, manga etc.



The Speak Geek June program which was co-moderated by Connie. Speak Geek is an online program aimed at an adult audience for "geeks" to share their interests. June's meeting centered on Korean Drama and fan discussion of the Korean Netflix hit Squid Game.

**Children:** The children at Las Palmas Branch Library had a busy June. There was a Kickoff program and a balloon artist to start off the month. A teen volunteer assisted with the crowd and passed out snacks from the Las Palmas Friends of the Library. Special programs included Miss Anastasia who presented a Readers Theatre for the children to perform; Tom Kinsey who brought some insects and small animals to the children to learn about and pet; and Opera San Antonio which performed opera music to a large crowd of interested children and adults. A process art program had participants create works of art using a variety of materials. Attendance at all Children's Summer with SAPL programs this summer were high.

Valerie Shelley, Children's Librarian, participated online in Toddler Time and Story Time. She presented a challenge to make a person out of Legos for online Lego Time and she went to Madonna Neighborhood Center to sign up children for summer reading and pass out books.





# MAVERICK

In comparison to recent summers, Maverick staff is seeing both returning and new customers visiting the library. As Maverick celebrates “Summer with SAPL”, children, teens and adults are asking about and registering for the annual Summer Reading program. Maverick is giving out various prizes depending on the age group for participating in the summer reading program. The chess club and mah-jongg groups continue meeting monthly.

As of this writing, 360 children have signed up for the summer reading program at Maverick. The children have been excited to receive books when they register. Our bulletin board on our window is crowded with lots of colorful book shapes with registrant’s names on them. Children’s Librarian, Amy Roberts, had 10 programs in June with a total of 587 attendees! She was thrilled that indoor programming was back for ages 5-12 specifically. Programs included Lego Time, Crafty Kids, and a wonderful performance by Happy Tails on June 22. Ms. Anita from Happy Tails brought animals like a porcupine, python, macaw and an alpaca!

Ms. Roberts read “Inside Cat” by Brian Wenzel for Dial-A-Story on June 28. She curated another Story Time on June 20, using the book “I Like Trains” by Daisy Hirst, for the Tiny Tots website. In addition, Ms. Roberts attended a few trainings during the reporting period. She attended Lib Chat Training on June 2, Climate Training on June 7, Active Shooter Threat Training on June 7 and PIC (Person in Charge) cell phone training on June 30.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl, assisted by Library Aide Taylur Loera, facilitated Teen Time on Tuesday evenings. In June, Teens requested and watched Spiderman II and engaged in a variety of table top games. Those who were interested in D & D enthusiastically engaged in their first campaign, with Loera acting as the Dungeon Master, or DM. One Teen came prepared with a map, several character figurines, and music and sound effects ready on his phone for whatever situations they might encounter on their adventure. Due to the strong relationships Maverick Teens have built, the D&D journey had an audience as well as players! Midway through the month, Teen volunteers collaborated and planned the July programs.

# McCRELESS

On June 1st, the McCreless Branch hosted the Library Director, the Mayor, and many special guests for the Summer Reading kick-off where they viewed examples of programming and activities available for patrons during the summer. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, a community input meeting took place at the branch to rename the McCreless meeting room in honor of community leader Elizabeth Cornelia Gaenslen Trainor. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the branch hosted the San Antonio Metro Health Pop Up vaccine clinic, which provides Flu, COVID, and school-required vaccines to the local community.



Children’s Librarian Nicole San Martin and Library Services Specialist Elvia Rodriguez also kicked off the summer with outreach events to La Misi3n Childcare and Japhet Academy to provide information about the Mayor’s Summer Library Club and to share stories and songs with the children at each location. At the branch, several programs were hosted for children including LEGO Club on Mondays, Tween Time on

Tuesdays, and Happy Tails which brought a crowd of more than 80 patrons to view and learn about exotic animals.

Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow continues to invite teens to attend the weekly Teen Time or the new Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Club for those aged 15 and up. The D&D Club began meeting weekly this month and has been an instant success. Attendees were thrilled to meet in person for the chance to begin their “Lost Ones” Campaign led by a Teen Volunteer Dungeon Master. Ms. DeBow has also joined Access Service Manager, Sarah Linley’s workgroup on re-vamping the Circulation LibGuide and User Guide. Besides her regular duties, Ms. DeBow worked with the McCreless Friends during their Saturday workday to re-organize donations and conducted a library tour for members of Seton House, who were excited to receive library cards and hear about all the services SAPL has to offer.



Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales began a monthly Movie Night series. The first movie featured was *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* with 14 patrons in attendance. As part of the Pop Culture Committee, he continues to contribute with new ideas during its monthly meetings. Mr. Gonzales is always ready to volunteer and help fellow staff at other branches when necessary.

The McCreless Learn Center launched its first multi-level English Class on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and students have responded enthusiastically, both to the interactive class content, and to Learn educator Lodie Mueller’s distinctive philosophy and methodology. Participants in this Saturday-morning class have ranged from a 75-year-old woman who had never attended an English class in her life, to a woman with a Bachelor’s degree who wants to improve her grammar and pronunciation. As a closing activity, Lodie requires students to share one thing they learned and one thing they liked in that particular class. One woman shared, “I liked meeting new people, and I liked that this is the first time I have felt comfortable speaking English in front of other people.” Lodie loves serving the McCreless community through this class as well as through regular Learn services during the 1:00-6:00 pm walk-in hours.

## MEMORIAL

New beginning for Memorial. Library on the Go was placed in storage and staff is now providing interim services from the Marionist Archives on the campus of St. Mary’s University. The 2 Librarians in charge are Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson and Children’s Librarian Christine Deffendall. Patrons can call staff inside the building and once their library card is verified their hold items will be brought outside for patrons to pick up. This is basically the same set up operation that was used during the LOTG tenure. No fiscal transactions are available. No printing nor copying operations are available either.

The Book Drop remained on the Memorial campus and is emptied twice daily by either LICs.

Viewing it from the exterior the new front lobby is almost complete. Counters and cabinets in staff work areas are presently being installed. The new Circ area is beginning to take shape and will look really nice when the work is completed.

Children’s Librarian Christine Deffendall made three contributions to the library’s digital programming efforts during the month of June. A curated Story Time, published June 6, was based on the book *Oona*,

written by Kelly DiPucchio and illustrated by Raissa Figueroa. For the Children's Services blog on June 17, she reviewed two books of animal trivia. *When Elephants Listen with Their Feet*, written by Emmanuelle Grundmann, illustrated by Clémence Dupont, and *Inside Animals*, written by Barbara Taylor, illustrated by Margaux Carpentier. Also for the Children's Services Blog, Christine reviewed *City Spies: Forbidden City*, by James Ponti, on June 24.

## MISSION

Circulation Attendant, Megan Feeley, hosted a DIY-U Night: Alcohol Ink program on June 20th. Twice during the month of June on two Fridays, Library Assistant Jessica Viera (PT) hosted a Karaoke program. Ms. Viera also hosted a Mission Movie Club program on another Friday in June. Table Tennis, held 3 times a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays continues to be a popular program.

Mission children have enjoyed many activities in June. Lego Time and Tween Time have resumed. Summer Reading sign-up is going well with almost 300 children signing up so far. Two special programs were very successful and enjoyable. Tom Kinsey brought native animals and the 85 attendees got to see up close and touch the various animals, as well as learn a lot of interesting facts. Opera San Antonio returned this summer with a great educational and entertaining program for 60 guests.

Teens started off the month of June eager to get Teen summer t-shirts! As in past years, teens only had to ask for their shirt to be a part of the summer fun. This gave teens a sense of ownership in the activities happening at Mission Library. Four Teen Club events took place with activities that included splatter/drip canvas art, volleyball/table tennis, tie-dye tote bags and a Movie Night. Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, also helped at the Mission Marquee Farmer's Market where she met with over 80 members of the community and talked about summer programming for all ages. Cindy also welcomed a group from the Seton Home which provides housing to teen moms. Cindy shared with them information on library resources. All teen moms were able to get a library card during the visit.

## PAN AMERICAN

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the branch hosted the San Antonio Metro Health Mobile Clinic. Free COVID-19 Immunizations and Boosters shots were offered, free of charge. Many visitors thanked staff for hosting the mobile clinic. Most comments referred to how convenient and hassle free it was for them to use.

The branch hosted Meditation Classes on all Saturday's during June. The classes continue to get a good attendance. Due to some other obligations for the class facilitator, the Meditation classes will take July and August off. Meditation Classes will resume in September.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the branch hosted a Juneteenth Presentation by Mr. Allee Wallace. Mr. Wallace is the official photographer of the San Antonio Juneteenth Coalition. He spoke about his artwork, career and experiences chronicling African American life on San Antonio's east side. He showcased many of the photographs that he has taken throughout his career, truly amazing artwork.



Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, hosted two "Puzzle Times" during the month of June. "Puzzle Time" is an Adult Program that offers participants the opportunity to spend some time putting their very own puzzle together. Puzzles are provided free of charge and participants can keep the puzzle they put together.

During the month of June, Teen Services Librarian Gladys Nunez hosted different teen activities every Monday. Ms. Nunez participated in outreach activities at Harlandale High School on June 2nd. Attached are some pictures of the different activities done during Teen Time



During Outreach, the Harlandale High School librarian requested an information table during two lunch periods to let students know about SAPL and what was going on for teens for the summer and signing them up for library cards. Ms Nunez gave away some free pencils and passed out flyers for Teen Time. She also, took a few of the free teen summer t-shirts and buttons so the first wave of students got a t-shirt and/or button.

Children's librarian Jacqueline Gonzales completed 1 outreach for the month of June at La Petite Academy on Wurzbach. She read, sang songs, and told stories to 22 children and 2 adults. She read *Pete the Cat Crayons Rock!* By Kimberly and James Dean. Children learned simple sign language to sing along with a hello and goodbye song, as well as received information about the Summer Reading Program at Pan American Library.

In addition, Mrs. Gonzales also held Tween Time at the branch, where a total of 3 tweens attended. For the program, they learned about peyote stitching and how to create a flower pattern bracelet and/or how to take a pattern and bead with it.

Process Art was another program that was held for children. There were 2 children and 1 adult that attended. Art supplies of all kinds were placed on a long table, and attendees were challenged to start with only 2 craft supplies to create something. As a given, they were provided scissors and glue at their table to help, but the challenge made for a fun time. As the program progressed, challenges were thrown at them, and they had to pick another craft supply for their neighbor, and then the children's librarian had to pick a supply for them.

Growing Up Wild was a Summer Reading program brought to the Pan American by Mrs. Gonzales. It was presented by Parks and Recreation and took place outside on the porch. A total of 6 kids and 6 adults attended. Children got to hear a story, learn about fish, and do a craft.

Sue Kuentz Storyteller was also asked to be a guest performer at the branch as part of the Summer Reading lineup. She told amazing stories, sang, and got the kids excited about storytelling. A total of 6 kids and 5 adults attended.

Mrs. Gonzales, Children's librarian participated in Toddler Time ONLINE for the SAPL system, where children's librarians from all over SAPL get together to put on an online program. She acted as host and helped present songs for the month of June. Some songs she sang were *Peanut Butter and Jelly* and *Alice the Camel*.

Library Assistant Stephanie Perez hosted the Embroidery Program. This program has two meetings a month. One Zoom meeting and one in-person. Miss Perez provides resources for learning about embroidery and brings together others that also enjoy needlecrafts. The dates for the program were June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to bring people together and encourage people's creativity. This program is for adults only.

Another very successful program hosted by Ms. Perez is the Plant Swap Program. The event was to bring people together to trade plants and plant cuttings. Patrons turned in their for-trade items to Ms. Perez to redeem tickets. Then they used the tickets to pick from the plants that others have for trade. The event was on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This was an adult-only event.

Ms. Perez has also been working as part of the Esports Committee. During the month of June, she has been building a LibGuide to host an online contest for patrons that play Animal Crossing: New Horizons. Patrons will be able to submit information and show off their virtual creations to others. The 2 persons with the most votes will win prizes that are within the game itself.

## PARMAN

Flamingos have taken over the Parman Branch Library! To celebrate Summer with SAPL, Children's Librarians, Teague and Lisa decorated the windows with the larger-than-life pink birds. With the help of entire staff, Parman branch was able to offer every registrant of the Summer Reading Program the chance to create their own flamingo to display in the library. Over 1400 children signed up in June and the tops of Parman shelves hold the largest flock ever seen in a library!

Parman entertained its young patrons with many activities and performers throughout the month of June. Snakes, rats, and birds visited Parman with their handler Tom Kinsey, who shared his knowledge about Texas wildlife with attending families. John's Got Magic wowed the audience with mystifying tricks during his high-energy performance. Kids and grown-ups alike thoroughly enjoyed playing in foam when Big Bubbles stopped by. A cannon shot foam into the air while music played. It was an unforgettable and messy afternoon! At Construct, Create and Collaborate presented by Teague, kids had the opportunity to build with cardboard blocks, wooden planks, and plastic cups (to name a few materials!). Some attendees created their own buildings out of cardboard boxes and all had a great time.





On Tuesdays in June, Teague led Creator Club where kids participated in several fun art and maker activities. Kids experienced a maker space, painted and colored collaborative murals, used cardboard to make sculptures, and created beautiful bean mosaics.

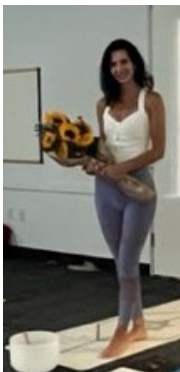


The heat didn't keep the families away from Parman's Weekly Outdoor Stories and Bubbles and with Lisa's absence Teague filled the Kids moved, sang and listened to stories before having a dance party while chasing bubbles. Children are beginning to learn the fingerplays and are requesting their favorite songs. Manager Barbara Kwiatkowski decided to reinstitute the Parman Café, in- person program, that features a different event each week specifically designed for adults. For the Summer Reading edition the Parman Café opened with cooking classes where the audience learned how to make jackfruit (vegan) tacos. It was presented by Library Assistant Melissa Moser and Barbara and class was very well attended. Eager to learn, the audience took part in the preparation of the dish, enjoyed the story and finally tasted the fully assembled vegan street tacos. It's safe to say, based on the comments and empty plates, that they all were hungry for more. In the weeks to follow Parman Café featured a Tai Chi class presented by Nameer Kirma who taught patrons the basic movements of Tai Chi and gave a background on this ancient martial art.

While all of these classes were great, the unsung hero of the Parman Café in June was the Tenkara



Fishing presented by John Evans. He introduced the audience to a new, originated in Japan, form of fly fishing. The class delved into the history of the sport and even gave a hands-on demonstration on how to use the rods. Everyone who came is looking forward to the next session in July.



Parman celebrated the International Yoga Day with a special Yoga\ Meditation class presented by Barbara Breidenbach. Her expert knowledge of body movement, flexibility, meditation techniques and attention to detail made for a great experience! Participants said they felt a great sense of relaxation and peace after the class.

In June Parman featured artist Hallah Shahn artwork in the branches gallery and held the reception for her that brought a crowd of 58. The live music of 2 violinists and an exquisite clarinetist added a special ambiance to this event.

Parman welcomed a new teen librarian this month. Zach Woolston is a great addition to the staff and is already showing how creative, intelligent and tech savvy he is. The staff is excited to have him as a part of the team.

## POTRANCO

Potrancó Library has been a popular Summer destination for our enormous service area. Summer Programming has been a big hit with the families.



Children's Librarian, Dawn Zeig, kicked off summer by welcoming young patrons back to in-person programming. She held three well attended Lego Hours including one where children designed their own stamps out of Legos and made art with them.

She held a movie screening of the film *The Neverending Story* on June 21st which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Librarians Zeig and Saucedo held four Tween Times where children made various crafts. The first Tween Time celebrated National Friendship Day by guiding children to draw a picture of their friend. The second hosted special guest Circulation Attendant Viviana Roldan who taught children how to make beautiful homemade cards. The third session had children weaving beautiful bowls out of paper plates and yarn. The last session of the month had children bending pipe-cleaners to make all sorts of animals and other critters. All of these programs were well attended averaging 25 people per session.

Librarians Zeig and Saucedo hosted Lucas Miller *The Singing Zoologist* on Saturday, June 11th. Both children and adults enjoyed singing along to his fabulous puppet show and learned a lot about animals and their ecosystems in the process.

Librarian Zeig continued to participate in the virtual programs Game Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively. Librarian Zeig hosted the virtual program *Dinosaur George* on Monday, June 13th.

Librarian Zeig assisted the Guerra Library on Saturday, June 25th by hosting their special children's program *Once in a Wild* which was well-attended and so much fun!

Potranco signed up close to 500 children for summer reading during the month of June and each child left with a free book, bookmark and a story sheet to bring back to share at a later time.

Circulation Attendant Miranda Reyes hosts *Dreaded Threads* on Monday evenings. This popular program gives those in attendance the opportunity to work on crochet, knitting, sewing or any other handmade craft while enjoying the latest episode of popular True Crime Podcasts.

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro continues to host the Potranco Book Club and the Cafe Con Libros book clubs. Cafe Con Libros focuses on books written by LGBTQ+ or POC authors, while the Potranco Book Club explores a variety of titles and genres, all selected by the club members.

Ms. Leandro also hosts a bi-weekly virtual coloring program. This program has been a constant for 2 years now, going back to the quarantine. This group have bonded over their time together and look forward to a relaxing time of chit-chat, music and coloring.

Circulation Attendant Pat Booker hosts a bi-weekly Writer's Group Program. This group share their work and gives positive constructive feedback to others.

## **PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS**

Pruitt's Children's Services Summer programming kicked off with *Summer STEAM: LEGO Club* where school age patrons completed LEGO Challenges and built some amazing creations. The branch hosted a *Summer STEAM* program every Saturday in June and a *Tweens Create!* program every other Friday. Patrons were able to make lip balm, galaxy jars, summer snow globes, and soap! The branch also hosted *The Astonishing Mr. Pitts* and our school age patrons (and their parents) had an astonishingly great time. The branch resumed the *Family Yoga* program on Tuesdays and participants returned with enthusiasm. Summer themed *Take-and-Make* craft kits for children were created by children's Library Assistant Sheran Awe and branch substitute staff Cynthia Saenz and Keico Deuser. The branch's *Page-Turners Book Club* met to discuss the book *The Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna* by Alda P. Dobbs and patrons look forward to meeting the author and hearing her discuss the book.



*Teen Summer* at Pruitt got off to a great start with Pruitt staffers giving visiting teens program and activities' information, SAPL Teen Summer shirts, and other "swag."

*Music Monday* carried over into the Summer and has maintained a strong following for those teens wishing to explore varying musical interests. The *Tuesday Teen Time* program allowed teens to express their creativity. The Teen Services staff made a foray onto the Roosevelt High School campus and connected with students attending Summer School, letting them know about programs and events happening at Pruitt and taking suggestions about what would interest teens in a summer library setting.

Teen Services Librarian Sheri Watkins accompanied Children's Services Librarian Lucy Cisneros on an outreach event at Montgomery Elementary where all SAPL and Pruitt services were promoted. Additionally, Pruitt Adult Services and Teen Services worked together for the successful production of *"Celebrating Juneteenth: A Tribute In Praise and Pictures."* This family-friendly event featured Allee Wallace, the Official Juneteenth Coalition Photographer, along with the Hope Fellowship Church Praise Dancers. Adults, teens, and children were educated and enlightened during this culturally rich program.



In Adult Services, the Adult Summer with SAPL program led to the *Saturday Book Club* meeting discussion of *At Home In Mitford* and the *TGIF Book Club* meeting discussion of *The Thursday Murder Club*. Livestreamed *Teen* and *Family Chess* Lessons began their summer session for June and July. *Adult Virtual Coloring* continued, co-hosted between Pruitt and Potranco staff. *The Best Music You've Never Heard* participants shared and discussed music by Tuba Skinny, Ima Sumac, Daft Punk, Eric Serra, the Watermelon Mountain Jug Band, and Jacques Brel, which brought the listening audience to

tears with the song “Old Folks”. The Special Needs Adult Program enjoyed a reading of *When a Dragon Moves In* and made a red, white, and blue wreath. Adults participated in an in-person craft, producing shiny, summery Cocktail Umbrella Wreaths.

## SAN PEDRO

In June, the 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 projects to work on. Beginners were welcomed as well. Once you get started, we’ll have you hooked!

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the San Pedro Branch hosted “Tambo Rhythms” a musical program all about drums and the beat. Jorge Ochoa led children of all ages and their trusted adults in loud and rowdy drum circles. Drums were provided, and no experience was necessary.



On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the branch hosted a STEAM-inspired construction program. Children were encouraged to use their imagination to build stuff using a variety of materials with other aspiring architects. The event was geared towards children ages 6-12.

## SCHAEFER

In the Month of June, Teen Services Librarian, Dacari Lambert facilitated Teen Time alongside teen volunteers who planned and implemented teen-requested activities, including making tiny donuts out of cheerios. Dacari is currently co-leading Discord's Art Club for the summer, with colleague Laura Herman. Dacari continues to be an active part of the Employee Wellness Workgroup, with a focus on Training and Staff Development. Dacari volunteered Schaefer as a branch location to host a Family Services Association Intern, who works alongside Dacari, 20 hours a week. Dacari conducted outreach at East Central High School, for their summer school students. Additionally, Dacari planned and implemented a Pride display featuring library materials for all age levels, which was successful, and well-liked by library patrons.



On Wednesday, June 8, Schaefer branch library hosted a Metro Health Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic from 10 AM to 2 PM. Five people received vaccinations during the program's hours. On Monday, June 13, San Antonio Food Bank nutrition education coordinator, Xavier Vara, held an Introduction to MyPlate healthy eating class which was attended by eight people.



Schaefer started giving out free books to children for the Mayor's Summer Library Club on June 1! By the end of June, more than 400 kids had registered and received a book! They also could decorate a paper paleta to hang on the wall in the kid's area. They are also coloring and writing about their summer activities on the Story Sheet, which are also displayed on the service desk! Schaefer staff all help to make sure that all kids visiting register for the Library Club to get a free book.

Library Aide Kaila Martinez recreated the paletas from the collectible summer bookmarks using the Cricut to make a scavenger hunt. There are eight paletas that are hidden around the library each day. Kids visiting the library are having fun looking for them. Since they are always hidden in different places, the kids can participate each time they visit!

During June, 13 children's programs took place at Schaefer. Blake the Magician performed magic for about 150 kids and adults on June 7. Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser started Outdoor Story Time on June 1 on the playground. This program takes place each Wednesday. The kids hear stories, sing and have play time with bubbles and chalk or have other play activities like ice chalk. Read to a Dog returned to Schaefer with Molly, a therapy dog, and her handler, Sandy. Kids have the opportunity to practice their reading skills with Molly. The program was offered every other Tuesday in June. Leslie offered LEGO Time on June 21, for the first time since March 2020. Kids were so imaginative, and their creations are displayed in the children's area of the library. For the first time, Leslie offered Let's Get Moving: Yoga at the Library. Shannon Seglin from Central Children's also helped lead the program. They guided the kids through yoga poses, breathing exercises and balancing and relaxation activities. Part of the program was featured on KENS 5 during Great Day SA. A park ranger from the Missions National Historic Park visited on June 9 to do a presentation on predators and prey. Around 100 kids and families attended the event.



Growing Up Wild, a program presented by Kayla from Parks and Recreation took place on June 21. She brought animal skins and skulls to do a program about a few wild animals native to Texas. On Friday, June 17, Leslie had a Come & Go Art program. The kids made torn paper art by tearing different types of paper and gluing the pieces to a paper plate. Kids could take their art home, but if they chose to leave it at the library, Leslie displayed them in the children's area. Library Assistant Blanca Hernandez assists Leslie during the children's programs, which have all been very well-attended. Leslie also participated in five Zoom children's programs during June -- she did two Story Time Online programs, Yoga, Game Time and LEGO Club.

Library Assistant Blanca Silvia Hernandez hosted the monthly Schaefer Virtual Craft program; where patrons decorated can koozies by coloring them with fabric markers. She hosted a Make n Go craft program at Schaefer where patrons picked a premade craft kit to make and decorate. They made some suncatchers, pressed flower bookmarks and decorated ceramic piggy banks, can koozies and baseball caps. She published a catalog list of popular LPs for Schaefer's I ❤️ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. She created a display for National Rose Month.

## SEMMES

In June, Miss Valerie continued alternating Story Time on the Patio with Miss Randi. Valerie conducted Story Time on June 1<sup>st</sup> (opposites theme), June 8<sup>th</sup> (shapes theme), June 15<sup>th</sup> (exploring theme), and June 29<sup>th</sup> (emotions theme). Miss Valerie also continued helping with Outdoor Story Time at Landa on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. She contributed songs and action rhymes, including "Roly Poly," "This is Big, Big, Big," and "The Moon is Round."

Teen Time continued into the summer with teens able to meet every Tuesday evening. In June, Teen Time has taken the form of a game night, a random art night, and a sewing lesson where teens were able to learn how to sew a small stuffed mouse.

Miss Valerie started hosting a Tween Time program on Wednesday afternoons for children between nine to twelve years old. The program began on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and has had 17 tweens come play games with their peers and meet new friends.

Miss Valerie co-hosted a Zoom session of the Adventurer's Book Club on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants discussed the first Harry Potter book.

As part of Summer with SAPL, Miss Valerie hosted Build It! on June 13<sup>th</sup> for school-aged children. This program was an open-ended, STEAM-inspired construction challenge. Participants were given newspaper, masking tape, and a wide variety of boxes and encouraged to build anything they could imagine. Challenge cards with prompts like "build something as tall as you are" also helped generate ideas for children who weren't sure what to build at first.





Semmes was also pleased to host Happy Tails on June 30<sup>th</sup> as part of Summer with SAPL. Happy Tails staff brought seven animals to talk about with the crowd. The event drew in an audience of 157 people. The kids were also allowed to pet the ball python and the cavy at the end of the presentation.



In the month of June, Ms. Randi continued participating in Toddler Time Online, providing the opening songs on June 1 and June 8 and the closing songs on June 29. She also provided the interactive activities for Story Time Online on June 9 and hosted that program on June 23. Her curated Story Time for *Cyril and Pat* by Emily Gravett premiered on the library's website on June 20. Her curated toddler time for *I Can Make a Train Noise* by Michael Emberley premiered on June 27. On June 22, Ms. Randi presented Story Time on the Patio, featuring *Z is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham and *Brontorina* by James Howe.



## THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator for several virtual programs. On June 8, Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted the self-care program OptimizeU. The main host Maggie Grueskin led the program which is held the second Wednesday of every month. To celebrate Pride Month, a virtual Pride Trivia Night program was held on June 10. The Film Noir Movie Club program was

held June 14. This virtual monthly discussion group watches a film noir movie and encourages a lively discussion with engaging questions.

On June 15, Ms. Mjolsness hosted the in-person program Wednesdays with WellMed: Medicare Education Roundup. Attendees learned about who is eligible for Medicare, and the types of Medicare plans. Light refreshments were provided courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. On June 21, she hosted an in-person chair yoga program. Yoga instructor Ashley Ludwick led the program in celebration of the International Day of Yoga.

On June 24, Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted a virtual Beginner's Chair Yoga program and served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program. These programs are held on the last Friday of every month. She held an in-person Film Noir Movie program on June 28. Attendees watched *White Heat* (1949) starring James Cagney and Virginia Mayo and enjoyed light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.



Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick collaborated with Circulation Attendants Karen Gilsdorf and Rosa Villa, and Library Aid Noah Carver for the design and construction of "Ride the Reading River," the Summer at SAPL registrants' wall. As of June 30, the Thousand Oaks Library has 230 registrants. Ms. Penick assembled 20 themed book bundles for children with items for check-out in both English and Spanish and assembled 25 "Take-and-Make Tuesday" craft kits for children.

Ms. Penick facilitated the in-person Story Time programs at the Encino Branch Library on June 2 and 16. She was accompanied by Circulation Attendant Rosa Villa. Ms. Penick served as co-host for the Baby



Time Online programs on June 3, 10, 17, and 24. She hosted the in-person program Lucas Miller, The Singing Zoologist on June 11. She facilitated the Collaborative Art – Sidewalk Chalk program on June 18.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on June 6, 13, 20, and 27. On June 22, she facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center. The book group participants discussed *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware. Ms. King created a “Pride!” book display in the teen area highlighting LGBTQ+ titles for Pride Month. She created an interactive activity that encouraged teens to share responses to the question “How do you practice mindfulness?”

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Tobin hosted a lively Summer Reading Kick-Off on June 4. Over 800 folks of all ages came to enjoy the Giddy Up Petting Zoo, balloon art, creating bubbles of all sizes along with paleta and sailboat crafts. Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell held a successful book sale that day. Their generosity funded the presenters along with paletas and snacks being served.

The branch partnered with City Public Service (CPS) on June 14. CPS representatives provided information on various programs and services offered to residents including energy conservation.



Branch activities have included weekly Kids Time and Teen Hangout and Come-and-Go crafts all day on the weekends. Special performances have included Learn Nature with Tom McKinsey, Story Tellers from Adult Services, and Read to a Dog live with “Sam”. On June 30, Children’s Librarian, Kara Bailey, introduced Park



Ranger, Destiny Gardea, from San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. Ranger Gardea hosted an interactive program with pelts and hides from wild animals that are found in the San Antonio area.

## WESTFALL

Branch is currently closed for construction and providing holds pickup services at the COSA Granados Adult Community Center.

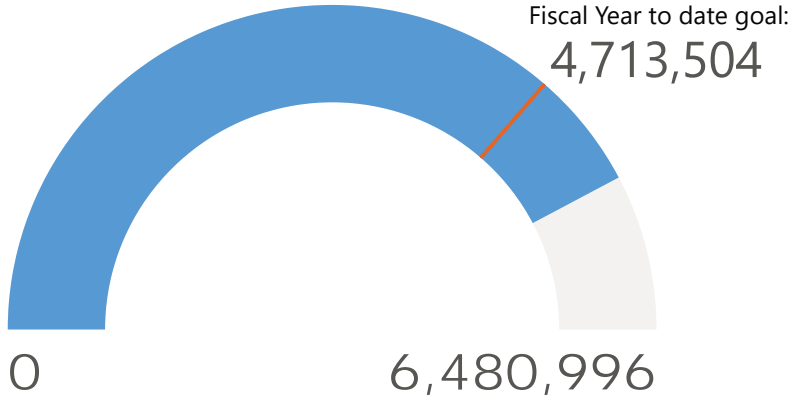
# PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
KEY INDICATORS

COVID-19 has greatly affected overall Library service usage in FY 2020 and FY 2021. FY 2022 performance goals were adjusted accordingly.

June 2022  
FY 2022

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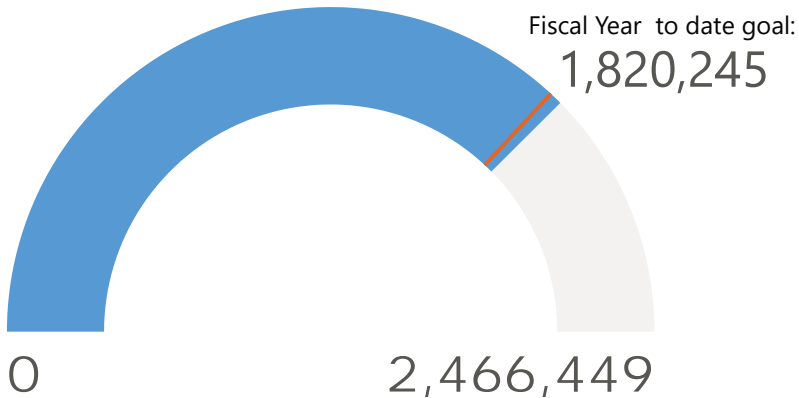


FY 2022 to date Items Borrowed



5,475,437✓  
(+16.16%)  
Circulation

Visits: Goal

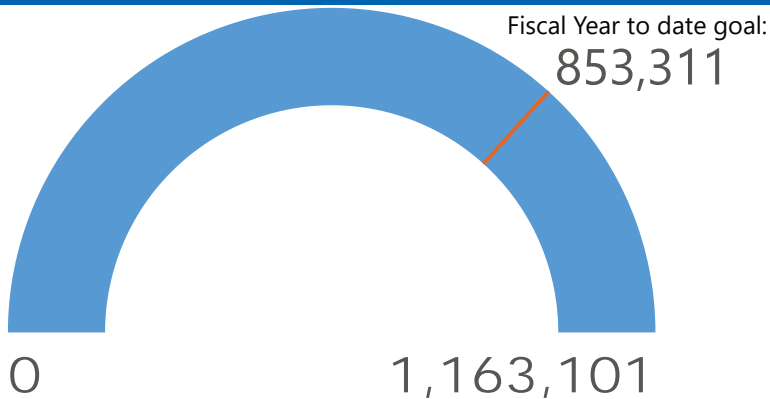


FY 2022 to date Library Visits



1,852,286✓  
(+1.76%)  
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2022 to date Digital Access



127,521  
Hours of Computer Use



1,128,079  
Hours of Wi-Fi Use

1,255,600✓  
(+47.14%)  
Wi-Fi Hours

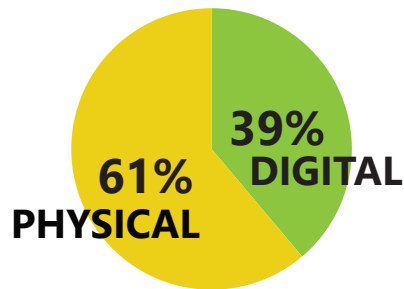


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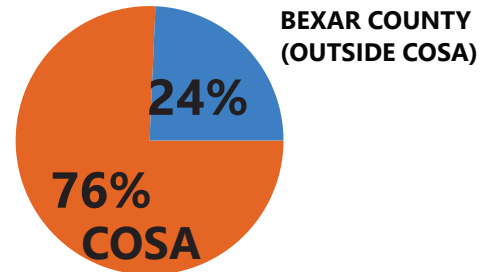
## June 2022 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

#### CIRCULATION BY TYPE



#### CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



1,025,317

**MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS**

15,496

**MYSAPL  
APP DOWNLOADS\***

830,888

**OVERDRIVE  
SITE VISITS**

3,645,853

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS**

\* As of 11-2021, App Sessions data is no longer available and was changed to measure App Downloads

### PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2022

3,834

**TOTAL PROGRAMS**

1,569

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

1,329

**TEEN PROGRAMS**

937

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

72,804

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE**

19,066

**ADULT ATTENDANCE**

11,999

**TEEN ATTENDANCE**

41,739

**CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE**

126

**PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED**

22,684

**PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS**

### JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

**BIG PRIDE 2022**

SUBMISSIONS DUE JUNE 30

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SUMMER with SAPL**

*SAPL Summer Movie Series*

Check our description for times, dates, and locations for June and July.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

*juneteenth*

**CELEBRATE FREEDOM**

In observance of this holiday, library locations will be closed Sunday, June 19. We will be open Monday, June 20.

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**ADVENTURERS BOOK CLUB**

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18**

3 - 4PM

PRESENTED ON ZOOM

For kids 9-12 years old

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# San Antonio Public Library

## June 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
<b>Bazan</b>	1,488	3,069	3,325	649	2,677
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	28,014	11,932	7,060	624	6,436
<b>Carver</b>	2,538	4,398	4,218	728	3,490
<b>Central</b>	10,307	23,375	22,859	3,514	19,345
<b>Cody</b>	33,775	11,990	9,307	1,200	8,107
<b>Collins Garden</b>	3,351	3,536	3,547	459	3,088
<b>Cortez</b>	4,831	5,814	3,055	349	2,706
<b>Digital</b>	245,670	0	0	0	0
<b>Encino</b>	21,518	8,496	6,194	244	5,950
<b>Forest Hills</b>	587	128	0	0	0
<b>Great Northwest</b>	28,562	12,478	6,209	483	5,726
<b>Guerra</b>	8,079	4,664	3,944	523	3,421
<b>Igo</b>	41,962	15,069	10,252	460	9,793
<b>Interlibrary Loan</b>	1,274	0	0	0	0
<b>Johnston</b>	8,482	5,624	3,726	430	3,296
<b>Kampmann</b>	0	823	372	0	372
<b>Landa</b>	13,363	9,644	3,433	356	3,078
<b>Las Palmas</b>	4,493	11,770	3,984	958	3,026
<b>Maverick</b>	26,837	9,068	6,241	758	5,483
<b>McCreless</b>	5,970	3,639	4,720	650	4,070
<b>Memorial</b>	819	140	0	0	0
<b>Mission</b>	10,738	10,626	5,929	778	5,151
<b>Pan American</b>	3,268	3,421	2,588	357	2,231
<b>Parman</b>	37,018	20,981	6,644	323	6,321
<b>Potranco</b>	18,374	10,004	17,143	486	16,656
<b>Pruitt</b>	4,759	4,863	2,283	216	2,068
<b>San Pedro</b>	3,819	4,737	5,213	559	4,654
<b>Schaefer</b>	9,536	8,530	4,165	324	3,841
<b>Semmes</b>	29,180	19,999	8,672	789	7,882
<b>System</b>	35,232	0	0	0	0
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	6,776	5,510	3,764	578	3,186
<b>Tobin</b>	17,750	8,430	4,214	454	3,759
<b>Westfall</b>	2,042	424	1,064	0	1,064
<b>Total</b>	<b>670,412</b>	<b>243,182</b>	<b>164,127</b>	<b>17,248</b>	<b>146,879</b>

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

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## June 2022 Programs & Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some programs are developed with a system wide approach and others are developed by each location.

Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
<b>Bazan</b>	3	6	3	12	4	19	64	87
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	3	3	5	11	0	19	186	205
<b>Carver</b>	14	4	3	21	236	0	43	279
<b>Central</b>	27	57	5	89	285	235	164	684
<b>Cody</b>	17	4	13	34	395	4	455	854
<b>Collins Garden</b>	3	8	6	17	6	9	75	90
<b>Cortez</b>	14	4	2	20	407	13	142	562
<b>Encino</b>	10	5	12	27	57	25	524	606
<b>Forest Hills</b>	1	0	3	4	10	0	51	61
<b>Great Northwest</b>	2	2	19	23	13	16	973	1,002
<b>Guerra</b>	4	4	2	10	40	12	72	124
<b>Igo</b>	8	4	7	19	53	15	667	735
<b>Johnston</b>	6	8	9	23	4	71	309	384
<b>Landa</b>	3	4	14	21	30	3	776	809
<b>Las Palmas</b>	10	4	14	28	20	38	340	398
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	0	0	17	17	0	0	1,114	1,114
<b>Maverick</b>	14	4	10	28	49	61	587	697
<b>McCreless</b>	4	7	7	18	33	35	212	280
<b>Memorial</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mission</b>	18	6	12	36	221	123	259	603
<b>Pan American</b>	10	5	6	21	40	77	54	171
<b>Parman</b>	8	4	13	25	106	13	1,288	1,407
<b>Potranco</b>	5	2	10	17	28	10	246	284
<b>Pruitt</b>	8	13	14	35	94	116	297	507
<b>San Pedro</b>	4	0	2	6	10	0	40	50
<b>Schaefer</b>	4	5	13	22	28	131	645	804
<b>Semmes</b>	12	5	10	27	89	29	495	613
<b>System</b>	6	41	22	69	83	756	574	1,413
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	4	4	2	10	12	0	32	44
<b>Tobin</b>	4	4	14	23	302	13	1,158	1,473
<b>Westfall</b>	0	0	1	1	0	0	46	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>11,888</b>	<b>16,386</b>

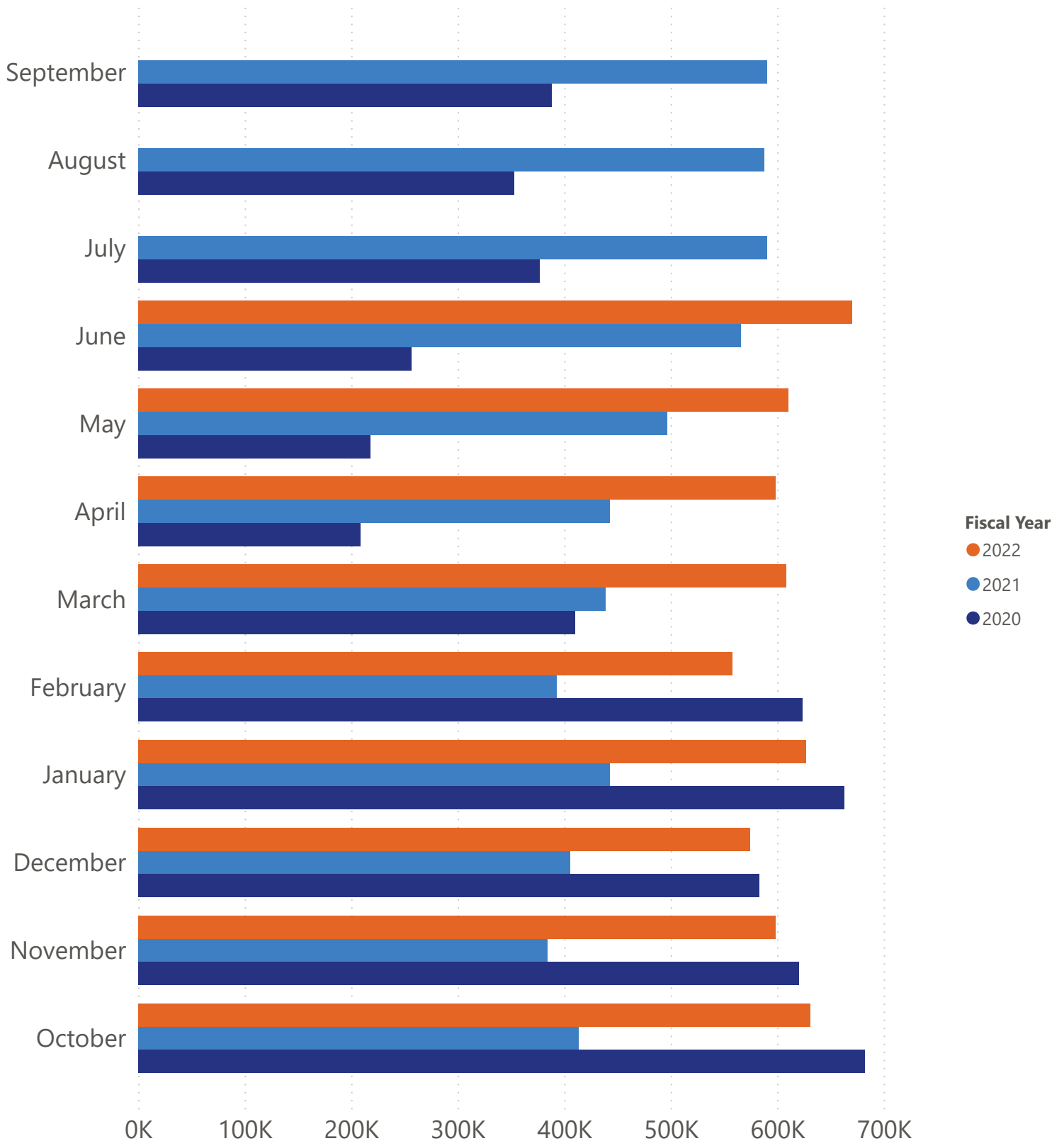
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Memorial: Building was closed, no events.

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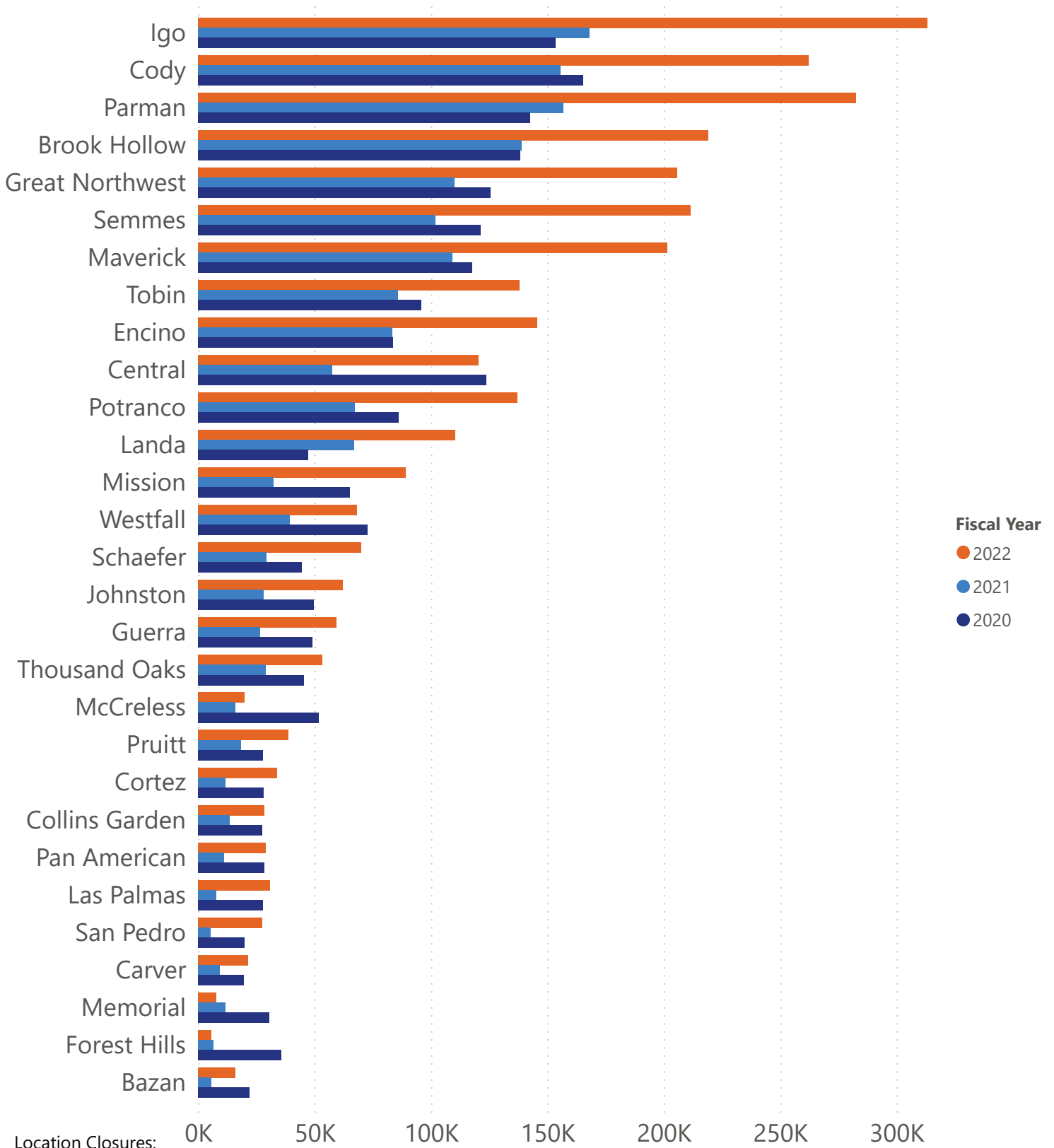
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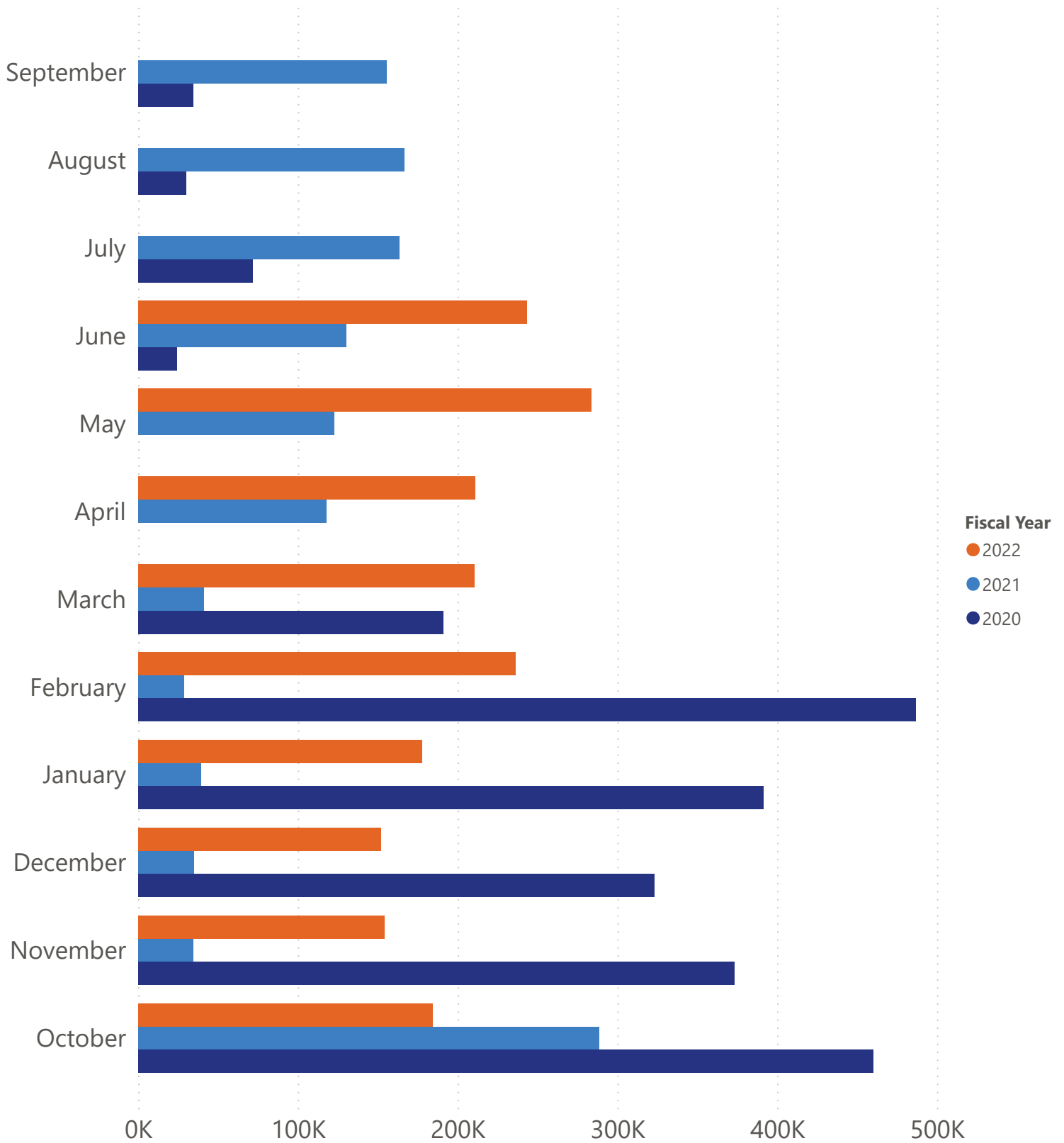
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## Visits



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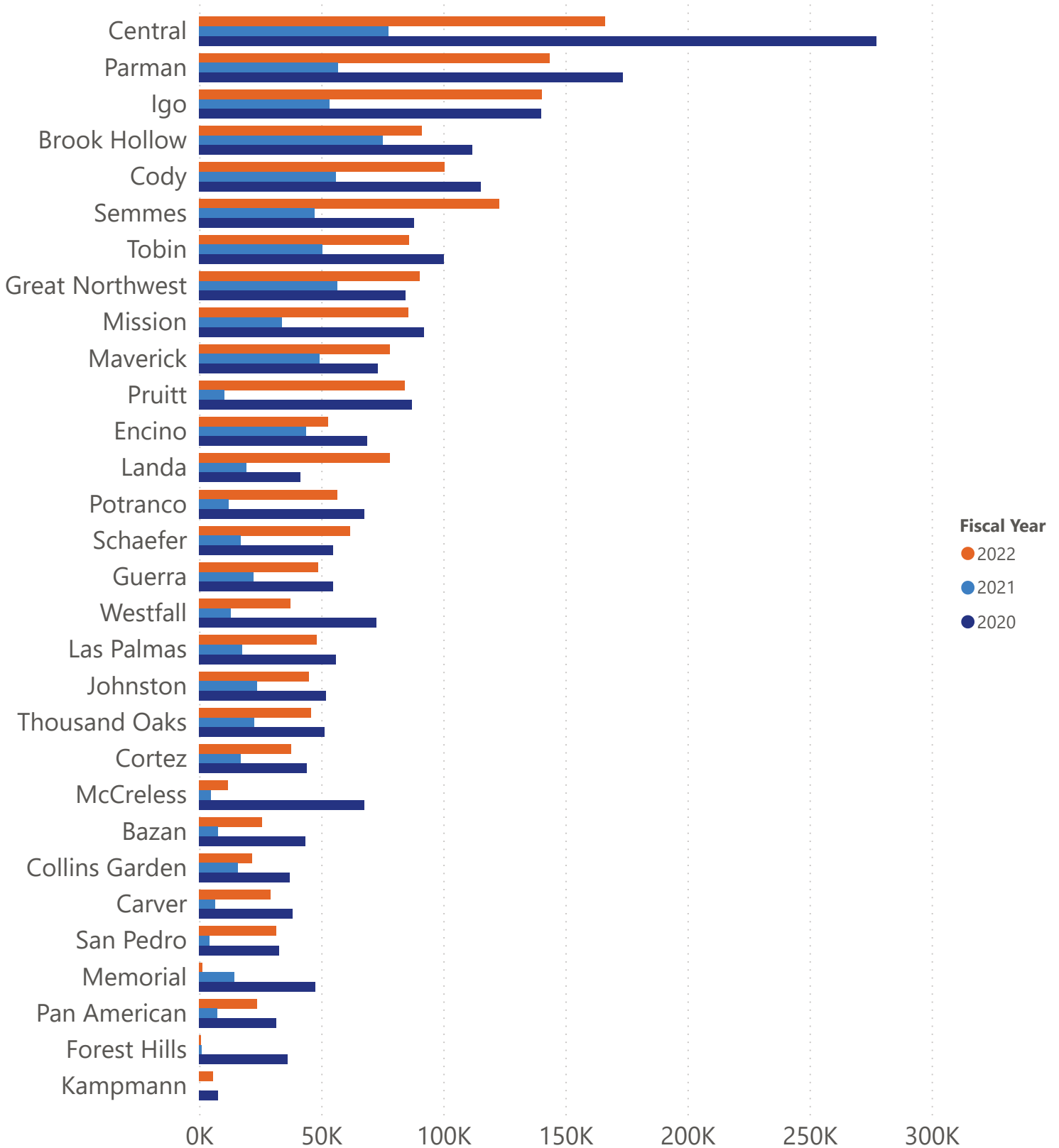
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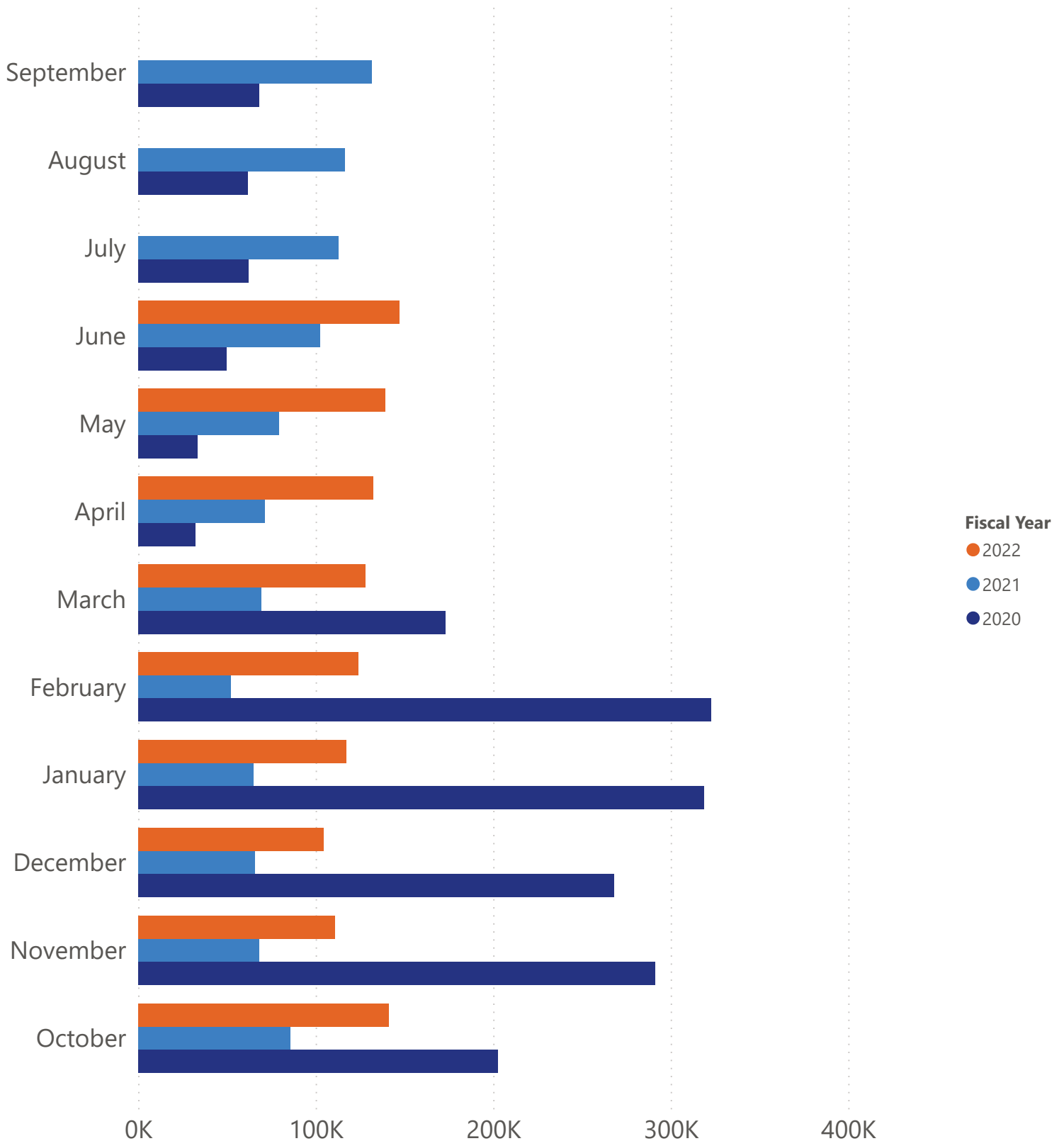
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# APPENDIX

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

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

**LibGuide** – 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.