



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

September 2022

San Antonio Public Library hosted a formal ribbon cutting and grand opening event for the new ADA-Accessible playground and adult fitness area at Encino Branch on Wednesday, September 28.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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

Professional Activities

As a Board Member of the Local Government Hispanic Network, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated virtually in the Local Government Hispanic Network Board Meeting on September 9, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated virtually in the Local Government Hispanic Network Membership Committee meeting on September 16, 2022

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met virtually with Assistant City Manager Alex Lopez and Rolando Fernandez, Capital Contract Officer, City of Austin to discuss creating a San Antonio/ Bexar County chapter of the Local Government Hispanic Network on September 26, 2022.

Stakeholder Engagement

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Community Budget Meetings regarding the FY 2023 Proposed Budget for District 7 at the Doris Griffin Senior Center on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director Amy Hone on September 20, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Full Board of Director's meeting on September 21, 2022 at the Parman Branch Library.

On September 28, 2022, the Encino Branch Library held a grand opening of the new playground and fitness area. Councilman John Courage, Library Board of Trustees Vice Chair Juspreet Kaur and Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in the speaking program.

COMMUNICATIONS

SAPL's Communications unit ended the fiscal year strong. The Public Relations team garnered 161 mentions for the Library in the news media, totaling a media value of over \$1.1 million. SAPL's campaign for National Library Card Signup month helped bring in 5,983 new cardholders. SAPL's social media channels continue to grow. September featured SAPL's most liked and engaged social post of all time when the Communications Team participated in a viral moment welcoming Puerto Rican rapper and pop star Bad Bunny to San Antonio. The posts were seen 109,623 times and featured a combined engagement rate of 8.4%, 6% higher than the industry standard of 2%. Banned Books Week, the Encino Branch playground opening, and Hispanic Heritage Month were also well-received campaigns across SAPL's communications channels.

Media Highlights

- September 1 - American Libraries Magazine published an article on Enhanced Library Cards which highlights San Antonio Public Library as one of the first libraries to offer this service. The article also includes quotes from an interview with SAPL Assistant Director Dale McNeill which took place in May of this year.
- September 7 - Texas Public Radio aired multiple advertisements promoting San Antonio Public Library and Library Card Signup Month.
- September 9 - KABB's weekend morning show, "Focus on South Texas," featured a segment on San Antonio Public Library's back-to-school resources. The segment featured interviews with Cresencia Huff, Children's Services Coordinator, and Matthew Loaiza, Teen Services Librarian.
- September 13 - Spectrum News highlighted SAPL events as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month observance, specifically a cooking class for teens which took place at Johnston Branch Library on Monday.
- September 13 - San Antonio Magazine highlighted multiple San Antonio Public Library events in an article on what to do to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in San Antonio.
- September 14 - TPR (Texas Public Radio) aired a highlight of SAPL's Hispanic Heritage Month observance.
- September 18 - KENS 5 published an online article with a video highlighting SAPL's observance of Banned Books Week.
- September 19 - KENS 5 featured SAPL children's librarian, Leslie Elsasser for a segment on after school programming on their Great Day SA morning show. The segment was filmed at McCreless Branch Library.
- September 20 - San Antonio Magazine included San Antonio Public Library in an article on where to celebrate Banned Books Week in San Antonio.
- September 20 - News 4 WOAI and Fox San Antonio aired a feature story on Banned Books Week which included an interview with San Antonio Public Library Assistant Director Dale McNeill.
- September 30 - KSAT 12 published an article on the playground grand opening and included multiple photos from the event.

Social Media metrics overview for September 2022:

- SAPL's social media generated **429,006** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **425** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **23,230** times.

Social Media growth for September 2022:

- Twitter: **68** followers
- Facebook: **186** followers
- Instagram: **171** followers

YouTube statistics for September 2022:

- Subscribers: **17**
- Impressions: **37,276**
- Total Views: **2285**
- Videos published: **1**

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for Hispanic Heritage Month events, Staff Day, Digital Inclusion week, staff recognition awards, a cling to support an exhibit at the San Antonio Museum of Art, and social media and other promotions for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On September 12 Digital Services Manager Adam Spana and Digital Services Supervisor Rolf Laun discussed procedures for handling upcoming changes to the Adult Service pages on mySAPL.org with Librarian II Angelina Cortes, Program Manager Michelle Rickman and Community and Public Relations Manager Scott Williams.

Access Services Manager Sarah Linley led a September 12 work session with Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun, Librarian III Jorge Chavez, Senior Management Analyst Andrea Silva and Performance and Innovation Manager Randall Polasek to look over questions and data collection efforts to assist in the discussion of how the Library handles blocking and referring accounts. This session concentrated on mapping out the typical life cycle of an unreturned item.

On September 16, Mr. Spana and Mr. Laun, met with Assistant Director Kathy Donellan and Assistant Director Dale McNeill, Interim Library Services Administrator Haley Holmes, Librarian III Jimmy Jimenez, Librarian III Theresa Garza, Ms. Linley, Ms. Silva, and Mr. Polasek to continue discussions about blocked accounts and referrals as well as review the information that resulted from the September 12 work session.

On September 19, Mr. Spana and Mr. Laun met with members of the ITSD server migration team, Library Administration and the Library Fiscal Team to discuss the plan for the VM Migrations of the Symphony and Pharos servers to the Echo Data Center. A preliminary plan was created and continues to be refined by the meeting's participants.

Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun, Mr. Williams, Public Services Administrator Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and Design Communications Coordinator Giselle Weyte met on September 19 to discuss the addition of "Freedom of Expression" locations on the mySAPL.org library location pages. The group came to a consensus and Mr. Laun was able to implement the changes several days later.

LITTLE READ WAGON

September was busy as Little Read Wagon (LRW) staff returned to a full slate of programs and events. Providing equitable opportunities for families with young children to engage in outdoor, free play experiences is a priority for staff. Using data from the Office of Equity, staff decided where to host recurring Let's Play events for September through December. Staff are piloting hosting Let's Play events outside of SAPL branches to build community and encourage creating connections with local branches. To support this pilot, Julia Lazarin, Jenifer Crier, Melisa Hill and Ruth Durack have visited nearby early childhood campuses with pop-up play materials including big blue blocks, sidewalk chalk and bubbles to invite families with young children to attend either an evening play event at Carver Branch Library or a Saturday morning play event at Mission Branch Library. Outdoor free play is vital for healthy childhood development and it is through play that people of all ages learn most quickly and efficiently. LRW staff are at the forefront of offering free play in public libraries. As part of LRW's goal of offering free play to as many children as possible, Eva Banda, Ms. Durack and Megan Cruz visited the Mennonite Church with play invitations for refugee families and community members.

Clair Larkin presented the first Saturday morning, in-person early childhood professional training since February 2020 at the Central Library Auditorium. Local certified Art Therapist Gaby Gamez led a portion of the workshop, including a hands-on art experience. "Building Resilience Through Play" addresses various aspects of how allowing freedom to choose during art and play builds children's brains and strengthens resilience. Participant feedback was very complimentary of the whole session and teachers reported that they would implement the new ideas in their classrooms beginning the following Monday. There are five more sessions of free training being offered during the 2022-2023 school year.

The first ever Spanish early childhood teacher training was held virtually by Eva Banda and Ms. Hill. Topics included early literacy, resilience and the library as a community resource. This training will be held at least twice more during the 2022-2023 school year and was completely in Spanish. Participants were engaged with the topics and there was robust discussion.

Ms. Lazarin presented on early literacy to the Pre-K 4 SA and AVANCE joint home-based childcare cohort as part of their ongoing series to support providers.

High school campus visits for the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), Harlandale Independent School District and North East Independent School District gave Ms. Cruz an opportunity to discuss early literacy with school age parents. Services are scheduled for later this year at Southwest Independent School and South San Independent School District as well. Ms. Larkin provided two story times for children at the SAISD Navarro Learning Center, the first of monthly visits during the 2022-2023 school year for the children at the center and the first in-person story times since February 2020.

Ms. Larkin attended the inaugural Metro Health department's Health Equity Symposium. There is a direct link from the quality of early childhood structures to health and well being in adulthood. Outdoor, free play is a central component of quality care alongside strengthening foundational relationships with caregivers. This also ties directly to topics of trauma-informed care and building resilient communities.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

September marked the return of indoor early childhood programming! Children's Librarians system-wide enthusiastically welcomed our youngest patrons to in-person Family Story Time, Toddler Time, and Baby Time. While some team members expressed nervous anticipation and concern that it would take time to build pre-pandemic levels of attendance, families eagerly participated in the various events.

The Children's Services team observed Hispanic Heritage Month in system-wide and location-based events. Latino Collection and Resource Center coordinator, Emily Flores, collaborated with the team to host two children's events, featuring "Accordionly" by Michael Genhart and "The Great and Mighty Nikko" by Xavier Garza. The Michael Genhart event was in hybrid format, with an in-person audience, activities, and accordion player Nicolas Valdez at the Potranco Branch Library while Mr. Genhart and several online



attendees joined via Zoom. A system-wide Take-and-Make kit was available in advance of the program for children who would like to make a paper accordion. Mr. Garza was present at the Bazan Branch Library. Many thanks to Ms. Flores, Dawn Zeig and the Potranco team, Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills) and the Bazan team, and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation for making these events possible. The Book Picks work group updated an extensive Hispanic Heritage Month book list on the School Age LibGuide, which was shared via eblast and social media.

Coordinator of Children's Services, Cresencia Huff, was away on much-appreciated leave for a portion of the month. In her absence, Kate Simpson, manager of the Central Children's team, facilitated two check-in meetings. In the meetings, work groups shared updates on their respective projects, including upcoming kits, events, and ongoing work. Clair Larkin, manager of the Little Read Wagon early literacy outreach team, planned two Early Literacy Basics refresher workshops which the Children's Services team will have the opportunity to attend in October.

Ms. Huff is the District 10 (D10) chair of the Texas Library Association (TLA). September tasks for this volunteer role included working with D10 officers and TLA staff to set the unit budget for 2023 and prepare for the D10 Fall Conference. The regional conference will be held November 10 with multiple breakout sessions, a keynote speaker, and plenty of opportunities to engage with fellow library workers from public, academic, and school settings.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities – The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with virtual teen volunteers ("Teen Mods") to host weekly virtual teen programs ("clubs") on Discord ("the server") along with additional activities and events. With most teens

going back to school, club times shifted based on teen feedback from the previous month; throughout the reporting period, teens continued to connect with one another through gaming and streaming sessions, poetry and music discussions, game development updates, recipe sharing, and more.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Amisahari Sarabia (Teen Services Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central), Ciana Flores (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), and Regina Almanza (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. During the reporting period, teen volunteers and Teen Services staff shared photos of teen events happening throughout the system while also highlighting book reviews, recipes and food demos, craft ideas, daily celebrations, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

Professional Development – On Thursday, September 15, Teen Services Librarian IIs from the San Antonio Public Library met with teen-serving library staff from Austin Public Library for a quarterly discussion about providing teen services within each system. Both groups shared a recap about teen summer programs, updates about using Discord for virtual teen services, and information about upcoming teen initiatives.



Off-Site Service – During the weekend of Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 4, Teen Services hosted the Manga Library at San Japan, an annual anime convention at the Henry B. González Convention Center. Teens and other attendees were able to browse through/read manga volumes while learning about the variety of teen programs and services offered by the San Antonio Public Library. Attendees also participated in other activities such as free play gaming sessions, arts and crafts projects, and button making.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

San Antonio Public Library's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off on September 15th. Many events to honor the contributions and heritage of individuals who identify as Hispanic or Latino were hosted in the two weeks of this recognition that fall in September. Highlights include: LCRC and Texana collaborated to host local author and historian Anne Elise Urrutia presented two programs (one at Central in the LCRC and one at Landa) related to her recent book, "Miraflores: San Antonio's Mexican Garden of Memory" and both programs were quite well-attended. Additionally, Mission Branch Library hosted an exhibit entitled Esther Pérez Carvajal (1879 -1942): Crusader for Bilingual Education in early San Antonio will be on exhibit at Mission Library from September 15th to October 15th Mrs. Carvajal was an author, educator, historian, preservationist, and civic leader. Her work is largely unknown! The exhibit displays some of her life's work including the first Spanish language textbooks used in San Antonio public schools. Finally, San Antonio Public Library's online program about all things cooking - Noon Time Helping - hosted a session on September 29th that focused on Hispanic and Latino cooks & dishes. San Antonio Public Library's recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month will continue through October 15th.

On September 24th, San Antonio Public Library hosted its first ever 5K run event - Reading Runathon 5K - at McAllister Park. Approximately 200 individuals participated in the run and all received a limited edition Reading Runathon 5K medal. This event was organized by Scott Williams, Jessica Zurita, Steven Barrera, Morgan Yoshimura, and Angela Morrow - with roughly 30 staff working the day of the event. The first finisher finished the race with a time of less than 6 minutes per mile. 48 individuals who finished were under the age of 19, and 15 folks were over the age of 60. One of the individuals in the 70+ years old category finished with a time that was under 8 minutes per mile and finished in the top 20 overall. In addition to the race, several organizations staffed tables at the 5K to provide information to participants and spectators. These organizations included League of Women Voters, Learn at SAPL, UT Health Science Center, and Parks and Recreation's Mobile Fit Van. Overall, the event was very well received as a way to reach individuals that might not otherwise think the library offers something for them. Additionally, staff working the event receive feedback from several participants and the Park Police officers working the event that the Library's 5K event was among the most organized 5K runs they participated in.

From September 12 - 15, Library staff from Learn at SAPL and Central Reference (five staff members total) provided offsite library services at an Afghan Support Center event. Library staff provided a total of seven hours each day, with a total of sixty individuals receiving services from the Library at this event. Individuals were provided information about how to apply for a library card, the various services available both at the Library and Learn at SAPL specifically.

OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On September 15th, Adult Services staff participated in a second professional development opportunity related to library services to older adults. Jen Sulligan, Adult Services Department Supervisor at Somerset County (NJ) Library System shared her knowledge virtually with Adult Services staff members. Ms. Sulligan's presentation was focused on the topic of creative aging. Creative engagement, and the joy that is found through pursuing such endeavors, fosters a healthy and happy older adulthood. In this session, Ms. Sulligan explored more deeply into the "why" and "how" of Creative Aging programs that bring opportunities for artistic expression, learning, and celebration to the older adults we serve. Following Ms. Sulligan's presentation, Coordinator of Services to Adults Morgan Yoshimura led Adult Services

staff members in a debrief discussion of how the principles in Ms. Sulligan's presentation could be incorporated into San Antonio Public Library's services to older adults.

San Antonio Public Library recognized Grandparent's Day in a number of ways. Activities offered included a book display of children's books about grandparents and passive activities for children (available anytime the library is open) also focused on grandparents at Igo (Igo's monthly e-newsletter for September to their longtime older adults group the Elderberries also focused on Grandparent's Day), Pruitt offered a Take-and-Make for children that they can give to their grandparents, Encino planned a program called "Gaming with Grandparents" for children to play board games with their grandparents, and Brook Hollow offered a Origami Hearts event for children. Finally, McCreless Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales and Coordinator of Services to Adults Morgan Yoshimura participated in the District 3 Grandparent's Day event at South Side Lions Senior Center and provided information about library services to individuals attending the event.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN @ CENTRAL

Librarians Ashley Stubbs and Melissa Fulmer led a series of in-depth presentations about library resources for three 6th grade classes at Bonham Elementary School. Manager Kate Simpson coordinated with the Central Library Circulation team and the 6th grade teacher to issue library cards for each student in the class. They were able to use their new cards to immediately access the services demonstrated by Ms. Fulmer and Ms. Stubbs during their visits. The students were engaged and very excited to dig into all the Library has to offer!

Ms. Fulmer and Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin collaborated with Librarian Jasmin Salinas at the Landa Branch Library to present outdoor Story Time programs together every Thursday this month. These popular events drew large crowds every week. One of them was always on hand to co-present the program, and in one case, Ms. Seglin led the event herself when Ms. Salinas could not attend, earning an ENCORE card for providing the program coverage.

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Fulmer each contributed to virtual programming for children in September. Ms. Seglin presented two online Toddler Time programs and a Story Time Online program. She also led Game Time Online and LEGO Club Online this month. Ms. Stubbs presented two Story Time Online programs, and supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time weekly programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide, along with a video of a rhyme. Ms. Stubbs also recorded a story for the Library's Dial A Story telephone service. Ms. Fulmer participated in Baby Time Online every week in September.

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 discussion about TJ Klune's *The House in the Cerulean Sea*. Sophisticatedly exploring themes of racism and acceptance, Klune's world is enthralling and exciting.

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, where she also presented 2 Story Time sessions for the students. Ms. Simpson selected books and delivered them to Discovery School as well.

TEEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager) assists Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the “Random Fandom” club in which teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime or pop culture shows.

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

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



During the reporting period, Rosalie visited the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA) on the Fox Tech High School campus to provide information about the library’s services and resources, Teen Services, and the Teen Library to eighth- and ninth-grade students. Teens expressed much excitement to visit the Teen Library at Central during after-school hours in order to participate in programs, play games, experience the Studio and the Lab, and hang out with their peers.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Afterschool Tuesdays continue, with teens walking in, setting down backpacks, washing their hands, and getting started with some light cooking activities that allow them the chance to pick up a new skill, taste a new food, or show their peers tips and tricks. Suggestions, coming from powerhouse teen duo Angelina and Jaelyn, ranged from having a breakfast night, creating a variety of egg dishes, and a pancake and waffle night, with Instagram-worthy plates. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens celebrated by setting up a nacho table and learning how to make copos—Costa Rican style snow cones. One Saturday, teens celebrated the end of official Summer by creating a coconut pineapple ring recipe, and in true teen honesty and critique said they were happy making it once, but would not try it again.

Teens have access to the Studio, VR, and gaming equipment during and after program times as well. Teens were also provided with craft items and inspiration sheets for independent craft making, like shrink

film plastic, which has become an instant fan favorite with teens creating charms, magnets, and keychains. Pictures and videos from program times and demos can be found on the 210teenlibrary Instagram page.



Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) continues to engage with teens both in the Teen Library and via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. She continues to participate in Instagram Live videos with Teen Library staff. Ciana serves on the Discord team and responds 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 hosts "Gaming Club" Saturdays on Discord.

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL's Teen Outreach Specialist / Library Assistant) assists in the Teen Library, helping to staff the desk three days a week. She also shares teen-created Spotify playlists on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account. 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.

REFERENCE

Zine Committee members Michelle Villarreal, Jordan Torres, Navarre Maldonado, Sarah De La Rosa, and Brianna Glass helped print and assemble the Big Pride Zine, featuring queer patrons' art and literary

works. This is the first publication and the theme was *Be Proud! What about yourself and your journey are YOU proud of?*

Central Reference Staff with the help of Central Learn Staff continue to assist patrons one-on-one for Digital Help Hour in the Connect Lobby, Wednesdays 10-11am and 5-6pm. Staff assisted 8 patrons this month with their basic technology questions.



The Reference Team trained several new staff members in the month of September, providing onboarding, Safety & Security training, and coverage of patron in-person and virtual services.

SAPL hosted University Health on September 12th, and talked to 13 patrons, and again on September 26th, and talked with 10 patrons. SAPL hosted Roy Mass Youth Alternatives on September 14th and September 28th.

On September 14, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled OptimizeU: Breathing Exercises and Techniques. It was presented by Dr. Hetal Nayak. Dr. Nayak talked about the science behind the technique and how it makes physiological changes to the body and mind.

Sarah De La Rosa and Christina Montero did outreach for Texas Medicare Solutions geared towards seniors, distributing information on what the library has to offer and the different locations around the City of San Antonio.

On September 16th, Brianna Glass, Sylvia Reyna, and Summer Casarez represented San Antonio Public Library at Haven for Hope's Resource Fair. We spoke to 175 people about library services, including information regarding Enhanced Library Cards and Learn Centers.

On September 24, Pannaga Prasad and Diana Starrett offered a virtual session entitled how to maintain healthy skin through application of skin care products and achieve better skin results. The session was presented by an independent skin care and beauty consultant from May Kay and Rodan+Fields.

On September 26th, Raquel Reyes and Cynthia de Leon participated in a SAPL podcast produced by Dan Garcia and Edward Mayberry. Raquel and Cynthia conversed with Nino Tarantino, CEO of Chrysalis Ministries about the work that Chrysalis ministries does with people re-entering society from prison.

SAPL hosted Supportive Services for Veteran Families on September 30th. The veterans and visiting documents display has been steadily visited and materials utilized. The display is constantly being updated as materials arrive/taken.

On September 30, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled Beginner's Chair Yoga Class as part of health and fitness theme. The session was presented by a professional Yoga Instructor from the Idoyogasa organization. The instructor taught how to perform chair yoga in a fun-filled way.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



September was a busy month for the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) with initial Hispanic Heritage Month programs and initiatives taking place. Local author and historian Anne Elise Urrutia presented two programs related to her recent book, “Miraflores: San Antonio’s Mexican Garden of Memory” and both programs were quite well-attended. Sylvia Reyna (Texana) assisted in facilitating as well.

The LCRC and Children’s distributed systemwide Take-and-Makes to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and children had the opportunity to create their own accordion as part of the “Accordionly: Abuelo and Opa Make Music Program” (held at Potranco). The program, which was a hybrid event, featured children’s author Michael Genhart (appearing virtually), accordion player Nico Valdes, and muralist Colton Valentine. The program explored the cultural significance of accordion music in its myriad expressions, including conjunto music.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Author Anne Elise Urrutia during her September 17 book discussion of *Miraflores, San Antonio's Mexican Garden of Memory*

Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson provided leadership for the Library's Zine Committee, overseeing team members from Central Reference and the Cody Library to produce the inaugural *Big Pride Zine*. This publication was compiled with the help of San Antonio's LGBTQIA+ community and features visual art, poems and prose as a vehicle of creation and expression from community members.

Librarian Andy Crews presented an online beginning genealogy class on September 13. The presentation detailed how to begin research into one's family history, the resources that are available online and how to gather information needed to help unlock the past.

On September 16, Librarian Sylvia Reyna, along with other members of the Libraries and Homelessness committee, distributed informational brochures, zines, and library swag at the Haven for Hope Community Resource Fair. Ms. Reyna, along with Bri Glass and Summer Casarez, answered questions about library services and assistance available to those experiencing homelessness.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ms. Reyna assisted Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) Coordinator Emily Flores with author talks by Anne Elise Urrutia. The first event, held in the LCRC on September 17, and the second held at Landa Library on September 27, discussed Ms. Urrutia's path uncovering the history of the magical gardens kept by her great-grandfather, Dr. Aureliano Urrutia.

Her book, *Miraflores, San Antonio's Mexican Garden of Memory*, revisits that garden's history and its importance as a cultural and artistic place.

Librarian II Matt De Waelsche facilitated two community outreach programs for seniors this month. On September 21, he led a beginning genealogy presentation at the South Side Lions Senior Center. The second event was hosted by the Normoyle Senior Center on September 22 and focused on preserving family treasures.



Ms. Reyna also worked the information table and answered questions from participants in the San Antonio Public Library's first "Reading Runathon Library 5K" held at McAllister Park on September 24.

Rounding out the month, Ms. Reyna was invited by Los Bexareños Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Society to speak on the resources available in the Texana/Genealogy department at the 42nd Annual Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference on September 30. Ms. Reyna, accompanied by Librarian Deborah Countess, also staffed an informational table during the first day of this two-day event.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

Summer Casarez, Teen Services Liaison at Bazan, facilitated a weekly *Teen Time* program on Wednesdays in the Bazan branch Teen Space. The program allowed teens to relax, get homework help, play games, and do various crafting. Ms. Casarez also worked at an outreach event at Haven for Hope alongside committee members from the Libraries and Homelessness committee. This resource fair took place on September 16 and shared information about library services and programs, specifically the process for obtaining an Enhanced Library Card.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen attended the UTSA Parent Summit on September 24. The event provided parents with a forum that allowed them to engage in conversations to discuss early academic success planning for elementary to high school students as well as an opportunity to access a number of community resources. Ms. Sonnen reported that there was a very good turnout and she was able to engage a number of families and share library information with them.

Ms. Sonnen, along with the help of Circulation Attendant Sarah Chavarria, presented the biweekly *Let' Create: Art Adventure* program. The program, geared towards ages 5-12-year-olds, allowed children to explore and learn about a variety of art techniques. Children were very engaged in the activities and

returned regularly to the program. Children's programming in September also included *Lego Club* and *Come and Go Fun*.

The Bazan Learn Center continued to see lots of activity from individuals seeking help submitting applications, resume writing, computer skills building and learning to use personal devices. Training Officer, Carlos Loera, also presented a weekly ESL class, a bi-weekly painting instruction class and monthly *Coffee and a Movie* program for senior adults.

The poetry group *Voces Cóslicas* poetry group continued to host regular meetings at Bazan including a special program in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month featuring a reading by poet Jesus Jacinto Cardona and his daughter Claudia Cardona. The program was very well attended.

The Bad Girls Book Club, facilitated by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, gathered in September to discuss *Witch, Please* by Ann Aguirre, book one of the *Fit-it-Witches* book series. This was the first time that the book club has been introduced to the author's work. The group loved the book so much, when they discovered that book two of the series, *Boss Witch*, was already out, they decided to read it for their October/Halloween party book club discussion. The group also decided on their upcoming 2023 reading list.

BROOK HOLLOW



BHL increased after school programming to kick off the school year, and a young patron celebrated National Comic Book Day.

Brook Hollow Library (BHL) Team Member Lauren Revel accepted the part-time library assistant position in the reference department. Revel moves from a part-time circulation attendant to serve in the reference department. Revel brings a wealth of library/circulation experience to the role and will serve as BHL's new Change Agent. BHL Circulation staff decorated the library for Hispanic Heritage Month and Halloween.

BHL is gearing up to host Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting beginning October 24-Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon hosted the La Tertulia Book Club, Brook Hollow Library Mystery Book Club and created a roadmap for the new fiction book club beginning in October.

BHL Children's Librarian Amanda Neace served on her first SAPL interview panel in September to successfully fill a part-time library assistant position. Neace's Story Times at Blossom Park continue to be popular amongst patrons, and in response, Neace added in-person Baby Time and Toddler Time offerings at the branch, which were well attended. To increase family programming, two additional Saturday events were added to the September calendar: Origami Hearts for Grandparent's Day, and a LEGO Block Party – which was requested by a local patron. Neace continues to become familiar with BHL patrons and is receptive to programming requests from parents and children in the BHL Community.

Former BHL Assistant Manager/Teen Librarian 11 Chris Castillo accepted the position of branch manager at the Pruitt Library. COSA/SAPL will post the position in October.

BHL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in September. Football Tailgating foods on the first day of Autumn and Hispanic Heritage Month Cranberry Enchiladas were on the menu. In October, Davies and Co-Host Oscar Gonzalez focus on Cakes, Cakes and More Cakes for birthdays, bridal & baby showers, along with easy Halloween treats and decor! See mysapl.org under the events tab to register for Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen. Davies also collaborated with the Texas Library Association's (TLA)'s Libraries Transform Texas Podcast Team as part of the association's PR Committee. See the TLA website for monthly podcasts. The manager is also a part of the Texas Public Radio (TPR) Community Advisory Board.

CARVER

In September, Mercado por tu Corazon, the fresh produce program offered at several SAPL locations by Big State Produce and the American Heart Association (AHA), developed a robust following at Carver Branch. They had made a promise to the librarians managing the branch visits: "Big State Produce and AHA is committed to increasing nutrition security in the San Antonio community."

Manager DL Grant said that Carver Branch customers are coming to understand that this can be a lasting arrangement. "If they keep showing support, we'll keep this up. Staff love it too. There's a need for this to be at the libraries. There's just something about the availability of all of that fresh fruit and vegetables on display here – and they have pretty much everything!" According to plans, the mercado visit will take place every first Wednesday of the month. After that September visit, customers were already planning for October and spreading the word.

Hispanic Heritage Month kicked off with an attractive book display featuring titles by Latino writers.

The City of San Antonio's Neighborhood Housing Services Department (NHSD) returned to the branch for round two of sign-up sessions on September 17th for residents hoping to qualify for help to make improvements to their homes. Some 100 people visited the branch to meet with NHSD staff for help with the online registration process in August. However, the number of those hoping to meet with NHSD staffers soared to 200 in September. "It was one of the most incredible things I think I have ever seen in a library. The people just kept coming and coming," according to Grant. "But we made it work. NHSD were great partners whom we look forward to working with again."

According to the Carver Learn Center Training Officer Shauna Mendoza, 135 people used the service. This is a 4% increase from the previous month and a 57% increase from the previous year (2021). The total number of patron minutes was 15,319 minutes. This is a 20% increase from the previous month and a 67% increase from the previous year (2021). The average stay at Learn was 113 minutes per visit. This is a 15% increase from the previous month and a 22% increase from the previous year (2021).

Patrons have been taking advantage of making appointments to visit the Learn center. This month there were 19 patrons who scheduled and arrived for an appointment. This is a 21% increase from the previous month. 14% of the patrons arrived with an appointment scheduled. This is a 11% increase from the previous month. The theory is appointments at the Learn center make patrons feel like their needs will be addressed and helps with the planning for their needs.

September was a busy month with patrons mostly asking for computer training, job placement assistance and a dramatic increase for personal device assistance. Four patrons have successfully received job offers and have completed their onboarding through the help from the computer training sessions held by Shauna in the Learn center.

Shauna was involved in multiple outreach events. They included the Afghan Resource Fair, the Immigration Resource Fair, the Food Banks Charitable Campaign event, the NAHR: Home Repair Assistance, and the Computer Basics training at the Food Bank. Shauna has a passion for getting involved with the community and all the Outreach events she attends.

Classes and programs held at Learn were: **ESL-English for Beginners:** (Mondays 630pm-730pm) The English for Beginners class was re-structured in August focusing more on conversational skills. This month, the class attendance increased with a 40% increase of attendance from the previous months. **Smartphone and Personal Device Training:** (Fridays 10-1130am)- This class has decreased in attendance, temporarily but Learn continues to have attendance and interest for this class. The Learn center patrons are going into Learn, during walk-in hours for assistance with their phones. **Computer Skills Training: (Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm):** Continues to be the most popular program at Learn. This month, out of the 135 patrons that came into Learn, 108 of them were there for Computer training. The Learn continues to use GCFGlobal and NorthStar for Computer training programs but the most useful tool is one-on-one training.

Shauna continues to be involved in other SAPL groups. She is involved with the Internal Communication Work Group and is the active Wellness Liaison for Carver. Shauna has coordinated for a wellness coach to go to Carver for the staff to have one-on-one sessions dealing with health and fitness.

Library Aide Laura Alvarez and other Carver staff decorated the library for fall and Halloween, as well as set up a display for Hispanic Heritage Month and a display of spookier books for Halloween.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop helped with setting up the teen library space inside San Japan, the yearly anime convention on the first weekend of September, helping to arrange the space and get the comics organized for teens to read. They helped with the Teen Pride workgroup's Pronoun Day initiative, helping to make buttons and keychains. Aside from continuing their weekly programs of Dungeons & Dragons and Sunday Funday on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, where they encourage teens to learn cooperative storytelling and improvisational skills, Mx. Prukop also accepted a transfer opportunity to the Forest Hills Library.

In September, Children's Librarian Lisa Ramirez began weekly programming in the library, hosting a school age program after school on Wednesdays titled: Let's Build, with a focus on different building activities weekly. The first two weeks featured building with Legos. Carver library also hosted a pre-school Story Time titled Let's Read: Story Time which will take place every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Beginning September 2nd, Ms. Ramirez began preparing for our visit to Democracy Prep for an after school coding club. Ms. Ramirez then hosted Coding Club on September 15th. Students who choose Coding Club as their program of choice first began coding using code.org to learn basic coding concepts.

On September 8th, Ms. Ramirez attended Salado Elementary's Open House and promoted Schaefer Library's Programs. On Wednesday, September 14th, Carver Branch Library hosted its very first Let's Play of the year, hosted by Little Read Wagon.



On Friday, September 16th, Ms. Ramirez visited Tynan Headstart for a Story Time. Several songs were sung and two books were read to 3 and 4 year olds in Ms. Amelia Rodriguez's classroom.

KLRN hosted a screening of Rosie's Rules at the Carver Library on September 27th in the afternoon and Ms. Ramirez attended an outreach Family event at Carmelite Head Start Program on September 30th.

CODY

Indoor Story Times returned in September 2022! Weekly *Family Story Times* started on September 1st and continued each Thursday at 10:15 am. The *Family Story Time* incorporates lap bounces and lift songs for babies, finger plays and active songs for toddlers, and practice with school readiness skills like counting, letter recognition, and letter sounds for preschoolers, with the opportunity to play with toys, make a craft, or do a sensory activity related to the theme afterwards.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon also hosts *Family Story Time*, held every other Saturday. Most of the children who have come to this program have been in elementary school, which is older than the typical Story Time attendees. The first *Family Story Time* on September 10th was all about the farm, which was a bit young for those who attended, but they were great sports and followed along with the Children's Librarian. September 24th, Yourdon made a variety of plans for an Outer Space themed Story Time to account for a variety of ages, featuring the nonfiction book, *If You Had Your Birthday Party on the Moon* by Joyce Lapin, which combines the humorous situations that would occur if you tried to do traditional birthday party activities on the moon (good luck hitting a pinata -in the lower gravity you'll probably knock yourself over with the momentum of your swing!) with interesting facts about the moon and space. After the story, children made straw rocket ships, launched with the force of their breath, and created "moon rocks" with aluminum foil.

Outer Space was also the theme of *Yoga Story Time at Hardberger Park* on September 13th. Children used their imagination to blast off into space through yoga poses. Yourdon wrote the space adventure, which included a lot of fun facts about space.

Cody's first *Sensory-Friendly Story Time* took place on September 20th. Yourdon and Library Assistant Haly LeFlore worked together to research and design this new Story Time for children with neurodiversity and those who have a hard time in large groups. Advanced registration is used to keep the group small, it is conducted in low lighting, and incorporates extra movement and opportunities for interaction with the stories. LeFlore created a visual schedule to help children anticipate what was going to happen next in the Story Time. LeFlore and Yourdon also worked together to create a social story about visiting the library, to help familiarize children and families with what they might see and experience in the library. Children particularly enjoyed the felt board activities that accompanied the books that were read. Children also enjoyed singing the refrain of the *Pete the Cat* book, and one child in particular continued to sing the refrain here and there for the rest of the Story Time. After the Story Time, children played with playdough, the felt pieces used in the Story Time, and with sensory toys.

Yourdon also offers regular programs for children after school, including Lego Club and Art Club on alternate Wednesday afternoons and the *Children's Afterschool Hangout* program every Thursday and Friday afternoon. This child-directed program gives children the autonomy to choose activities for themselves, which they definitely enjoy! Activities include: a card game like *Uno* or *Sushi Go*, ping pong, Straws and Connectors, drawing, or just spending time talking with their friends. Yourdon and LeFlore continue to make weekly scavenger hunts to put up in the children's area. This month featured Batman symbols, construction vehicles, donuts, and emojis.

Yourdon visited two Elementary schools this month for parents' night, Locke Hill Elementary on September 13th and Mead Elementary on September 14th. At each event, Yourdon spoke with parents and families about library resources that may help their students, provided them with a QR code that they could use to sign up for a digital library card, and shared a calendar of upcoming events at the branch. Yourdon was happy to see several familiar faces at each school, which was a lot of fun!

As we settle into a routine with our Teens at Cody, we have noticed a demand for more teen after school programming. In September, Teen Librarian Ashley Frost ran 16 teen programs which ranged from art and crafting projects to video games and movie nights. Teens have particularly enjoyed making buttons, bracelets, keychains and creating with Perler beads this month.



Frost also began outreach to local high schools, with visits to Clark and Health Careers High Schools. Future plans for the Teens at Cody are to expand the teen section to accommodate the large program attendance and display teen art in the space to further their ownership and sense of belonging at the library. We have also implemented daily after school hangouts on weekdays to accommodate after-school visitors from the nearby schools.

Cody has begun offering a program, Get 'Appy, to assist patrons having difficulties using the Libby or MySAPL apps. Adult Services librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney is on hand for these monthly sessions to answer any questions patrons have on using the SAPL apps.

A new offering at Cody is the French Conversation Club, facilitated by Cody patron Juliette Girande. The group meets the 4th Saturday of the month and all conversation is in French. The FCC joins the many book clubs and a film club hosted at Cody.

COLLINS GARDEN

The Collins Garden branch celebrated the freedom to read with a Banned Books display during Banned Books week, October 18 – 24. The display included adult, teens and juvenile titles selected by Librarians at the branch.

The Books Club met on September 13 and was facilitated by Gina Brudi. The group discussed the book *The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop* by Fannie Flagg.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll and Circulation Attendant Beatriz Galindo visited KIPP University Prep High School on September 29. They shared about Library Services and had 215 students share their interest in owning a library card.

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi hosted 3 Lego Club programs. Lego creations were displayed for public enjoyment at the branch. Ms. Brudi planned and presented a weekly in-person Story Time for children under the age of 5. She continues her involvement in Baby Time and Toddler Time online and hosted a popular National Playdough Day event on September 14. Children enjoyed this sensory experience while creating. They all took home a homemade playdough recipe. As a Come and Go craft activity in the Children's Area, Ms. Brudi invited children to "Build a City" on a white board. Children enjoyed using paper scraps, glue, tape and crayons to create buildings and add to the cityscape. On September 24th, Ms. Brudi attended Caterpillar Condo Training at the Witte Museum. She received a caterpillar condo for the branch. Patrons had the opportunity to view the Monarch Metamorphosis. Ms. Brudi mounted a butterfly book display to accompany the condo.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll attended San Japan and assisted with SAPL's Reading Room at the convention. Ms. Toll hosted weekly Teen Music Vibe and Teen Tuesday programs. Teens at Collins Garden were busy with homework in September. During teen events at the branch, teens enjoyed listening to music and light snacks while working on projects. Branch Manager Arlene Richardson worked with ITSD to have a teen only computer space set up at the branch.

Adult Services Librarian Lisa Leandro mounted a Hispanic Heritage Display in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month. The display included both English and Spanish titles showcasing Hispanic authors. Along with Librarian Gamini Haluwana from Igo, Ms. Leandro visited the San Antonio Oasis Center and presented on the services of the San Antonio Public Library such as Libby and Texana. The presentation was well received with 36 seniors in attendance. She also met with the Adult Services Halloween Initiative and began work on the Halloween LibGuide. She also coordinated SAPL Fright Film Fest where six branches would screen ten horror movies during the month of October.

CORTEZ

Cortez Library was closed for the month of September due to HVAC replacement. Through the closure, Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes has continued to virtually offer her crafting class *Getting Crafty*, with five attendees for the month of September.

ENCINO

Children's

Encino's Children's Department had a very busy September! We started out the semester with some big events and a packed weekly schedule.

Our biggest September event was the Grand Opening for the playground. We had a fun time planning and bringing in Joe McDermott for the kids, and they had a blast singing and dancing along with him. Patrons are thrilled with the playground and excited to finally be able to play on it. Another exciting event was Games with Grandparents which provided an opportunity to collaborate with Ann for a combined

children's and adult program. We had great feedback from the grandparents especially, who enjoyed the opportunity to bond with their grandchildren.

We also hosted the following weekly events:

1. Babytime
2. Elementary Wednesdays: rotating between STEM, Process Art, LEGOs and Games
3. Story Time
4. Tween Makerspace
5. Playdate at the Playground Meetup

We've also had the opportunity to make weekly visits to two different classrooms for Story Time at Country Kids Academy. It's been a fun start to Fall, with big turnouts as our patrons enjoy the opportunity to come back to indoor/in person events at Encino.

Teen

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 in the Teen Room such as:

1. Movie night hosted by Andrew and Sanjana on Sundays
2. Musical Fan Club with Kelli Pyles

Teens participated in the promotion of literacy through a September *BookTok* display and the creation of original signage.

Teens participated in the weekly program, Teen Club @ Encino on Tuesday nights 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Teens were involved in an array of activities, from school work, needle art, felt sewing, socializing, card games, planning future events, rubber duck sling-shooting and listening to music.

Local teen artist is currently displaying three works of art in the teen room.

The Teen volunteer program has been actively fostering relationships with other teens, promoting and invigorating the utilization of the Teen Space and its resources.

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

In September Encino introduced a new weekly adult program – Quiet Coloring and Relaxation. At this program participants are given a choice of coloring sheets, mazes, or other activities with a range of

coloring supplies to choose from. We play relaxing videos and music in the background using the MondoPad. It is a nice stress relieving activity!

On September 12, Encino hosted our second "Homemade Household Cleaners" program, which was brought back by patron request. At this program patrons had a hands-on opportunity to make three types of cleaners, and received a handout to bring home with the recipes for what was made (plus a couple of extra recipes). At this event we made homemade soft scrub, grease cleaner spray, and DIY Poo-pourri.

The playground at Encino had its Grand Opening on September 28. Encino's adult services librarian collaborated with the Parks and Recreation department to bring out the Mobile Fit van to do health screenings, and a tree giveaway. The event was a huge success and we gave away 50 trees to Encino patrons.

FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch continues to offer library services from the lobby of the Gilbert Garza Community Center. The community center was briefly closed to the public for a renovation project which included new HVAC and a redesigned gym. Staff and the public alike are excited to see the investments into the community surrounding the Forest Hills Branch Library.

The onsite collection was expanded to include more room for Children's materials. The community center hosts an afterschool program which services several school aged children. Their parents often stop and talk with library staff regarding reading homework and finding books for their students' reading levels. This is a great opportunity for the library to make connections with patrons who might not utilize the library another way.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Doris Griffin Senior Center for the monthly book club gathering. The book club discussed *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. The book club enjoys "traveling" to new locations through their readings.

Children's Librarian Ana. Menchaca helped facilitate the weekly online Story Time program. Children, caregivers, and librarians have a great time reading and listening to stories, songs, and rhymes. This is a great opportunity to reinforce early literacy skills. Ms. Menchaca participated in the weekly online Baby Time program. Along with other children's librarians, she sang, read, and shared early literacy tips with parents and caregivers. It is the cutest time of the week but also a great opportunity to start forming connections with our youngest patrons. Ms. Menchaca was happy to go to Landa Library and assist with their outdoor Story Time. Proud to Be Me: Rainbow Families had several children join. Participants had a lot of fun reading stories, making art, and playing games. It is a great way to get to know each other and strengthen community bonds. Ms. Menchaca was happy to record a story for Telecuentos. Ms. Menchaca hosted author Xavier Garza at Bazan library in partnership with the Latino Collection and Resource Center.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Library is partnering with the San Antonio Heartwarmers blanket making group to provide a monthly program where patrons have the opportunity to help make blankets for rescue dogs.

On September 19 Great Northwest Library hosted a Hispanic Heritage Alebrijes craft program. A twist on the classic Mexican folk art. We used foil and masking tape to make these colorful fantastical sculptures.



September 6th, 2022 was my first *Teen Time* at Great Northwest Library since I was hired on as a Teen Services Librarian. Originally, Teen Time was every Monday evening during the summer of 2022 but now that school was back in session I decided to change the day to Tuesdays because of school holidays and after school programs. Attendance was low that day as I only had one Teen stop in and apply to be a Teen volunteer, I was able to sit down with them and interview the volunteer on future goals and volunteer requirements at GNW.

Sept 13, 2022, I decided to work on a Mental Health display for Suicide Awareness month and had a few more teens showed up and assisted me with the display. I conducted 4 more interviews for Teen volunteers by request because I encourage all applicants to speak with me via email or in person about their goals at SAPL and the hours/schedule to complete each task. Rosie, our circulation attendant helped draw the wings and the teen volunteer assisted with hanging them up and removing the previous display. I curated a YA collection and display dedicated to books on or about Mental Health and hand cut feathers so Teens could leave words of encouragement on the display for anyone struggling with mental health. This display is not only interactive but the Teens can take a selfie/photo in front of it so it appears they have wings as well.



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I had 3 Teens attend Teen Time and we decided to play board games, we tried Taco Cat and UNO and talked about future goals for Teen Time in October. I use this time to get to know the teens in the community and let them know that all our Teen programs are teen driven and they can decide what they want to do each week. This opened up a planning part of the discussion and the Teens started talking about future events for the Fall.

Sept 22nd, 2022, I visited Taft High school and facilitated a Super Smash Bros Tournament from 11am-3pm. I had over 100 students attend this event and had a button making table, a library card sign-up and resource table. I ended up running out of buttons for the final lunch period but luckily, I had a few supplies in my bag and offered a Zine workshop for the 2pm lunch session. Four students attended this impromptu workshop. I taught the teens how to make their own personalized Zine, the history of Zine's in the 70's, and discussed self-publishing tips. Including Teen Time programming at SAPL where they could facilitate their own writing workshop in the future, all teen driven programs are planned by teens for teens.

On Sept 27th I had two more Teens come in and apply to be volunteers and they started working on a display for Hispanic Heritage Month by making paper flowers for the event. One Teen posted a Reel on Instagram but that has yet to be posted on 210Teenlibrary.



On Sept 29, 2022 I attended Outreach Services at Brandeis High School with Igo Teen Librarian Anne and we also had a button maker for the teens, we each serviced 200 Teens during lunch and handed out buttons, stickers, and had over 20 volunteer applications filled out. I also found that library card sign-up was more efficient using a print out of the QR code. We informed each student about Teen services and how to become a volunteer at any SAPL closest to them. Teamwork was a huge part of this Outreach event and Anne was kind enough to leave me an ENCORE review on the Staff webpage. I learned a lot about Teen services that day and was able to apply that knowledge to my next outreach in October.

Participants in Color Club (ages 2-4) learned about the colors: green, orange, yellow and blue. The kids recognized each color and celebrated through dance parties, book readings, and a number of different stations. Many families opted to dress up from head to toe in the color of the day.

Story Time Club highlighted one book each week of September. Cat's Colors was a particular favorite for the cat lovers of the group. The kids learned vocabulary words, defined the main characters and then had stations that taught them how to retell the story when they returned to their home. One family was so inspired they looked up a local city cat adoption center near their home and donated supplies to support the "cat savers." This family has a dog at home. The kid shared that they have a grown-up who gets sick because of cats so on her retelling headband she put a dog instead of a cat, which kept that grown up safe from an allergic reaction.

ABC 3-D club (ages 4-6) met together each Tuesday to read either a non-fiction book or a book based on a true story highlighting awesome people from our history. Then they spend the rest of the time creating a 3D craft for the theme of the day. Some of the themes included apples in a basket and fluttering

butterflies which several families shared. Once the kids mastered the technique they continued to recreate the artwork again and again at home.

Tweens learned about economics in money matters. They began building their own country and learning about different economic structures that they choose from to design their country's bones. They learned about GDP, a free market system, socialism, communism, and several other helpful keywords to advertise their country. The tweens made posters to entice other members of the group to vote on for which country they would most likely want to become a citizen of in the future.

Maker Space club designed different things each week, in September they made marionette puppet and a stage to take home. The families worked hard together to design and create an aesthetic that would go well with each of their different puppets. Another week they built robo-builders made out of PVC pipes and tubing that allowed the fighters to expand and fight and dance on a stage together. Each week was exciting and very serious for the creators. Parents and kids joined in on the fun.

GUERRA

Guerra Branch was excited to continue hosting Metro Health's Diabetes Management series this month along with a special community event by UT Health Cancer Prevention and Awareness. Guerra held its annual book sale which was well attended and received much positive praise from the community.

Teen Services Librarian, Bek Corley, continued to co-host Music Monday on the 210teenlibrary Discord server alongside Teen Library's Ami Sarabia where teens shared music, art, game design and book discussions. She facilitated Guerra's weekly Teen Club in collaboration with teen volunteers. The group continued gaming nights and sewing projects, and began planning for a dedicated teen art area in their Teen Space.

Children's Librarian, Linda Lopez, led a very full month of Children's programming which included Story Time and Lego Club, both were met with great enthusiasm and were highly attended. Families frequently shared their appreciation and enthusiasm for the return of family programming and the wonderful experiences Ms. Lopez provided! Ms. Lopez led early literacy outreaches at Mary Hull Elementary and Northside Activity Center, connecting many families to Guerra and sharing about SAPL services and activities. She most recently did a Story Time at Passmore Elementary for all their grade levels. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the stories and enthusiasm. Linda, along with 2 other children's librarians, was invited to return and to do a Story Time at the San Antonio Museum of Art for their exhibit "La Malinche."

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson moderated the Spanish book club, Club de Lectura, on September 15. They discussed *La piel del tambor (The Seville communion)* by Arturo Pérez-Reverte. This is a detective story that connects two parallel stories at the end of the novel. He recorded *El leon blanco (The white lion)* by Jim Helmore for the Dial-a-Story in Spanish on September 16. He manned a booth at the 13th anniversary of the Willie Cortez Senior Center on September 23. He presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on September 30 with a special emphasis on the history of the Willie Cortez Senior Center as well as of the grandfather life of Willie Cortez, the father of Philip Cortez, state representative of District 117 where the senior center is located.

Library Assistant, Roxanne Menchaca, continued to lead Guerra's monthly Knit and Crochet Group as well as co-lead SAPL's virtual Queercrafternoon.

IGO

Teen Time at Igo has continued to see new faces as well as returning teens, helping build and strengthen relationships between the teens of our community. Annie Calonico, the teen librarian at Igo, has continued to encourage our teens in expressing their ideas and developing them into programs for the teens at Igo. Teen Time continues to offer a variety of activities for teens to engage with, which allow teens to follow their interests and meet others who share them. Igo has gained new teen volunteers, who have joined our veteran volunteers in working in the branch, developing lasting relationships between the library and our teen community through service.

Annie Colanico, the teen librarian at Igo, conducted outreach at Brandeis High School, making contact and sharing information with community teens about teen programming at Igo and other local branches, our Discord platform, and teen volunteer opportunities available in the SAPL system. She has also incorporated a game station and craft box into Igo's teen space, encouraging Igo's teens to make the space their own, build connections with other teens through games and art, and express themselves creatively. Teens at Igo are also using whiteboard markers and butcher paper in the teen space to communicate with other teens, post about their interests, and their winning streaks in Jenga and other games, increasing their sense of belonging within the library and ownership over the space.

Senior Services coordinator Irene Scharf arranged a program on "Grandparents Day" the 11th of September 2022 at Igo Branch. Her exhibit consisted of books about grandmothers, grandfathers and grandsons.

JOHNSTON

Johnston welcomed its new Assistant Manager/Adult Services librarian Cris Yamada-Lokensgard who transferred from McCreless Branch. The American Heart Association's partnership with the library to provide communities with challenged access to grocery stores the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables via Healthy Mobile Markets continued at Johnston. The branch hosted the market, Mercado por tu Corazon, on September 13.

On September 30, Cortez Adult Services librarian Vicky Villalobos joined Librarian Brook Mjolsness for SAPL Live Trivia. Vicky was a moderator for the night's event and contributed with a category on misheard lyrics. Ten teams enjoyed the night's game.

Cortez Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos and Teen Services librarian Cassie Garza held a hybrid book club called BTS Book & Craft Club which met twice in September. Librarian Villalobos led the virtual book discussion on September 25 with Ms. Garza as moderator. The group discussed the theme of isolation in Franz Kafka's novella *The Metamorphosis* and the impact it would have on BTS songwriters during the pandemic. During the in-person meeting hosted by Ms. Garza one member suggested the group try and do a card sleeve decorating craft and provided the group with supplies. The group continue to design and decorate BTS themed bookmarks.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham transitioned the early literacy outdoor program Bubbles at the Sun Valley Playground to an indoor Family Fun Story Time. Families were delighted the same singing, talking, dancing, playing and reading/listening were available inside the library. The month was all about

celebrations from books about a dog birthday party to monsters baking cupcakes. Miss Tiffany extended her June and July program Let's Create: Maker's Club into a weekly after school program and Let's Build: Legos and More into a bi-monthly program. She "planted" seeds in the children's area (on the bulletin board) and all were looking forward to seeing what sprouts. Miss Tiffany continued to host Toddler Time Online Live every Wednesday morning for SAPL families and recorded a monthly book for Dial-a-Story.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza facilitated several in-person Teen Times at Johnston. Teens helped select and plan weekly activities throughout the month which included tie dye, playing board games, and making their own ice cream sandwiches. One of the month's highlights was making a special ice cream sandwich from the show Steven Universe called a cookie cat. Teen volunteers made the cookie dough from scratch and teen participants used a rolling pin to roll out the dough and a 3D printed cookie cutter to make the cookie cat shape. Ms. Garza also organized and hosted meetings with the SAPL Esports committee regarding planning for the systemwide Smash Ultimate tourney. The tourney will take place at three different libraries in the system and will be held on three separate weekends during those months. The committee have already pre-selected the participating libraries and are working on updating the Esports LibGuide.

LEARN's Training Officer, Marcella McGowan hosted the following programs: Open Keyboard & Mouse Training on September 11 & 28 at 10:30am. On September 29, Ms. McGowan conducted a laptop demonstration at the Food Bank located at 5200 Enrique M. Barrera Pkwy. She was assisted by Shauna Mendoza and we had 15 patrons in attendance for our English session (photo attached). The Learn area had 29 patrons accessing the Learn Center.

LANDA

Circulation Attendant Amy Peppersack participated in the SAPL 5K.

This month, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas added more fun programs for children and families to enjoy at Landa Library. She began a rotating Lego Club and Process Art program on Friday afternoons for families to drop-in and enjoy. She also began a Monday afternoon Baby Time for children ages zero to six months.

Landa's Outdoor Story Time continued to be a success. Families enjoyed stories, rhymes, silly songs, and a variety of activities. Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas teamed up with Children's Librarians across the city to present the program including: Melissa Fulmer, Shannon Seglin, Valerie Carroll, Ana Menchaca, and Cheryl Penick. Families enjoyed playing with play dough, making hats, and creating torn paper art. Grown-ups tagged Landa's Story Time on their Instagram.

Children's Librarian Jasmin also began to visit University Presbyterian Childcare Center for classroom Story Times. She also presented several Zoom programs for children including Baby Time Online, monthly Art Club Online, and Proud to Be Me.

This month, teens at Landa got to explore fall-related activities, crafts, and food as part of weekly Teen Time. Teen Librarian Stephanie Thomas-Rosen posted a question every week on the board in the Teen Space to encourage discussion among teen visitors. The group had a lot of very positive and thoughtful responses to censorship and banning books.

Landa's monthly book clubs continued to have successful meetings. Reader's Ink read *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. Set in 1953, the story centered around a group fighting against the

termination of their tribe. Book club members all agreed it was one of the best books they've ever read. The Mystery Book Club read *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict. Six club members were in attendance. Despite light attendance, the members had a great discussion about the book and Agatha Christie. The group didn't even get through all the questions! Everyone had a great time discussing the story and speculated upon what might have actually happened during the days of Agatha Christie's disappearance. Circulation Attendant Amy Peppersack hosted the group. She pulled up photos on her phone. The group passed judgement on Agatha's philandering husband, Archie, and the good looks Benedict referenced in her book. Good times were had by all!

Adult Services Librarian Robin Alcorta led the outreach book club at The Village at Incarnate Word. The group read *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. The group was delighted to share recipes that have been passed down from their families and noticed that many of them shared the same experiences.

In partnership with The Latino Collection and Resource Center at the Central Library, Landa hosted a program about Miraflores. Dr. Aureliana Urrutia built a garden near the San Antonio River. The book was the subject of a breathtaking story told by the great granddaughter of Urrutia, Anne Elise Urrutia. Its history brought the community together.

LAS PALMAS

This month, Las Palmas was invited to participate at the YWCA: Newcomers Resource Fair. Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos greeted over 50 participants and provided information on Enhanced Library Cards, Databases, Programs and other general resources.



Bags, in which patrons decorated canvas bags with fall themed stencils.



Adults: In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Adult Services Librarian, Nicole San Martin, hosted two movie nights featuring biopics of notable Hispanics – *Stand and Deliver* and *Selena*. Additionally, Nicole and Library Assistant, Elvia Ramos created a book display in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month.

Nicole also hosted a collaborative teen and adult program, *Craft with Us: Fall* patrons were invited to tie-dye and

Las Palmas also celebrated Banned Books Week with an interactive book display featuring frequently challenged and banned titles in which patrons were invited to lift flaps listing the most commonly cited reasons for challenge to reveal the book's title.

Teens: Teens showed their Fall creative side by making fall/Halloween themed tie dye canvas bags. In addition to traditional tie dye with fall colors, they also used dye to stencil leaves, pumpkins, bats and other Halloween creatures onto the bags. Teen Librarian Connie Hejl continued to moderate the Random Fandom club, an online program where teens chat about any of their favorite TV shows, movies, books, comics and more. This month teens showed off video games they created and the group streamed and

discussed different popular television programs. Connie also moderated an online program for fans of Lord of the Rings and the new Amazon Prime show Rings of Power.

Children's: Valerie Shelley, Las Palmas Children's Librarian, started face-to-face programs for the children and their families. Attendance was very low initially. Story Time, Family Fun, and Lego Time programs were offered throughout the month. Lego Time was a big hit with a dozen people in attendance. A special yearly program, National Play Dough Day, was held and attendance was good there as well. Valerie continued with the online programs she has been presenting with other Children Librarians. Online programs were aired for Toddler Time, Story Time, and Lego Time.

MAVERICK

In September, Maverick's organizations such as the book clubs, chess club, mah-jongg group and poetry group met for their monthly gatherings. Maverick hosted two additional programs. One program was called Kevin Greene – an inspirational journey. This uplifting program was about Mr. Greene's amazing recovery and victorious transformation after a devastating accident. The second program highlighted the brief history of the Knights Templar. This informative and engaging program was presented by Judith Hurst.

During the reporting period, Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, started programming for all ages of kids after 2 ½ years. Baby Time, Toddler Time and Story Time have been well attended, much to Ms. Roberts' relief and joy. The Lego Club was on a new day and time—Thursdays at 3:30 pm and we were able to bring out the Duplos, ensuring that younger siblings could join us once again. On September 27, 13 kindergarteners from Scenic Hills Christian School came to Maverick to get a tour and listen to stories that Ms. Roberts selected.

Ms. Roberts also did committee work and attended meetings and trainings this month. On September 27, she read "Lola Reads To Leo" by Lola Schaefer for Dial-A-Story. Ms. Roberts attended a Children's Librarians meeting on September 28. Ms. Roberts completed her monthly Security Awareness training on September 20 and also Climate Change Training on September 21. In addition, Ms. Roberts began EPE's/employee evaluations for 4 PT Circulation Attendants and 1 PT Library Assistant.

Maverick Teens fostered their creative energy into making friendship bracelets, Perler bead designs and painting rocks. Those who were interested cooperatively engaged in a D & D campaign, with Library Aide Tylur Loera acting as the Dungeon Master. Simultaneously, Bleichwehl engaged with others through crafting and playing Uno. The Maverick Teen Library Leadership Committee (TLLC) decided to resume their monthly planning meetings in October now that their school routines are in place.

Bleichwehl attended Meet the Teacher night at Marshall High School and engaged with students and their families in the hallways. She handed out Homework Helps bookmarks, pens and other marketing materials, advertising SAPL services. When foot traffic slowed down, Bleichwehl went to a few classrooms, engaged with teachers and informed them about the online tutoring available through SAPL databases.

McCRELESS

Librarian Vicky Villalobos and Teen Services Librarian Cassie Garza held a hybrid book club called BTS Book & Craft Club which met twice in September. Librarian Villalobos led the virtual book discussion on September 25 with Librarian Garza as moderator. The group discussed the theme of isolation in Franz Kafka's novella *The Metamorphosis* and the impact it would have on BTS songwriters during the pandemic.

On September 30, Librarian Vicky Villalobos joined Librarian Brook Mjolsness for SAPL Live Trivia. Vicky was a moderator for the night's event and contributed with a category on misheard lyrics. Ten teams enjoyed the night's game.

Teen Librarian DeBow conducted 2 days of outreach to the freshmen at Highlands High School. She presented 14 sessions to 310 students and created 108 new library cards. The new school librarian was excited to meet DeBow and include SAPL in their orientation.

Metro Health offered their Diabetes Self-Management program every Wednesday in September.

These programs provide support for individuals to take control of their health by learning skills to manage the symptoms of diabetes. Twenty-two people attended this month.

MEMORIAL

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall participated in two special outreach events during the month of September. On Labor Day, September 5th she had an information table at the Doseum's Free Family Night, where she spoke to more than 150 people and gave out approximately 75 Take and Create kits and innumerable bookmarks.

On September 24, she had an information table at "¡Vivan los Niño's!" on the campus of Texas A&M – San Antonio. More than 30 people stopped by to pick up bookmarks and chat about the branch.

Mrs. Deffendall also continued her weekly outreach at the Westside YMCA, bringing stories and activities to children in the childcare area. In addition, she continued assisting with children's programming at the McCreless Branch by hosting weekly LEGO Clubs and Family Story Times.

Library manager Maria Gonzales assisted by circulation attendants Adam Capelo and Michelangelo Sosa participated in the celebration of Family Service Night. This event was hosted by the Neighborhood Place. Both circulation attendants used the branch tent with its name logo to place over a table. Two laptop computers were set up to register people for library cards. They also handed out frozen ice cream paletas to the delight of all attendees. Book markers, Take-and-Make kits along with the new maps of branch locations were provided for all who stopped by to pick up a paleta or register for a library card. Friends Treasurer Diane Duesterhoeft and Friends President Eiginio Rodriguez stopped by the table to offer assistance and photographed the engagement of branch staff and community revelers.

Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson assisted Brookhollow branch by providing adult librarian services for the month of October.

MISSION

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Mission is hosting the Esther Perez Carvajal/ Los Alcaldes Exhibit. Mrs. Carvajal was an author, educator, historian, preservationist, and civic leader. The exhibit displays some of her life's work including the first Spanish language textbooks used in San Antonio public schools. Los Alcaldes de Béxar, a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will host an exhibition that highlights the lives of early San Antonio alcaldes (mayors) in celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month. The Los Alcaldes de Béxar Project promotes the education of those who made significant contributions to the economic and social sustainability of San Antonio from 1731 to 1836.

Metro Health had a pop-up vaccine clinic at Mission Library on Saturday, September 17th. H-E-B gift cards were given to the first 60 people to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Although the program did not begin until 10:00 AM, Mission's parking lot was completely full when staff arrived at 9:00 AM and people were lined up all around the building.

On Friday, September 9th, Mission served as a packet-pick-up location for The World Heritage Office's Annual Tour de las Misiones 7-, 14- or 22-mile Bike Ride and 5k or 10k walk and run. On Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23, Mission served as a packet-pick-up location for San Antonio Public Library's 5k.

On Friday, September 9th, Branch Manager Oscar Gonzalez represented Mission at the World Heritage Festival at the Mission Marquee Plaza.

Beginning on the second Saturday morning of September thru December, Little Read Wagon is having an outdoor play and learn program.

Teens at Mission Library had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities for the month of September. KPop Club, a teen cooking class with the San Antonio Food Bank, and Tuesday night Teen Club programs were all held during the reporting period. KPop Club with Megan featured marathon KPop video viewing and dance moves. Teens in the cooking class learned about the culture of Mexico and the origins of Dia de los Muertos. They then practiced making tortillas and trying out their tortillas with a homemade black bean salsa.

Tuesday's Teen Club included art activities chosen by teens as well as video gaming on the library's Nintendo Switch. Teens also chose to create painted rocks for the Mission Library rock garden. Teens voted on their choice of movie for their movie program. "Beetlejuice" was the favorite and attendees watched the movie, ate popcorn, and painted on mini canvases.

Mission also hosted IDEA School South Flores for two visits. Librarians, Cindy Cruz and Gladys Nunez, presented information on navigating the library's catalog and using the homework help features. Both visits saw a total of 98 Juniors and Seniors from the school. Library Assistant Amanda Flores also presented to students and teachers.

Teen volunteers were active during the reporting period. Volunteers created Fall/Halloween displays for the teen space and one Discord book club volunteer created a bibliography and display of suspense and paranormal young adult fiction.

Mission Library partnered with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Older Adult Technology Services (OATS) for two technology programs this month.

On Thursday, September 29, a Streaming and Smart TVs Lecture by Senior Planet program was held, and on Tuesday, September 13th, a Senior Planet Affordable Connectivity Program Workshop for Older Adults program was held. Both programs were well-attended.

PAN AMERICAN

Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, hosted two “Puzzle Times” during the month of September. “Puzzle Time” is an Adult Program that offers participants the opportunity to spend some time putting a puzzle together while conversing or listening to some music. Puzzles are provided free of charge and participants can keep the puzzle they work on.

The Pan American Branch welcomed back the Meditation Group in mid-September. Mediation classes are held at the Pan American Branch Library Meeting Room on Saturdays from 10:15am to 11:15am. Classes are open to the public and free.

Gladys Nunez, Teen Services Librarian, facilitated opportunities for teens at the Branch to share their creativity. Teen volunteers continue to provide ideas for book displays and for decorating the teen area. One book display consisted of YA books with fall colored covers that has proved to be popular with patrons. During Teen Time this month, teens had fun with different activities each week. Teens painted mini planters, had a movie night, and had fun with making perler bead art. Ms. Nunez assisted fellow Teen Services Librarian Cindy Cruz with a tour and presentation to the junior class from IDEA South Flores. Students learned from a presentation we both gave and then we were able to help students find sources for their research projects.

On site early literacy was a success throughout September. The Children's Librarian held Story Time for local families on several occasions at the branch. Some books that were read included: A Visitor for Bear, by Benny Becker and Zen Socks, by Jon J Muth. Overall, Story Time consisted of songs, books, and a craft. Children and family sang things like Hello Friends that incorporated American Sign Language, and If You're Happy And You Know It Clap Your Hands to help children express different sorts of emotions. Crafts were kept simple, and open ended. Materials like paper, cardboard, crayons, and glue were provided to give children an opportunity to construct their art.



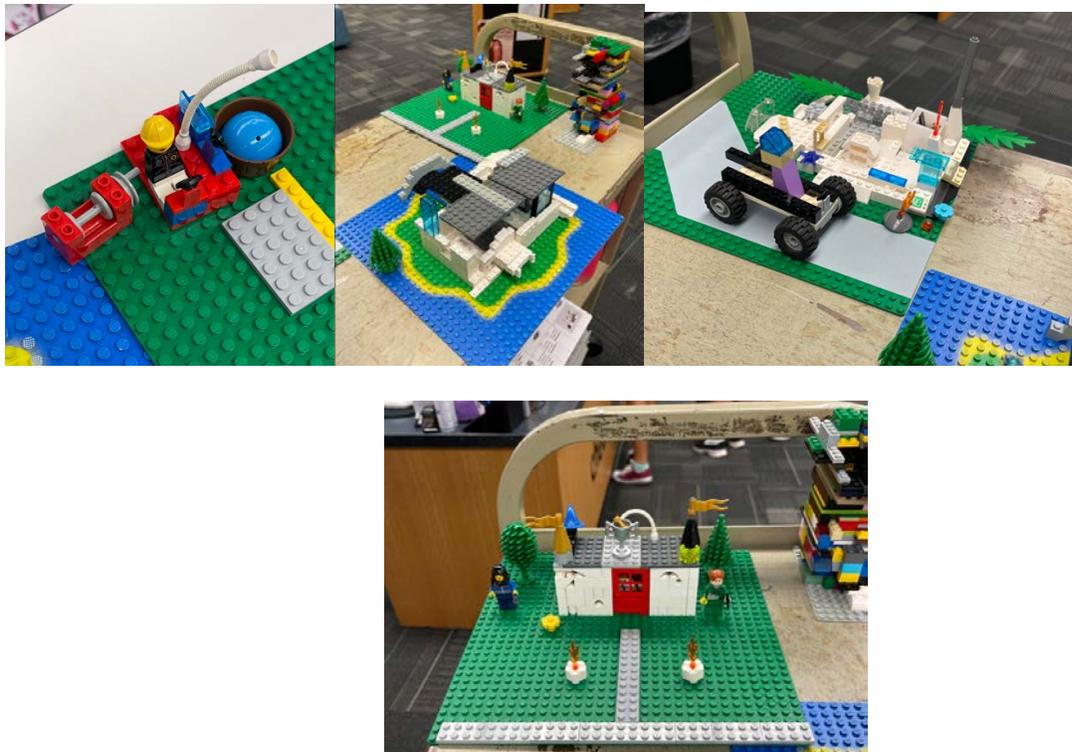
Off site, the children's librarian participated in a total of three outreach events. The first being at La Petite Academy, where she already has an ongoing partnership with the Wurzbach location to provide Story Time to the Children once a month. There she presented several books, shared songs, and rhymes. Some books read included Chimpanzees for Tea!, by Jo Empson and The Cool Bean, by both Jory John and Pete Oswald. In addition, she visited Stonewall Flanders Elementary and through the span of two days and with help of the school librarian, she spoke to each class about what the library has to offer. Other items on the agenda that were spotlighted were the free programs and homework help available. Each grade also got to hear a story and/or songs and rhymes. One particular popular book was The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors, by

Adam Rex. The last off-site visit was at Adams Elementary where the children's librarian had a table for their AR NIGHT (Advanced Reader). She got to provide information to the attendees about the library's resources, and what they could find on their next visit.



For ONLINE programming throughout September, the children's librarian actively played a role in Toddler Time, Game Time and Art Club ONLINE. These programs have been offered by all children's librarians system-wide since the onset of the pandemic. It is a venue where librarians participate in different roles within the program based on rotation. Throughout September, I helped with things like songs, hosting, and games. One particular moment of note that children loved was the Art Club where they learned about patterns and how to draw different patterns within their creations.

As to in-house programming, the children's librarian held Lego Time twice during the month of September. Several children attended and enjoyed not only free building but were given unique challenges to stretch their creative skills. One such challenge was to build their house.



We were also fortunate enough for Parks and Recreation to visit and hold a program all about Bugs. This program was geared towards school age children and had a story, an informative presentation, and craft.



Lastly, KLRN did hold an early sneak peek screening of Rosie's Rules at the branch. We had several families attend and not only learned about the free services available to children via KLRN, but got to see a bit of the show and do several educational crafts.

Sneak Peek Screening



September 27 | 4PM
Carver Library, 3350 E. Commerce

September 28 | 4PM
Pan American Library, 1122 W. Pyron



RSVP: klrn.org/events





PARMAN



Parman staff.

Parman was fortunate enough to host three board meetings this September for the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. Many commented on how beautiful the Parman library building, gallery and outside area was and how they hope to have more meetings here next year. After the SAPL Foundation meeting Director Ramiro Salazar took a walk around the library and greeted all

Parman manager Barbara Kwiatkowski made the arrangements to feature San Antonio artist, Parnian Khadivfard, in Parman gallery during the month of September. Khadivfard received her associates in Fine Arts from San Antonio College and her work primarily features self-portraits that are done in a deformity and distortion style. There was a reception held for Khadivfard and her work. It was popular and many people filled the halls speaking about the distinct style of the pieces showcased. The library is already talking with Khadivhard about featuring more of her work at the branch in the future.

On the day that we received the sad news that the Queen of England had passed, the manager Barbara Kwiatkowski created for the public a small



tribute. This display brought the patrons to the table who then spent time reflecting on her legacy. The books were checked- out within hours.

Kristie Rosado- Rivera and Melissa Moser created a beautiful, colorful display in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month filled with a broad range of authors and topics.

Story Times returned indoors in September and Parman patrons were delighted. Children’s Librarian Lisa Taylor led a Family Story Time on Wednesday mornings and a Baby Story Time on Friday mornings. The Family Story Times encompassed all ages and the groups were energetic as they acted out stories, participated with fingerplays, and danced to silly songs. Afterwards they enjoyed imaginative play stations or process art experiences. The Baby Time crowd smiled and giggled as they bounced on their adults’ laps, played with shaker eggs, and danced around the room in their adults’ arms. As the Story Time wound down, babies were invited to explore and play with a variety of toys aimed at engaging their senses and developing fine motor skills. Adults were glad to enjoy time conversing with other adults as their little ones made new friends.



To celebrate Pirates Day, Nia Meissler created an eye-catching display with a colorful array of books that patrons of all ages clearly appreciated considering the high turnover on the display.



Willem’s Pigeon series was the inspiration of September’s hunt. Over 200 young patrons searched for all ten of the pigeons to see what shape each pigeon had. Observation and shape recognition skills were promoted by this month’s scavenger hunt.



Creator Club presented by Teague Shosh started up again with weekly fun activities and projects for children ages 5-12. In September, attendees built with Legos, made gnome homes and fairy houses, played games and created amazing pool noodle creatures. The kids love hanging out together and having fun!

Teague Shosh shared the book Red Fox Road by Frances Greenslade on the Children Service’s Blog and received over

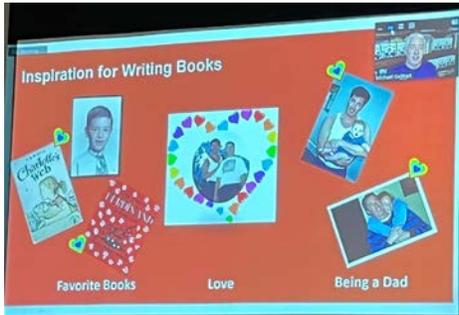
400 views. Lisa edited the recording of Hispanic Heritage Month’s virtual presentation of “Accordionly” Children’s Author Talk program which was added to the Hispanic Heritage LibGuide.

POTRANCO

Potranco Branch Library had a fun filled month of September. Movie screenings, street artists and author visits were all a part of the Potranco Library September schedule.

Adult Services Librarian Dawn Zeig and Librarian Lisa Leandro hosted “Accordionly Children’s Author Talk with Michael Genhart”. Michael Genhart joined via zoom and gave background information on his book and how it came to be. Local musician Nicolas Valdez joined in and spoke about growing up playing accordion and those that influenced him.

Those in attendance were also invited to participate in an interactive street art mural created by local artist Colton Valentine. Mr. Valentine created a painting based on the book “Accordionly” and had children add their own art to the canvas.



Ms. Zeig hosted a screening of the animated movie “Bad Guys”. Those in attendance were treated to refreshments during the movie. Ms. Zeig also hosted Lego Club. The Lego Club meets every week and those in attendance work on their Lego creations with family friendly pop music playing.

Potranco Writer’s Group continues to meet every second Saturday. Led by Attendant Paschal Booker, the give each other feedback on their current writing projects. Positive constructive feedback is highly encouraged.

Circulation



Monday Nights at Potranco Library belong to Dreaded Threads. This program, hosted by Circulation Attendant Miranda Reyes, combines crafts and crime dramas. The group work on their crochet, knitting and other craft projects while listening to the latest episode of Crime Junkie. Coffee, tea and other snacks are provided for those in attendance.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt’s Children’s Services resumed in-person Children’s programming this month. Staff were excited to welcome children to *Family Story Time* and *Let’s Build* programs. Pruitt’s Children’s Services continued its partnership with Healthy Neighborhoods and hosted the patron favorite *Family Yoga* program. The program has expanded from Family Yoga to separate *Children’s Yoga* and *Tween Yoga* programs. The expansion was enthusiastically embraced by the program’s regular participants. Library Assistant Beth Harris created fall-themed *Take-and-Make* craft kits for children. Children’s Services staff attended Royal Ridge Elementary School’s *Family Literacy Night*, sharing Pruitt Story Time tents and campfires with the school’s students and families.



After-school *Teen Chess* lessons and free play resumed with Chess Master Alex Weinberg on September 20th. This program allows all teen patrons to learn from a master in his craft and practice new skills afterwards. Student outreach continues with *Lunchtime Chess* every Wednesday in the Roosevelt High School Courtyard, where mega chess and checkers remain a hit.

Teen Free Play Fridays have moved to the library “pit” where four times as many teens as previously have come to enjoy jamming out on Pruitt’s array of available instruments while they learn about music. This bigger space is really drawing in the music lovers.

Teens worked on character creation and development, and *Dungeons and Dragons* campaign “Session 0” began with players discussing what they hoped to get out of the game and what kinds of things they’d like to do on their adventures. The campaign’s teen Dungeon Master is extremely talented; the group is so lucky to have them!



Adult Services held the *TGIF Book Club*’s discussion of “The Starless Sea” by Erin Morgenstern. Pruitt’s *Special Needs Adult Program* group read “Sylvester and the Magic Pebble” and assembled paper bag tree crafts (with bats!). *Adult Virtual Coloring* continued Friday afternoons. *Adult Come-and-Go Crafts* had patrons creating yarn pumpkin garlands and attaching them to fall or Halloween-themed signs.



Rackspace-sponsored *Family Chess* continued, with the live-streamed lessons with Chess Master Alex Weinberg discussing game progressions with patrons in the library classroom as well as online participants. Pruitt staff provided SAPL materials to students' parents at Roosevelt High School's *Greenback Night* outreach. And, Pruitt staff were delighted to welcome librarian Chris Castillo as the new Branch Manager/Lead Librarian.

SAN PEDRO

The San Pedro Branch continued to be bustling with computer usage, WI-FI access, and patrons from closed branches visiting to pick up holds or browse the collection.

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

Children's Services at San Pedro Branch began Family Story Time on Saturdays at 10am. Children and their grownups came and were excited about the resumption of in-person programming. For most of the participating children, this was their first experience of a library Story Time. The new weekly program Let's Build: Legos and More was also started on Tuesdays from 4-6pm. This was very well attended. As a Come and Go art craft, families worked on Pinwheels for Peace for International Day of Peace and those were exhibited in the library. Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler continued to participate in online programs by supporting Toddler Time Online and Dial a Story.

SCHAEFER

In the month of September, Teen Services Librarian, Dacari Lambert facilitated weekly Teen Time programming alongside teen volunteers, who planned and implemented teen requested activities.

Children's fall programming began in September after a pause in August after Summer with SAPL ended. Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser offered a variety of in-person programs for children of all ages. Outdoor Family Story Time for kids five and younger takes place on the playground each Wednesday morning. Twice a month Molly, a therapy dog, comes with her handler and kids can practice their reading skills by reading out loud to Molly. LEGO Time is another popular program, and kids spend an hour using their imaginations to build creations that are displayed in the children's area of the library. Come and Go Art was offered a few times during the month, and kids had the opportunity to try fingerprint art, leaf rubbing and they made a collaborative mural, which was then displayed in the children's area. In addition to these programs, she participated in Zoom programs. She was a host and a presenter for Story Time Online Live, and also did LEGO Club Online and Game Time Online with a small group of other SAPL children's librarians. In September, Leslie had the opportunity to film a short segment discussing after-school library activities for kids for Great Day SA on KENS 5.

Library Assistant Blanca Silvia Hernandez: hosted Schaefer's first Plant Swap, where families had a chance to meet and discuss plants and caring for them. The children also enjoyed the sidewalk chalk activity. She hosted a Make n Go Craft program at Schaefer where families created Fall Luminaries with mason jars, paint and vinyl leaves, pumpkins or squash. Blanca published a Vinyl themed catalog list for

of popular titles for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. She also assisted Librarian Lambert with Schaefer's Hispanic Heritage Book Display.

On Monday, September 19, 2022, Schaefer branch library hosted author Providence Umugwaneza, who discussed her biography, *Next Couple Hours*, with an audience of five adults. On September 20, 2022, Schaefer branch library hosted the monthly Schaefer Skimmers Book Club meeting which was attended by five adults.

Librarians Dacari Lambert and Dan Garcia hosted an interactive movie program on Sunday, Welcome to the Swamp- Movie Party. They watched the movie Shrek and handed out movie props to participants. There were over 25 patrons in attendance.

SEMMES

Ms. Randi and Ms. Valerie started in-person programming for babies and preschoolers this month! On Wednesday, September 7, 14 and 21, Ms. Randi shared songs, rhymes, learning activities and a story with 62 children and 56 grownups. On Wednesday, September 28, Ms. Valerie shared songs, rhymes, and stories with 30 children and 22 grownups. Each preschool Story Time is followed by a free play session. On Thursdays at 11:00 AM, Ms. Randi's Baby Time was attended by 34 babies and 36 grownups. Ms. Randi had a table at Harris Middle School's Greenback Night on Tuesday, September 13. Twenty-three middle schoolers and 18 grownups stopped by for information on San Antonio Public Library's services and programming. Several of them used the QR code to get an online library card. We are so delighted to be back to providing in-person programming with SAPL patrons!

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted four in-person Yoga Class programs on September 6, 13, 20 and 27. A certified instructor from the Parks and Recreation Department led the yoga classes. Ms. Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator for the virtual Film Noir Movie Club program on September 13. This group watches a film noir movie, and has a lively discussion with engaging questions. On September 14, Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted the self-care program OptimizeU. The main host Dr. Hetal Nayak led the program which is held the second Wednesday of every month. On September 27, Ms. Mjolsness held an in-person Film Noir Movie program. Attendees watched "Gun Crazy," starring John Dall and Peggy Cummins, and enjoyed light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. On September 30, she 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.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick assembled themed book bundles for children with items for check-out in both English and Spanish. On September 1, she assisted a colleague with an in-person Story Time program at the Landa Library. She served as co-host for the Baby Time Online programs on September 2, 9, 16 and 23. Ms. Penick held three recurring in-person programs in September. The Arts & Crafts Friday program occurred on September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. She held Music & Movement programs on September 3, 10 and 24. The Bedtime Stories & Craft program was held on September 6, 13 and 27.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on September 5, 12, 19 and 26. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on September 28. The book group participants discussed “Hidden Valley Road” by Robert Kolcher. She created a “Cover Girls” book display highlighting titles with female protagonists in the young adult collection. She created an interactive activity which encouraged teens to share responses to the question “What is your favorite thing to eat for breakfast?”

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano held an Adult Craft Time program on September 28, 2022. Participants enjoyed painting tiles with their own creative designs, and learning about the San Jose Tile Workshops in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Castellano served as Wellness Liaison for the Thousand Oaks Library. She continued working with colleagues on the Esports and Queer Committees, and collaborating with colleagues twice weekly on the Animal Crossing program. She assisted librarians with assembling craft kits for children and adults.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Sadly, Tobin’s team said goodbye to Frances McGovern, Library Services Specialist at the end of September. Fortunately, David Hazlett, Library Assistant from Westfall joined the branch on September 13, 2022 so the reference team is fully staffed.

Children’s Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, arranged for Dog Therapist Ralph to bring his dog, Sam weekly. Mr. Hazlett has successfully engaged lots of middle school students reading to Sam, as well as many parents and caregivers bring their children to read to and pet and brush Sam each week.

Teen Hangout, hosted by Teen Librarian Melissa Carroll, and After School Zone with Ms. Frazier and Ms. Bailey continue. Activities range from chalk art and playing Frisbee outside to acrylic painting.



Come-and-Go Crafts are offered each weekend with Take-and-Make bags supplied with the same craft for those families that cannot stay in the branch to make their creation. We received a special note on one of the tables recently from “Thomas”. Library user Ed B. gave staff a clever thank you letter after he lost his wallet at Tobin at Oakwell which a library user had turned into library staff.



To the Library Staff
My new publication:
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WESTFALL

While the Westfall Branch Library continued to be closed for renovations, interim service for holds was still available at the Granados Adult Center. Patrons were also invited to visit other area branch locations such as San Pedro and Landa.

Children's Librarian Imelda Merino three outreach events in the month of September. The first was at Colonial Hills Elementary's Literacy Night. 25 children and 6 adults participated. The second event was at St. George Episcopal School on Tuesday, September 20th, which was also Literacy Night. 19 children

and 12 adults were in attendance. The third program was actually three presentations given for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Ridgeview Elementary. General Information about how to get a library card and library services were shared with the children. A story reading was also part of each presentation. The total attendance was 175 children and 11 adults.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

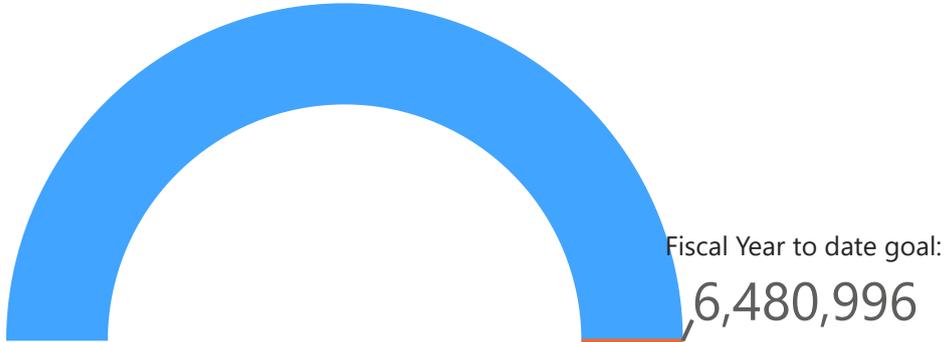
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September 2022

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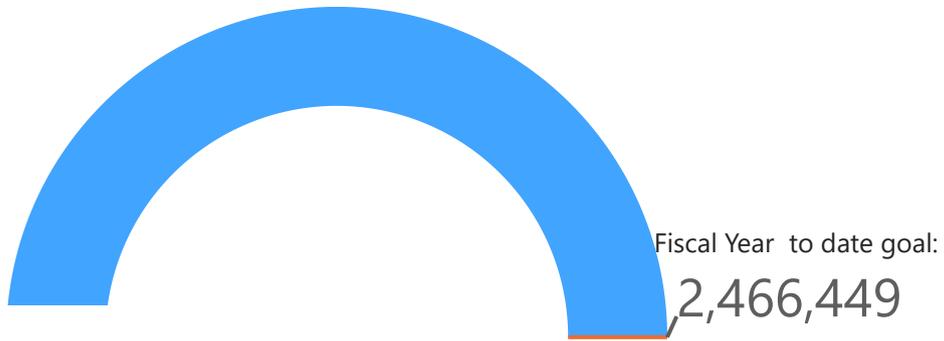
FY 2022 to date Items Borrowed



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(+16.48%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal



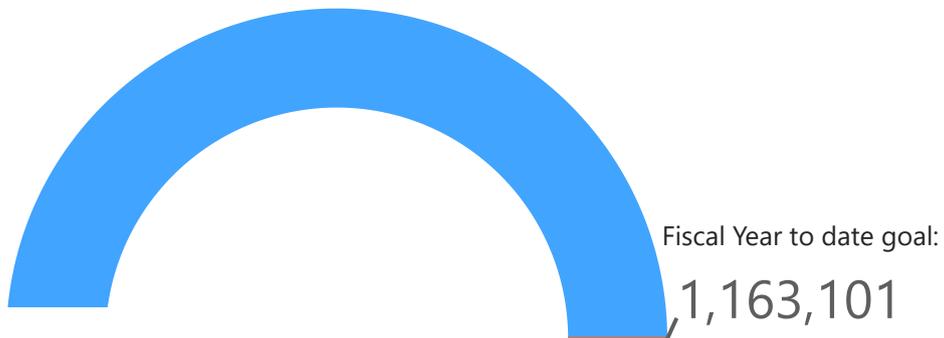
FY 2022 to date Library Visits



2,506,767[✓]

(+1.63%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2022 to date Digital Access



190,363

Hours of Computer Use



1,616,416

Hours of Wi-Fi Use

1,806,778[✓]

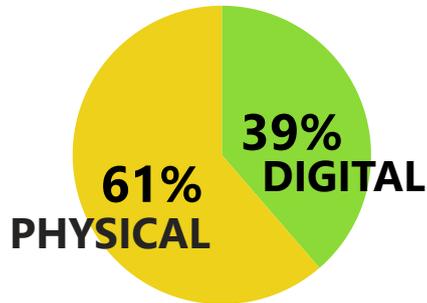
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SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

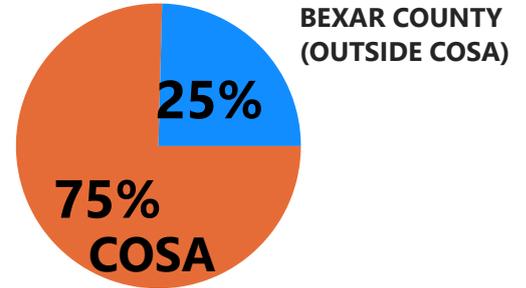
September 2022 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



1,417,933
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

21,755
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS*

1,654,422
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

4,528,752
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

5,873
TOTAL PROGRAMS

2,151
ADULT PROGRAMS

2,032
TEEN PROGRAMS

1,690
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

109,099
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

24,174
ADULT ATTENDANCE

20,432
TEEN ATTENDANCE

64,493
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

131 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED 28,965 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Powered by Brainfuse

Free Online Tutoring

available to SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY cardholders

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

2022 theme **Women**
Strong women, women heroes

Call for Submissions

Deadline: September 25

Affordable Internet For Seniors

TUES • SEPT 13 • 1-2PM

Mission Branch Library

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September 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,795	5,345	6,415	1,214	5,201
Brook Hollow	27,440	13,126	6,546	814	5,732
Carver	2,684	4,088	3,403	878	2,525
Central	11,308	4,088	30,303	4,510	25,793
Cody	32,970	11,278	11,191	1,114	10,078
Collins Garden	3,692	3,850	4,459	644	3,815
Cortez	2,334	1,359	490	60	429
Digital	262,148	0	0	0	0
Encino	19,650	7,736	6,075	212	5,863
Forest Hills	284	23	0	0	0
Great Northwest	29,260	11,285	6,927	734	6,193
Guerra	7,159	4,847	4,205	631	3,574
Igo	38,158	14,342	13,219	638	12,581
Interlibrary Loan	1,425	0	0	0	
Johnston	8,580	5,368	4,053	610	3,443
Kampmann	0	351	247	0	247
Landa	12,802	11,829	4,637	352	4,285
Las Palmas	4,609	2,626	4,550	933	3,617
Maverick	25,247	7,920	7,132	809	6,323
McCreless	7,102	2,642	5,818	953	4,864
Memorial	735	124	0	0	0
Mission	11,685	10,377	7,146	805	6,340
Pan American	4,499	3,784	3,256	462	2,794
Parman	34,852	20,495	8,218	246	7,972
Potranco	18,166	8,296	14,835	528	14,307
Pruitt	5,372	7,345	4,094	194	3,900
San Pedro	3,410	5,253	7,034	583	6,451
Schaefer	8,010	6,796	5,090	480	4,611
Semmes	30,723	9,228	9,605	1,078	8,526
System	36,588	0	0	0	
Thousand Oaks	6,361	5,441	5,020	643	4,377
Tobin	16,666	9,709	3,927	688	3,239
Westfall	1,502	306	1,094	0	1,094
Total	678,216	199,252	188,988	20,814	168,174

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

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September 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.

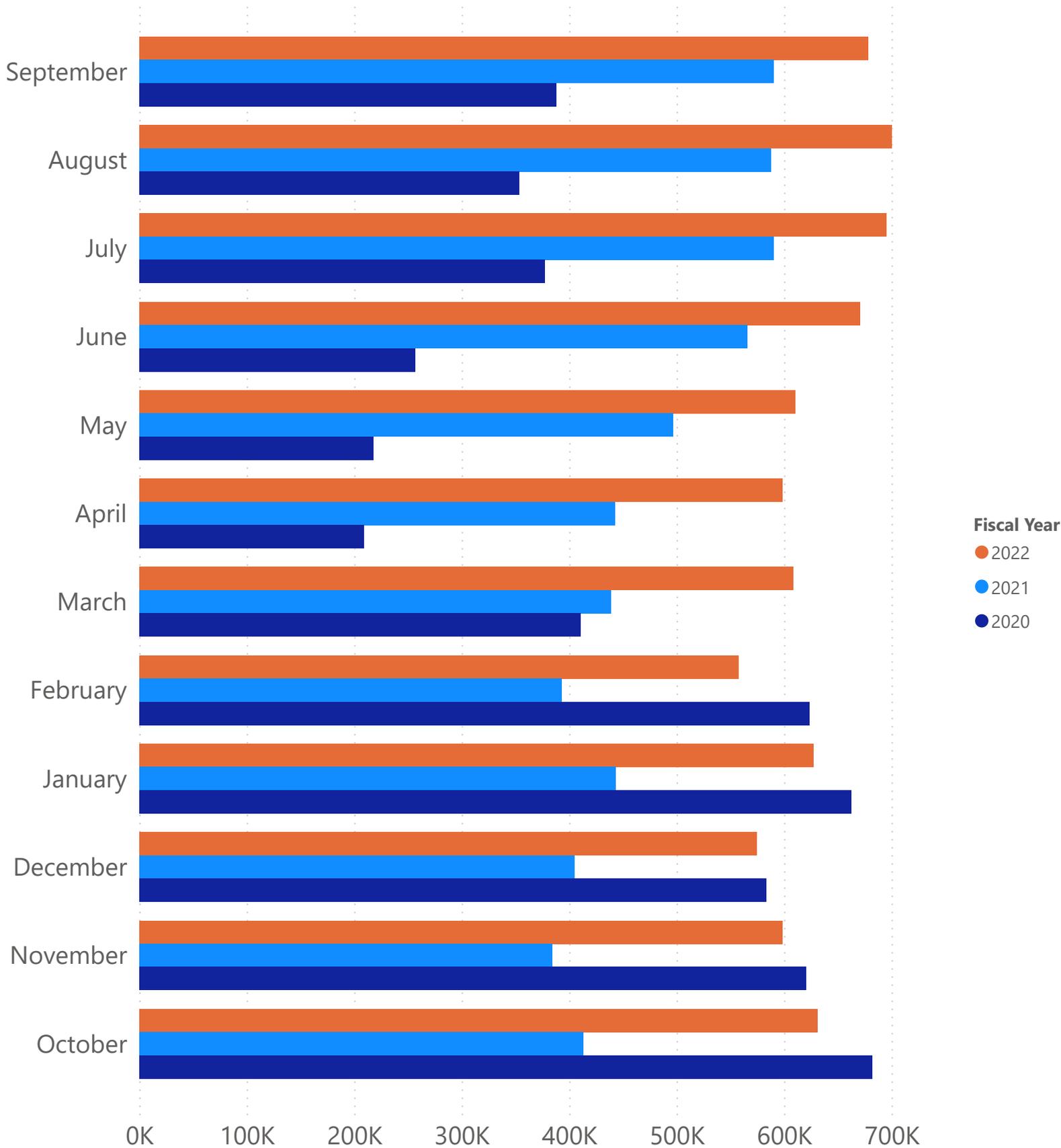
Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
Bazan	10	0	12	22	106	0	262	368
Brook Hollow	3	0	15	18	28	0	309	337
Carver	7	4	13	24	63	0	76	139
Central	16	93	7	116	293	2,834	86	3,213
Cody	14	18	25	57	96	554	708	1,358
Collins Garden	1	8	7	16	3	232	73	308
Cortez	4	0	0	4	5	0	0	5
Encino	12	4	22	38	41	43	756	840
Forest Hills	3	0	0	3	34	0	0	34
Great Northwest	3	7	19	29	13	292	1,196	1,501
Guerra	4	4	10	18	31	16	159	206
Igo	8	4	11	23	85	116	524	725
Johnston	4	3	12	19	23	32	275	330
Landa	5	3	13	21	56	5	654	715
Las Palmas	4	4	9	17	71	16	35	122
Little Read Wagon	0	0	24	24	0	0	646	646
Maverick	8	5	15	28	46	316	457	819
McCreless	4	21	6	31	54	329	53	436
Memorial	0	0	5	5	0	0	217	217
Mission	18	7	12	37	247	120	112	479
Pan American	5	4	12	21	23	41	537	601
Parman	5	4	12	21	60	8	415	483
Potranco	6	0	4	10	44	0	89	133
Pruitt	6	9	14	29	40	155	151	346
San Pedro	3	1	11	15	15	0	175	190
Schaefer	3	4	14	22	33	12	203	248
Semmes	9	6	13	28	45	87	304	436
System	14	32	16	62	371	178	213	762
Thousand Oaks	9	3	11	23	41	2	69	112
Tobin	4	6	20	30	29	93	372	494
Westfall	0	0	5	5	0	0	248	248
Total	192	254	369	816	1,996	5,481	9,374	16,851

Note:

Forest Hills, Memorial, Westfall & Cortez: Buildings were closed in September, branches were able to hold one or more off-site events.

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Circulation



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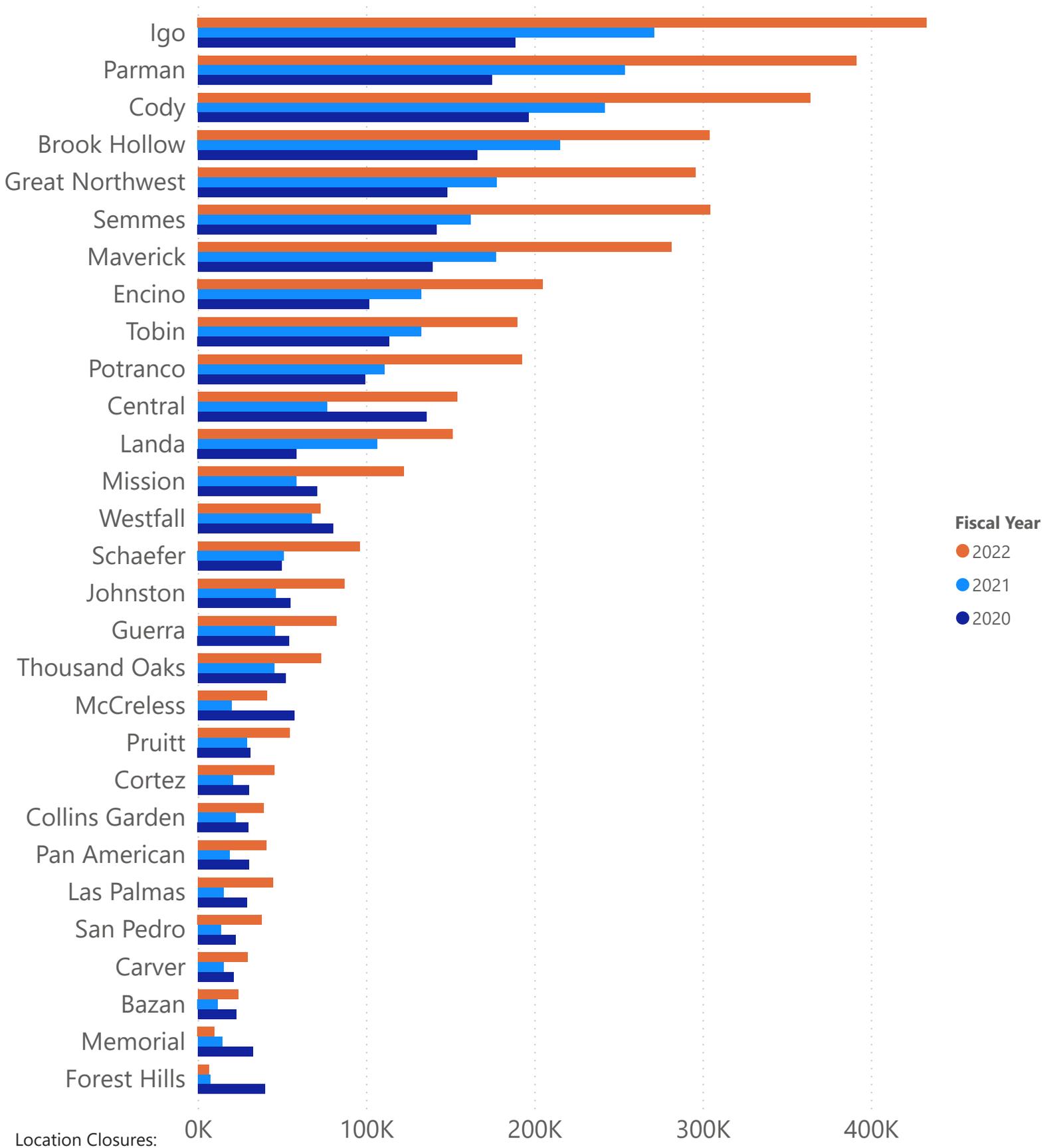
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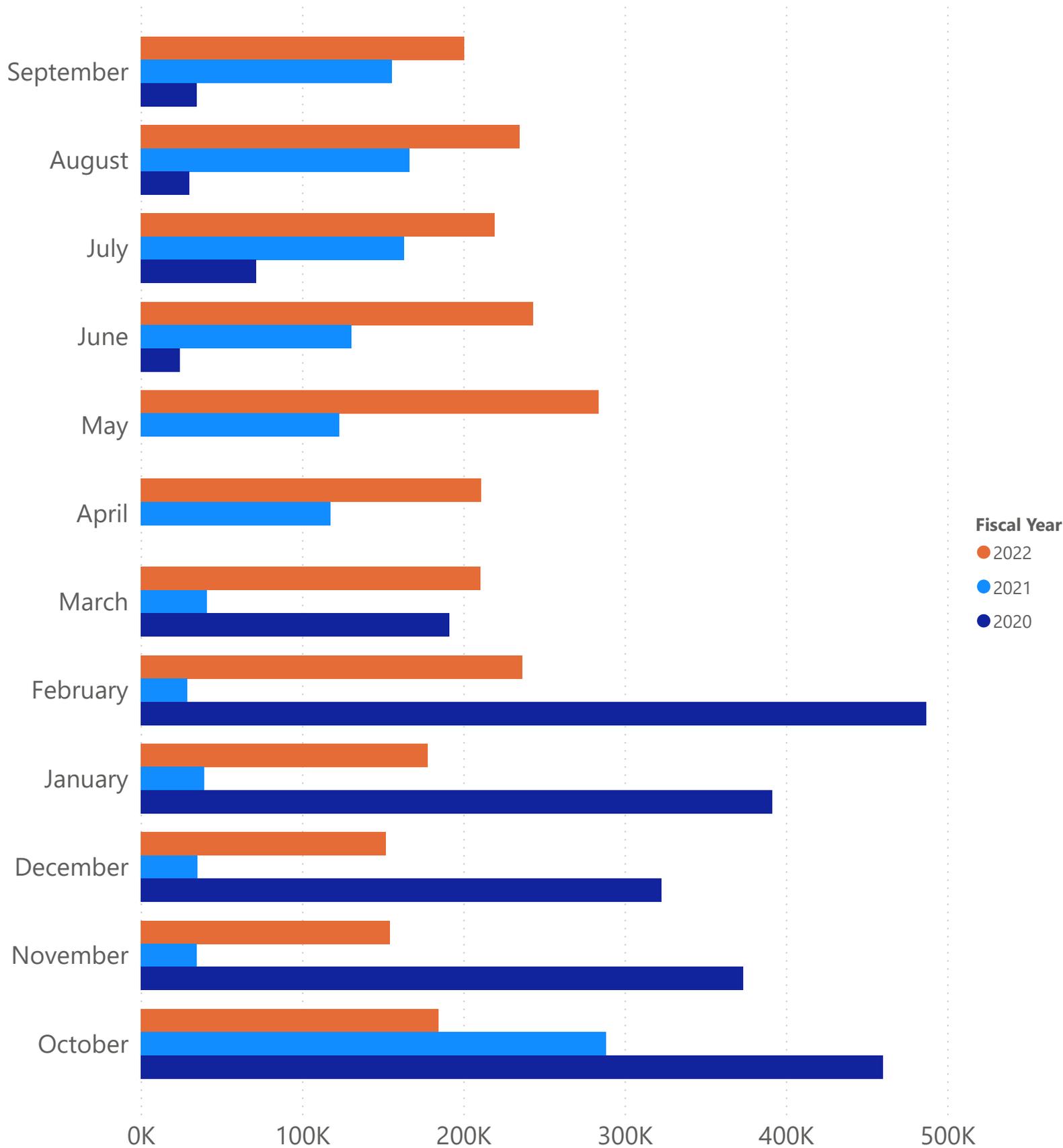
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Visits



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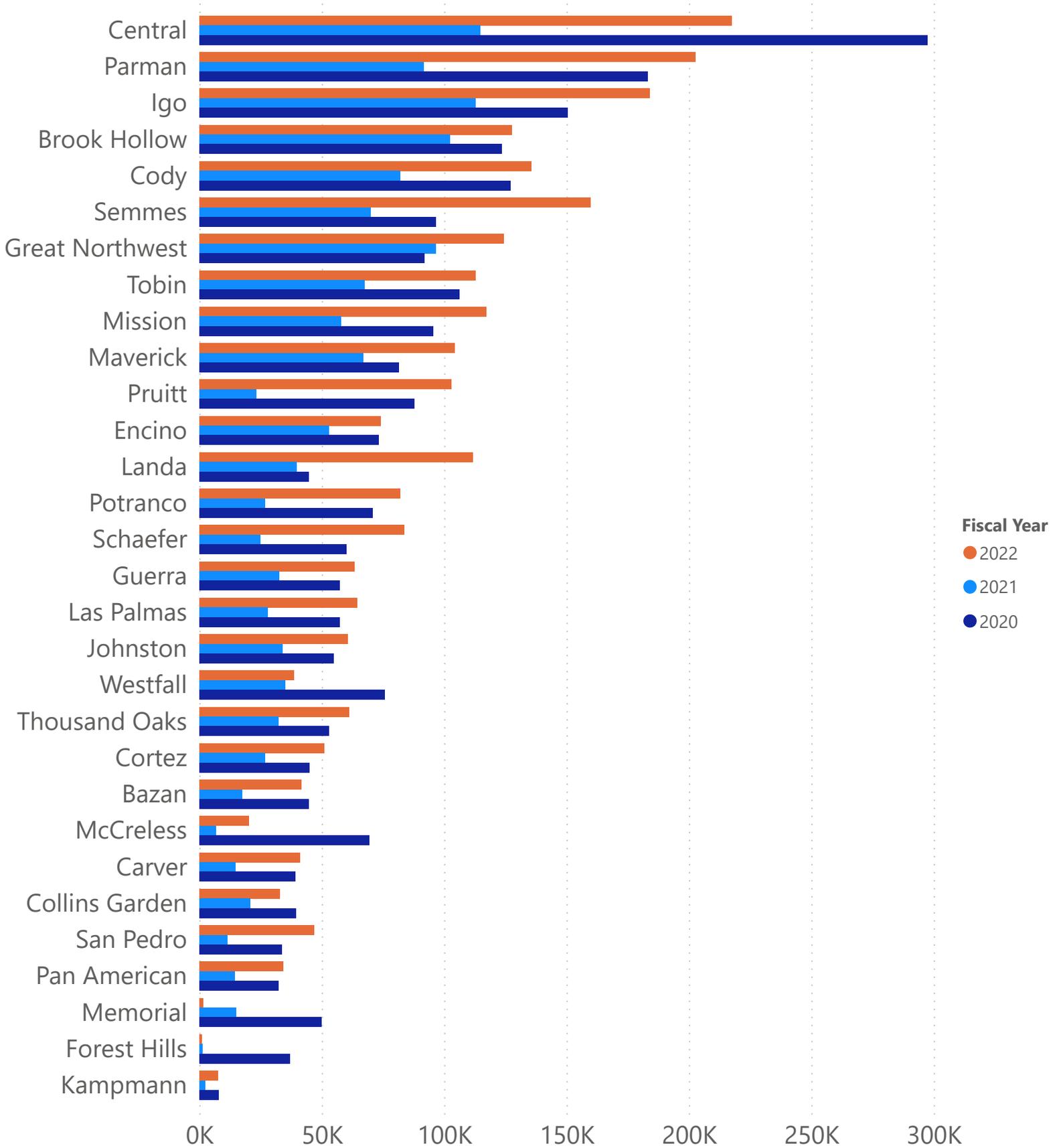
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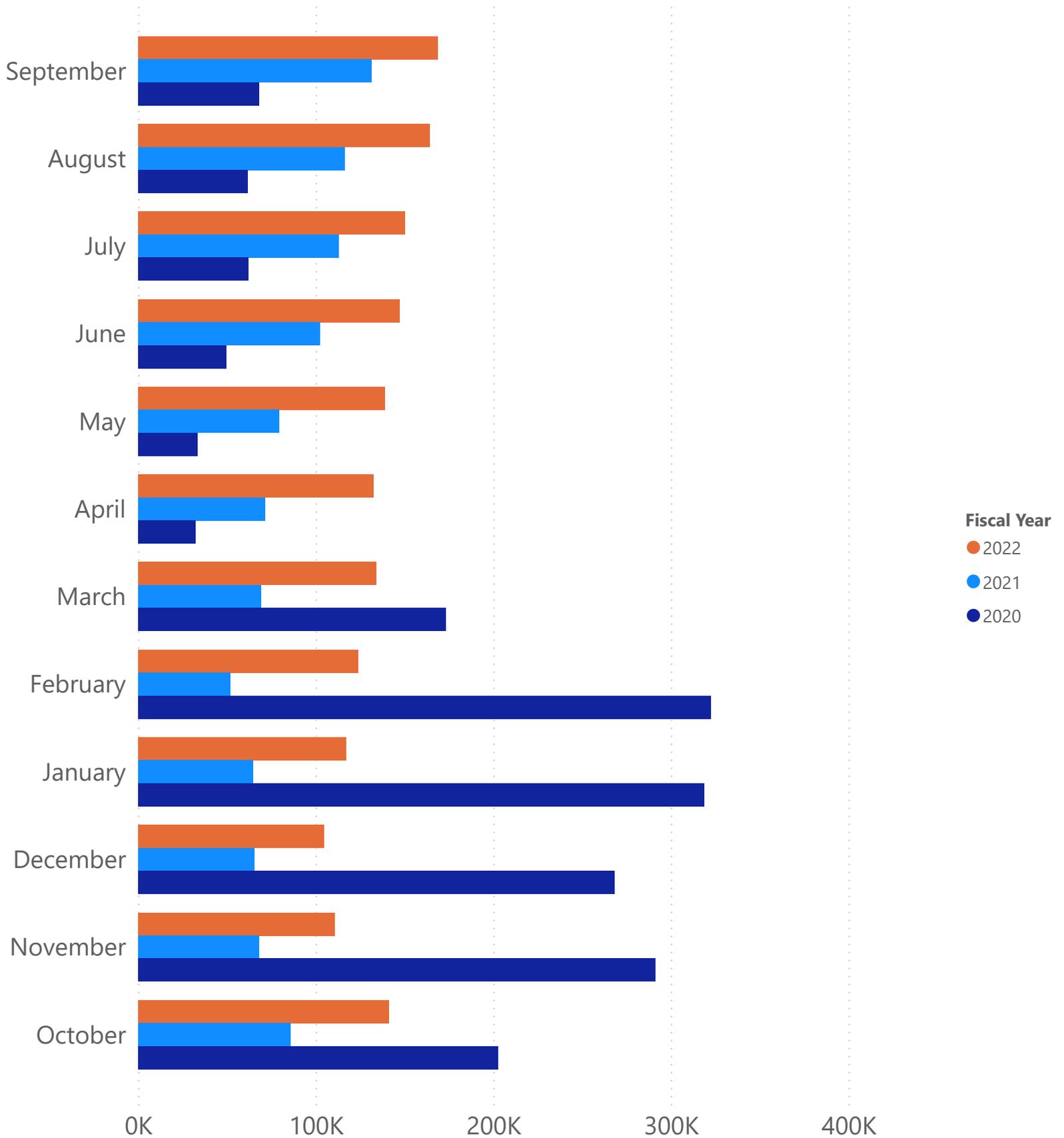


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Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



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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.