



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

October 2022

San Antonio Public Library's Smarty attended the City Manager's 5k on Saturday, October 15.

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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

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met virtually with Assistant City Manager Alex Lopez, Rolando Fernandez, Capital Contract Officer, City of Austin and Karen Davis, Executive Director at the International Hispanic Network to discuss creating a San Antonio/ Bexar County chapter of the Local Government Hispanic Network on October 7, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in a Spanish Language radio interview with Radio France International regarding the book censorship campaign occurring in Texas Libraries on October 11, 2022.

On October 21, 2022, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar served as the moderator for the MACRI's 2022 Symposium panel discussion: "Movement for Mexican American Representation in Media".

Stakeholder Engagement

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director Amy Hone on October 4, 2022.

On October 5, 2022, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar and Bexar County Elections Administrator Jacquelyn F. Callanen held a press conference at the Collins Garden Branch Library. The press conference provided information regarding voter registration status and Libraries as official registration locations and Vote Centers.

COMMUNICATIONS

October was another busy month for the Library's Communications unit. Stories that drove attention through earned media coverage in October included the grand opening of the Encino Branch playground, Library locations as voter centers and voter registration sites, and Halloween programming. A thorough reporting of the Library's mentions in the news media is below. On social media, SAPL content continued to perform very well, generating over 300,000 views during the month. SAPL's Instagram account is fast approaching the important milestone of 9,000 followers. Because the Library's Instagram now regularly reaches over 7,000 accounts in a given month, the Communications team has access to additional reporting and advertising tools on the platform. Social media follower growth will be an area of focus for the team in the coming months.

Media Highlights

- October 4 - KENS 5 morning show "Great Day SA" shared a highlight of the Encino Playground Grand Opening in their "Morning Jolt" segment.

- October 7 - KSAT 12 aired an interview with SAPL Director Ramiro S. Salazar as part of a story on voter registration. The interview was conducted at a joint press conference with Bexar County Elections last week.
- October 7 - TPR aired a promotion for SAPL's Mustang Miracle author event with Humberto Garcia.
- October 10 - KSAT 12 included an interview with Amy Hone, Executive Director of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation in a feature segment promoting the 2022 Catrina Ball.
- October 10 - KABB Fox San Antonio and WOAI News 4 San Antonio reported on SAPL's closure for all staff training on Monday, October 10. They highlighted Wi-Fi availability during the closure.
- October 13 - KSAT 12 published an online article about San Antonio Public Library's Halloween programming.
- October 10 - KSAT 12 published an online article about the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's 6th Annual Catrina Ball.
- October 15 - KSAT 12 highlighted SAPL's "Nightmare Before Christmas" screening at Potranco Library on their weekend morning broadcast.
- October 17 - My San Antonio published an online article about the most popular books in San Antonio in September. They include the Library's September highlights. This is part of an ongoing column.
- October 18 - San Antonio Magazine published an online article about three events happening at SAPL as part of the Library's Halloween programming including the "Stranger Things" party at Las Palmas Library, a SAPL Fright Film Fest movie screening at Great Northwest, and Family Pumpkin Painting at Thousand Oaks Library.
- October 19 - Telemundo aired a highlight of SAPL's Fright Film Fest.
- October 20 - Great Day SA highlighted SAPL's Halloween programming and featured multiple photos from SAPL's social media account.
- October 24 - Univision aired a segment on elections outside the Great Northwest branch during early voting.

Social Media metrics overview for October 2022:

- SAPL's social media generated **309,433** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **587** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **13,062** times.

Social Media growth for October 2022:

- Twitter: **319** followers
- Facebook: **128** followers
- Instagram: **140** followers

YouTube statistics for October 2022:

- Subscribers: **19**
- Impressions: **35,706**
- Total Views: **2,326**

- Videos published: 9

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for Native American Heritage Month, reminders about registration and voting for the November election, Latino Collection and Resource Center annual report, Fiesta medals, and social media and other promotions for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

At the beginning of October, Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess and Digital Library Services Assistant Michael Sheehan worked with ITSD and the ITSD Web Team to update the Library's listing of online databases. These updates included both new offerings and deletions to those databases available to Library patrons through the TexShare Database program.

On October 11, Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson and Interim Library Services Administrator Haley Holmes, met with ITSD's Project Manager II Aaron Bandstra, Business Relationship Manager Cynthia Ramirez, and IT Product Analyst II Kingsley Emedo to discuss preliminary organizational steps for implementing a new RFID contract. While the contract is still in the procurement process, the group began laying the ground work for the implementation process so that work can begin as quickly as possible once the contract is approved.

Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun, Ms. Holmes and Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson met with the Briscoe Museum's Head of Education, Melanie Schwebke, On October 25, to discuss opportunities for the Kampmann Portal to provide programming during "Community Days," when the Museum is free to the public. Also discussed was including the Portal as part of the tour provided by the Museum to school groups.

On October 26, Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun and Ms. Holmes met with Nicole Romyak, SirsiDynix's Library Relationship Manager for San Antonio Public Library. The group discussed outstanding issues along with new upgrades soon to be available and changes in the online support site.

LITTLE READ WAGON

The International Play Association's (IPA) conference was held at the University of the Incarnate Word from October 6 through October 9, bringing together professionals from across the world to talk play. IPA advocates for the right of children to play, as set forth in Article 31 of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. The Little Read Wagon (LRW) team attended the IPA conference and contributed by presenting and demonstrating the set-up of hands-on play materials.

Clair Larkin, Julia Lazarin and Megan Cruz presented "Let's Play at Public Parks: Creating Community Connections & Building Resilience" and discussed local equity challenges to providing opportunities for free play for all children to a very engaged audience at the IPA conference. The crux of the presentation

is that public libraries are uniquely suited to provide free (or unstructured) play invitations to allow all children to play as they choose. Free play is vital to healthy brain development for all ages. The Let's Play (formerly Play & Learn) events that LRW hosts is one of perhaps three public library-based, outdoor, large, free play experiences for children in the United States. The work that LRW does with play could be a national model for providing public play access to families with children.

Throughout the four-day conference, staff attended sessions on equity in play from historic perspectives to contemporary barriers, dove into the benefits of risky play and weapon play, toured local nature based childcare centers, and participated in a Sunday afternoon play event. There were evening receptions at the Doseum and San Antonio Botanical Garden, where Ms. Larkin connected with local and national play advocates. Conference participants encouraged LRW staffers to present on play at library conferences and to advocate for an expansion of the LRW play model locally.

Multiple community Let's Play events were held throughout the month. In the middle of the conference, LRW staff presented Let's Play at the Mission Branch Library on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Larkin provided play invitations to library staff at Staff Day on Monday, October 10. Ms. Larkin, Jenifer Crier, Ruth Durack, Melisa Hill and Shani Horvath hosted Let's Play at the Carver Branch Library on Wednesday, October 12 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm.

LRW events continued through October. Ms. Cruz and Eva Banda visited ten high school campuses to work with school age (teen) parents. Ms. Banda presented workshops in Spanish, or bilingually at four early childhood campuses. Reading tents were set up at three centers. Ms. Crier and Ms. Hill visited the University of Texas Health Premature Infant Development Program's annual reunion.

Ms. Larkin presented and Ms. Cruz, Ms. Horvath and Ms. Crier assisted with providing an Early Literacy Basics training for library children's staff on Tuesday morning, October 18. Ms. Larkin presented and Ms. Lazarin assisted with an Early Literacy Basics training on Thursday afternoon, October 20. Discussion ranged from best practices for early childhood to the developmental needs of children, plus deeper questions about why and how we serve families in the greater San Antonio community.



CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

As butterflies fluttered through San Antonio, the *Where Wonder Grows* StoryWalk® installation travelled to the Pollinator Festival at Brackenridge Park. Children's librarians system-wide made a quarterly migration, this time to Bazan Branch Library, for an in-person meeting. Katherine Cantrell, Special

Research Associate, University of Texas at San Antonio, shared a presentation on sensory processing and sensory friendly environments. Ms. Cantrell left the group a delightful assortment of fidget toys.



Cresencia Huff, Coordinator of Children's Services, participated in an early childhood community partner support consultancy meeting with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD). The consultancy protocol included a presentation by SAISD and Department of Human Services staff, followed by opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback on how SAISD might approach the need for very early education. Ms. Huff also participated in the quarterly ReadyKidSA meeting, where Children at Risk, a children's advocacy organization headquartered in Texas, made a presentation on child care infrastructure and how it impacts parents' ability to return to work.

Ms. Huff represented the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) at the Steubing Elementary Parent Teacher Association meeting on October 13 and the Young Women's Leadership Academy Trunk or Treat on October 28. She also had the honor of joining Coordinator of Teen Library Services, Jennifer Velasquez, at Education Service Center – Region 20 Learning and Libraries annual conference. The duo presented a session on SAPL resources, including the SORA avenue to connect students with the SAPL digital collection.

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. Throughout the month, teens tried out new Discord gaming and streaming features, listened to newly released albums by their favorite artists, compared weird chip flavors, and shared their plans for Halloween-related activities with their peers such as visiting haunted houses and corn mazes. Additionally, the server hosted its third annual Costume Contest; fifteen entries were submitted by teens, and teens on the server voted to select the top three costumes for this year.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza 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 celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through food demos

and book displays, shared book reviews, highlighted Halloween snacks, and showcased a variety of daily celebrations and informative content.

Professional Development – On October 5 and 12, Matthew Loaiza presented two webinars for the American Library Association (ALA). Loaiza was invited by ALA to discuss best practices and practical applications for providing virtual library services for teens through Discord.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

San Antonio Public Library's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month continued through October 15 – with a total of roughly 10 programs occurring in October. The most notable of these opportunities occurred on October 8 when author Humberto G. Garcia presented an author talk and book signing for "Mustang Miracle." This book tells the story of four self-taught Mexican-American golfers from Del Rio. The book, soon to be a major motion picture, was available for purchase during a reception after the event and the program was also livestreamed by Scott Williams, Marketing Manager and Central Reference librarian Sarah De La Rosa assisted with the program.

On October 22nd, Library Assistants Jordan Torres and Brianna Glass assisted Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney with the Big Pride Zine Launch outreach at San Antonio College. Staff handed out copies of Big Pride Zine, showcased SAPL's traveling zine collection, created zines, and talked about upcoming events hosted by SAPL and the Pride Center.

The San Antonio Black International Film Festival (SABIFF) marked its 4th year, with a three-day slate of events. The theme this year was Animation in Black. Venues took place at different locations on the East Side of the city, including Carver Branch, where school children turned out for Family Day and learned film and animation techniques from industry professionals. San Antonio Public Library Board Trustee Jo Ann Harris was among the guests.

A variety of offerings occurred throughout the month of October for adults looking to get into the Halloween spirit. Programs offered included a series of showings of classic Halloween movies – including both spine tingling flicks like *Carrie* and *28 Days Later* as well as more lighthearted films like *Hocus Pocus*. Additionally, Collins Garden Library offered a dual opportunity for participants to hear from San Antonio Ghosthunters as well as design their own spooky t-shirt. Finally, on October 18th, Sarah De La Rosa – Librarian I in Central Reference, shared her knowledge about tarot with individuals at Landa Branch Library.

OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On October 27th, Adult Services staff participated in a virtual professional development session on a topic related to library services to older adults. Emily Billow, Older Adult Program Manager at Seattle Public Library shared her knowledge of Dementia Friendly Libraries. Ms. Billow's presentation discussed process of becoming dementia friendly and what exactly that entails. We will cover both the big initiatives and the smaller changes that can make a difference in the lives of those with dementia and their support systems. Adult Services Staff engaged in a discussion after the presentation regarding applying the information shared in the presentation shared to services offered at San Antonio Public Library.

San Antonio Public Library celebrated Digital Inclusion Week (which occurred from October 3-7) by offering many sessions on topics that helped participants increase their knowledge and skills related to using technology in an effort to improve their daily lives. Sessions were offered at all library locations that offer Learn at SAPL services. Topics of sessions offered included an introduction to Facebook, information about the Affordable Connectivity Program, information literacy on online scams, and downloading documents from mobile devices.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



The epic collaborative Pumpkin Patch art activity in the Central Library interim service space was the highlight of the month for families visiting Central. Due to some rearrangement of the space, the Central Children's team was able to set up a process art activity table available to families all day, every day. The pumpkin station, created by Librarian I Ashley Stubbs, was so popular that the art display wall became massive! Families enjoyed viewing all the masterpieces on display after contributing their own.

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin and Librarian I Melissa Fulmer each partnered with Landa Branch Library Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas to present outdoor programs this month. Ms. Seglin assisted a colleague by presenting the Family Story Time at San Pedro Branch Library in her absence.

Library Assistant Mary Fernandez took part in the development of this year's Staff Day. She organized the visit of the Pet Partners Therapy Animals group and planned the Games Room which included board

games, puzzles, and oversized floor games. Ms. Seglin also collaborated with several other Children's Librarians to share their talents when they led a Children's Singalong session at Staff Day.

The Central Children's team connected with the community through a series of outreach events in October. Manager Kate Simpson and Ms. Stubbs visited Kate Schenck Elementary School and shared information about digital library card sign up with families attending a special movie night at the school. Ms. Seglin and Ms. Fernandez had a table at a family night at KIPP: Aspire. After answering questions from families about the library and assisting in setting up online library cards, they got to hear inspiring poetry created and read by the students. Ms. Stubbs and Library Assistant Judith Slaughter attended the Girls Scouts Trunk or Treat event where shared fun SAPL promotional items and library information with over 100 families. They also handed out art kits they created especially for this Halloween event.

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Fulmer each contributed to virtual programming for children in October. Ms. Seglin presented two Toddler Time Online programs and two-Story Time Online programs. Additionally, she contributed to LEGO Club Online and Game Time Online. Ms. Stubbs presented a Story Time Online program, and supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and creating several curated programs. Ms. Fulmer participated in Baby Time Online every week in October and presented one Art Club Online program as well.



Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin presented a Story Time and delivered books in support of the curriculum at Madison Square Child Development Center. Ms. Stubbs read stories to two groups of children and made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School, assisted by Ms. Fulmer. Ms. Simpson delivered books 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) continues to help facilitate the weekly “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 “Teen Time,” to further her understanding of how teens activate and participate in their own virtual space.

During October, Rosalie arranged a few class visits from service-area high schools, Advanced Learning Academy (ALA) and CAST Tech High School, at the Teen Library at Central in order to provide information about the library’s services and resources, Teen Services, and the Teen Library. Teens expressed much excitement to visit the Teen Library during after-school hours in order to participate in and lead programs, play games, experience the Studio and the Lab, and hang out with their peers.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): After school on Tuesdays, teens know to expect there will be something to do at their Teen Library. Typically, teens participate in events they suggested, based on social media videos seen or something new to try. Walking in, setting down backpacks, washing their hands, and getting started with some light cooking activities allows them the chance to pick up a new skill, taste a new food, or show their peers tips and tricks. Activities in October have highlighted two super celebratory events: Hispanic Heritage Month and Halloween. Teens held a Taco Tuesday Night and played *Lotería*, with one teen playing Tejano songs in the background. To round out HHM, teen volunteer Erick showcased his Venezuelan roots by introducing his peers to a popular milk drink called Toddy and making *arepas* just as his “*abuela, papá, y tios*” taught him. For Halloween, teens made and decorated cookies, graveyard pudding parfaits, cheesecloth ghosts, and slime. To fulfill the San Antonio Food Bank nutritional lesson, teens learned some banana facts and took a Halloween approach, using decorations to make tasty ghosts and banana monsters. Teens have access to the Studio, VR, and gaming equipment during and after program times as well. Pictures and videos from program times and demos can be found on the Teen Services Instagram page: @210teenlibrary.



Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) continues to engage with teens both in the Teen Library and via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. Ciana facilitates “Gaming Club” Saturdays on Discord. She is also responsible for 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.

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist / Library Assistant) assists in the Teen Library, in addition to the off-site delivery of library services she conducts in the community. 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

In October, Melissa Gomez created and shared unique Halloween themed zines. The zines were well received by patrons of all ages.



On October 1st, several members of Reference contributed to the Latino Collection & Resource Center program “Raza Cosmica.” J.D. Elizondo played guitar during the event’s opening and Sarah De La Rosa contributed to the A Latinx Sci-Fi short film fest.

On October 5th, Sarah De La Rosa collaborated with Johnston Manager Cristine Mitchamore to expand LibPicks training and enhance Reader’s Advisory services throughout the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) system.

On October 8th, Sarah De La Rosa hosted a Humberto Garcia author talk event in collaboration with LCRC. Mr. Garcia’s is a regional author from Del Rio, Tx - his historic sporting event book is being made into a film. The event had close to 50 attendees.

On October 12th, Dan Schumacher represented SAPL outreach at the Bob Ross Senior Center. He shared information about LEARN Centers, Libby downloadables and Texana services to 60 seniors.

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of Big Pride Zine, showcased SAPL's traveling zine collection, created zines, and talked about upcoming events hosted by SAPL and the Pride Center.



On October 28th, Sarah De La Rosa assisted during the LCRC Altar Workshop with Emily Flores. Local non-profit Somos Cultura y mas presented the class which highlighted the process and symbolism of building ofrendas for Día de Muertos. Around 25 people in attendance and presentation was interactive, utilizing the large ofrenda in front of the LCRC, that the presenters had created before the event.

On October 28th, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness organized a virtual session entitled Beginner's Chair Yoga class using the zoom platform.

On October 29th, JD gave an impromptu tour of the building to architecture students visiting from Monterey, Mexico.

During October, Reference continued their community partner events so that Central patrons could learn about vital services. Roy Mass Youth Alternatives was present on the 17th and 31st, while University Health was here on Oct 17 & 31st.

Arland Schnacker developed a Veterans' resource display which was well received; the display was updated with resources as the weeks progressed. Arland Schnacker also helped patrons with Trademark questions and one-on-one training.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



Actor Jesse Borrego accepts the Official Latino Film Festival Award for Best Actor in a Horror, Sci-Fi, or Fantasy for his performance in the film “Luminous,” which was screened at the Raza C  smica Film Fest on October 1, 2022.



Author Humberto G. Garcia signs copies of his book “Mustang Miracle” as part of his author reading and book signing on October 8, 2022.



Somos Cultura y Más Culturista Merri Longoria explains the symbolism and history of elements of the Día de los Muertos altar during the October 25 program.



San Antonio Museum of Art's education corner for the exhibit "Traitor, Survivor, Icon: The Legacy of La Malinche."

On October 1, the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) hosted the second annual Raza C3smica Film Fest, with the presence of several notable figures in the local and national arts community. Activist and musician Joaquin Muerte hosted a live episode of his original podcast "Xicanx Versus Aliens," with the participation of actors Jesse Borrego and Desiree K. Segura. The three discussed Latino cinema and representation in the arts. The podcast was followed by a curated selection of short Latino science fiction films and concluded with the presentation of the Official Latino Film Festival Award to Mr. Borrego for Best Actor in a Horror, Sci-Fi, or Fantasy for his performance in the film "Luminous," which was screened at the event. Central Reference staff J.D. Elizondo and Sarah De La Rosa and Texana librarian Sylvia Reyna assisted with the program. This is the second year that Emily Flores, LCRC Program Manager, has presented the Raza C3smica Film Fest in partnership with local nonprofit MonteVideo, led by Manuel Solis.

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On October 8, Ms. Flores assisted with the Bexar County Spanish Archives and Family History Research presentation by David Carlson, Archivist of the Bexar County Spanish Archives and organized by Texana librarian Sylvia Reyna. The program focused on the materials found in the Bexar County Spanish Archives and offered strategies for genealogical and other research.

On October 20, the LCRC presented a Directors’ Talk and Screening of the film “Poncho Gonzalez: Warrior of the Court,” which tells the story of Richard Alonzo “Pancho” Gonzalez. Gonzalez, largely regarded as one of the greatest tennis players of all time, played in relative obscurity due to anti-Mexican-American racism in the latter half of the 20th century. Present for the program were Director Danny Haro and Producer Ernesto Quintero, who worked with the PBS Network in producing and directing an extended version of “Pancho Gonzalez: Warrior of the Court,” as part of a 13-part national series entitled “VOCES.” This first of its kind Latino-themed series was recognized with an Alma Award in the category of “Best Documentary made for Television.” Along with Mr. Haro, who formerly worked as Producer and Director of Edward James Olmos Productions, award-winning Producer Ernesto Quintero also participated in the program and spoke with the audience about the history of Latinos in the sports world.

On October 25, Somos Cultura y Más presented a Día de los Muertos Altar Workshop. The workshop, facilitated by Sarah De La Rosa, Daniel Gomez, Monica Saenz, and Denise Cadena, covered the history of Día de los Muertos and the significance and symbolism of different altar elements. Participants had the opportunity to view the in-person construction of the LCRC’s altar, which remained on display until November 8.

During the month of October (and on display through January), the LCRC partnered with the San Antonio Museum of Art for an education space within their new exhibit “Traitor, Survivor, Icon: The Legacy of La Malinche.” The display highlights the Latino Collection and Resource Center and resources available at the San Antonio Public Library; a QR code links users to a curated list of digital items in the collection put together by Ms. Flores and directs users to downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages. The Marketing and Collection Development Departments were integral partners in this new collaboration, promoting and expanding the resources related to the topic. As part of the partnership, Lucía Abramovich, Associate Curator for Latin American Art at the San Antonio Museum of Art, will be conducting a presentation for the LCRC in January.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Librarian Sylvia Reyna, foreground in orange and cemetery enthusiasts tour the “Old San Antonio City Cemeteries Historic District” on Saturday, October 30.

Librarian Sylvia Reyna assisted Latino Collection and Resource Center Coordinator Emily Flores with the Hispanic Heritage Month program Raza Cósmica. Activist/Musician Joaquín Muerte hosted a live episode of his original podcast, Xicanx Versus Aliens in the Central Library auditorium on October 1. Included in the event were special guest stars Jesse Borrego and Désirée K. Segura who joined Muerte for a discussion on Latinx sci-fi cinema.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage and American Archives Month, Ms. Reyna invited Bexar County Archivist Dr. David Carlson to speak about historical materials available in the Bexar County Spanish Archives. During his October 8 presentation, Dr. Carlson provided interesting and entertaining anecdotes on many of the records and artifacts held by the archives.

Librarian Andy Crews gave an online beginning genealogy presentation as a two-part series on October 11 and October 25. The presentations highlighted SAPL databases as resources to begin research into one's family.

Librarian Matt De Waelsche gave a beginning genealogy presentation for adults and seniors at the Lions Field Adult Recreation Center on October 20. Afterwards, Mr. DeWaelsche offered additional suggestions and helpful hints for finding the clues needed to get started tracing a family's history.

Ms. Reyna also conducted her seasonal tour of the Old San Antonio City Cemeteries Historic District on Saturday, October 30. She guided a very enthusiastic group through three of the 31 cemeteries there in the district: Odd Fellows, Alamo Masonic, and City Cemetery #1. Ms. Reyna shared the rich history of several local celebrity San Antonians who reside within this 103-acre complex that's also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson arranged for the Texana/Genealogy department to participate in an all-day virtual genealogy program sponsored by the Waco-McLennan County Library, Central Texas Genealogical Society, Texas State Genealogical Society, and the Genealogy Network of Texas. Held on October 21, this event offered four pre-recorded sessions by professional genealogy researchers on the following topics: Choosing Genealogy Services & Software -- Citing Sources without

Stressing Out -- Deciphering Handwriting in Genealogical Records -- How to Approach and Solve Brick Wall Problems with DNA.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



Día de los Muertos display created by Carlos Loera, Training Officer at Bazan.

The Bazan branch hosted AARP's Smart Tek program on October 3. The program discussed the latest vehicle high-tech safety features on the market such as forward collision warnings, smart headlights, blind-spot warning systems and autonomous vehicles.

Summer Casarez, Teen Services Liaison at Bazan, facilitated a weekly *Teen Time* program for teens to relax, get homework help, play games and socialize. Aside from their work as Teen Liaison, Ms. Casarez also worked alongside committee members from the Libraries and Homelessness committee to create signage and display materials for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week/month for the month of November 2022.

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen, along with the help of Circulation Attendant Sarah Chavarria continued to present 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 were excited to share what that head learned from the previous programs. Children's programming in October 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. For Digital Inclusion week, Bazan Learn offered a class on managing downloads on a personal device.

The poetry group *Voces Cóslicas* presented two programs in October, the second of which was specifically in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Both programs had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed the readings.

BROOK HOLLOW



Pumpkin Painting @ BHL.

Brook Hollow Library (BHL) began hosting the Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting process Monday, October 24 continuing through Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022. During the early voting process, BHL provided a voting site for more than 16,000 plus Bexar County residents. On site Bexar County Voting Judge Marilyn Jowdy complemented the entire BHL Team by texting the manager "Your staff is Terrific!" The BHL Team worked together to assure the meeting room was ready for voting and offered quality customer service answering voting questions while assisting patrons with library materials. A Channel 4 News Helicopter could be heard above BHL capturing footage of citizens standing in line at the library to exercise their right to vote.

Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon hosted the La Tertulia, Brook Hollow Library Mystery and Tuesday Evening Book Clubs in October @ BHL. 14 attendees of the La Tertulia club read and discussed *La Doncellas* by Alex Michaelides; 11 attendees at the BHL Mystery Book Club read and discussed *The Decagon House Murders* by Yukito Ayatsuji. *Last Words* by Michael Koryta was read and discussed by the Tuesday Evening club. In honor of dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, BHL PT Circulation Attendant Ofelia Vellejo created an altar displaying colorful flowers, food and pictures of loved ones. Library Assistant Lauren Revel created a Wall of Warmth in the BHL lobby for the public and staff to donate hats, mittens and gloves for the unhoused. BHL Circulation Attendant Teresa Smith continues to serve BHL as its Health and Wellness Liaison. Freddy Hudson, assistant manager at the Memorial Library, and Marcel Alvarez, library assistant at the Westfall Library have been filling out the roster at BHL while their respective libraries are under renovation.

BHL Children's Librarian Amanda Neace attended a sensory processing program @ UTSA and an early literacy event with SAPL's Little Read Wagon in October. Neace partnered with Coker Elementary School

on Heimer Road to provide promotional library materials for National Walk to School Day on October 12 when students and families gathered in the empty lot next to the library and walked the approximate six blocks to school together. Additionally, Saturday, October 8, Neace utilized donated pumpkins of all sizes from COSA District 9 Councilman John Courage's office to host a Family Fun Pumpkin Painting event @ BHL with more than 40 participants. Neace coordinated a volunteer program with MacArthur High School to host American Sign Language classes for families during October and November. Neace offers weekly Story Times at Blossom Park on Heimer Road just behind Bradley Middle School, a few blocks from the library, four times in October with 100 participants. Neace continues to become familiar with BHL patrons and is receptive to programming requests from parents and children in the BHL Community.

BHL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies served on an interview panel with fellow library manager Tim Johnson of the Igo Library and Elissa Vura, interim circulation supervisor at the Central Library, to fill circulation attendant positions. Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in October. Davies and Co-Host Oscar Gonzalez, Mission Library manager, highlighted Halloween Treats & décor and Cakes, Cakes and More Cakes for birthdays, bridal & baby showers. 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



Photo Caption: San Antonio Public Library Board Trustee Jo Ann Harris attends Family Day, a venue of the fourth Annual San Antonio Black International

Film Festival at Carver Branch, where Terrence "TJ" Green offered an animation workshop to youngsters.

After a two-year COVID-induced hiatus, San Antonio Neighbors Together (formerly known as National Night Out) returned to Carver Branch on Tuesday, October 4. The celebration was a collaboration between the branch and the Coliseum/Willow Park Neighborhood Association. Attracted by games, music, food, fellowship and curiosity, some 200 library users and area residents turned out. Neighborhood volunteers were kept busy dishing up hot dogs and Frito pie and other goodies. Starbucks and Smoothie King were on hand providing an assortment of delicious beverages. Sam Houston High School robotics club provided entertainment with clever remote-controlled gadgets. Dignitaries included District 2 Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez and members of his staff; and Renee Watson, representing the Bexar County Small Business & Entrepreneurship Department.

The San Antonio Black International Film Festival (SABIFF) marked its 4th year, with a three-day slate of events. The theme this year was Animation in Black. Venues took place at different locations on the East Side of the city, including Carver Branch, where school children turned out for Family Day and learned film and animation techniques from industry professionals. San Antonio Public Library Board Trustee Jo Ann Harris was among the guests.

On October 12, Councilman McKee-Rodriguez returned to the branch to meet with constituents to hear their concerns and discuss community needs.

On October 15-16, the branch partnered with the San Antonio Community Archive and Museum (SAAACAM) for a two-day writing workshop that fused oral history with self-exploration. The workshop was led by Andrea “Vocab” Sanderson, poet laureate of San Antonio.

The Friends of Carver Branch hosted their annual fall book sale. The two-day fundraiser held October 21-22 raised nearly \$300.

During the month of October, Lisa Ramirez, Children’s Librarian continued hosting two in person programs at Carver Library. On Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Ramirez hosts a school age building or coding program, and on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Ms. Ramirez hosts a pre-school Story Time.

On October 12th, Carver hosted Let’s Play with Little Read Wagon from 3:45 – 5:45 p.m. Ramirez continues to host an after school coding club at Democracy Prep, and sponsored two Coding Club events, one on October 20th and another on October 27th, both from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

In addition to this, Ramirez attended Democracy Prep’s family event, Boo Bash on October 27th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. On October 28th, Ms. Ramirez visited Tynan Head Start and read stories and sang songs in three different early childhood classes.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop, along with the Teen Pride workgroup, sent out pronoun keychains and buttons to all open branches for Coming Out Day and Pronoun Day, as well as created a calendar of LGBTQ+ observances occurring in October for Teen Services staff to display in their spaces. Mx. Prukop began the process of transferring to Forest Hills Library, splitting time between Carver Library and the Gilbert Garza Community Center throughout the month of October. Along with Matthew Loaiza, they accepted an offer to speak at the Teen Summit conference in November about the San Antonio Public Library’s teen Discord server. Mx. Prukop also continued their weekly programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, encouraging teens to think critically and learn to work collaboratively in Dungeons & Dragons as well as giving teens space to discuss their lives and guide activities during Sunday Funday.

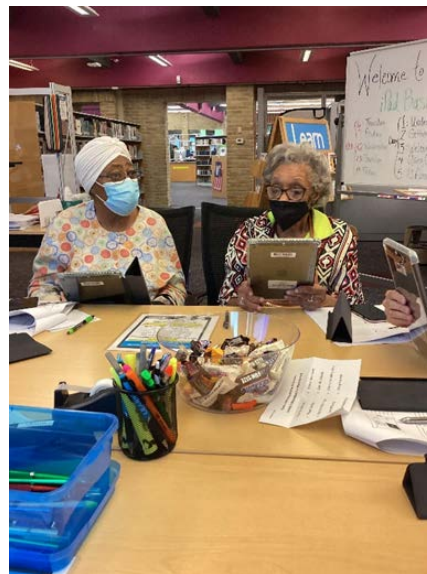
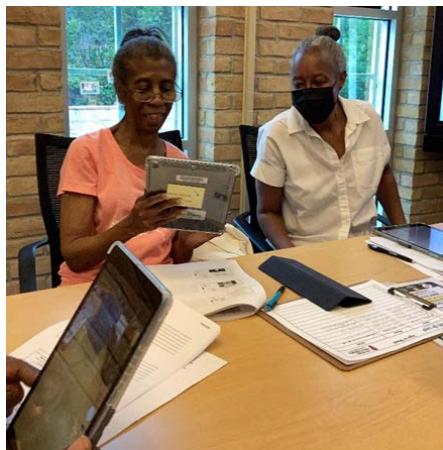
The Learn Training Officer, Shauna Mendoza, continues to be busy. The Learn Center at Carver had 125 patrons enter and utilize the Learn services. This was a 31% increase from the previous year (2021). The total amount of patron minutes spent at Learn was 14,142 minutes. This was a 44% increase from the

previous year (2021). The average stay at Learn remains at 113 minutes per visit. This is the same from the previous month and a 19% increase from the previous year (2021).

The Learn center had 29 new patrons and 96 return patrons. The most popular program continues to be computer skills training. The second most popular is resume writing and job applications/searches. In October, Learn successfully assisted two patrons with their job searching and placement needs. The third most popular program was personal device training. This training includes cell phone training, tablet and iPad training, and laptop training.

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

Digital Inclusion Week was during the first week of October. Shauna hosted a successful iPad Basics Training. The attendance for this class was a success. Learn had a total of 6 students who came to all five training days. The patrons learned how to take, edit, store, and send pictures, how to use the control panel, how to use the notes app and use the keyboard. Additionally, the students learned how to dictate notes, create a grocery list, and how to use Siri. The feedback from the students was positive and encouraging. The request to continue this class was asked and we now are incorporating this during the Friday Personal Device class.



Classes and programs held at Learn were: **ESL-English for Beginners:** held on Mondays from 630pm to 730pm. The English for Beginners class continues focusing on conversational skills. **Smart Phone and Personal Device Training:** held on Fridays from 10am to 1130am. **Computer Skills Training:** held daily, Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm. This continues to be the most popular program at Learn. This month, out of the 125 patrons that came into Learn, 91 of them were there for Computer training. The Learn continues to use GCFTGlobal and NorthStar for Computer training programs but the most useful tool is one-on-one training.

CODY

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon reintroduced two new weekly Story Times at Cody; *Baby Time* meets on Wednesdays at 10:15 am and *Toddler Time* meets on the same day at 11:15 am. During *Baby Time* caregivers sing songs, recite rhymes, and listen to stories selected especially for babies to help them bond with their caregivers and develop early literacy skills. *Toddler Time* is a wild ride designed for active, independent movers and is full of active songs, exciting stories, and lots of dancing. During *Toddler Time* children also practice some important skills like shape and color recognition, social-emotional skills, and building up their background knowledge of the world around them.

Family Story Time continued to meet weekly on Thursday mornings and every other Saturday at the branch. The Thursday morning *Family Story Time* has continued to focus on songs and activities for a wide range of ages while also helping preschoolers develop their letter recognition and letter sound skills. The Saturday *Family Story Times* have continued to offer the widest range of ages out of all the branch's Story Times. As such, Yourdon has shifted to offering a shorter active Story Time with a few songs and a book or two with a longer play time with several different activities geared at different age groups.

The *Yoga Story Time at Hardberger Park* met again on October 11th. Yourdon and children went on a yoga spooky walk adventure through their imaginations and yoga poses. Children did yoga poses for different costumes like Superman, Spider-Man, and a mermaid, and for spooky decorations like spiders and ghosts. *Sensory Story Time* met on October 18th for a Story Time about painting. Children especially enjoyed the flannel version of *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh and playing with sensory scarves.

Lego Club met on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and *Art Club* met on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. During *Art Club* on October 12th children made coffee filter art. On October 26th children drew with oil pastels on black paper. Many of them were inspired by Halloween and drew ghosts, haunted houses, and pumpkins. The *Children's Afterschool Hangout* met every Thursday and Friday in October. This self-directed program allows children to choose what they would like to do that day.

The branch hosted a *Family Halloween Party* on October 18th. Children dressed in costumes and took pictures with the green screen, made monsters out of brown paper bags using a variety of craft materials, and played pumpkin golf. There were so many amazing costumes!

Yourdon and Library Assistant Haly LeFlore continued to set out weekly scavenger hunts in the children's area. This month children had to find frogs, ghosts, descriptions of a monster that they would then draw on their paper, and jack-o'-lanterns.

Finally, Yourdon attended *Dairy Day at Hardberger Park* on October 29th. Yourdon brought a variety of fun and informational books about farms and farm animals and some homemade playdough and plastic farm animals for fun, imaginative play.

In October, Teen Librarian Ashley Frost served our young adult population with after-school activities like origami, air-dry clay, shrinky-dinks and more! We have a large number of teens coming in from the middle school down the road who particularly enjoy making items they can take home or use to decorate the teen space. The teens have really started to take ownership over the space by displaying their artwork on the bookshelves and replacing the traditional, solid book-ends with their own designs.



On October 11th, Adult Services Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney arranged for the San Antonio Public Library to host a table at San Antonio College's National Coming Out Day celebration. In addition to providing information about library services, they promoted the SAPL zine collection and distributed 112 copies of the Big Pride Zine, compiled by SAPL from contributions by San Antonio's queer community that answered the question: What about yourself and your journey are you proud of?

On October 22nd, Dunbar-Rodney conducted an outreach program in partnership with Pride Center San Antonio to promote the library zine collection and the Big Pride Zine. The program consisted of a talk about the history of zines and a description of the library's collection, a presentation by Pride Center representatives, then a mini-zine making activity where participants learned how to make their own zines out of a single sheet of paper.

COLLINS GARDEN



During the month of October, staff at the Collins Garden branch screened two horror movies, hosted a presentation by San Antonio Ghost Hunters and invited families for some Halloween fun at a Spooky T-shirt event. Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll along with Circulation Attendant Jessica Salas and Library Aide Vickie Pena hosted families who designed and painted their own Halloween t-shirts. This was a very successful event with positive feedback from attendees. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, a Collection Development curated book display was mounted highlighting Hispanic authors. Scary movies and book displays were also mounted.

Teen Services Librarian, Daniella Toll hosted Music Monday and Teen Tuesday programs weekly. She worked with teens to decorate the meeting room by covering materials in hot glue to look like melting wax. Teens expressed themselves creatively using various craft materials. During a Teen Tuesday Club, one teen shared a tip on longboarding and skateboard tricks. Virtual teen volunteers decided to celebrate events that were important to them, by creating materials for World Homeless Day and National Pronoun Day. Another teen volunteer read *Cinder* by Melissa Meyer and wrote a book review on the title, with graphics to post on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account. Teens involvement and creativity on the 210teenlibrary Instagram highlighted fall happenings. They were very excited to customize and receive their buttons that were requested via Discord and made by Ms. Toll. Teens selected different designs, including their own art, titles of the YouTube channel, pictures of pets, and other images that are meaningful to them.

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi filmed a short video of the rhyme *The Roly Poly Pumpkin* as her contribution to the SAPL YouTube channel. She resumed monthly in person outreach to Knox Early Education Center where she visited all classrooms and presented stories and songs. She also attended the center's outdoor STEM event on October 27th. On October 15th, Ms. Brudi attended Family Day at the beautiful Chris Park and read to families on the lawn and promoted library services. Along with Teen Services Librarian Ms. Toll, she hosted three "Food Bites for Kids" programs facilitated by the Food Bank which included healthy food demos. Along with their grownups, children made and snacked on a healthy yogurt parfait and a sandwich roll. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month children created their own hojalatas art/tin art with foil based on the Mexican folk tradition. Ms. Brudi continues to host and present weekly in person Lego Club and Story Time programs and contributes to weekly Baby Time and Toddler Time online programs. During the month of October, children were encouraged to make spooky creations on the rolling white board located in the Children's area using supplies provided. Ms. Brudi mounted a juvenile spooky book display to accompany the open-ended craft activity.

CORTEZ

Cortez Library is still closed to undergo HVAC renovations. However, the meeting room and building did serve as an election site for Early Voting.

ENCINO

Children's:

Encino's children started October off great with a big turnout at our Fall Fest where we had a petting zoo featuring a unicorn, pumpkin painting, potion making, creepy touch and feel boxes, and games!

Our regular programming of the following weekly events has continued throughout the month:

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

We've also enjoyed the opportunity to make weekly visits to two different classrooms for Story Time at Country Kids Academy. We've been able to navigate the displacement from the meeting room due to early voting but we're excited to be back in our normal space.

Teens:

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

Teens planned and implemented some exciting activities 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 an October *BookTok* display and the creation of original signage celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, LGBTQ+ display, and Banned Book week displays.

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, earring-making crafts, movies, socializing, card games, creating future events and listening to music.

The Teen volunteer program is expanding and becoming more active in a variety of activities, such as actively fostering relationships with other teens, promoting and invigorating the utilization of the Teen Space and its resources and encouraging the development of the Teen Leadership Council. 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 Services:

Encino adults has the opportunity to create a spooky Fall painting on the afternoon of October 2. Librarian Ann Laird hosted a *Paint @ Encino* class where participants had the opportunity to paint an owl sitting in a spooky fall tree with a full moon in the background, using acrylics on canvas. Painting classes have been very popular at Encino, with registration filling up long before the classes are scheduled. Encino patrons also got to paint in watercolors at the *Watercolor Stencil Overlay* program. At this program patrons painted an abstract watercolor background, then did an overlay of a stencil cut into black cardstock. The stencils were cut on the Cricut machine that the Friends of the Encino Library purchased.

Encino hosted the AARP to do a program about *Smart Driver Tech*. This was an opportunity for patrons of all ages to learn more about the smart features of today's modern vehicles.

Encino was the top early voting site in Bexar County for the 2022 midterm elections. 17, 855 voters chose Encino as their voting location. Many voters also stopped in the branch to get a library card and to chat with staff about the new playground and the upcoming Food Forest planned for later in 2022.

FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch Library continues to offer interim service from the Gilbert Garza Community Center. During the month of October, holds from the Memorial Branch Library were briefly moved to the Forest Hills interim site while the Memorial interim site was closed temporarily.

Staff participated in the Gilbert Garza Community Center's San Antonio Neighbors Together event on October 4. This annual event is a transition from the National Night Out initiative. Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca spoke with patrons and encourage them to use the temporary library facilities at the community center.

To provide better services for juvenile patrons learning to read, Ms. Menchaca met with Villarreal Elementary School Librarian Adrienne Kirk and Zinnia Bayardo, NISD Library Instructional Support Specialist. Ms. Bayardo and Ms. Kirk discussed resources to find books for the appropriate Fountas and Pinnell levels that children are reading. They shared resources librarian can utilize when helping families with school-aged readers.

Ms. Menchaca recorded a story in Spanish for Telecuentos. She also participated in online events including online Story Time hosted on Thursdays where children, parents, and librarians read books and sang songs to model and encourage literacy skills and Baby Time on Fridays where children's librarians shared songs, rhymes, and early literacy tips with the parents of our youngest and cutest patrons.

Forest Hills was invited to the Trunk or Treat celebration at Villarreal Elementary. The event was very well attended. Many people told Ms. Menchaca; that they are eager for Forest Hills to open again. Ms. Menchaca left the event elated because the community expressed a desire and appreciation for the library.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor hosted the monthly book club at the Doris Griffin Senior Center. The group discussed *The Madwomen's Ball* by Victoria Mas. The novel brought up discussions of patriarchal oppression in late 19th century France.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Library staff displayed a Dia De Los Muertos Ofrenda at the end of October with information about this celebration so our patrons can learn more about this special holiday.

On October 15 Great Northwest Library hosted the Library Bee quilting group where adults can meet once a month to work on quilting projects and learn new quilting skills.

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.

Participants in Color Club (ages 2-4) celebrated all the colors for their color party. Cari read the book *Mouse Paint* and had jars of colors in front of a captivated audience. As she read, the colors were poured and mixed together to create new colors. After the Story Time, the families separated for station stop time. The guardians and children loved the big color explosion room with games and activities to celebrate all the colors. Several people brought family members to celebrate with and one of our volunteers wore a blow-up unicorn costume for a family photo opportunity. One of the traditions from Color Club is a scavenger hunt where participants look for laminated squares that match the week's color theme around the wing. Using their cheat sheet, scavenger hunters look to find clues of where the items are located. Once they discover all the items, participants bring their colored map and choose which "library bell" they want to ring to celebrate their victory and receive a sticker to take home.



Story Time Club highlighted one book each week of October. For Halloween, kids enjoyed when Cari read *Room on a Broom*. 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. Several patrons were excited to take their brooms and storytelling necklaces home to retell the story.

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. One of the themes included creating fish. One kid tried to match one of his favorite fish that lives in our library fish tank.

Money Matters (Tweens) continued to learn about economics and business 101 to prepare for their business plans to be created in November.

Maker Space Club designed different things twice a month. One meeting happened the week before ArtPace's Chalk It Up event, so Maker Space Club aimed to compliment and highlight that event with the week's theme. Families came and made chalk art using 6 different artistic tools including learning how to create their own chalk line. The goal was to decorate a fictional cityscape on canvas. Everyone went home with free chalk and an invitation to the free event downtown. Three families attended for the first time and were excited to see the City Of San Antonio was a sponsor.

On October 1st the teens finished the Frida Display for Hispanic Heritage Month, better known as Latine History/ Heritage Month. They made paper flowers in late September to prepare for the display and then colored in the pre-made template of Frida's face. They took initiative and chose which painting to represent on the display, including jewelry and how to use the paper flowers to express Frida Kahlo's famous hairstyle.





On October 2nd the Teen volunteers came in from 11am to 4pm and worked on our Halloween display for an event on Oct 11th, they worked on a sign for Teen Time to separate their space and age requirements in the library. The Stranger Things display in the Teen room has been a big hit at GNW, many patrons have been intrigued by the space and we have had so many visitors that want to take photos in the space and new Teen visitors have been asking about our programs here.

Oct 4th: I helped facilitate a Creative Writing Workshop for Adult services with Andrea Vocab Sanderson, but a few of my teen volunteers who were assisting me that day wanted to attend and they couldn't stop talking about it. They helped me make signs on the dry erase board, passed out free journals to all the attendees and assisted with writing prompt handouts. Teen volunteers also walked around the library making sure patrons who wanted to attend knew where to go, they even participated in the workshop and shared their gratitude and poetry with everyone. One of the attendees was extremely shy but having the Teens sharing their work made the event a safe space and the young adult ended up sharing her thank you letter at the end. Andrea Sanderson did a wonderful job making everyone feel comfortable during the workshop, it was fun, creative and even tears were shed, the positive energy that happened that Tuesday night is exactly why we have these programs.

I also put together a book display for the event featuring "Vocab's Favorite Authors" and made free bookmarks tailored to her new poetry book *She Lives in Music*.

The teens worked on this display (shown above) a week before the event a parent brought them food for all their hard work.

This teen curated event on October 11th, 2022 was planned and implemented by two of our Teen Volunteers, they personally made Trivia Q&A cards for the event, the Teens also drew a large map related to the trending Netflix show and have been very creative throughout the entire process. I made them a flyer and posted on Trumba so more teens in the GNW community could attend and see the possibilities of Teen services and Teen driven programs.

On Tuesday, October 11th the Teen volunteers successfully executed with their first Halloween inspired event, “**A Stranger Things Q&A Trivia Contest**”. The teens used water bottles donated by Central from a recent 5K and used sugar free water enhancer drops to make “Demogorgon Blood “Beverages, we also had a patron donate a custom-made **Stranger Things** Beanie/Hat and a Hellfire Button as prizes. There were 3 winners and the final prize was a free book donated by NISD, and the winner was able to choose 1 out of 5 book/options.

We had 7 Teens that participated in the event, a huge turn out that occupied a small space! They were in charge of tallying points for each contestant that answered each trivia question correctly. I also provided Friendship bracelet kit based off the popular Netflix series and the Teens tested their knowledge on who was the BIGGEST Stranger Things fan! The best part was the after party, I stepped out of their space quite a few times so they could have the opportunity to get to know each other. They talked about future events and conversated about their favorite anime show/series and a possible Roblox/Apex/Smash Bros tournament at the next session.

On Oct 18th, the Teens joined a Halloween movie night hosted by GNW library, there were (13 Teens at the event) and we had popcorn and bottled water at the event. I ordered Gorey Pies for the event in Scary-Apple and Boo-Berry!

On Oct. 25, 2022 the teens wanted to have a Halloween Party where they played Uno, Charades, and performed live karaoke (since currently we do not have a karaoke machine). Lastly, they spent the remaining 30 min of **Teen Time** planning programs for November and discussed the possibility of expanding Teen Time to every other Sunday so they can have more opportunities to invite other teens who normally have afterschool sports/ extra curriculars on Tuesday evenings. The following photos were taken from the event and we had (10 teens attend).

GUERRA

Guerra proudly hosted early voting again this election period, welcoming several hundred new and returning patrons to the branch for this service.

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 welcomed a new volunteer this month who will contribute as a Club Assistant! For their weekly Teen Club, teens used their Teen Space to debut their new dedicated Teen Art Gallery in the Stacks and decorated the space to be super spooky for the holiday.

Children’s Librarian, Linda López, attended 2 outreaches this month; one at Adams Hill Elementary for their Literacy Night, and the other at San Antonio Museum of Art. She also facilitated a Spooky Story Time at Passmore Elementary, where she read several books to all students, PreK - 5th grade. She continues to host weekly Story Time and Lego Club on Wednesdays, and also contributes to the online Lego Club along with other librarians throughout the system. She created a display with “fortune tellers” for patrons to use to help decide what their next great read would be.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded La oveja que incubó un huevo (The sheep who hatched an egg) by Gemma Merino for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on October 7. He moderated the book club, Club de Lectura, on October 20. They finished a discussion of La piel del tambor (The Seville communion) by Arturo Pérez-Reverte. He presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on October 28 with a special emphasis Halloween.

On Saturday, October 22nd and 29th, Roxanne Menchaca, Guerra's Library Assistant, hosted the Queer Crafternoon. This online program provides a safe space for members of the queer community to engage their creativity to foster community and self-care while listening to podcasts and books from the library's collection that have queer-centered storylines and or characters. On October 21st, Roxanne also hosted a Knit & Crochet Program where community members come to learn and socialize with other experienced and beginner knitters.

IGO

Igo library hosted early voting for Joint General, Special, Charter and Bond Election. Early voting runs October 24 through November 4. Igo library is one of the busiest polling stations and lots of registered Bexar County voters cast their ballot at Igo Branch Library.

Adult Services librarian, Gamini Haluwana, manager of Igo branch, Timothy Johnson and library assistant Cara Sifuentes arranged the annual pooch parade, one of the popular community events at Igo branch on the 29th of October 2022. More than fifty people participated the event and seventeen dogs contested. Library staff received praise and appreciation from the attendants.

Igo Branch Manager Tim Johnson continues to host SAPL's Escape the Earth podcast with Elissa Vura (from Central Circulation) and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Children's Services). It is a labor of love and all three would probably agree that recording day is one of their favorite days of the month. The last episode on House in the Cerulean Sea by T. J. Klune had more than 100 plays. Mr. Johnson also hosted the Dollars and Sense book group in October. This is the re-boot of a finance book club that had a very active following before COVID. 4 members attended and more are expected to attend in November. The Igo Mystery Book Club is also a very large and active group, also hosted by Mr. Johnson. In October 15 members discussed The Corpse in the Waxworks and other golden age of mystery read-a-likes. Lastly, Mr. Johnson served as announcer for Igo's Pooch Parade.



The John Igo Branch Library is excited to announce its newest feature: The Igo Seed Library. The purpose of the seed library is to be another way to serve the community; to promote a love of gardening, as a resource for seed sharing and learning to grow your own food. Come check it out!



Library Services Specialist, Mikala Tomas arranged a metamorphosis experience with “Blooming with Birdie” in the month of September and October. Blooming with Birdie provided an extensive training and gifted a “caterpillar condo”, two monarch caterpillars, a milkweed plant, a monarch metamorphosis poster, a digital monarch journal, and additional supplies for this program. The program is designed for the classroom setting and young children, but Ms Tomas adapted it to be suitable for the much wider audience found in the library setting. She received the caterpillars on September 24th and cared for them until they were ready for tagging and release on October 18th and October 20th. She created a book display and activity station for monarch exhibit. It was so wonderful seeing kids, teens, and adults alike all interested and invested in the development monarchs! Ms Tomas was able to assist in the preservation of monarchs by identifying, tagging, and then uploading that data into the app “Monarch Watch”.





October brought a robust return of Children's Programming to the Igo Branch. Children's Librarian Carrie Vance facilitates two Baby Times, a Toddler Time, and a Story Time with assistance from Library Services Specialist Mikala Thomas. All programs are filled with reading, writing, talking, singing and playing. Baby Time attendees are building community with welcoming name songs and time for visiting and play that includes shaker eggs, sheer scarves, and board books. On October 25 and 27, the babies enjoyed the crinkly sounds from silver emergency blankets. Toddler Time includes lots of play after the reading time with blocks, Duplo blocks, puzzles, toy cars, alphabet letters, and the new magnet wall. Story Time always includes an open ended art activity. This month, the families enjoyed painting on foil, making sculptures from items foraged while walking the Igo grounds, and tape resist painting. At the program following the tape-resist painting, a grandmother returned to say that she and her granddaughter had upcycled that project into a welcome home banner for mom's return home. Families in all the programs express gratitude for being back in the library and having time for their children to spend time with other children in their age group.

Ms. Vance continues to participate in the online programs of Toddler Time Online, Baby Time Online, and Proud to Be Me: Rainbow Families. Attendance is a little mixed, but the families that come are very grateful to have this option available.

Library Aide Carlos Hernandez facilitates the Let's Build: Lego Club on the first, third, and fifth Saturdays of the month. Families were thrilled that this has returned to the program offerings. Mr. Hernandez

challenged the children to build using only one color on October 1st. On the 15th, he asked the kids to build their favorite place to be. But the favorite of the month had to be on the 29th where families were treated to a Halloween-themed celebration, complete with Mr. Hernandez dressed as a Lego brick. It goes without saying that the challenge this week was to build a pumpkin. 31 attendees enjoyed this event.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance and Teen Librarian Annie Calonico continue to co-facilitate The Igo Stitchery on alternate weeks. The month had the highest attendance since pre-pandemic times with a host of new attendees both young and old across a wide variety of yarn and thread crafts. Participants continue to work on their own projects and assist one another when someone gets stuck.





JOHNSTON

Johnston welcomed Ana Pina as a Part-Time Library Assistant. 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 October 11. Almost 3,000 voted at Johnston during Early Voting in October. Johnston hosted an exhibit about Hindu Culture called "Darshana: A Glimpse into the Hindu Civilization" October 22 to October 29. The exhibit presented a colorful overview of Hindu concepts and practices in a variety of topics ranging from yoga and divinity to mathematics and administration. The first meeting to re-establish the Johnston Friends of the Library met on October 11. The next meeting to re-establish the Johnston Friends of the Library will be November 19.



Little Minds and pumpkins were growing in the Johnston's children's area. Over the last six weeks, Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham and staff created a progressive bulletin board from seed to pie. Every Thursday after Family Fun Story Time the seeds transformed into the next stage of the pumpkin lifecycle. Patrons loved watching each week as something new sprouted up. Miss Tiffany continued with her in-person Family Fun Story Time, Let's Create: Maker's Club and Let's Build: Lego Club. Maker's Club continues to find new and creative ways to recycle common household materials. Miss Tiffany hosted and presented Toddler Time Online Live every Wednesday morning for San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) families and recorded monthly book for Dial-a-Story. On October 26th she attended Valley Hi Elementary School Coffee Connection to speak to parents about the services of SAPL and Johnston Branch. Many of the parents were frequent patrons of the branch. They asked wonderful thoughtful questions of Miss Tiffany and all had a very lively and informed conversation.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza facilitated several in-person Teen Times during which Teens helped select and plan weekly activities that included rock painting and pumpkin decorating. A highlight was the Cooking Around the World food demonstration from the San Antonio Food Bank. Chef Brittany taught the teen group how to make tostadas using a fresh cilantro green sauce made from scratch. Ms. Garza hosted the BTS crafts and book club group on October 9. The group read *Highly Sensitive People in an Insensitive World: How to Create a Happy Life* by Ilse Sand and discussed it during the in-person meeting. The group took green screen pictures with various BTS band members. Library Assistant Ana Piña assisted Ms. Garza with hosting a Dia De Los Muertos: Sugar Skull decorating event on October 29. Participants of all ages were able to decorate sugar skull using glue, royal icing, various colors of sequins and beads. Several patrons donated their decorated skulls to be displayed on the Day of the Dead altar. Ms. Garza was invited to host a library information and activity table at Rayburn Middle School. Ms. Garza informed parents and students about digital offerings by the library and had visitors create their own pin-back buttons.

LEARN's Training Officer, Marcella McGowan hosted the following programs: Open Keyboard & Mouse Training on October 2, 16, 23 & 30. On October 25 Ms. McGowan hosted an evening Resume Creation class. The Learn area had 28 patrons accessing the Learn Center this month.

LANDA

This month Landa hosted the sixth annual Landa Boo! Families gathered on Halloween night for free play, games, crafts, and dancing! Landa Boo has been an annual celebration for the community. The event focused on families and collaboration. Monte Vista Historical Association provided snacks for the event, Landa Gardens Conservancy contributed funds for supplies, and The Friends of Landa Library paid for entertainment. This was the first year that Landa Boo has been celebrated on Halloween day. Several families commented on how fun it was and how wonderful it was that the library offered the event for free.

This month, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas started two new outreaches with Little School of Keystone and Gonzales Early Childhood Center. Librarian Salinas loved the opportunity to connect schools and children to the library.

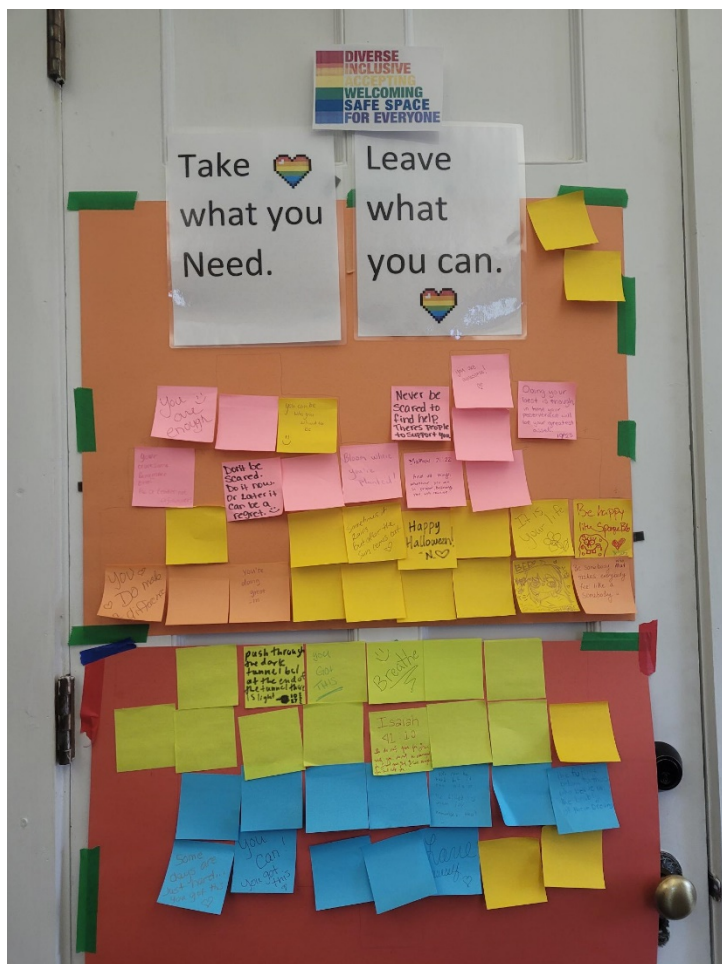
Children's Librarian Salinas continued with several online programs: Baby Time, Art Club, Game Time, and Lego Club. Several families continued to share how wonderful it was to have the online option for their home situation. They asked for online programs to continue.

In person programs continued at Landa this month as well. Outdoor Story Time was a popular program, with a more consistent attendance. Children's Librarian Salinas collaborated with other children's librarians this month, including Valerie Carroll, Shannon Seglin, Melissa Fulmer, and Ana Menchaca. In addition to Outdoor Story Time, Librarian Salinas hosted Baby Time and Lego Club/Process Art.

Teen Librarian, Stephanie Rosen, facilitated both in person and passive programming for teens this month. In person activities included Teen Time every Monday. Teens "popped in" to the Library to hang out with friends, play games, complete school work, participate in directed activity, and/or to have a safe space to rest. Teens were instrumental in helping plan teen programs and creating displays this month. Their involvement helped make the teen space more teen-centered and relevant to what teens envisioned for their space.

This month, some of the key activities included spooky-themed movies and popcorn, pumpkin spice snack taste and rank, and Landa Boo! The pumpkin spice taste test was a popular program where teens tried unusual snack flavor combos and ranked them on a score card. The most divisive taste was the fall-flavored sparkling water.

Several of the more popular passive activities took place in the Teen Space. The dry erase wall was an ongoing fixture of the space. A question was posed once a week and teens replied during the week. There was a lot of interaction between teens in the comments. After noticing teens used the wall to provide positive encouragement to others, a post it board space was created. The theme was "Take what you need; Leave what you can." Many notes of encouragement and advice have been left for others and taken to provide inspiration.



Adult Services Librarian Robin Alcorta met The Village at Incarnate Word book club to discuss *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. This book sparked the most conversation that the club has ever had with many differing opinions. Overall, the members liked the book. Residents of The Village decided they wanted to take control of their book club and wanted to present some of their book picks for the next club meeting. They were asked to bring three or more suggestions and present them to the group.

The Mystery Book Club read *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley. Reception to this book was good, but somewhat tepid. Readers generally said the book held their interest and put the “fun in dysfunctional”, but it wasn’t as well-received as some of the past selections. Overall, despite the lukewarm reception, readers said the format and structure plus character development were interesting, especially the use of different perspectives for events in the timeline.

Readers Ink Book Club met this month to discuss *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson. Members had a lively discussion. Although the book is described as a laugh out loud comedy, the group did not think it was a particularly funny book. It was not a book they would have normally chosen, but overall they were pleasantly surprised by how much they liked it.

Landa hosted the second plant swap of the year. This one was a Spooky Plant Swap. Patrons were encouraged to come dressed in costume to win prizes, swap plants, and enjoy refreshments.

LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas began hosting the Bexar County Election Department’s Early Voting process Monday, October 24 continuing through Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022. On October 4th, Branch Manager, Lily Pérez shared resources at the San Antonio Neighbors Together. The celebration was a collaboration between the Las Palmas/Westwood Square Neighborhood Association. Residents were attracted by games, music, food, fellowship and curiosity, over 100 area residents turned out for the event.

ADULT SERVICES: In celebration of Halloween the Las Palmas Branch Library showed the zombie movie, 28 Days Later, as part of the SAPL Fright Film Fest and hosted a Super Hero themed Halloween Party. Nicole San Martin, Adult Services Librarian, planned a craft for adults to decorate pillar candles for their Día de Los Muertos Ofrendas. The branch also hosted a collaborative Adult and Teen Stranger Things Party in which guests were invited to partake in a waffle bar, DnD game, Stranger Things themed crafts, and play retro video games!



Later in the month, Nicole coordinated with Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh to celebrate Hindu Heritage month with an informational exhibit entitled, “Darshana: A Glimpse into the Hindu Civilization.”

TEEN SERVICES: Las Palmas’ Stranger Things party organized by Librarians Connie Hejl and Nicole Martin was a hit with games, Shrinky Dinks and a waffle bar. Teen volunteers helped make the waffles and bake the Shrinky Dinks. Teens and adults also enjoyed playing retro video games and Guitar Hero Rocks the 80s.



During the Superhero party Connie taught patrons how to make super



hero themed perler beads.

Connie was also one of the library volunteers participating in outreach to Big Texas Comic Con. Volunteers took pictures of costume characters holding library cards, handed out flyers for various library programs and provided a craft.

CHILDREN SERVICES: October was a good month for Outreach. Valerie Shelley, Las Palmas Children’s Librarian, met some new friends, the children and their families at Harmony School of Excellence. She participated in their Fall Festival and shared SAPL pencils and writing pads with the students. Later in October Valerie visited Harmony again to share Read for the Record with 180 children and teachers. The book Nigel and the Moon by Antwan Eady was the title read for this event around the country on October 27, 2022. It was a great opportunity for vocabulary building and concept discussions. Grades first through fifth were read the book.

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. The special program for the month was the Super Heroes Celebration and Movie. The children enjoyed using all the decorating materials provided by SAPL and the Friends of the Library.



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.

On October 31, 2022 Valerie Shelley retired from SAPL.

MAVERICK

The San Antonio Public Library held Staff Day for its employees on October 10. Maverick staff that attended had an opportunity to take advantage of productive training sessions and reacquaint with colleagues from other branches and departments. Maverick hosted the Bexar County Elections Department. The Early Midterm Elections drew high attendance and voter participation at Maverick! The entire Reference Team did an outstanding job opening and closing for the Election officials during the Early Voting period. For instance, Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, assisted with opening the Maverick Branch during Early Voting for 5 shifts during the reporting period.

Programming was well attended during the reporting period. On October 8, 13 children and parents attended Read to A Dog with Bartholomew the French Bulldog, a therapy dog, and his owner, Mellisa DeThorne. After almost a 3-year hiatus, Maverick Staff put on another "Gerald and Piggie" Puppet show, complete with crafts and a snack; 71 attendees had a wonderful time! Thanks to the Maverick Friends for funding the crafts and snacks. Also, thanks to Library Aides Laura Lopez and Taylur Loera and Circulation Attendant Eraani Perez for putting the event on, with Ms. Roberts acting as a planner and facilitator.

On October 17, Ms. Roberts created a curated Story Time for the Tiny Tots committee based on the book "The Watermelon Seed" by Greg Pizzoli. On October 28, Ms. Roberts read "The Pineapple Princess" by Sabine Hahn for Dial-a-Story. She attended a children's librarian's meeting at Bazan Library on October 12 and via WebEx on October 26. Ms. Roberts also completed Climate Change Training and Security Awareness Training for October. She attended New Printing Procedures Training on October 19. Finally, Ms. Roberts attended Staff Development Day on October 10. She was pleasantly surprised to receive her 20-year service award while at the event.

Maverick Teen Volunteers began the month by planning the October programs on the first Saturday. All were in favor of continuing the tradition of playing Tripoley for their Halloween program. The Teen Library Leadership Committee Volunteers respect the diverse interests of all of the Teen Time attendees and incorporate others' desires from a wish list, on which members are encouraged to write their requests. Teens continue to build relationships and connect with one another while playing video or board games, regardless of whether they are competing with one another or playing collaboratively, as evidenced by the compliments and encouragement they communicate to each other.

Teen Librarian I Annie Calonico volunteered to assist Library Assistant Bleichwehl at an Outreach at John Marshall High School. Bleichwehl and Calonico generated Library Cards for students and faculty while informing them of SAPL services and programming. Interested participants also had the opportunity to create custom pins.

McCRELESS

McCreless staff José Ruiz-Alvarez, Vicky Villalobos, Marisa DeBow and Joseph Gonzales have been diligently assisting with the Bexar County Elections Early Voting effort by coming in before 7am to open for the Elections staff and staying late to close the branch Meeting Room in the evening.

Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow continued to reach out to MCC teen patrons to invite them to the weekly teen program. She lets them know about the many choices to participate and the opportunity to earn service hours. She also attended the monthly Teen Services meeting, the quarterly Volunteer Services meeting and the monthly Queer committee meeting.

Memorial Branch Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall continues to assist the McCreless Branch by coming twice a week to offer Lego Time and Family Story Time.

The McCreless LEARN Center has become increasingly popular. The ESL classes offered by our Training Officer Lodie Mueller have been particularly well attended, growing from 13 students in June to 64 in October. This diverse group is composed of people from Angola, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, and Venezuela.

MEMORIAL

Memorial branch patrons continue to pick up holds at the Marionist Archives located on the campus of St. Mary's University. The university is right across the street from the Memorial branch. This location is very convenient to patrons since all they have to do is cross the street for their respective holds. The book drop remains open at the branch and is emptied twice a day by one of the librarians.

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall assisted at the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) Staff Day on October 10. She spent time monitoring the parking lot, the craft room, and the Silent Disco. She participated in the Story Telling session and helped clean up after the event.

Mrs. Deffendall participated in two special outreach events in October, giving out candy supplied by the Memorial Branch Library's Amigos (Friends of the Library) and hundreds of bookmarks from the Communications Department of the San Antonio Public Library. On October 27, she participated in the Edgewood Independent School District's Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of the Edgewood Theatre of Performing Arts, where she interacted with over 1,000 people. On October 29, she participated in the Westside Family YMCA's Boo Bash Trunk or Treat, where she spoke with about 240 children and nearly 200 adults.

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 Library by hosting weekly LEGO Clubs and Family Story Times.

Circulation attendant Michelangelo Sosa and branch manager Maria Gonzales are part of a workgroup to assist staff on making Library Administrative Directives (LAD's) and city Administrative Directives (AD's) easier to find. Policies and updates are being reviewed as they relate to Administration, Circulation,

Finance, and Reference. The group are using basic web principles and User Interface design to create a LibGuide that will allow them success in creating an instrument that will assist staff to find documents faster and easier.

MISSION

Little Read Wagon had its monthly outdoor play and learn program on Saturday, October 8th. Weekly Baby Times and Story Times were held respectively, on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Teens enjoyed hanging out at their Teen Club events throughout the month of October. Activities included mini-pumpkin decorating, a STEM activity where pumpkins were used to power a small clock, and making calavera stickers. Teens also chose to play video games on the library's Nintendo Switch. On the last Tuesday of the month, teens voted to watch "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and to eat nachos.

Teen volunteers created Halloween-inspired decorations in the Teen space and also asked other teens on the white board what costumes they plan to wear. The white board question had a lot of participation with many amazing and original ideas for costumes.

Two additional teen programs took place in October. Teen K-pop Club members hung out and participated in a craft while watching K-pop videos. The Food Bank Cooking Class introduced teens to Italian cooking. Participants created a Caprese salad and learned new cooking and food prep techniques.

Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, visited with students at the Hot Wells Middle School Fall Festival. Cindy talked with over sixty teens about library events and activities.

As part of the end of Hispanic Heritage Month, Geraldo Perez presented on the possible relation of the 5 warriors and 5 celestial objects in the San Antonio skies through the centuries on Saturday, October 1st 2022. It was a well-attended event.

Mission Library served the community by providing space as an early voting location for the Early Voting Location Joint General, Special, Charter and Bond Election.

National Night Out was hosted by the Friends of Mission Library on Tuesday, October 4th in the First People's Courtyard. A drum circle by local community members was performed. Hot dogs, snacks and refreshments were provided for attendees.

COSA Council District 3 requested for the library to host the University Health System's Mammogram Mobile Unit, in Mission's parking lot on Saturday, October 8th.

The Friends of Mission Library had their bi-annual Book Sale on Saturday, October 15th. Tables with books filled the entire North Meeting Room.

On October 17th Mission hosted Ghost Tales of the Tejas Trails, stories narrated by Nancy de la Zerda in the voice of Grandma Manuelita with fantastic tales of restless spirits and phantom ghosts.

Texas Public Radio (TPR) was at Mission Library celebrating 40 years of KPAC, their classical music station on Thursday, October 20th. TPR brought "random acts of classical" with a classical quartet, members of the San Antonio Philharmonic, a short 20-30 minute performance of classical music in an unexpected place.

Partnering with Mission's neighbor, the Harvey E. Najim YMCA, Branch Manager Oscar Gonzaléz and Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt joined the YMCA's annual Trunk-o-Treat. Mr. Gonzaléz and Ms. Staudt joined the spirit of the season and not only dressed in costume, but also decorated the trunk!



PAN AMERICAN

Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, hosted two "Puzzle Time" programs during the month of October. "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 Branch continues to offer Mediation classes. 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.

On October 8th, the branch hosted the Cancer is One Cancer (C.I.O.C.) Support Group Meeting. These meetings are open to the public and free. Anyone who has been in one way or another impacted by Cancer is welcome to join in.

On October 28th, the branch hosted a “Paranormal Activity in San Antonio” presentation just in time for Halloween. Mr. John Delgado of the San Antonio Ghost Hunters presented the program and shared numerous stories about the paranormal activity he and his group have experienced in San Antonio and Bexar County.

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 the word “not” in the title and another one of enemies to lovers romance books.

During Teen Time this month, teens had fun with different activities each week. Halloween landed during Teen Time this year and teen volunteers came up with various activities for that night. They elected to play Pin the Tail on the Witch and one volunteer drew a life-size witch. Other activities the teens thought up included pumpkin painting and popsicle stick art while scary music played in the background.

On October 26, the Teen Services Librarian had an information table at Harlandale High School where students were able to register for cards, pick up goodies, and learn more about the library and its services.

Children’s Services Librarian, Jacqueline Gonzales continues to offer weekly programming: Story Time every Monday, and Crafty Kids every Thursday; and Lego Club, bi-weekly on Wednesdays. The Children’s Services Librarian also continues to assist with system-wide Children’s programming: Art Club Online, and Game Time Online on alternating Tuesdays; and Toddler Time Online on Wednesdays.

On October 4, the Children’s Services Librarian provided an outreach to the La Petite Academy to speak and present on library services to children.

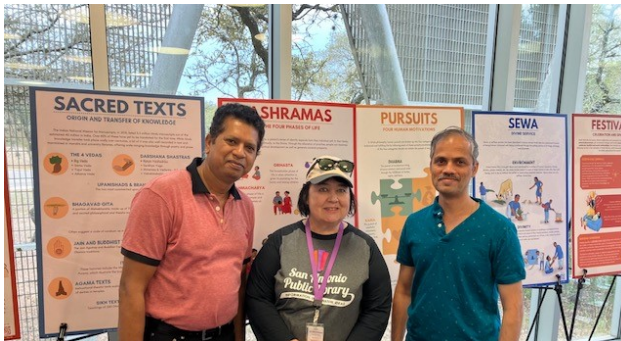
On October 21, the Children’s Services Librarian represented the Pan American branch and the San Antonio Public Library at Rayburn elementary school for their annual Fall Festival with an information table and library promotional items.

PARMAN

The month of October means it’s time for early voting again. Parman Library had the privilege to be an early voting location for the community of Stone Oak. Voters turned out in droves this year and it made for long lines and a packed parking lot. For quite a few people this was their first visit to the library and they commented on how beautiful the building and grounds were while they got new library cards.



During the month of October Parman had the honor to present the works of renowned artist Marcus Cerda. The exhibit entitled "Begin Again: Empathy for the Mundane" represents the universe as something extraordinary broken down into color and shapes. Cubist elements of his painting "depicts the mundane in a colorful, vibrant and transparent way." Patrons visited the gallery daily and on the reception day a large crowd gathered to meet the artist. The exhibit was arranged by Parman's branch manager.



Thanks to Central Library's partnership with the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh of San Antonio and with the coordination of Parman manager, the branch was lucky to host a Darshana exhibition in honor of Hindu Heritage Month. "Darshana: A Glimpse into the Hindu Civilization" is an exhibition that presents a colorful overview of Hindu concepts and practices, offering an opportunity to learn about one of the oldest civilizations in the world with continuing global presence today. Several patrons commented on the pieces

displayed in the exhibition, discussing their favorite aspect. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful addition to the library, if only for a short time.



Parman staff decorated the trail behind library for their annual Spookywalk which was lighted and available to walk on October 15. The trail featured ghouls, ghosts, and all things spooky. Thanks to the District Nine Councilman John Courage's donation of pumpkins the trail goers had a wonderful picture opportunity with a real live pumpkin patch featuring wood cutouts of



beloved Peanuts characters. Patrons love to walk the decorated trail, take pictures and enjoy the Halloween spirit on their own pace.

In response to an invitation from Councilman Courage's office Parman branch participated in a Trunk-or-Treat event for the community. Teen Librarian Zachary Woolston and branch manager Barbara Kwiatowski dressed up in costumes for the occasion and handed out treats along with information about all the wonderful services SAPL offers. Several visitors were impressed with the historical details of



Zach's costume and took pictures with him.



Teen services librarian Zachary continued hosting volunteers and teen times at the Parman branch. Three new volunteers were trained, and began volunteering regularly at the branch. Existing teen volunteers assisted with creating new art stations for the month, with prompts including "Would you rather ...?" and "Draw your favorite fall item!"



Parman's new in-person Spanish Story Time Cuentos y Canciones, debuted in mid-October and is led by very talented staff member Veronica Yau. Patrons sang and danced to fun songs and listened as Ms. Veronica read fall and Halloween-themed books and shared finger plays. Both adults and children have had fun learning new songs in Spanish. Playing with scarves was the favorite activity for all participants!

During Creator Club prepared and presented by Teague Shosh, children enjoyed making original collages out of scrapbook paper and magazines, building and collaborating on Lego creations and letting their imaginations run wild during Makerspace. Kids used various materials to make a wearable diagram of the human body, create a cardboard safe to hold special items, and erect creature houses. The last Creator Club of the month took place outside where attendees had the chance to play giant connect four, toss washers, and draw with chalk. The ground was covered with hopscotch boards, spooky Halloween scenes and life-size flowers. As far as online programs - Teague's blog post for Children's Services, reviewing the book *Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald, received 470 views. Teague also contributed to the Spooky Stories and Native American Heritage month book lists on the School Age LibGuide and updated the book lists on the Tween LibGuide. Lisa worked with other Children's Librarians to create and plan for a November Fall Break Take-and-Make.

POTRANCO

Potranto Branch Library spent the spooky month delivering family fun and top-level customer service to the community.

Adult Services Librarian Zeig providing school-aged programs for children while waiting for the children's librarian to arrive. She hosted a Lego Hour and a Q-Tip Skeleton craft in October.

Librarian Zeig and Circulation Attendant Miranda Reyes held a vampire movie double feature on October 23rd as part of the SAPL's Halloween programming. Movie refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Potranco Library. Librarian Zeig and Circulation Attendant Laura Villalpando participated in the Potranco YMCA's Boo Fest on Friday, October 28th. Their outreach table interacted with nearly 700 ghosts and goblins and gave out lots of San Antonio Public Library swag!



Circulation Attendant Miranda Reyes continued to host the well-established Dreaded Threads program. Patrons are invited to bring their sewing, crocheting, knitting or any other craft project to work on while listening to the latest true crime podcasts. Snacks and coffee are provided for those in attendance.

Ms. Reyes has started the annual “Wall of Warmth” program at Potranco. The community are welcome to donate handmade or gently used cold weather items for those in need. Those that may need an item are welcome to take what is needed, without question or judgement. This program has been well-received for the past 3 years and has spread to multiple locations across the city.

Circulation Attendant Paschal Booker hosts the Potranco Writer’s Group on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Mr. Booker shares his writing expertise with the members in the group. They are all invited to share their work with the group and offer positive constructive criticism to those in attendance.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt’s Children’s Services continued its *Family Story Time*, *Let’s Build*, *Children’s Yoga*, and *Tween Yoga* weekly programs. New families joined Children’s Librarian Lucina Cisneros for *Family Story Time*. All participants especially enjoyed the Halloween themed stories and spooky parachute time, where they made new friends, sang songs, danced, and shook the parachute to a child-friendly, spooky playlist. Children’s Library Assistant Beth Harris created Halloween themed Take-and-Make craft kits. Children, parents, and grandparents enjoyed taking time to sit and create Witch’s Broomsticks together as a come and go craft. All yoga participants explored their feelings and ways to express emotions using a Fall Feelings Pumpkin Flip book activity. The branch’s Children’s Librarian attended the Windcrest Elementary School’s STEAM Family Night, where she provided a STEAM activity and connected with the community to provide information about the Pruitt Branch’s programs and system wide offerings. Children participated in a Halloween themed scavenger hunt in the Kids’ Zone, which encouraged them to “Go Batty for Books” and offered a chance for them to engage with the children’s collection.



Teen patrons were excited to see the return of our Teen Anime Hour which started back up in mid-October. This casual, snack-heavy teen hour has recently featured slice-of-life Anime favorites selected by our teen patrons like “Saiki K” and “Nichijou.”

The Pruitt Dungeons and Dragons club had its first campaign adventure with energetic, intriguing, and occasionally hilarious results. Even our newest players are really starting to get the hang of all the fun that can be had with DnD! The branch is pleased to announce the start of another campaign starting in early December lead by another inspired teen Dungeon Master.

The branch has been fortunate to gain several new student volunteers during October, and these capable young helpers have been shelf reading and creating book talks to earn service hours for their various school clubs and community requirements.

After-school *Teen Chess* lessons and free play continued with Chess Master Alex Weinberg. 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 open to all students in the Roosevelt High School Courtyard, where mega chess and checkers are popular activities which encourage strategy and positive social interactions.

Teen Free Play Fridays attracted teens come to enjoy jamming out on Pruitt's array of available instruments while they learned about music from each other and Library Assistant Nicholas Blevins, a notable professional lyricist and songwriter. This program increasingly attracts music lovers.

Teen Librarian Lauren Hime represented SAPL's Teen Services at Ed White Middle School's Fall Festival, where she offered giant checkers, handed out comic-themed buttons, and promoted library services.



Adult Services staff hosted the *Saturday Afternoon Historical Fiction Book Club's* discussion of Kate Quinn's "The Rose Code". Group discussion of the historic and fictional characters who were part of the Bletchley Park decoding group ran long. The *Special Needs Adult Programming* group met to read Seth Meyers' "I'm Not Scared, You're Scared" featuring a large, scared bear and a small, brave rabbit, use watercolors to paint a bear, and share a snack. *Adult Virtual Coloring* continued on Friday afternoons. Patrons came in on the last Saturday of the month to do a *Pie Garland Come and Go* craft.

Rackspace-sponsored *Family Chess* continued with live-streamed lessons from Chess Master Alex Weinberg. He discussed game progressions with patrons in the library classroom as well as online participants.

The branch participated in National Night Out on October 4 at the Roosevelt High School Campus. The free, annual community-building campaign promotes partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Library Assistants Nicholas Blevins and Sheran Awe distributed promotional materials, invited neighbors to sign up for library cards, and informed the community about library programs and events.



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.

On October 4th, San Pedro Branch Manager, Nathaniel Laubner, attended the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association “Neighbors Together” event. Mr. Laubner shared information about SAPL and the San Pedro Branch programs and services.

The San Pedro Branch Library offered a Family History Stroll in San Pedro Spring Park with tour guide and historian Hector Cardenas. Families toured the oldest park in Texas, stopping by several historic sites such as San Pedro Springs, the old fort, the grotto/summer house, the cannon mount and the bandstand.



The branch was decorated for Halloween and fall, including pumpkin “vines” on the shelves in the children’s area. Pumpkins were donated by San Pedro Friends of the Library.



Children’s Services Librarian Karen Braeuler hosted “Family Story Time” and “Let’s Build: Legos and More” each week. She also co-hosted 2 Toddler Time online programs and recorded two Dial A Story programs.

Librarian Karen Braeuler began an outreach book club at Chandler Estate Senior Living. The first novel was The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah. After a lively discussion by the 8 participants, they received the next month’s selection, American Dirt. Meetings are held on site at the residence on the first Friday of each month.

In October, 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!

Also in October patrons were given the opportunity to pick up a mini art kit at San Pedro. The kits contained a mini canvas, paints, and a brush. Finished works will be on display at the branch in November for the public to view. The supplies for the kits were donated by the Friends of the San Pedro Branch Library.

SCHAEFER

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez: Hosted the monthly Schaefer Virtual Craft program; where patrons made Nicho boxes and a Make n Go Craft program at Schaefer where patron colored and made a Mandela Flexangle. Published a catalog list of popular titles for Schaefer’s I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. Created books displays for Personal Finance, Gentle Reads and Books Recently Checked out. BlancaSilvia and Librarian Dacari Lambert created a Halloween Display and a Voting Display, where patrons were presented with three food related candidates with campaign promises and could interact by voting for their candidate.

Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser offered a number of in-person programs at Schaefer during October for all ages of children -- Story Time, LEGO Time, Read to a Dog, and Come & Go Art were all well-attended during the month. Halloween Story Time was Oct. 26, with a festive party following the stories and songs. Many of the Schaefer staff helped out with the games and activities and passed out candy to the kids. Throughout October, Halloween and pumpkin-themed activities took place in the library. Kids enjoyed the pumpkin scavenger hunt where five pumpkins were hidden in different spots each day. They also could decorate a pumpkin made out of construction paper to hang on the pumpkin patch wall in the Children's Area. Schaefer staff represented SAPL at two outreach events at elementary schools. On Oct. 26 Leslie Elsasser and Dacari Lambert went to Sinclair Elementary's Trunk or Treat, and Leslie attended Pecan Valley's Math Literacy Night on Oct. 27. Leslie Elsasser also presented Zoom programs with groups of children's librarians: LEGO Club, Story Time, and Game Time.

In the month of October, Teen Services Librarian, Dacari Lambert facilitated weekly Teen Time programming alongside teen volunteers, who planned and implemented teen requested activities. Dacari partnered with East Central High School Department to showcase a set of 16 new pieces of art in the Teen room. Dacari coordinated with Metro Health Mobile Unit to host free HIV/STD testing and treatment at Schaefer Library, two separate days in October. Additionally, Dacari worked with Dan Garcia, Assistant Branch Manager, to coordinate and host Mercado por tu Corazon. The community response for the market was enthusiastic and substantial. Dacari worked alongside Branch Manager Maria Adams to build Schaefer's annual Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda. Community members were invited in for a program in which they made picture frames and felt pan dulce to leave as an offering. Dacari continues to work with the Organizational Health Unit on training and staff development opportunities for employees. Dacari is an active part of the Discord, Professional Development, and Teen Pride workgroups for Teen Services. Furthermore, Dacari also conducted the first in a series of professional development trainings for her colleagues in Teen Services.





SEMMES

Ms. Randi started off this month with an outreach to Steubing Ranch Elementary School for their National Night Out celebration on October 5. Seventy-two children and 36 adults stopped by her table to get information about the library's services.

Ms. Randi and Ms. Valerie had a busy month of children's programming at the Semmes Branch Library. Sixty children and 46 grownups attended Ms. Randi's Story Time sessions on October 5 and October 12. Thirty-nine children and 38 grownups attended Ms. Valerie's Story Time sessions on October 19 and October 26. Their Story Time sessions include: children listening to stories and participating in action rhymes, songs, and fingerplays. At the end of the session, children are invited to stay for child-lead free play. Ms. Randi's Baby Time sessions were well-attended. A total of 48 babies and 40 of their grownups attended on the Thursdays of this month. Ms. Randi started new after school programming this month on Mondays at 4 PM. On October 17, 14 children (accompanied by 8 of their grownups) participated in the Read to a Dog program. Children individually read a story to certified pet therapy dog (Delta Pet Partners of San Antonio), Quincy (accompanied by his handler, Pam). On October 24, 10 children (accompanied by 5 of their grownups) individually read a story to certified pet therapy dog (also Delta Pet Partners of San Antonio), Hershey (accompanied by his handler, Teena). This program gives children an opportunity to practice their reading in a receptive, stress-free environment. On Monday, October 31, 4 children and 2 grownups attended a Let's Build with Legos session. Ms. Randi continues to contribute to Toddler Time and Story Time Online. She shared closing songs with the toddlers on October 12 and hosted Toddler Time Online on October 26. On October 13, she shared songs and activities for Story Time Online and hosted that program on October 27.

With the wonderful weather, participants at teen Time and Tween Times this month were able to enjoy games outside on the patio.

Ms. Valerie continued alternate Story Times this month with a squirrel themed Story Time on October 12th and a monster Story Time on October 26th. She also continued assisting at Landa's Outdoor Story Time on October 6th.

Semmes hosted a Teen Fall Bash on October 22nd. Teens sang along karaoke-style to Halloween songs, decorated jar lanterns and pumpkins, and were able to dance on a glow-in-the-dark dance floor. Two teen volunteers helped plan activities, set up decorations, and judged the costume contest portion of the program. The Friends of the Semmes Branch Library group provided snacks for the party.



THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted in-person Yoga Class programs on October 4, 11 and 18. 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 October 11. This group watches a film noir movie, and has a lively discussion with engaging questions. On October 18, she held an in-person Classic Movie Showing program. Attendees watched *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, starring Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney, and enjoyed light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. Ms. Mjolsness partnered with WellMed to host a Pumpkin Decorating for Seniors program on October 20. WellMed staff answered Medicare questions while attendees decorated pumpkins. On October 28, she served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick held three recurring in-person programs in October. She held Music & Movement programs on October 1, 8, 15 and 22. The Bedtime Stories & Craft programs were held on October 4, 11 and 18. The Arts & Crafts Friday programs occurred on October 7, 14, 21 and 28. Ms. Penick served as co-host for the Baby Time Online programs on October 7, 14, 21 and 28. She served as co-host for the virtual Toddler Time programs on October 19 and 26.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. On October 13, she held the Thursday Book Club in-person program. Participants discussed *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on October 26. The book group participants discussed *The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue* by V.E. Schwab. Ms. King created a "Spooky Season Reads" book display highlighting scarier titles in the young adult collection. She created

an interactive activity which encouraged teens to share responses to the question “What is your favorite Halloween candy?” Many types of chocolate candy were the clear favorites.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano held a Tabletop Gaymer Night program on October 9. Participants enjoyed playing board games and meeting other members of the community in a safe space. She held an Animal Crossing Party program on October 16. Attendees played mini-games, participated in a costume contest, and visited each other’s islands via local play. On October 26, she held an Adult Craft Time program at which autumn and Halloween themed garlands were created.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Tobin welcomed Sabrina Longoria, a new circulation attendant who started her first day at the very popular Staff Day at the Convention Center on October 10. Melissa Carroll, Tobin’s Teen Librarian, has worked extensively on a committee over the past five months to coordinate activities which resulted in a fun and eventful day for all.

In person programming offerings are returning to pre-pandemic levels. Adult programming now includes: Sit and Stitch held twice monthly, the Mutant Enemy Group, Tobin’s Writer’s Circle and the Interesting Book Club, all meeting monthly.

Weekly Teen Hangout and After School Zone are well attended despite having activities elsewhere in the library and outside due to solid turnout during Early Voting in October. Movies selected by teens to watch included *Adam’s Family* and *Beetlejuice*. Kara Bailey, Children’s Librarian, hosted Ping Pong and Legos on October 14 with Library Assistant, David Hazlett. Children’s Librarian Barbaraella Frazier and Ms. Carroll helped lots of Garner Middle Students get creative with melted crayon art and Halloween crafts at two sessions.



Children’s programming is more robust now with Read to a Dog, Family Story Time and Come-and-Go Crafts each week and a special Play and Learn held out in the library during voting. Clever crafts included bats designed by Ms. Bailey as pictured below.



WESTFALL

The Westfall Branch continued to be closed for renovations, but plans are in the works to reopen to the public soon. A variety of new finishing touches are in place and patrons are expected to be delighted with the final results. Staff are planning an open house to reengage the community with the branch with activities for children, teens and adults.

Westfall Branch Children's Librarian Imelda Merino, along with two other SAPL children's librarians, attended an outreach event on Sunday, October 16th at the San Antonio Museum of Art. The theme was Hispanic Heritage, so, while two of the librarians provided Story Times on this theme, she provided informational SAPL flyers, pencils and pens, as well as Hispanic themed bookmarks at a table in the museum courtyard. Approximately 18 adults and 13 children came by the table.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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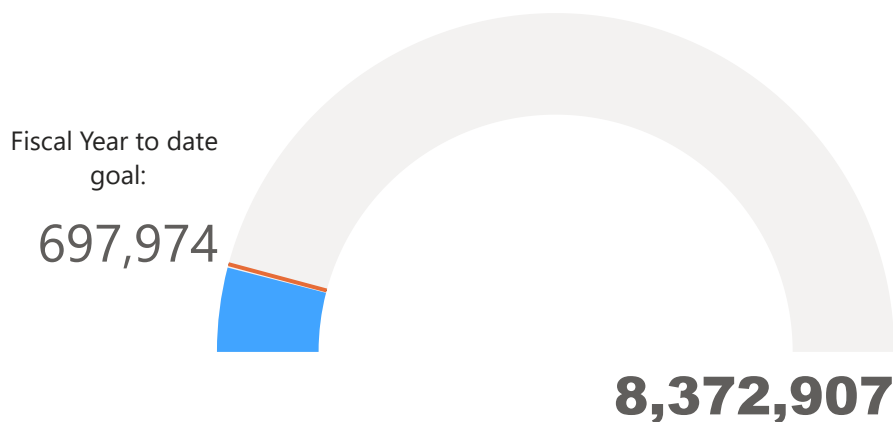
KEY INDICATORS

COVID-19 has greatly affected overall Library service usage in FY 2020 and FY 2021. FY 2022 and FY 2023 performance goals were adjusted accordingly.

October 2022

FY 2023

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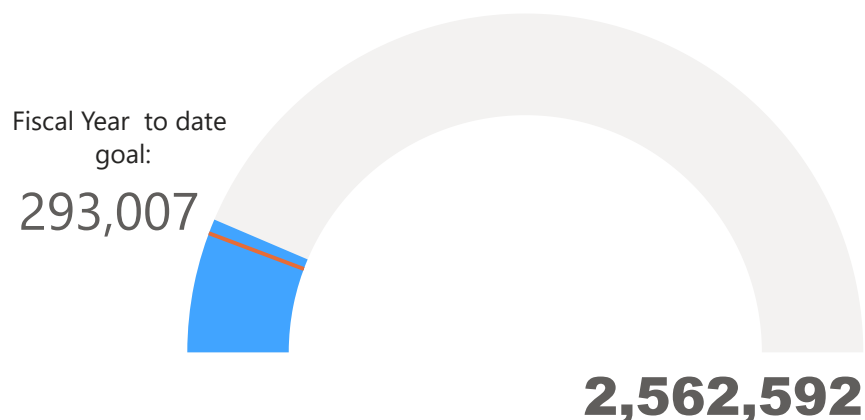
FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



670,524!

(-3.93%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal



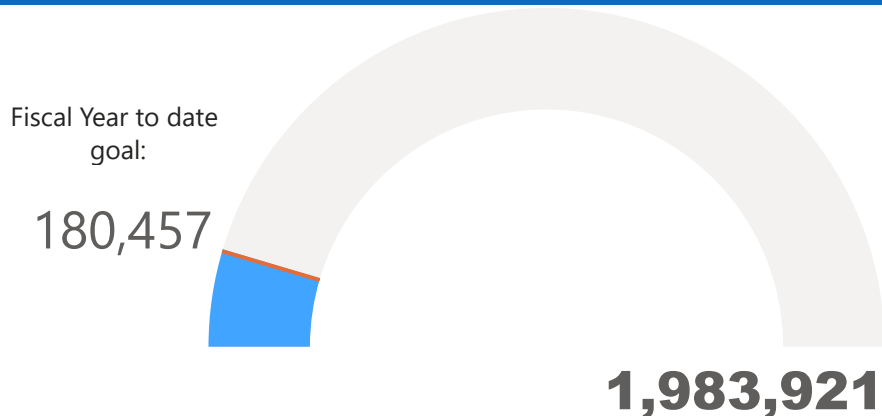
FY 2023 to date Library Visits



328,397✓

(+12.08%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2023 to date Digital Access



20,309

Hours of Computer Use



164,020

Hours of Wi-Fi Use

184,329✓

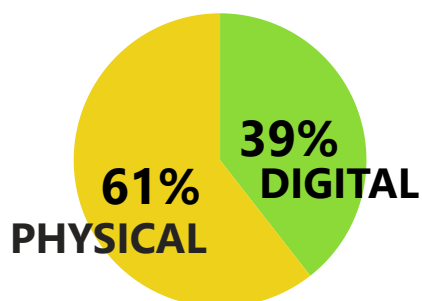
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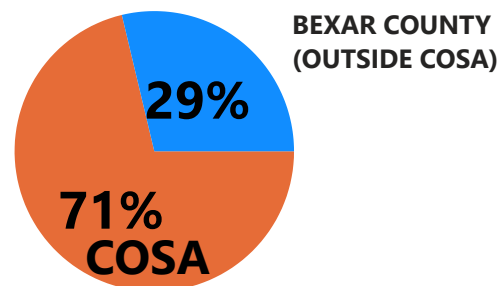
October 2022 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2023

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



136,053
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

2,032
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS*

72,306
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

309,433
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 2023

885
TOTAL PROGRAMS

229
ADULT PROGRAMS

256
TEEN PROGRAMS

401
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

19,725
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

3,390
ADULT ATTENDANCE

2,883
TEEN ATTENDANCE

13,452
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

9 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

2,326 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

ONLINE PROGRAM

SCREENING AND DIRECTOR'S TALK:
PANCHO GONZALEZ: WARRIOR OF THE COURT

THU OCT 20 7 PM

Program presented on Zoom

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LATINO COLLECTION

Registration Required

Winter Preparedness
at Central Library

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SPOOKY STORIES

CREEPY CRAYON!

Five Little Pumpkins on Sesame Street

THE GHOSTS WENT FLOATING

¡Hablemos de la ciudadanía!

Let's Talk About Citizenship

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October 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,983	5,173	5,673	1,094	4,578
Brook Hollow	26,373	14,136	6,691	747	5,944
Carver	2,580	4,595	3,322	924	2,398
Central	10,820	26,532	29,245	4,570	24,675
Cody	32,478	21,229	9,626	1,092	8,534
Collins Garden	3,839	4,288	4,309	792	3,517
Cortez	1,192	1,920	0	0	0
Digital	264,401	0	0	0	0
Encino	20,321	20,052	6,600	218	6,382
Forest Hills	329	78	287	0	287
Great Northwest	27,157	19,873	7,522	701	6,820
Guerra	6,393	8,719	4,305	544	3,761
Igo	38,224	24,391	12,791	531	12,260
Interlibrary Loan	1,324	0	0	0	0
Johnston	8,359	10,341	3,998	572	3,426
Kampmann		383	299		299
Landa	13,165	12,481	4,970	399	4,570
Las Palmas	4,580	6,312	4,516	814	3,702
Maverick	25,847	18,017	6,691	870	5,821
McCreless	6,873	7,709	5,647	979	4,668
Memorial	576	67	0	0	0
Mission	11,273	14,289	6,058	726	5,332
Pan American	4,605	3,490	2,817	421	2,396
Parman	33,484	28,644	9,199	248	8,951
Potranco	17,172	7,338	14,178	521	13,657
Pruitt	4,926	10,400	4,553	172	4,381
San Pedro	3,598	4,926	5,903	579	5,325
Schaefer	7,894	10,624	5,238	425	4,813
Semmes	29,823	13,851	9,728	987	8,741
System	35,922	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	6,375	8,092	4,551	620	3,931
Tobin	16,257	20,192	4,688	761	3,927
Westfall	1,381	261	924	0	924
Total	670,524	328,397	184,329	20,309	164,020

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

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October 2022 Programs & Attendance

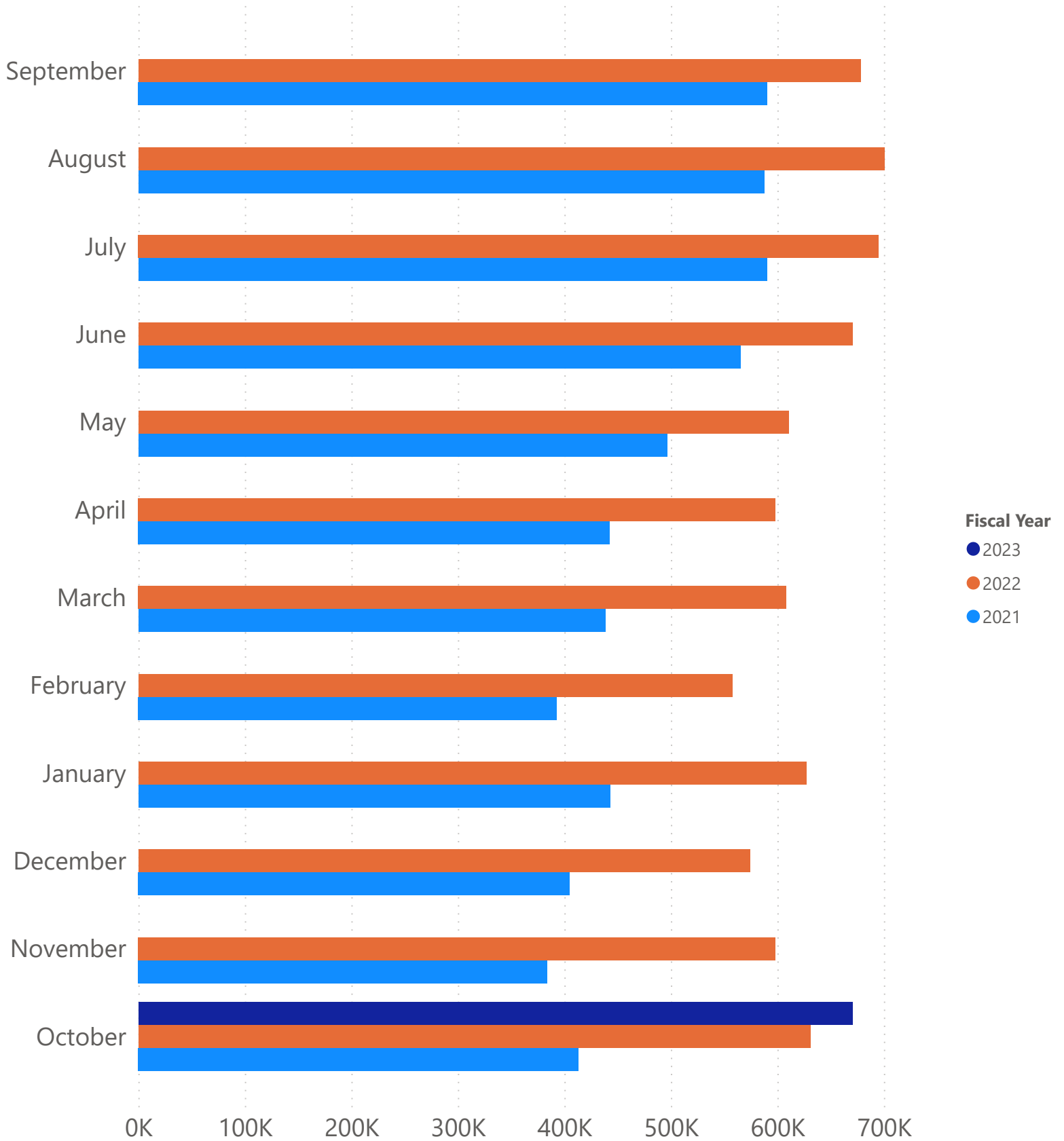
Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
Bazan	11	4	14	29	137	0	56	193
Brook Hollow	4	0	16	20	43	0	514	557
Carver	14	0	0	14	422	0	0	422
Central	10	89	8	107	99	739	482	1,320
Cody	17	21	30	68	202	737	511	1,450
Collins Garden	4	7	12	23	240	14	200	454
Cortez	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	2
Encino	12	8	25	45	63	43	768	874
Forest Hills	1	0	1	2	10	0	725	735
Great Northwest	4	7	10	21	29	51	506	586
Guerra	3	4	12	19	25	12	325	362
Igo	12	5	23	40	136	103	564	803
Johnston	11	5	11	27	110	188	246	544
Landa	7	3	14	24	77	5	835	917
Las Palmas	0	4	17	21	0	30	367	397
Little Read Wagon	0	0	28	28	0	0	661	661
Maverick	5	5	18	28	24	139	690	853
McCreless	5	9	8	22	75	32	50	157
Memorial	1	0	5	6	200	0	1,686	1,886
Mission	21	6	14	41	366	91	145	602
Pan American	10	5	9	24	139	59	565	763
Parman	6	4	15	25	228	16	508	752
Potranco	6	0	3	9	22	0	621	643
Pruitt	3	14	18	35	97	306	292	695
San Pedro	5	1	11	17	43	0	27	70
Schaefer	7	6	16	30	97	30	1,051	1,178
Semmes	5	4	15	24	35	15	412	462
System	25	35	12	72	104	176	185	465
Thousand Oaks	10	3	11	24	44	1	55	100
Tobin	5	7	24	36	321	96	374	791
Westfall	0	0	1	1	0	0	31	31
Total	229	256	401	885	3,390	2,883	13,452	19,725

Note:

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

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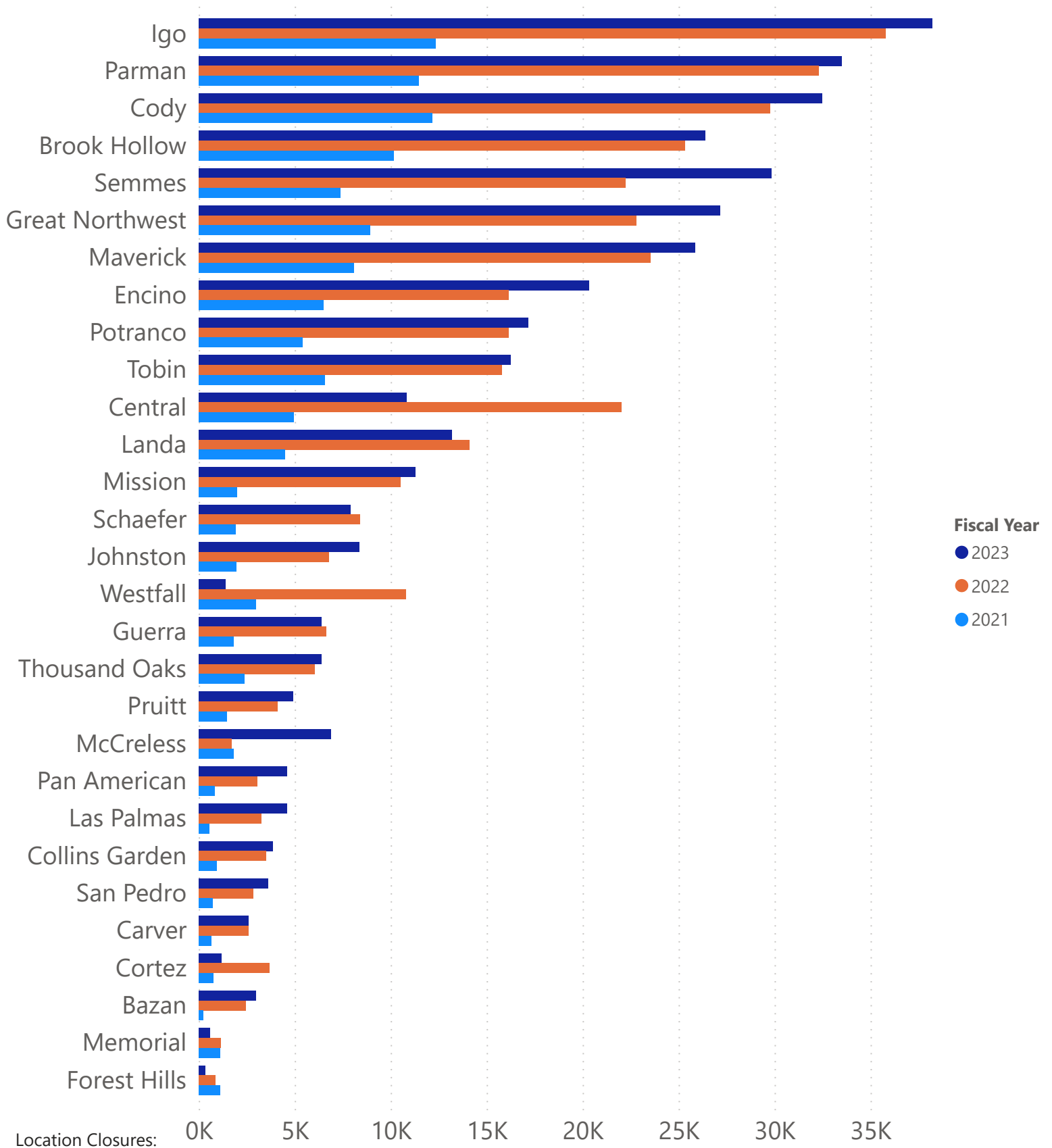
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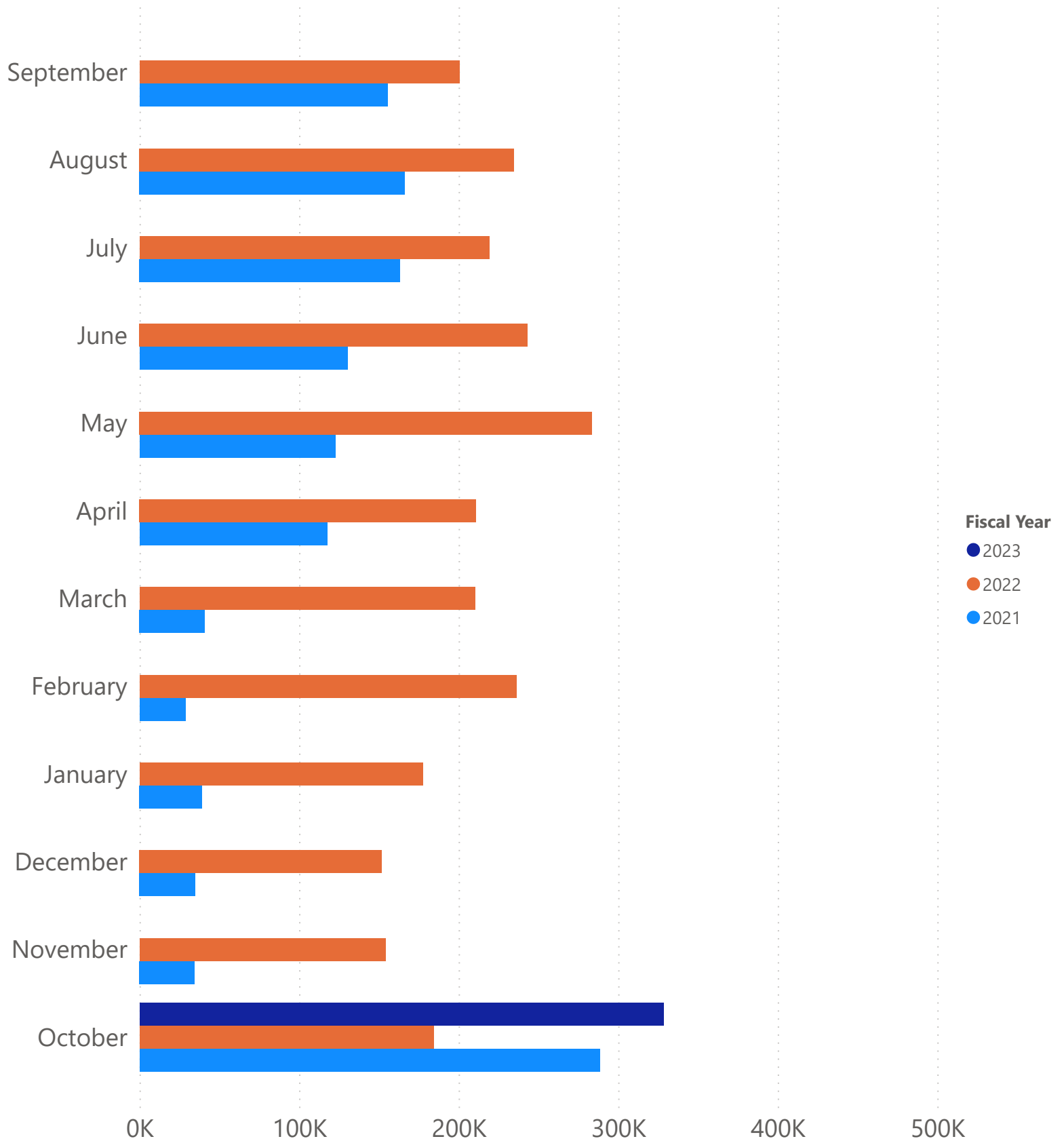
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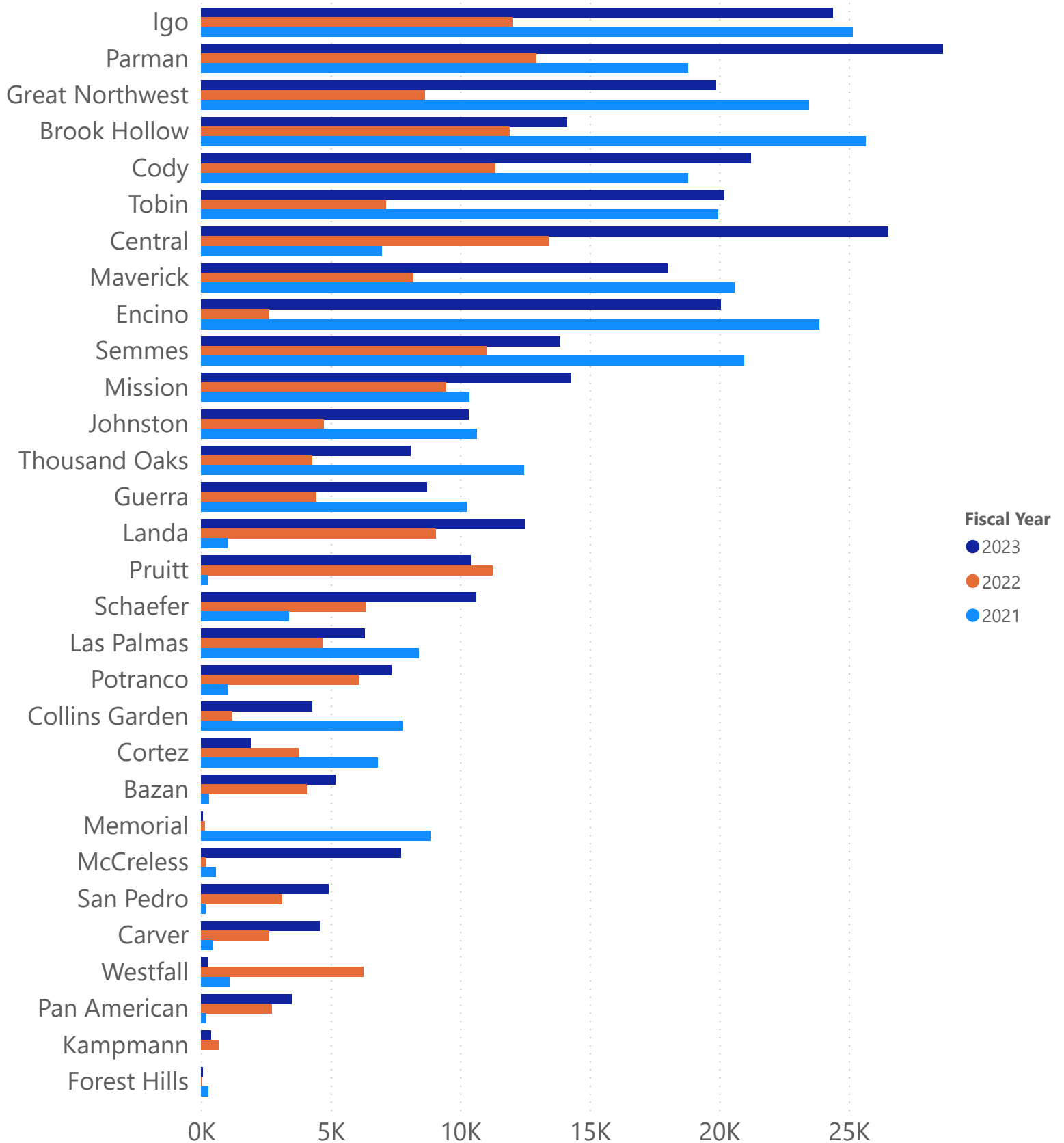
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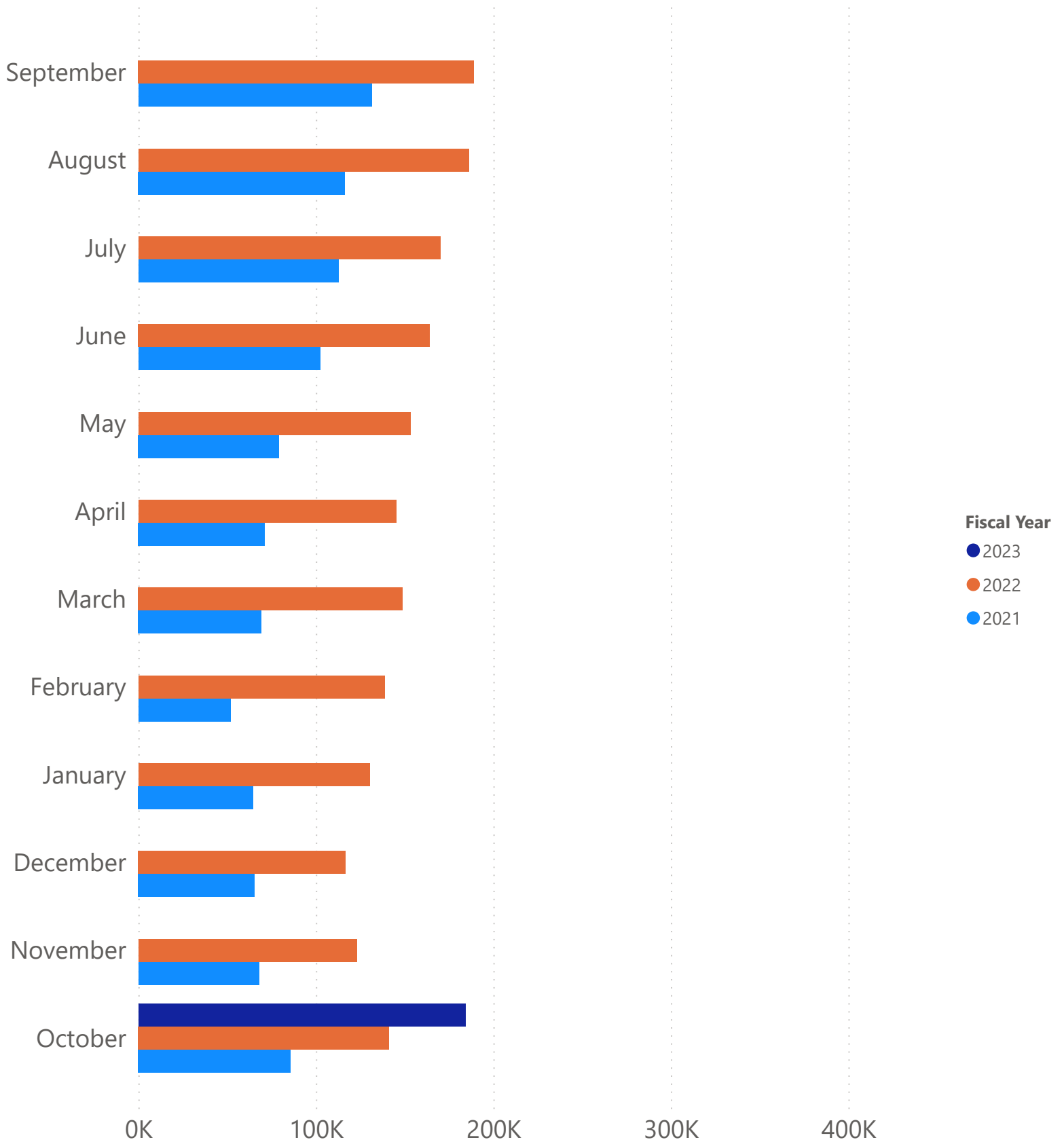
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Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



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APPENDIX

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

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

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

LibGuide – Individual pages or guides created through San Antonio Public Library's LibWizard system.

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

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

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

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.

