



Coordinator of Teen Services Jennifer Velasquez addresses the audience during the Summer with SAPL Kickoff on May 31, 2023.

San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director Amy Hone on May 1, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar virtually attended the Local Government Hispanic Network Board of Directors Monthly Meetings on May 5, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with Precinct 3 County Commissioner Greg Moody, Assistant City Manager David McCary, Library Board of Trustees Vice Chair Juspreet Kaur, and staff to discuss the Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County for Library Services on May 5 and May 26, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met virtually with David Maetas, Legislative Assistant for United States Congressman Tony Gonzales (TX-23) and Galvin Baker, Deputy Director for American Library Association Washington Office, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, as part of the American Library Association's virtual legislative fly-in 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to advocate for public and academic libraries. Three areas of support were requested: Support for Library Services and Technology Action (LSTA) funding, an additional \$50Million in 2024 to address urgent literacy needs and \$20Million in 2024 for library facility improvements.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Future of San Antonio Public Library and Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Steering Committee Meetings on May 23, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar virtually attended the Public Library Directors/Strategic Advisory Board Meeting on May 23, 2023.

The San Antonio Public Library held a successful launch of the Mayor's Summer Reading Library Club at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at the Central Library Children's area. Mayor Nirenberg joined Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar in the speaking program. Demonstrations of the different activities the library will offer during the Summer were included in this launch.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pop Madness, the Jesse Treviño panel discussion, and the Summer with SAPL Kickoff were the main subjects of media coverage and marketing initiatives for San Antonio Public Library in May. These stories garnered significant media attention and led to well-attended programs all month long. The Communications Team also began developing campaigns for Summer with SAPL programming and the ELLA Awards.

Media Highlights

- April 27 - KENS 5 reported on an open mic night at Central Library as part of National Poetry Month.
- April 29 - The San Antonio Express News published an article about the 1987 Battle of Flowers parade that was rained out. San Antonio Public Library's Texana Resource Center contributed to the article by providing the Express News issue from the following day.
- May 4 - The San Antonio Report published an article with information about the City of San Antonio's summer programs. They included information about Summer with SAPL.
- May 5 - KENS 5's Great Day SA Morning Show hosted Rhonda Woolhouse to discuss Pop Madness and demonstrate a craft available at the event happening on May 13 at Central Library.
- May 5 - KSAT 12's SA Live show featured Cosplay Chef Mary Lou Davis as a guest. They promoted Pop Madness during the segment.
- May 6 - Fox San Antonio 19 KABB featured Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse and Children's Services Coordinator Cresencia Huff to speak about Pop Madness and Summer with SAPL on the Focus on South Texas program.
- May 10 - KSAT 12 visited Central Library's newly renovated Children's Department for a live segment on the Good Morning San Antonio morning show to discuss Summer with SAPL. They also included a full feature segment in the noon broadcast as well as an online article.
- May 11 - Fox 29 San Antonio, KABB, aired a feature on the Jesse Treviño panel that took place at Central Library. They mentioned that the Mi Vida artwork will be on display at Central Library for the next two years.
- May 11 - San Antonio Current published an article previewing Pop Madness ahead of the event this past weekend.
- May 13 - KENS 5 highlighted the Pop Madness event that took place on May 13 at Central Library.
- May 13 - News 4 WOAI aired a highlight of Pop Madness with footage from the event on May 13 at Central Library.
- May 14 - My San Antonio included San Antonio Public Library in an article about the most popular reads in San Antonio in April.
- May 22 - TPR Promoted a film screening at Thousand Oaks Branch Library.
- May 22 - The Encino Branch Library was highlighted in the "Where I Live" column in the San Antonio Report. This column includes submissions from community members in diverse areas of the San Antonio Report's reach.
- May 23 - San Antonio Current highlighted "An Evening with Rachael Cerrotti" on their community calendar.
- May 30 - The Express News published this online article about the art collection within the Central Library.
- May 30 - TPR aired a highlight on the Summer with SAPL Kickoff at Central Library.
- May 31 - Telemundo aired a feature on the Summer with SAPL Kickoff which took place on Wednesday, May 31.
- May 31 - News 4 San Antonio WOAI reported on the Summer with SAPL Kickoff and featured an interview with Teen Services Coordinator Jennifer Velasquez.

Social Media metrics overview for May 2023:

- SAPL's social media generated **397, 213** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **618** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **13,689** times.

Social Media growth for May 2023:

- Twitter: **17** followers
- Facebook: **321** followers
- Instagram: **280** followers

YouTube statistics for May 2023:

- Subscribers: **34**
- Impressions: **63,325**
- Total Views: **7,828**
- Videos published: **6**

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including Summer with SAPL, Explore Opera for Kids and Pride Month, as well as social media and other promotions for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On May 3, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun met with Management Analyst Megan Reish and provided an overview of Library data and data sources in support of Ms. Reish's work on the Library's strategic plan.

On May 3, Mr. Spana met with ITSD Business Relationship Manager Cynthia Ramirez and the ITSD project team to kick off the ITSD's effort to update the Windows operating system on all public PCs.

On May 10, Mr. Spana joined colleagues from the Collections & Emerging Technologies group to meet representatives from Lyngsoe Systems and discuss that company's products, including an Intelligent Materials Management system.

Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess attended the kick-off meeting of the new Digital Collections Advisory Committee on May 19, 2023. The committee's task is to scout for new products, review products during trial periods, advise on purchasing decisions, and periodically review existing resources.

On May 20, Mr. Laun served as a volunteer during the Library's Pop Madness pop culture event.

On May 22, Mr. Spana and Ms. Hess joined colleagues from ITSD's Mobile Team to close out billing and inventory issues related to the iPad device lending project.

On May 23, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglas attended a demonstration, hosted by Access Services Manager Sarah Linley, of an Identisys badge printer. The badge printer will be a tactic important to improving the production value of the Enhanced Library Card.

On May 25, Mr. Laun met with members of Technical Services, Cataloging and Acquisitions to discuss implementing the change over from the Library's current style of read-along book (a book with a CD) to a new style from Wonderbooks and Vox books that feature a built player.

On May 30, Mr. Spana and Mr. Laun met with ITSD's Application Support team to learn more about that group's plans to update the operating system of various test servers hosting some of the Library's non-production ILS and Pharos print management services.

During the month of May, Mr. Laun assisted in compiling statistics from the Library's integrated library system, for use in the Interlocal Agreement discussions.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

For three consecutive weekends in May, the LCRC partnered with Gemini Ink to host a 3 session, bilingual story telling workshop, presented by local poet and storyteller Marisela Barrera. Attendees crafted their stories of choice during the first two sessions, where they refined their ideas and performance strategies. The third and final session showcased the art of live storytelling, which allowed the writers to present their stories amongst community, family, and friends.



LITTLE READ WAGON

May is a month of transition for Little Read Wagon (LRW) staff. Staff make their final school visits, finish out the spring play series, and host the last early childhood professional training of the 2022-2023 school year. This year marked the first near-normal school year since the March 2020 COVID-19 shut down. As a result, LRW staff spent time in May reflecting on the year and planning for the upcoming school year.

On Saturday, May 6th, the 1st Saturday Let's Play of the spring series wrapped up outside the Mission Branch Library. LRW staff greeted 155 children and their families as they played. The Mission grounds were buzzing with activity between the vibrant weekly Farmer's Market at the Mission Marquee and the Mission YMCA hosting Harlandale Independent School District students to build a bike. The final Let's Play event marked nine Saturdays of play outside the Mission Branch Library. Staying in one location for nine months was a pilot for LRW staff and the success of the series makes it clear that when families can depend on a monthly event at the same location, they will come out to play.

Another pilot of the Let's Play events was held on the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month outside the Carver Branch Library. While small in scale, the event was enthusiastically embraced by families. Due to the small size, LRW staff helped families to create individual play story books by taking photos of children playing and making blank books. The final Let's Play at the Carver Branch Library was held on May 10th. LRW staff continue to advocate centering equity to make evening programming available to families throughout the community.

LRW staff stepped in to assist Brook Hollow Branch's Amanda Neace as she hosted Family Story Time and play three times a week at northside parks. Jenifer Crier assisted on Tuesday mornings at Blossom Park. Megan Cruz, Clair Larkin, Melisa Hill and Julia Lazarin assisted at Walker Ranch Park and at McAllister Park.

Staff also spent May preparing for summer play events. LRW staff continue to be on the forefront of innovative play activity. This summer staff plan to host twice weekly play events at Martin Luther King Park, in the form of a Play Lab, and at Pearsall Park Splash Pad, in the form of a Water Play Lab. In addition, staff will work with the City of San Antonio Parks & Recreation department to jointly host an evening indoor play event at the Palm Heights Community Center. Meetings to coordinate the activities were held in May.

Eva Banda visited Southwest High School's school age parents (Southwest Independent School District) and presented bilingual Story Time to young children at Navarro Learning Center (San Antonio Independent School District). Ms. Banda also presented virtually in Spanish to parents with children at XYZ, while Ms. Cruz presented virtually in English.

Ms. Cruz, Ms. Larkin, and Ms. Banda hosted early childhood professionals at Central for the last of the Building Resilience Through Play training series. Art therapist Gaby Gamez presented to the attendees and led them through a creative exercise. Participants also were able to tour the newly completed Children's Floor at the Central Library.

Ms. Lazarin, Ms. Cruz and Ms. Banda continued their engagement with their strategic plan workgroups. Ms. Larkin remained engaged with the Trauma Informed initiative.



CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The month of May was primarily devoted to final preparations for Summer with SAPL. Children's services team members system-wide engaged in a variety of activities to promote the program such as: emails to community contacts, visits to neighborhood schools, and media interviews. On May 31 the Children's Library at Central hosted the Summer with SAPL kick-off, with Mayor Ron Nirenberg and other stakeholders in attendance. Guests had the opportunity to try different coding and art experiences that will be available to children throughout the summer.

A group of area school library administrators requested a tour of Central Library. Coordinator of Children's Services, Cresencia Huff, led the group on their visit, with particular emphasis on the Children's and Teen libraries. The group was excited to see the many enhancements to the newly renovated Children's Library as well as the resources available via the Teen Library.

On May 17, Ms. Huff and Coordinator of Library Services to Adults, Morgan Yoshimura, co-hosted a solar eclipse activity preview session. San Antonio Public Library solar eclipse work group members, Robin Alcorta, Brooke Mjolsness, and Carrie Vance facilitated a variety of activities for colleagues from Parks and Recreation and several community members. The group enjoyed the hands-on activities and requested more solar eclipse "fun facts."

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. Through these conversations and experiences, teens engaged with one another while chatting about newly released video games, TV shows, movies, and music; continuing their Dungeons & Dragons campaign; sharing original artwork and writings; and discussing the end of the school year as well as summer plans. With the start of Teen Summer 2023 around the corner, teens provided their input and feedback regarding summer clubs on the server, including when they should meet and any additional clubs they'd like to attend. Teens on the server also worked together to plan the second annual Teen Pride Party for Pride Month in June.

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, teens and teen volunteers showcased several different activities happening at their library, including food demonstrations (such as Brazilian lemonade and Mother's Day muffins) and book displays (featuring Space and Galaxy titles, as well as highlighting books for National Asian American and Pacific Islander Month). Teen volunteers also provided informational content and daily celebrations through Stories.

Pictures below: @210teenlibrary Instagram posts – Mother's Day muffins; teen volunteer Elena's space books display



FSA Teen Summer Interns – Teen Services is partnering with the Family Service Association (FSA) & DHS again this year to host teen summer interns at the Central Library and Bazan Library. Rosalie Barrera (Teen Services Librarian I, Teen Library @ Central) and Cassie Garza (Teen Services Librarian II / Assistant Manager, Bazan) attended the FSA 2023 Summer Internship Job Fair. Rosalie and Cassie had the opportunity to meet and interview several prospective teen interns. The interns will gain real-world working experience at both library locations during the summer.

Professional Development – On May 2, Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) and Matthew Loaiza met with Cathleen Crabb (Senior Architect, Public Works Department) and Brian Sowell (Registered Architect, WestEast Design Group) to discuss plans for a reimagined teen space at the Ella Austin Community Center. Velasquez and Loaiza shared details about how Teen Spaces at the San Antonio Public Library support teen participation, ownership, investment of their library experience, and how this could be incorporated into this new space at Ella Austin. On May 23, Loaiza spoke with a library staff member from Glenview Public Library (in Glenview, Illinois) to provide them with information about using Oculus virtual reality headsets for teen activities at the library. On May 30 and 31, Loaiza assisted with interview panels for Teen Services Librarian I positions.

Grace Holt (Teen Services Librarian II / Assistant Manager, Brook Hollow) joined the Teen Services group in May and will be working in the Teen Library at Central twice a week and at Carver the rest of the week during Brook Hollow's closure. Along with several other Teen Services Librarians, Grace represented Teen Services at the Mayor's Summer Reading club kick-off on June 1 and helped create the table display for the event, showcasing Teen Summer.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On May 13th, Pop Madness – the library’s annual pop culture event - returned to the Central Library for the first time since February 2020. This event was a huge success – with an estimated attendance of just under 2000 people. The most popular areas and activities this year included were K-pop (Korean Pop music), anime, Cosplay chef Mary Lou Davis (Geeks and Grubs), Children’s Area (which included visit from authors Kazu and & Amy Kim Kibuishi – authors of the graphic novel series Amulet), two escape rooms, and workshop on creating Funko Pop figurines by Elizabeth Evans of Little Pop Workshop. This year also featured a virtual guest – Dean Nicholson of 1Bike1World who travels the world with his cat and Nala and posts about his adventures on Instagram, where he has 1 million followers. This session was recorded and was posted to the Library’s YouTube Channel, where it currently has 6,700 views. The staff committee that organizes Pop Madness is already working on identifying a date for next year’s event.

In May, the Library celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Throughout the month, the Library hosted 19 events as well as an exhibit at Westfall Library about the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Events included movie screenings at nine locations that feature Asian Americans, performances of Bharatanatyam dance at five locations, sitar music demonstrations at three locations, and online performances of Indian classic violin and Indian classic flute.

On Saturday, May 6, Carver Branch Library hosted the 8th Annual Pan African Cultural Festival which attracted some 400 revelers celebrating the people and diverse cultures of the African Diaspora. The event featured live music, dance performers, as well as a fashion show and a riveting capoeira demonstration. Food trucks were on hand to tempt the appetite. A vendor pavilion offered African sculpture, clothing, jewelry, books, face painting, information/resource booths and more.

OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In May, the Library celebrated Older Adults Month. Nationwide, this annual celebration is called Older Americans Month, however staff organizing this year’s series of programs felt that calling the observance Older Adults Month was more inclusive. A total of 14 events occurred throughout the month at a variety of locations. Highlights included Speed Friending for Older Adults, which was a highly successful event at Igo Branch Library roughly five years ago. Staff planning events for Older Adults Month this year decided to try this event again at Great Northwest Library, and the event was again very well received – and thus Great Northwest staff are going to offer this program on a regular basis. Another very successful event was a workshop on healthy Mexican cooking, which was offered at Bazan Branch Library. This workshop was presented in Spanish. Finally, the Extended Run Players from University of Incarnate Word presented a reader’s theatre version of the play Aging Ain’t For Sissies at Igo Library.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



Pop Madness was the highlight of the month, with the Children's Library playing a crucial role in providing activities for children during the Adult Services event. Librarian Ashley Stubbs and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez developed the extensive activities over the course of several months. They arranged for special guest appearances by Kazu and Amy Kibuishi, authors of the popular *Amulet* graphic novel series. The author/illustrators led a collaborative drawing session with children, the results of which are on display in the Children's Library hallway. They also arranged a visit from Tom Kinsey with Learn Nature, who brought live animals for children to observe. The San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department also sent representatives to present an engaging activity for families. Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Fernandez worked with Library Assistant Judith Slaughter and Librarian Melissa Fulmer to develop a Super Mario Brothers craft and photo op, as well as a popular superhero-themed escape room! They also arranged for the San Antonio Public Library's mascot, Smarty, to come dressed as Harry Potter and participate with the kids in the Costume Cavalcade. Ms. Fernandez helped Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow) and J.D. Elizondo (Information Services @ Central) with an information table about their *Escape the Earth* podcast as well. They also interviewed attendees and other organizations for a future podcast episode.

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin and Librarians Ashley Stubbs and Melissa Fulmer presented weekly Family Story Times for young children and Let's Create! events for older kids. They worked collaboratively to present engaging programs, each contributing their own flavor to the events. Family Story Time started to build a little community, with families and children that came weekly. They looked forward to participating in interactive songs, readings and activities, as well as making new friends. Quite a few regularly attending families walked or rode their bikes to the library for the program. It has been wonderful to see the new space flourish with happy children and families gathering together for Family Story Time. Let's Create! has been a popular program for all ages, though it is designed for school-aged children. Each week the librarians featured different activities, such as games, collaborative collage and painting!

Ms. Fulmer assisted at the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition, where she greeted and signed in poets and their families. She also created an art and poetry prompt for each table for the guests to engage with. Ms. Fulmer continued to contribute to virtual programming for children in May. She led children in an art

activity for two sessions of Art Club Online. She also participated in Baby Time Online every week. Both she and Ms. Stubbs recorded a story each for the Library's Dial-A-Story service as well.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area childcare centers and schools. Ms. Fulmer and Ms. Stubbs visited Frederick Douglass Elementary and shared information about the Library and the Mayor's Summer Reading Club with families. Ms. Fulmer and Ms. Stubbs each presented separate Story Times to children at Central Christian Day School and brought books for the teachers each time. Ms. Seglin shared stories and songs with children at Madison Square Child Development Center and delivered library books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Simpson delivered books to two classrooms at the Discovery School as well.

TEEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, Las Palmas) host the "Random Fandom" club Thursdays on Discord, in which teens engage in discussions about fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime or pop culture shows. Kathleen also leads the 2023 Teen Summer workgroup.

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

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I) continues to support and engage with teens as they explore and activate the Teen Library as their own space to serve their needs, such as studying, crafting, gaming, or gathering with friends. She provides support as needed in 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.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Afterschool on Tuesdays, teens participate in events they suggested, based on social media videos seen, something new to try, or past activities done in the Teen Library they would like to repeat. 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 have highlighted general teen interest and celebrations, such as birthdays, Mother's Day, and family favorites. Teens made corn in a cup, which inspired the following week's roasted corn on a cob. A couple of teens have family who sell these items at fairs, so they had fantastic tips to share with their peers. Teen volunteer Angelina shared a family favorite – cheesecake bites with a strawberry sauce that involved a tortilla. When other teens heard "tortilla" in the same sentence with "cheesecake," they doubted Angelina, but once they made and tasted their own, they all retracted their doubts. For Mother's Day, teens made muffins and wrapped them in some very sweet packaging. Teens also used air dry clay, the sticker maker, perler beads, and made mangonadas. One of the great things to witness with this crop of after-schoolers was how well they gelled and worked together. This group maintained a consistent and active Tuesday activity schedule. As Summer and the end of school neared, with many of them knowing they will not be able to visit this library regularly, there was a sense of meaningful participation. Even as chaotic as it might have reached, the teen-planned Hello Kitty Birthday Party fully captured that essence. As it was a combination birthday party for Angelina and celebration of Asian food, it was also the chance to make some of their most-requested favorites: sushi and boba tea. Teens decorated, assembled their foods and enjoyed a lively Teen Tuesday night.

To fulfill the San Antonio Food Bank nutritional lesson requirement, teens made quick and easy energy bites. Pictures and videos from activity times can be found on the @210teenlibrary Instagram page.

Pictures below – roasted corn night; teen volunteer Erick sorting Teen Summer supplies; Hello Kitty sushi; Hello Kitty boba tea; mangonada!



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

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 hosts Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Sally Bauer and Michelle Villarreal created a display to highlight Mental Health Awareness month. The display included books on various aspects of mental health. The books were constantly being replaced so the display was very successful..

Christina Mortero and Brianna Glass created a monthly display to bring awareness to National Pet Week.

On Monday May 8, Kaitlan Helton, an Animal Care Services trainer, and her rescue dog Scout presented a dog training demonstration for National Pet Week. The "Sit, Stay Learn!" demonstration covered how to safely approach a strange dog, how to keep dogs from jumping, and other training topics. The children in the audience were especially engaged and asked some really great questions about dog training and how to use treats and commands effectively. ACS had wonderful goodies to give away such as treat pouches and ball launchers. The program was hosted by Cynthia de Leon.



On May 13, Christina Montero and Valerie Saucedo (SAPL) hosted a DIY Dog/Cat Toy program for National Pet Week in which 90 people (adults, families, and children) participated.



On May 18, Arland Schnacker participated in a Job Fair outreach at the GI Forum. Veterans and civilians had the opportunity to talk with employers and other organizations for assistance with job placement.



COSA Parks and Recreation representatives hosted an information table on May 19, 2023 and promoted Fitness in the Parks to our Central patrons.

On May 20, a virtual Chair Yoga Class was offered by Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez using the Library Zoom platform. It was presented by Ashley Ludwick, a professional Yoga Instructor. The instructor taught chair yoga in a fun-filled way and offered many options for seated postures, standing with chair support to safely stretch and connect within.

On May 24, Arland Schnacker and Jordan Torres hosted an event for The San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA) which offered free legal advice for low-income veterans. A team of seven lawyers, that specialized in different fields of law, assisted patrons with a variety of legal topics.

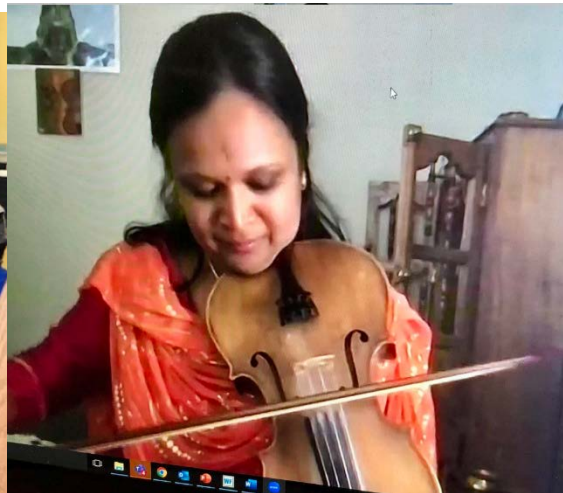
Information Services contributed to multiple Central and system-wide Asian Pacific Heritage Month Initiatives.

On May 6, May 20, May 23, Pannaga Prasad organized the system-wide program “Bharatanatyam: Classical Dance Performance” at Pruitt, Tobin, Collins Garden and Memorial Libraries. The program was hosted by branch staff and very well attended. The program was held on May 16th at Central Library and hosted by Pannaga Prasad and Jordan Torres.



On May 23, Pannaga Prasad and Diana Starrett organized a virtual session entitled “Journey into Indian Classical Violin” over the zoom platform. The violinist offered various types of compositions of classical music. The attendees noted that they enjoyed listening to the music.

On May 25, Pannaga Prasad organized the sitar musical program “Sitar Sounds: Music and Demo at Igo, San Pedro and Central Library with Gamini Haluwana and Diana Starrett. Christina Montero assisted in setting up the sound system at Central Library. The sitar musician offered a live musical presentation and demonstration of the sitar instrument. The attendees asked a lot of questions about the instrument and greatly appreciated the program.



LEARN AT CENTRAL

Learn at Central continues to offer on-going monthly 'Civics for Citizenship' classes, 'iPad How-To' sessions, and an 'Intro to Computers' class that takes place every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Learn at Central staff are focused on providing consistent one-on-one support for digital literacy and community navigation for patrons in need of job searching, resume building, learning English as a second language and navigating social service sites and various resource directories. Learn at Central staff have helped over 200 patrons for the month of May. We have helped over 15 patrons with the Rehabarama application. This month, 3 of our patrons reported obtaining and retaining a job. The Learn space has added magnification readers to give away to patrons in need. In addition, the Learn space is offering a courtesy phone for patrons needing to make calls for jobs and critical social services.

Staff members continue to work on professional development developing skills in Conflict management, and critical conversations in trauma-informed care. Learn staff have developed a daily stand-up meeting method which reduces the need for longer meetings and helps staff maintain a healthy staff morale and keeps each other fresh on daily duties.

Training Officers Denise Cadena and Daniel A. Gonzalez along with library assistant Francisco Rodriguez participated in Dia De Los Ninos on May 6, helping children and families with a craft activity called "Making Your Own Book." Francisco also assisted in Pop Madness at Central on May 13th. A picture of Francisco with a Pokemon character is shown below.



TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

On May 6, Librarian Sylvia Reyna presented the program *Indigenous People of Bexar County*, from an archaeological perspective, at the annual *Paseo por el Westside* community event. She illustrated how “preservation” includes not just the physical remains but the cultural and intangible heritage. Additionally, she tabled the all-day event promoting the library and offering an activity for youth that highlighted our area’s first inhabitants.

Librarian Matt De Waelsche presented a program May 8, *Preserving Family Treasures*, at the Lions Field Adult and Senior Center. Mr. De Waelsche went over the best ways to preserve such family items as photographs, letters and quilts so that generations to come will be able to enjoy them.



May is Older Adults Month and Texana/Genealogy Librarians Sylvia Reyna and Deborah Countess served on the programming committee, helping to organize a wide variety of programs designed for the more seasoned patron. On May 15, Ms. Reyna orchestrated a *Speed Friending for Older Adults* program at the Great Northwest Library where people were invited to participate in rounds of question-and-answer sessions designed to foster new friendships.

Ms. Countess developed a trivia game aimed at the more senior patron titled *Trivia Fun! Re-live the 50's-60's-70's*. The game, which was featured at Cortez Library (May 9) and McCreless Library (May 25), focused on the topics: Leisure; Movies, Music and TV; News; School work and History.

Librarian Andy Crews presented a class demonstrating the Ancestry Library Edition database on May 17 at the Forest Hills branch library as part of the Older Adults monthly initiative. The class discussed types of records that can be found in the database and tips on searching to aid in researching one's family history.

Ms. Reyna reached out to Qi Gong instructor Natalie Enevold, inviting her to lead Older Adult classes at Forest Hills Library (May 20) and San Pedro Library (May 27) on this ancient art of gentle exercise.



Keeping in mind the importance of good health, Ms. Reyna also invited Blanca Rivera to conduct, in Spanish, a healthy cooking class, *Cocina Mexicana Saludable* (Healthy Mexican Cooking) on May 22. Ms. Rivera spoke about the types of ingredient substitutes that can help make Mexican cuisine better for you, while still retaining its flavor.



On May 24, Ms. Reyna led a beginning genealogy class, *ABC's of Genealogy*, at Potranco Library in the YMCA's community center. She went over the best strategies to use when researching family history and entertained questions from the audience regarding ethnic genealogy and online databases.



Regarding the importance of healthy food, Ms. Reyna invited Vince Hernandez, garden steward for Collins Garden Library, to discuss ways to make gardening easier for older knees and backs. During this May 26 event he suggested utilizing waist-high beds and/or raised beds, tools with longer handles, and using a garden seat kneeler to help make growing your own vegetables a little easier.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN



The Bazan branch welcomed Megan Swisher from the San Antonio Philharmonic on May 27th. Her visit was part of the *M is for Musicians* children's program series. Ms. Swisher introduced the audience to the cello, played several tunes and allowed children to see the instrument up close and hold it. The program was well attended, and everyone had a good time.

Assistant Manager and Teen librarian Cassie Garza assisted with staffing a table in the Pokémon area during Pop Madness. Ms. Garza showed visitors how to play the Pokémon trading card game, how to look up prices for their cards and set up a safe place for people to trade their Pokémon cards.

Ms. Garza also assisted interviewing potential teen summer intern candidates at the Neighborhood Place during an outreach event. There were several teens specifically interested in wanting to complete their summer internship at Bazan and Central Library. This year Bazan will be hosting two teen interns over the summer. The paid summer internships are provided by the Family Services Association



Ms. Garza was invited to have a library promotional table at a Kpop and Anime related event at Jefferson Bodega. The organizers for the event wanted the library to be represented at their event to share free and

fun summer activities with their visitors. Library Assistant Enedina Prater joined Ms. Garza in button making and sharing information about Bazan's upcoming *Bad Girls Romance Book Club*.

Ms. Garza continued to host the *210 Teen Library Discord Gaming Club*. The group has been streaming and playing a multitude of video games. The highlight for this month included teens streaming their own Minecraft creations, a new medieval game called Mordhau and several games that they personally modified.

Bazan hosted *Healthy Mexican Cooking* as part of *Older American Month* programming. The cooking demonstration was presented by Blanca Rivera who provided samples of delicious traditional Mexican recipes for everyone to enjoy. Special thanks to Librarian Sylvia Reyna for organizing the program.

The Learn center was busy in May providing one-on-help sessions covering computer skills, resume building, job search, job applications and help learning personal devices.

Training Officer Carlos Loera presented a full slate of classes and activities including citizenship test preparation classes, English as a Second Language classes, *Painting for Senior Adults*, *Adult Coloring Class* *How to use the iPad* and *Coffee and a Movie* for seniors.

BROOK HOLLOW



Brook Hollow Library (BHL) closed its doors for HVAC work as of Monday, April 24, 2023, with the meeting room remaining open for Bexar County Election Department's Municipal Election on Saturday, May 6, and early voting from April 24 through May 2. BHL served approximately 6,000 voters in May.

BHL Manager Jeannette Davies, PSA Jake Odland & BHL Librarian 1 Marco De Leon did the leg work to arrange BHL's temp library service @ COSA's Walker Ranch Senior Center (WRSC), 835 W. Rhapsody Dr., 78216. WRSC temp library service hours are Mon & Tues, 1-8 pm; Wed & Thurs, 1-6 pm & Fridays, 1-4 pm. In May, WRSC served 2,183 library patrons.

Manager Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen Thursday, May 25, 2023 @ Noon featuring Memorial Day BBQ Tips and Davies demonstrated how to make a Watermelon

Cake to WOW your family and friends. Davies and co-host Oscar Gonzales, manager of the Mission Library, featured Noon Time Cooking includes cookbook talks, bibliographies of library resources and demos of tested recipes etc. Patrons can register for the program on the library's website via Events and the date. Davies was recently appointed Chairperson of the Texas Library Associations Public Relations and Marketing Committee.

New BHL Assistant Manager & Teen Librarian Grace Holt joined Central and Carver's teams during BHL's closure. At Central, Holt supported the Mayor's Summer Reading Club kickoff event and at Carver she provided teens at St. Phillips Early College Highschool with information about summer opportunities at the library.

Children's Librarian Amanda Neace hosted nine family Story Times at park sites in May, with support from children's services and Little Read Wagon. These events reached 267 participants at Blossom Park, Walker Ranch Historic Landmark Park, and McAllister Park. Neace also contributed to four Family Story Time Online events and two Art Club Online events in May.

Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon coordinated BHL's La Tertulia; Mystery and Tuesday Evening Book Clubs at alternate sites in May to continue serving those patrons while BHL is closed.

Library Assistant Elissa Vura represented the Escape the Earth podcast at PopMadness, on Saturday, May 13, along with and J.D. Elizondo (Central - Information Services). The team promoted the podcast, giving away stickers and swag, and interviewed attendees about their favorite sci-fi and fantasy books, movies, characters, and franchises. Attendee interviews will be featured on an upcoming episode of Escape the Earth.



CARVER

On Saturday, May 6, the branch hosted the 8th Annual Pan African Cultural Festival which attracted some 400 revelers celebrating the people and diverse cultures of the African Diaspora. The event featured live music, dance performers, as well as a fashion show and a riveting capoeira demonstration. Food trucks were hand to tempt the appetite. A vendor pavilion offered African sculpture, clothing, jewelry, books, face painting, information/resource booths and more.



Staff and the Friends of Carver Branch welcomed the SAPL Board of Trustees who held their May meeting in the Prudence Curry Meeting Room. Branch manager DL Grant delivered remarks to the trustees, highlighting a precious quilt donated by the San Antonio African American Quilt Circle of San Antonio that had been inspired by a children's Juneteenth craft activity.

Dr. Grant participated in Bowden Academy's Mock Career Interviews, an end of the year celebration for the school's high school-bound 8th graders. The event was held on Thursday, May 25. The students were paired with a professional who offered one-on-one guidance and encouragement as they contemplated careers in a variety of fields. School principal Patricia Washington, Ph.D., sent her appreciation afterward thanking Dr. Grant and the other professionals for "spending time with our 8th graders. Today, we had one of the most beautiful promotional ceremonies that I've seen in a long time."

LEARN

The total amount of patrons who entered the Learn Center was 138. The total amount of minutes spent with patrons was 14,115 minutes. Learn @ Carver welcomed 17 new patrons seeking computer and job preparation training and continued to support 105 patrons with their technology needs. The most popular program during the month of April besides computer skills continues to be job searching, emailing and using a personal device. Learn successfully assisted 4 patrons with their job preparation and searches by assisting with the onboarding process for their new jobs/careers.

Training Officer, Shauna Mendoza continues he weekly classes with enthusiastic participation: Computer Training on Monday – Friday from 1pm-6pm; Smart Phone and Personal Device Training on Wednesdays from 10 am-11:30am; Introduction to Computers on Fridays from 10 am-11:30am.

An additional class has been added to the Learn center: Crochet & Knitting Club; every Thursday from 1:30pm – 3:30pm. This class has not only brought in new patrons but the existing patrons who use the Learn center regularly, enjoy communitarianism this club has to offer.



Shauna continued to be involved in the community with the following events and locations:

Claude Black Community Center Shauna continues visiting the community center where she has formed meaningful resource relations and goes where her patrons are to either say “hello” and/or introduce new patrons to the services Learn @ SAPL at Carver provides

District 2 Senior Center residents played Emoji Bingo with training Officer Shauna Mendoza and getting information about library events and the Libby App.



Wheatley Park Senior Living Center: Facility that houses older adults. Played Emoji Bingo and talked with the residents about their phones, iPads, and laptops



San Antonio Breakfast Club: Assisted Morgan with a Library and Learn presentation to this group of men who gather weekly and participate in various presentations



During the month of May, Children's Librarian Lisa Ramirez continued to host two weekly children's programs at the Carver branch. A Lego program for school-age children, and a Story Time program. In addition to supporting these weekly events, Ms. Ramirez has also been assisting McCreless Library with their weekly Lego time every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

On May 10th, Little Read Wagon hosted Let's Play at Carver from 3:45-5:45 outside where children participated in a number of fun, hands-on activities. Ms. Ramirez visited Tynan Headstart for the last visit of the year on May 18th. She read three books to three classes, sang songs, and did some movement songs with the early childhood age children.

Ms. Ramirez visited Candlewood Elementary for Career Day on May 23rd and spoke to 7 groups from grades ranging from kinder to 4th grade about being a Children's Librarian at the San Antonio Public Library. Ms. Ramirez also prepared for upcoming June Summer decorations, Summer programming, and also a Juneteenth book display.

CODY

Cody hosted the last two days of early voting as well as election day in the Municipal Uniform Election the first week of May.

Weekly children's programming at Cody continued the first week in May. During Come & Go Crafts, children made paper *milagritos*. They drew a design on their paper and wrote a wish on them. Afterwards, children's *milagritos* were put up on display. During Family Story Time, children and families were able to preview the new sensory play programs that will start this summer. Children learned through playing with play dough, musical instruments, puzzles, sensory balls, and other play materials.

Children's programming at the Cody Library paused for several weeks so that Yourdon could go out to local schools to promote Summer with SAPL and to prepare for summer. Yourdon visited Oak Meadow Elementary and Mead Elementary to tell children and families about the upcoming summer plans. Library Assistant Haly LeFlore visited Huebner Elementary.

In May, Adult Services Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney, with the Zine Committee, began the process of selecting and compiling entries for the Big Pride Zine and scheduled three additional guests for the library's InQueeries podcast.

Cody staff set up many displays for the month of May. For Mental Health Awareness Month, Library Assistant Luanne Bloom created a popular display on sleep. Library Aide Caleb Blount took charge of a gardening display. Library Aide Courtney Groeneveld made a Memorial Day book display, cleverly creating an American flag out of red, white, and blue books and also put together a display to mark Coronation Day, featuring biographies of members of the Royal family. Library Assistant Angela Olivarez created a photo op station to celebrate May the Fourth, which proved very popular with families.



Dunbar-Rodney arranged a mixed media art program, Be Artful, Be Mindful for Seniors, led by circulation staff member Maria Treviño and assisted by Blount, on May 20. Dunbar-Rodney led the How to Craft a Resume program on May 17, receiving an Encore card from one of the patrons in appreciation for the program. Monthly game night events Do You Wanna Play a Game? and Tabletop Gaymer Night continue to be well attended.

COLLINS GARDEN

On May 6, the Collins Garden branch hosted the May 6 municipal election.

Passive programming continued at the branch during the month of May. Adults were provided with weekly brain booster challenges to exercise their mind and they contributed to a community jigsaw puzzle. Teens were provided with various art mediums and encouraged to be creative. Children were provided with craft supplies to create their own art.

Adults

The Collins Garden Book Club met on May 17 to discuss the novel *The Disappearing Act* by Catherine Steadman. Adult Services Librarian Rosa Villa hosted the club. In recognition of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Ms. Villa mounted the Collection Development curated book display and screened the film *Crazy Rich Asians*. On May 20, the branch hosted the Kaveri Natya Yoga Dance group. The group performed classical Bharatanatyam dances for the enjoyment of our patrons. In anticipation of the upcoming release of the movie *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*, Ms. Villa hosted a Transformers Movie Marathon every Tuesday during the month of May. Patrons enjoyed the opportunity to view the entire series which began in 2007. Via book displays, Ms. Villa observed National Pet Week, highlighted benefits of the Mediterranean Diet and promoted True Crime books available at the branch.



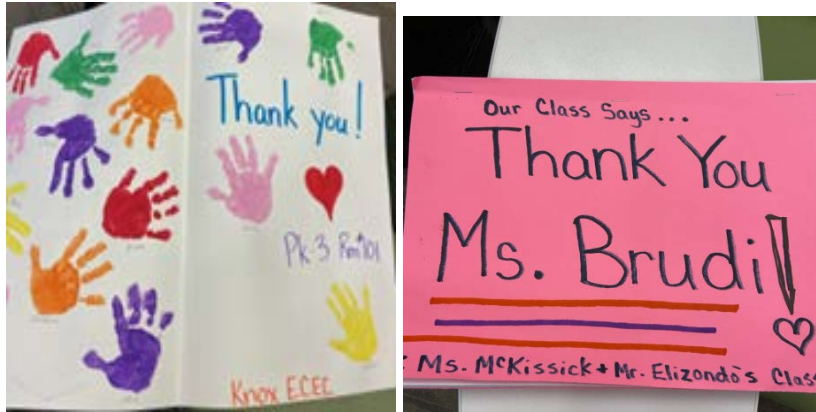
Teens

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll facilitated weekly Teen Club and Teen Vibe programs at the branch. Teens planted lavender, created rock art with metallic sharpies, talked about future job aspirations and played Wii U. Teens continued to decorate the windows and whiteboard in the teens only space. On the 210teenlibrary Discord server, Ms. Toll assisted Matthew Loaiza with the Friday Teen Time club, where teens talked about different interests and connected with their peers. Ms. Toll supervised the Instagram volunteers. Teen Services Discord workgroup celebrated the 13 young adults who are graduating this year. The staff wrote personalized messages of best wishes and congratulations to the seniors and sent out goodie bags to the teens to collect at a branch closet to them.



Children

On May 7th Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi along with Children's Librarian Lisa Taylor from Parman Branch Library attended Family Day at the San Antonio Museum of Art. In celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, they engaged families with stories and interactive songs. Ms. Brudi visited Knox Early Literacy Center on May 10th and read to all nine classrooms. She was gifted by the children with cards and artwork as they said goodbye to her until September. For the reporting period, she hosted four Lego Club programs; four Let's Build Construction and More featuring Magna-Tiles and Straws and Connectors programs and four Preschool Story Times. She continues to participate in Family Story Time and Baby Time online. In celebration of Mother's Day and World Bee Day children created artwork on the white board in the Children's area. Ms. Brudi mounted a World Turtle Day book display in the juvenile area.



CORTEZ

On the first Thursday, Cortez celebrated with a 'May the Fourth be with You' Star Wars Perler Bead and Button-Making event, created by Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez and assisted by branch staff and volunteers. More than 30 Star Wars enthusiasts of all ages came to create Star Wars Perler Art and Buttons; some dressing up and bringing their favorite Star Wars items from home. Ms. Vasquez received many compliments and praise on the event from the community. Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt hosted two crochet programs in the month of May for all ages, once at Cortez Library and once at Johnston Library. Esmeralda received a heartfelt EnCore from a teen whom she taught to crochet, expressing how impactful learning to crochet had been to their well-being. Esmeralda also lent her skills to Dial-A-Story, reading one English and one Spanish book for children and their families to enjoy.



Adults

Cortez Library served as a voting site at the beginning of May. Texana hosted Oldie's Trivia on a rainy May 9th, the attendees of which had a blast. Metro Health's Mobile STI Unit visited the branch for two days, operating from the Cortez parking lot, assisting 20 total community members. Vince Escobedo from Metro Health hosted two high-energy Healthy Eating classes in May, one for the community with seven attendees, and a second to be recorded and featured on KSAT News in the morning. Library Assistant, Jo Ann Paredes, hosted five of her weekly craft class, 'Getting Crafty' with a total of 25 attendees. The crafts featured were: Simplified Wall Art, Amigurumi Frog (guest-hosted by Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt), Finer Lampshade, and Pipe Cleaner Flowers. This month saw six new attendees to the class.

Childrens

At the end of May, Cortez welcomed their new Children's Librarian, Linda Childs, who had a tremendous first week at Cortez. Ms. Childs, with Ms. Vasquez, accepted an outreach opportunity at Zamora Middle School, talking to over 150 preteens about Summer Reading and the Library, on her second day at the branch. Ms. Childs received many compliments and much praise for her interactions with the students, her energy, and positive approach. Wednesday afternoon's Lego Time continues to be a hit with 20 monthly attendees.

ENCINO

Children

Children's programming slowed down a bit in May as we geared up for a big summer. We enjoyed a few Baby Time and Story Time programs and then took a break for the last two weeks of May.

Despite slowing down, we still wanted to provide some activities for older kids. We had a couple of building programs including LEGOS, Straws & Connectors, and Playdough. We also had one last Tween Makerspace before the summer transition to a more directed tween program.

Children's Librarian Caitlin Leonard spent a lot of time preparing decorations to brighten up the children's room, as well as organizing materials and details for summer programming.

Adults

Adults enjoyed a variety of programming at Encino during the month of May! Encino hosted crafts, speakers, and even a special library card sign-up event. Adults enjoyed making pressed flower mini lanterns on May 8. As part of Mental Health Awareness month, Encino hosted speakers from the Center for Healthcare Services on May 16. The speakers gave a presentation on mental health, anxiety, and depression.

Librarian Ann Laird has been working with nearby Franklin Park Assisted Living facility to provide outreach services. On May 4, Ms. Laird went to the assisted living facility to present an author talk on Wally Lamb. Franklin Park administration has asked to make the author talk a monthly program. Residents of Franklin Park also came to Encino on May 17 to get library cards! A special time was arranged for the residents to come, get individual attention to get set up with library cards, and to browse the collection.

Ann Laird helped represent adult services at the mayor's Summer Reading Kickoff event at Central on May 31. Ann brought the two systemwide crafts that will be offered at branches to show off the crafts and demonstrate how they will be made.

Teens

For the month of May, Michael Harle joined the Encino branch as the Teen Librarian. In his first weeks, Michael has observed that the large group of Encino teens are actively involved in their library and incredibly proficient at owning their space and leading their activities. While Teen Time is currently the only Encino teen event, it is always well-attended and led by regulars who know their way around the space and welcome new attendees. Utilizing the teens' feedback, Michael filtered out their supply closet to make the teen resources easier to navigate. Michael also inherited a large volunteer program at Encino, consisting of 30 teens, in addition to a surge in applications for the summer. He is exploring ways to split application times into seasons and incorporate existing teen volunteers into the training of new teen applicants.

FOREST HILLS

Teen Services Librarian Shannan Prukop held a Free Comic Book Day activity in the library, with comics available for patrons to take and activities for teens and children. They assisted with running Pop Madness, the library's annual one day pop culture convention, setting up the anime area with anime, free comics, a freeform felt craft, and community art whiteboard, as well as emceeding the cosplay contest. Along with the Teen Pride workgroup and working with teens, Mx. Prukop prepared for the Teen Library's second teen Pride Party. A project they had been building along with Dacari Lambert, Lisa Puchot, Michael Dunbar-Rodney, and Dan Garcia recently got approved and the Inqueeries podcast will soon be airing; the team recorded an episode for it in May, interviewing assistant archivist Melissa Gohlke from UTSA. On May 31st, Mx. Prukop joined other Teen Services staff to present a table during the Summer Kickoff, showing some of the promotional materials and the fantastic teen-designed shirt available for teens this summer. On the 210teenlibrary Discord server, Mx. Prukop continued the weekly Dungeons & Dragons club, encouraging teens to become active storytellers and practice creative problem-solving during sessions.

Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca spent most of the month of May getting ready for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and going to outreaches, and during the first week of May still held Story Time, Baby Time, Kids Time, and Lego Time. She promoted the Mayor's Summer Reading Club during these programs. Ms. Menchaca continued to participate in virtual programs such as Virtual Family Story Time and Baby Time. NISD had their annual Story Fest and Ms. Menchaca was invited to share SAPL information; she attended for several hours and easily spoke to over 200 families about the library and upcoming library programs. Colby Glass Elementary School invited Ms. Menchaca to speak to the entire school about Summer Reading and the importance of reading during the summer, during which she also read a story to every grade level and had a lot of fun with the kids. Ms. Menchaca was happy to be invited to Villarreal Elementary School, which is next door to the Forest Hills branch, and speak to students about Summer Reading. Ms. Menchaca wrote for the children's blog recommending the Juvenile Graphic Novel "Miss Quince" and recorded a story in Spanish for Telecuentos. Book Picks is an ongoing project that several children's librarians take part in; Ms. Menchaca helped with the book recommendations for Asian American Heritage Month and Pride Month.

Library Assistant Shy Axelrod began assisting with adult programming in May. Scrabble Club meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 10:30AM, and though the group is small; it is lively, friendly, and competitive. The group can't wait to have more people join up. In addition, Shy Axelrod with support from the Pride Committee is now a new host of the Gaymer Tabletop Night that will take place on the last Saturday of every month from 3:00PM-5:00PM. An array of board games is available including monopoly and pandemic, along with some card games like Uno.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Branch Library hosted Timberwilde Elementary during May. Each class had the opportunity to walk to the library and hear about the summer happenings. They also learned about how easy it is to get a library card and they were very excited that they could get multiple books unlike the school library. The parents were also very encouraged by how kid-friendly the library has become.

Earlier in the month, Children's Library Cari Raley visited Driggers Elementary and let them know about the summer happenings. The parents were very encouraged to know that they had some support just around the corner for their families.

The teens planned and implemented all teen programs at Great Northwest Library for May. Each Teen Time meet-up is planned the month before by Teen Time members and volunteers at our Monthly meeting. However, even if they plan an event, Teen Time and the teens who enter the space will decide if they want to participate in this task or just hang out and keep the energy natural. The teens planned a viewing of *Demon Slayer* but the day of everyone said they would rather play the PlayStation4 (PS4), so movie night became game night. While some played the PS4, the others enjoyed playing hangman on the white board and found it hilarious to conjure up the most ridiculous words.

Teens also pick a "National Day" to celebrate each month based on the online calendar. This month Teen Time landed on May 23, World Turtle Day, which involved walking around Great Northwest's DVD collection and picking out any movie with turtles in it and then voting on which one to watch. *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* won this round, and afterwards everyone wished they had a huge slice of cheese pizza! On the last Sunday of May, they planned an event for Pride month, painted clay artwork sculpted a few weeks ago, while others played Super Smash Bros. and talked about their family tree. Never a dull moment at Teen Time at GNW!

In support of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Great Northwest Library hosted the Center for Health Care Services. They provided an informational presentation on Anxiety and Mental Health on May 8.

On April 25 Great Northwest Adult Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez and Library Assistant Jenn Tristan visited a WellMed Clinic for the 2023 Cinco de Mayo event. Ms. Vazquez and Ms. Tristan provided an information table at the event and shared information on library services like the Libby app.

The Potpourri Book Club with Library Assistant LC Keefe discussed the mystery/thriller *The Other Mrs.* by Mary Kubica. Nine participants attended and enjoyed the discussion. The group will be reading and discussing *The Stars Are Fire* by Anita Shreve in June.

Library Assistant Jenn Tristan's *Cut & Glue Collage* group worked in their collage notebooks and designed covers. She also created a Mental Health awareness month display.



GUERRA

Guerra hosted voting for San Antonio's Mayoral election this May, welcoming over 1100 voters to the branch.

Teen Librarian, Bek Corley, facilitated Guerra's weekly Teen Club in collaboration with teen volunteers. The teens made slime, continued collaborating on a graphic novel and held a super special farewell to a long time Teen Club volunteer who graduated high school this semester! The gang held another Scooby Doo screening sequel, made perler bead art, and chatted about plans to stay connected outside of Teen Club.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *La marmota Pancha y el zorro (Brownie Groundhog and the February fox)* by Susan Blackaby, on May 2 for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. On May 29, He moderated the Spanish book club, Club de Lectura, on May 29. They continued discussion of the book *Berta Isla* by Javier Marías. Stephen presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez senior center which emphasized questions on Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo.

Children's Librarian, Linda Lopez, had a busy month of May. Along with her weekly Toddler Story Time, Lego Club, and Tween Time, she helped Brook Hollow's Children's Librarian, Amanda Neace with two of her Story Times at local parks. She also went to several outreaches at various local elementary schools. While at these outreaches, she read books with the students, then told them about Summer With SAPL, how to find Guerra Library, showed them how to navigate the website to find the events calendar, and all the amazing presenters at all the locations around San Antonio that they and their families could enjoy. Linda also attended SET Module 1 at City Tower at the beginning of the month.

IGO

Igo branch library hosted the Mayoral Election in May 2023. 5277 voters voted at the Igo library which is often utilized as early voting locations due to their accessibility, community presence, and suitability for accommodating voting activities.

Igo Manager Tim Johnson hosted Igo's Dollars and Sense Discussion Group on May 6th. Members met and discussed *Unshakeable* by Tony Robbins. The group felt that it was a well-written and useful guide for people just getting started on their investment journey. Nine members participated. Mr. Johnson also facilitated Igo's Mystery Book Club which met on May 2nd and discussed *The Hidden One* by Linda Castillo. The author joined the discussion via Zoom which was a treat. 13 members participated. Last, but not least, Mr. Johnson continues to cohost SAPL's Escape the Earth Sci-Fi and Fantasy podcast with Elissa Vura from Brook Hollow and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez from Central Children's. The episode for May was on Chinese author Cixin Liu's *Three Body Problem*.

Adult Service Librarian, Gamini Haluwana invited Professional Sitar Musician, Aruna Kharod, Donald D. Harrington Dissertation Fellow in Ethnomusicology at the University of Texas at Austin, an arts educator, and a researcher who specializes in South Asian performing arts to perform at Igo library. Sixteen people attended the program and Q&A session after the program was live and very interactive.

Teen librarian, Annie Calonico, continues to host Igo's Better Read Than Dead book club, a group that mainly reads horror and true crime. This month they read and discussed *The Kidnap Years: The Astonishing True History of the Forgotten Kidnapping Epidemic That Shook Depression-era America* by David Stout.

Igo's teen regulars continue to come to Teen Time to hang out, socialize, play games, and craft, while also inviting new teens to join them. Annie Calonico, the teen librarian, works with the teens and our teen time volunteer to plan activities and get materials requested by the teens. Having the teens do the planning increases interest and ownership of the events and helps them to feel more connected to the library. The teen librarian also conducted an outreach event at Brandeis High School, engaging teens in making keychains and talking about the events and services available to them through the library, which encouraged more teens to visit the library and Teen Time.

Children's librarian Carrie Vance and teen librarian Annie Calonico continue to jointly run The Stitchery, a weekly adult fiber arts program. Each week fiber artists gather to work on their current projects while building community and connecting with other fiber artists of various ages and backgrounds.

Igo's Children's Librarian, Carrie Vance, and Library Services Specialist, Mikala Thomas, had a busy month of children's programming and outreach events. The weekly children's programs included Baby Story Time, Toddler Story Time, Preschool Story Time, and Tween Time. Lego Club is held twice a month and is led by library aide Carlos Hernandez. Tween Time was assisted by circ attendant Morghann Patterson. All programs continue to steadily grow in attendance. Carrie and Mikala also regularly contribute to the online programs Baby Story Time Online and Family Story Time Online. They coordinated with the school librarian of Carnahan Elementary, a nearby Title 1 school, to complete two different outreach events there. The first outreach event was to talk to all the students (over 500) and teachers about the Mayor's Summer Reading Program as well as informing them of what the library has to offer year-round. They were also able to have a Story Time program with the Transitional Kindergarten students, in addition to engaging the older students with songs and dances.

The following week, Mikala Thomas returned to Carnahan Elementary for an evening Reading Restaurant outreach event. She set up a booth with a streamer craft activity and plenty of information about the

Summer with SAPL events. She was also able to sign up parents with digital library cards and inform them of all that the library has to offer. Because these outreach events, Igo has seen a tremendous increase in library visitors and children's program attendees from Carnahan Elementary.

JOHNSTON

Johnston hosted Early Voting May 1st and 2nd and on Election Day, Saturday, May 6th. Altogether, more than 1,100 voters cast their ballots at Johnston in May. The branch hosted the mobile market, *Mercado por tu Corazon*, on May 9th as part of the American Heart Association's partnership with the library to provide the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables to residents. Johnston said goodbye to Teen Librarian, Cassie Garza, who accepted a new position as Teen Librarian at Bazan Library. On May 13th, Johnston Library celebrated the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by hosting the program *Celebrate Amiguru-May* presented by Esmeralda Staudt. Patrons enjoyed making their own crocheted frogs using the amigurumi technique.

Children's Library Jackie Gonzales held *Family Story Time* every Thursday, where she sang songs, told rhymes, and read stories to children and families. The program was geared towards preschool children. The stories consisted of picture books suitable for early literacy. Popular songs and rhymes shared included: Bread and Butter; This is the way We Tap Our Sticks; and Tick Tock Goes the Clock. Ms Gonzales incorporated musical shakers, scarves, puppets, bubbles, props, and a felt board to help engage with children. Ms. Gonzales held *Let's Create: Maker's Club* every Thursday afternoon which started with an art prompt for school age children and their families. Children were invited to follow the prompt or create another project with any materials provided. Prompts included: paper plate sun, paper plate flowers, quilling paper art, and paper fish.



On May 23 Ms. Gonzales visited La Petite Academy on Wurzbach for Story Time. She told stories, sang songs, and did rhymes with the children. Some favorite rhymes and songs shared included: Two Little Black Birds were children learned examples of opposites; Five Little Ducks; Banas Unite!; and Sticky Icky Bubble Gum.

Library Assistant Ana Pina hosted the *Johnston No-pressure Book Club* on Sunday, May 18th where participants gathered to talk about the books they have been reading for the month of March. Some notable books mentioned were *An Unlikely Journey* by Julián Castro and *I went to See my Father* by Kyung-Sook Shin. Ms. Pina facilitated in-person Teen Time on Monday, May 15th and Monday, May 22nd. This month, San Antonio Food Bank chef Brittany Hernandez came to show the teens how to make a Tapas from Spain. The teens assisted in the preparing, cutting, and making of the food.

LEARN's Training Officer, Marcella McGowan, provided the following programs: May 3rd and 10th she presented *Civics for Citizenship Test*. She had *iPads Tips and Tricks* on Sundays 7th, 14th, and 21st. Ms. McGowan offered *Tips & Tricks for Search Browsers* on May 24th and 31th. The Learn area had 16 patrons accessing the Center this month.

LANDA

The Landa Gardens Conservancy hosted their annual May Month events series this month. It was a month full of a variety of public programs aimed at all ages. Even though some events were cancelled or rescheduled due to rain, they estimated 1,500 people attended all month long. The most well-attended events of the month included the Party in the Park and the Tea Party with Miss Anastasia. The after-hours music events were a huge hit. Branch Manager Kiyanna Stephens worked in close collaboration with the Conservancy to help the programs be successful.

May programming continued with weekly Baby Time, Tween Time, and Outdoor Family Story Time. Monday Baby Time attendance slowed to a steady pace. Many of the same families started coming every week, and they would stay over the length of the hour-long program to talk, play, and connect. Tween Time started to see several regulars finally! They helped start decorating the Tween Space @ Landa.

Every Friday, Landa continued to offer Lego Time and Process Art activities for children of all ages to drop in and enjoy. The Lego Time drew in a large crowd each week with many families staying the entire two hours to build and create.

Teen Time on Fridays continued to be popular with a large turnout. Teen Librarian Stephanie Thomas-Rosen had an end-of-the-school-year summer event. Teens enjoyed their teen-only space, made refreshments, and learned of upcoming SAPL summer activities. The teen summer t-shirts were in high demand and were all claimed the first week!

Within the Landa teen space, the group experimented with genre organization to make books more accessible to everyone. The organization was helpful, especially for those unsure of what they want to read but know what genre they enjoy.

The Village read *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill. Conversations arose about the ending and how it was not clear who was actually the murderer. Readers Ink read *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen and were surprised by the magical element but overall enjoyed the relationships between the characters. The Mystery Book Club read *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. The group had a really great time with the book. It was the final club hosted by Circulation Attendant Amy Peppersack before she moved onto the Alamo Colleges library.

LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas Branch Library closed its doors for renovations as of Monday, March 20, 2023. The meeting room, however, remained open to host the Bexar County Elections Department during Municipal Uniform Elections. Early voting was held May 1 and May 2, as well as election day May 6. Las Palmas served approximately 1,545 voters in May.

Interim services for Las Palmas Branch Library are located at Our Lady of the Lake University-Sueltenfuss Library at 411 SW 24th St., San Antonio, TX 78207.

On May 15 the interim site updated their hours of operation for the summer:

- Monday - Thursday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday* | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday | 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Friday site hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 26 | June 9 | June 16 | June 30 | July 14 | July 28 | August 4



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MAVERICK

In May, Maverick's Mah Jongg group met twice. The Lady Mav's Book Club and the Ladies Choice Book Club also met for their monthly meeting. Maverick staff have been gearing up for Summer Reading 2023 as the branch is expecting a better turnout than recent Summers. Adult Services Librarian, Ben Longoria, continued weeding through the nonfiction collection in May.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, was quite productive during the reporting period. She opened the branch for Early Voting on May 1 and May 2. On May 30, she opened the branch for the Early Voting City Council Run-Off Election.

In preparation for summer reading and increased library usage, Ms. Roberts weeded many items in the children's collection, including Juvenile Paperbacks, Juvenile Easy and Juvenile Graphic Novels. On May 1, she sent the systemwide "Summer With SAPL" children's program video to librarians at several elementary schools near Maverick: Wanke, Braun Station, Krueger, Carson, Nichols and Ward. Ms. Roberts was thrilled that she was able to do summer reading outreach in-person at Krueger Elementary on May 17, Brauchle Elementary on May 24 and Carson Elementary on May 25, reaching 1533 students and staff. Kids have been coming to the library from all three schools telling her that "You came to our school!". Ms. Roberts prepared summer crafts, organized the gift books for the kids, and created programming signage and calendars. She made a community bulletin board on the large windows at Maverick. For each book a child read/listens to this summer, he/she can add a link to a paper chain near the bulletin board.

Ms. Roberts was active with committee work and training during the reporting period. For the Tiny Tots committee, she created a curated Story Time from the book "Ten in the Bed" by Jane Cabrera on May 1. She also read "In the Small, Small Pond" by Denise Fleming for Dial-A-Story on May 12. Ms. Roberts attended Children's Librarian Meetings on May 10 and May 24. She also completed "Politics in the Workplace" training on May 3 and Security Awareness Training on May 8.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl and Circulation Clerk Taylur Loera assisted Maverick Teens' plans by preparing equipment and supplies for the snacks, crafts, and games requested by Maverick Teens. In late April, they requested use of the small button maker from Central Teen Services Shared Resources, and Teens made buttons throughout the month of May. Teens choose from a wide variety of pre-printed materials, but they also have the option of sending pictures (via Remind) that they want to turn into buttons, and Bleichwehl prints those out. Teens snacked on pizza rolls, made a fruit tray, Boba tea and ice cream. Teens colored and drew pictures while one volunteer created the bulletin board for June (See photo). One Teen volunteer has taken charge of planning activities for Pride in June, and another Teen learning to play electric guitar proudly showed his progress to the group.

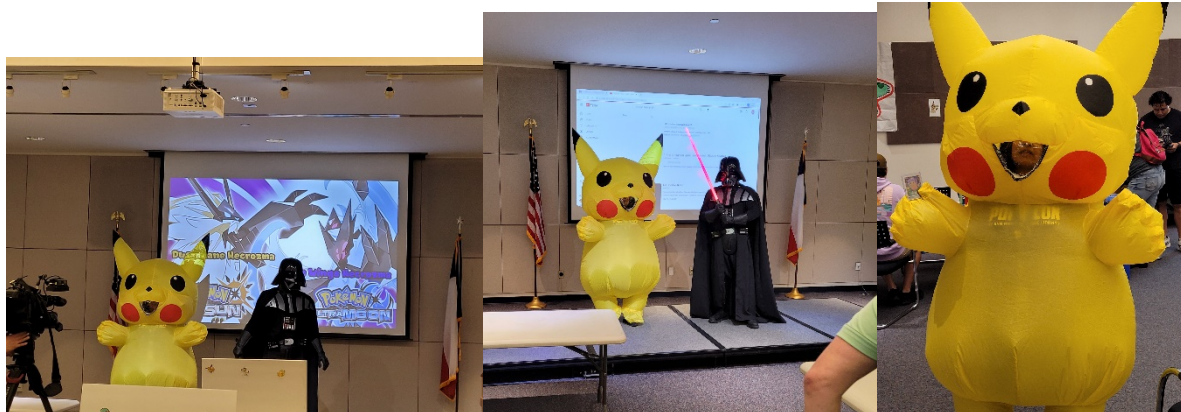
McCRELESS

Many thanks to Children's Librarian Lisa Ramirez from the Carver Branch for coming to McCreless for the past few months to manage our LEGO Club. She was responsible for its continuation and growth while we hired our new Children's Librarian.



Our LEARN Training Officers Lodie Mueller and Christina Flores continue to team up as McCreless LEARN's Dynamic Duo. The MCC LEARN Center saw an exciting increase in patron sessions during walk-in hours, jumping from 52 walk-in sessions in April to 97 in May. Resume-building, job applications, computer skills training, and English language support have been the LEARN walk-in services most in demand this month. Christina also provides coverage for other Learn Centers as needed.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales hosted a Movie Night at McCreless called Puss in Shang-Chi: Legend of the Ten Rings for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with 16 in attendance. Mr. Gonzales helped with Pop Madness by creating a Pokémon Champions Arena which had Pokémon crafts, Button making, Pokémon Card trading/gaming, a battle League tournament for Pokémon Go and a Pokémon Loteria game with awesome prizes. Mr. Gonzales worked as a team with four other staff members from different branches to bring smiles to over 2000 in attendance at this year's Pop Madness. Library Assistant Gonzales also continued his assistance with patron's needing computer and personal device help.



For this year's Pop Madness event on May 13, Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos coordinated the K-Pop Pop-Up located in Central Library's Gallery. Planning and staging efforts were shared with Circulation Attendant Madison Hinojosa who was also a huge contributor the day of the event. Two thousand convention attendees and K-pop enthusiasts browsed artists' tables, played with games and crafts, enjoyed themed refreshments, and learned to write their names in Hangul on bookmarks as an activity demonstrated by instructors from the Korean American Cultural Center of San Antonio.

Starting in May, McCreless hosted Viva Health!, a program presented by Juana Gonzalez of Metro Health. This 7-week workshop discusses tactics to foster better nutrition and increase physical activity. The group met on May 15 and May 22 and will continue Mondays into July.

On May 21, Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos held Queer Crafternoon. Patrons are invited to craft and display their creativity in a safe space while listening to stories with queer-centered storylines or queer characters. This month's audio selection was *Boyfriend Material* by Alexis Hall.

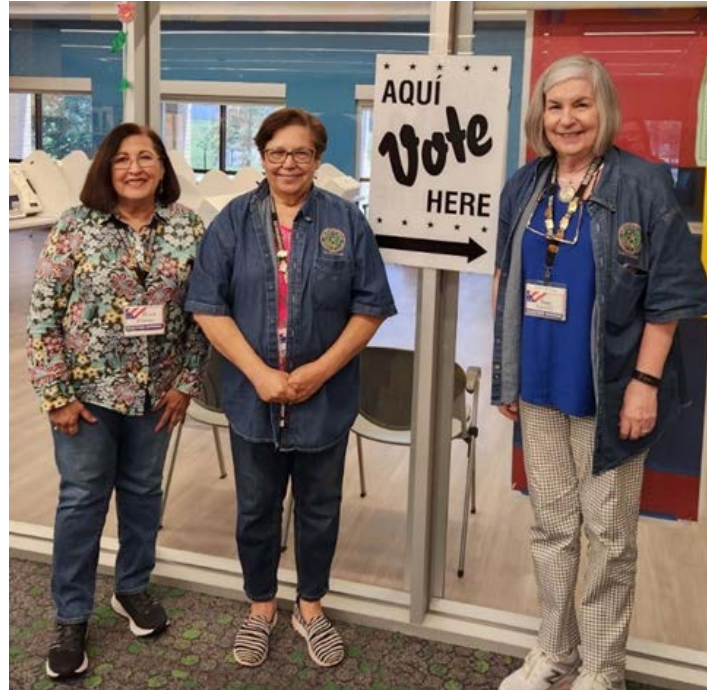
Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos contributed to SAPL Live Trivia with a themed category on flowers. The monthly program was hosted by Adult Services Librarian Brook Mjolsness and moderated by Adult Services Librarians Dan Garcia and Vicky Villalobos and Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura on May 26. May marked the 3-year anniversary of SAPL Live Trivia and 13 teams joined for the event.



On May 27, Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos did outreach at the UTSA Asian Festival with Circulation Attendant Madison Hinojosa. The event was a celebration of Asian diaspora and diversity with performances, vendors, and food. Over 500 festival goers visited the SAPL table where Villalobos and Hinojosa shared information on Summer with SAPL and buttons that were specially designed by Hinojosa for the event.

MEMORIAL

Memorial Branch Library was pleased to welcome their Bexar County Election team again during the runoff election for the City Council seats for Districts One and Seven.



Some voters who had gone elsewhere for the initial election were caught by surprise at the branch's post-renovation appearance and expressed their compliments.

On May 10, Branch Manager Chrissy Deffendall and Teen Liaison Michelangelo Sosa were accompanied by Public Services Administrator Elma Nieto-Rodriguez to a meeting with Memorial High School Principal Miguel Elizondo. The team discussed strategies for the branch to support the school in meeting its goals for students and families.

Chrissy pulled double duty as manager and Children's Librarian. She presented Preschool Story Time throughout the month and co-hosted LEGO Club. She attended the Loma Park Elementary School PTA meeting on May 10 to promote Summer with SAPL and spoke to four classes during Roosevelt Elementary School's Career Day on May 18. On May 24, Children's Librarian Carrie Vance (from the Igo Branch Library) presented Preschool Story Time while Chrissy was out of town.

Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson hosted a Scrabble program on May 18. The enthusiastic attendees expressed an eagerness for the opportunity to play again. On May 23, in celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, Freddy arranged for a performance by the Kaveri Natya Yoga Dance Group followed by a Question & Answer session. The group performs Bharatanatyam, which is a classical Indian dance incorporating music and storytelling with a central theme. Freddy also arranged a showing of *Finding Nemo* on May 30, in celebration of the film's twentieth anniversary, and co-hosted LEGO Club throughout the month.

During the month of May, Training Officer Daniel Gomez assisted more than a dozen patrons with job applications, resumes, housing applications, the Impact Texas Drivers test, and personal devices. In

addition to personalized assistance for individuals, Daniel also conducted or coordinated several classes and activities.

Seven patrons received computer training during Welcome to Computer classes in May. These classes are held in the afternoons, several times a week, every week. One patron completed the Welcome to Computers course in May and received a Certificate of Completion. The patron was happy because it was the first time she had received a certificate. Four patrons attended classes to learn English. These classes are held weekly on Saturdays. The focus of these classes has been on pronunciation and reading skills. One patron stated that he noticed an improvement in his ability to read and understand English printed materials.

Ten patrons attended weekly classes to learn Spanish. The focus of these Saturday classes has been Spanish grammar. With Daniel's help, volunteer Emily Bain has been leading a Language Exchange Meet-Up on alternate Saturdays. These meetups are designed to help language students practice conversing in their target language. Daniel and volunteer Karen Wyatt have held a virtual Advanced ESL (English as a Second Language) Book Club on Zoom for the last four years. It is designed to help ESL students with their reading skills.

On Wednesdays in May, Daniel conducted computer classes for adults at Gardendale Learning Center. These classes were conducted in Spanish.



MISSION

Mission hosted early voting for San Antonio's Mayoral election this month. 2,328 votes were cast at the branch during the election.

Children's Librarian, Jane Miller, continues to do a weekly Story Time and baby time for children and their caretakers on Thursday mornings. Ms. Miller has started offering Chess Club on Sundays. Additionally, Library Aide Maria Hanysz continues to host LEGO Time on the first and third Monday of the month.

Teens at Mission celebrated their volunteers and graduating seniors during the month of May. Teen volunteers wrote well wishes on the glass in the Teen Space with congratulations to all the Seniors graduating. Volunteers also created book displays and decorated the space. Teens participated in several activities during the reporting period such as ice cream making, playing volleyball and table tennis, and learning how to cook with the S.A. Food Bank. A movie night with pizza also took place. At the end of each program, teens decide on the activities taking place for the next meetup. This gives teens a sense of ownership over their program and allows them to curate their own experience. In addition, teen mothers from Seton Hall visited the library and utilized the Teen Space. They played video games and also read books and magazines.

As part of the system-wide initiative, National Pet Week, Adult Services Librarian Kassandra Vela-Laosa, hosted local non-profit organization, San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition (SAFCC). Educator Yvonne Saldivar from SAFCC presented along with Fumiko K. Fujimoto from the City of San Antonio's Cat Program. Ms. Saldivar taught participants how the Trap Neuter Return method works and how SAFCC helps by offering numerous resources for citizens to trap and sterilize feral cats. She spoke about how SAFCC collaborates with local clinics to offer these no-cost or low-cost resources. For National Pet Week, Ms. Vela-Laosa also presented a class at Mission Library on homemade cat and dog food in which she talked about the benefits and ease of making balanced pet food at home and demonstrated how to prepare the food.

As part of the system-wide initiative, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Library Assistant Jessica Viera screened the film *Mulan*.

Mission's Tai Chi for Seniors weekly Friday class has seen a welcome uptick in attendees to the already regular core group.

PAN AMERICAN

Meditation classes continue to be held at Pan American. Classes are held on Saturday's from 10:15 to 11:15. Classes are free and open to the public. Participants have provided excellent feedback about this ongoing program. Many of which make it part of their weekly routine.

Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, held the biweekly *Older Adults Game Time* program. This program is brand new and is being offered so that older adults have a place they can meet and have fun in a comfortable and cool environment. Librarian Leal also held his bi-weekly *Adult Puzzle Time* Program. Adult patrons can stop by and select from an assortment of puzzles to try and complete. Participants appreciate the assortment of puzzles available.

Librarian Leal also organized a book display in support of National Pet Week. The display was very popular and had to be continuously being filled-up as many of the titles were being checked out.

On May 13th, the branch held the program, *Fix 'Em & Feed 'Em* in support of the National Pet Week Initiative. The San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition provided valuable information on trapping, neutering, and returning feral cats back into the community. Animal Cares Services was also available to provide adoption information and hand out awesome swag.

On May 27th, the branch had a movie showing of *Everything Everywhere All at Once* in support of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Patrons were able to enjoy a showing of an Academy Award winning film.

PARMAN



In early May sculptor Chris Cate arrived at the Parman library with a big truck carrying his large intricate sculptures. As the Parman art gallery began filling up with exquisite pieces, the staff knew this installation was going to be awe-inspiring and special. Chris Cate lives and works in San Antonio. He is a reduction sculptor working in found and repurposed natural materials. All his pieces featured in the gallery represent the joy he finds in wood and stone. Having Cate's art has been a talking feature of everyone who visits the library. The collection truly is the epitome of beauty and patrons have expressed their desire to see more of his work in the future. The exhibit has been arranged by the branch manager.



Parman was lucky enough to host very well attended evening with award-winning author, educator, and documentary storyteller Rachael Cerroti. Rachael shared her grandmother Hana's story of surviving the Holocaust, which Rachael recounted in her book "We Share the Same Sky". The book weaves together the stories of these two young women—Hana as a refugee who remains one step ahead of the Nazis at every turn, and Rachael, whose insatiable curiosity to touch the past guides her into the lives of countless strangers, bringing her love and tragic loss. Ms. Cerroti spoke in depth about her book and how her grandmother's life had such a great impact on her own, speaking specifically to the belief that we are all more deeply connected than we think. This program was possible thanks to the collaboration between the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, the branch manager and adult services coordinator.

Parman started a new writing club this month called Write Now, Parman! The club is passion project of Library Assistants Melissa Moser and Laramie Montgomery. Both are writers and wanted to create a club that would inspire creativity and create a comfortable environment in which people of the community could share their work. In the first meeting, group members got to talk about their writing goals and worked on a fun writing exercise to jump start the writing process. Melisa and Laramie were pleased with how well the program was received and look forward to seeing thrive in the coming months.

During the month of May patrons of the Parman library were treated to all things heroes, prophecies, and chosen ones. Circ Attendant Joey Lackups created a special book display that featured adult books about intrepid heroes who save the day. This included such books from the Zelda universe, Star Wars, Tolkien and so many more. Lackups created a sign the featured a hand drawn glowing sword to entice all those who walked by. Within the first few days the display had to be re-filled and will have to be featured again as it was so popular.



The First Parman History Faire took place at the branch this May! Organized by Teen Services Librarian Zachary Woolston, over 180 people showed up for this 2-hour event! Feedback for the faire was overwhelmingly positive. Patrons had the opportunity to interact with a variety of living historians and a variety of history-themed activities. Several teen volunteers assisted with the program by running the greeter and craft tables and designing an amazing poster for the event!

Parman patrons enjoyed playing the Eye Spy game in May. There were two levels of play. One was easy with pictures on the list to find and one list just had words of objects that needed to be found. Finishers were awarded a sticker of their choice. Some families just sat around the Eye Spy and took turns finding objects for the other person to guess.



The Baby Story Time attendees are having fun with their adults learning the bouncing rhymes and action songs. Family Story Time attendees especially enjoyed Zacharia Ohora's *Stop Snoring, Bernard!* The children loved shouting, "Stop snoring, Bernard!" with the story. Early May was nice, and the children went out for bubbles and music after Story Time.

Cuentos y Canciones attendees love the Story Time with Veronica and crafts after the Story Time. As one of the few Spanish Story Times presented by San Antonio Public Library, Cuentos y Canciones was featured on the library's eblast! Several new families attended, so to accommodate all patrons a second time for this Story Time has been added.

The San Antonio Museum of Art celebrated Asian American Pacific Islander month with a Family Day. Miss Lisa and another children's librarian shared stories and rhymes and songs with the families attending the event. Later in the month Miss Teague and Miss Lisa visited the Hardy Oak Elementary School to share information about Summer with SAPL with the students on the morning announcements.



Creator Club had an amazing time when they headed outdoors to paint with ice on large pieces of paper. Miss Teague had many colors available on popsicle sticks for easy painting on the paper, although most kids quickly discovered that painting your hands was fun too! We also built with Legos and made silly collages this month.

Tweens discovered how fun it can be to create art and send it through the sticker maker. They liked it almost as much as the button maker and both will be making frequent appearances at Tween Time this summer!

POTRANCO

Potranco Library ended the Spring season on a strong note and is ready to embrace the Summer excitement.

Children's programming was on pause for the month of May, however, Lisa Leandro did lead an Escape Room section of Pop Madness.

Librarian Zeig hosted the Bexar County Appraisal District on May 1. The BCAD gave a presentation on how tax dollars are collected and used by both Bexar County and the State of Texas. Attendees were provided with tips on how to appeal a property tax appraisal if needed. There were several BCAD employees on-hand to assist individuals with any questions and to verify that homestead exemptions were properly filed.

On May 4th, patrons were treated to the film *The Empire Strikes Back* to celebrate Star Wars Day. On May 7th, Librarian Zeig showed the film *Crazy Rich Asians* as part of the Asian Pacific Heritage Month film festival. On May 24th, Librarian Zeig hosted Sylvia Reyna, Texana and Genealogy librarian, to give a presentation on Beginning Genealogy to older adults. The program was informative and had a wonderful turnout.

Librarian Zeig held three book clubs this month. The morning and evening versions of Shelf Indulgence, on May 16th and 30th respectively, were both well-attended. This month's book was *The Change* by Kirsten Miller. Librarian Zeig's Sunday cookbook club on May 21st had a nice turnout and will meet again in June where participants will share samples of African or African American dishes in recognition of Juneteenth. On Sunday, May 28th, Librarian Zeig hosted a Sunday Funday program. Participants played a variety of board games as well as big Jenga.

Librarian Zeig and Circulation Attendant Laura Villalpano continue to host the weekly Dreaded Threads on Monday evenings and have been pleased to see many new faces. Librarian Zeig attended the Texas Library Association's annual kickoff event for the 2024 Conference Planning Committee in New Braunfels on May 18th and 19th. Librarian Zeig is proud to be on the committee this year as it plans the 2024 conference to be held in April in San Antonio.

The Potranco Writer's Group continues their bi-weekly meetings. The group is working on an Anthology of the work they have done while meeting every other Saturday. They are hoping for an Early Fall publication date.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

In May, Pruitt's Children's Services hosted its regularly scheduled *Toddler Story Time*, *Let's Build*, *Children's Yoga*, and *Tween Yoga* weekly programs. Fifteen children's programs were held, with a total of 135 participants. These programs were focused on the themes of butterflies, celebrating mothers, and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Pruitt's Children's Librarian, Lucina Cisneros, also covered Schaefer's *Outdoor Family Story Time* and had a great time interacting with new families and especially enjoyed the outdoor setting. Ms. Cisneros represented SAPL and Pruitt at an outreach event at the branch's neighboring Windcrest Elementary School, where she promoted the upcoming Summer with SAPL programs and events.



At the beginning of May, Pruitt's Children's Services ordered a Butterfly Garden, and all month patrons and staff watched the caterpillars transform from caterpillars into Painted Lady butterflies. Patrons viewed each stage of their development and were invited to the branch's *Butterfly Release* in the Roosevelt Garden. Attendees read *The Little Butterfly that Could* by Ross Burach, made coffee filter butterflies, and then walked to the Roosevelt Garden and released the butterflies.



Children's Yoga and Tween Yoga participants celebrated the end of our school year programming and made cards for their mothers and grandmothers. They discussed ways to be more mindful of the kindness and patience the women in their lives demonstrate and were encouraged to find ways in which to practice gratitude and to return those kindnesses every day.

Teen Librarian Lauren Hime helped Pruitt teens end the school year on a high note as they frequented the library to study for finals and unwind after school. Our teen *Dungeon Masters* led their parties to the conclusions of their *Dungeons and Dragons* campaigns with one campaign featuring an epic (working!) Ferris wheel and the other a menacing 3d printed Spider Queen.

As Spring activities ended, teens enjoyed a sneak peek of SAPL Teen Summer after school as the library pit was filled with puzzles, games like giant UNO, a Nintendo Switch setup, and a craft station with Perler beads and crochet materials. After gathering some great feedback from teens about how to make Teen Time even more fun, Pruitt Teen Services is ready for a cool and relaxing Summer!



Adult Services staff welcomed members of the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition, who discussed how to address feral cat overpopulation during their *Fix 'Em and Feed 'Em!* program including a demonstration of how to set and transport a humane trap. *Special Needs Adult Programming* patrons read *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* and created coffee filter butterflies after visiting with Children's Services' Painted Lady Butterfly habitat. Adult patrons made felt mouse cat toys featuring jingle bells and optional catnip during *Adult Craft Time*. Family members were fascinated by the fuzzy toys.

Adult Virtual Coloring continued on Friday afternoons where patrons colored, chatted, and relaxed.



Students and their teacher from the Kaveri Natya Yoga Center dance group provided a wonderful *Bharatanatyam* Dance demonstration and answered audience questions about the dances' study and meaning.

Rackspace Foundation-sponsored *Family Chess* tied up its spring session, with a brief break planned before play resumes in June. Participants discussed stronger and weaker strategies tied to the lessons provided by Chess Master Alex Weinberg and enjoyed delicious, crowd-pleasing to-go meals catered by Anne Marie's Catering.



SAN PEDRO

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

Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler continued outreach programming at Respite Children's Daycare. The children participated in a program of singing, reading and rhyme.

Every Tuesday afternoon, Children's Librarian Karen Kraeuler hosted "Let's Build: Legos and More" Children used your imagination to build on your own or with other aspiring architects and creative thinkers using Legos or a variety of materials.

Children's Services Librarian Karen Braeuler continued outreach programming for the children at the Respite Care Daycare Center. Children danced and played musical instruments. She also staffed a SAPL information table at the Center's Spring Celebration. The library hosted an Earth Day Play and Learn for families with stations ranging from earth pop art to a recycling game, reading tents with books about earth preservation, sensory bins and building blocks made of natural materials. Let's Build: Legos and More continued to be a weekly hit with families.

The branch continued service to Chandler Estates Senior Living residents with a monthly book club that is growing. In May the seniors met and discussed "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

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

Adult Services Librarian, Diana Starrett, continued to visit the Wheatley Senior Center once per month. During her once monthly visits, Ms. Starrett teaches residents how to knit and crochet. Attendees focused on their current project and shared ideas for future ones. Diana reports the residents are very interested in learning and always have an enjoyable time working together.

The branch hosted "Sitar Sounds: Music and Demo" in May. This live musical presentation introduced attendees to basics of Hindustani traditional music through the sitar. The sitar is a stringed instrument used in musical cultures of Asian countries and beyond. This interactive musical experience was presented by Aruna Kharod, Dissertation Fellow in Ethnomusicology at the University of Texas at Austin and an arts educator and researcher who specializes in South Asian performing arts.

May's Film Virtuosity: A Reflection of Art, included the viewing of a segment from the 2014 film 'Sanitarium'. This segment titled 'Up To The Last Man' serves as one of the 3 short stories that make up Sanitarium, it is written and directed by local filmmaker Kerry Valderrama and stars Lou Diamond Phillips in the lead role. Kerry Valderrama, the head of Alamo City Studios, was in attendance to discuss his experiences in the business and the making of this extraordinary picture.

SCHAEFER

During May children's librarian Leslie Elsasser offered Outdoor Family Story Time, Read to a Dog, Let's Build: Blocks & More, Let's Build: LEGO Time and Let's Create: Come & Go Art to the children and families of the Schaefer community. The spring session of children's programming did conclude in mid-May, and preparations for Summer with SAPL took place during the hiatus. She did assist Isaai Ortega in leading the Robot Roundup program on May 19, where kids had the opportunity play with Schaefer's robots.

On May 6th Schaefer branch library celebrated free comic book day by giving out free comics and buttons to patrons. Library Assistant Isaai Ortega also created a mini display in conjunction with free comic book day that showcased the comic book titles that are available at Schaefer.

On May 19th Isaai hosted a robotics program called Robot Roundup where children were able to operate a variety of robots. Participants in the program were able to use each robot to complete a variety of tasks such as knocking down bowling pins, throwing balls at a target, and navigating obstacles.

On Thursday, May 11, the Adult Services librarian hosted the SA Food Bank for their monthly, Cooking Around the World cooking demonstration program. On Sunday, May 14, the Adult Services librarian hosted an all-ages movie screening of Moana as a part of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration. On Tuesday, March 16, the Schaefer Skimmers book club met to discuss Rosemary Sullivan's The Betrayal of Anne Frank.

In May, Dacari Lambert, Teen Services Librarian at Schaefer Branch Library facilitated weekly Teen Time alongside three teen volunteers. For Branch programs, Dacari worked alongside Adult Services Librarian, Daniel Garcia, to host Mercado por tu Corazon, which takes place monthly, every first Thursday.

Dacari actively participated in Teen Services workgroups: Teen Pride, and Discord. Systemwide, Dacari participated in the Pride Committee, Trauma Informed Care Committee, and with the podcast team to work on a LGBTQ+ themed podcast that will be launched in the month of June.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted Schaefer's Craft program where patrons of all ages painted bisque planters with acrylic paints. They painted large planters, tiny starter planters and even a circular planter. We had grandparents, moms, dads, children, and toddlers (with their parent's help) participate. Each family went home with a gift of a wildflower seed packet donated by our manager and some potting soil to use in the planter. Blanca also hosted a DIY: Dog/Cat Toy program for adults. Patrons were asked to bring an old T-shirt and Librarian Maria Adams and I demonstrated how to make toys for their dogs. Patrons brought several t-shirts and were able to make several dog toys of varying thickness. Lastly, Blanca published a catalog list of popular titles for Schaefer's I ❤️ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. She also created an Animal Companions themed book display and set up a book display for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

SEMMES



In May, Semmes hosted a Color Wars for teens. This event was the culmination of several months of planning by two teen volunteers. Attendees earned points for their team (Red, Blue, or Yellow) by competing in various challenges and carnival style games before setting out on a scavenger hunt through the library. Winning teams in both the carnival game and scavenger hunt portions earned prizes. Teen Time also continued on Tuesdays at 5pm throughout May. Teens got together to socialize, play games, and create with Perler Beads.

Tween Time on Wednesdays at 4:30pm saw tweens eager for the end of the school year. They made Perler Bead creations and duct tape crafts as end-of-year gifts for their friends, and they also enjoyed competing together at ping pong and at card games like Uno.

In May, Wednesday at 10:30 am Preschool Story Time was attended by 187 children and 144 grownups. Thursday 10:00 am Toddler Story Time was attended by 83 toddlers and 69 grownups. Thursday 11:00 am Baby Story Time was attended by 53 babies and 54 grownups. All these programs include a time for story reading, songs and fingerplays, followed by child-lead free play. On May 31, children especially enjoyed “going fishing” in the water table. For school-age children, Let’s Build: LEGOs and More was attended by 21 children and 11 grownups on May 1 and May 15. On May 8 and May 22, 20 children, accompanied by 15 grownups, practiced their early literacy skills by reading to dogs Quincy Jones (handler Pam Hackett) and Maggie Mae (handler Debbie Berry) respectively. While children were waiting for their turn to read, they worked on a bookmark at the craft table or participated in a library scavenger hunt. Ms. Randi made a visit to Harris Middle School’s Family Summer Literacy Night. She read stories, played her guitar and sang songs to 11 middle-schoolers. She also told them about Summer with SAPL and the programming coming up starting June 1. Ms. Randi and International School of San Antonio teacher, Stephanie Maksimenko, practiced and planned for a Bilingual Family Story Time in English and French on May 20. Ms. Randi recorded a story on the Dial-a-Story line, on May 2, 19 and 26. Her curated Story Time for toddlers premiered on the SAPL website on May 30. She read stories and lead the children in action songs for Family Story Time Online on May 24.

Semmes Adult Services in May continued to have great attendance at the Thursday Afternoon Chess Club, as well as a Book Club, a well-attended Plant Swap, and a semi-weekly crochet session. There are also several fitness classes and clubs, including Table Tennis, Hula Hooping, Yoga (in cooperation with Parks and Recreation). Additionally, the library engages with the community by partnering with groups such as the Friends of Commanche Lookout Park (to which Semmes Library is adjacent), and MetroHealth’s testing bus, which set up in the parking lot for several days, bringing services to the northeast side. As a voting location for city and other local elections, Semmes saw 3,723 visitors.

THOUSAND OAKS

The Thousand Oaks Library partnered with Older Adults Technology Services through Senior Planet to host two classes - Smartphone Photography on May 24, and Staying Safe Online class on May 31. In Smartphone Photography, attendees learned about camera features like filters, the timer, and recording video. In Staying Safe Online, attendees learned to recognize suspicious emails, tips for safe browsing and online shopping.

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted in-person Yoga Class programs led by instructors from the Parks and Recreation Department on May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. She hosted in-person Tai Chi classes led by certified instructor Debra Cox on May 4, 11 and 25. She served as co-host and chat moderator for the virtual Film Noir Movie Club on May 9. After the movie screening, attendees participate in a lively discussion using questions provided by the host. In celebration of Pet Week, Ms. Mjolsness hosted a Dog Training Demonstration program led by instructors from Animal Care Services on May 10. On May 23, she held the in-person Classic Movie Showing program. Attendees watched *The Big Heat* and participated in a discussion. On May 26, she served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program.

Children’s Librarian Cheryl Penick served as co-host for a virtual Toddler Time program on May 3. She assisted with facilitating the Landa Branch Library’s Outdoor Story Time programs on May 4, 11 and 18. She served as co-host for virtual Baby Time programs on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Ms. Penick held in-person Arts and Crafts Friday programs on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. She hosted Read to a Dog programs on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. She held in-person Let’s Move!: Music and Movement programs on May 13, 20

and 27. She created a book display in celebration of Frida Kahlo and assembled themed book bundles for families to check-out.



Librarian Kimberly King held in-person Teen Time programs on May 8, 15, 22 and 29. She held an in-person Thursday Book Club program on May 11. Participants discussed *Spoonbenders* by Daryl Gregory. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on May 24. Attendees discussed *All Adults Here* by Emma Straub. Ms. King created a book display highlighting young adult titles in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano facilitated a Teen Time program on May 1. She held an Adult Craft Time program on May 17. She held a Tabletop Gaymer Night program on May 21. Ms. Castellano hosted a virtual Mario Kart Tournament program on May 24. She held a Plant Swap program on May 28. She created three book displays this month for National Pet Week, Psychology and Self Help, and Dewey Decimal # of the Month. She created three lists for BiblioCommons, the online catalog: Horror Graphic Novels and Manga, Fantasy and Sci-Fi Graphic Novels, and Picnics and Outdoor Eating.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Connie Hejl, Teen Librarian from Las Palmas, joined Tobin's team this month and hosted some well attended programs with Librarian, Kara Bailey. Ice Cream and the movie *Hunger Games* were ideas suggested by teens. So, ice cream sundaes and toppings were served, along with a scavenger hunt, the movie and wire bracelets for a craft for an end of year party. On May 30, Garner Middle School students celebrated the end of the year outside with water balloons and snacks provided by Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell.

Assistant Manager, Rhonda Woolhouse, and Ms. Hejl worked very hard over the last year to plan, coordinate and host Pop Madness at the Central Library on May 13. About 2000 folks of all ages came to enjoy the pop culture convention of artists, authors, crafts and Cosplay activities.

Read to a Dog is held twice a month now with Toby, the newest dog for kids to read to, along with petting and brushing him. David Hazlett, Library Assistant, and Ms. Bailey host this program averaging about 15 kids. A large crowd attended a Bharatanatyam program on May 20. This dance features classical Indian dances embodying music and storytelling based on a theme as part of Asian Pacific Month (pictured below).



WESTFALL

Machaia McClenny, Branch Manager at Westfall, attended the SFWA Nebula Conference and had the opportunity to learn more about Science Fiction/Fantasy books, novellas, short stories, etc. – including the Nebula Award winners for 2023. She also showed three movies for Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. For the May Staff Inservice, Machaia introduced the Westfall staff to “Staff Picks” and has continued to work throughout the month to incorporate them into the library stacks.



In May, Children’s Librarian Imelda Merino planned and presented three Preschool Story Times. She also planned and presented four Family Story Times, and contributed to Art Club Online on Tuesday, May

23rd, leading the kids in an alphabet drawing game. Ms. Merino presented Summer Reading information at St. Gregory's PTC meeting on May 23rd.

Heather, the Teen Services Librarian at Westfall, did outreach at the first TeensDay SA event, which was focused on providing resources and activities related to mental health, emotional well-being, and relationships for teens in San Antonio. Teens got to preview the Teen Summer t-shirt, learned how and when they could get one, and picked up stickers and flyers for the 210 Teen Library Discord server and Teen Summer activities. A teen volunteer has started a Teen Writers Circle program at Westfall so that teen writers can get together to work on their writing projects. Teens shared ideas for improvements to the Teen Space and activities they wanted to do over the summer on the whiteboard, demonstrating their interest and investment in the Teen Space.

For the month of May, the Westfall Learn Center continued to gain new patrons seeking assistance with computer training, job searching, resume building, and other tasks whether on the computer or tablet. With programming, the Learn center continued to provide the weekly iPad instructional classes and offered Smart Device training on Fridays. Overall, learn patrons continue to seek out new programming that will allow them to learn how to use these smart devices that have become almost necessary for daily tasks.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

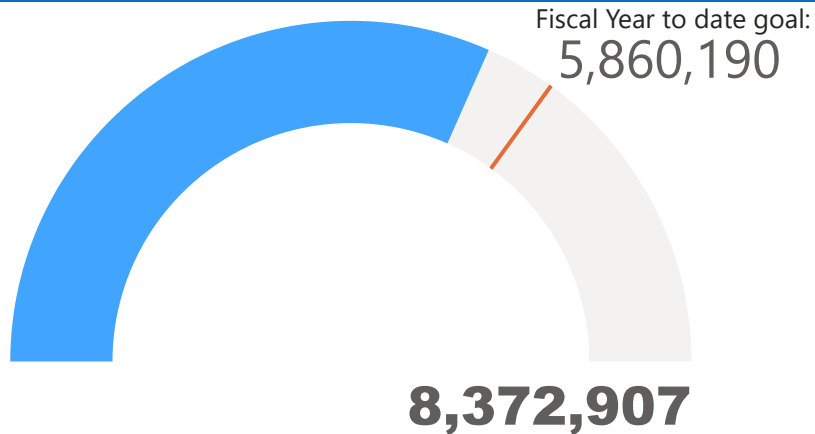
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KEY INDICATORS

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

May 2023
FY 2023

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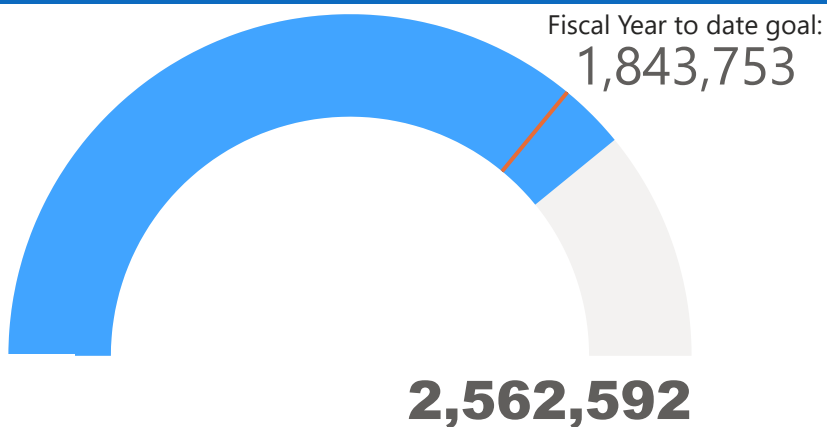


FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



5,297,069
(-9.61%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal

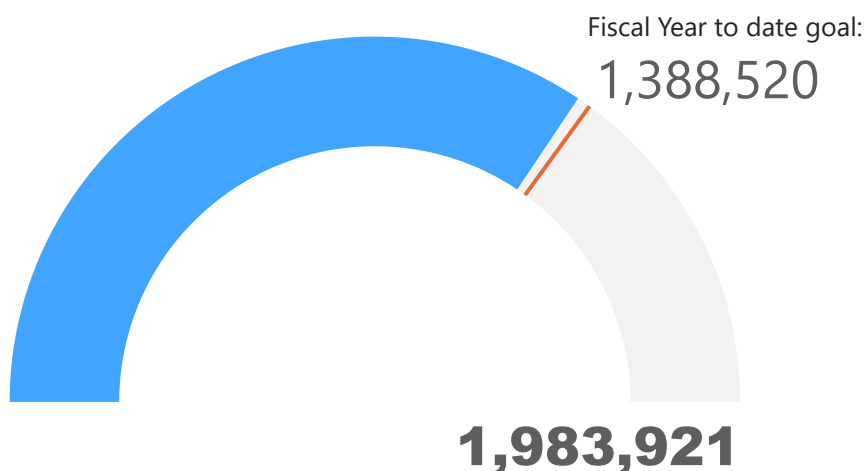


FY 2023 to date Library Visits



2,004,346
(+8.71%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2023 to date Digital Access



168,001
Hours of Computer Use



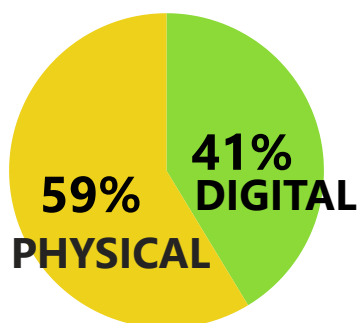
1,196,596
Hours of Wi-Fi Use

1,364,597
(-1.72%)
Hours of Technology Use

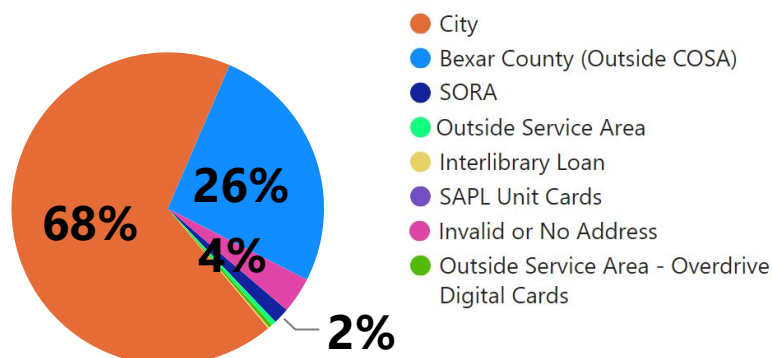
May 2023 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2023

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



1,063,302
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

14,775
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS

433,071
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

2,074,290
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2023

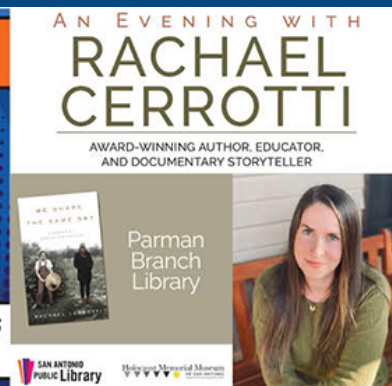
Total	Early Literacy (0-5)	School Age (6-12)	Teens (13-18)	Adults (19+)	Older Adults (60+)	General Interest*
6,828 programs	1,741 programs	1,317 programs	1,791 programs	1,511 programs	271 programs	197 programs
125,243 attendance	47,639 attendance	36,657 attendance	16,806 attendance	14,705 attendance	2,653 attendance	6,783 attendance

*General Interest Programs are not targeted to one age group and/or are targeted for two or more age groups

34 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

18,376 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

MAY HIGHLIGHTS



San Antonio Public Library

May 2023 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,899	5,450	5,809	1,407	4,402
Brook Hollow	12,136	6,785	379	0	379
Carver	2,452	4,491	3,673	840	2,834
Central	23,528	24,910	34,656	6,231	28,425
Cody	30,969	15,953	10,453	1,308	9,146
Collins Garden	3,478	4,475	3,242	564	2,677
Cortez	3,948	5,351	2,742	366	2,376
Digital	290,757	0	0	0	0
Encino	21,466	12,345	6,082	228	5,854
Forest Hills	4,717	3,653	2,325	296	2,029
Great Northwest	26,130	13,292	5,614	589	5,025
Guerra	6,449	6,524	4,831	577	4,253
Igo	36,467	17,338	9,771	660	9,111
Interlibrary Loan	1,391	0	0	0	0
Johnston	8,693	7,198	3,440	403	3,037
Kampmann	0	375	207	0	207
Landa	16,973	12,663	4,830	432	4,397
Las Palmas	861	1,601	765	0	765
Maverick	23,899	12,143	5,684	727	4,957
McCreless	7,104	5,238	5,285	945	4,340
Memorial	3,888	6,389	5,784	878	4,905
Mission	9,399	10,396	5,383	688	4,695
Pan American	3,918	3,086	2,861	314	2,547
Parman	33,672	21,561	6,191	275	5,916
Potranco	17,295	8,412	18,169	608	17,562
Pruitt	4,027	5,393	5,056	14	5,042
San Pedro	2,693	4,279	5,735	636	5,099
Schaefer	8,262	4,414	4,570	357	4,213
Semmes	25,856	15,545	7,498	1,032	6,466
System	33,853	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	8,035	6,541	5,129	698	4,431
Tobin	17,388	18,326	4,761	640	4,121
Westfall	9,199	6,000	6,435	1,145	5,290
Total	701,802	270,121	187,360	22,858	164,502

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

San Antonio Public Library Programs

May 2023

Location	Early Literacy Programs (0-5)	School Age Programs (6-12)	Teen Programs (13-18)	Adult Programs (19+)	Older Adults Programs (60+)	General Interest Programs*	Total
Bazan	0	12	0	12	4	0	28
Brook Hollow	9	0	0	0	1	0	10
Carver	2	6	0	13	1	4	26
Central	9	5	72	6	1	7	100
Cody	1	5	29	10	1	0	46
Collins Garden	5	8	6	8	1	1	29
Cortez	0	3	3	5	1	1	13
Encino	10	6	1	11	6	0	34
Forest Hills	1	14	5	0	2	1	23
Great Northwest	2	14	7	3	1	0	27
Guerra	3	11	6	1	13	0	34
Igo	11	7	5	11	2	3	39
Johnston	4	4	2	6	0	0	16
Landa	22	6	7	1	1	0	37
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	7	0	2	3	0	0	12
Maverick	6	6	6	4	2	0	24
McCreless	0	0	6	17	1	0	24
Memorial	5	4	5	30	1	2	47
Mission	8	1	6	15	0	3	33
Pan American	0	0	0	5	3	0	8
Parman	11	8	5	6	8	2	40
Potranco	0	0	0	11	1	1	13
Pruitt	4	11	11	4	0	2	32
San Pedro	6	7	0	2	4	0	19
Schaefer	3	9	5	2	1	4	24
Semmes	14	9	7	1	0	5	36
System	8	2	24	9	0	2	45
Thousand Oaks	3	8	4	13	4	1	33
Tobin	5	13	15	12	5	1	51
Westfall	4	4	10	2	6	0	26
Total	163	183	249	223	71	40	929

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San Antonio Public Library Program Attendance

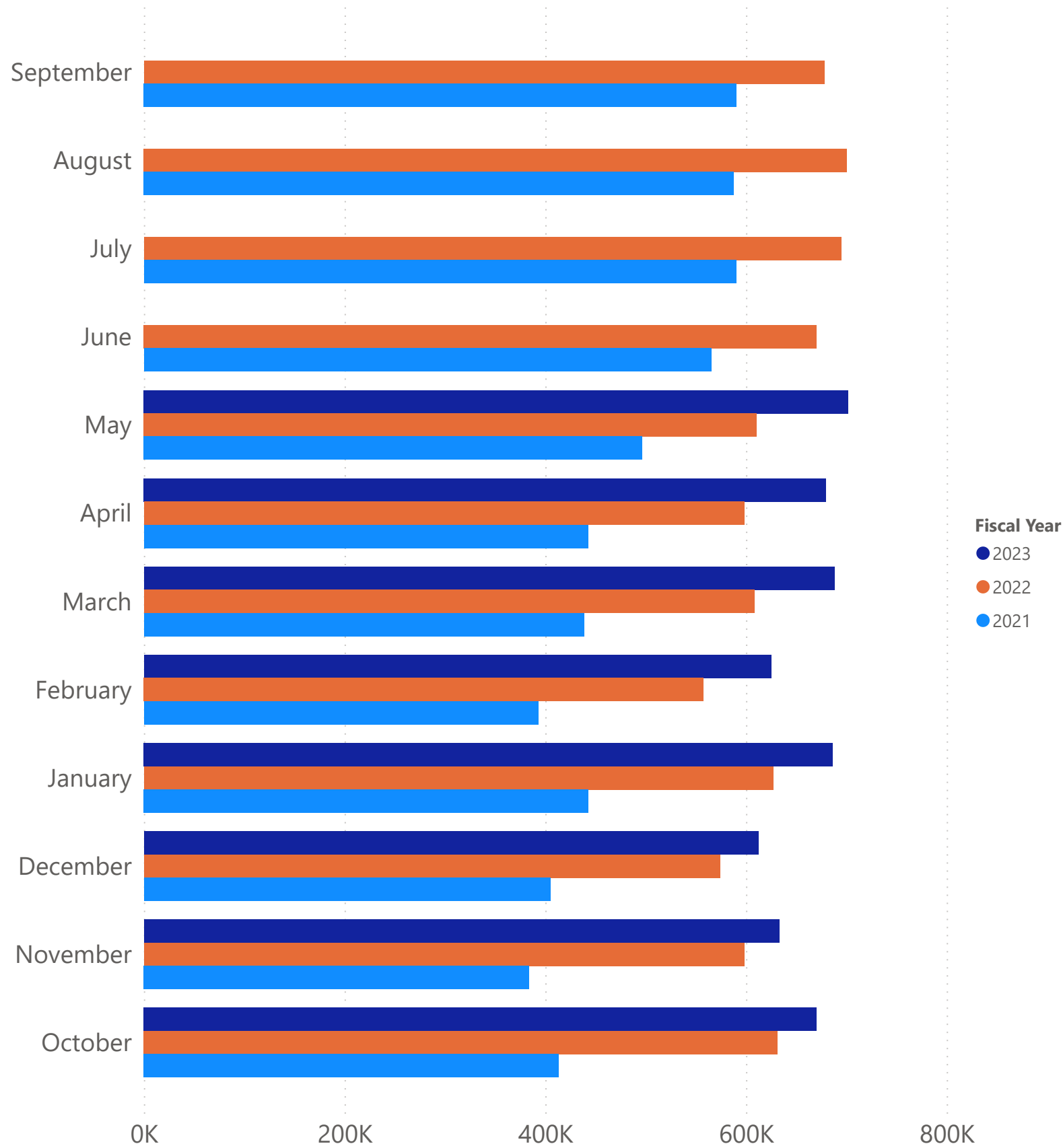
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Bazan	0	71	0	38	40	0	149
Brook Hollow	258	0	0	0	200	0	458
Carver	44	187	0	151	80	419	881
Central	134	62	626	117	7	1,921	2,867
Cody	18	296	631	63	1	0	1,009
Collins Garden	204	74	18	41	2	18	357
Cortez	0	163	3	25	3	19	213
Encino	328	105	7	64	59	0	563
Forest Hills	9	1,201	0	0	10	8	1,228
Great Northwest	92	497	45	15	6	0	655
Guerra	74	1,841	16	4	46	0	1,981
Igo	488	830	293	81	26	61	1,779
Johnston	116	35	11	2	0	0	164
Landa	768	77	93	7	7	0	952
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	255	0	18	187	0	0	460
Maverick	248	1,752	222	29	1	0	2,252
McCreless	0	0	25	65	0	0	90
Memorial	17	97	49	151	3	18	335
Mission	195	5	39	122	0	24	385
Pan American	0	0	0	18	6	0	24
Parman	531	1,138	31	36	82	206	2,024
Potranco	0	0	0	76	35	2	113
Pruitt	26	191	119	31	0	24	391
San Pedro	96	53	0	23	23	0	195
Schaefer	98	185	29	11	4	111	438
Semmes	591	96	28	3	0	83	801
System	100	15	132	221	0	17	485
Thousand Oaks	32	117	5	67	48	20	289
Tobin	101	351	217	134	52	66	921
Westfall	31	47	126	5	4	0	213
Total	4,854	9,486	2,783	1,787	745	3,017	22,672

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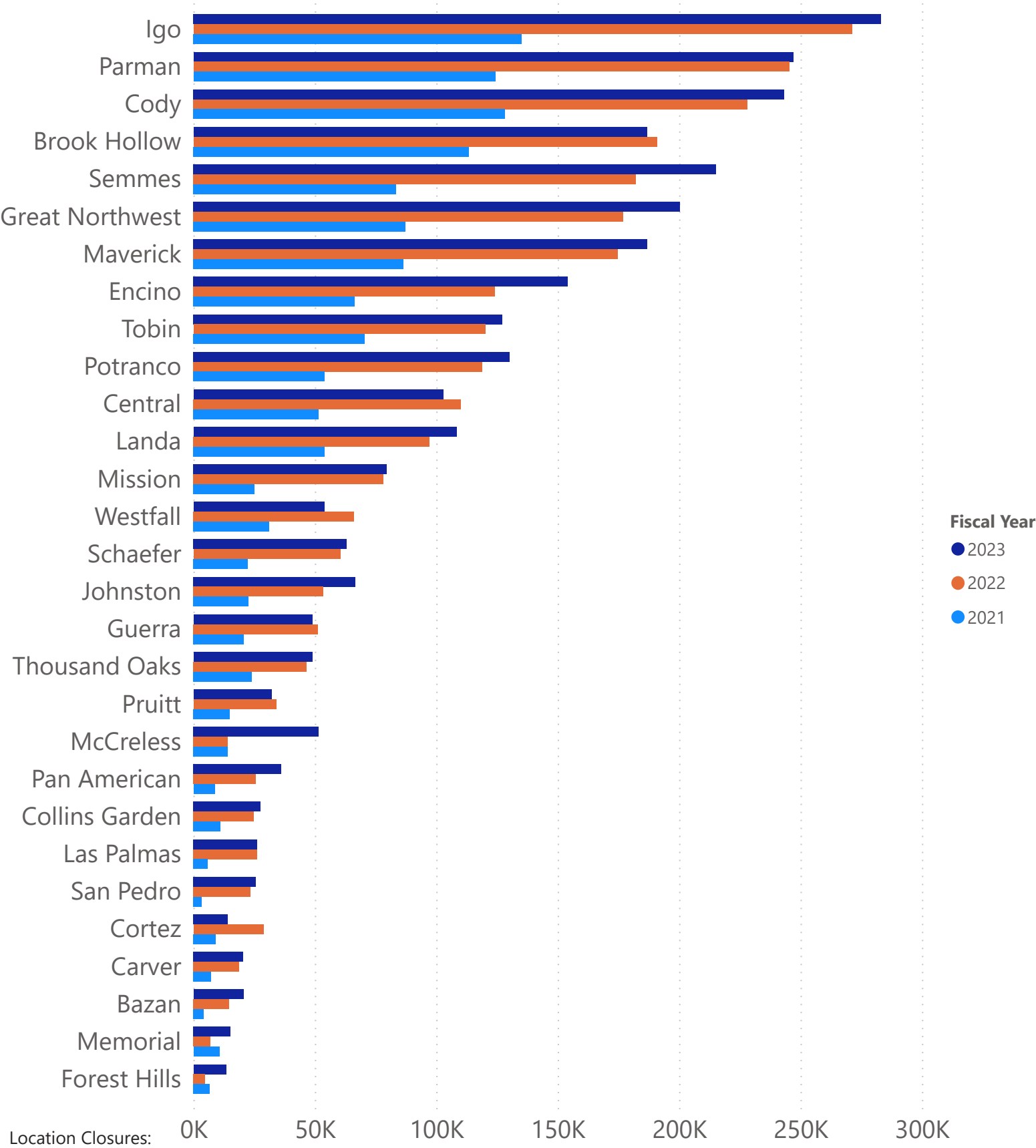


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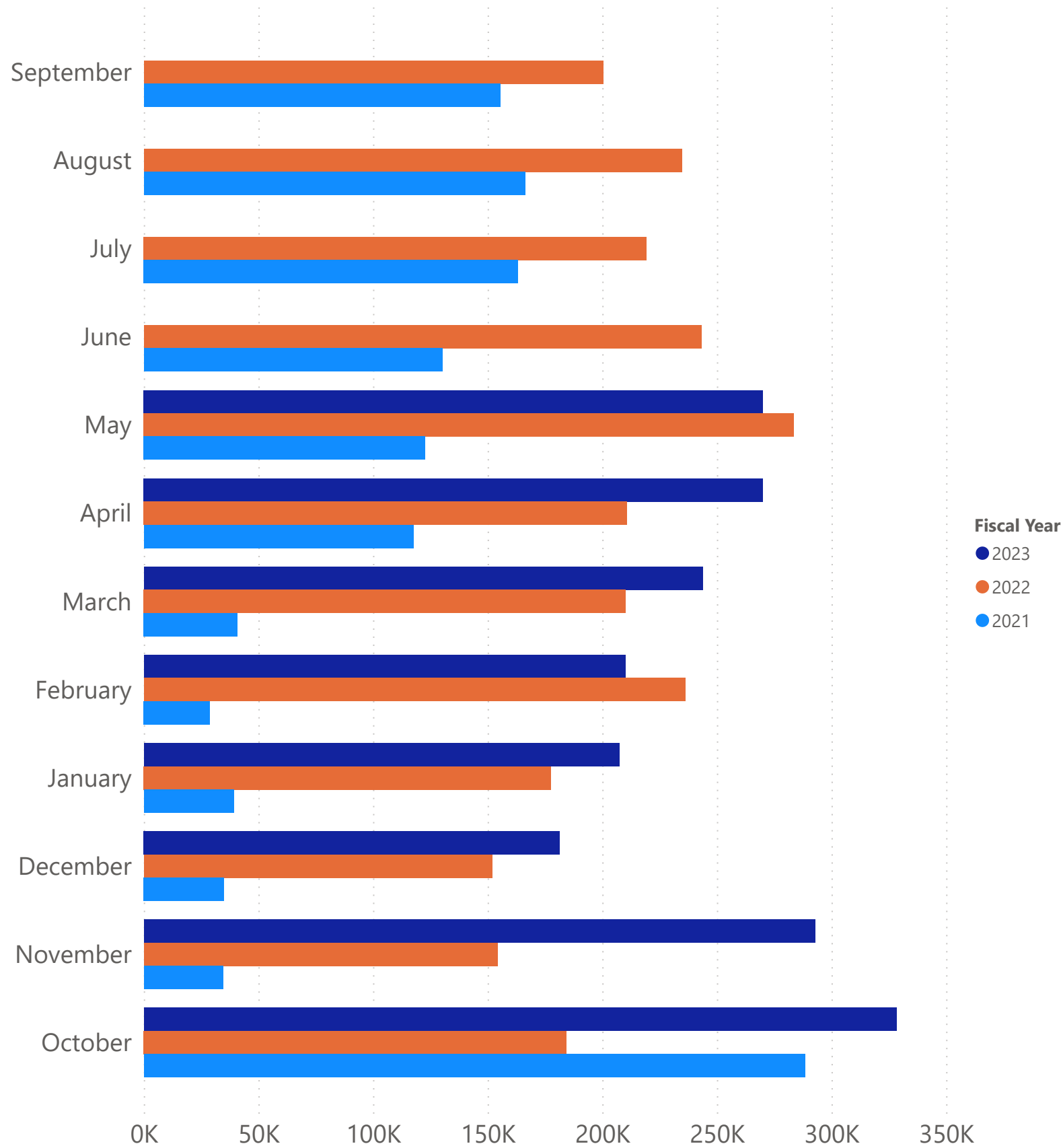
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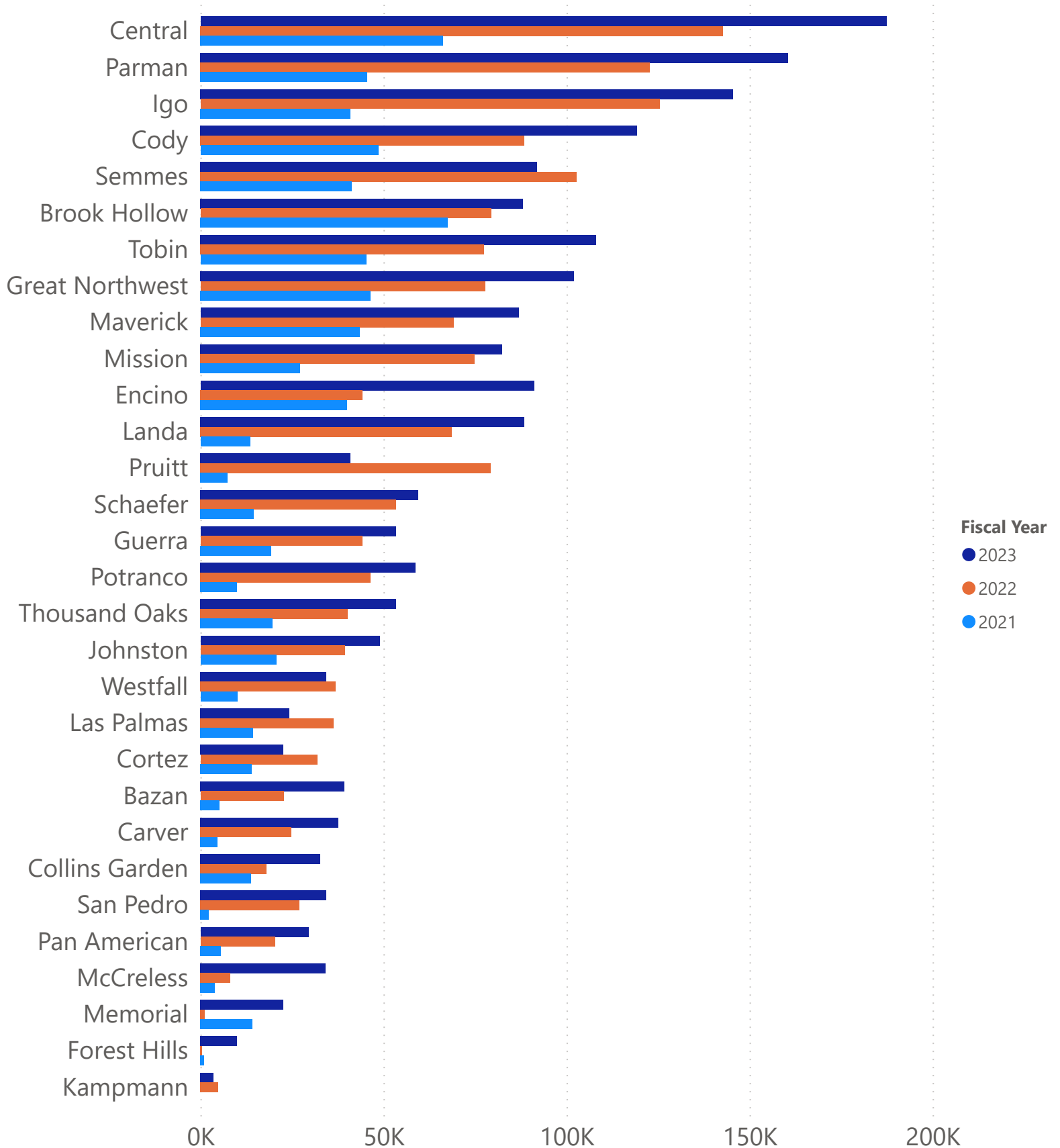


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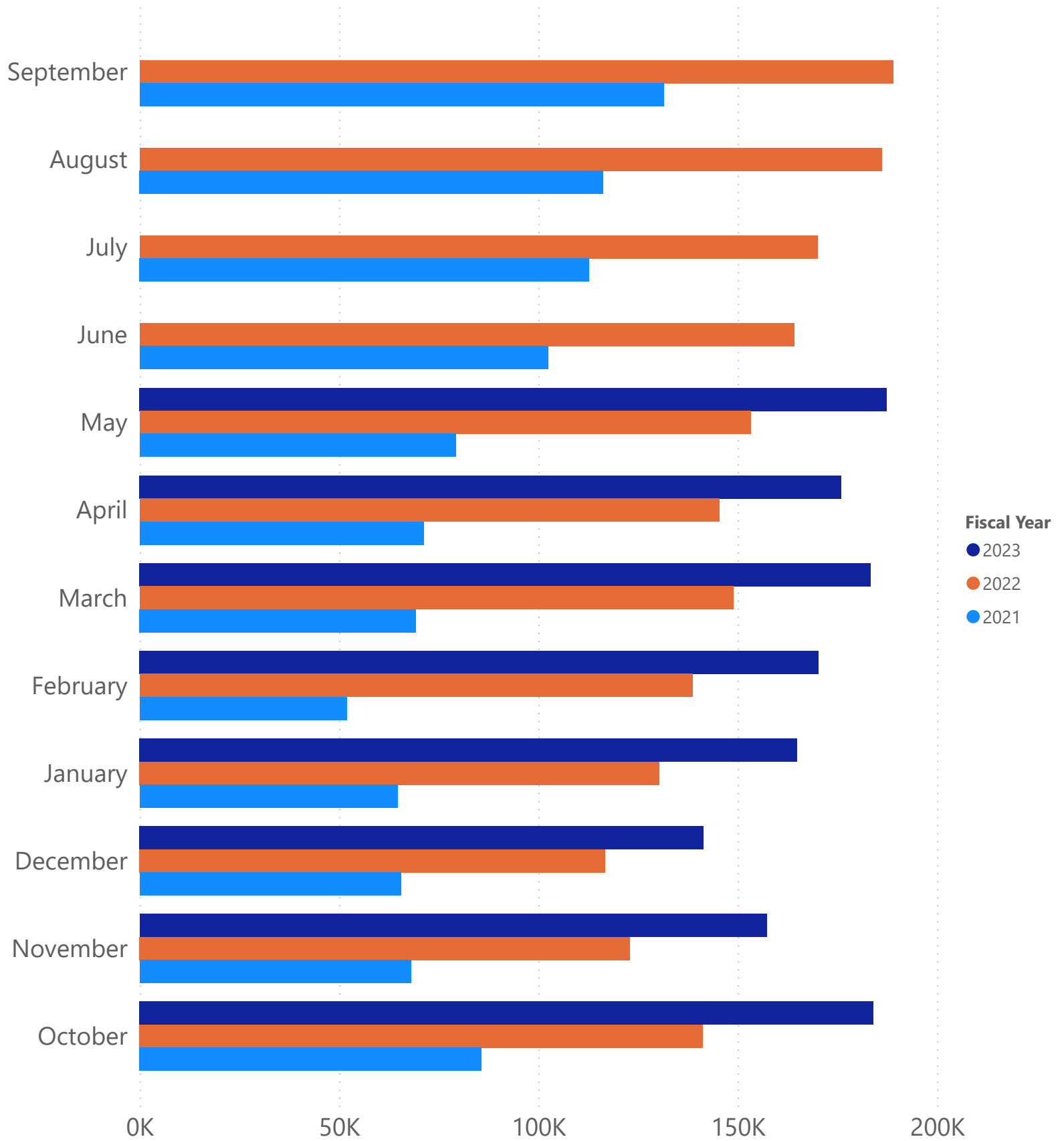
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Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



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APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.