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**RESISTANCE**  
ORIGIN & GENDER IN THE ZAPATISTA MOVEMENT



Central Library Gallery  
September 15 through November 4, 2023



San Antonio Public Library hosted the exhibit “Resistance: Origin & Gender in the Zapatista Movement” as part of the 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month Observance.

San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

September 2023

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar presented the Library's FY 2024 budget at the September 5, 2023, City Council Budget Work Session meeting.

On September 5, 2023, the City Council proclaimed the month of September as National Library Card Sign up Month. Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the September 5, 2023, City Council meeting.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar virtually attended the Local Government Hispanic Network Board of Directors Monthly Meeting on September 8, 2023.

Library Director and staff met with North East Independent School District staff to discuss the Molly Pruitt Library Interlibrary Agreement on September 15, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director Amy Hone on September 18, 2023, to discuss library matters.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Board meeting on September 20, 2023, at Forest Hills Branch Library.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Hispanic Heritage Month, National Library Card Sign Up Month, and Get Eclipse Ready programming news were the main subjects of media coverage and marketing initiatives for San Antonio Public Library in August. These stories garnered significant media attention. The Communications Team also began developing campaigns to inform the public on National Library Card Sign-Up Month, Get Eclipse Ready programming, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

## Media Highlights

- September 5 - TPR aired information on SAPL's Get Eclipse Ready programs.
- September 6 - TPR published a Spanish-language segment about the Get Eclipse Ready programs on their Noticias section of their website.
- September 8 - Telemundo aired a segment featuring information on the Get Eclipse Ready programs happening throughout the San Antonio Public Library system in anticipation of the upcoming solar eclipses in October and April.
- September 8 - TPR aired a segment on the City of San Antonio's proclamation by Mayor Ron Nirenberg proclaiming September is Library Card Sign-Up Month in the city of San Antonio.
- September 10 - My San Antonio published an article on Mayor Ron Nirenberg's proclamation declaring September Library Card Sign-Up Month in San Antonio.
- September 18 - San Antonio Public Library Children's Librarian Lisa Ramirez promoted "Get Eclipse Ready" programs on the KENS 5 morning show "Great Day SA."
- September 23 - KSAT 12 aired a promotion highlighting the "Get Eclipse Ready" programs and the availability of eclipse glasses at these programs.
- September 24 - KENS 5 aired an interview with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director Amy Hone in promotion of the Bookmark the Town initiative. They also published an online article with information on how to participate.
- September 26 - TPR aired a Hispanic Heritage Month segment on Maury Maverick. They mentioned that a branch library in San Antonio is named after him.

## Social Media metrics overview for September 2023:

- SAPL's social media generated **274,927** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **805** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **10,023** times.

## Social Media growth for September 2023:

- X: **24** followers
- Facebook: **534** followers
- Instagram: **247** followers

## YouTube statistics for August 2023:

- Subscribers: **7**

- Impressions: **27,258**
- Total Views: **2,521**
- Videos published: **0**

## DIGITAL SERVICES

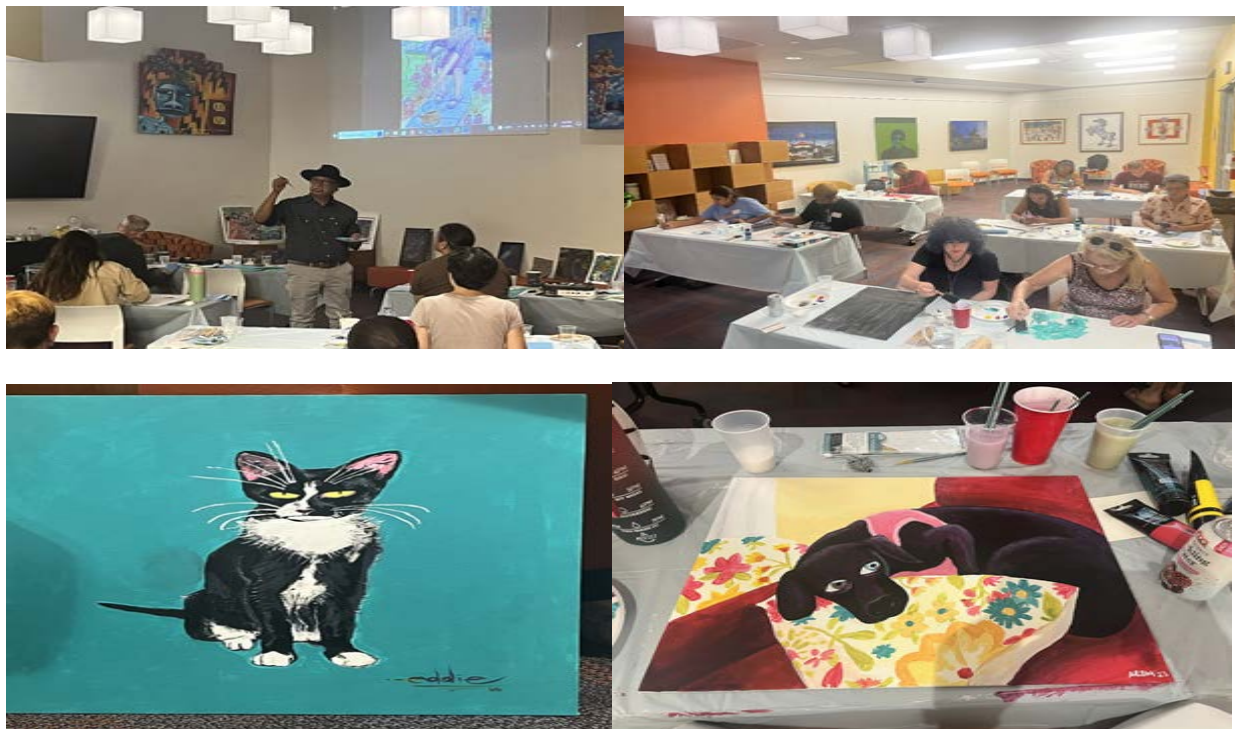
Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson and Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess have been working throughout the month with other members of the Library, ITSD, and Bibliotheca, to prepare for implementation of new RIFD devices throughout the system.

Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglass and Digital Library Services Assistant Elise Garcia in coordination with the Library Communication unit, completed the setup of a new ticket system, at the end of September, to enable staff to submit requests to Communications. The new system will go live at the beginning of October.

## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

The LCRC kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month in September with diverse programming options for the community.

Cris Escobar Acrylic on Canvas Art Workshop was a full capacity class. Chicano visual artist Cris Escobar guided students through the execution of their own ideas, while looking to family and community as inspiration.



Resistance: Origin & Gender in the Zapatista Movement – Central Library Gallery photography exhibit, opening reception and artist talk. Photographer Paula Ramírez discussed her time documenting the Zapatista movement and communities in Chiapas, MX during the late 1990's and early 2000's. Photography will be in the Central Gallery through November 4.



LCRC & Central Library hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month event coordinated by MACRI, honoring local activist Jovita Idar. Partners included the Smithsonian & the U.S. Mint.



Cumbia & Bachata dance class hosted by Laura Delmis & Mario Alvarado of Empowered Arts. Twenty-six participants showed up to this beginner friendly dance class. Laura and Mario explored the history of cumbia and bachata dance styles, including the musical origins.





Conjunto/Tejano dance class hosted by Eduardo Garza of Heritage Taller. Twenty-three participants attended this beginner friendly dance class exploring the regional style of Conjunto dance and its origins.



The LCRC hosted the first 3 of 5 consecutive, weekly storytelling workshops titled Somos Storytellers as presented by LCRC partner, Somos Cultura.



## LITTLE READ WAGON

September marks a full return to the usual school year activities. From workshops for caregivers and school age parents, to reading tents, to community free play, Little Read Wagon (LRW) has events scheduled throughout the greater San Antonio area well into 2024.

The continued record high temperatures had LRW staff searching for suitable indoor play spaces. On Saturday, September 2, Central Auditorium was the site of a free play extravaganza. Families could enjoy play dough in the (relative) quiet of the foyer or enter the auditorium and explore light, build elaborate ramps for trucks or balls, design forts with fabric and blocks, or sit in a tent and read together.



Another indoor play event series began in September at Garza Community Center. Titled “Let’s Play Family Night” the series runs through October 24 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Snacks are provided because of the timeframe and families have appreciated having an indoor space to play after school hours. This is the second collaboration with Parks and Recreation staff with the goal of being able to offer more free play opportunities to families throughout San Antonio. Both San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) staff and Parks staff are on hand at each event.

Services to school age parents continues. Both Megan Cruz and Eva Banda provided campus visits to high schools in the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), in the Harlandale Independent School District, in the Southwest Independent School District (SWISD), and at North East Independent School District. Ms. Banda provided bilingual story time to the childcare centers located at Southwest High School (SWISD) and at Cooper Academy at Navarro (SAISD).

Ms. Cruz presented a workshop titled “Building Resilience Through Play” at the Neighborhood Place, as part of their September Early Childhood and Community Education Event. Melisa Hill staffed a resource table with more SAPL information for attendees.

Clair Larkin presented “Center Equity & Play to Support Families and Strengthen Communities” at the annual Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy virtual conference. Attendees from across the United States participated live during the conference and many more have viewed the recording.

Julia Lazarin provided an opportunity for families to explore bubbles during the Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren at Rosedale Park and shared SAPL resources. Ms. Lazarin, along with Ms. Hill and Jenifer Crier, also visited Kriewald Elementary School and offered a Bedtime Routine workshop with an opportunity for families to read and play with books in the LRW reading tents.





## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The Children's Services Team met at McCreless Library on September 13. The team enjoyed visiting the recently remodeled location and robust conversation. Most of the newly-formed work groups held their initial meetings to review their group deliverables and timelines.

On September 30 Central Library hosted Explore Hansel and Gretel. Opera San Antonio coordinated with Ballet San Antonio and the Classical Music Institute to bring provide a wonderful experience for children and their families, with short, live performances of instrumental music, dance, and vocal performance. The Children's Library team provided a craft activity and scavenger hunt. Rachel Forbes (Pan American) joined the team for the day to assist with all the activities.



There were several activities throughout the month related to connecting children to nature. Coordinator of Children's Services, Crescencia Huff, joined the Cortez Branch Library team in meeting with new Natural Areas Educator, Rubi Jaimes, about potential activities, including a visit to the Medina River Natural Area. Ms. Huff also contributed to work on a Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights with a group including representatives from City of San Antonio (COSA) Parks and Recreation and multiple organizations serving children. Huff and Public Services Administrator Jake Odland worked with COSA Natural Areas manager, Grant Ellis, on preparations for a Nature Smart Libraries convening to be held in San Antonio in early October.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

**Virtual Teen Programs and Activities** – The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Teen Services Librarian II / Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system collaborated with virtual teen volunteers (“Teen Mods”) to host weekly virtual teen activities (“clubs”) on Discord (“the server”) and provide meaningful peer-to-peer connections. Aside from attending clubs, teens began planning events for “Spooktober” in October,

featuring both virtual and in-person activities. Teens collaborated with each other to suggest details for costume and pumpkin decorating contests, events such as movie screenings, and an in-person party. By popular teen request, a Teen Mod and a Club Assistant also worked together to create an official election for the server's first President. Several teens entered the election and campaigned to become president; after 86 votes, one teen was ultimately selected and will serve in this "just for fun" role through the end of February.

**Virtual Teen Content and Resources** – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisahari Sarabia (Teen Services Librarian I, Las Palmas Branch), 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 snacks such as snow cones, tacos, and spaghetti; teen volunteers also created and shared book displays for "Whodunnit" as well as a "Hispanic Heritage Month" titles. Additionally, teen volunteers created informational and interactive content to be shared through Stories.

**Professional Development** – On September 15, Matthew Loaiza and Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) met with Sonia Pereira (Public Services Librarian, Sherman Public Library) to discuss providing virtual teen services via Discord. Loaiza and Velasquez shared a variety of best practices as well as resources to help Pereira and other Sherman Public Library staff fine-tune their approach in offering these services for teens in their community.

**Pictures below:** teen volunteer-created book displays posted on Instagram:



# ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The Library's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month began on September 15<sup>th</sup>, with the opening reception for the exhibit *Resistance: Origin & Gender in the Zapatista Movement*. At the opening reception, photographer Paula Ramírez discussed her time documenting the Zapatista movement and communities in Chiapas, MX during the late 1990's and early 2000's. This photography exhibit will be in the Central Gallery through November 4.



For Hispanic Heritage Month this year, the Library is offering a series of five sessions that offer participants the opportunity to learn Tejano Conjunto dancing. These sessions, taught by local dance instructor Eduardo Garza, provided participants with an introductory lesson into the various forms of Tejano Conjunto dancing, including polca, cumbia, bolero, chotis, guapango, and others. The five sessions were offered at five library locations: Mission, Semmes, Potranco (the session at Potranco was specifically offered for older adults), Central and Memorial. These five sessions generated significant interest and participation, as the registration for all sessions reached its maximum.

Parman Branch Library, led by manager Barbara Kwiatkowski, has continued to offer an ongoing series of programs with Bexar County Master Gardeners. In September, a special program on propagation was presented. Participants learned the benefits of propagation and the different methods to propagate their plants which included stem cutting and division. Liana Benavides and Nancy Mills from the Bexar County Master Gardeners presented the program and shared not only their expertise with attendees but some plants as well. Attendance at the Garden Series has nearly tripled since it first started in the summer due in part to the Communications department creating a beautiful flyer for the program as well as staff promoting it at the branch. Staff hopes to see continued attendance increase through the end of the year.

# OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Thousand Oaks Branch Library hosted two in-person programs in September taught by instructors from Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) – Keep Your Devices Safe on September 21, and Smartphone Camera Uses Besides Photos on September 28. These programs, organized by Librarian II Brooke Mjolsness, offer older adults the opportunity to be introduced to technology that they are unfamiliar with in a way that is accessible and is not intimidating. As previous library staff member Emily Flores is in the role of Program Lead at OATS, it has been very simple to offer on programs on technology topics for older adults at Library locations presented by instructors from this organization.

In September, staff of the Library's Texana department offered several programs at a variety of branch library locations. Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted a presentation on How to do Your House History at the Igo Library on September 1. She highlighted relevant library resources that assist researchers in

investigating property history. Librarian Andy Crews presented two classes at branches in September. First, a *Beginning Genealogy* class at the Bazan Library on September 14 for people new to researching family history. He went over resources available at the library and online for finding family history information. Mr. Crews also presented an *Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition* class at the Cody Library on September 30 that demonstrated how to search this library database effectively to locate specific information about one's ancestors.

## GET ECLIPSE READY – ALL AGES (SYSTEM-WIDE)

September saw the launch of the Library's series of programs to educate the San Antonio community members of all ages about the two solar eclipses appearing in the sky over San Antonio occurring in the next 6 months. San Antonio is on the path of the annular eclipse on October 14, 2023 and the total eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Each San Antonio Public Library location (excluding Great Northwest and Maverick) will host a Get Eclipse Ready session. These one hour sessions feature a twenty minute presentation by a local subject matter expert; Dr. Angela Speck, chair of the Astronomy and Physics Department at UTSA and co-chair of the Division of Planetary Science's National Eclipse Task Force, has very graciously agreed to serve as this expert at all but four of the sessions. This presentation gives a brief overview of the science behind eclipses as well as information about how to view them safely. The expert will then answer any questions that attendees have, and attendees then receive a pair of solar eclipse glasses. Finally, library staff will facilitate a variety of hands on activities that offer attendees an opportunity to deepen their understanding of space science, light and shadow, and other concepts related to eclipses. Get Eclipse Ready sessions occurred at roughly twelve San Antonio Public Library locations in September.

An additional eclipse related program offered in September (on September 9<sup>th</sup>) was an online presentation through Zoom featuring Dr. Anthony Aveni, an author and professor of Astronomy, Anthropology, and Native American Studies at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY. Dr. Aveni presented the information and concepts discussed in his book *In the Shadow of the Moon*. Highlights of the topics that Dr. Aveni shared with participants included the history and culture surrounding solar eclipses, from prehistoric Stonehenge to Babylonian creation myths, to future eclipses that will capture human imagination.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Cresencia Huff and Morgan Yoshimura facilitated an information and activity table at an Educator Appreciation Event focused on the two upcoming eclipses at the DoSeum. This event, which was organized by the Alamo STEM EcoSystem's eclipse working group (called Celebracion Celestial), provided San Antonio area educators (including home educators) to discover various local resources available to them as they prepared their students and families for the upcoming eclipses. Ms. Huff and Ms. Yoshimura demonstrated the How Big / How Far / How Hot sorting activity available through Space Science Institute's StarNET Clearinghouse database of STEM and solar science activities. They also shared information about the Library's Get Eclipse Ready series and general resources available to students and teachers.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Central Library was the location of a community-wide volunteer training presented by the Alamo STEM EcoSystem Celebracion Celestial. Approximately 50 volunteers attended, receiving essential eclipse information, presentation tips, and activity ideas. The volunteers were assigned to area eclipse viewing and education events.



# CENTRAL LIBRARY

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



*Performance by the Classical Music Institute*



*San Antonio Ballet*

The highlight of the month in the Children's Library at Central was the Explore Opera! Hansel & Gretel program. Nearly 400 people attended the two-hour event which featured interactive performances by the Classical Music Institute, the Children's Chorus of San Antonio, the San Antonio Ballet, and of course, Opera San Antonio. Performances took place all over the building, with much of the action ending in the Children's Library. Manager Kate Simpson set the stage in the Story Room with a summary of the original fairy tale and a reading of a modern re-telling of Hansel & Gretel. Librarian Ashley Stubbs created a Hansel & Gretel-themed scavenger hunt. Children who found all the images won a free paperback Hansel & Gretel book, courtesy of Opera San Antonio.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez and Librarian Ashley Stubbs developed a children's corner within the San Antonio Public Library's area at the San Japan anime convention in early September. This was the first time space had been carved out for children to enjoy. They provided juvenile manga reading



material as well as picture and board books to have available for families at the Lofi Girl reading area. They also made origami paper, scrap paper, colored pencils, and markers available for children to create with and submit their work to the Children's Library Tween Zine.



*Eclipse Program at Central*

Ms. Fernandez partnered with the Information Services department at Central to present children's activities at the well-attended eclipse program in the Central Library Auditorium. Children made eclipse art using colored chalk and decorated the envelopes for the eclipse glasses they received.

Ms. Fernandez also cohosted 2 editions of the Escape the Earth podcast with Tim Johnson (Igo) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow) and J.D. Elizondo (Information Services @ Central). The crew discussed Paolo Bacigalupi's dystopic biopunk science fiction, *Windup Girl* and produced a special Pop Madness-themed podcast. They interviewed various attendees and vendors from the Pop Madness event in May, discussing all things nerdy and geeky. The Escape the Earth podcast can be found on Soundcloud on SAPL's Podcast TunedIn Channel.



*National Library Card Month Promotion*

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Simpson appeared in the short video for social media promoting National Library Card Signup Month in partnership with KLRN, featuring their cartoon character, Arthur.



*Family Story Time*

Ms. Seglin and Ms. Stubbs partnered to present weekly Family Story Time programs for young children on Wednesdays in September. Ms. Seglin developed the program in collaboration with Ms. Stubbs, setting themes such as sharing books by Latino authors or illustrators to honor Hispanic Heritage Month. This popular program has a group of dedicated families who enthusiastically participate in the songs and action rhymes and the engaging play experiences. They also love marching through the Play Area at the end of each story time with their shaker eggs and jingle bells!



*Tween Time*

Ms. Stubbs facilitated fun activities for her regular group of tweens at Tween Time in September. They created designs with perler beads, made origami creatures, practiced coding skills with Botley robots, and watched a movie together, complete with popcorn! Ms. Stubbs also put together the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Tween Zine, full of art created by Tween Time attendees. The Tween Zine is available for free at the Children's Library at Central.

Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Seglin took turns staging the Story Room for Sensory Friendly Playtime on Thursday mornings in which children of all ages and abilities were invited to enjoy the come and go style, open-ended play experience in a relaxed, calm environment. They presented materials that activated the senses.

Ms. Stubbs read two books for the Dial-A-Story service and started a passive program at the Children's Library service desk where children could grab a puppet as a reading buddy. So far, the raccoon puppet has been the most popular reading buddy!

Children's Library staff continued to develop outreach connections with area childcare centers and schools. Ms. Stubbs visited Central Christian Day School twice this month where she presented story times to children and brought books for the teachers to use in class. Ms. Seglin shared stories and songs with two classes at Madison Square Child Development Center and delivered library books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Simpson delivered books for all 5 grades of children at Discovery School as well.

## TEEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, Tobin Branch) 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.

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 Branch) for "Teen Time" every Friday on the Discord server.

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I) joins Cassie Garza (Teen Librarian II / Assistant Manager, Bazan Branch) on Tuesdays to help to facilitate the weekly "Gaming Club" on Discord, in which teens enthusiastically stream, play, and discuss video games. Rosalie 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.

Rosalie visited several high schools in Central Library's service area, including Central Catholic High School and Positive Solutions. She spoke with students about the services and resources the Library offers for teens, including live homework help and opportunities to gain volunteer service hours. In addition, Rosalie coordinated class visits to the Central Library with CAST Tech and the Advanced Learning Academy.

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

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Teen Tuesdays after-school activities in September continued to highlight general teen interest and celebrations, such as celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM), learning new cooking techniques, and satisfying curiosities. Suggesting, participating, and leading these activities allow teens the chance to pick up a new skill, or show their peers tips and tricks. Teens did some full-on cooking, making meatballs for a spaghetti night. At the beginning of the school year, teen volunteer Angelina brought in a cookbook for inspiration. Teens used the book to follow a recipe for marshmallow cream cookies and making cocoa. Teens asked to make egg rolls, which was a new dish many teens were curious about, particularly how to roll and shape them. For HHM, teens made a fresh watermelon agua fresca and an old favorite: jalapeño poppers. Perler beads continue to be a popular after-school craft activity. New volunteers have been ushered in at the start of the school year. When new volunteers Jade and Michelle went through their orientation, Angelina joined in and asked them to take

the oath of, "I promise to respect, support and be loyal to the San Antonio Public Library." The volunteer combo of Angelina, Jade and Michelle has been a fantastic Teen Tuesday addition. These teens have been particularly adept at maintaining communication amongst their peer participants, modifying supplies as needed, and clean-up. Teen volunteer Viviana spearheaded making popcorn for an after-school snack that proved popular. Teens ask for the perler bead cart, find a spot, and work independently to create items.

Teen volunteers and interns also produced Story ideas for Instagram, like Skylar's quiz questions for Hispanic Heritage Month. Pictures and videos from program times can be found on the @210teenlibrary Instagram page.

**Pictures below** – Teens hanging out after eating their homemade spaghetti and meatballs; teen volunteer Jade consulting the cookbook; teen volunteer leading a cooking activity:



## INFORMATION SERVICES

During September, Julia Selwyn and Arland Schnacker created a floating astronomy display to promote Get Eclipse Ready systemwide programming and Central's collection. In addition to Central Library's materials, the Eclipse display featured National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) information on the Sun, Moon and Earth. The models of the celestial bodies were hand-painted. The creative and educational display was popular among children, teens, and adults.





On Sept. 6, Rhonda Woolhouse and Christina Montero went to Sodalis Assisted Living Facility to do an off-site program. Staff hosted some trivia questions and informed residents and employees about SAPL services and resources such as audio books and the library homebound program.

On Sept. 8, Christina Montero and Daniel Gomez from Learn at Memorial hosted an outreach event for BCFS Health and Human Services San Antonio Transition Center. The organization reaches out to foster youth between the ages 18-24 years. Transition Centers are “one-stop shops” that offer case management, counseling, sheltering and life skills training to at-risk young adults. Staff presented on SAPL and Learn services and resources to attendees.



On September 23, Pannaga Prasad, Cynthia de Leon and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez hosted a Get Eclipse Ready program in the Central Library Auditorium. The guest presenter was Dr. Angela Speck, a Professor of Astrophysics and the Chair of the Department of Physics & Astronomy at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). Dr Speck gave a fascinating presentation about the 2023 and 2024 eclipses and covered eclipse safety. Mary Elizabeth created children's activities and managed them with the help of a Central volunteer. Pannaga created an Excel handout to give to patrons with all the Eclipse events and also organized the distribution of eclipse glasses. More than 150 people attended including one service dog.





On September 22, 2023, Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez offered a virtual Chair Yoga session over the Library Zoom platform. The class was presented by Ashley Ludwick, a professional Yoga Instructor from the Idoযোগসা organization. Ludwick taught chair yoga exercises in a fun-filled way, and also covered how to connect within and find inner peace.

Information Services hosted several tabling events to share community resources with Central patrons.

Arland Schnacker coordinated an information table for the StandUp for Kids non-profit organization that helps teens-young adults with hardships. This organization helps to keep youth off the streets and provides resources from groceries to jobs. This group engaged patrons, on September 2, 16, and 30.

On September 6, CPS Casa Verde Weatherization hosted an information table at Central Library on their home energy efficiency programs and benefits.

Arland Schnacker hosted the San Antonio Legal Service Association (SALSA) on September 28. This group provides free legal advice as well as helps veterans with their VA rating, wills, housing, etc. This Central Library program is a reoccurring event to help the veteran community.

## LEARN AT CENTRAL

In September, Learn at Central assisted several patrons throughout the job search phase, from completing job applications, onto the interview and then receiving a job offer. One patron began working at McDonald's, then a hospital, and moved on to Centro San Antonio. Training Officer Denise Cadena also assisted a patron work to update his resume to regain his job and he is back in the interview process.

Library Assistant Francisco Rodriguez helped a library patron apply to get her birth certificate online which she needed to keep her housing.

Learn Library Assistant Brianna Glass and Training Officer Daniel González attended the international artistic and scientific virtual conference Artfulness Croatia, where their presentation video on zines was available to view on their list.

Brianna Glass and Daniel González continue to host their weekly Intro to Computers and Internet every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm.

# TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



(L) Librarian Sylvia Reyna presenting at Igo Library on September 1. (R) Diane Baird-Barger presents Ms. Reyna with a certificate of appreciation during the DRT business meeting luncheon on September 27.

Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted a presentation on *How to do Your House History* at the Igo Library on September 1. She highlighted relevant library resources that assist researchers in investigating property history.

Ms. Reyna was a contributing presenter for *SOMOS Cultural y Más'* five-part series, *Somos Storytellers* in the LCRC beginning September 20. To demonstrate the *Do's and Don'ts of Preserving Your Family Documents*, Ms. Reyna showed examples of damaged materials and noted the correct way of preserving documents using examples from the Texana collection.

On September 21, Ms. Reyna presented another class on *How to do Your House History*, this time at the Commander's House Senior Center. She demonstrated research methods using the library's subscription databases.

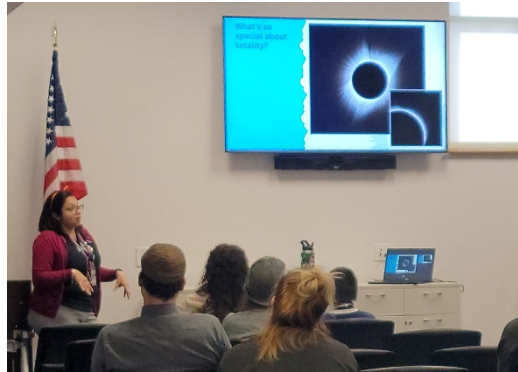
The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), Alamo Couriers Chapter, invited Ms. Reyna to share about the resources available in the Texana/Genealogy department during their September 27 business meeting luncheon at the San Antonio Garden Center. Her presentation highlighted the genealogical resources available for investigating one's family history.

Librarian Deborah Countess hosted the virtual program *Finding Your Female Ancestors* on September 11. She presented different research strategies designed to help genealogists uncover information about the frequently overlooked, and often unnamed, women in their family tree.

Librarian Andy Crews presented two classes at branches in September. First, a *Beginning Genealogy* class at the Bazan Library on September 14 for people new to researching family history. He went over resources available at the library and online for finding family history information. Mr. Crews also presented an *Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition* class at the Cody Library on September 30 that demonstrated how to search this library database effectively to locate specific information about one's ancestors.

# BRANCH LOCATIONS

## BAZAN



Children's librarian Hope Sonnen resumed Children's programs in September with a full slate of programs including *LEGO club*, *Let's Build: Blocks and More*, and *Kids Time*.

She and Teen Librarian/Assistant Manager Cassie Garza hosted a *Get Eclipse Ready* program on September 24. The program was well attended, and everyone was very pleased with information shared and the eclipse glasses they received.

Ms. Sonnen and Ms. Garza teamed up again to attend the Crockett Academy Family Literacy night where they shared information about library programs and craft activities with families. Ms. Garza brought along the always popular button machine which was a big hit with the kids.

Assistant Manager and teen librarian Cassie Garza continued to host the BTS (Korean Music group) craft club at Bazan library. The group celebrated the birthdays of two members of BTS that have birthdays in September. Several group members designed their own BTS scrapbook pages with supplies available and others attempted making J-Hope themed paper dolls.

Ms. Garza facilitated *Teen Time* at Bazan library with a growing number of teens in attendance. Teens were able to make mangonadas, corn in a cup and other tasty treats during *Teen Time* in September. The highlight of this month was making mangonadas from scratch. Several teens mentioned they love eating mangonadas but weren't sure what exactly was in them. They were surprised to find out how easy and tasty the recipe was. Ms. Garza continued to host the *210 Teen Library Discord Gaming Club*. The group watched teens play Smash Ultimate, Minecraft, Skyrim and a new game called Beam NG drive.

Ms. Garza welcomed a new library intern in September, a library school student who requested practicum experience with a teen librarian. Marissa Harris started interning at Bazan library September 18. Ms. Garza and Ms. Harris have several projects planned for this practicum experience and are excited to get them started.

The *Bad Girls Romance Book Club*, hosted by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, gathered in September to discuss *After Hours on Milagro Street*, the first in a new series written by Angelina M. Lopez. The group loved the book which featured a Latinx story and strong characters. It was a great read for *Hispanic Heritage Month* and the group made plans to return for more works by this author.

The *Ink Slayers Writers Group*, hosted by Ms. Prater, met twice in September to discuss their writing goals for Preptober, the leadup to National Novel Writing Month in November (NaNoWriMo). The writing group was excited to share ideas, tools, structure, community, and encouragement with one another.

The Learn Center at Bazan, staffed by Training Officer Carlos Loera, welcomed over a hundred individuals during the month of September for sessions covering computer skills, resume building, job search, job applications and help with personal devices. ESL (English as a Second Language) classes were offered every Tuesday evening where students continued to develop their English language skills. Mr. Loera also led painting classes for senior adults twice a month and hosted *Coffee and a Movie for Senior* adults on the first Friday of the month. *Coloring for Adults*, a place and time to enjoy creativity and make new friends, was offered every third Friday.

## BROOK HOLLOW



BHL's Eclipse Program Wednesday, October 4, 2023. SAPL provided glasses for attendees to watch the Annual Solar Eclipse Saturday, October 14, 2023. 180 people attended

Before transitioning to Tobin Library as Branch Manager, Amanda Neace fulfilled her Children's Librarian duties at Brook Hollow Library with five story times and four after school events in the month of September. In total, 305 people attended these programs. The very popular Read to A Dog program resumed September 8 and was set up to continue this fall after Neace's departure. Library Assistant Lauren Revel continues hosting Let's Build events through September for elementary-aged children to enjoy after school. Thousand Oaks Library Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick has picked up where Neace left off @ BHL by conducting Thursday morning story times.

Library Assistant Elissa Vura, along with Tim Johnson (Igo), Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central - Children's), and J. D. Elizondo (Central - Information Services) hosted the SAPL Escape the Earth podcast and book group. The September episode, discussing Paolo Bacigalupi's *The Windup Girl*, has received over 70 plays to date. September also saw the release of a special episode, featuring interviews with attendees at SAPL's Pop Madness event which took place in May. The Escape the Earth podcast is available on Soundcloud under the San Antonio Public Library Podcast TunedIn Channel.

Teen Librarian Grace Holt facilitated Teen Time on Tuesday evenings where teens engaged in activities, they chose playing Super Smash on the Switch throughout September. Teen volunteers at Brook Hollow designed new Teen Time flyers including a digital display. BHL Teen volunteers also created a mystery book display. Holt met with local Girl Scout Troop 66 September 24th to discuss partnering with Brook Hollow Library & Friends of Brook Hollow Library on a Little Free Library Project.

The Teen area at Brook Hollow Library continues to make space available for teens to express themselves.

BHL Manager Jeannette Davies attended Walker Ranch Senior Center's (WRSC) /BHL Book Club September 21, 2023. After reading *Mexican Gothic* by Mexican Canadian Author Silvia Moreno-Garcia, the group discussed the book's highs and lows & gothic nature. Davies offered a pumpkin food concoction taste/demo for the September birthdays @ WRSC Friday, September 22, 2023. Davies attended an author visit at TPR Headquarters in downtown San Antonio sponsored by the San Antonio Library Foundation featuring Author Luis Alberto Urrea who wrote *Good Night Irene*. Davies created a Banned Book Display in recognition of ALA's 2023 Banned Book Week October 1-7, 2023. Davies interviewed Llano Public Library users Leila Green Little & Diane Moster, plaintiffs in the Little vs. Llano County Civil lawsuit, as chairperson of the Texas Library Association's (TLA) Libraries Transform Texas Podcast accessible via the TLA website. Little and Moster are two of the seven plaintiffs in the lawsuit regarding county commissioners removing books from library shelves. All seven Llano Public Library users received the Sam G. Whitten Intellectual Freedom Award from TLA for their outstanding work for intellectual freedom.

## CARVER

When Deloris "Mama Dee" Williams resumed the Senior Fair at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Carver Branch was represented. The annual event had been put on hold during the pandemic but resumed on Friday, September 1 with some 200 attendees. Manager DL Grant assembled an inviting information table promoting information services at San Antonio Public Library.

The branch kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month with a display of materials celebrating Latino history and culture.

The branch's Prudence L. Curry Writers Series welcomed Jeffery Renard Allen on Saturday, September 16. Mr. Allen is the award-winning author of six books of fiction and poetry, including *Song of the Shank*, which was a front-page review in both The New York Times Book Review and The San Francisco Chronicle. He read from his most recent book, *Fat Time and Other Stories* (2023).





*Jeffery Renard Allen reads from his new book*

On Saturday, September 16, the Friends of Carver Breakfast presented author Caleb Alexander, 45 guests attended. Mr. Alexander is the author of *East Side*, *Two Thin Dimes*, and *Belly of the Beast*. Mr. Alexander is a Ph.D. student at the University of Oklahoma. His discussion was on the natural resources of the African continent.

CPS Energy Fair, an annual partnership event, was held on Saturday, September 23, attracting some 100 visitors. An indoor pavilion was lined with vendors promoting health and wellness services. Visitors could meet with various service representatives to collect informational materials and just discuss their concerns. Visitors also received free street taco plates of beef and chicken. Free flu shots were given out. LEARN at Carver

In the month of September, the Learn Center had a total of 121 patrons who used the Learn services. Among these patrons, Learn at Carver welcomed 12 new patrons who sought computer and job preparation training. Additionally, the Learn Center continued to support 108 patrons with their computer skills improvement needs. Besides computer skills, the most sought out program in September include online research and social services, reflecting the diverse needs within the community. Notably, the Learn Center played a crucial role in helping seven patrons secure employment, providing essential services such as resume building, job searching, interviewing skills, and finally onboarding paperwork.

Training Officer Shauna Mendoza continues to conduct her weekly classes with great enthusiasm, offering a diverse range of opportunities for community engagement:

1. Computer Training: Held Monday through Friday, from 1 pm to 6 pm.
2. Crochet & Knitting Club: Takes place every Tuesday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.
3. Smart Phone and Personal Device Training: Offered on Wednesdays, from 10 am to 11:30 am.
4. Introduction to Computers: Available on Fridays, from 10 am to 11:30 am.
5. Breast Cancer Support Group: Every other Monday, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Shauna continued to remain actively engaged in the community by participating in various events and locations, including the Claude Black Community Center, District 2 Senior Center, Frank Garrett Multipurpose Community Center, and SACRD.org User Group hosted at Meals on Wheels.



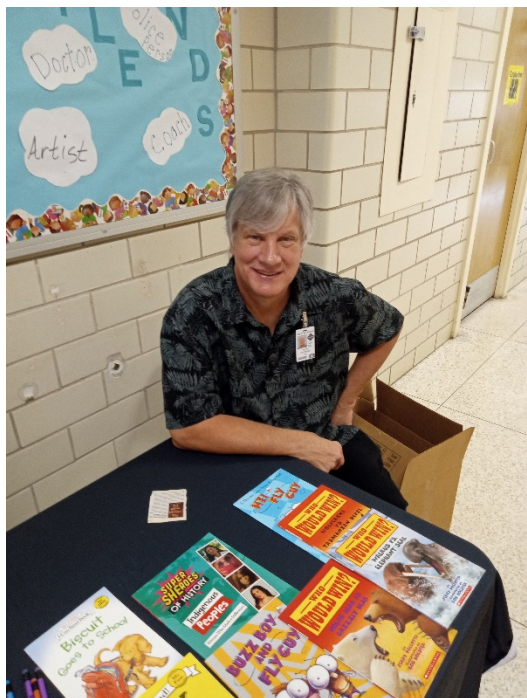
Ralph Jarzombek has put together a preliminary schedule for two programs at Carver which will start during the first week of October. One program will consist of Story Time for preschool (3–5-year-old) children, and the other program will be a program called “Making Beats for Tweens”, which will teach beginning tween (9-12-year-old) children how to make beats on a computer or phone. He also intends to add a Lego program at Carver for young children later in October.

He is continuing to reach out to various schools, early childhood education centers, childcare centers, and child development centers in the area to try to establish new outreach opportunities. Currently there is outreach scheduled for several pre-kindergarten classes at Tynan in October, and there are ongoing discussions for also doing Story Time at three daycare centers in the area (St. Phillip’s CDC, Miller CDC, and Stephanie’s Angels) and Cameron Elementary.

Laura Alvarez, a library aide at Carver Library, redecorated the bulletin board in the children’s area of the library with a nice display appropriate for Halloween with the saying “Get Caught in a Good Book” with a spider’s web and spider. Mr. Jarzombek has also been receiving help from Laura and Esperanza Meekins, a library intern currently attending Texas Women’s University, to change the display of books to include books from the library’s collection with a fall/winter holidays theme.

Carver Library was the first library to host the Get Eclipse Ready event on September 2nd, which had about 25 people in attendance.

Mr. Jarzombek attended a Grandparent’s Day event at the Democratic Prep at Stewart on September 8th, which had about 13 people that came to the booth to talk about the library’s services. He also attended an Open House event at Carroll ECEC on September 13th, and people coming to the booth were given free books, pencils, and bookmarks. He left his contact information for attending future events at the school and for possibly doing Story Time there.



*Ralph Jarzombek prepares to greet families at Carroll ECEC.*

Cresencia Huff registered the recently hired librarians to attend the online Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy conference on September 21st-22nd, and Mr. Jarzombek attended several sessions on September 21st.

Mr. Jarzombek became part of the Online Programming work group that is currently looking at the viability of the Family Story Time Online program and intends to attend the weekly programs and give his input on the subject. If it is decided the program should continue, he is looking to contribute to the program in the future as time allows.

Mr. Jarzombek read "Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes" for Dial-A-Story, which ran from September 26th-29th.

## TEENS

For the month of September, Michael Harle joined the Carver branch. He began holding discussions with staff to gain a better understanding of the culture of teen services in the space. He organized and filtered supplies, and explored options for reorganizing the teen space, which he plans to act on with future teen volunteers. His next steps are to reach out to nearby schools for outreach, with the goal of adding 2-4 teen volunteers who can serve as advisors for the teen space and ambassadors for the library. He is also

mentoring Esperanza Meekins, Carver's new intern, who has expressed an enthusiasm for working in Teen Services; he has secured her a permanent invite to monthly Teen Service meetings and has guided her through her onboarding process.

## CODY

Cody's new Children's Librarian Cari Raley has been introducing several new programming options for children and their grown-ups. The afterschool Tweens have enjoyed the activities prepared for them, "STEAM" on Tuesdays and "Craftivities" on Wednesdays. They seemed to have enjoyed it so much that one of the 9-year-olds wanted to know if it would help if she and her friends come up with some ideas so that there could be 5 programs a week.

The families with younger children have been discovering the two morning programs available on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children experience some interactive story reading, some new songs and lots of stations to choose from. Parents have shared their children now wake up early and can't hardly sleep because they know they are going to the library.

A couple of homeschooling programs have also begun at Cody. The Tween group has begun to explore STEAM ideas. Using the medium of Legos, the kids explored how different biomes affect what a person's housing necessities would look like. The younger group began exploring different North American Animals and making their own field guide. Special thanks to several staff members and volunteers (Haly, Courtney and Misty) that helped this month with children's programming at Cody. Amazing book bundles were assembled, and the community just snapped them up.

On September 5, Circulation Attendant Maria Treviño facilitated the Art for Wellness event at Cody, attended by 6 people. The program promotes art as a therapeutic tool for mental wellness and provides a safe space for community engagement. The group discussed how gardening is great for mental health, possibly having a model for still life sketching, and opportunities for outdoor art, weather permitting.

On September 7, Maria also held her monthly First Friday Art for Seniors, attended by 7 people. The group explored impressionism and discussed which artists to feature in the future.

Both art programs worked on a collaborative project, the Cody Community Art Gallery, to display their artwork above the indoor book drop and to encourage community involvement. This display will be up until October 15.

On September 26, Maria hosted a Dia de los Muertos Poesia/Poetry program attended by 11 people. Maria discussed the cultural and religious origins of the holiday. Patrons learned to make paper marigolds and blackout poetry, followed by a poetry reading. A special speaker was invited from the Ecumenical Center, from the SOLOs support group, Diana Martinez, to talk about National Suicide Awareness month.

# COLLINS GARDEN



The Collins Garden branch participated in the systemwide Get Eclipse Ready on September 19. Guest speaker Angela Speck presented information and shared tips on safe viewing of the upcoming eclipse. Adult Services Librarian Ms. Villa partnered with Children's Librarian Gina Brudi for a galaxy spinner painting craft event for all ages. After Ms. Speck's presentation, patrons created their own galaxy art using paint and salad spinners. Patrons were delighted to receive solar glasses and fliers on how to use them for safe viewing. Ms. Villa designed and mounted a Solar System display to complement the program. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ms. Villa mounted the Collection Development curated book display and screened the newest version of the West Side Story in both English and Spanish.

The Collins Garden Book Club met on September 20 to discuss Suzanne Chazin's novel *A Place in the Wind*. The club was facilitated by Ms. Villa.

Adults and Seniors enjoyed passive programming where they were invited to participate in brain booster activities including jigsaw puzzles, crosswords and brain games.

Teens visited the library to participate in many of the activities available to them in the Teen Space. Activities included painting, slime making and perler beads. Teens have become more comfortable approaching service desks to ask staff for assistance with activities. Teen volunteers assisted by engaging in practice sessions with slime recipes for future events. The volunteers are currently in talks with Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll about launching a Collins Garden Chess Club and becoming Discord volunteers.



Children's Librarian Gina Brudi continued her early literacy outreach by engaging children at Knox Early Education Center, Little Wonderland, and the preschool classrooms at Collins Garden Elementary with stories and songs. At the branch, she presented four Preschool Story Times, three Lego Clubs; two Art Times, one Play Doh Day and one Blocks and More Program. September 13 saw the return of the Collins



Garde Happy Tails courtesy of the Friends of the Collins Garden Library. Children enjoyed the opportunity to meet and learn about some exotic animals. On September 14, Ms. Brudi attended Literacy Night at Knox Early Literacy Center and on September 21 Resource Night at Hillcrest Elementary. To commemorate National Teddy Bear Day, children decorated bears and displayed them on the whiteboard located in the children's area. Ms. Brudi mounted a Back to School book display.



## CORTEZ

Cortez Library had a productive September for programming. Branch Manager Angela Morrow continued her weekly program Name That Tune, a friendly music competition, which received 38 total attendees this month over four weeks. Regular attendees have been keeping track of ongoing wins, ready to declare a Name that Tune Champion at the end of the year. Ms. Morrow, with Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez, also hosted three Family Perler Bead Art events, with 42 in combined attendance. Perler Bead Art is a great opportunity for family members of all ages to decompress together and indulge their individual interests with personalized templates.

Adult Services Librarian Melissa Carroll held her first meeting of the Nothing Fancy Book Club. Member read *Crying in H Mart* and joined together to discuss the book, music, taste Korean food, and discuss the personal impact from reading the memoir. Seven people attended. Vince Escovedo of Metro Health hosted his Healthy Cooking class on the third Thursday with ten in attendance learning to make healthy meals. This month's healthy recipe was yogurt-based dill vegetable dip with carrots and celery for dipping.

The month of September did not have any Teen attend the drop-in or Teen Time evenings. Craft time is still going strong with regular attendance. Those who cannot make to class often email and ask for the craft instructions and then send in photos of their finished item. For the month of September crafts made were: Indoor Herb Garden, Strainer Cross-Stitch, Homemade lip balm and Macrame Earrings.

September for Children started with a bang! Cortez held a Grandparent's Day event with 30 people celebrating the best people to ever let you have ice cream for breakfast! Attendees were able to create a family crest, learn how to say grandmother/father and granddaughter/son in a variety of languages, and write down favorite recipes for future generations. There was even a series of interview questions grandchildren could ask their grandparents! (Staff favorites included "Did you have annoying siblings, too?"; "When you were my age, what was your favorite ice cream? Is it still the same?"; and "Looking back, what was the worst fashion trend that, at the time, you thought was the coolest thing ever?")

This month's Lego Time was the highest attended of the year for Cortez! One parent even told the children's librarian that her son had learned the days of the week specifically so he could make sure that they never missed it! Story time attendance rose in September. During one memorable story time, families painted with a variety of vegetables and herbs and had fun with the textures and shapes each one produced.

## ENCINO

### Children's

Encino children have enjoyed a variety of activities this month starting with Baby Story Time and Family Story Time, which is now offered two days a week. In our art programs, we've focused on nature and outdoors with popsicle stick bird feeders for tweens and bird kites for children of all ages.

We've also added in a new program this fall called Let's Play! Sensory Stations. Children are able to come into a dark room filled with ocean wave lights and ambient sounds. Once in the room, they can explore the different sensory stations. The most popular stations this month were seashells in water and water marbles by themselves. We've also kept in a LEGO time that kids of all ages always enjoy, with the freedom to come in and build creatively.

Encino Branch's "Read to a Dog" program resumed in September after a break in August! Dorothy the dog and her handlers were welcomed back. Dorothy comes ready every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to listen to stories read by the children, and the children enjoy reading and giving lots of attention to Dorothy.

### Teens

Encino Branch's Teen Time continues to be a consistent place for Encino teens to support one another, play games, and, of course, "hang". Children's Librarian Krystal Owen and Library Aide Kelli Pyles are providing coverage for Teen Time while there is an absence of a teen librarian at Encino Branch. Along with karaoke, the teens spent time making pins and studying. Teens also planned and implemented a movie night- many of them brought snacks like popcorn, candy, and soda. Some of them also opted to bring blankets and dress in library-appropriate pajamas. The teens also organized and led a "Promposal" night. The teens rallied to help a teen plan and ask his girlfriend to Homecoming right here at Encino library!

In September Encino Branch began a Teen Art Club on Monday evenings. Planned, coordinated, and thoughtfully launched by our creative Encino teen volunteers, this program creates a safe space for teens to express themselves through art. September's theme was paper crafts, but teens are always welcome to come and create art in any form.

### Adults

Librarian Ann Laird continued her outreach to Franklin Park assisted living facility on September 7. We continued the authors series with a presentation about WEB Griffin. The series has been well received. We have also been collaborating with Franklin Park to provide books for their in-house book club.

Encino hosted the first program in a new crafting series for adults and teens, called "Get Craftin'." This program will be held twice a month and will feature a different craft at each event. We kicked off the series with a very well attended program showing patrons how to make a mini-terrarium. Each attendee got to make their own mini-terrarium containing a live succulent.

# FOREST HILLS

As always Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca is delighted to facilitate Storytime and a monthly bilingual story time; the kids had a great time making Cuneiform tables out of clay while they learned about the ancient culture of Mesopotamia. Baby Time is a success at Forest Hills!! The youngest and cutest patrons and their caregivers are exposed to songs and books to help with early literacy skills. Kids enjoyed playing with Meeperbots, a coding robotic toy, during Kids Time. They were able to use Legos to build on to the Meeperbot and then use an IPAD to control it remotely. And of course, Lego Time is continues to be a big hit; she is always amazed by what children create.

Ms. Menchaca contributed to Telecuentos this month by reading "Los Pollitos En El Espacio." Ms. Menchaca was happy to contribute to the children's blog, this time reviewing "The book that no one wanted" by Richard Ayoade. She is also still participating in virtual children's programing, contributing songs, rhymes, and games to the Virtual Family Storytimes.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop continued hosting the Great Northwest teens and Teen Librarian Lisa Puchot throughout the month of September, giving them a space to still connect and collaborate while their branch was closed. Mx. Prukop was delighted to welcome teen volunteers to the Forest Hills team, encouraging them to help with implementing Teen Time and creative ideas for the teen space. They also continued their work with the InQUEERies podcast, recording episodes and special messages to insert at the top of episodes as needed. On the 210teenlibrary Discord server, Mx. Prukop continued their work as staff liaison for the weekly Dungeons & Dragons club, using the framework of the fantasy game as a way to teach teens skills like dealing with interpersonal conflict and creative problem solving.

Library Assistant Shy Axelrod continued running the Scrabble Club, welcoming new and returning members with the game. The monthly Bring Your Own Book club read banned books this week, discussing their contents and the state of book bans currently. And the monthly Gaymer Night tabletop gaming club met, with new members joining and trying out the various games available and chatting.

# GREAT NORTHWEST

The Great Northwest Branch Library staff are assisting at other branches while the branch undergoes renovations. The branch will be getting fresh new colors of paint, a restroom renovation, and pavement restriping. The branch looks forward to welcoming customers back to see the new look once the work is complete!

# GUERRA

Guerra continued offering interim library services at Gill Community Center while the branch received HVAC renovations. Led by Guerra's Children's Librarian Linda Lopez and Circulation Attendant Abella Lazalde-Jimenez, the little library stayed busy with reader's advisory, limited laptop usage and creating and updating accounts. Ms. Lopez and Ms. Lazalde-Jimenez have built a great partnership with the staff and community at the Gill Center.

In addition to leading interim services, Ms. Lopez filled in at Johnston Library for a Story Time on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She saw familiar faces in the crowd and met new ones. Families had a great time singing, dancing, rhyming, playing, and listening to stories.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *Cómo cazar fantasmas* (How to hunt ghosts) by Stefan Gemmel and *Polvo de Luna* (Moon dust) by John Rocco for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on September 1 and September 26. On Sept 14th, he presented a trivia game at the Gill Community Center,

and later that same day, he and his wife, Elsy, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, presented a homage to Mexico and Central America by singing the Mexican and Honduran national anthems. Mr. Jackson's book club, Club de Lectura, discussed *La ira de México* (The sorrows of México) on September 28, both virtually through Zoom and in person.

## IGO

Embark on a fascinating journey into the past with our recent program, "Discovering Your House History," held at the Igo Library on Friday, September 1, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This event was not just an exploration of architectural timelines but a captivating venture into the lives and stories that echo within the walls of our homes. This program was arranged by Adult Services Librarian, Gamini Haluwana.

Librarian Sylvia Reyna not only orchestrated the event but also took on the role of an instructor, guiding a room full of eager adults through the intricate process of uncovering the history concealed within their homes. The allure of understanding the roots of one's dwelling resonated with attendees, drawing an audience keen on unearthing the mysteries of their living spaces.

The core question, "When was it built?" and "Who lived there before you?" served as the compass for this exploration. Attendees were not only encouraged but empowered to delve into the past, armed with research sources and techniques that were expertly shared during the session.

"Discovering Your House History" not only provided answers to specific questions but also sparked a broader interest in genealogy and local history. Attendees left with not just facts about their homes but with a newfound appreciation for the stories embedded in the very structures they inhabit.

Teen librarian Annie Calonico hosted the Better Read Than Dead book club, which meets every month to discuss a chosen horror or true crime read. We continue to add new members that contribute to our lively discussions, and this month we read and talked about *The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy.

Igo's Teen Time regulars continue to welcome new teens and engage with a variety of activities, including video and board games, crafts, art supplies, and socializing with one another. They are working on planning activities alongside the teen librarian, Annie Calonico, which contributes to their sense of belonging and ownership over their time in the library and helps them develop more independence and confidence.

September brought a return to children's programs at Igo. Attendance, due to the neighboring branches being closed, was robust. Children's librarians Carrie Vance and Amy Roberts (Maverick), and Library Services Specialist Mikala Thomas handled it all with great aplomb. Ms. Vance attended the Carnahan Elementary School Parent's Night on September 19 and talked with families about the library and made a community collage project.

On September 23, the branch hosted the Knit Out and Crochet Too event with Alamo Rows, the Crochet Guild of San Antonio. 75 people came to learn new skills.

The Get Eclipse Ready event for Igo was held on September 27. Families enjoyed a talk from USAA expert while enjoying eclipse related activities like using the solar viewer, making an eclipse viewer from cereal boxes, making UV bracelets, and galaxy art.

# JOHNSTON

Johnston hosted the mobile market, “Mercado por tu Corazon”, on September 12<sup>th</sup> as part of the American Heart Association’s partnership with the library to provide the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables to residents. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Viva Health! Viva Salud! series ended--offering participants a cooking class by chef Vince Escobedo, and a yoga chair class by Metro Health Mobile Fit coaches.

Librarian Yamada conducted two Adult Craft Club. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> patrons decorated small pumpkins, and on September 16<sup>th</sup> the group worked on their personal journals. Ms. Yamada organized Johnston’s the Get Eclipse Ready at Johnston on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with 59 attendees who learned a lot about eclipse and safety from Dr. Angela Speck from UTSA.



Children’s Librarian Jackie Gonzales held Family Story Time every Thursday. Ms. Gonzales sang songs, recited rhymes and read stories to children and their caregivers. Targeted for preschool age children, families were encouraged to come and listen, learn, play, and sing along. Within the program the children’s librarian incorporated the five building blocks for early literacy: sing, talk, read, write, and play. A few stories shared included *Sometimes a Tiger* by Z.B., *Asterplume*; *A Place to Read* by Leigh Hodgkinson and *Everyone Counts* by Judy Sierra. A simple craft was provided at the end of each Story Time for children and their caregiver(s). Children who wished to opt out of doing the craft were provided toys to play with instead. Ms. Gonzales offered Let’s Create: Come and Go Art every Thursday afternoon. Children were invited to follow the prompt or create another project with

any materials provided. Prompts included: Caterpillars with pom poms and robots with spare scraps. Children were encouraged to be creative and to challenge themselves with the materials provided. Lego Time was held on Wednesdays at 4pm. Children were given free build time and then challenges that they could do alone or with a partner. Projects created were then displayed until the next Lego Time. Ms. Gonzales visited La Petite Academy on Wurzbach on September 12<sup>th</sup> where she provided stories and songs to the children. Ms. Gonzales provided Story Time for Hidden Cove STEAM Academy on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Gonzales attended Parent Night at Hidden Cove STEAM Academy on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The final outreach was at Medio Creek on September 21<sup>st</sup> where she had a table at their STEM Night.

Teen Librarian Ana Piña facilitated in-person Teen Time every Monday night of the month. Teens assisted in selecting and planning weekly activities throughout the month which included learning to knit and crochet and playing boardgames. On September 11<sup>th</sup> San Antonio Food Bank chef Brittany Hernandez came to show the teens how to make fried rice. The teens assisted in the preparing, cutting, and making of the food. Ms. Piña hosted the Johnston No-pressure Book Club on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> where participants gathered to talk about the books they have been reading for the month of September. Some notable books mentioned were *I Go Quiet* by David Quimet and *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.

# LANDA

In September, Children’s Librarian Jasmin Salinas resumed programming events for children ages 0 to 12 years.

Baby Time and Outdoor Family Story Time were the most popular programs at Landa Branch. Tween Time for ages nine to 12 years had a regular group coming every week. Many new friendships formed because of participating in the program.



After a well-earned vacation in August, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas resumed visiting local schools for story time outreaches on Tuesday mornings in September.

A new child-led Scavenger Hunt activity based on the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* was a very popular activity for families visiting the children's section in September.

Children's Librarian Salinas continued to present Art Club Online on Zoom with a team of Children's Librarians throughout the month of September.

This month, Adult Librarian Robin Alcorta hosted outreach at The Village at Incarnate Word. The group read the *Bloomsbury Girls* by Natalie Jenner. They liked the style of the book and talked a bit about the clothing during that time.

Library Assistant Julie Grant prepared a collaborative and highly successful program with Animal Care Services and San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition. The program was humane education on community cats. The program was a Q&A session about why Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) is the best option to stop population growth without harming the cats.

Two adult book clubs met this month. Readers Ink read *Mouth to Mouth* by Antoine Wilson. The group could not figure out why it was on Obama's favorite books list of the year. Mystery Club read David Baldacci's *Simply Lies*. They thought it was the same formula as his other books and would not recommend.

Lastly, Landa got Eclipse ready with Tracy Becker. She answered questions and showed patrons how to safely use their Eclipse glasses. It was a well-received event!

## LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas Branch Library closed its doors for renovations as of Monday, March 20, 2023. Interim services for Las Palmas Branch Library are located at Our Lady of the Lake University's Sueltenfuss Library (411 SW 24th St., San Antonio, TX 78207).

Interim services site hours of operation for the Fall:

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



(San Antonio Public Library-Communications Department, 2023)

In celebration of National Library Card Signup Month, members of the community smiled for the camera and proudly showed off their new library cards, created by Teen Librarian Ami Sarabia and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos, during the annual Newcomers Resource Fair held at the YWCA.



Ami and Elvia shared several library resources, including information about the popular Enhanced Library Card to over 100 families in attendance. Las Palmas hopes to continue this collaboration with the D5 community and looks forward to future events.

## MAVERICK

Maverick Library remained closed in September for renovations as construction crews proceeded with the plumbing phase in all the restrooms and staff break room. Most of Maverick staff remained in their assigned locations assisting at nearby branches. Branch Manager, Jef Martin, remained on site to allow construction crews access to the building and monitor the project. Library Aide, Laura Lopez, also remained on site to help to check in and shelve all incoming items. While assigned to Igo Library, Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl coordinated Outreach with Marshall High School Librarian, Roxane Jenke. Bleichwehl attended Marshall's annual Meet the Teacher Night and informed families of SAPL services. Bleichwehl placed particular emphasis on Homework Help and SAPL databases, including patrons' ability to create an online account. Communications provided bookmarks and fun promotional items, which helped attract the attention of the attendants.

## McCRELESS

Children's Librarian, Paula Lenington has a Family Story time reoccurring every Thursday. The kids and their families sang songs, listened to a story and had an engaging time playing and building.



At McCreless Library, every Tuesday of the month, Kids came to build and play with Legos, they did a good job using their imagination to create.

The Children's Librarian Paula Lenington has a crafting afternoon called Creator Club every Monday at McCreless Library. This month they made space themed projects including a spaceship, galaxy slime, the ring of fire, and a model of the eclipse.



On September 5<sup>th</sup> the children's librarian at McCreless, Paula Lenington, did an outreach at Highland Hills Elementary PTA meeting. At this meeting she discussed library activities, getting a library card, and then she did a demonstration on reading to kids and the importance of reading every night. There were about 80 people in attendance.





On September 1st, Teen Services Librarian Daniela Moreno was invited to Highlands High School to speak to incoming freshman about what services the public library has to offer, particularly for their age group. Librarian Moreno worked and communicated with Highland's High School Librarian Lisa Ramirez and set up a table at the library. She presented her PowerPoint slides to the students and answered any questions they had about the library. She then collected library card paper applications and interacted with the teens as she created keychains for them with the design of their choice. She also gave out small tokens with the library's logo such as pencils, highlighters, post it notes, etc.

Every Tuesday night (from 5:30-7:30) Daniela Moreno, Teen Services Librarian at McCreless, facilitated weekly programs for teens aged 13 to 18 in the teen space. Teens decided the activities they did for the following week while at the program, so they were consistently able to decide what they wanted to do. Some examples of these activities are playing with the Nintendo Switch, creating art with the materials provided, making buttons, etc.

In September Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales hosted three movies at McCreless: The Flash for the Movie Night at McCreless program, The Perfect Game for Hispanic Heritage Movie Series, and Armageddon for the Eclipse Movie Series. Everyone enjoyed popcorn and refreshments at each of these movie events. Mr. Gonzales coordinated and staffed an outreach table for 2 days at Monster Con where he was able to help over 500 persons in attendance. He provided patrons with helpful information about library events coming to multiple locations, how to get library cards, and distributed crafts to kids.

LEARN Training Officers Christina Flores and Lodie Mueller shared a table with SAPL staff at the Grandparents' Day Outreach Event at Southside Lions Senior Center to let folks know about the Learn Program at McCreless. In direct response to that event, patrons came to the Learn Center the following week inquiring about our English classes. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Lodie and Christina led another Outreach event at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease, providing an overview of overall SAPL services. TCID staff plan to continue regular field trips to McCreless so residents can get their library cards and take advantage of both in-person and remote services. September monthly attendance for McCreless Learn



classes showed 11 for Yoga Tuesdays at McCreless, 9 for Civics for Citizenship, and 62 for our Saturday ESL class, with 202 sessions during Learn walk-in hours.



Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos held a weekly Coffee & Crosswords program for Older Adults. Patrons are invited to have a cup of coffee while they work on crosswords, Sudoku, and word finds while they socialize. Librarian Villalobos was joined by Teen Services Librarian Daniela Moreno who brought the latest celebrity gossip. Librarian Villalobos also offered two crafting programs: Drop-In Crafts Club on September 7, where patrons are invited to work on their projects while discussing their crafts and hobbies; and Queer Crafternoon on September 17 where the group sampled *Sorry, Bro* by Taleen Voskuni. And on September 29, she joined Librarian Brook Mjolsness and Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura for SAPL Live Trivia.

## MEMORIAL

In September, Memorial Branch Library hosted the League of Women voters on two occasions, providing a table in the lobby where the League's representatives were able to hand out information and speak to patrons about the voting process, including how to register and where to cast their ballots.

Children's Librarian Melissa Fulmer continued to have great success with Story Time and LEGO Club, making connections with families and doing a fabulous job of promoting library resources.

Memorial said goodbye to long-time Circulation Attendant and Teen Liaison, Michelangelo Sosa, as he accepted a position as a web developer in Austin. This move is much more in keeping with Michelangelo's career goals, but all of San Antonio Public Library is the poorer for his departure, as he was a contributor of ideas and practical assistance to far more than just the Memorial team.

For Hispanic Heritage Month, a wildly successful series of film showings (which will continue into October) was organized by Learn Center Training Officer Daniel Gomez. The films of Pedro Infante attracted large audiences who were engaged in both viewing and discussing them.

## MISSION

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Library Assistant Jessica Viera screened the film, *Stand and Deliver*. Ms. Viera also coordinated with the Hispanic Heritage Committee to have local dance teacher Eduardo Garza teach a Conjunto class. Library Assistant Amanda Flores created a book display for all ages with books related to the theme.

Branch Manager, Oscar González, assisted the World Heritage Office distribute packets for The World Heritage Festival in the library's meeting room.

Oscar González also began hosting an additional Chess Club on Monday evenings in addition to the Sunday Chess Club that Children's Librarian, Jane Miller holds.

Librarian Kassandra Vela-Laosa continued hosting children's dance program, Get up and Dance for Kids on the first Saturday of the month.

Teen Club continues to meet. Teens began a new initiative in which they discuss and plan future Teen Club activities. The initiative is aptly named, Teens on a Mission.

## PAN AMERICAN

Under the direction of Teen Librarian Gladys Nunez, Teens patrons played games on the PS5, painted mini pots and canvases, and had a music listening night. The teen volunteer created two YA displays (as well as the flyers) for the month of September. One centered on Hispanic Heritage Month and the other focused on books about space. Both displays proved to be popular with patrons.

As part of her work with the Pride Committee, Teen Services Librarian Gladys Nunez attended the 5th Annual Son Tus Niños También: Trans Kids Back to School event at the Esperanza Center along with fellow Teen Services Librarian Lisa Puchot. A table was set up for giveaways including bookmarks, pencils, stickers, buttons, and pens. They answered questions community members had about the library and its resources. This month also included a visit to Harlandale High School. An information table was set up and students were able to paint mini canvases and make their own bookmarks.

This month Children's Programming spent time preparing for fall, school, and the solar eclipse! Part Time Circulation Attendant Monica Suarez created a/ school bus book display for children starting or returning to school, and Part Time Library Assistant, Kaylee Avila, created fall and eclipse display celebrating the changing seasons in our community.





In addition, the Children's Programming introduced a weekly storytime and tween time for families to come and read, craft, create, and explore all the fun services the library has to offer!

Librarian Adrian Leal held his bi-weekly Older Adult Game Time Program. This program is specially designed for Older Adults. The program provides Older Adults the opportunity to socialize with other Older Adults while enjoying some fun games.

Mr. Leal also held his bi-weekly Adult Puzzle Time Program. This program is open to all adult patrons and allows them to select from an assortment of puzzle types to complete. Patrons are even able to keep the jigsaw puzzle they worked on, should they choose to.

On September 8th, Mr. Leal also participated in a Grandparents Day Outreach at the Southside Lions Senior Center. Mr. Leal worked with SAPL Learn Center staff to provide information to senior center members about the San Antonio Public Library. The outreach table met with over 100 senior center members. Mr. Leal was also able to sign up 10 new SAPL card holders, as many of the senior centers members proudly mentioned they were already SAPL card holders.

On September 9th, the Cancer Is One Cancer (C.I.O.C) Support Group held a session. These sessions are free and open to all community members that have been directly or indirectly impacted by Cancer.

On September 12th, the Branch held its "Get Eclipse Ready" Program. The program was presented by Angela Speck. She was excellent; very entertaining and informative. The attending crowd was engaged and asked some great questions about the upcoming Eclipses.

On September 16th, after a summer break, Meditation classes resumed at the Branch. The branch welcomed back our regulars, as well as some new attendees for the classes. These classes are free and open to all community members. Classes are held weekly on Saturday's from 10:15am to 11:15am, in the Pan American Branch Meeting room.

On September 30th, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the branch offered a movie showing of the classic film, *La Bamba* to entertain our patrons.

# PARMAN

This past September the Parman library continued its Bexar County Master Garden Series with a special program on propagation. Participants learned the benefits of propagation and the different methods to propagate their plants which included stem cutting and division. Liana Benavides and Nancy Mills from the Bexar County Master Gardener Organization presented the program and shared not only their expertise with attendees but some plants as well. Attendance at the Garden Series has nearly tripled since it first started in the summer due in part to the communications department creating a beautiful flyer for the program as well as staff promoting it at the branch. Staff hopes to see continued attendance increase through the end of the year.

The Friends of the Parman Library held their annual Fall Book Sale in September at the branch, and it was a hit. The sale was a culmination of countless hours organizing thousands of books by members of the Parman Friends Group and the efforts of several teen volunteers who were recruited by Parman's teen liaison Zachary Woolston. People were lined up at the door for the sale to begin and left with oh-so-many bags of books that it was easy to tell this book sale was a grand success.

Parman's writing program "Write Now, Parman" met in September to talk about their current projects, get some feedback, and practice writing as a group to get some fresh perspectives on their craft. Library Assistant Laramie Montgomery discussed how to find inspiration to get out of a writing slump and the power of description. The group began in the summer and has steadily grown ever since with many members showing excitement for the program and stating more than once how helpful it has been.

As children headed back to school, the library was ready for all their story time and after-school fun needs! But first, kids had to help Piggie find all the Gerald's in an Elephant & Piggie themed scavenger hunt. Over 250 participants aided Piggie in his search!

"Cuentos y Canciones" - Spanish story time continues to be very popular. Attendees love books presented by Veronica Yau. Last week Miss Veronica's book was about a chicken. After story time, there was a chicken craft with feathers and yellow tissue paper. The favorite song this month was about parts of the body, "Un Pequeño Dedo." Incorporating animal stories, creative craft, and engaging songs in Spanish story time not only enhances early development, but also provides enjoyable educational experience. Children participating in Spanish Storytime develop language skills helping them to become multilingual and fostering an understanding and appreciation of culture and traditions. Craft activities encourage creativity and enhance cognitive development, improve fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination.

After each story time, attendees are invited to stay for a play time. Playtimes are different for each age group based on their developmental level. Spanish story time children have stuffed toys, stacking and sorting toys, Legos, wooden blocks, sensory bins, like babies at Baby Story time and toddlers at Toddler story time. For the youngest infants, tummy play mats are available. At Family Story Time, the children enjoy an art activity like watercolors or gluing shapes on paper or sometimes playdough, which are great for fine motor skills. Imaginary play items like a grocery store, a tool bench, or the ice cream stand are super popular, and sometimes there are cars and racetracks or Legos and the light table. Aside from encouraging skill development in the children, open play gives adults a chance to interact and connect with other adults.

Creator Club enjoyed painting with sponges as they stamped colorful butterflies on paper. Another day, Miss Teague pulled out games, water beads, geoboards and building supplies for a creative play time. Kids really enjoyed adding to a collaborative window scene. With a background of sky, grass and dirt, kids were encouraged to create the "fillers"—animals, trees and anything else they could imagine.



Tween Time is picking up steam as this age group settles into the school year. September has been a crafty month with tweens making canvas scrape paintings, bookmarks, coasters, yarn-wrapped creatures, pencil toppers and enjoying lively games of foosball and air hockey.

## POTRANCO

The Potranco Branch started offering a Baby Story Time on Friday mornings, hosted by Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon. Babies and their caregivers gathered to sing songs, recite rhymes, and read books! At the end of the program, babies and their caregivers played with sensory toys, talked, and got to know one another.

New Teen Services Librarian Sherry Ross transitioned into facilitating Teen Time at Potranco on Tuesday evenings from 6pm – 7pm. Teens participated in various crafts and games this month. Sherry is focused on outreach to community teens to increase visibility into the activities, services, and opportunities offered by the library. She attended Teen Night at the YMCA on September 30th where teens enjoyed making buttons while learning about the library and what it has to offer.

Adult Services Librarian Dawn Zeig celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a Conjunto Dance program for older adults with instructor Eduardo Garza on September 27. Twenty-five participants put their dancing shoes on and enjoyed learning polkas, cumbias, and merengue. Potranco is grateful to the Friends of the Potranco Library for funding this wonderful program.



Zeig continued to host a new program titled Hormones and Hot Flashes on the last Sunday of the month. Patrons that are experiencing perimenopause or are in menopause are encouraged to come listen to a podcast, chat, and color. This month's podcast featured the author Julie Robinson discussing her new book FAQ's on Menopause: Your Questions Answered.

Zeig held two book clubs this month. The morning and evening versions of Shelf Indulgence, on September 26, were both well-attended and even had some new faces. This month's book was Maame by Jessica George. Zeig and Circulation Attendant Laura Villalpando continue to host Dreaded Threads on Monday evenings and it has become one of our best attended adult programs.

Potranco Writers Group, led by Circulation Attendant and author Paschal Booker, continued its twice monthly meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays. Our numbers have grown considerably, with a minimum of 11-12 attendees, many of them new. The wide variety of writings—poetry, flash fiction, novel excerpts, historical fiction—continues, as does the high quality of all the writing. In the coming months,

the Potranco Writers Group will release its inaugural 200-page anthology, comprised of the writings of a dozen of our writers.

Chess! At Potranco continues to be very popular. Volunteer Chess Master David Pacheco III brought his skills and enthusiasm for the game to Potranco on September 9 and 23 and will have two sessions in October.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services welcomed the official beginning of the Fall season with fall-themed *Toddler Story Times* and *Sensory Play Time*. *Story Time* participants learned new songs about leaves, read leaf themed books, while *Sensory Play Time* attendees socialized with their peers, shared sensory bins and tools, and enthusiastically searched for fall items such as mushrooms, acorns, leaves, and pumpkins in the branch's sensory swimming pool. *Children's Yoga* and *Tween Yoga* participants celebrated the beginning of fall by practicing tree pose and "The Chakra Tree" guided meditation. Children were encouraged to "Fall into a good book" while they conducted a scavenger hunt in the Kids' Zone. Pruitt's Children's Services offered 16 programs for early childhood and school-age children, which 242 members of the Pruitt community attended.



In September, Teen Services Librarian Lauren Hime guided Pruitt teen patrons to try new activities and develop new ways to lead in the library. *Teen Chess* attracted a new wave of young chess enthusiasts who came for the sophisticated game analyses by Alex Weinberg and stayed for the camaraderie and fun challenge matches.

*Dungeons & Dragons* was a huge interest with branch teens! With five ongoing campaigns and five teen Dungeon Masters leading their parties into (occasionally zany) dungeon crawls and combat encounters, Thursdays were packed with action and imagination in the library.

September also saw the return of "*Teen Anime Hour*," thanks to Andrew, who had helped run this activity the previous year. Andrew had noticed that this activity wasn't on the schedule anymore, so he planned, organized, and ran this activity himself in the conference room during our Wednesday *Teen Time*. The addition of that activity had also helped to cast a wider net over the many interests of our teen patrons. Way to go, Andrew!

Adult Services at Pruitt continued with the *Adult Virtual Coloring Program*, with participants talking about things to do in fall. *Adult Craft Time* featured duct tape wreaths. *Special Needs Adults Programming* participants read *The Sun and Moon* by Carolyn DeCristofano together and produced eclipse art.

Rackspace-sponsored Family Chess featured lessons by Chess Master Alex Weinberg. Returning patrons and new faces participated in strategy discussion both in-person and online.



# SAN PEDRO

The San Pedro Branch Library provided a variety of programs and services during the month of September. Programs for children, teen and adults were offered either weekly or once per month. Additionally, the branch continued to offer passive adult coloring and word search activities so patrons could take a mental and creative break during the hot days of summer.

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

Baby Story Time at San Pedro continued every Saturday morning with increasing attendance. New parents and their children were able to socialize while enjoying a good story and activity.

In September, the San Pedro branch started a monthly STEAM robots program. Children and their parents can play, experiment and program robots to accomplish a variety of tasks and challenges.

San Pedro librarian Karen Braeuler conducted the monthly book club at Chandler Senior Living. Nine residents participated in the discussion of the book "Simon the Fiddler" by Paulette Jiles. Residents were presented with library copies of next month's book for their reading pleasure.

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

September's Film Virtuosity: A Reflection of Art featured two local films: 'Love Is But A Memory' written and directed by Jackson Kibby and 'NPL' (No Promised Land) written and directed by Colin Bressler. Both filmmakers were in attendance to answer questions and talk about their craft and what inspired them.





# SCHAEFER

Schaefer's fall children's programming began in September with a variety of opportunities for children of all ages to connect with the library and build relationships with other kids. Baby Story Time and Outside Family Story Time both take place weekly for children younger than five. For school-age children, Let's Build: Blocks & More, Let's Build: LEGO Time are offered for kids to build anything they'd like while using their imagination to develop their construction engineering skills. Let's Create: Come & Go Art is offered on select weekends for children and their families to create art using materials that focus on the process rather than the product. Read to a Dog takes place twice a month when Molly, a therapy dog, visits Schaefer for kids to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to her during one-on-one time.

Schaefer's Children's Librarian Leslie Elasser and Library Assistant Isaai Ortega hosted the monthly program "Kid's Video Games ", children were able to socialize, and play a variety of multiplayer games together.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Library Assistant Isaai hosted a "Photography for Beginners" program. The program provided the opportunity for patrons to understand the fundamentals of operating a DSLR camera. The program encompassed key topics such as adjusting the camera's aperture, managing shutter speed, setting the ISO, and manual focusing techniques.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Children's Librarian Leslie and Library Assistant Isaai hosted the monthly program "Robot Roundup", children were able to learn how to operate a variety of robots.

Children's Librarian Leslie and Library Assistant Isaai Hosted the monthly program "Tween Tech Time", a program exclusively for kids ages 9 to 12. Participating Tween's were able to interact with a variety of tech gadgets and had the opportunity to learn basic coding concepts.

Through the month of September, the Adult Services Librarian coordinated a weekly health and fitness program at Schaefer: "Cardio-Dance Class", which features a moderate dance workout led by a Schaefer community member. On September 3, 2023, the Adult Services Librarian hosted the monthly program, "Chess+Checkers+Dominoes", a family-oriented gaming program. Schaefer hosted the final meeting of the Schaefer Skimmers book club on September 19<sup>th</sup>. On September 24, 2023, the Adult Services Librarian hosted the monthly "Board Game Social" program, an adult oriented gaming program that focuses on socializing, and more sophisticated and complex board games which appeal to an adult audience.

In September, Dacari Lambert, Teen Services Librarian at Schaefer Branch Library facilitated weekly Teen Time alongside three teen volunteers. During Teen Time, teens engaged in peer led programming.



Dacari worked alongside Adult Services Librarian, Daniel Garcia, to host Mercado por tu Corazon and a variety of other adult and family-based programs throughout the month. Dacari worked with Branch Manager Maria Adams to host a "Cosmic Cookie Decorating" program that was funded by the Schaefer Friends.



For systemwide efforts, Dacari worked with colleagues Shannan Prukop, Lisa Puchot, Michael Dunbar-Rodney, Daniel Garcia, and Jason Futrell to continue InQUEERies: a queer themed SAPL podcast which centers creative folks and explorations of their work and how it intersects with our work as Librarians. Dacari continues her efforts in the system-wide Pride committee, and Teen Services committees: Discord, Teen Pride, and Professional Development. Additionally, Dacari was invited to be on a panel about censorship, as part of an annual conference for the Visual Resources Association. Furthermore, Dacari facilitated a strategic planning workshop for Teen Services colleagues to examine current realities of workgroups, and plan for the future.

## SEMMES

At Semmes Branch Library, our children's programming has been vibrant and engaging. We had 2 Read to a Dog sessions for school-age kids on Monday afternoons, with 11 children and 8 grownups joining in. We also hosted 1 Let's Build: LEGOs and More school-age program, with 11 children and 4 grownups participating. Our preschool story times on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM were a hit, drawing in 130 children and 100 grownups across 4 sessions. Similarly, our toddler story times on Thursdays at 10:00 AM were a big success, with 112 toddlers and 93 grownups attending 4 sessions. The youngest ones also had their share of fun, as 4 baby story times on Thursdays at 11:00 AM brought in 88 babies and 83 grownups.

Ms. Randi's curated Toddler Story Time premiered on the SAPL website on September 4. She presented the story and accompanying songs and rhymes for Family Story Time Online on September 27. She recorded a story on the Dial-a-Story line on September 1st.

Now that school has resumed, teens attending weekly Teen Times on Tuesdays prefer a more relaxed atmosphere to work on drawings and Perler Bead creations. Our Teen Area received a refresh this month with new furniture, an expanded bulletin board, and a dividing wall that makes the space more distinct installed on September 26th. Teens have been filling the bulletin board with drawings and notes to each other. Several asynchronous conversations have been struck up by teens who visit the library at different times.

Weekly Tween Time on Wednesdays have had a crafty focus this month. Nine- to twelve-year-olds have enjoyed making fluffy slime, bracelets, and Shrinky Dinks. They have also worked with velvet coloring sheets, scratch art, and duct tape.

Semmes Adult services had two weekly Tai Ji programs, and weekly programs for Chess and Table Tennis. The special programs of September included a Plant Swap and a very popular Tejano Conjunto Dance program on the 24th.



## THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted in-person Yoga Class programs on September 5, 19 and 26. A certified instructor from the Parks and Recreation Department led the yoga classes. She hosted in-person Tai Chi classes led by certified instructor Debra Cox on September 7, 14 and 28. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ms. Mjolsness hosted a movie screening of *Encanto* on September 9. She hosted two in-person programs taught by instructors from Older Adults Technology Services – Keep Your Devices Safe on September 21, and Smartphone Camera Uses Besides Photos on September 28. On September 23, she held the in-person Classic Movie Showing program. Attendees watched *Sweet Smell of Success* and participated in a discussion. On September 29, she served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick held in-person programs for Baby Story Time, and Let's Create!: Arts & Crafts Friday on September 1, 15, 22 and 29. She held in-person Let's Move!: Music & Movement programs on September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Ms. Penick assisted with facilitating the Brook Hollow Branch Library's Family Story Time programs on September 14, 21 and 28. She held an Eclipse Ready! program on September 16. She assembled themed book bundles highlighting the juvenile collection.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on September 11, 18 and 25. On September 14, she held the Thursday Book Club in-person program. Participants discussed *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on September 27. The book group participants discussed *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. Ms. King created a "Magic & Fantasy" book display highlighting the young adult collection.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano held a Plant Swap program on September 3. She held a Fiber Arts Community program on September 10. Participants worked on their needlecraft projects with other like-minded community members. She held a Tabletop Gaymer Night program on September 17. On September 20, Ms. Castellano held an Adult Craft Time program at which large paper flowers were made.

She held a virtual Mario Kart Tournament program on September 27. She created two book displays this month for Global Cuisine, and National Comic Book Day. She created a list for BiblioCommons, the online catalog: Favorites for Fall & Halloween.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Amanda Neace transitioned from Children's Librarian at Brook Hollow to Tobin Branch Manager on Monday, September 10 and has been settling into her new role.

Assistant Manager and Adult Services Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse forged a new community partnership to begin offering regular Quiddler Club programs at the branch, in addition to her weekly tai chi classes. Woolhouse also hosted a showing of the "Selena" movie for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Children's Librarian Lisa Ramirez represented the San Antonio Public Library on Great Day SA on September 18 in a segment about the upcoming eclipse. Ramirez hosted a variety of programming for families and kids of all ages during the month of September: three Toddler Times, Play & Learn, two LEGO Clubs, and three After School Zones. Additionally, Ramirez planned an after-school eclipse program, and maintained an established partnership to continue hosting Read To A Dog.

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl hosted weekly Teen Time programs on Tuesday evenings throughout September. Hejl has also worked with a teen volunteer to begin offering Tabletop Games on Monday nights. Additionally, she hosted a popular eclipse event for all ages on September 16, and her monthly Geeks Assemble event for adults.

Children's Librarian Kara Bailey hosted weekly Preschool Story Times in September. Library Assistant David Hazlett and Circulation Attendant Sabrina Longoria continued their Dungeons & Dragons program. Circulation Attendant Lilliana Aguilar assisted with the adult Sit and Stitch program, and also ensured the branch was autumn-ready with beautiful displays and decor.



## WESTFALL

Machaia McClenny, Branch Manager at Westfall, continued her Classic Movie Monday series on September 25 by showing Planet of the Apes and allowed patrons to vote for the next movie to be shown in October. She also took part in the new ELC training and trained the Westfall staff in turn.

Adult Services Librarian, Monty Holcomb, has continued his weekly dominoes program for seniors, giving older adults in the community an opportunity to play the game with other seniors. In the program, Mr. Holcomb continues to facilitate game flow and to give assistance as needed depending on the needs of those attending. Furthermore, Mr. Holcomb has continued his weekly chess program that is for all ages,



giving the community an opportunity to play and/or learn informal chess games. In the program, Mr. Holcomb helps to facilitate game play flow among the players and gives assistance (including lessons) as needed depending on the needs of those attending.

In September, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino planned and presented four Preschool Story Times and five Family Story Times. Westfall also hosted three school-age programs in September – two "Let's Create: Come and Go Crafts" and one "Game Time" event. Ms. Merino also assisted with an Art Online program on September 26<sup>th</sup>. On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Merino presented three informational and story time sessions for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Ridgeview Elementary. The first graders of Discovery School made two visits to the library in September, where they heard a story or two and then checked out books afterward. This month, Ms. Merino visited the SAMMinistries Transitional Living and Learning Center to present a short story time. Kids and parents participated in a simple craft afterwards.

Heather, the Teen Services Librarian at Westfall, has made attempts to contact local schools now that the school year is in session. Teen visits to the library have dropped off somewhat as the teens have more demands on their time from school, extracurricular activities, and family obligations. Teen interest in volunteer opportunities remains consistent.

In the month of September, the Learn Center at Westfall continued to see an increase in walk-in patrons seeking service anywhere from computer training to resume building. Learn also continues to receive a variety of patrons of which Westfall is not necessarily their home library but have come here to seek out the learn services. Of those groups, Learn continues to welcome several senior patrons who are getting to know how to use the computer for the first time. The Learn Center has gained a regular group that has been attending the Wednesday morning Smartphone and Smart Device class. The Learn Center at Westfall also continues to offer other weekly technology classes. The amount of patrons seeking job assistance continues to rise each month as well as those seeking resume assistance. Also, many patrons are seeking out other resources such as GED information as well as citizenship classes that are offered at various locations.



# PERFORMANCE MEASURES



SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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.

September 2023  
FY 2023

Circulation: Goal



FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



8,323,061

(-0.6%)  
Circulation

Visits: Goal



FY 2023 to date Library Visits



3,002,253

(+17.16%)  
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2023 to date Digital Access



270,583

Hours of Computer Use



1,882,382

Hours of Wi-Fi Use

2,152,965

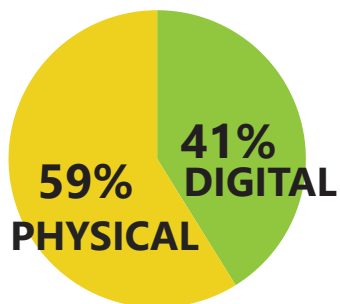
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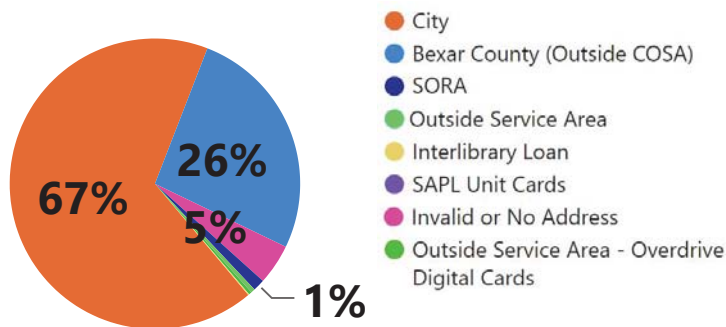
## September 2023 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2023

#### CIRCULATION BY TYPE



#### CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



1,727,666  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

22,871  
MYSAPL  
APP DOWNLOADS

552,533  
OVERDRIVE  
SITE VISITS

3,426,882  
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*
10,630 programs	2,553 programs	2,142 programs	2,641 programs	2,400 programs	465 programs	429 programs
205,784 attendance	75,444 attendance	65,220 attendance	23,290 attendance	21,921 attendance	4,764 attendance	15,145 attendance

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

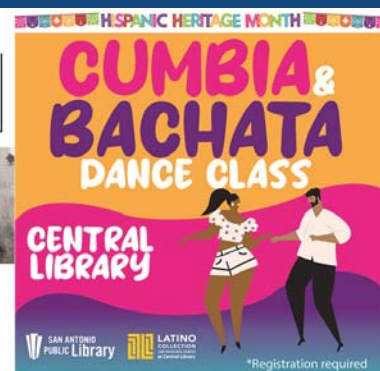
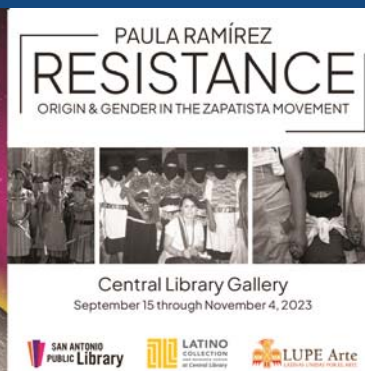
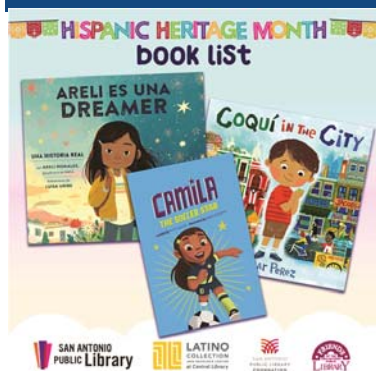
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PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

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PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

### SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



# San Antonio Public Library

## September 2023 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
<b>Bazan</b>	2,751	5,503	5,833	1,497	4,336
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	22,344	11,666	6,065	720	5,345
<b>Carver</b>	2,508	4,890	4,462	973	3,489
<b>Central</b>	29,756	27,260	41,051	7,474	33,577
<b>Cody</b>	33,406	13,851	11,569	1,341	10,228
<b>Collins Garden</b>	4,083	4,676	4,872	522	4,350
<b>Cortez</b>	4,170	5,595	3,548	567	2,981
<b>Digital</b>	325,062	0	0	0	0
<b>Encino</b>	22,098	9,207	5,944	264	5,680
<b>Forest Hills</b>	9,975	4,965	4,180	363	3,817
<b>Great Northwest</b>	5,826	0	822	0	822
<b>Guerra</b>	2,803	265	640	0	640
<b>Igo</b>	54,410	12,916	14,411	1,091	13,320
<b>Interlibrary Loan</b>	1,173	0	0	0	0
<b>Johnston</b>	10,152	6,139	4,177	563	3,614
<b>Kampmann</b>	0	344	200	0	200
<b>Landa</b>	17,009	10,657	5,418	483	4,935
<b>Las Palmas</b>	258	46	149	0	149
<b>Maverick</b>	4,403	0	292	1	291
<b>McCreless</b>	7,710	3,764	7,059	1,230	5,829
<b>Memorial</b>	4,958	5,623	8,354	1,015	7,339
<b>Mission</b>	10,617	8,498	6,383	845	5,538
<b>Pan American</b>	3,783	3,243	2,922	335	2,587
<b>Parman</b>	33,985	16,819	6,508	240	6,268
<b>Potranco</b>	23,895	11,355	15,530	817	14,713
<b>Pruitt</b>	5,024	11,613	6,578	196	6,382
<b>San Pedro</b>	2,549	3,851	4,458	542	3,916
<b>Schaefer</b>	8,302	7,741	6,746	501	6,245
<b>Semmes</b>	26,874	12,615	8,724	1,204	7,520
<b>System</b>	34,139	0	0	0	0
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	7,274	5,313	4,952	678	4,274
<b>Tobin</b>	17,912	11,143	5,807	736	5,071
<b>Westfall</b>	9,860	7,211	7,789	1,141	6,648
<b>Total</b>	<b>749,069</b>	<b>226,769</b>	<b>205,444</b>	<b>25,339</b>	<b>180,105</b>

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

# San Antonio Public Library Programs

## September 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
<b>Bazan</b>	0	8	3	2	1	0	14
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	8	10	3	0	0	0	21
<b>Carver</b>	0	0	0	16	0	1	17
<b>Central</b>	12	3	88	10	3	4	120
<b>Cody</b>	4	10	22	16	2	1	55
<b>Collins Garden</b>	11	8	3	1	0	1	24
<b>Cortez</b>	5	11	0	13	0	0	29
<b>Encino</b>	9	4	9	8	7	0	37
<b>Forest Hills</b>	7	9	4	3	0	0	23
<b>Great Northwest</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Guerra</b>	0	0	0	12	1	0	13
<b>Igo</b>	16	7	3	9	0	2	37
<b>Johnston</b>	5	13	3	3	0	0	24
<b>Landa</b>	32	9	10	2	1	1	55
<b>Las Palmas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	11	0	8	3	0	0	22
<b>Maverick</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>McCreless</b>	2	7	4	12	0	1	26
<b>Memorial</b>	4	5	4	33	1	2	49
<b>Mission</b>	8	2	4	14	0	9	37
<b>Pan American</b>	4	4	5	4	2	0	19
<b>Parman</b>	24	8	4	7	13	0	56
<b>Potranco</b>	3	1	3	9	1	0	17
<b>Pruitt</b>	7	9	12	3	0	2	33
<b>San Pedro</b>	8	3	0	2	2	0	15
<b>Schaefer</b>	8	12	4	7	0	3	34
<b>Semmes</b>	12	7	4	3	0	4	30
<b>System</b>	2	1	37	9	0	4	53
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	8	4	0	12	3	3	30
<b>Tobin</b>	8	9	5	8	6	3	39
<b>Westfall</b>	7	9	3	0	10	3	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>962</b>

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# San Antonio Public Library Program Attendance

## September 2023

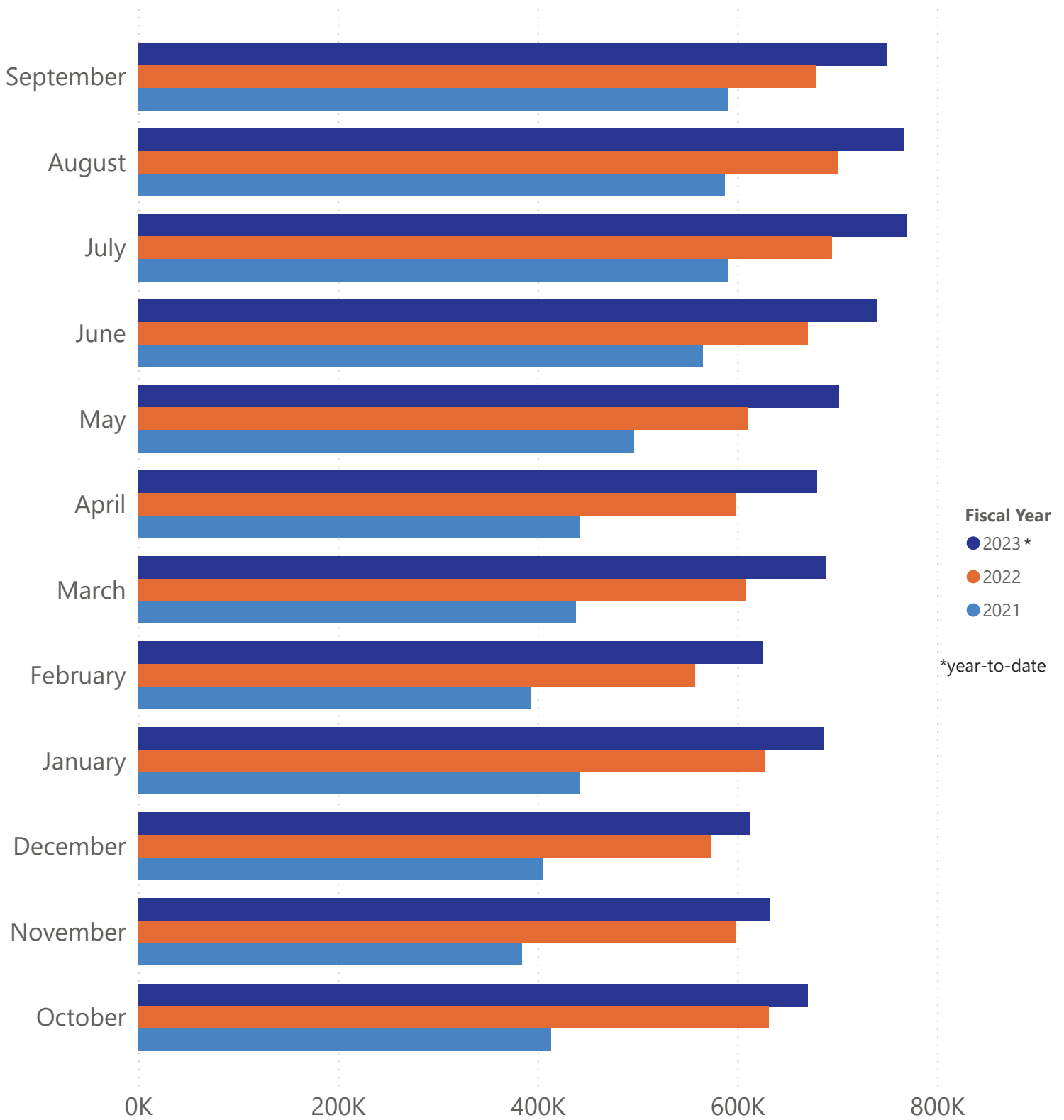
Location	Early Literacy Attendance (0-5)	School Age Attendance (6-12)	Teen Attendance (13-18)	Adult Attendance (19+)	Older Adults Attendance (60+)	General Interest Attendance*	Total
<b>Bazan</b>	0	4	7	19	5	0	35
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	275	300	10	0	0	0	585
<b>Carver</b>	0	0	0	163	0	25	188
<b>Central</b>	141	390	822	140	109	291	1,893
<b>Cody</b>	99	355	265	105	13	66	903
<b>Collins Garden</b>	347	133	8	4	0	44	536
<b>Cortez</b>	94	348	0	92	0	0	534
<b>Encino</b>	240	79	100	102	11	0	532
<b>Forest Hills</b>	77	82	25	12	0	0	196
<b>Great Northwest</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Guerra</b>	0	0	0	8	18	0	26
<b>Igo</b>	1,047	226	21	74	0	193	1,561
<b>Johnston</b>	170	1,034	9	9	0	0	1,222
<b>Landa</b>	902	194	83	30	8	52	1,269
<b>Las Palmas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	346	0	41	81	0	0	468
<b>Maverick</b>	0	0	0	0	0	150	150
<b>McCreless</b>	18	109	73	69	0	75	344
<b>Memorial</b>	42	79	43	193	0	31	388
<b>Mission</b>	123	16	15	149	0	115	418
<b>Pan American</b>	6	29	60	21	12	0	128
<b>Parman</b>	1,042	167	33	93	92	0	1,427
<b>Potranco</b>	51	5	3	64	25	0	148
<b>Pruitt</b>	202	40	224	54	0	19	539
<b>San Pedro</b>	127	6	0	13	10	0	156
<b>Schaefer</b>	171	144	24	47	0	45	431
<b>Semmes</b>	606	85	9	20	0	71	791
<b>System</b>	14	5	254	85	0	2,868	3,226
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	83	35	0	72	35	60	285
<b>Tobin</b>	58	62	34	54	41	97	346
<b>Westfall</b>	67	353	6	0	39	14	479
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,348</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>4,216</b>	<b>19,204</b>

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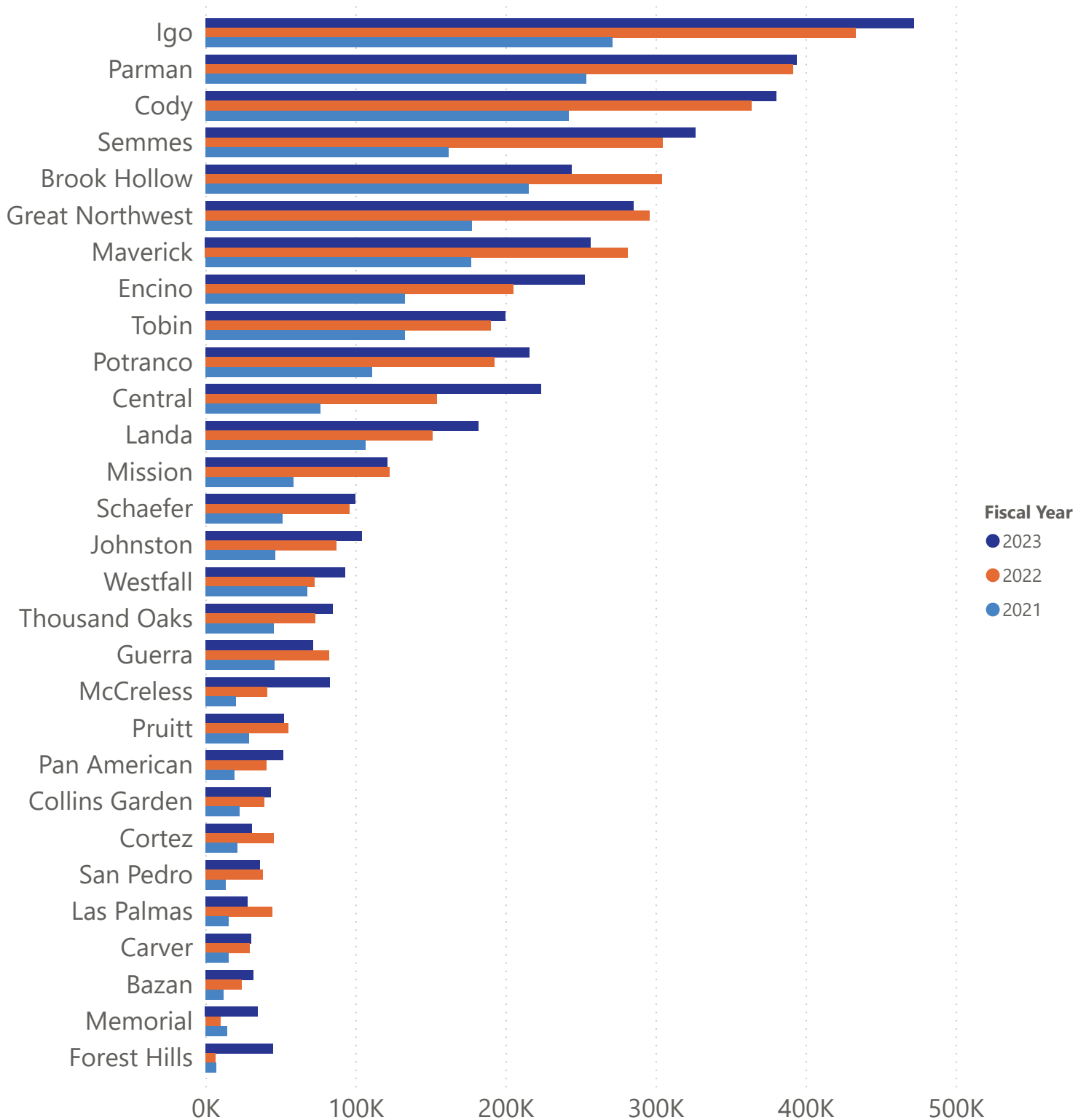
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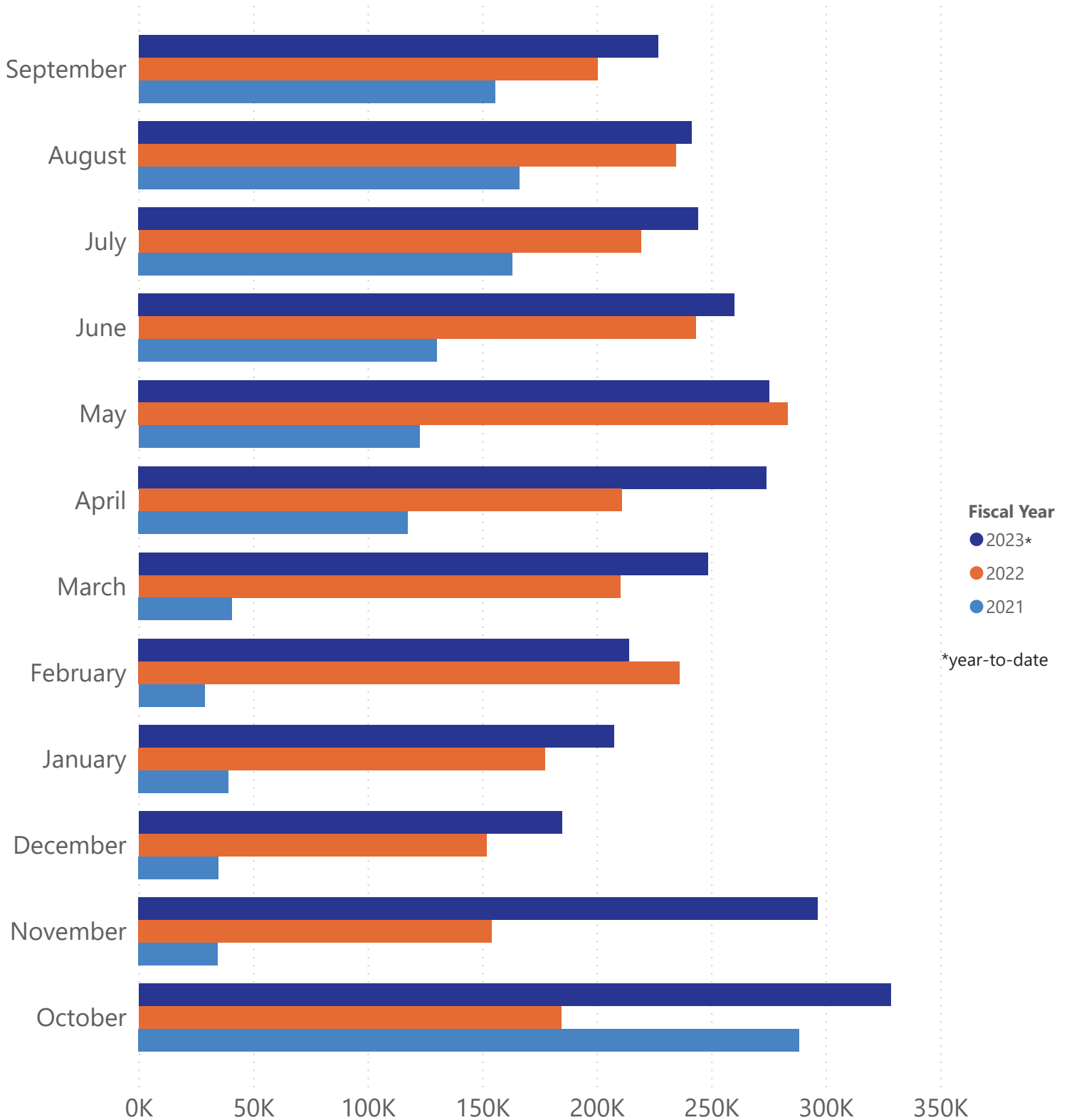
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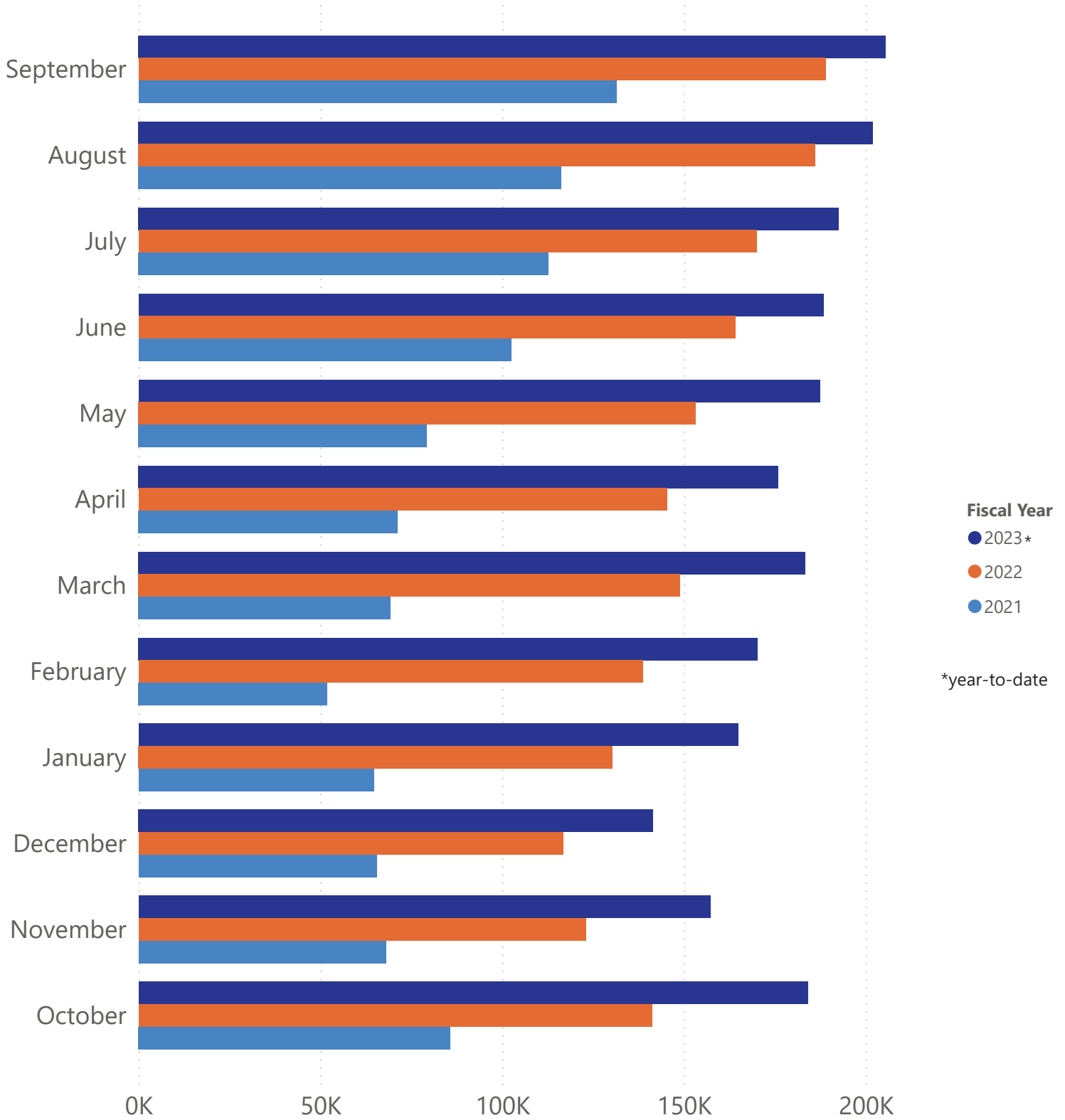
## Visits



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# San Antonio Public Library 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.