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Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson**

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San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

August 2021

San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) celebrated Johnston Branch Library's 40th Anniversary with various events including a special poetry workshop with San Antonio Poet Laureate, Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson on

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DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

Library Director Ramiro delivered an annual budget presentation to Mayor and City Council on September 8 as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Development.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended and participated in the bi-annual conference of the Local Government Hispanic Network from September 8 – 11, 2021.

On September 13, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar, Assistant Director Dale McNeill and Chief of Staff Jessica Zurita met with American Library Association (ALA) Executive Director Tracie Hall to discuss the planned in-person annual conference of the Association in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Hall shared with the San Antonio Public Library the decision by ALA to transition to an all-virtual conference and not visit San Antonio.

The San Antonio Public Library hosted a virtual public input meeting on September 13 to obtain community input regarding a memorial piece planned for the Memorial Branch Library. The virtual meeting provided an opportunity to speak with project poet, Dr. Carmen Tafolla (former Texas and San Antonio Poet Laureate) who will author a poem to be placed on the memorial piece honoring military personnel.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Board Meeting of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation on September 15 and delivered a report on the Library. Additionally, Haley Holmes, Ph.D., Public Services Administrator, also delivered a report on Texana.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with District 5 Councilmember Castillo on September 17 to provide a briefing regarding the Naming Committee’s public input meeting scheduled for September 18 at the Las Palmas Branch Library. Mr. Salazar attended the Library Board’s Naming Committee Public Meeting at the Las Palmas Branch Library and delivered welcoming remarks.

MARKETING



- Multiple television, print, and digital outlets reported on SAPL’s return to seven-day service.

- KSAT 12 reported live from Landa Branch on Labor Day for a story that featured Parman Branch Library and the various story walks throughout the system.
- San Antonio Magazine highlighted SAPL's papel picado and worry doll Take-and-Make crafts as well as SAPL's Noon Time Cooking program in their list of events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.
- TPR aired an advertisement promoting SAPL's National Library Card Signup Month observance.
- WOAI reported the Las Palmas Branch Library Public Input Naming Proposal meeting that took place on Saturday, September 18.
- San Antonio Things To Do published an online article on a few programs that SAPL is offering in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- KENS 5's Great Day SA filmed a live segment with SAPL's Latino Collection and Resource Center's Emily Flores who conducted a live papel picado making demonstration.
- The San Antonio Express News highlighted the BookCellar's reopening to take place on Friday, October 1.
- KENS 5 aired a feature story covering SAPL's move to become fine free. Dale McNeill, SAPL's Assistant Director of Public Services participated in an interview at Central Library for this feature.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media generated 261,669 impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by 199 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 8,357 times.

Social Media statistics for the month:

- Twitter: 5,695 followers
- Facebook: 21,275 followers
- Instagram: 7,448 followers

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for expanding service hours to seven days a week and updating signage system wide, announcement of overdue fines being discontinued on all materials, preparation of interim service at Central including signage, publicizing the public meeting regarding the proposal to add the name of Andres D. Sarabia to the official name of Las Palmas Branch Library, and preparing signage and information for the new print kiosks and payment system, as well as social media and other promotion for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On September 7, Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana met with Community and Public Relations Manager Scott Williams and Design Communications Coordinator Giselle Weyte and presented an overview of the Scala digital signage system.

Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess virtually attended Springshare's SpringyCamp Track 4: UX Design Improvements with Springshare Products on September 7. Springshare provides the Library with the LibGuides and LibAnswers platforms. Topics for track 4 included:

- Streamline Your Design Process with the UX Brief - Leigh Jackson and Stephanie Quail, York University (CA)
- When a Guide is Not a Guide: Using LibGuides CMS for Web Design - Emily Underwood, Hobart and William Smith College
- Can I do that on my phone? Redesigning the LibCal Homepage for Mobile - Teresa Copeland, Grand Canyon University
- Next level LibGuides: Design, Templates and Training - Kat Cain and Danielle Johnson, Deakin University (Australia)

On September 9, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson and Ms. Hess met with Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura and partners to discuss final steps to launch the Senior iPad Project.

On September 16, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun met with Volunteer Services Coordinator Veronica Anderson to discuss provisioning of interns and volunteers with Symphony access.

The Digital Services Team was introduced to the new Incident Reporting System on Wednesday September 15 and Thursday September 16. The Team will be serving as administrators for the system once it goes live.

Ms. Masterson, with the assistance of Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglass, Ms. Hess and Digital Library Services Assistant Daniel Garcia, provided Payment Kiosk and Print Portal training to staff on September 17th, 22th, 23th, and 29th.

On September 21, Mr. Spana met with Coordinator of Children's Services Cresencia Huff to discuss the potential of using Beanstack as a solution for a summer reading platform.

On September 21, Mr. Spana met with ITSD Business Relationship Manager Julian Harris and ITSD Exchange Administrators Peter Nguyen and Ivory Curry to determine how the Digital Services department would assume ownership and management of the Library's branch meeting room calendars.

On September 23, Ms. Masterson met with Public Services Administrator Cheryl Sheehan and the Library's LibPicks Team, and Ms. Yoshimura, to discuss moving the LibPicks readers' adviser program under Adult Services.

On September 23, Ms. Masterson provided Ms. Yoshimura an overview of the Library's LibAnswers system

Ms. Masterson assisted with Symphony Payment and Fiscal Processes Trainings on September 23rd, 24th, 25th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, to prepare staff for a new "End of Day" accounting process.

During the last week of September, Mr. Douglass updated the receipts used in the Library's integrated library system, Symphony, to prepare for the Library's return to a full-service model on the first of October.

On September 30, Mr. Laun completed configuration changes to enable the Library's new Fine Free policy in Symphony. The changes enabled the system to correctly ignore overdue charges on both new and existing checked out items.

Throughout the month of September, Ms. Masterson worked with ITSD Project Manager Raymond Vilca and ITSD System Administrator Mia Demers to complete the install, at all Library locations, of the new Payment Kiosks for public printing services.

During the month of September the Digital Services teams responded to 329 tickets and 185 staff chats. The Digital Services - Info Team, had 318 Users (308 active users), 136 posts, 1,040 Replies, 229 mentions and 939 reactions. Digital Services uses this Microsoft Team platform to speed up communications between Digital Services and Library staff.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Little Read Wagon (LRW) spent much of September busy with planning fall programs and pursuing professional development. The 2021-2022 early childhood teacher training is titled “Hello from the Library! with Little Read Wagon.” Each workshop will feature a branch library and their children’s librarian who introduce themselves and reads a short story. Time is allocated for conversation and questions. The workshop is for early childhood educators and the families they support. The two-hour training will be held virtually on Saturday mornings, followed by an invitation to visit the branch for a special outdoor activity the following day, depending upon current health conditions. Participants will receive a book, a homemade playdough recipe, a packet of kool aid to mix into playdough to scent and color it and LRW branded measuring cups. LRW staff believe that the Saturday workshop and Sunday play opportunity will serve as a foundation for participants and branch library staff to cultivate a life-long connection.

Preparations are underway for scheduling parent workshops at Pre-K 4 SA and other early childhood centers. The presentations are being offered in English & Spanish and promotional flyers are provided to the centers. There are a mix of in-person and virtual trainings for the fall.

LRW staff participate in a two-day train-the-trainer series, “Building a Trauma Informed – Resilient Focused Community” and are now approved to present on the topic. The topic will prove relevant to all library staff. It is hoped that LRW will be able to bring sessions to the greater community including caregivers and early childhood teachers.

Eva Banda delivered a virtual, bilingual Story Time to children at the Navarro Early Learning Center. Clair Larkin visited Cooper Academy at Navarro to host a teen parent workshop and met a few of the parents who attend the early learning center. It was the first in-person workshop presented by LRW staff since early March 2020.



<p>Hello! from Landa Library</p> <p>Say HELLO online</p> <p>saturday, october 2, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. click here or scan the QR code to join us. Hear a story and say hello to Ms. Robyn, children's librarian.</p> <p><small>*Código de acceso: hello</small></p> <p>Play & say HELLO at Landa</p> <p>sunday, october 3, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Landa Library at 322 Bushnell Ave. Wear your play clothes and stop by for child-led exploration and play outside. Play zone provided by Little Read Wagon.</p> <p><small>Free! Any family with a child 0-5 is welcome to join us on site at both days. For more information, please call (202)207-2597 or email lrw@psdsanantonio.gov</small></p> <p>SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY</p>	<p>¡Hola! de la biblioteca Landa</p> <p>Di HOLA en línea</p> <p>sábado 2 de octubre, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. haga clic aquí o escanee el código QR para unirse a nosotros. Escuche una cuento y salude a la bibliotecaria de niños Robyn.</p> <p><small>*Código de acceso: hello</small></p> <p>Juega y di HOLA en Landa</p> <p>Domingo 3 de octubre, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Biblioteca Landa en 322 Bushnell Ave. Use su ropa de juego y pase para explorar y jugar al aire libre con niños. Zona de juego proporcionada por Little Read Wagon.</p> <p><small>¡Gratis! Cualquiera familia con un niño de 0 a 5 años están bienvenidos para acompañarnos uno o los dos días. Para obtener más información, por favor llame (202)207-2597 o envíe un correo electrónico a lrw@psdsanantonio.gov.</small></p> <p>SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY</p>
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CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

September was National Library Card Sign Up Month. Children's Librarians Christine Deffendall (Memorial), Randi Jones (Semmes), Barbaraella Frazier (Tobin), and Jasmin Salinas (Brook Hollow) collaborated to create a video for the SAPL YouTube channel featuring Tater the Turtle as he explains to his friend Arnold the Armadillo why it is so important to get a library card. The video is available at <https://youtu.be/KfxsAHynDks>

The partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank education team continues with the fall Cooking Around the World series. In September families went on an imaginary trip to India, viewed a demonstration of how to make mango lassi, and received an additional recipe for vegetable curry. Program participation is growing, even with the start of a new school year.

In September children's librarians prepared and distributed two system-wide Take-and-Make kits. The kit for Hispanic Heritage Month included construction paper, foil, and oil pastels or crayons. The second kit, prepared by the Story Time work group, was specifically for younger children and included large crayons and paper to make leaf and other textured rubbings.

Lego Club Online Live, which was first presented as part of the children's Summer Library Club, entered a biweekly rotation, alternating with Read to a Dog on Tuesday afternoons. Children are invited to join via Zoom. They provide their own Lego or any kind of block or building material. Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser and team mates offer building challenges and children share their work with each other on screen.

In anticipation of the October 16 Pollinator festival at Confluence Park, two library locations received caterpillar condos. The mesh hampers include a milkweed plant and a monarch butterfly caterpillar. Children's librarians Gina Brudi (Collins Garden) and Jane Miller (Mission) and their teams have been taking care of and inviting branch visitors to observe the caterpillars and their metamorphosis. Training and support for the project was provided by Blooming with Birdie and the San Antonio River Authority.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE) / TEEN LIBRARY @ CENTRAL

Due to the Central Library closure, the Teen Library @ Central staff continued to work on a variety of projects and tasks that had system-wide impacts during the month of September.

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities — The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with off-site teen volunteers ("Teen Mods") to host weekly virtual teen programs ("clubs") on Discord ("the server") along with additional activities and events. Teen input and suggestions continued to drive the growth of the server, resulting in new channels to discuss TV series and foreign languages, a specific channel to ask librarians questions related to library services and other topics, and new ways to express their identities on the server. During clubs, teens shared their interests regarding a variety of topics, including books, music, creative projects, and fandoms/pop culture; teens also participated and led cooperative and competitive games with their peers, and several teens used the server to stream their video game gameplay. With the return to in-person school for many students, teens on the server used the space as a way to converse with their peers about the changes in their school

lives as well as personal lives, demonstrating their empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills with one another.

For the 210teenlibrary Instagram page, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been creating graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content and highlight cultural events, such as booklist and recipe posts for Hispanic Heritage Month. Regina will also evaluate teen-created content for posting as well. Regina presented an Instagram Live video for Fall that featured Teen Library Assistant Manager Matthew Loaiza, who spoke about Library Card Sign Up Month, and introduced Teen Library's TWU Practicum student Valerie Saucedo, who demonstrated the technique for preparing edible roses with apples and bacon.

JD Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continued to assist at Igo Library twice a week during September. He contributes a music programming component to Igo as an adjunct to the Teen Time there, hosted by Laura Herman (Teen Services Librarian).

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

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL's Teen Outreach Specialist) shares teen-created Spotify playlists on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account weekly and creates weekly Instagram Spotify questions with which teens interact. Amisarahi also joins Matthew to host Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server. Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) joins Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the "Random Fandom" club, where teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime shows. Kathleen also continues to serve as a member of the SAPL Incident Reporting Database committee, Teen Services Discord team, and the YA Nonfiction workgroup.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources — The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisarahi Sarabia, Ciana Flores, and Regina Almanza, shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. Post highlights from the month include a DIY decorative clipboard, a booklist featuring Hispanic/Latino/Latinx teens for Hispanic Heritage Month, and several food demos – including prickly pear lemonade and dessert nachos. Story highlights from the month include daily fun/food/informative/important days of the month spotlights, Spotify playlists, polls and "This or That" questions, and a feature on trailblazers in music within the Hispanic and Latin community for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Professional Development – At the request of Marketing, Matthew Loaiza created a short video to promote National Library Card Sign-up Month. Additionally, on September 2, Loaiza—along with Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Services) and Daniella Toll (Teen Services Librarian/Assistant Manager, Collins Garden)—met with teen-serving staff from the Austin Public Library to have a Teen Summer 2021 debrief and discuss upcoming Teen Services projects and initiatives at both library systems.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On September 15th, San Antonio Public Library launched its Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration for 2021, in recognition of the contributions of the Latinx community. Events in September included an in person program at Great Northwest branch library in which community members were given the opportunity to learn how to make worry dolls. Worry dolls (also called trouble dolls; in Spanish, Muñeca quitapena) are small, hand-made dolls that originate from Guatemala. According to legend, you are intended to tell your worries to the Worry Dolls, then place them under your pillow before going to bed. By morning the dolls are said to gift the wisdom and knowledge to eliminate your worries. In conjunction with this event, the Library was contacted by marketing staff of San Antonio FC soccer team who created a post on Worry Dolls on their social media pages to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month and promote the various Hispanic Heritage Month Programs throughout the month. The Library will host additional Hispanic Heritage Month events through October 15th.

On September 25th, the Library hosted an online program called Gender Transitioning: Know Your Rights. This program, which was a partnership with San Antonio Gender Association and Pride Center San Antonio, was presented by attorney Claire Bow and St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono Program. The presenters discussed the resources available to individuals seeking to affirm their legal name and gender marker as part of a legal transition of genders. The presenters also explained where and how to obtain the documents needed to complete the process, described the name and/or gender marker process and services that are offered, and answered questions from participants. Participants expressed an appreciation of having the opportunity to receive an overview of the process of pursuing a legal transition of genders.

On Saturday, September 11th, SAPL celebrated National Video Game Day. The Library hosted a variety of online events inviting members of the community to join together in playing their favorite video games. Events included Gartic Phone (an online game which was hosted through Discord), Mario Kart, Animal Crossing, and Smash Ultimate Battle Arena. A video game themed Take-and-Make was also available for pick up at Mission Branch. The Esports committee that planned this event adapted well in shifting was planned as a partially in person program to a fully online program due to the spike in COVID 19 cases in late August / early September. Participants enjoyed the variety of online events that were offered as part of the celebration.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN @ CENTRAL

September was an extremely exciting month for the Central Children's team. Throughout the course of the month, with much assistance from staff from all across the library system, the entire book collection on the 3rd floor was packed up and stored. The team continued to clear out workspaces and get everything ready for the renovation scheduled to begin in October.

The highlight of the month came at the end, when the Central Library opened the interim service area on the 1st floor. Prior to opening, Library Assistant Ana Sandoval worked tirelessly to decorate the children's corner with a large collage autumn tree. The decoration made the area come alive and she received numerous compliments on it. Children's staff unveiled the carefully curated mini children's collection

available for browsing in the new space. They also set up shop at their new 1st floor children's desk, where they were thrilled to interact with families face to face again.

Assistant Manager and Librarian Ashley Stubbs were very active in virtual programming. Ms. Seglin presented several live virtual Toddler Time and Story Time programs. She also participated in two virtual LEGO Club programs. Ms. Stubbs presented several live online Story Time programs as well. She supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time weekly programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and their curated online programs.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin held a live virtual Story Time for children at Madison Square Child Development Center and delivered books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Stubbs made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School.

REFERENCE

On September 8, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness hosted the virtual online session entitled "Discover Self-Care Through Ayurveda - Session 9 for Self-Care Awareness Month" over the SAPL online Zoom platform.

On September 10, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness hosted the virtual online session entitled "Beginner's Chair Yoga Class" over the SAPL online Zoom platform.

On September 25th, Sally Bauer Hosted a Gender Transitioning – Know Your Rights Zoom webinar with presenters from the Pride Center San Antonio, San Antonio Gender Association, Attorney Claire Bow, and the St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono Program. This Zoom session let the community know about the resources available to individuals seeking to affirm their legal name and gender marker. Presenters also explained where and how to obtain the documents needed to complete the process, described the name and/or gender marker process and services that are offered, and answered audience questions.

Sept 22 Lorin Flores and Yanel Cepeda hosted "Lorin & Yanel Play a Game" featuring the free online games Alpaca Stacka and Sheepy available on the Steam Platform streamed on Twitch. Alpaca Stacka features an adorable and helpful Alpaca named Paz who helps their friends. Sheepy is a platform game about the journey of a sheep in search of reuniting with its family.

On September 25, Pannaga Prasad and Diana Starrett hosted virtual online session entitled " How To Maintain Healthy Skin Through Application Of Skin Care Products And Achieve Better Skin Result" over the SAPL online zoom platform.

On Sept 30th, Sally Bauer hosted a Medication Class with Keith Thibodeaux- City of San Antonio Health and Wellness Expert. The presenter discussed medication compliance and non-compliance, avoiding drug interactions, proper disposing of medications, and how to speak to your doctor and pharmacist.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

The Latino Collection and Resource Center had a busy start to Hispanic Heritage month. 750 Take-and-Make papel picado kits were distributed throughout the library system. Emily Flores promoted the kits and Hispanic Heritage Month offerings with a live segment on Great Day SA. The broadcast, which coincided with the expanded opening of the Central Library, led to much community interest.

Ms. Flores continues to teach Conversational English and Advanced English, along with facilitating the English as a Second Language Book Club.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

On September 1, Librarian I Sylvia Reyna, along with Librarian II Matt DeWaelche, met with a KENS 5 television reporter and videographer to answer questions and showcase Texana materials concerning San Antonio's 1921 flood.

Librarian II Deborah Countess conducted a virtual class September 11 on using the genealogy database *FamilySearch.org* for participants of the City's Cemetery Stewardship Program. How to locate and research in the digitized records from the City Sexton's office, early city death records and cemetery cards was discussed.

Also on September 11, Mr. De Waelsche and Ms. Reyna, with the assistance of Librarian I Andy Crews, hosted a virtual program commemorating the centennial anniversary of the 1921 San Antonio flood. The 24 people in attendance learned how, meteorologically speaking, this event played out across South and Central Texas and how the effects of the flooding on San Antonio's impoverished west side were felt for many years after the devastation occurred downtown.

Ms. Countess was invited to be the guest speaker at Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society's September 25 meeting. The society requested she speak on how to research female ancestors and the best practices to use for trying to uncover this often "hidden" part of the family tree.

Mr. Crews presented a virtual class on how to research historical divorce records on September 25. He discussed where to find these records at the courthouse and online, as well as other possible resources that can offer the same information.

Ms. Reyna staffed the library's outreach table during the Fall Siclovía event held September 26, promoting library services and answering questions from the public. She was assisted by Mari Castellano from Mission Library and David Medina from Igo Library.

Mr. Crews partnered with Cristiana Yamada-Lokensgard from McCreless for the Adult Services Hunger Action Month initiative. Food donation barrels for the San Antonio Food Bank were placed at every open library location.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

Bazan Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales did outreach to the West End Senior Center for a library card sign up event on September 23. The event was in celebration of library card sign up month and also served to promote the free device lending program for older adults beginning in October.

The Bazan branch *Bad Girls Book Club*, led by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, met in September to discuss book three of the Brown Sisters series by Talia Hibbert titled, *Act Your Age, Eve Brown*. The Group had read the previous two books in the series and thoroughly enjoyed this funny rom-com by one of the groups' favorite writers. Ms. Prater also led the online *Coloring for Grown-Ups* program where the group met and enjoyed fall themed coloring sheets.

Teen Librarian Georgina Garcia, alongside Teen Liaison Cassie Garza from Pan-AM, co-hosted the online gaming club on the 210TeenLibrary Discord. September was filled with teens streaming a variety of game genres: platformers, simulators, VR, strategic, racing, among many. *Gaming Club* offered a space for teens to discuss video game news, video game storyline progression, thoughts on titles, and most recently sharing any experience with video game design. One of the teens who participates every week, shared with the group his inspiration for creating his 2 video games: *Upgrade Arena* and *Space Car*. Video game design became a topic of discussion encouraging teens to share their practice with coding and interest in video game development.

BROOK HOLLOW

Brook Hollow Library (BHL) Manager Jeannette Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in September re: Fall Favorites and Hispanic Month's Dueling Tacos. Davies recorded a Texas Library Association (TLA) Libraries Transform Texas Podcast for ALA's Banned Books Week September 28-October 2, 2021 and created a book display at the branch to promote the Freedom to Read. Davies hosted two BHL staff meetings, attended trainings for COSA's new scheduling software SNAP and for SAPL's new printing payment kiosk. She also completed COSA/SAPL end of fiscal year reports, trained for new fiscal processes that began October 1, 2021 and worked on EPE's.

Adults: Brook Hollow Library Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon continued to host two very popular virtual programs in September. The Among Us and Spyfall virtual programs with full attendance. De Leon hosted The Mystery Book Club, the club read *The Windsor Knot* by S.J. Bennett, and the The La Tertulia Book Clubs that read *La Luz Que No Puedes Ver* by Anthony Doerr, and De Leon continued to co-host the Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club that read, *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller, as a hybrid meeting with some members virtually and those who meet in-person at the Potranco Branch Library.

Children: At the Brook Hollow branch in September, the Friends of Brook Hollow Library purchased supplies to create play dough take home kits. Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas made the play dough each week and Library Assistant Elissa Vura assembled the extra pieces to include in ninety-two kits. One mother said that her son loved the homemade play dough and could not stop playing with it. Another older child let staff know that he wanted a kit so that he could strengthen his fingers for his writing exercises. Salinas continued to assist with SAPL virtual programs such as Baby Time, Art Club, and Game Time. She joined a group of Librarians starting an online Lego Time, newly formed LGBTQ+ children's committee to discuss ways to support families in our community with new, innovative programming. Salinas updated the Tiny Tots LibGuide each week with new content created by other children's librarians to engage children ages zero to three years old. She continued to edit videos for the mySAPL YouTube Channel including two videos that promoted National Library Card Sign Up Month and two special programs included hosting the Cooking Around the World and Read to a Dog Online.

Teens: Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot continued to co-host the SAPL Teen Discord's Create Club on Fridays throughout September. Teens virtually gather to play pieces of music they have composed, show art they have drawn and talk about all of the creative projects they are actively working on. This month, Pouliot helped to onboard Brook Hollow Library's newest library aide, Saskia Magee, and also attended trainings on the city's new scheduling software, and printing payment kiosk. Pouliot would like to thank the Friends of the Brook Hollow Library for supplying her with an HEB gift card which she used to stock up on supplies with the intent of starting in-person teen programming in November.

CARVER

Carver Branch observed Hispanic Heritage Month with a display of books and other materials that celebrate the culture and contributions of Hispanics.

LEARN Center Training Officer Daniel Gomez reported in September, Carver Learn Center saw 26 patrons use the Learn Center with a total of 58 sessions. Thirty-seven sessions were dedicated to improving computer skills, eight sessions were dedicated to job search and job applications, and six sessions were dedicated to submitting government forms. He added that six other patrons began pursuing the Digital Inclusion certificate. One patron received her certificate in September.

Learn Spanish 2 and Learn Spanish 3 classes were held throughout September via Zoom. Classes meet twice a week, with a total of nine regular participants. The grateful students presented Mr. Gomez with a certificate of appreciation, cards, and cookies, which were sent to Carver Branch. The Training Officer also held the Film Noir Club's monthly meeting. There is a steady participation of about 10 patrons in this club.

New Training Officer, Lodie Mueller, spent five days at Carver to receive training in LEARN Center procedures.

CODY

The Cody Branch Library welcomed several new staff members in September 2020, filling out the circulation team and adding library aides. As staff prepared for the return of cash registers in October, many days were busy with training and refreshers.

The branch hosted a photo exhibit by library patron Siegmundo Hirsch, featuring photos of flora taken around San Antonio. The beautiful pictures were displayed in the glass display case above the indoor return and had many admirers. Viewers appreciated the natural beauty of the flowers and were also impressed that the professional looking photos were taken with a cell phone and developed at local WalMart's.



Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon helped with several online, virtual programs this month. On September 2nd Yourdon presented during Story Time Online. Yourdon read the book Let's All Creep through Crocodile Creek by Jonathan Lambert and then sang an action song called "Snap, Little Crocodiles" and played a counting felt board game called "There are Apples to Harvest." During these songs and activities children practiced their counting and rhyming skills. During the felt board activity Yourdon pointed out a couple of unique vocabulary words in the song, such as orchard and harvest, and told children what the words meant. On September 16th Yourdon hosted Story Time Online. Finally, on September 30th Yourdon presented during Art Club Online. Yourdon taught the young artists how to use a straw to paint their paper. Children enjoyed trying out the painting technique Yourdon showed them and then found creative ways to make their artwork unique.

Yourdon and Library Assistant Haly LeFlore created and put up a new scavenger hunt for children every Tuesday during the month of September. On September 7th Yourdon set out a Nintendo Bingo scavenger hunt, where children had to find five Nintendo characters in a row from their Bingo card in the children's area to get a prize. On September 14th Yourdon set out a Superhero scavenger hunt, where children had to find 9 superheroes hidden throughout the children's area to assemble their superhero team. On September 21st Haly LeFlore put up an Animal Field Guide scavenger hunt where children had to find 10 animals hidden in the children's area and write down one fact about each animal. On September 28th LeFlore put up a Find Bigfoot scavenger hunt where children had to search the children's area to find several woodland creatures and Bigfoot hidden underneath large Bigfoot footprints.

Yourdon also made a few Take-and-Make kits for children during September. Yourdon made a Fossil kit, which provided a small plastic animal and a little bit of model magic so that kids could make their own

fossils. Yourdon made an Among Us Notebook kit, where children learned how to make a notebook from a single sheet of paper and had the option to cut it and decorate it to look like an Among Us character. Yourdon also put together a Superhero Cape kit, where children could use a large paper bag to make and decorate their own superhero cape.

Over the course of September, Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver worked to provide teens and adults opportunities for entertainment and education at the Cody Library. Due to the current COVID-19 risk level, she worked to ensure teens had self-directed activities in place of programming, including coloring sheets, a coloring table, pencil-and-paper games, and the opportunity to play video games on the branch's TV. She pursued outreach opportunities for adults with the Bob Ross Senior Center, provided Take-and-Make crafts, and planned the purchase of over 260 additional activity kits to give out over the next several months.

Amy Rae interviewed and trained multiple new volunteers to assist with pulling on-shelf holds, freeing up library staff to work on other projects. She provided onboarding training for three new Library Aides, as well as follow-up training to reinforce their shelving knowledge and other skills.

In preparation for the end of patron accommodations and the beginning of new services, she created binders of reference documentation for staff and signs to help guide patrons, including signs to make Wi-Fi Printing easier and more straightforward from mobile phones.

COLLINS GARDEN

Collins Garden Library hosted two poetry workshops for aspiring writers. The poetry group Voces Cosmicas welcomed adult poetry writers to share their process and poetry with the group. The branch's Adult Book Club met in person at the branch on September 20. This event was hosted by Gina Brudi and the group discussed the novel *Better Luck Next Time* by Julia Claiborne Johnson. Staff assisted with the Older Adult Device Lending Project w/SAPL Library Card sign up event on September 24. This event took place at the Normoyle Senior Center during their resource fair. Branch Manager Arlene Richardson along with Gina Brudi, designed and installed a Banned Books Week display highlighting the theme "Books Unite Us".

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi attended the Caterpillar Teacher Training at Confluence Park on Saturday September 11th. She received a Caterpillar Condo that contained a milkweed plant and two caterpillars. Staff named the caterpillars Wilbur and Wanda and they are currently in chrysalis form in the condo until they transform into Monarch Butterflies and are released on their eastern migration to Mexico. The Caterpillar Condo is on display in the library for families to view in addition to a book display on butterflies. As part of the Babies and Toddlers Committee, Ms. Brudi engaged children during Toddler Time via Zoom. She is now a member of the Baby Time Online team and makes weekly contributions. She continued her outreach to Knox Early Education Center and engaged over 500 children with songs, rhymes and stories during five Story Times. She recorded a Tiny Tots video using a flannel board rhyme: Five Enormous Dinosaurs. This video was featured on the San Antonio Public Library's YouTube channel.

As a part of the 210teen library Discord server workgroup, Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll facilitated five programs as a Game Master for 27 teens during the month of September. While preparing for the September 1st and 8th sessions, teens were very innovative and spent time planning for certain scenes and conclusions to character backstories they wanted to see come to life. The teens used a lot of creativity in their play to make their personality shine through the characters. Ms. Toll also supervised 12

teens who volunteered a combined 235 hours off-site in September. She answered questions and helped them with next steps through the VolunteerMatch portal. She also onboarded one teen volunteer at the branch.. Ms. Toll resumed Teen Tuesday programming at the branch.

Library Assistant Carlos Loera co-hosted two Noon Time Helping of Cooking online: FALL FAVORITES - Smells of cinnamon, maple and butterscotch and Dueling Tacos - in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

CORTEZ

Manager and All Staff

Branch Manager Cammie Brantley worked to get the staff ready for all of the cash handling and procedural changes beginning October 1. Everyone attended trainings and she also prepared a notebook to organize information by category for easy reference.

The Branch welcomed Dee Coulter who is serving a practicum period to work toward her MLS from the University of North Texas. She is helping with a wide variety of projects and getting a good feel for what working in a public library is like.

The staff got back to meeting weekly for teambuilding events on Tuesdays before opening to the public. Activities run the gamut from playing board games, to planting seeds, to making crafts.

On Friday September 17 staff celebrated “Pirate Day” by dressing up and sharing treats.

Book displays for the month included: Hispanic Heritage Month, Banned Books, Weather, Dinosaurs, Monsters, Library Card Month, and the beginning of Fall.

Children

In September, Children’s librarian Olivia Escovedo assembled two Take-and-Make activities to distribute to kids, which included the Spanish Heritage craft and a nature prints activity. She organized a combined library display for Spanish Heritage month with kids, teens, and adults’ books and delegated who would create the decorations for the display. For programming, she co-hosted two virtual Story Times. The second virtual Story Time was a special one for Hispanic Heritage month where the kids listened to bilingual stories and sang bilingual songs. For school-age patrons, Olivia co-hosted two Gametime live programs. In the program, the librarians play games with kids on Zoom. In addition, for programming, Olivia leads the “Among Us” tween program where the kids gather on Zoom and play Among US on their devices with the librarians. Olivia also edited two Spanish videos to premiere on the children’s SAPL YouTube channel and reviewed two videos from the other video editors. Olivia also created a new scavenger hunt where kids have to find pictures posted in the library that lead them to solve a word puzzle and win a prize.

Adults

Craft class has been averaging about seven attendees per week. They have been enjoying the crafts assigned. For the month of September, the crafts included: crochet head scarf, soda bottle kitty cat planters, can koozy and soup bowl cozy.

Librarian Vicky Villalobos joined Rhonda Woolhouse and Connie Hejl for a Speak Geek Pop-up on September 13. The topics for the night's program were the 2021 Emmys and which shows and actors were favored to win.

On September 24, Librarian Vicky Villalobos co-hosted SAPL Live Trivia with Brooke Mjolsness and Morgan Yoshimura. The virtual event saw familiar teams as well as new contestants and remains a popular program for patrons.

Teens

Due to COVID restrictions, Teen Time has not yet resumed. Possible start date of October 28 is under discussion. However, Teen Services did send over some cool mini Converse shoe keychains and zip pouches that the teens can color when they visit the library.

ENCINO

In September the Encino staff did lots of online training to get ready for the new fiscal year. Everyone is excited about the new print kiosk, wireless printing, and going fines free!

Adults at Encino got several different Take-and-Make kits during the month of September. On September 3, adults got to take home a felt leaf bookmark kit. In honor of National Self Care Awareness month (September), librarian Ann Laird created a display of self-care themed books and three different Take-and-Make kits that were spread out throughout the month. The self-care kits included a kit to make lavender lotion bars, a peppermint foot soak kit, and a kit with mocktail recipes. The Spice is Right program continued into September with a kit and sample of Juniper Berries.

The Encino Teen patrons were provided with two Take-and-Make kits in September. For Back to School, Teens could pick up a Book Cover kit and later in the month, a DIY Backpack Bling kit. The interim Teen Liaison, Katy Dillard, also provided an in-house passive program, Free Verse Page Poetry Station. The newly added Young Adult Non-Fiction section recorded 39 checkouts for Encino in the month of September.

The Friends of the Encino Library met on September 12. The Friends approved the Donation Plan for FY22, and Assistant Manager Ann Laird updated them on events at the branch.

FOREST HILLS

The Forest Hills Branch Library continues to offer off-site service to the surrounding community at the Gilbert Garza Community Center. In the month of September staff saw a steady increase in the number of holds being placed for pickup. Many familiar faces stopped by to check out the new service and to greet staff.

One visit was especially heartwarming as a regular patron stopped with his daughter one afternoon. This family has been utilizing the Forest Hills Branch Library since the children were very small. The youngest, a daughter with disabilities, graduated high school this past year. Branch Manager Mary Naylor was extremely pleased to see the family after such a long time. After some conversation with the father, Mrs. Naylor realized that the family could be well served through programs offered through the Gilbert Garza Community Center as they had been struggling with finding adequate post-education activities for their

daughter. Mrs. Naylor introduced the family to Parks and Recreation Staff and assisted with getting them registered for classes. The next week the family attended a Zumba class and were able to pick up their library hold items at the same time. Even though everyone was masked, their smiles could not be mistaken.

The monthly book club for the Doris Griffin Senior Center was held the last week of September. The group read and discussed *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. Mary Naylor was also invited to attend a community resource fair held at the Doris Griffin Center on September 19. Many patrons stopped by the table to say hello, and let staff know they missed the library. Some were able to renew their library cards onsite, and other learned how to listen to downloadable audio books.

Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca participated in a number of virtual children's events. New in September, Lego Time was offered virtually on September 14.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Library welcomes University of North Texas College of Information Practicum student and intern Meredith Black to the branch. She is helping with displays, bulletin boards, and learning how to help patrons with technology and computer issues. She has been a great help with customer service this month.

Children's librarian Cari Raley sent out 120 Take-and-Make kits and 416 digital activity kits. The Explorers@Home club "visited" Israel this month. They made a tambourine with supplies from the kit and learned a folk dance.

During September, Teen librarian Chris Castillo facilitated three virtual Teen Time programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens discussed how they and their peers have contracted COVID-19 and how they feel and are coping through that experience. Teens continue to activate the Discord server whenever they can, even though teens expressed how school, extracurricular activities, afterschool clubs, and dinner time all conspire against their time to be on the server. Teen used an entire Teen Time to share jokes and lift each other's' spirits. Teens suggested Discord server improvements including new #identities, #askalibrarian, and other pending channels. Teens submitted requests for free 3d printing, custom buttons, and magnets services and picked them up from the branch.

Adult Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez attended the September Adult Services meeting and planning meetings for the Halloween Committee. Ms. Vazquez worked on the National Video Game Day program that took place in September online. Ms. Vazquez also created and distributed Hispanic Heritage Month paper alebrijes Take-and-Make kits in September. Great Northwest Library hosted a Hispanic Heritage Month adult craft program where participants learned to make worry dolls. Great Northwest Library is partnering with the Parks and Recreation department and offering a Fitness in the Park program at the library every Thursday.

GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library welcomed two staff members to help staff the location: Library Assistant Robert Solis from Forest Hills and Pat King from Maverick. Guerra also welcomes a new SAPL team member, Library Aide Adalee Colunga. The team prepared for cash handling and Wi-Fi printing by attending a

series of training sessions the last week of September. On September 22 the Guerra Staff Book Club discussed Jim Butcher's *Storm Front*.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V.E Schwab on September 15. She attended the Library Journal Day of Dialogue on September 23.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *Arándanos para Sal (Blueberries for Sal)* by Robert McCloskey on September 14 for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. He recorded a second book *Un osito muy curioso (A very curious bear)* by Tony Mitton on September 17. That same day he taught an English class and he taught another English class on September 24. He also presented the library trivia program at the Willie Cortez Senior Center as part of the 11th anniversary of that senior center. His questions emphasized the life of Willie Cortez, who was a prominent figure in advocating for senior centers and whose grandson, Philip Cortez, elected as state representative to House, District 117, in the Texas House of Representatives as well as questions about the senior center's programs and staff.

IGO

Igo Manager Tim Johnson and Central Library Assistant Elizabeth Garza produced two episodes of the Escape the Earth podcast for the month of September, resulting in 107 plays so far. Mr. Johnson also hosted a meeting of the Dollars and Sense finance group which discussed the first eight episodes of the podcast Money for the Rest of Us.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance continues to support system-wide Zoom programming by regularly co-facilitating at both Baby Time Online and Toddler Time Online. Several families who attended in-person programs prior to the pandemic have reached out to Ms. Vance after seeing her on the call, to share on memories they have of older siblings attending programs with Ms. Vance at Igo and other Library branches.

Ms. Vance continues to host The Igo Stitchery in-person, which is gaining new attendees with more crafting variety. Members continue to teach and learn from one another as they explore new techniques. The group is also enjoying book discussions. Current favorites include anything by Fredrik Backman and the Wheel of Time series by Brandon Sanderson.

Friends of Igo branch were actively participating in their regular activities during the month of October. They did their annual Book Sale on the 17th and the 18th of the month. Large number of used books were sold and lots of people showed up for the Book Sale.

Mrs. Scharf, who is in charge of senior programming of the Igo branch library prepared the September Elderberries Newsletter and emailed it to 250+ subscribers. Her newsletter consisted of online resources on Grandparents and Grandparents Day 2021. In addition, she made a book display on Grandparents Day. The book display included activities and certificates for children and grandparents.

JOHNSTON

Johnston celebrated its 40th Anniversary in September. From September 13 to the 25th visitors could take selfies in a commemorative balloon arch, create poetry stacks throughout the library, engage in a Poetry Treasure Hunt, and add their own memories to the Johnston Memory Wall. Two Take-and-Make children and adults crafts were available--a Pop-up Birthday Card and a Blackout Poetry kit. The highlight was an online workshop by San Antonio Poet Laureate Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson on September 18. Ms. Sanderson worked with children and adults as she shared tools and devices to enhance their writing, including the creation of a collaborative poem.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham and co-lead the Tiny Tot Work Group hosted and presented at Toddler Time Online on Wednesdays, recorded the story for Dial-a-Story and presented at Art Club, Lego Club and Game Time, all online. Miss Tiffany worked on the Take-and-Make committee for system-wide Take-and-Make Kits and passed out dozens of kits to the community. Miss Tiffany assisted in the Johnston Branch 40th Anniversary. She organized videos of poetry readings by the branch staff, constructed the Happy Birthday Pop-Up Card Take-and-Make Kit including the video tutorial, created a Poet Scavenger Hunt, and hosted the online Poetry Workshop with Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson.

Training Officer Marcella McGowan primarily worked with drop-in appointments at the LEARN center. Information about the Enhanced Library Cards continues to become more widespread, resulting in several new Enhanced Library Cards. Ms. McGowan started several patrons on the Digital Inclusion Certificate track.

Library Assistant Veizaga worked on several aspects of the branch's 40th Anniversary, including creating props for the selfie station and assisting Miss Tiffany with Poetry Treasure Hunt.

LANDA

The Landa team welcomed three new staff members to the crew: Library Aide Mazin Ajmeri, Circulation Attendant Walden Booker, and Circulation Attendant Amy Peppersack.

This month in Art Club, children created self portraits, water color, and straw paintings. Children's Librarian Imelda from Westfall Library gave a great presentation to the children about famous artist's self portraits and even shared with them some painted selfies. Children's Librarian Tiffany from Johnston Library led a drawing game where the kids drew circles and had to make the circle out of something for example a tennis ball. Later, everyone experimented with other shapes. Lastly, Children's Librarian Robin led a game of "Simon Says: Draw" and then asked if anyone else wanted to be Simon. A child named Leo led the kids in Simon Says draw his own creation "a kitty cone."

In September, kids played Among Us on zoom. They were really competitive and liked to call out Ms. Robin because she was not a very good Imposter.

Lego Club started up again this month virtually. Children's Librarian Robin led the kids in a challenge. The kids were asked to grab a handful of Legos and were only allowed to use what they grabbed to make anything they wanted in five minutes.

Library Assistant and Teen Liaison Bek Corley worked alongside Landa's teen volunteer to create book displays, new table-top passive programming for the teen area, and additional DIY kits to share during after-school hours.

Ms. Corley continued to chat with teens during their visits to promote virtual programming, library card sign-ups, and homework resources. She continued to meet with Teen Services colleagues to keep

connected and discuss future programming, and was excited to join them for a special teen services outreach presentation led by Boston Public Library's teen services team leader, Jess Snow. Ms. Corley was recently promoted and will continue her work with teens at the Encino Branch Library as their new Teen Librarian. She will be greatly missed at Landa.

Landa's three adult book clubs continued to grow—and the Mystery Club, at least, was back to pre-Pandemic attendance. Even better news, all three book clubs have added new members. The selection for the book club that meets at The Village at the Incarnate Word was the incredibly popular best-seller, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owen. The Village group was not of one mind on the book—primarily on the characterization of the person who turned out to be a killer. The group, with seven present this month, met in the craft room at The Village. All agreed that the acoustics and the seating were preferable to that in the theater where the group had been meeting since it organized. Reader's Ink read Casey Cep's *Furious Hours*, a three-fold account of the serial murders committed by Reverend Willie Maxwell, background on the life of his attorney, Tom Radney, and the forces that brought Harper Lee, author of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, into the story in her quest to write a true crime book about Reverend Maxwell and his untimely murder. Thus, it was really three books in one. Although the cover made it appear that the book was primarily about Harper Lee, she actually didn't enter the story until the last half of the book. That section was entirely about her life, the writing of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, and what happened in the years immediately following which took her to the trial of Maxwell's killer. The Mystery Book Club read *The Tale Teller*, an Anne Hillerman book set in Arizona. Most of the members enjoyed the book but some had differing opinions in comparing it to the writing of her father, Tony Hillerman, as well as to some of her other works.

LAS PALMAS

Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley led a group of young readers who enjoyed reading to dogs during the Read to a Dog program. The online program filled up for each event as soon as registration opened. Take-and-Make kits from the children's department continue to be popular amongst the children who look forward to creating things with the materials given.

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl continues her collaboration in the Pop Madness 2022 committee and has been busy identifying potential presenters for the event. She continues overseeing the Discord Random Fandom Club and attending Teen Services meetings of the Discord workgroup and sub-workgroup. Connie has also been updating the Speak Geek and Pop Madness LibGuides and meeting with the Pop Culture Committee to discuss outreach to Big Texas ComicCon.

Branch Manager José Ruiz-Alvarez represented the Las Palmas Library at the Newcomers Resource Fair held at the YWCA on September the 18th. The Fair, which is part of Welcoming Week, is designed to make the community more welcoming to the residents, especially immigrants and refugees.

On September 29, Adult Librarian Lily Perez and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos participated in an outreach event titled "September is Library Card Sign Up Month" that was hosted at the COSA District 5 Senior Center. Seniors from the community were provided library resources along with the opportunity to sign-up for a new library card. The event was also a way to celebrate Senior Day and to promote a new program "Digital Literacy" that will begin in October.

On Saturday September 18th the Library Board Naming Committee held a public in-person meeting at Las Palmas to provide comments on the proposal to consider adding the name of Andres D. Sarabia to the official name of the Las Palmas Branch Library.

MAVERICK

In September, Maverick provided five in person adult programs. Cash Handling staff continued participating in kiosk training throughout September as all libraries will be unveiling the new kiosk machines to the public on October 1. The collaborate room is becoming popular and requested more often again ... a great indication the public is starting to return to the library. Maverick is now open 7 days a week! Some customers have expressed satisfaction knowing the library is now open daily ... especially among computer users.

During the reporting period, Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, assembled 24 Take-and-Make Kits related to fall and also assembled 100 Take-and-Make Kits for Hispanic Heritage Month. She thanks the Maverick staff for consistently distributing these to our patrons!

Ms. Roberts also did committee work and attended meetings and trainings this month. She submitted an online curated Story Time for the Tiny Tots committee on September 7. On September 28, she read "Toasty" by Sara Hwang for Dial-A-Story. Ms. Roberts attended and took notes at the Children's Librarians meeting on September 8 and also attended a Children's Librarians meeting on September 22. On September 1, she attended SNAP Schedule/Scheduler training and on September 21 she attended SNAP Schedule/Employee Training. Ms. Roberts completed her monthly Security Awareness training on September 9. In anticipation of the new printing kiosk and new cash handling procedures with our ILS, Symphony, Ms. Roberts attended Kiosk and Print Portal Training on September 14 and Symphony Payment and Fiscal Process Training on September 28.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated Zoom Teen Times assisted by Library Aide Taylur Loera. Attendance has increased significantly, likely due to the relationships Teens have built with one another. In this inclusive environment teens have exchanged phone numbers and created their own group text; they have built relationships that now exist outside of the Library as well as inside.

Bleichwehl coordinated a Virtual Outreach with the Marshall High School Librarian Roxanne Jenke. Bleichwehl provided Library card applications and presentations for display and while Jenke hosted English classes and encouraged students to complete the applications and utilize SAPL resources.

McCRELESS

Patrons coming to the Southside Lions Community Center are enjoy picking up their holds and being able to check out some of the newest and popular items from the McCreless Express Collection. Also, the young ballerinas and indoor soccer players along with their families love the wonderful displays created by our Circulation Attendant Kryz Hernandez. They are excited to check out the books and videos on both subjects.



Community Center Coordinator Jeff Parks has introduced library services to his customers during his meetings with families. Most of them – new and returning patrons - have been taking advantage of the library services offered in the temporary facility, and are happy to learn more about what has been offered system wide.

As a member of the Hunger Action Month Annual Initiative, librarian Cristiane Yamada Lokensgard has organized with librarian Andrew Crews a SAPL staff food drive. They have received great help from Library Organizational Health and Carla Conrad's team. Ms. Lokensgard has also updated the Banned Books Week LibGuide. The LibGuide features the 2021 social media events promoted by ALA, and a TLA podcast hosted by Brook Hollow manager Jeannette Davies.

MEMORIAL

Memorial Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall wrote and filmed a puppet show to support the San Antonio Public Library's celebration of National Library Card Sign Up Month. "Why You Should Sign-Up For a Library Card!" featured Semmes Branch Children's Librarian Randi Jones. Both librarians collaborated as the voices and puppeteers for the video, which premiered September 22.

Mrs. Deffendall contributed a book review to the Children's Blog for September 14: *Ways to Make Sunshine*, by Renée Watson. She also continued her role of liaison between the construction renovation contractors and branch staff, as well as assisting in the supervision of public services provided by branch staff.

Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson shared a survey regarding community input on a poem for the military installation with his various community contacts. The goal of the survey was to collect feedback about the themes that local poet Dr. Carmen Tafolla should include in her poem in honoring all veterans that died during service to their country.

Mr. Hudson is preparing for the reopening of the branch by working on getting supplies for a special adult Take-and-Make in honor of the branch's eventual reopening and 40th anniversary. The Take-and-Make will be creating colorful confetti straws.

Branch Manager Maria Gonzales and Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall attended OpenSource Ltd showroom for furniture selection for the various areas of the branch. The furniture selection was to prepare the branch for the grand opening and to start daily operations. They were accompanied by PSA Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, Coordinator of Children's Services Cresencia Huff, TCI Projects Manager Stacy Gonzales and Design and Development Projects Assistant Mark Loiselle. All committee members

collaborated in the selection by ensuring the products selected would be available for the opening and that all items were within the established Bond Renovation fiscal budget.

MISSION

On September 18th, Library Aide, Perla Campos (PT), represented Mission Library at the Mission Marquee Plaza Farmers & Artisans Market at the event and had a table set up to inform visitors about library services.

Teen volunteers created large calaveras using poster boards, glitter and paint to decorate Mission Library's Teen Space. Several calaveras were hung on windows and displayed in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Library Assistant (PT) Mari Castellano and Circulation Attendant (PT) Briana Rangel virtually hosted National Video Game Day on Sunday, September 12th. Smash Brothers and Animal Crossing were featured and hosted on the Nintendo Switch. One hundred and fifty Take-and-Make crafts were given out prior to the virtual event.

Children's Librarian Jane Miller continues to be a host for weekly virtual Story Times. This month, Ms. Miller received a Caterpillar Condo with a Monarch caterpillar from a training that took place at Confluence Park on Saturday, September 11th. The caterpillar and his condo are on display at Mission and have caught the interest of library visitors, children and adults alike. In approval of his condo, he is now in chrysalis.

PAN AMERICAN

At Pan American, September welcomed back the Meditation Classes. Everyone involved in this program is excited to be back at the branch. Participants were happy to see each other after being away for a long while due to COVID-19. These classes are held every Saturday and offer participants the opportunity to learn about the benefits of setting time aside to meditate and just have some down time. Also featured this month was a program presented by The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG). AACOG presented its "AACOG the Best Kept Secret" Program. Participants were amazed at the various programs and services offered to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities by AACOG, even more elated that everything mentioned was free.

Library assistant and teen liaison Cassie Garza has worked together with the Esports committee to host three virtual gaming sessions for all ages to celebrate National Video Game Day during the month of September. Ms. Garza held two virtual gaming sessions of Mario Kart 8. Participants were able to compete in two different modes of the game: Renegade Roundup and Shine Thief. Ms. Garza also used the Adults Services Discord server to play Gartic Phone virtually with a group of people. Ms. Garza created a highlight reel of gameplay from all the National Video Game Day events. This video will be shared on the Esports LibGuide.



Ms. Garza has continued to co-host alongside Gina Garcia at Bazan library for the Teen Services Discord server Gaming club. Every Saturday Ms. Garza facilitates discussion, gameplay and insight for teens interested in video games. This month a teen participant showed Ms. Garza how to play Gorilla Tag using an Oculus Quest headset.



Children's librarian created two fall displays in the children's area. Both to encourage curiosity and warmth at the library. It was hoped that the décor could provide a warm, welcoming, and friendly atmosphere for children and families to stay and explore.

Ongoing passive programming for children was held all month. Children were given a list with images to find around the library. Upon completion of their search they were then awarded a small prize.

In addition to children's new fall décor and scavenger hunt, Take-and-Make kits for Hispanic Heritage Month were distributed to children. The kit was about Mexican folk Art and included foil, paper, pastels, sequins, and more to create their own replica painting or ceramic rendition.

PARMAN



In the first week of September Parman Library was featured on the KSAT12 News for its beautiful storywalk and stationary bikes with desk. These unique services offer more than just books to patrons, they offer the opportunity for physical activity whilst enjoying the scenery and a good book. The storywalk is a picture book displayed along the trail that families can read while enjoying a stroll through nature together. The storywalk also offers families something to do when the library is closed such as it was during this past Labor Day holiday. Parman's stationary bikes are popular and patrons love the opportunity to read or work,

without very unhealthy prolonged sitting. These services are something special the Parman library offers to its community .

This September Parman library went retro with a new art installation by San Antonio illustrator and animator Mike Fisher. Fisher is a child of the 1960s and 70s, and anyone who sees this display could probably guess that. Comics, TV shows, and bad B-movies of the time period provide the fuel for Fisher's kinetic work. Patrons got to see monsters, aliens, ray guns, and even intergalactic cats! The gallery hosts Fisher's original ink illustrations and digital color prints that are so imaginative they transport you to a retro future imagined in days long past. Fisher's art has been on display since September 21 and it already has patrons talking about how the pieces make them feel nostalgic.



After the first sightings of the Monarch butterflies in San Antonio and the Texas Hill Country, Corie T. Parman circulation attendant, created an amazing display to celebrate the annual migration of these iconic insects. Children librarians provided a corresponding Monarch painting craft and seventy-five butterfly kits were distributed.

Since the teen position is not filled yet, Parman branch manager Barbara K. continues to work with newly formed, but very active, Parman Teen Council. Teen club met this September online to discuss their book selection, however the first part of zoom meeting mostly consisted of catching - up. This lively discussion included how everyone's first month of school went and what everyone has been up to. Teens are looking forward to in person meetings at the library, but for now settled for the next zoom session.

In September Parman branch welcomed two new employees and manager Babara K. started to implement a plan of action to help new employees quickly assimilate SAPL policies and workflow while getting fully acquainted with the organization's culture. She also trained and processed 8 new volunteers. She completed COSA/SAPL end of fiscal year reports, attended the trainings offered for Snap schedulers and kiosks while working on EPE's.



Last two weeks of September, due to upcoming planned adjustments, all Parman staff attended every possible training offered on SAPL's new printing payment kiosk. Manager held several short meetings with cash handlers and LICs addressing the issue She also created support groups within the branch to make sure Parman staff was confident and ready to offer all the new services to the public .

Parman celebrated Talk Like a Pirate Day mid-month with a book display (see pic.), word find and pirate-themed stickers. A spider counting activity page was included next to children's counting books and several children enjoyed the

activity. The Narwhal Scavenger Hunt and Word Scramble continued to be very popular into late September with another 100 young patrons completing the challenge.

The September StoryWalk® featured Phyllis Root Looking for a Moose. A corresponding page was included on the SAPL StoryWalk® LibGuide created by Teague Shosh where readers could find more information about Phyllis Root and her books.

POTRANCO

Adult Services Librarian Monica Huerta hosts a weekly Mindful Meditation program. Ms. Huerta gives the group small tips on stress relief for the week and leads a guided meditation. The group focuses on mindfulness and breathing techniques.

Ms. Huerta hosts the monthly Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club. This month the group discussed *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. The book club was held in-person and via Zoom. The virtual option of attendance is still an option for those not comfortable attending in person.

Ms. Huerta began Thursday Threads. Patrons choose a pattern and embroider it on cloth that is provided. For September, Ms. Huerta provided Pokemon related patterns. Charizard, Bulbasaur and other popular Pokemon were featured. This is a new program that is held bi-weekly. In October, the theme will be "Halloween".

In September, Potranco Library welcomed their new Children's Librarian, Dawn Zeig. Ms. Zeig brings years of experience in school libraries to the Potranco Branch.

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro hosts the Virtual Adult Coloring program via Zoom. Her regular attendees continue to enjoy spending time coloring, discussing their artwork, current events and sharing stories about their families.

Ms. Leandro and Ms. Huerta host the Café con Libros book club. This book club focuses on LGBT+ books. This month the group discussed *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin. Coffee and cookies are provided for those in attendance.

Ms Leandro hosted the Potranco Book Club. This group rotates between fiction and non-fiction titles. This month the group discussed *Princess Spy* by Larry Loftis.

Circulation Attendant Pat Booker hosted his bi-weekly Writer's Group. Those in attendance bring along their creative writing projects and share them with the group. The group engages in discussion about writing techniques and they give each other positive feedback on their projects.

Circulation Attendant Miranda O'Neill hosts a bi-weekly Twisted Stitches program. The attendees work on crocheting and knitting projects while jamming out to some classic rocks tunes. Beginners are welcome to attend and Ms. O'Neill provides a pattern and instructions on getting started.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with displays and children's and toddler's *Take-and-Make* craft kits created by Children's Librarian Lucy Cisneros and Library Assistant Sheran Awe. Patrons also enjoyed the Hispanic Heritage *Take-and-Make* kits from Children's Services. The *Page-Turners Tween Book Club* met virtually and discussed Leigh Bardugo's *Siege and Storm*, which was selected for September by a tween patron. School-age patrons participated in passive programming in the Kids' Zone, where they took quizzes to determine their Hogwarts House and participated in a "Fall into Reading" scavenger hunt.

Pruitt Teen Services used data collected from teen interest surveys to produce the *Teen Manga and Anime Program*. Our first meeting was very successful, and we look forward to the continued enhancement and evolution of this program as it becomes more teen led. The *Pruitt Teen Leadership* and *Pruitt Teen Volunteer* young people were highly instrumental in making the *Pruitt Library Community Resource Fair* (see below for further details) a positive experience for the service providers, patrons, and other guests attending. *Teen Chess* returned, which is a traditional crowd pleaser at Pruitt. And, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Pruitt teens played *Loteria*.



Adult Services held *TGIF Book Club's* discussion of *Lost Roses* and added a *Saturday Book Club* discussion featuring *Hunger* by Roxane Gay. Both book clubs accommodate attendance in person and via Zoom. Pruitt's *Special Needs Adult Program* group read *Russell Wrestles the Relatives* and worked on a picture frame craft. Many participants had their photograph taken to be placed in their new frame.

The Pruitt Public Library Staff – Librarians Vertis Watkins, Paula Opiela, Lucina Humphrey, and Rae Downen, Library Assistants Catrina Grivich, Sheran Awe, and Markeico Deuser, Substitutes Jared Thompson and Cynthia Saenz, and family Volunteers Dan Deuser, Jacob Deuser, and Lily Deuser, along with a 17-teen volunteer force, hosted our District 2 Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez for our *1st Annual Community Resource Fair* in conjunction with our *Rackspace Family Chess Night & Dinner* on Thursday, September 16th. This dedicated group of employees devoted three months of hard work to this event, in addition to their regular duties. The team created invitation letters, solicitation requests, registration forms, maps of tables, name tags, posters, flyers, and social media images, event programs, bingo cards, thank you gifts, table numbers and decorations. They ordered catering, held Mega Chess, orchestrated teen volunteers, ran the prize patrol, and donated time, money, and resources. The event brought together parents, students, staff, patrons, community members, district and city representatives, community agencies, and other organizations to provide valuable resources and information to this community affected by COVID-19. Mr. Dale McNeil, Ms. Terri Sanchez the Director of Library Services for NEISD, Ms. Cara Nichols from Rackspace Foundation, Ms. Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, and our District 2 Board Trustee, Mrs. JoAnn Harris, were in attendance. Over 40 organizations attended and provided resource contacts for rental assistance, medical, safety, dental, spiritual, mental health, financial, and job information, educational resources, and many more topics. The event was a complete success, and the staff look forward to next year's *2nd Annual Community Resource Fair* in November 2022, to be themed "Thankful for Our Community."

SAN PEDRO

In September, the San Pedro Branch Library continued to provide walk-in computer access, browsing, and inside use of the library space. Customers were again happy to find out that they could again enjoy the libraries and take advantage of all services that were reduced for nearly 15 months. San Pedro Branch staff were excited and glad to see all the smiling faces coming through the door. Computer usage was brisk during August and the branch saw an upswing in visits, likely due to the closure of the Central Library.

On September 2nd, Hector Cardenas and Ed Gaida from the Friends of the San Pedro Springs Park donated a direct copy of the original 1871 map of the park. The framed map was displayed in the entryway of the branch for all visitors to see and will remain a permanent fixture at the library.

Children's librarian Karen Braeuler assisted twice this month with "Toddler Time Online," reading the classic It Looked Like Split Milk and presenting learning songs and rhymes to 30 or so families. She recorded two stories for Dial-a-Story: Nanette's Baguettes, and in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Federico and the Wolf, a bilingual story on the current Texas 2 X 2 list. Children's book displays included one in recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and another about kids and cooking, to advertise SAPL partnership with the SA Food Bank on "Cooking Around the World", a virtual program for families. Mini zines focusing on the book Bathing in the Forest were placed on display as takeaways, encouraging kids to seek fun and adventure outdoors.

During August, Adult Services Librarian Diana Starrett continued to host a monthly Tai-Chi class via zoom that has proven to be very popular with the community. Additionally, Ms. Starrett organized different adult Take-and-Make kits for customers. Also, in September, Diana co-hosted a virtual skin care program where beauty consultants from Mary Kay and Rodan + Fields offered tips and demonstrated how to use various skin care products.

Finally, Teen Liaison, Chrystal Hernandez continued to provide teen programming and support at the San Pedro Branch this month. Ms. Hernandez assisted with the young adult collection development as well as various Take-and-Makes for teens.

SCHAEFER

During the month of September, Schaefer's Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser participated in a variety of online children's programs. She was the host for Story Time Online Live on Sept. 9 and on Sept. 23 she read a book and presented fun autumn activities to the group of children. LEGO Club Online started in September and will take place every other week through December. Leslie was the host for the programs on Sept. 14 and 28, and she also led the enthusiastic group of builders during one of the five creative challenges presented to the kids. Read to a Dog Online also started again on Sept. 21 after a brief hiatus after summer programming ended, and it continues to be a popular program with the kids excited about practicing their reading skills with the dogs.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez published a Fall themed Spotify playlist and a curated a catalog list for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. She also assisted Librarian Maria Adams with her Hispanic Heritage Display.

Library Assistant Al Chavez staff hosted the monthly Skimmer Book Club on September 21st from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. This monthly adult service program is currently a hybrid program that facilitates in person meeting with social distancing and also uses a Zoom session that allows patrons to join the meeting virtually. The book of discussion was “The Wisdom of Sally Red Shoes” by Ruth Hogan. There were 3 people in attendance.

In September 2021, Dacari Lambert, Teen Librarian at Schaefer Branch Library helped facilitate the weekly Teen Time Discord club with colleague, Chris Castillo. Dacari continues to work with teen services colleagues to meet the needs to teens across San Antonio with modified services and programming. In addition to programming, Dacari also helped her colleague Blanca Hernandez put together a Hispanic Heritage display that represented materials from all age groups.

SEMMES

Ms. Randi spent September presenting, hosting and co-hosting online programs for children via Zoom and postings on the library’s website. On September 2 and 23, she hosted Story Time Online Live via Zoom. On September 8 and 22, she hosted Toddler Time Online Live via Zoom. She presented songs and a story for Story Time Online Live on September 9. She led the children and caregivers in two fingerplays and an interactive game that tested their observational skills for Story Time Online Live on September 16. She also sang and played a song about okapis on her guitar for that program. On September 11, she used a Powerpoint presentation to moderate a discussion of the book, The Canyon’s



Edge, by Dusti Bowling for the Adventurers Book Club for children aged 9-12. She provided technical support/co-hosted Read to a Dog via Zoom on September 21. Her curated programs premiered on September 21 (Sheep Dog and Sheep Sheep by Eric Barclay) and September 27 (Bumpity Bump by Pat Hutchins). Ms. Randi recorded on the Dial A Story line two times: on September 10, she recorded Bob by Tracey Campbell Pearson and on September 17, she recorded Why Evergreens Keep Their Leaves by Annemarie Riley Guertin. On September 25, she co-hosted Cooking Around the World via Zoom. The children and their grownups enjoyed “traveling” to India with Chef Kelly from the San Antonio Food Bank and making a Mango Lassi (smoothie) in their home kitchens.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness was co-host and chat moderator for the popular self-care program Ayurveda on September 8. The main host Maggie Grueskin led the presentation. Ayurveda is held on the second Wednesday of every month.

The Film Noir Club program was held on September 9. This monthly discussion group watches a predetermined film noir movie and encourages a lively talk with engaging questions provided by the host. Ms. Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator.

Ms. Mjolsness served as chat moderator for the Noon Time Helping of Cooking program on September 9 and 23. The program series is offered bi-weekly on Thursday afternoons and covers various recipes and kitchen topics.

Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted Beginner's Chair Yoga programs on September 10 and 24. The chair yoga series has a dedicated following and is held the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

On September 24, Ms. Mjolsness was the Master of Ceremonies for the SAPL Live Trivia program. This popular program is held on the last Friday of every month.

Librarian Kimberly King attended the meetings for Teen Services, and Change Management. She created a book display highlighting new Young Adult Nonfiction, and an interactive activity which encouraged teens to vote for their favorite subject.

On September 28, Ms. King served as co-moderator for the Speak Geek program on "The Monsters We Love!" On September 29, she facilitated an outreach program for Library Card Sign Up month at the North East Senior Center.

Library Assistant Edward Mayberry attended the Teen Services and Esports Committee meetings. On September 4, he served as the facilitator for the Teen Library Instagram Live Cooking Demonstration with Neko (Pumpkin Bisque) and Jayden (Pecan Pie and Brussel Sprouts).

On September 8, Mr. Mayberry, along with coworkers Dan Garcia and Raquel Reyes, facilitated the Wage Equity podcast featuring community partners Coda Rayo-Garza and Kim Berry from the YWCA Olga Madrid Center.

On September 29, Mr. Mayberry facilitated the Organ Donation podcast featuring Jennifer Milton from the University Health Transplant Center, and Mario Cano, a recent lung transplant patient.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Barbaraella Frazier, Children's Librarian has continued to host the Read to A Dog program twice a month with solid attendance. Ms. Frazier co-hosted one of the first Cooking Around the World Saturday programs on September 25, 2021.

Adult Services and Assistant Manager, Rhonda Woolhouse, keeps topics fresh to encourage participation in the twice monthly Speak Geek virtual program she presents.

Friends of The San Antonio Public Library held their group's meeting at Tobin on Saturday, September 25. The group has made progress with their Book Cellar at Central now open on Friday's and Saturday's.

Tobin at Oakwell gladly welcomed new Library Aide, Jared Thompson on September 13, 2021. Mr. Thompson comes with experience working for North East Independent School District as a substitute for Molly Pruitt Library.

Marisa Debow celebrated 10 years with San Antonio Public Library and was recognized for her dedication and years of service this month.

WESTFALL

Westfall Library had an exciting September, highlighted by a visit from San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and District One Councilmember Mario Bravo during the District One Office's Public Services Event, which partially took place in the Westfall Meeting Room on Saturday, September 25th. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Bravo introduced themselves and took a picture with three Westfall Librarians—Angelina Cortes, Imelda Merino, and Heather Swindell—as well as one Library Aide, Jared Thompson, who was kindly assisting Westfall from Tobin for the day (see below). The event was received positively by the public, with almost 1,000 visits to Westfall Library on this day. Additionally, Westfall has seen renovation improvements to the gate on the West side of the building, which will soon be used as a secure space for SAPL use. Branch Manager Angela Morrow along with staff are looking forward to the impending cosmetic renovations to Westfall which were approved as a part of the new year's budget, for which planning meetings have already begun.



Angelina Cortes, Westfall's Adult Services Librarian, continues to work on her digital literacy curriculum and training. Her first Digital Inclusion class will be held in late October in-person. Additionally, Angelina recruited 7 SAPL staff to participate in a Digital Literacy 'Train-the-trainer' program through an outside non-profit organization, SAMSAT. She continues to support the LEARN Center service model by providing assistance in the branch during Learn's closed hours. This month Angelina completed NTEN's Digital Inclusion and Accessibility training, Digital Navigator training through the Cleveland Public Library and attended the SA Connects Digital Inclusion Zoom webinar to learn more about DI efforts in the city. She was also invited to be a part of Austin's Digital Empowerment Community of Austin (DECA). She meets regularly with her NTEN supervisor in Portland, Oregon and her Google Fiber sponsor/mentor in Austin through virtual meetings.

Children's Librarian Imelda Merino Participated in two Story Time Online programs, sharing songs and rhymes via Zoom with children and their families. One of the programs focused on Hispanic Heritage, so the songs and rhymes were in Spanish. She also participated in an Art Club program, which is also a Zoom program that children and their families can participate in. The theme for this was portraits, so she shared some interesting historical facts about portraiture before the main part of the program that involved the children actually creating their own portrait or some other work of art. She is currently working on her contribution to a "Say Thanks" Story Time which will be a special Story Time Online program that will take place on November 9th, 2021.

Heather Swindell, Teen Librarian, assisted Jenny, the Teen Librarian at Potranco, with running the weekly Bookworms program on Discord. The teens love the program because they get to discuss their thoughts on the book they're reading without it having the stress of being graded. Teens also interacted with the Banned Books Week display set up in the Teen Area, pointing out favorite titles or books they'd already read, and coloring the themed coloring pages from ALA to decorate the Teen Area.



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

FY 2021

CIRCULATION: GOAL



4,745,519
TOTAL FY GOAL

121% OF FYTD GOAL MET

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR 2021



5,751,098
ITEMS BORROWED

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



1,794,701
TOTAL FY GOAL

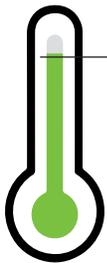
74% OF FYTD GOAL MET

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



1,322,542
VISITS

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



953,237
TOTAL FY GOAL

107% OF FYTD GOAL MET

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



59,445
COMPUTER
HOURS



959,218
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

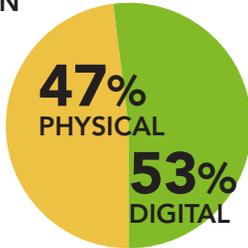
1,018,663

TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

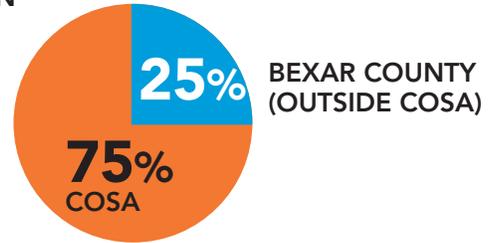
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS SEPTEMBER 2021 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2021

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2021



1,330,785
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

815,396
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

1,424,261
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

3,612,551
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2021

2,128
TOTAL PROGRAMS

963
ADULT PROGRAMS

561
TEEN PROGRAMS

604
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

34,241
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

8,940
ADULT ATTENDANCE

6,140
TEEN ATTENDANCE

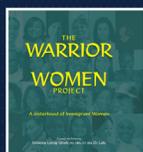
19,161
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

330 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

42,233 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

AN EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS



Wednesday
September 15
7 P.M. - 8 P.M.
Presented on Zoom

Join the
San Antonio Public Library
in a conversation with
the authors of
"The Warrior Women Project."



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CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



What do
you love
most about
your SAPL
card?

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Children's Book Picks BACK TO SCHOOL STORIES



Available on the SAPL is Here for You
resource guide!

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FILM NOIR CLUB THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 6:30-8 PM

JOIN US FOR
A DISCUSSION
OF THE FILM
"THE BIG SLEEP"

PRESENTED
ON ZOOM



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September 2021 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	2,246	3,225	3,956	675	3,280
Brook Hollow	25,507	9,016	4,205	425	3,780
Carver	2,241	3,043	2,537	691	1,846
Central	6,188	13,959	18,375	1,608	16,766
Cody	28,364	8,988	6,016	533	5,483
Collins Garden	3,159	1,913	3,642	448	3,194
Cortez	3,140	3,600	2,652	282	2,370
Encino	15,320	2,983	4,638	148	4,489
Forest Hills	375	58	0	0	0
Great Northwest	21,509	7,775	5,180	484	4,697
Guerra	5,835	3,547	3,570	426	3,144
Igo	33,966	11,035	8,833	435	8,398
Johnston	6,268	3,590	2,515	494	2,021
Landa	13,217	7,656	2,262	302	1,960
Las Palmas	2,585	3,719	3,089	566	2,523
Maverick	22,337	5,820	4,973	590	4,383
McCreless	1,125	81	970	0	970
Memorial	935	162	0	0	0
Mission	9,422	8,363	5,615	1,077	4,538
Pan American	2,838	2,476	1,935	328	1,607
Parman	30,767	11,336	5,898	237	5,662
Potranco	14,638	5,043	9,746	344	9,402
Pruitt	4,966	5,792	3,695	145	3,550
San Pedro	2,796	2,807	2,618	434	2,184
Schaefer	7,848	3,182	4,733	402	4,332
Semmes	20,726	9,144	6,812	632	6,180
Thousand Oaks	5,356	3,441	3,086	339	2,748
Tobin	15,618	5,955	3,310	472	2,838
Westfall	9,727	6,998	6,427	1,040	5,387
Kampmann Library Portal	0	843	184	0	184
Interlibrary Loan	1,332	0	0	0	0
Online/Phone Renewal	41,796	0	0	0	0
Digital	229,350	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	591,497	155,550	131,470	13,555	117,915

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

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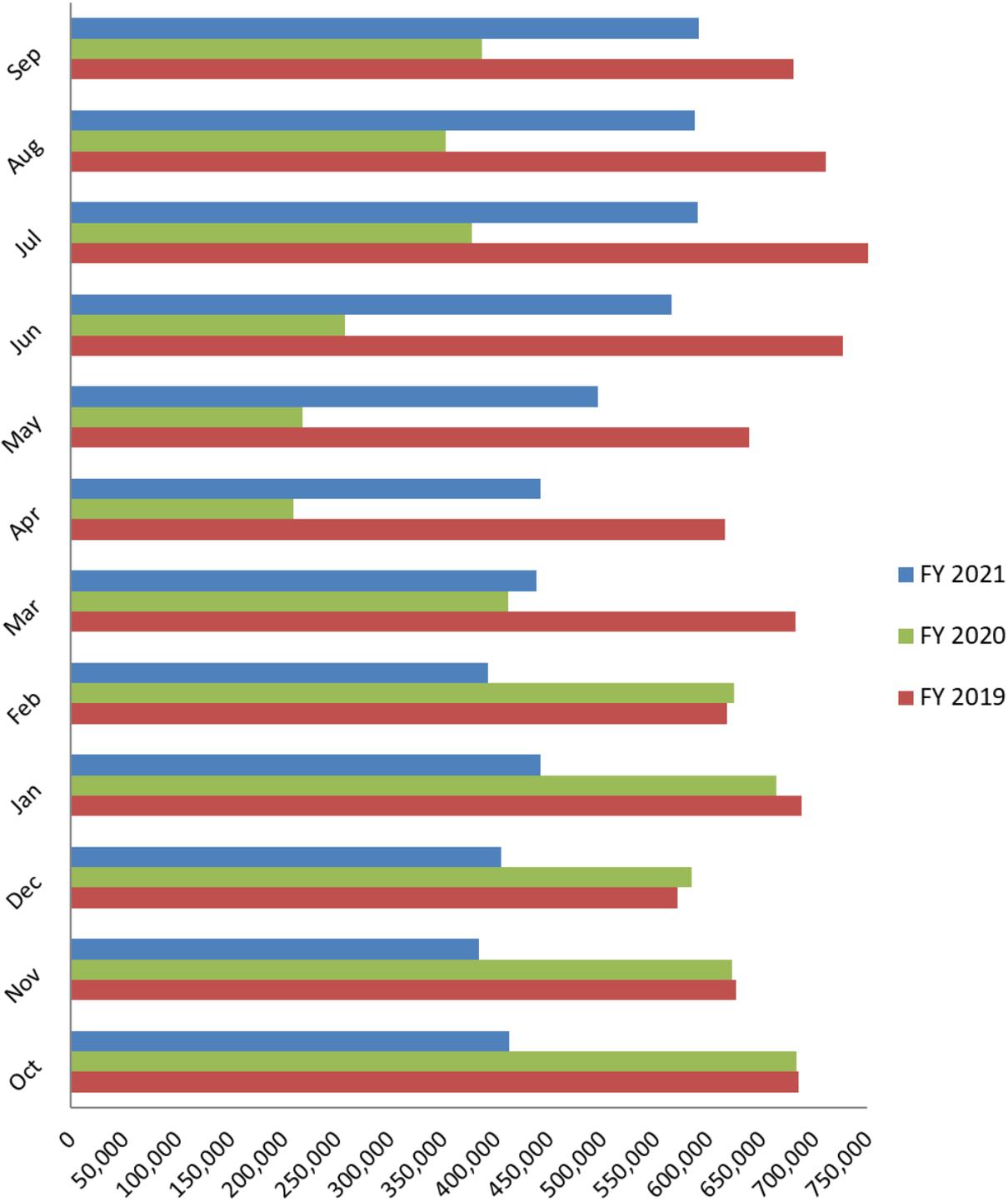
September 2021 Programs and Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, programs are developed with a system wide approach and not by location.

Location	Total Live Programs	Number of Programs			Total Live Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	2	2	0	0	7	7	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	2	0	0	28	28	0	0
Carver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cody	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins Garden	8	2	1	5	581	69	0	512
Cortez	9	9	0	0	48	48	0	0
Encino	5	5	0	0	24	24	0	0
Forest Hills	3	3	0	0	15	15	0	0
Great Northwest	7	7	0	0	37	37	0	0
Guerra	4	4	0	0	26	26	0	0
Igo	5	5	0	0	24	24	0	0
Johnston	1	0	0	1	19	0	0	19
Landa	3	3	0	0	25	25	0	0
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick	8	4	4	0	45	18	27	0
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	11	10	1	0	163	132	31	0
Pan American	5	5	0	0	25	25	0	0
Parman	20	20	0	0	105	105	0	0
Potranco	11	10	1	0	64	34	30	0
Pruitt	26	10	10	6	516	122	159	235
San Pedro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	2	2	0	0	16	16	0	0
Semmes	6	5	1	0	37	31	6	0
Thousand Oaks	2	2	0	0	5	5	0	0
Tobin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westfall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kampmann Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	2	0	0	2	23	0	0	23
System	69	12	31	26	1,079	139	303	637
TOTAL	211	122	49	40	2,912	930	556	1,426

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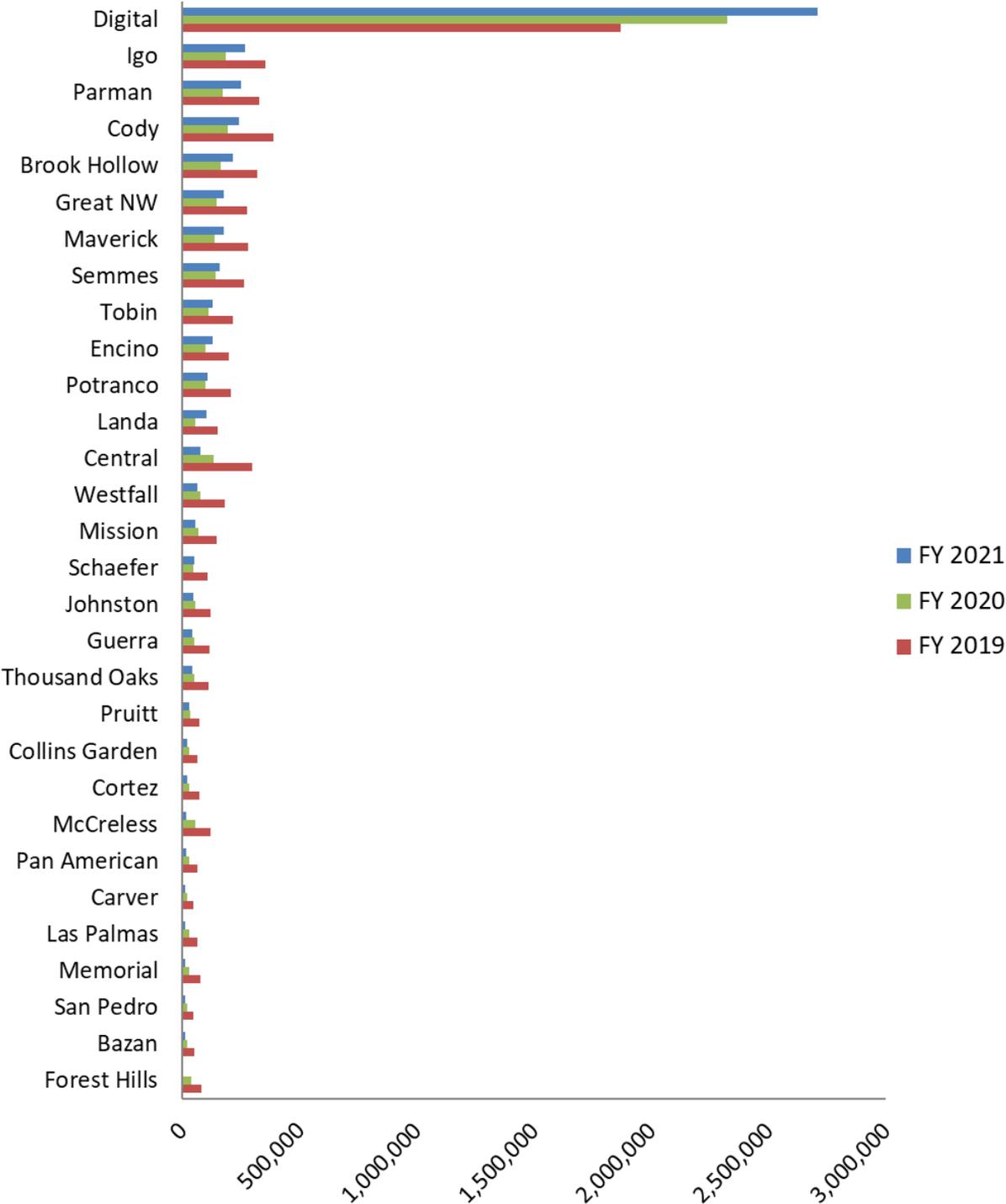
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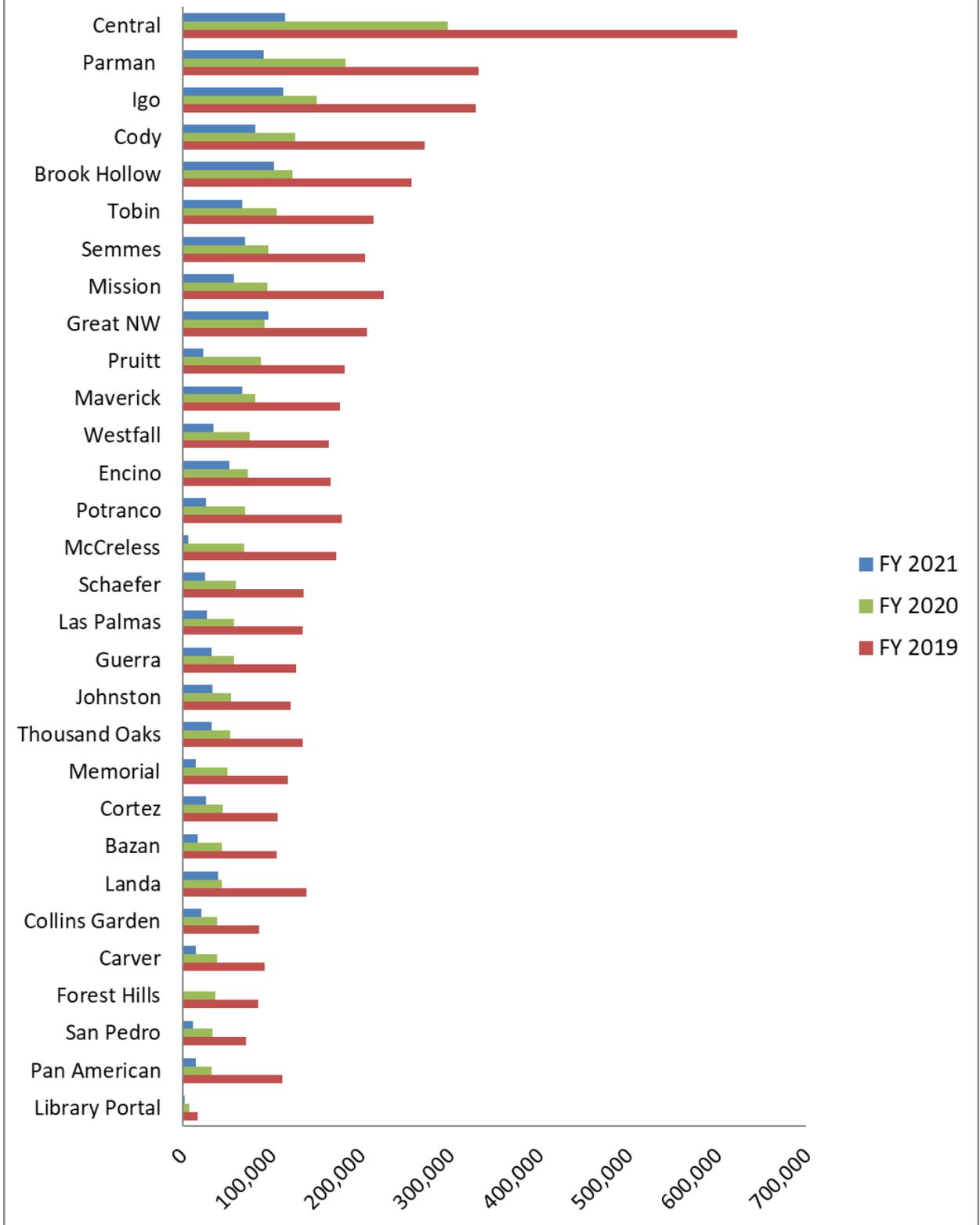


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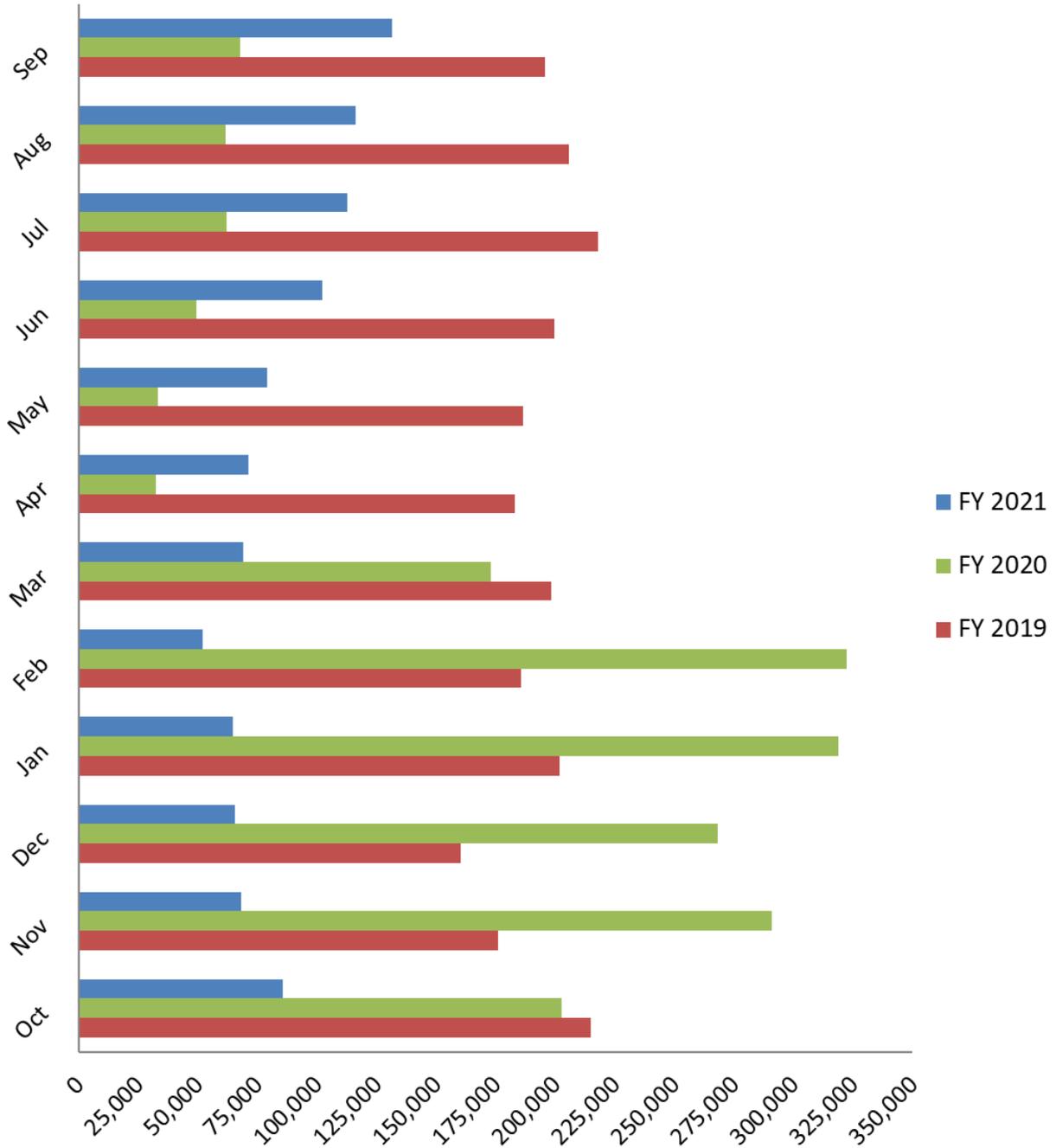
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Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



*Combined measure of Public Computers Hours of Use and Wi-Fi Hours of Use

1) Beginning December 12, 2018 - unlimited time on public computers when no one is waiting

2) Beginning October 31, 2019 - change in "User Idle Timeout" for Wi-Fi from 45 minutes to 4 hours

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APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – eVideoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.