

San Antonio Public Library Director's Report May 2022

San Antonio Book Festival returned to San Antonio's Central Library for the 10th annual rendition of the fest on May 22, 2022.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

On March 2, 2022, City Manager Erik Walsh visited the McCreless Branch Library for Public Service Worker Recognition week. Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar, Assistant City Manager David McCary, and Assistant to the City Manager John Peterek, met the McCreless staff and expressed appreciation for their service.

On May 4, 2022, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar served as the moderator for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions panel discussion, **Las Bibliotecas Públicas y su Impacto en la Reducción de la Soledad y el Aislamiento Social.** The international panel included panelists, Ester Omella y Claparois, Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, and Norma Zuniga.

On May 12, 2022 City Council adopted the Freedom to Read Resolution in response to efforts to censor library material.

On May 16, 2022, City Council Office District 5 held a Community Meeting to address the concerns of the Memorial Branch Library Friends group regarding interim services. Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar spoke with the group regarding their concerns.

MARKETING

- May 5 Univision aired a feature segment on SAPL's enhanced library card. Elma and McCreless' Learn Instructor, Lodie Mueller, were interviewed for this piece.
- May 5 TPR aired a highlight of SAPL's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month programs and events.
- May 11 KSAT 12 published a story highlighting where to vote early for the primary runoff elections and mentioned multiple SAPL locations.
- May 13 TPR reported on the City Council's Freedom to Read resolution and mentioned San Antonio Public Library.
- May 16 KSAT 12 aired a feature story on cooling centers over the weekend. They filmed at Central Library for the piece.
- May 18 San Antonio Report published an article on the approved plan for the World Heritage Center to be constructed near Mission Branch Library.
- May 19 KENS 5 reported on Bexar County's plan to expand broadband internet access. They
 visited Carver Library and conducted an interview with a patron.
- May 26 San Antonio Magazine highlighted Pop Madness in their "10 Things to do in San Antonio this Memorial Day Weekend."

• May 27 - KENS 5 highlighted Pop Madness in their "Morning Jolt" segment.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media generated 119,454 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 4,458 times.

Social Media statistics for the month(s):

Twitter: 6,284 followers

Facebook: 21.604 followers

Instagram:8,110 followers

YouTube statistics for the month(s):

Subscribers: 1,371

Impressions: 30,428

Total Views: 4,958

Videos published: 34

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including vinyl clings for Central Library to direct patrons to interim services, a vinyl cling for the children's area at the newly remodeled Bazan Branch Library, additional Summer with SAPL materials, and developing materials for Pride Month, as well as social media and other promotion for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On May 3, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana joined Public Services and Facilities colleagues at Collins Garden to review the installation and use of a temporary door counter.

On May 4, Mr. Spana met with Assistant Director for Support Services Kathy Donellan, Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek, and Assistant to the Director Jessica Zurita to review revisions to the Library's 5-year IT roadmap.

On May 12, Mr. Spana met with Management Team colleagues for a final review of projects considered for the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund.

On May 13, Mr. Spana joined colleagues from ITSD and the Library to finalize details related to Office 365 license right-sizing and a future migration from an on-premises Exchange server environment to a Microsoft cloud-hosted solution.

On May 20, Mr. Spana met with Aaron Bandstra, ITSD project manager for the Omnigo incident reporting system, to review a draft of the service level agreement document for the new platform.

On May 23, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun met with interim Library Services Administrator Haley Holmes and Access Services Manager Sarah Linley to present a Digital Services perspective on managing circulation services and policies for the library system.

On May 31, Mr. Spana met with Management Team colleagues to finalize details regarding technology projects submitted to ITSD for funding consideration in FY23.

LITTLE READ WAGON



May heralded the return of regular weekly outdoor play events for the Little Read Wagon (LRW) team. Let's Play at Woodlawn Park took place on Wednesdays, Let's Play at O.P. Schnabel Park occurred on Fridays and Let's Play at San Pedro Park was held on the second Saturday in May. Staff set out a variety of loose parts, sensory, messy and natural materials plus a makerspace and large play items. Children were given time and space to play, explore and experiment. More than 300 children enjoyed Let's Play at Woodlawn, O.P. Schnabel and San Pedro Park over the month of May.

Attendance grew throughout the month at both weekly park locations as new families learned about the events and returning families rediscovered that LRW was regularly out at the parks. Play is vital to developing early literacy as everything a child knows about reading and writing before they can read and write is early literacy. This includes not only print awareness and holding writing tools but healthy body and brain development. The two-hour timeframe of the events is designed not only so that adults have time to get their children to the park, but so that children have enough time to play. When children can choose what to play with, how to play with it and how long to play children can experiment. It is through the process of experimentation, or trial and error, that resilience is developed. Resilience is strengthened by practicing conflict resolution as children work near and with other children as they play. When children

want an item that is in the possession of another child they learn how to allocate resources (or not) and while it is often imperfect, this too is experiential learning. True learning occurs in the process, not in the product or end result.

LRW staff were also busy with a number of other events throughout the month of May that took place at 14 off-site locations. Eva Banda and Melisa Hill visited the Mennonite Church and set up play materials. The church hosts asylum seeking migrant families, a local parenting group, and foster care families. Julia Lazarin invited families in Head Start at Cody Elementary in the Northside Independent School District to read a book with their young children in the LRW reading tents. Ms. Lazarin offered a bedtime routine workshop at Family Service's Pilgrim Head Start. Ms. Banda and Megan Cruz provided virtual workshops for Avance families, one for Spanish speaking families and one for English speaking families, impacting 168 children. Ms. Banda provided end of the school year visits to two high schools that have groups of parenting students, San Antonio Independent School District's Cooper Academy at Navarro and North East Independent School District's LEE High School. Ms. Banda also hosted the last virtual bilingual Story Time of the school to children at the Navarro Learning Center and looks forward to visiting children in person next school year.

There are a number of large events in the next fiscal year that LRW staff are preparing for as well. Planning for the annual teacher training series is underway and staff are finalizing the topic. Baby Day 2023 might move from February to March or April, with final word from partner organization First3Years coming before the end of June. The USA International Play Association (IPA) 2022 annual conference will be held in San Antonio in October. LRW staff submitted a proposal to present on play equity, resilience building through play and a public library's role in promoting open-ended play opportunities. LRW has been invited to provide a demonstration of the Let's Play at the Park events at an outdoor location and is involved with coordinating the City of San Antonio's contribution to the October conference. Staff look forward to creating joyful, memorable experiences for children and adults at these events.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

System-wide, children's librarians were busy promoting Summer with SAPL at schools and community events. Promotional materials included bookmarks, featured guest flyers, and pencils and buttons retained from summer 2021. With Kristin Yourdon (Cody) serving as lead, Olivia Escovedo (Cortez), Lisa Taylor (Parman), Karen Braeuler (San Pedro), and Christine Deffendall (Memorial) created a promotional video which was customized to feature the children's librarian at each location. Cresencia Huff represented SAPL at Book It Around the World, a family event hosted by San Antonio Independent School District. She had the opportunity to share summer information with elementary school librarians and families from across the district.



In preparation for summer, children's librarians attended a process art workshop led by Susan Oaks. Ms. Oaks is an artist and art educator advocating for process-focused art experiences for children. Workshop participants selected from a large variety of recycled items to create unique items. In the discussion at the conclusion of the experience, children's librarians reflected on their personal reactions to the process focus and shared strategies for engaging children and families who are accustomed to more structured craft projects.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities – The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with off-site teen volunteers ("Teen Mods") to host weekly virtual teen programs ("clubs") on Discord ("the server") along with additional activities and events. Throughout the reporting period, teens shared original music and game creations, watched new anime shows, played new tabletop games, discussed exciting summer plans, and offered advice and compassion to their peers through meaningful conversations about current events happening in the world and in their personal lives. Teens who are interested in creating art for virtual teen programs are now eligible to become a new type of teen volunteer - "Artist in Residence" - on the server; two new teen volunteers applied to server in this role, and have started to create several different pieces of artwork for upcoming virtual events. The server also hosted its third "Rainbow Films" virtual screening event on Friday, May 27, featuring music videos with LGBTQ+ artists and storylines that were selected by high school students from the Advanced Learning Academy's GSA group.

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I, Teen Library @ Central) joins Chris Castillo (Teen Services Librarian II, Brook Hollow) on Tuesdays to help facilitate "Create Club" on Discord, in which teens share their current creations, completed projects, and new and favorite hobbies. As the newest Teen Library staff member, Rosalie continues to interact and engage with teens as they visit and explore the Teen Library.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) creates graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content, such as polls and quizzes, and highlight celebratory events, such as *Star Wars Day*. Regina also evaluates teen-created content for posting as well, including providing tools and supplies or editing needs for Instagram videos, such as ones presented by teen volunteer Cristina, who showcased her love of baking by sharing her banana bread recipe. Regina also presented an Instagram Live demo where one teen attempted a STEM building challenge of making a 3D standing ring using Pringles.

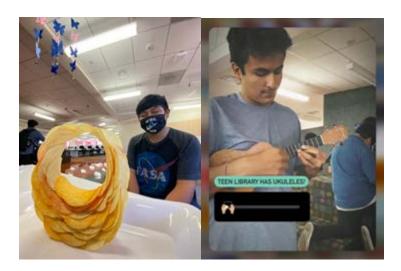
Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT, Teen Library @ Central) continues to engage with teens via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. Ciana takes both teen and staff content and presents it as posts and stories, as well as creating indirect programming. She continues to participate in Instagram Live videos 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 and Bek Corley (Teen Services Librarian II Guerra) host Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server.

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 Teen Services Discord team, Teen Summer workgroup, 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. During the reporting period, teen volunteers and teens celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month through food demos (Mango Royale Filipino Icebox Cake, Spam Musubi, Fancy Ramen, and Boba Tea) and book displays. Teens also showcased food demos for easy crepes, jalapeño poppers, and corn in a cup; celebrated the Teen Library's seventh birthday; shared book reviews and Spotify playlists; and fun Stories about daily celebrations. Teen Services staff also highlighted in-person activities for teens and the selected poets from the Young Pegasus 2022 Anthology as well as a book display for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Pictures below: Teen on his second attempt at a building challenge; a snapshot of an Instagram poll



ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On May 28, Pop Madness returned as an in person event for the first time since 2020. Pop Madness is the Library's annual celebration of all things Pop Culture. This year, the event was held at Igo Branch Library. Roughly 1000 people attended throughout the course of the day. A variety of activities were available throughout the day. Stations included an anime craft area where folks could create a collage coaster with volumers of anime and graphic novels as well as a plushy onigiri rice ball made from felt and quilt stuffing, a karaoke area where fans could request their favorite K pop tune (though all musical tastes were welcome from songs from Disney's Encanto to GIrls Just Want to Have Fun by Cyndi Lauper), gaming area that featured both table top and console gaming, a haunted escape room in the haunted shack on Igo's grounds (throughout the day, there was always a waiting list for folks that wanted to challenge themselves), activities for children and their trusted adults (including a demonstration by Tom Kinsey of Learn Nature), and a variety of demonstrations throughout the day (including a fairy Story Time for children, belly dancing, a magician, and vikings). The day culminated in a cosplay contest with categories for adults and teens. The winning teen costume was an individual that created their own costume version of the Little Caeser's Mascot, and the winning adult costume was an individual that traveled from Pflugerville (near Austin) to participate in the contest. The day was a great success and both staff and participants enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate pop culture together in person again.

During the month of May, the San Antonio Public Library offered a variety of both online and in person events in recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This month-long observance recognizes the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Highlights of the opportunities provided throughout the month included a presentation and demonstration of the dance form Bharatanatyam, which originates from India. Dancers from the Kaveri Natya Dance Group shared their craft with participants at five branch locations as well as online. A second highlight from the month was an online session that focused on umami, which is recognized as the fifth basic taste and was discovered by a Japanese chemist in 1908. During this online presentation, the coordinator of the Japanese program at UTSA provided participants with a basic introduction to umami.

May is also recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, which strives to bring awareness to mental health and fight the stigma associated with mental health conditions.. The Library offered a total of 7 sessions throughout the month, both in person and online, to advance the goals of Mental Health Awareness Month. Highlights include an in person session at Potranco Branch Library presented in partnership with the National Alliance for Mental Health (NAMI). The session featured an informative presentation regarding mental health and mental health conditions as well as a presentation by an individual living with a mental health condition who shared their mental health journey. Participants were given the opportunities to ask questions and engage in dialogue to push back against the stigma of mental health conditions. A second session offered during May was an online showing of a documentary called Mind Games, which focuses on the mental health condition Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). The creators of this documentary shared their journey in creating this documentary to give a full picture about OCD beyond the stereotypes of repetitive behavior. The creators also shared some of the stories they collected while creating the documentary and their own experiences with OCD.

OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In May, the San Antonio Public Library celebrated Older Americans month, recognizing the unique and valuable contributions that older adults contribute to our community. A total of 18 events were hosted throughout the month to provide older adults with opportunities to engage with the library in a way that meets their specific needs. Highlights of events held throughout the month are as follows:

Digital Literacy Sessions for Older Adults - Marcella McGowan, Training Officer with Learn at SAPL at Johnston Branch Library hosted a total of 8 in person sessions throughout the month that provided older adults the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills related to technology. These sessions included opportunities for older adults with a beginner level knowledge of technology that provided handson opportunities to learn how to use or improve skills in using a keyboard or mouse. As with all learning opportunities presented by Learn at SAPL, these sessions met participants where they were in an environment where participants were empowered to improve their knowledge and skill, regardless of their current level of knowledge and skill. In addition to these introductory sessions, Ms McGowan also hosted three sessions for older adults with more advanced digital literacy skills to further expand their knowledge. These sessions were specifically focused on databases that the Library provides access to that are relevant to older adults. The databases featured in these sessions were Consumer Health Complete, Alt Health Watch, and Pub Med.

Be Well, Live Well: During Older Americans Month, Central Reference Librarian Sally Bauer partnered with Better Living for Texans (a program of Texas AgriLife Extension) to facilitate a five session series entitled Be Well, Live Well: a Program on Healthy Aging. This session was hosted online and provided many interactive opportunities for older adults to learn how to reduce their risk for various diseases and have a healthy lifestyle. These sessions included multiple cooking demos that supported the topics presented throughout the series.

Celebrate Older Americans Month with Senior Planet - Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson from Memorial Branch Library facilitated two sessions in partnership with Senior Planet (a service of AARP). These sessions, which were hosted online, highlighted the various services available to older adults through both the Library and Senior Planet as well as other topics of interest. Specific topics included in

these two sessions included a demonstration of an iPad to bring awareness to the Older Adults Device Lending Program, the various opportunities available through Senior Planet (including a tutorial of navigating Senior Planet's website to register for specific opportunities), using a mobile device (such as a tablet or smartphone) to access the online opportunities and resources available through both the Library and Senior Planet, opportunities and resources available through the Library focused on the specific needs of older adults, and an introduction to the Affordable Connectivity Program and its application process to assist older adults in obtaining a low-cost internet connection. These two sessions were focused on providing information in an interactive and engaging way that empowers older adults to live their best life.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN @ CENTRAL







The highlight of the month for the Central Children's department was the Pop Madness event at the Igo Branch Library. Librarian Ashley Stubbs and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez, planned and presented all the children's activities for this large event. They worked together over the course of the entire year to arrange all the family-friendly fun. Events they organized were the Learn Nature session with naturalist Tom Kinsey, an array of take-home activity kits, and a popular magic-themed station in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department. Librarian Melissa Fulmer helped staff the San Antonio Public Library info book and connected with several hundred families throughout the day. Ms. Stubbs presented a very well-received Fairy Story Time – while dressed in a fairy costume! The culmination of the family activities was the Kid's Costume Cavalcade, in which the children showed off their imaginative cosplay costumes.

The San Antonio Book Festival was the other high point of the month. Central Children's department staff assisted families all day, but Assistant Manager and Ms. Stubbs took the extra step to assist with the Festival at the Children's Authors area.

Ms. Seglin and Ms. Fulmer visited several classes at Bonham Elementary School, where they shared stories, songs and information about the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Fulmer also assisted Jasmin

Salinas, Children's Librarian at the Landa Branch Library, in presenting three outdoor Story Times there. Their dynamic programs featured stories, songs and dance parties in the grass with a bubble machine!

Ms. Seglin, Librarian Ashley Stubbs and Ms. Fulmer each contributed to virtual programming for children in May. Ms. Seglin recorded a video that premiered on the San Antonio Public Library's YouTube page for the Tiny Tots programming group. She also presented two Toddler Time programs and one LEGO Club program. Ms. Stubbs presented two online Story Time Live programs, and supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time weekly programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and made several curated programs. Ms. Fulmer participated in a Baby Time Online program. Finally, Ms. Stubbs recorded a story for the Dial-A-Story service.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Escape the Earth podcast, along with Tim Johnson (Igo) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow). This month they discussed the world-bending book *Rabbits* by Terry Miles, itself based on a popular podcast. Ms. Fernandez also helped staff an information table about the Escape the Earth Podcast at the Pop Madness event. There were trivia discussions and interviews which will be aired on a new podcast episode soon.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin delivered books in support of the curriculum at Madison Square Child Development Center and for the first time, held an outdoor in-person Story Time for the children! Ms. Stubbs and Manager Kate Simpson made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School and Discovery School, respectively. Ms. Stubbs also presented three outdoor Story Times for the children at Central Christian Day School.

TEEN LIBRARY

During the reporting period, teens used computers in the Teen Library, browsed the YA collection, used craft supplies to create, played video games with their peers, and used the 3D printer to bring their designs to life. Teen Library staff serve free snacks from the San Antonio Food Bank during after-school hours to teens in the space. Regina Almanza (Library Assistant) provided teens the opportunity to suggest and/or join in for a variety of activities, such as after-school crafts and cooking demos. During the reporting period, teens made "fancy" ramen, jalapeño poppers, boba tea, corn in a cup, and pancake art (all by requests from teens). For an afterschool activity, teens requested slime-making materials, and from memory created bright, stretchy, aromatic slime pieces. Regina also fulfilled the monthly Food Bank nutrition lesson requirement by providing items for teens to prepare and try mango lassi, a traditional Indian yogurt drink. Pictures from these programs can be found on Teen Library at Central's Instagram page.

On May 27, Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) made two visits to Positive Solutions High School to speak to teens. Kathleen was invited to talk to the students about how to become a librarian, what her job entails, information about the Teen Summer program, and what services and resources the Library offers for teens. In addition, Kathleen was invited to take a look at the small collection the teens had developed for their makeshift library. They were excited to show off their excellent work and had several questions about how they could improve the organization of the collection.

Pictures below: Teens preparing for pancake art activity; teens loading games for the Oculus; teen making slime at the library.



REFERENCE

During May, Julia Selwyn, David Gallin-Parisi, Melissa Gomez and Jordan Torres created and hosted four LibAnswer and LibChat staff classes. This LibAnswer and LibChat project will expand our virtual reference services to San Antonio Public Library locations system-wide. Librarians and Library Assistants from more than 20 branches received interactive Zoom training and a live demonstration of the two virtual reference platforms, as well as a Q & A session.

For the month of May, in celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month, patrons had the opportunity to participate in a Downtown-centric scavenger hunt. Patrons had the opportunity to visit hidden gems in the

downtown area equipped with a handy checklist. If at least 5 items on the list were found they were able



to return to the Central Library to receive a custom button.

During May for Older Americans Month, Sally Bauer presented "Be Well, Live Well: A Program on Healthy Aging- a 5 part Zoom program." Presenter was Natalia Ramos of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

On Fri May 6, David Gallin-Parisi met with the Trinity University Pride '22 President, student Steven Drake. The meeting was seeking information about the community of student LGBTQ people, and building bridges between San Antonio Public Library and the student organization.

On May 11, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled OptimizeU: Food as Medicine as part of a health and fitness theme. The session was presented by Maggie Grueskin, Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist, Chopra Center Perfect Health Certified Instructor and guest speaker, Registered Dietician, Charmin Ashchenbrener, to explore research on the benefits of a plant-based lifestyle.

On May 13, as part of Asian American Heritage Month (APAHM) services, Pannaga Prasad and Cynthia Deleon offered a virtual session entitled Strings and Feet: demonstration, presentation of two art forms: Veena an Indian classical instrument and Bharatanatyam classical dance. This session was presented by a Music Faculty from Samspra Academy and Dance Group, Austin, Texas.

On May 14, as part of Asian American Heritage Month (APAHM) services, Pannaga Prasad and Cynthia Deleon offered a virtual session entitled Use of Violin: Indian Ragas and Emotions. This session was presented by the Music Faculty from Samspra Academy and Dance Group, Austin, Texas.

On May 19, as part of Asian American Heritage Month (APAHM) services, Pannaga Prasad and Jordan Torres offered a virtual session entitled Classical Dance Performance: Bharatanatyam. The session was presented by Kaveri Natya Yoga Dance group, San Antonio, Texas.

On May 20, as part of Asian American Heritage Month (APAHM) services, Pannaga Prasad and Cynthia Deleon offered a virtual session entitled Experience the music of the Tabla. This session was presented by a professional Tabla instrument player from Sangeet Bharati America, Inc.

On May 25th, Marcel Martinez Alvarez, Patricia Perez, Shauna Mendoza and Angelina M. Cortes held two 'Lending Device Program for Older Adults' iPad checkout events. Staff went to Harlandale Civic Center and District 2 and held a total of 37 one-on-one orientations with older adults.

On May 25th Library Assistant JD Elizondo met with representatives at the San Antonio Museum of Art to discuss SAPL programming, outreach, and partnership opportunities with SAMA. JD represented the SAPL Variety show at Pop Madness on May 28th.

On May 27, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled Beginner's Chair Yoga Class as part of a health and fitness theme. The session was presented by a Professional Yoga Instructor from the Idoyogasa organization.

Pannaga Prasad organized an Asian Pacific Heritage Month (APAHM) event entitled Classical Dance: Bharatanatyam as in-person program at San Pedro on May 14, Thousand Oaks on May 21, Pruitt at Roosevelt HS on May 24, Semmes on May 28, Parman on May 29 respectively by coordinating with the presenter and these library locations library staff. This session was presented by Kaveri Natya Yoga group, San Antonio, Texas.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

In partnership with the Mexican American Civil Rights Institute, the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) presented a children's program to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Mendez v. Westminster case, with an author talk by Duncan Tonatiuh. The event, in which Mr. Tonatiuh presented his book "Separate is Never Equal," was hosted by Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca and attended by the general public and over 150 students from Las Palmas Elementary School. Each student received a copy of the book to add to their home libraries.

Ms. Flores participated in the Paseo del Westside event on May 7 with Texana's Sylvia Reyna and provided information about upcoming LCRC programming. Despite scorching temperatures, the turnout was impressive and community members expressed appreciation for the library's presence and resources.

The systemwide LCRC Committee met for the first time in May. Composed of 15 Librarians, Training Officers, and Library Assistants from across the system, the group discussed efforts to bring an LCRC presence into the branches through programming.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



Librarian Sylvia Reyna at the Paseo por el Westside community gathering.

Librarian Sylvia Reyna participated in the annual Paseo por el Westside preservation extravaganza hosted by the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center on May 7. She conducted two presentations: *How to Preserve Your Family Documents* and *How to do Your House History*. Ms. Reyna then provided outreach by staffing an information table to distribute San Antonio Public Library branded giveaways and promote Texana/Genealogy resources. Latino Collection and Resource Center Coordinator Emily Flores accompanied her.

Librarian Andrew Crews presented two in-person "Introduction to Ancestry" classes for Reference staff in the Central Connect training room on May 12 and May 19. The classes provided staff training on locating vital records from Texas and other states, along with tips for researching historical newspaper articles within the Newspaper Archive database and New York Times database.

On May 13, Mr. Crews presented two classes on "Using Census Records for Genealogy Research" to both the east and west campuses of the Blue Skies Air Force retirement communities. The next day he presented a virtual class on using city directories in family history research.

Ms. Reyna led a virtual beginning genealogy class on May 14. She went over how to start gathering the family information needed in order to begin researching in historical records, as well as where to find and how to use these resources.

Mr. Crews participated in the Digital Inclusion Month Initiative by conducting a virtual class on "Using Ancestry Library Edition" on May 17 and also assisted Freddy Hudson by monitoring the virtual presentation on Resume Building on May 31.

Mr. Crews partnered with Marcella McGowan at the Johnston Branch for a May 26 program on recording and preserving oral histories of Seniors as part of the Older Americans Month Initiative.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

Bazan staff continued to provide interim services in May at the San Antonio Natatorium while the branch remained closed for improvements. Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen along with Circulation Attendant Sarah Chavarria staffed the location and assisted customers, many of whom expressed their appreciation for the services and convenience of location.

Teen Gaming Club continued to foster creativity and social skills. Led by Teen Librarian Georgina Garcia and Cassie Garza, Gaming Club fostered participation where teens take initiative to execute an idea, and the facilitators provide resources to make it successful. Teens looked forward to sharing their ideas on creating games. One of the teens shared their latest creation and sought feedback from the group to make the game into an app for phones. The *Club* continued to see new teens join and quickly become acquainted. Early in the month a teen suggested watching a gaming related movie after commencing the program, and a few teens gathered to watch it online together.

Carlos Loera, formerly Library Assistant at the Collins Garden branch, joined the Bazan team in May as the new Learn Training Officer. Mr. Loera trained alongside other Training Officers for two weeks in May in preparation for the reopening of the Learn Center at Bazan in June.

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BROOK HOLLOW

BHL hosted Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting Monday, April 25-May, 3, 2022 and Election Day, Saturday, May 7. BHL also hosts Bexar County Election Department's Runoff Election May 16-22 and election day Tuesday, May 24th.

New Assistant Manager and Teen Librarian Chris Castillo, formerly teen librarian at the Great Northwest Library, joined the BHL Team in May. Castillo is an active member of the San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) Teen Services Department who participates in system-wide initiatives such as DisCord and Pride Month activities. Chris is a welcomed addition to the BHL Team.

Library Assistant Elissa Vura along with Librarian Tim Johnson (Igo Library) and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central – Children's) hosted the Escape the Earth podcast—a monthly sci-fi and fantasy book discussion. The May episode discussed the book *Rabbits* by Terry Miles and has received over 90 plays. Members of the Escape the Earth podcast also hosted a sci-fi/fantasy trivia game at PopMadness—a pop culture celebration event held May 28th at the Igo Library. Attendees of all ages participated in the trivia game with the Escape the Earth crew and will be able to hear themselves on an upcoming episode of the show. The crew prides themselves in being able to promote literacy and the use of library materials as they connect with the San Antonio community. The Escape the Earth podcast can be found on Soundcloud on the San Antonio Public Library Podcast TunedIn Channel.

In May, Adult Librarian Marco De Leon lead the La Tertulia Book Club to discuss "La distancia entre nosotros" by Reyna Grande with 13 members attending. The Brook Hollow Mystery Book Club met to discuss "The Girl Who Died" by Ragnar Jonasson with 11 members in attendance.

BHL's new Children's Librarian Amanda Neace onboards the BHL Team in June. Neace hails from Kentucky and has more than 10 years of experience in children's services. She'll hit the ground running in the midst of the summer reading program Summer with SAPL! The BHL Children's Department is humming along with summer reading sign ups; monthly scavenger hunts; the Read to a Dog, in-person program, returns in June and the area is highly decorated for the summer.

Teens ages 13 through 18 continued to gather at Brook Hollow library for weekly in-person programming in May. This month's teen-driven activities, facilitated by Library Assistant Elissa Vura, included video games, board games, and crafts. Area teens are loving their local library and know it is a welcoming place to hang out, meet other teens, and be creative.

BHL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies volunteered during the San Antonio Book Festival in May and enjoyed listening to authors such as David Baldacci and the author who wrote a children's book about San Antonio's Castro Brothers.

Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in May featuring Cinco De Mayo and Mother's Day foods. See mysapl.org under the events tab to register for Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen. Father's Day and 4th of July will be on the menu in June. Davies is working on a new Texas Library Association's (TLA)'s Libraries Transform Texas Podcast highlighting the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library as part of the TLA's PR Committee. See the TLA website.

CARVER

Ramiro Salazar, director of San Antonio Public Library, and JoAnn Harris, SAPL Board Trustee, were among the guests at the Carver Friends 7th Annual Pan African Cultural Festival. Other guests included Public Service Administrator Jacob Odland and Executive Assistant to the Director Edward Mayberry.

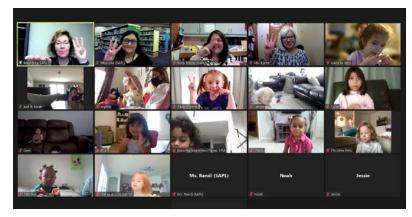
The event began with the Pan African Conversation a panel presentation that featured Dr. March Perry of UTSA's Department of Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality Studies. This portion of the festival centers on issues related to African Diaspora and is always informative and rousing. An estimated 300 people turned out for the day-long celebration. During a break in the festivities, Carver Friends Aundar Maat and president Kathy Bee congratulated Branch Manager DL Grant with the African "Thinking Man" sculpture for completing the doctor of philosophy degree in library and information science. Dr. Grant matriculated at Dominican University's School of Information Studies on May 8.

Dr. Grant joined the library's block walking team during the week of May 23 to connect with people across the city to gather input for SAPL's community assessment needs survey. It was very warm going door-to-door, he said, but well worth the effort hearing from people how they believe the library can support their information needs.

In an effort to promote the library's services to youths, Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop, Children's Librarian Lisa Ramirez and DL Grant visited schools in the Carver service area observing career day during the final weeks of studies. The staffers enjoyed interacting with youngsters and exposing them to careers in public libraries. Dr. Grant, who visited two classes of middle schoolers at Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, also appreciated networking with the other professionals, some of whom expressed interest in visiting the branch to enjoy the many services SAPL offers.

Carver branch welcomed back the Mercado por tu Corazon on May 4th, encouraging library patrons to pick up fresh produce at discounted prices. Carver also continued to participate in the display bundles offered by Collection Development, this month picking up the AAPI Heritage Month bundle to display.

Lisa Ramirez, Children's Librarian, participated in a number of virtual and inperson activities throughout May. On May 6th, Ms. Ramirez co-hosted virtual Baby Time along with other Children's librarians. On that same day, Ms. Ramirez visited Dorie Miller Elementary for their in-person Career Day. She visited 4 different classrooms and discussed the librarian profession, read two books, and promoted the Summer Reading Program. On May 10th, Ms. Ramirez co-hosted a virtual Lego Time Program with other Children's Librarians, and also co-hosted a virtual Toddler Time on May 18th as well.



On May 20th, Ms. Ramirez visited Martin Luther King Academy to present to five classrooms on the librarian profession, read two books, and promote the Summer Reading program. On May 28th, Ms.

Ramirez created her first Trumba listing for her first in-person Sidewalk Chalk activity at the Carver branch. Children were encouraged throughout the weekend to complete a sidewalk chalk mosaic. New Summer Library end cap displays were also completed, and new decorations were set up in the Children's Area in preparation for Summer Reading.

AWE computers were turned on and children were able to use the computers while visiting the library. Children were encouraged to color in coloring sheets offered in the library, and to complete puzzles. Several families were also given information about the upcoming Summer Reading program.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop started the month out by changing the displays in the Teen Room at Carver to short fiction books. They attended Mini Mini Con on May 6th with other Teen Services staff and a few teen volunteers to promote teen programming and library services in general by making buttons for attendees, having free comics, and a manga reading area. On May 17th, together with Teen Librarian Laura Herman they joined other local organizations at a job fair hosted by Sam Houston High School, highlighting volunteering opportunities with the library and other teen services provided. Then on May 24th, Mx. Prukop joined Anne Calonico at Brandeis High School, making buttons and informing teens about services available to them through the library. May 28th, Mx. Prukop helped run Pop Madness by coordinating the anime area crafts of felt onigiri and create-your-own coasters using comics and manga, as well as emceeing the cosplay contest.

Throughout May, Mx. Prukop continued working with teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server through the Sunday Funday and D&D programs. Sunday Funday has become a collaboration between the teens who created the club and the staff helping, each taking turns and choosing what to do for the upcoming weeks and helping out. In D&D, several teens have taken on leadership roles, with Mx. Prukop helping plan and soundboard ideas before or after sessions to help the teens gain confidence in their roles.

CODY

The Cody Branch Library served as a polling location for early voting and election day for both the San Antonio Bond Election and the Joint Primary Runoffs, serving over 4200 voters in the month of May. The branch also saw the return of the children's AWE computers, in person Lego club, and meeting room rentals.

Library Assistants Luanne Bloom and Angela Olivarez continue providing engaging staff Wellness sessions on topics such as blood pressure and mental health. A rousing game of Celebrity Coasters kept staff guessing and laughing on May 17.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon held an in-person Lego Club program at the branch on May 4th. Children enjoyed free-building with the provided Legos which were then displayed in the children's area.



Yourdon presented during Game Time Online on May 5th. Yourdon wrote a story that incorporated a lot of hand and arm movements. During the program Yourdon read the story to the children, who had to remember the correct movements and try to keep up with them. Yourdon helped with the Landa Outdoor Story Time on May 5th, leading songs and reading books.

Yourdon participated in a Nature Play program at Hardberger Park on May 7th and held a Story Time at the park on May 10th. Yourdon co-hosted the Adventurer's Book Club meeting on May 14th and helped with the Little Read Wagon's Let's Play at OP Schnabel Park on May 19th.

Yourdon led children in a free drawing activity during Art Club Online on May 12th. Yourdon played some classical music and instrumental Disney music while the children drew. Children talked about how the music influenced their drawing and presented their artwork to one another.

Yourdon continued to offer weekly scavenger hunts at the branch, including Star Wars, nature fairies, Lego minifigures, and cowboy themes.

On May 28th, Michael Dunbar-Rodney hosted the program, Mind Games: The Making of an OCD Documentary. During the program, the producers of the documentary film, Mind Games, which shows the darker aspects of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, discussed what they learned over the course of creating the documentary as well as sharing their own experiences with OCD.

COLLINS GARDEN

Collins Garden Library hosted a Metro Health Pop Up Clinic on May 3. The clinic offered free flu and COVID-19 vaccines to members of the community. The branch also hosted the May 7 Bond Election and the May 24 Joint Primary Runoff Election.

On May 6, Branch Manager Arlene Richardson attended Project Transformation's luncheon at Impacto Community Center. Here she learned about the mission of the organization, met with organizers of the

Great PT Adventure Summer Day Camp 2022 and shared about services of the San Antonio Public Library that can support Project Transformation's mission.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll introduced a new weekly club for teens: Music Vibe. At this club, teens were invited to relax, listen to music, color, and de-stress. She continues to assist with the Teen Time weekly club on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, where teens share about happenings in their life and connect with peers and supportive library staff. Ms. Toll assisted with organizing the graduation kits for the 210teenlibrary Discord graduating group. Teen Services staff wrote short notes of encouragement and congratulations which were sent along to branches selected by the teens. Healthy snacks and copies of young adult advanced readers were also sent along. Ms. Toll continues to supervise the virtual teen volunteers who create content for the 210teenlibrary Instagram and Spotify platforms. Five teen volunteers created 10 projects in May, including a book review and an easy crepe recipe.

Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi continued her participation in Toddler Time and Baby Time live interactive programs. She bid a fond farewell to the children of Knox Early Literacy Center until the school year resumes in the fall. She read to over 250 children during the month of May. Ms. Brudi created an adult horror fiction and short story display and led the Collins Garden book club in a discussion of the novel *The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Strada.*

CORTEZ

After hosting two rounds of early voting in May, Cortez staff flexed their teamwork to prepare for Summer Reading, adding a Pirate Adventure to the Summer with SAPL theme. Circulation Attendants Madeline Vasquez, Ana Rodriguez, and Raquel Rodriguez used their craft skills to create a pirate ship display, an underwater treasure chest wall display for Summer Readers to add their name to, and Branch Manager Angela Morrow and Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes teamed up to buy a treasure chest with small treasures like pirate rings, yo-yos, and stickers for the Cortez families to select a prize when signing up for Summer Reading. Librarian Morrow worked with two parts of Metro Health to set up an ongoing series of Immunization and Diabetes Self-Management events to take place in the Meeting Room for the Cortez community. Maddy Vasquez and Librarian Morrow teamed up to prepare for a month-long photograph exhibit of local artist Richard Vasquez, featuring his photographs while working with the 'Queen of Tejano Music', Selena Quintanilla. Librarian Morrow coordinated and participated in an interview panel to select Temporary Library Assistants. A staff meeting was held on the 24th to support staff development, celebrate the hiring of new Circulation Attendant Ana Rodriguez, and to answer questions, mostly about the ongoing HVAC issues.

Cortez was a part of the block walking initiative led by Jessica Zurita, was an early voting location and election day location for both the May election and runoff election. More than 20 staff and patron computers were replaced at the end of May, marking a huge improvement to computer usage at Cortez. Finally, Cortez held a Friends of the Cortez Library meeting in an attempt to reestablish the group, which has a hopeful future with new members joining day-of.

Adult

Librarian Vicky Villalobos worked with fellow Queer Committee members on the weekly Saturday crafting program Queer Crafternoon. Patrons are invited to flex their creativity in a safe space while listening to podcasts about the LGBTQIA+ experience and history. On May 7, Librarian Villalobos joined Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney as moderator and on May 21, she led the program as the group sampled "Gayish Podcast" as they delved into a queer history of pirates.

On May 26, Librarian Vicky Villalobos hosted a Healthy Cooking program with Metro Health's Healthy Neighborhood. Patrons prepared and enjoyed an apple cheddar quesadilla.



Librarian Villalobos participated as a moderator and contributed to May's SAPL Live Trivia with Librarians Brook Mjolsness and Dan Garcia with Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura. Held on May 27, this event marked the 2-year anniversary of the program.

On May 31, Librarian Villalobos joined Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse for Speak Geek: K-Pop. The group discussed favorite groups, current K-pop events, and South Korean culture.

On May 15, Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez held her monthly program Monster Meet with a screening of *Old*. Wellness Liaison and Library Aide Esmy Staudt read two stories for Dial-a-Story; one in English and one in Spanish.

Crafting class led by Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes is going strong in its seventh year. Patrons from Center for Health Care Services have become regulars and enjoy doing the crafts. This month's crafts consisted of a t-shirt no-sew quilt, canvas painting, and cooking recipes.

Teen

Teen time at Cortez is still not seeing participants during the teen time hour, so a date change will take place starting with Summer Reading in June. The new teen area "Teen Lounge" is complete with couches, tables, a whiteboard for writing positive vibes, art and soothing lighting. Just in the first few weeks of having the whiteboard, many positive comments have been written. As the board fills up, a photo will be taken and posted next to the whiteboard and the board cleared off for new comments.

Children

In May, Children's Librarian Olivia Escovedo read for two Dial-a-Stories; one in English and one in Spanish. She read to a third-grade bilingual class in Spanish a book about club mascots. She created a Boggle passive program for kids to find words amongst the letters on the wall. Librarian Escovedo helped to create the flyers and information board to help promote the programs for the summer. Librarian Escovedo helped to finish creating the Summer Reading promotional video for the other children's librarians in the system to send to the schools in their area to promote the summer programs at the library.

ENCINO

Children's Librarian Lea Ann McDonald accepted a position in Carmel, California and her last day at Encino was May 6.

Teen Librarian Ivan Martinez was accepted into the Alexander Briseno Leadership Development Program in May. We look forward to seeing his progress.

Katherine Dillard, Children's Librarian Part Time, hosted Story Times on the patio on May 5, 12, 19, and 26th. She also held Lego Club on May 8 and 22. Displays in the Children's room included, May the 4th Be With You, Animal Books, new Texas Bluebonnet Books, a highlight of the Express collection, and book bundles. As a team, the Encino Branch staff prepared for Summer Reading Program to begin in June.

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

Teens planned and implemented some exciting activities such as a *Miracle and Gratitude* Theme activities in the Teen Room.

Teens participated in the promotion of literacy through a May *BookTok* display. Teen Services displayed authors, literature and signage in a dedicated display area to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Teens participated in the weekly program, Teen Club @ Encino on Tuesday nights 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Teens were involved in an array of activities, from playing board games, gaming, Making buttons, building puzzles to watching Anime.

Teens' involvement in the planning and implementation of these programs fostered leadership, creative expression, meaningful participation and ownership of their teen space and library.

Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird participated in a variety of programs in May. On May 5, Ms. Laird comoderated one of the online dementia programs given in conjunction with UTHSC. On May 9, adults at Encino got crafty and made felt roses, carnations, and lavender flowers.

Encino kicked off its Black & White Matinee series on May 29 with a screening of 12 Angry Men. More classic black & white movies will be shown throughout June.

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FOREST HILLS

Adult Services and Center

The Forest Hills library new paint colors are looking bright and beautiful, it will make such a welcoming atmosphere for the community once it opens. The librarians highlighted the books and movies written by Asian authors to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander month, and also received new YA books, adult DVDs to refresh the collection for patrons.

Branch manager Mary Naylor visited the Doris Griffin Senior Center for the monthly book club. Participants are able to talk about the books they read as well as tie them to events that have happened in their own lives.

Children's Services

It was an honor for Ms. Menchaca to host Duncan Tonatiuh in an online program celebrating his book "Separate is Never Equal." Students and children from across the city got to see and hear Mr. Tonatiuh speak about Sylvia Mendez and her family's fight for equal access to education. He also shared how he creates the illustrations for all his books. Students were allowed to ask Mr. Tonatiuh questions about his work. Everyone had a wonderful time; it is doubtful that anyone enjoyed it more than Ms. Menchaca, who is a massive fan of Mr. Tonatiuh.

Ms. Menchaca assisted with hosting an outdoor Story Time at Igo library as well as Landa library where she read stories and sang songs to over 80 children, as well as baby time online-the cutest time of the week. Librarians share early literacy tips with parents.

Ms. Menchaca visited three elementary schools in her service area, Colby Glass, Esparza, and Villarreal. Ms. Menchaca spoke to children and teachers about the services offered by the San Antonio Public Library. She reminded children about the importance of reading to prevent the "Summer Slide."

Teen Services

Teen librarian Laura Herman assisted with an outreach at Marshall High School where she was able to talk to teens about the library and get them library cards. She also assisted at a resource fair at Sam Houston High School where she could tell teens and parents about the library.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Branch Library staff eagerly prepared for summer programming, the first in-house programming in a long time. Windows were decorated and bulletin boards were prepared for the kids and families. Children's Librarian Cari Raley visited local schools to spread the word about the upcoming programming and shared a digital movie about the summer activities.

In May, Teen Librarian Chris Castillo facilitated five Create Club virtual teen programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server and three in-person Teen Times in the branch. Teens shared their creative pursuits across mediums and formats and supported and encouraged each other's creative practices. Teens are emboldened to try new activities and create in new platforms because they see other teens work and ask each other questions and build competencies. Teens continue to improve the Discord user experience.

Teen Pride Committee members Chris Castillo and Dacari Lambert (Teen Services Librarian I, Schaefer) facilitated offsite delivery of library services and collaborated with the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) from the Advanced Learning Academy at Fox Tech High School Campus. Together, they and the teens planned a virtual programming event for teens titled "Rainbow Films: Music Videos." Teens of all identities celebrated Teen Pride together and watched music videos featuring LGBTQ+ artists, subjects, and themes on the 210teenlibrary Discord server.

In May, teens participated in-person weekly at Teen Time. Teens helped ideate, plan, and execute summer programming. Teens made new and stronger connections with peers beyond their schools. Many teens took volunteer applications and are interested in building their leadership skills and steering Teen Time decisions. Teens submitted requests for free 3d prints, custom buttons, magnets, and picked them up from the branch.

Chris Castillo has accepted a promotion to Teen Librarian/Assistant Manager of Brook Hollow Branch Library. He will be greatly missed by the Great Northwest Branch Library staff and community! Library Assistant Amber Hughes will be assisting with Teen Time as the Teen Services Liaison in Chris' absence.

Library Assistant Kathleen Marascio created a special display with decorative tea sets, fans, and facts about the history of tea. Another popular display she created featured Westerns titled "Spaghetti Westerns (No Meatballs)."

Great Northwest celebrated Older Americans Month with a 2-hour program by Library Assistant Donna Borel on May 10, "Puzzles, Pens, and Pie" where Older Americans were invited to put together one of four puzzles, color a large flower design coloring sheet, and enjoy apple or cherry pie.

Ms. Borel also created a display for Older Americans Month, along with Take-and-Makes that included: A Family Tree to fill out, a Life Questionnaire, a notecard to send to someone special, and a bookmark with the quote: "The great thing about getting older is that you get a chance to tell the people in your life who matter what they mean to you." - Mike Love

GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library hosted two voting periods: Early Voting for the Bond Election on May 1-3 with Election Day held on Saturday May 7th and the Early Voting for the Joint Primary Runoff May 16-20 with Election Day held on Tuesday May 24. Guerra's staff book club met on May 19 with a discussion of *What Should be Wild* by Julia Fine. On May 22 several staff members assisted at Potranco Branch Library so their staff could have a development day. On May 23 Guerra welcomed new public computers.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo attended *The Atlantic* magazine's "In Pursuit of Happiness" event May 1-3. On May 12 Ms. Bustillo attended the Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Fall Preview and the Wellness Liaison meeting. Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth with 12 participants via Zoom.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson. He moderated the Spanish book club Club de Lectura on May 16. . He recorded *El oso que jamás había probado la miel* (*The bear who had never tasted honey*) by Becky Rubinstein on May 17 for dial-a-story in Spanish On May 24 they discussed *La increíble y triste historia de la Cándida Eréndira y de su abuela desalmada* (*Candida Erendira's incredible and sad story and of her cruel grand-mother*) by Gabriel García Marquez . That same day, in an outreach to Passmore Elementary School, he represented library services including reading a book at their community literacy night. Two days later, May 26, he represented the library at John Glenn Elementary's bilingual resources day where he spoke to parents and teachers about the English and Spanish library resources and also gave his testimony about how important being bilingual was to him. He presented a trivia game on May 27. This time he emphasized questions on Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day.

Library assistant Roxanne Menchaca facilitated two programs in May. The Guerra Quilt group met on the second Saturday of May, and the Knit & Crochet met on the fourth Friday. In each program, participants enjoyed learning new techniques and lively conversation. Ms. Menchaca also volunteered at Pop Madness, where she assisted Shannan Prukop, Carver teen librarian, with manga-inspired crafts, anime/graphic novel coasters and rice balls.



IGO

Adult Services

Adult Services librarian, Gamini Haluwana arranged a public virtual program on the topic of "What is Umami" on the 7th of May. Umami is the fifth basic taste in food (in addition to sweet, sour, salt and bitter) discovered by Japanese chemist, Dr. Kikunae Ikeda in 1908. This program was arranged in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Dr. Makiko Fukuda, Ph.D. Professor of Instruction, Japanese UTSA did this presentation on Umami. 8 People attended this very informational program.

Gamini Haluwana also arranged another program on "Musicals: Demonstration of the Musical Instrument Tabla, a pair of twin hand drums on the 9th of May. This was an in-person program and 13 people showed up. Mr. Vinayak Asteker presented the program and he and his colleagues performed live at Igo location. The Tabla, is a musical instrument with a pair of twin hand drums originating from the Indian subcontinent. The music instrument consists of two small drums of slightly different sizes and shapes. Attendees enjoyed their performances.



One other program arranged by Gamini Haluwana got 18 attendees and it was another virtual program. This program was also arranged in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The title of the program was "Food and Chinese Diaspora History through a Local Lens" This program was conducted through Zoom on the 21st of May. Presenters Dr. Gina Tam, a historian, focused on the Chinese migration, locally and globally, and the importance of food in the Chinese diaspora identities. Dr. Jie Zhang, co-director of East Asian Studies, introduced how they discovered the history of a San Antonio Chinese American family and what this tells us about Texas history and American history.

Igo Manager Tim Johnson continues to cohost SAPLs monthly Sci-Fi and Fantasy podcast, Escape the Earth, with Elissa Vura from Brook Hollow and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez from Children's Services. The

May episode featured discussion of the book Rabbits by Terry Miles (which has it's own podcast) and had 97 plays.

Library Assistant Irene Scharf coordinated an in-person adult program at Igo branch on the 14th of May.

The title of the program was "A Conversation with Providence Umugwaneza: Survivor of the Rwandan Genocide". Ms. Umugwaneza was 11 years old when the genocide in Rwanda occurred in 1994-1995. During this atrocity, more than a million of innocent Rwandan Tutsis lost their lives in a span of 100 days including Ms. Umugwaneza's 2 parents and five siblings while her uncles and aunties families were completely wiped out. Ms. Umugwaneza shared her story, which she has recorded in her memoir. There was a Q&A session following her presentation. Eight people attended the program.

Children's Services

Story Time has officially returned to the Igo Library via the pavilion at Bonnie Conner Park. Every Thursday morning, the pavilion is filled with familiar and new faces, all of whom are thrilled to be able to participate in library programming again. Throughout the month, Children's Librarians Carrie Vance, Gina Brudi, and Ana Menchaca led the crowd in joyful songs, rhymes, and other activities designed to get bodies moving and minds growing, always sharing at least one book. Afterwards, children and their grownups are encouraged to play with bubbles, chalk, and enjoy the playground together. There have been a number of tiny reunions as Story Time families reminisce about how they first met at Igo children's programs before the pandemic.



Children's Librarian Carrie Vance and Teen Librarian Annie Calonico alternate facilitation of the Igo Stitchery on Sunday afternoons. Attendance in May was very strong. Participants continue to provide

encouragement to one another as they work on their individual projects, but the group is really turning into a supportive community in many other aspects. Twice during the month, a member brought in their unwanted yarn and participants were invited to take what appealed to them. Another member brought her extra tomato seedlings to share with participants. A third member graduated from college in April and long-time participants pooled resources to give him a surprise graduation gift. It has been very satisfying to see these friendships grow from this little stitching group.

Teen Services

Teens continued to create beautiful window art with the white-board markers provided to them in the Teen Space at the Igo branch. This continued developing their sense of ownership over the space and provided an outlet for their creative expression, while also providing beautiful and interesting decorations for the space. Annie, the teen librarian at Igo, conducted outreach events at the end of May at Brandeis High School and O'Connor High School, which allowed her to make contact and share information with community teens about Teen Summer, teen programming at Igo and other local branches, and teen volunteer opportunities available in the SAPL system.

Teen Time continues to bring in new teens from the surrounding community while also developing a strong base of regular teens who engage in a weekly buffet of activities, including video and board games, crafts, art projects, and movie-viewing. The array of choices allows teens to pick what they are interested in instead of being locked into one particular activity, increasing their sense of control and ownership over the time, while also helping them connect with teens who share interests. One of our teen volunteers has started to help with set up and delivery of Teen Time, developing rapport with the other teens and helping draw out suggestions and interests of the other teens.

JOHNSTON

Johnston hosted two elections in May: Early Voting for the Bond Election on May 1-3 with Election Day held on Saturday, May 7, and the Early Voting for the Joint Primary Runoff May 16-20 with Election Day held on Tuesday, May 24. More than 1,600 voters cast their ballots at Johnston during May. On May 10, Johnston hosted a Vaccine Clinic by MetroHealth which offered Flu as well as COVID vaccines. On May 10 and 12 Johnston hosted Metro Health's HIV/STD testing Mobile Unit in the parking lot. Johnston hosted another Mercado por tu Corazon on May 24, boosting local residents' access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham continued to host and present virtual programming for SAPL families: Toddler Time Online on Wednesdays, Lego Club every other Tuesday, Game Time every other Thursday, and the Proud to Be Me Story Time for Rainbow Families on the first Wednesday of the month. Miss Tiffany continued her work as the co-lead of the Tiny Tots Work Group and as a member of the Children

Services for the Summer Reading Programming. On May 27th she recorded *The Rabbit Listened* for Dial-a-Story about a young child that just needs someone to sit and listen to them while they feel all their feelings on their own time. Miss Tiffany held an outdoor early literacy program, Bubbles at the Sun Valley Playground twice in May. The Bubbles program focused on creative and messy art, playing with kinetic sand, shaking shaker eggs to Laurie Beckner's *I Know a Chicken* song and lots and lots of bubbles. Miss Tiffany sent out Summer Library Club material and video to area schools and is preparing for a fabulous and eventful summer.

During the month of May Teen librarian Cassie Garza co-hosted a virtual video game program on the Teen Service Discord server every Saturday afternoon. This month the teens played Gartic Phone together and shared some of their gaming streams. Ms. Garza continued facilitating in-person teen time and has acquired a regular group of teens attending the program. During Early Voting, Teen Time happened in the teen area--including anime and movie showings, food demos and video gaming. May's Teen Time highlight was making brownie waffles. A pair of teens wanted to customize the recipe with their own ingredients and the result was even tastier brownies! The group decided on two in-person meetings for teens a week during the summer months.

LEARN Center Training Officer, Marcella McGowan hosted the following programs: For Seniors Only-Keyboard or Mouse Class on May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; Pop Up Computer Class–Introduction to Windows on May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. She hosted the following database classes: Consumer Health Complete on May 9, Alt Health Complete on May 16 and PubMed on May 23. Ms. McGowan and Andrew Crews of Texana/Genealogy partnered together for a senior only class entitled Oral History. The Learn area had 68 patrons accessing the Learn Center.

LANDA

Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas spent two mornings blockwalking in various neighborhoods to speak to the community about the library and their community's needs.

May was a busy month on the Grounds. The Landa Gardens Conservancy hosted their annual May Month celebration. This year, May Month consisted of several well-organized events for a variety of ages. The Conservancy had face painting, paletas, an art class, Lego building, yoga, jazz in the gardens, and a movie at moonlight. The events were extremely well attended. The Branch saw an increase in visitors and new card creations. There was also an increase in photography on the Grounds. With graduation, many photographers and grads took advantage of the beautiful space to get their pictures taken.

This month, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas continued to present Outdoor Story Times at Landa with a team of other Children's Librarians. Attendance grew each week. Many families have expressed their gratitude that Story Times are back in person. Two mothers shared that their children have continue to sing their favorite songs at home away from the library.

Librarian Salinas hosted students from the KIDS Architecture Program with Southwest School of Art @ Riverside Park Academy as part of their architecture field trip. Librarian Salinas highlighted a few of the very unique architecture features of Landa Library and provided the group with an architecture scavenger hunt to complete after they picnicked on the grounds.

Librarian Salinas participated in Game Time Online, Read to a Dog Online, Art Club Online, Lego Club Online, and Baby Time Online in May.

This month, Librarian Salinas attended a Process Art training to help develop more child-led programs. She will host an in-person process art activity outdoors in June.

In May, Circulation Attendant Amy Peppersack took on the role of teen liaison while the staff waited for a new hire to complete processing. Ms. Peppersack very graciously accepted the role. Teen Time moved to Mondays from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm. Amy did a great job setting up the space to be welcoming for the teens. Several of them asked if we could host Teen Time every day. In the (still) new Teen Space on the second floor, we put up dry erase paper. Each week a different question or challenge was posted to the board. The teens were very interactive with the board!

Adult programming in May consisted of the monthly book clubs (Mystery and Reader's Ink), as well as a visit from Providence Umugwaneza, a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide. Providence shared her story one-on-one with a library user for close to an hour. Adult Services Librarian Robin Alcorta hopes to have Providence back again.

LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas hosted two elections in May: Early Voting for the Bond Election from May 1-3, with Election Day held on May 7th, and Early Voting for the Joint Primary Runoff, May 16-20, with Election Day held on May 24th; 2,239 voters cast their ballots during May. On May 28th, Las Palmas also hosted a pop-up Vaccine Clinic by Metro Health. The clinic offered free flu and COVID-19 vaccines to members of the community.

The Las Palmas staff created a couple of book displays this month:

"Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" with a bundle supplied by technical services and books within our own collection, and "Superheroes" showcasing graphic novels and movies within our own collection. The display aligned with our Marvel Movie showing this month, "Spider-Man: No Way Home".

Adults: Las Palmas hosted Technology Tuesday/Martes de Tecnología, a bilingual program managed by Adult Librarian Lily Perez that provides personalized assistance with basic tech needs every Tuesday of the Month.





Las Palmas hosted "Marvel Movie Monday" managed by
Adult Librarian Lily Perez and presented by Library Assistant Elvia Ramos, and
Circulation Attendant Celicia De Los Santos, who also created amazing Superhero
bookmarks to giveaway after the film showing.

Teens: May was a busy month for Connie Hejl, Las Palmas' Teen Librarian. At the beginning of the month, Connie coordinated teen services with other librarians on an outreach to Mini-Mini Con, an anime convention held at the Wonderland Mall of the Americas. The con features artists, cosplay and panels. Teen services had a manga reading area, button making and virtual headsets for attendees. Over 3,000 people attended Mini Mini Con, the largest attendance they've had at the event.





Connie also helped coordinate Pop Madness, held this year at the Igo Library. There were artists, performers, crafts, games and a cosplay contest. The cosplay contest was overseen by Connie with help by Elvia Ramos, Marisa Debow, Kimberly King and emceed by Shannan Prukop. Connie also collaborated with Illusions by Blake and the Vinland Vikings to perform at Pop Madness.

Children's: AWE computers were turned on for children to use while visiting the library; 76 sessions were reported for the month.

Las Palmas Branch Library continues to have a Children's Librarian, Valerie Shelley, who collaborates for system-wide programming. Valerie participated online in Toddler Time and Read to a Dog. Toddler Time involved Valerie reading a story book and singing closing songs. For Online Story Time Valerie hosted a program. She presented a challenge to make something with all one color of Legos and the online Lego Time to her online program schedule in May.

Lego Time Online:



MAVERICK

Maverick was counting down in kicking off the 2022 Summer Reading Program for adults, teens and children! The Maverick Library hosted the Bexar County Elections Department during the first week of May for the Uniform Election and for the Primary Runoff Election during the middle of the month. Reference staff once again collaborated to help with opening and closing election schedules. Amy Roberts opened the branch for Early Voting on May 2 and May 3 for the city's bond election. On May 16 and May 17, Ms. Roberts opened the branch for Early Voting for the Primary Election Run-Off. In May, the librarians continued weeding through their designated collections preparing for high Summer attendance.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, was quite productive during the reporting period. In preparation for summer reading, Ms. Roberts sent pictures of Maverick's literary quilts and herself for her summer reading outreach video; these were added to a video that the summer reading committee made for the system/community. Ms. Roberts sent the video to librarians at several elementary schools near Maverick: Wanke, Braun Station, Northwest Crossing, Nichols and Ward. She was thrilled that she was able to do summer reading outreach in-person at Carson, Brauchle and Krueger elementary schools, reaching 1315 students and staff. Kids have been coming to the library from all three schools saying "You came to our school!" and "Where is the book you read to us?" Ms. Roberts prepared summer crafts, programming signage, summer reading registration slips and a snazzy bulletin board for kids who signed up for the summer reading program.

Ms. Roberts was active with committee work during the reporting period. She checked publisher's websites and many have updated permissions, for librarians to record on YouTube, reading books until June 30, 2022. For the Tiny Tots committee, she created a curated Story Time from the book "Shake the Tree" by Chiara Vignocchi on May 9. Ms. Roberts also read "One Sheep, Two Sheep" by Amanda Bauer for Dial-A-Story on May 31. Finally, Ms. Roberts attended Children's Librarian Meetings on May 11 and May 25.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl, assisted by Library Aide Taylur Loera, facilitated Teen Time on Tuesday evenings. May Teen Time offered an inclusive environment to a new pair of siblings, who were overheard asking another Teen, "What exactly is Teen Time? What do you do?" The Teen who was questioned had only been coming for about a month. He answered, "It's really cool, do whatever you want!"

Several Teens have expressed their interest in playing Dungeons and Dragons and have begun collaborating with Loera to create their characters. They hope to begin the role-playing game mid to late June.

Bleichwehl, assisted by Librarian II Laura Herman, conducted an Outreach at Marshall High School. The two took turns creating buttons and 70 Library cards for students and staff.

McCRELESS

The McCreless Library was selected for a visit by City Manager Erik Walsh and Library Director Ramiro Salazar as part of Public Service Recognition Week, celebrated during the first week of May. The visit was recorded and presented by Mr. Walsh's during his Report to City Council on May 5th, 2022. The branch also hosted the Metro Health Flu and COVID Pop-up clinic and the Metro Health STD/HIV mobile clinic. McCreless branch also served as a polling location for the Bond Election as well as the Joint Primary Runoffs.

Children's Librarian Nicole San Martin created booklists for KLRN's Diversity Conference for teachers and families on the themes of allyship, belonging, and social justice. At the branch, children participated in activities like creating their own origami Yoda for May the 4th and a creepy cryptids scavenger hunt to kick off summer.

Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow, along with several teen librarians and teen volunteers, conducted outreach at the Mini-mini Con at the Wonderland Mall. Teens played Oculus



Quest, made buttons and picked up free comics while learning about the various virtual and in-person events occurring throughout the SAPL system. DeBow and library assistant Joseph Gonzales participated in the library event 5th annual Pop Madness. Additionally, DeBow hosts the weekly teen program, a chance for teens to hang-out with friends, meet new ones, share whatever they're into and discover something new.

After McCreless Training Officer Lodie Mueller appeared in an Univisión feature highlighting San Antonio Public Library's Enhanced Library Cards, McCreless and other branches saw an exciting upswing in the numbers of patrons seeking this library service. This significant response indicates that offering Enhanced Library Cards is meeting a genuine community need. McCreless front desk staff have become absolute professionals at creating these popular cards. When they bring patrons to the Learn Center to take the digital photos, Mueller has made sure patrons know about Learn services, such as learning how to use computers and participating in English classes on Saturday mornings. Mueller also participated in an outreach event to Granados Adult and Senior Center.

MEMORIAL

Adult Service librarian Freddy Hudson hosted two Zoom programs in collaboration with Senior Planet partnered with AARP, which provides classes and services to the elderly. The programs covered resources offered by SAPL, plus resources offered by Senior Planet, including the Affordable Connectivity Program. Both online programs were for Older Americans Month.

As part of Digital Inclusion month, Mr. Hudson coordinated a basic resume program with John Horton. The project was hosted on Zoom and had positive registration and attendance.

Participating in Digital Inclusion Initiative Circulation Attendant Michelangelo Sosa taught an Excel class to the 311 Call Center staff. He reviewed beginner and advanced concepts and introduced short cuts that would help staff process data and information. Five 311 Call Center employees attended the 1-hour class. Mr. Sosa also reported that the LibGuide for Digital Inclusion escalated from an average of 40 visits to 124 total guide visits for an increase of 200% during this month.

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall made two contributions to the library's digital programming efforts during the month of May. A curated Story Time, published May 9, was based on the book *Everybody in the Red Brick Building*, written by Anne Wynter and illustrated by Oge Mora.

Mrs. Deffendall contributed to the Children's Services blog on May 24, she reviewed *Julia Child: An Extraordinary Life in Words and Pictures*, written by Erin Hagar and illustrated by Joanna Gorham.

She also completed two outreach programs. She visited Roosevelt Elementary School during Career Day where she presented at six individual classrooms. Altogether, her presentations were delivered to 120 students and 8 adults.

Mrs. Deffendall also visited Southwest Preparatory School and presented library programs and career choices to 40 students and 4 teachers.

MISSION

Mission served as a voting and an early voting site for the Joint Primary runoff election as well as later in the month for the Primary Runoff.

For the month of May, teens participated in 4 Teen Club events. Activities included DIY stickers, painting Kindness Rocks for the Mission Rock Garden, working with Perler beads, and a Movie Night. In addition, teen volunteers who work on Saturday mornings helped with displays and a variety of library tasks. Mission Library said goodbye and congratulations to some of these teen volunteers who graduated from high school this year.

Adult Service Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, as part of the National Pet Week initiative, partnered with Animal Care Services (ACS) and the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition (SAFCC) for each organization to host an online program describing their services while also offering a direct avenue of communication for the public. ACS presented on Tuesday, May 3rd; SAFCC presented on Friday, May 6th. As part of the Digital Inclusion Month initiative, Ms. Vela-Laosa also hosted two technology programs; Digital Help Hour! at Mission Branch Library on Monday, May 9th, and Tech Tuesday at Brook Hollow Library on Tuesday, May 31st.

Teen Librarian, Cindy Cruz and Library Aide, Maria Hanyz represent Mission Library on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Mission Marquee's Farmer and Artisan Market.

PAN AMERICAN

Children's: For the month of May staff helped prepare the library for the summer reading by creating colorful banners, and decorating the branch in fun, whimsical, summer décor for family and children to enjoy.







For in-house programming, the children's librarian held Story Time on the branch patio, where 4 children and 3 adults attended. She had children play with bubbles, chalk, sing along with fun songs, and told some fun stories.

In addition, she also held Tween Time, where a total of 4 tweens attended. Participants made keychains and had fun just hanging out and forgetting about school for a bit.

For outreach, the children's librarian visited La Petite Academy on Wurzbach where she read, sang songs, and told stories with 28 children and 2 adults. Children learned simple sign language to sing along with a hello and goodbye song, as well as received a dinosaur Take-and-Make kit they could do together.

The children's librarian also did outreach at Stonewall Flanders Elementary for their Literary Night, where she connected with 75 families and 135 children. She also did Kinder Bootcamp at Adams Elementary where she set up teepee-style tents borrowed from Little Red Wagon with books and reading buddies for children to use and escape to read for a bit. At both events, information on the summer reading, branch programs, and more was distributed for families and kids.

Teens: Gladys Nunez, Teen Services Librarian, facilitated opportunities for teens at the Branch to share their creativity. Two teen volunteers joined together to come up with two book displays with one titled "YA Books Make Your Mind Bloom" for items they wanted to share with other teens. They created the artwork for it and several books have been checked out from the display. They are already working on a list for future displays. During Teen Time this month, teens had fun with different activities each week. Teens came together and collaborated on a Teen Time banner that is on display in the teen area. The teens came up with the idea and decided on the theme of the banner while assigning themselves various roles on who was going to be completing which parts of the banner. Other activities this month included building charcuterie houses and having a study session.

Adults: Stephanie Perez, Library Assistant, hosted a Virtual Sketchbook & Journaling Program. This is a virtual creative program using Zoom. There was one meeting in June that had a prompt for the participants. The dates for the program were on the 2nd. The focus is on drawing and writing. The purpose is to bring people together and encourage people's creativity. This program is for adults only. Ms. Perez also created a monthly book display. The topic for May was National Endangered Species Day. It featured books for all ages about endangered animals. Ms. Perez, along with other staff, participated in the LibChat and LibAnswers Trainings.

Adrian Leal, Adult Services Librarian, held two Puzzle Time Programs. This program is geared towards Adults. Puzzles are provided. Participants just bring themselves and have a fun and relaxing time.

On May 10th, the branch hosted the San Antonio Metro Health Mobile Clinic. Members of the public were able to get their Flu shot or any of the COVID-19 vaccinations free of charge. Many of the public that participated in the mobile clinic commented about how convenient this was for them.

On May 14th the Cancer Is One Cancer (CIOC) held their monthly support group session at the Branch. Members of the public who have been impacted in some form or another by cancer are welcome to attend this support group.

On May 17th and 19th, the branch hosted the San Antonio Metro Health District HIV/STD mobile testing bus in the parking lot. Once again those that contacted us, commented about the how convenient it was for them to take advantage of the mobile testing site.

On May 20th, the branch hosted a screening of Cathy Lee's play entitled "Mentor Wonders".

Meditation classes continue to be held at the branch. All are welcome to join in on these very relaxing and stress-free classes. Meditation classes are held every Saturday in the Pan American Branch Meeting Room from 10:15am to 11:15am.

On May 25th, the branch hosted the American Heart Association's (AHA) "Mercado por tu Corazon" mobile produce market in the branch parking lot. Neighbors of the branch and visitors to the branch are able to take advantage of the awesome selection of produce available for purchase at great prices. While not only are they able to purchase tasty produce, they also can get cooking and storing tips for the produce that they are purchasing.

PARMAN



In honor of Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month, Parman hosted Bharatanatyam Dance Group. Dancers performed several pieces depicting the range of the Bharatanatyam repertoire. The grace and charm of bharatanatyam are well known to followers of Indian classical dance, with its flickering movements of the hands and fingers, the buoyancy in the hips and knees, the expressive use of the eyes. But rarely have we see a program of bharatanatyam that was so thoroughly enveloped as this one did with its many fine details, the foremost of which was the superbly controlled technique of the dancers. They displayed their mastery through coordination of facial expression, hand gestures and intricate footwork. All dancers executed their pieces with grace and depth of feeling, moving the audience to experience rasa (aesthetic flavor), bhava (emotion), and abhinayam (expression).

In-person regular weekly adult programs at Parman (yoga, fitness, woodworking and knitting) were significantly disrupted due to early voting during this month, but members are eager to come back in June.

To celebrate Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros, Parman highlighted bilingual books in the collection and shared Green is a Chile Pepper by Roseanne Thong on the Parman Trail. This lively StoryWalk® book shares colors through verse as they relate to Hispanic culture.

Families continued to gather on Wednesday mornings in Parman's outdoor amphitheater to enjoy stories and bubbles with Lisa. Many family units are becoming regulars and many are bringing friends. The children, brought by parents, grandparents, and caregivers, range in age from a few months to six years old. It is truly an intergenerational event. One mother shared that her daughter sings the fingerplays and rhymes all week and that Wednesday morning is the highlight of their week.

To get young patrons ready for summer programming, children librarians created a new scavenger hunt. Over 224 kids participated in the hunt and many families asked about the upcoming fun happening at Parman this summer.

Parman teen services librarian Gladys Nunez facilitated opportunities for teen involvement with passive programming. Teens enjoyed having a designated space to share their art skills with the Teen Sharpie Wall this month. Several teens drew various characters using only Sharpies and even shared words of encouragement for finals and life in general. Teens created several book displays including one centered around Strong Female Leads and another one on tragic fiction with artwork being done by one of the teen volunteers. It was one teen volunteer's last month at Parman and she said she truly had fun with the work she did in the teen area with both interactive and book displays and was always happy when she would see her creativity displayed in the teen area. The branch welcomed two new teen volunteers in May who specifically wanted to help out with Teen Time and assist with ideas for new activities. This month during Teen Time, teens enjoyed having a study session, painting wall decor, and baking cookies.

POTRANCO

Children's Librarian, Dawn Zeig, is actively participating in three virtual programs: Game Time, Toddler Time and Story Time along with several other San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) children's librarians. Dawn participated in Literacy Night at Tomlinson Elementary School on May 3rd along with Circulation Attendant Viviana Roldan. Information about library services and fun swag was handed out to all in attendance.

Dawn did a whole school outreach, PreK-5th grade, at Galm Elementary School on May 24th to share information about the summer reading program. She has seen many of those students at the library and hopes more trickle in over the coming months.

The May children's book displays promote Asian Pacific Heritage Month and Mother's Day.

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro continues to host Virtual Coloring. The coloring group, which started during the Pandemic, continues to attend this bi-weekly program. The attendees have grown close to each other and enjoy gathering online. Lisa has created a warm and inviting virtual space that continues to be enjoyed, despite the return to normal.

Lisa also hosts the Potranco Book Club and the Café con Libros Book Club. Both have a different group of regular attendees. The Café con Libros Book Club focuses on LGBTQ+ authors and themes.

Adult Services Librarian Monica Huerta hosted a program by the Compost Queens. This non-profit group shares information on the benefits of composting at home and techniques on how to get started. This Sunday afternoon program was well received by the Potranco Community.

Teen Librarian Jenny Borrero hosts the weekly Teen Time program on Monday evenings. The teens of Potranco come let loose while enjoying snacks, games and other fun crafts. Potranco Library's location

inside of the YMCA gives the library a unique opportunity to attract a fair amount of teenagers and expose them to our wonderful library services. Jenny provides a fun and welcoming atmosphere to all those that attend.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services May programming centered on Mother's Day, Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage, and the Spring season, celebrating Mother's Day and AAPI Heritage Month with book displays and crafts. The branch also celebrated the end of the spring season and the transition into Summer programming with a butterfly-themed *Scavenger Hunt*, butterfly crafts, and actual butterflies! Children's Librarian Lucy Cisneros raised Painted Lady butterflies in the Kids' Zone and released them in the Roosevelt High School Garden. The branch's youngest patrons visited weekly to watch the caterpillars transform into butterflies and joined the librarian in the Butterfly Release party. Children made tiger puppets, dragonflies, butterflies, and Mother's Day cactus Take-and-Make crafts. The branch's *Page-Turners Book Club* took a break for the month of May but plan to meet in June.









Teen Services started the month of May running with the *Teen Coding Jam* on the 1st. Participants had access to programmable finch robots, customizable circuit boards, modular robotic Cubelets, and more, with resources from community partner Youth Code Jam. *Lunchtime Chess* remained very popular through the end of the school year, and continued thanks go out to Rackspace for providing the chess sets. A Pruitt volunteer assisted with button making during outreach at the Roosevelt International Club Festival. The Pruitt Teen Librarian supported 210 Teen Library during the Mini Mini Con at Wonderland of the Americas. *Teen Anime and Manga* club saw students attending the last sessions for the school year, with the final session involving the distribution of individual pocky stick snack packets. With the acquisition of a couple fun new instruments, *Music Monday* was able to expand in scope, accommodating a wider range of musical interests.





Adult Services staff enjoyed the company of the *Special Needs Adult Programming* group with a reading of <u>Someone Loves You, Mr. Hatch</u>, a visit with Children's Services' Painted Lady butterflies' habitat, and a mosaic butterfly craft. <u>Eternal</u>, <u>Jane Eyre</u>, and <u>The Charm Offensive</u> were discussed at hybrid in-person and on-line attendance book clubs. *The Best Music You've Never Heard* program kicked off with patrons listening to and discussing music from Desmond Baker, Art Blakely, Herbie Hancock, and Karim Nagi. Combined Molly Pruitt and Potranco staff hosted the weekly *Adult Virtual Coloring* program. Adult Services celebrated Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage month with sushi mobile Take-and-Make craft kits. The branch also hosted an Indian Bharatanatyam classical dance performance.



The Pruitt branch had its COSA safety inspection and passed with flying colors. Inspector Warren Johnson noted, "This is the gold standard facility."

SAN PEDRO

Children's librarian Karen Braeuler represented SAPL at Mark Twain Dual Language Academy at its Culture Fair. Book donations from Literati were distributed along with information about summer reading and getting a library card. Ms. Braeuler cohosted three live Toddler Time Online programs in lieu of in person programming for 0-5 year olds. Information about summer reading was sent to all neighborhood schools, including the video produced by Children's Services. Decorations and materials preparation for summer reading rounded out the month.



The branch hosted the monthly book club at the Village at Incarnate Word retirement center. Seven appreciative residents participated in a lively discussion of How Lucky by Will Leitch.

The library hosted an exhibit of digital art creations from students at Incarnate Word High School.

On May 14th, the San Pedro Branch hosted the Kaveri Natya Yoga Dance Group for a demonstration of Bharatanatyam. Bharatanatyam is among the most subtle and sophisticated dance forms in the world, features classical Indian dance embodying music and storytelling based on the specific theme. The one-hour professional dance performances presented by dance group was followed by interactive demonstration and Q&A.

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

SCHAEFER

Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser participated in a few programs as host and as a presenter during May. Many of the children's programs concluded their spring sessions in mid-May to give time for the librarians to prepare for the busy summer months. She participated in the last two Read to a Dog Online programs on May 3 and 17 – going forward this program will take place in-person at a few library locations, including Schaefer. She was also the host for Story Time Online on May 12 and a presenter on May 19. Leslie spent much of the month preparing for Summer with SAPL by creating flyers for a variety of in-

person programs, preparing and planning for in-person programming, and sharing information with staff about the Summer Library Club for kids.

Adult Services Librarian, Daniel Garcia, hosted the Schaefer Skimmers book club on Tuesday, May 17... There were five in person attendees and one person joined via Zoom.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted the monthly Schaefer Virtual Craft program; where patrons decorated baseball caps by coloring them with fabric markers. She published a catalog list of Asian/Pacific American themed LPs for Schaefer's I Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. She assisted Librarian Dacari Lambert with Schaefer's Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month display, May the 4th be with you display and Mental Health Awareness Month Display.

In May 2022, Dacari Lambert, Teen Librarian at Schaefer Library continued with weekly in person Teen Time programming on Tuesday evenings. Teen time for the month was planned and facilitated by long time teen volunteer, Paul Flores. Dacari, along with colleagues, conducted outreach with the gay-straight alliance group at the Advanced Learning Academy (ALA). Teen Librarians Shannan Prukop, Chris Castillo, Matthew Loaiza, and I worked with the teens at ALA to solidify plans for the first Teen Pride Discord Event Rainbow Films: Music Videos, which took place on May 27, 2022. Teen volunteers from the vocational 18+ group from East Central High School concluded their volunteer work with Schaefer, for the school year, celebrating their hard work with some fun and games. Dacari remains an active member of the Employee Wellness Workgroup, working specifically on suggestions for training and development. This month, Dacari worked with colleagues to create an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and May the 4th be with you display.



In April 2022, Dacari



Lambert, Teen Librarian at Schaefer branch Library reconvened weekly in person Teen Time programming on Tuesday evenings. Dacari works with a teen volunteer to plan and hold space for all teen requested program activities. Dacari has been active with the Teen Summer Programming

workgroup and Teen Pride workgroup to plan upcoming events for Summer and PRIDE. Dacari continues to work with teen volunteers at the branch, including an ongoing partnership with East Central High Schools Vocational program. Dacari remains an active member in the SAPL wide Employee Wellness Workgroup. This month, Dacari worked with Library Assistant Blanca Silva-Hernandez on a poetry display.





SEMMES

Semmes hosted two elections in May: Early Voting for the Bond Election from May 1-3, with Election Day held on May 7th, and Early Voting for the Joint Primary Runoff, May 16-20, with Election Day held on May 24th; 4343 voters cast their ballots during May

This month, Ms Randi continued with her online programming for children and, with Ms Valerie, started inperson, outdoor programming for preschoolers!

She provided tech support for Read to a Dog Online on May 3 and May 17. She provided the closing songs for Toddler Time Online Live on May 4 and hosted that program on May 18. She provided the opening songs and story for Story Time Online Live on May 5 and hosted that program on May 19. Her curated program for *Clip-Clop* by Nicola Smee premiered on the SAPL YouTube channel on May 30.

On May 25, at 10:15 AM, 10 children and 4 adults attended Story Time on the Patio, presented by Ms. Randi and Ms. Valerie. The theme was "Use Your Imagination" and included a reading of *The Purple Kangaroo* by Michael Ian Black, *I Am a Frog* by Mo Willems. They lead the children in interactive songs. Ms. Randi played her guitar and sang Iza Trapani's version of "Froggie Went a Courtin". Finally, Ms. Valerie read *You are a Lion and other fun yoga poses* by Taeeun Yoo, while Ms. Randi lead the children in the poses. A craft project was provided (thank you to Library Assistants, Carolyn Bradley and Melody Smith) for the children to take home for future creation.

Ms. Valerie continued to help with Landa's outdoor, in-person Story Times in May. She read Shake the Tree by Chiara Vignocchi on May 5th and she read The Opposite Zoo by II Sung Na and contributed a few rhymes on May 26th.

Teen Time was held in the Teen Area of the library for most of May due to voting. Teens played games, colored, and participated in round-robin story writing. The Teen Q&A Box prompt for May asked for teens' favorite book genre and received 22 interactions.

On May 28th, the branch hosted the Kaveri Natya Yoga Group who performed a Bharatanatyam dance to celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. Patrons enjoyed the lively performance.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator for several virtual programs. National Pet Week: Animal Care Services was held on May 3. On May 5, the Understanding a Diagnosis of Dementia program was held; this virtual program was offered in partnership with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. On May 6, National Pet Week: San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition was held. The Film Noir Movie Club program was held May 10. This virtual monthly discussion group watches a film noir movie and encourages a lively discussion with engaging questions. On May 11, Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted the self-care program OptimizeU. The main host Maggie Grueskin led the program which is held the second Wednesday of every month.

On May 17, Ms. Mjolsness hosted the in-person program A Conversation with Providence Umugwaneza: Survivor of the Rwandan Genocide. Ms. Umugwaneza discussed her book *Next Couple Hours* and talked about how she survived the Rwandan genocide. On May 21, Ms. Mjolsness hosted the Kaveri Natya Yoga Group who performed a Bharatanatyam dance to celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. Bharatanatyam is a classical Indian dance and depicts storytelling through movement.

On May 27, Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted a virtual Beginner's Chair Yoga program, and served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program. These programs are held the last Friday of every month.



Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick served as co-host for the Baby Time Online programs on May 6, 13, 20, and 27. She collaborated on the ocean-themed display "DIVE into Reading" with Circulation Assistant Rosa Villa and Library Aide Noah Carver. Ms. Penick assembled 20 themed book bundles for children with items for check-out in both English and Spanish. She completed preparations for the Children's Services 2022 Summer Reading Program which is set to run June 1 through July 31.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. On May 25, she facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center. The book group participants discussed *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. On May 28, she worked with a team of colleagues to facilitate the Pop Madness event. Pop Madness is a Pop Culture Convention featuring authors, artists, anime, crafts, cosplay and many more activities for everyone to enjoy. Ms. King created an "Emotions: All the Feels" book display in the teen area highlighting emotionally charged reads. She created an interactive activity which encouraged teens to vote on their favorite flower or plant.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse, planned and hosted a reception on May 10 for Artist Guy Blair. Mr. Blair discussed his work with the homeless community and how it's reflected in his art. Blair's paintings will be on display through the month of June. Other presenters at the reception included, Brianna Glass, a Library Assistant at Central Library. Ms. Glass shared information on San Antonio Public Library's Homeless Committee and training and resources the committee has developed. The committee invited the City of San Antonio's Department of Human Services to speak. Homeless Outreach Manager, Breanna Jaijairan, and Outreach Specialist for District 10 Council District, Trevor Baker, both spoke about the targeted programs the City has implemented to help individuals experiencing homelessness.

Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier conducted six Story Times for outreach at Woodridge Elementary to over 200 children on May 13. Ms. Frazier provided upcoming Summer Reading events and programs happening both at the branch and throughout the city.

May 17 was a huge end of school year party for Garner Middle School students. Teen Librarian, Melissa Carroll, was the lead for coordinating all activities and games. Students played Limbo, flamingo ring toss, football and enjoyed taking pictures with props and eating snacks purchased by Tobin at Oakwell's Friend's.

Ms. Woolhouse has worked extensively over the last year for Pop Madness held on May 28 at Igo Branch Library. This event celebrates pop culture with interactive activities like a Vikings living history battle, belly dancers, a magician, Story Time for children, trivia game and crafts. This program was the first time back live in person event since the pandemic.











WESTFALL

The Westfall Branch Library continued to be closed during the month of May for renovations. Interim holds pickup service was available at the Granados Senior Center for the public. Eventhough the branch was closed, staff were able to provide some outreach to the community.

In May of 2022, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino, as a member of the Story Time Work Group, added two curated Story Time programs to the Preschool 0 – 5 LibGuide. These were programs prepared by other children's librarians.

One of the responsibilities of the SAPL is Here for You LibGuide committee is to prepare seasonal book lists. In May, Ms. Merino added books to the Pride Month list for June, and also a couple of titles to the Summer Book List.

Ms. Merino visited St. Gregory the Great Catholic School for a Literacy Night on May 4th to speak about Summer Reading at SAPL. There were about 35 adults and 15 children in attendance.

She also had an outreach event at Ridgeview Elementary on May 19th. She spoke about Summer Reading and Library Services in general to the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes. There were about 240 children and 4 adults in attendance.

Additionally, Ms.Merino visited four area schools to deliver summer reading information which included Neal Elementary, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School, George Gervin Academy and Dellview Elementary.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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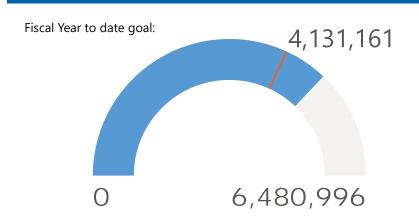
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

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May 2022 FY 2022

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FY 2022 to date Items Borrowed





4,805,025

Visits: Goal

FY 2022 to date Library Visits





1,609,104[~]
(+0.87%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal

FY 2022 to date Digital Access





110,273Hours of Computer Use



981,200

Hours of WI-FI Use

1,091,474 (+44.86%) Wi-Fi Hours

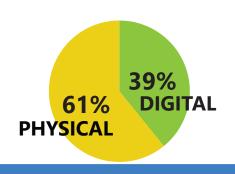
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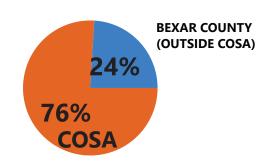
May 2022 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

CIRCULATION BY TYPE

CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA





VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



APP DOWNLOADS*

SITE VISITS

731,427 3,490,001 **IMPRESSIONS**

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2022

3,121 TOTAL PROGRAMS 1,343 ADULT PROGRAMS 1,112

667 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

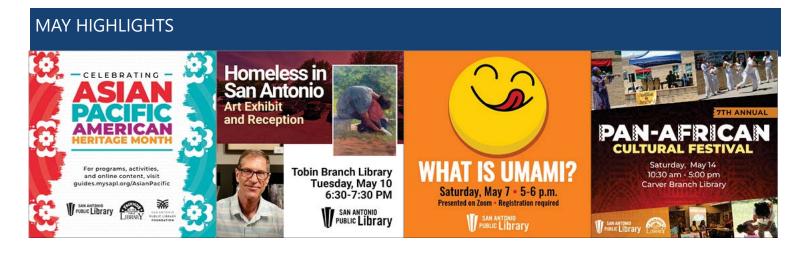
56,418

16,411 ADULT ATTENDANCE

10,156 29,851 CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

20,106 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS



^{*} As of 11-2021, App Sessions data is no longer available and was changed to measure App Downloads

San Antonio Public Library May 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	668	80	796	0	796
Brook Hollow	23,949	10,375	5,395	445	4,950
Carver	2,184	3,503	3,700	640	3,060
Central	8,831	27,281	20,919	3,213	17,705
Cody	30,281	16,179	9,527	537	8,990
Collins Garden	3,323	3,219	3,607	550	3,057
Cortez	3,668	5,103	2,695	227	2,468
Digital	246,018	0	0	0	0
Encino	16,265	11,859	5,455	200	5,255
Forest Hills	336	55	0	0	0
Great Northwest	23,531	13,476	5,515	201	5,313
Guerra	6,718	6,657	3,543	148	3,395
lgo	35,542	30,306	11,565	614	10,952
Interlibrary Loan	1,101	0	0	0	
Johnston	7,701	6,726	3,720	544	3,176
Kampmann	0	727	99	0	99
Landa	11,911	10,491	3,871	489	3,382
Las Palmas	3,792	6,639	3,695	1,005	2,690
Maverick	21,766	13,206	6,386	662	5,724
McCreless	4,615	3,123	4,269	622	3,646
Memorial	705	147	0	0	0
Mission	9,257	11,978	4,996	716	4,280
Pan American	3,340	2,816	1,788	297	1,490
Parman	31,034	20,115	6,646	224	6,422
Potranco	15,144	6,936	14,026	208	13,818
Pruitt	3,816	9,169	4,794	169	4,625
San Pedro	3,660	4,240	5,296	657	4,639
Schaefer	7,499	8,804	3,895	442	3,453
Semmes	25,239	28,494	7,725	721	7,004
System	34,177	0	0	0	
Thousand Oaks	6,139	4,539	3,892	473	3,419
Tobin	15,473	17,047	4,077	560	3,517
Westfall	2,813	243	1,385	0	1,385
Total	610,496	283,533	153,276	14,564	138,711

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

San Antonio Public Library May 2022 Programs & Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some programs are developed with a system wide approach and others are developed by each location.

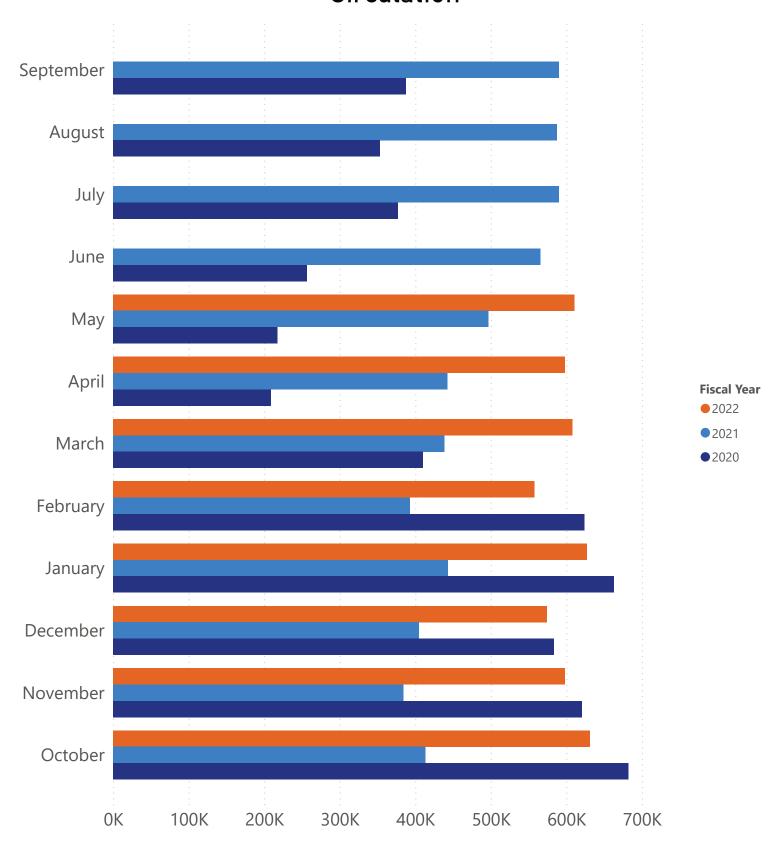
Location	Adult	Teen	Children's	Total	Adult	Teen	Children's	Total
	Programs	Programs	Programs	Programs	Program	Program	Program	Program
*					Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
Bazan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	6	2	10	24	43	75	142
Carver	8	7	2	17	433	532	50	1,015
Central	18	75	6	99	199	438	100	737
Cody	20	2	4	26	96	0	127	223
Collins Garden	1	9	3	13	2	16	171	189
Cortez	8	4	0	12	47	0	0	47
Encino	9	6	6	21	37	83	85	205
Forest Hills	1	2	4	7	10	45	503	558
Great Northwest	1	9	4	14	1	14	779	794
Guerra	6	8	2	16	74	10	30	114
Igo	9	6	5	20	73	216	371	660
Johnston	13	4	2	19	3	16	80	99
Landa	3	4	5	12	19	4	168	191
Las Palmas	10	4	0	14	21	406	0	427
Little Read Wagon	0	0	17	17	0	0	841	841
Maverick	6	7	18	31	27	171	1,365	1,563
McCreless	1	5	0	6	28	2	0	30
Memorial	3	0	2	5	26	0	172	198
Mission	16	4	0	20	211	22	0	233
Pan American	11	4	6	21	50	9	403	462
Parman	6	5	5	16	53	11	457	521
Potranco	7	2	1	10	87	16	83	186
Pruitt	6	9	1	16	44	193	14	251
San Pedro	4	0	1	5	50	0	134	184
Schaefer	2	5	0	7	15	32	0	47
Semmes	3	5	2	10	27	36	37	100
System	15	35	18	68	1,106	190	340	1,636
Thousand Oaks	3	4	0	7	30	0	0	30
Tobin	4	3	10	16	65	78	330	473
Westfall	0	1	4	5	0	200	294	494
Total	196	235	130	560	2,858	2,783	7,009	12,650

Note:

Bazan: Building was closed; no events.

Forest Hills, Westfall, & Memorial: These buildings were closed in May, however these branches were able to hold one or more off-site events while closed.

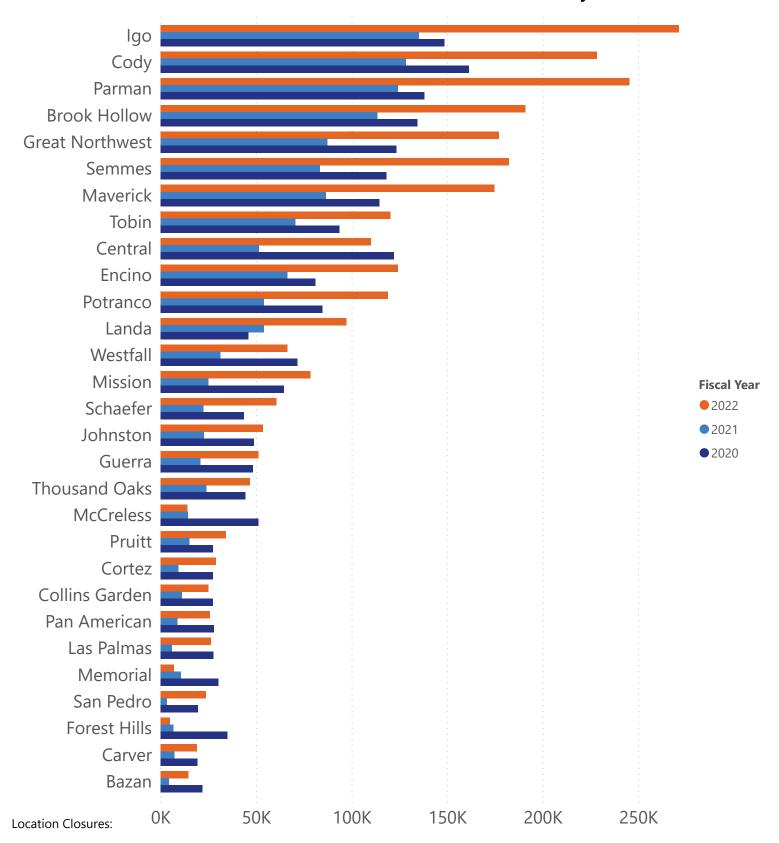
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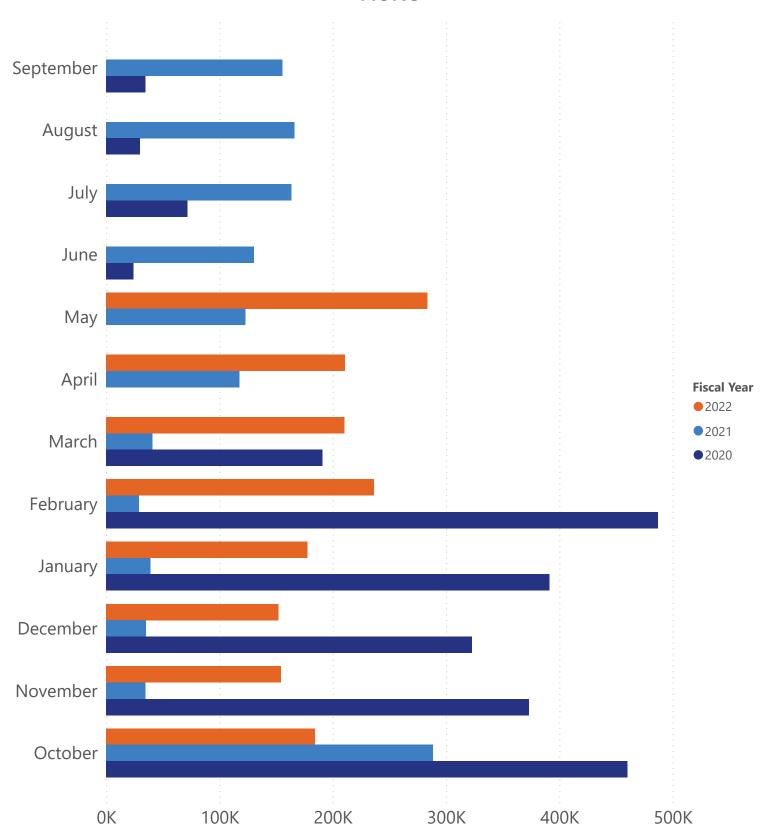
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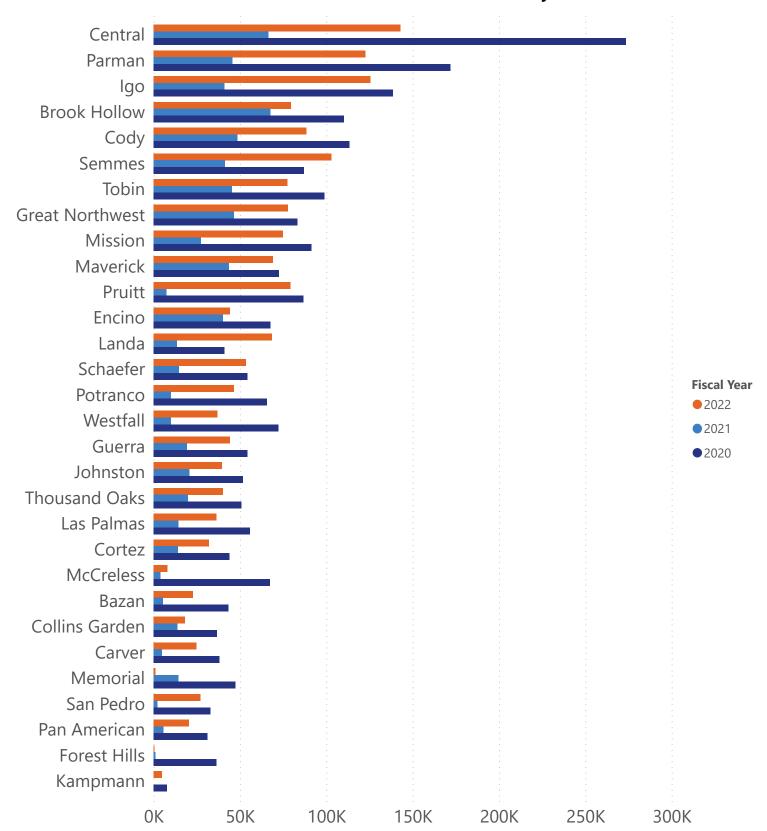
Visits



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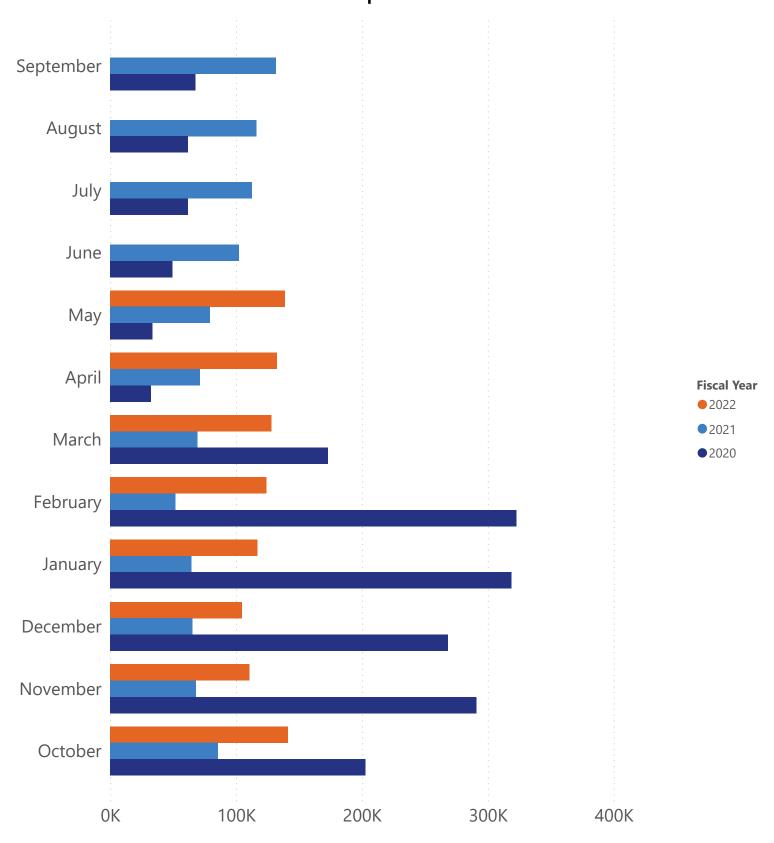
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Location Closures:

San Antonio Public Library Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



Location Closures:

APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.