



## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report July 2022

*Once in a Wild*, a unique mobile zoo visited Cody Branch Library on July 7 to showcase several of their animals as part of Summer with SAPL.

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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

## Professional Activities

As a Board Member of the Local Government Hispanic Network, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated virtually in the Local Government Hispanic Network Board Meeting on July 8, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Public Library Association past presidents virtual gathering on July 19, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), World Library and Information Congress in Dublin, Ireland on July 24 - 28, 2022.

## Stakeholder Engagement

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar, Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan, Assistant Library Director Dale McNeill, and Assistant to the Director Jessica Zurita facilitated the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Board Builder tour of the McCreless, Henry A. Guerra, Johnston and the Pan American Branch Libraries on July 20, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with Friends of the Library President John Costello on July 21, 2022 to discuss the Friends modernization initiative.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the following Community Budget Meetings regarding the FY 2023 Proposed Budget:

- District 10, Toolyard Community Meeting Room on Monday, August 15, 2022
- District 6, San Antonio Food Bank on Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- District 8, John Igo Branch Library on Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar held a Town Hall meeting for Library staff to discuss the City Manager's proposed FY 2023 budget and answered questions from library staff. The Town Hall meeting was held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

# COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications team's primary focus in July was promoting the conclusion of Summer with SAPL and the Mayor's Summer Reading Club. The public relations effort resulted in a number of broadcast and online features for the Library (listed below), and the marketing and graphic design teams supported multiple individual summer programs across the Library system. The Library's social media channels generated a remarkable uptick in engagement in July, and each channel saw moderate follower growth. The team also created and distributed 31 marketing emails in July resulting in an average open rate of over 35%.

- July 1 - SAPL Children's Librarians Shannon Seglin and Karen Braeuler visited KENS 5's Great Day SA to promote SAPL's children's program "Let's Get Moving! Yoga at the Library" on Friday, July 1.
- July 2 - The San Antonio Current reported on the Freedom to Read press conference.
- July 7 - KSAT 12's SA Live featured a story about Liah Morales, a Harlandale middle school table tennis wizard. Liah is a ranked competitor in Texas and hoping to join the Olympic team one day. The segment mentions that her introduction to table tennis began at the Mission Branch Library and includes images of her playing in Mission's meeting room.
- July 8 - KSAT 12 featured a promo of the Mr. Pitts children's puppet show on SA Live. The Mr. Pitts puppet show took place at Central Library as part of Summer with SAPL.
- July 8 - News 4 WOAI's San Antonio Living show highlighted the Animal Encounter event at Carver Library.
- July 13 - KSAT 12's SA Live hosted SAPL Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas for a segment on process art and Legos in promotion of Summer with SAPL Children's Programs. You can view the segment by going to the 8:41 time marker in the video at the link. This segment did not air on the station yesterday due to a special report interruption. However, it will likely air next week.
- July 22 - The San Antonio Express News included a highlight of San Antonio Public Library's historical King James Bible kept in Texana's collection in an article about rare books in San Antonio Libraries.
- July 28 - KSAT 12 included a little plug for Central Library in their segue into the weather portion of the newscast.

**Social Media overall figures for the reporting period:**

- SAPL's social media generated **236,542** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **339** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **9,688** times.

**Social Media statistics for the month(s):**

- Twitter: **93** followers
- Facebook: **82** followers
- Instagram: **164** followers

**YouTube statistics for the month(s):**

- Subscribers gained: **19**
- Impressions: **31,866**
- Total Views: **2,000**

- Videos published: 3

### **Graphics**

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for branch renovation communications, Latino Collection and Resource Center programs, patron Welcome Guide updates, and the Young Pegasus poetry anthology, as well as social media and other promotion for branch events.

## **DIGITAL SERVICES**

On July 6, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana met with teen library interns to discuss the day-to-day work of the Digital Services department and the career and education paths for those interested in library systems management.

On July 12, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson met with representatives from Bibliotheca to learn about their new streaming video content platform.

On July 15, Mr. Spana met with library colleagues from Administration and Texana and representatives from Lyrasis to kick off the Texana digitization project.

On July 21, Mr. Spana, Library Services Administrator Haley Holmes, Performance and Innovation Manager Randall Polasek, and Access Services Manager Sarah Linley met with representatives from BiblioCommons to learn of an upcoming product purpose-built for gathering library metrics.

## **LITTLE READ WAGON**

According to the National Weather Service, July 2022 was the hottest July on record and San Antonio already had 50 days of over 100-degree temperatures recorded. Despite the record-breaking heat, Little Read Wagon staff hosted the 40<sup>th</sup> outdoor event of the summer on July 30 at Martin Luther King Park! This summer series of Let's Play events traveled to a total of seven parks in May, June and July where staff interacted with over 2,000 children and adults.

Water continued to be the most popular play areas at both July parks. At Levi Strauss Park, a few children managed to climb right in to the water filled sensory bins, while others misted themselves with spray bottles or poured water right on top of their heads. Since the children themselves were in charge of how the water splashed on them there were no tears. At Martin Luther King Park, the recently installed splash pad was a big draw for families. Children were able to play with the library provided activities, eat lunch, and then play in the water at the splash pad. A number of parents were enthusiastic about their first visit to Martin Luther King Park and said they would definitely be visiting again.

Staff are working to develop the 2022-2023 offerings for professionals and families. The early childhood professional training is titled "Building Resilience Through Play" and will be offered in-person six times throughout the school year at the Central Library auditorium. A Spanish early childhood teacher training will be offered virtually three times during the year, with the potential to add dates depending upon demand. Professional development training will be provided to early childhood teachers at Navarro

Learning Center, AVANCE's English and Spanish teachers, Pre-K 4 SA's home-based centers, and at other locations.

Workshops for parents, including teen parents, are being scheduled and expected to pick up once the school year is back in session. Visits to all Pre-K 4 SA locations are scheduled for the fall and the spring, with plenty of hands on literacy activities. Reading tents will also be offered at many locations during the upcoming school year and planning for that is underway.

Let's Play returns in September and staff are piloting a new schedule with opportunities to play throughout the community. There will be Let's Play events offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm outside the Mission Branch Library through December. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month through December, Let's Play will move to outside the Carver Branch Library and be available in the afternoon, after school from 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm. And on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month through December Let's Play will be at Hardberger Park from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Two Let's Play events will be offered at Concepcion Park during the Thanksgiving and year end school breaks. Scheduling only through December will give staff time to evaluate the dates, times and locations to determine if any scheduling changes are necessary in the new year.



## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

This month the children's services team continued to offer in-house programs, featured guests, and free books to children participating in Summer with SAPL. Shannon Seglin (Central) and Karen Braeuler (San Pedro) appeared on Great Day SA to talk about the different ways the team is incorporating movement into summer programming. Jasmin Salinas appeared on SA Live to talk about process art and Lego programs.

Randi Jones (Semmes) and Imelda Merino (Westfall) joined Cresencia Huff (Coordinator of Children's Services) at Woodlawn Lake for the Fourth of July celebration. The team provided art, sound, and building activities for children. Many people stopped by the pavilion to enjoy the activities and spin the prize wheel.

Opera San Antonio concluded their summer tour with their apprentice artists at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. Other featured guests throughout July included: Once In a Wild, Happy Tails, Illusions by Blake, Lucas Miller the Singing Zoologist, Learn Nature with Tom Kinsey, author Xelena Gonzalez, author Alda P. Dobbs, and reader's theater with Miss Anastasia. The animal events were extremely popular. Dinosaur George presented three live online classes which were also very well-attended.

Children's librarians system-wide continued to offer in-person programs for school age children. Several offered programs for younger children outdoors, even with the ongoing heat. Locations with shaded patios and lawns were especially well-suited to these events. Parks and Recreation partnered with the Library by providing programming space at Blossom, Bonnie Conner, Levi Strauss, and Martin Luther King parks.

Several children's librarians attended an online nature-based early learning conference July 27-30. The conference, presented by Natural Start Alliance, included both pre-recorded and live sessions. Topics included social emotional learning, movement, seed libraries, and many science concepts. Attendees will share reflections on the sessions at upcoming team meetings.

## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

**Teen Summer 2022** – Teen Summer came to an end at the end of July. Teens from all over the community participated in both weekly teen programs system-wide and in weekly virtual clubs on the 210teenlibrary server. Teens were excited to receive their summer t-shirts designed by Percy, a teen active on the Discord server. In addition, teens had fun collecting buttons at different SAPL locations around the city that featured the rest of the artwork submitted by teens that did not win. The Teen Summer Bash took place at the Teen Library at Central on July 2. Teens, mostly on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, planned several activities and voted to make tacos. The party was a big success, with over 50 teens in attendance. Thank you to all the Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons at SAPL for your hard work this summer and for helping teens to create fun and meaningful library experiences for themselves and their peers!

**Teen Summer Interns** – The Library's annual partnership with the Family Service Association (FSA) continues until the first week of August. Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) serves as the point of contact for the FSA. This summer's participating library locations are Bazan, Central, Collins Garden, Parman and Schaefer. Daniella Toll (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian, Collins Garden) organized a meet-up for the interns at the Central Library on July 6, and as a group they visited the Teen Library at Central, toured Central Library, and met with several SAPL staff members from different Central Library Departments such as Facilities and Fiscal. Teen Library intern, Stormy, and fellow teen intern from Collins Garden, Sebastian, plan to invite all the teen interns to the Teen Library to celebrate the end of their summer internship during the first week of August. Stormy and Sebastian will plan and implement all activities and snacks for the summer teen intern celebration.

**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. During the reporting period, 41 teens requested to join the server, with 31 teens ultimately joining, bringing the total number of teens on the server to 323 – the highest number of teens on the server to date. With Teen Summer in full swing, teens continued to share experiences with their peers through virtual clubs and

activities such as streaming video games and shows, trying out new tabletop games and continuing current Dungeons & Dragons campaigns, sharing artwork and writing pieces, reading and commenting on poems, and discussing summer plans.

**Virtual Teen Content and Resources** – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Amisahari Sarabia (Teen Services Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central), Ciana Flores (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), and Regina Almanza (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. During the reporting period, teen volunteers and Teen Services staff shared book reviews, food demos / recipes, crafts, daily celebrations, and information as well as photos of teen events happening at library locations throughout the system.

**Teen Pride** – On Thursday, July 21, Matthew Loaiza, Dacari Lambert (Teen Services Librarian, Schaefer), and Shannan Prukop (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian, Carver) met with Michael Harle (Teen Program Specialist, Austin Public Library) and two teen volunteers from Austin Public Library who are currently developing an LGBTQIA+ teen space at the Central Library in Austin. The teen volunteers asked for information about the variety of Teen Pride activities at the San Antonio Public Library throughout the past few years; afterwards, they discussed their own ideas while asking for feedback and suggestions. Ultimately, Loaiza, Lambert, and Prukop encouraged the teen volunteers to trust their own instincts and collaborate with other teens at their library to create meaningful and relevant experiences with their peers.

**Systemwide Support** – During the reporting period, Matthew Loaiza served on interview panels for Librarian I - Teen Services and Truck Driver positions.

**Pictures below:** teens doing various activities at Summer Bash; teen volunteer Erick's ice-cream making demo on Instagram Reels:



## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Throughout the month of July, adults continued to participate in Summer with SAPL by setting a goal and then returning to their local library branch upon completion of their goal to receive a pair of limited edition SAPL earbuds with library card holders. Library staff have enjoyed celebrating with adults who completed a variety of goals. Summer with SAPL also continued in July with four additional sessions of Summer Storytelling for Adults, presented by the San Antonio Storytellers Association. In July, these sessions occurred at Schaefer, Igo, Pan American, and Thousand Oaks branch libraries. These sessions gave

adults the chance to learn how to build their storytelling skills while hearing great stories from veteran members of the Association.

Librarian Sylvia Reyna from Texana invited Cristobal Lopez of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park to speak at the Mission Library on July 12. Mr. Lopez discussed the result of his investigations into the history and burials at El Campo Santo de Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo (Mission San Jose cemetery).

Adult Education Services provided by Learn at SAPL continue to expand to meet the educational needs of adults throughout San Antonio. At the end of July, Michelle Rickman (who has served as a Training Officer at Westfall since 2015) accepted the position of Program Manager for Adult Education. This newly created role will facilitate the further expansion of Learn at SAPL (as one new Learn Center - McCreless - opened in 2022, and two additional centers are expected to open). One particular area of growth for Learn at SAPL is that ongoing, regular English as a Second Language classes are now offered at all four currently operating Learn Centers. This facilitates access to this needed opportunity, regardless of where in San Antonio individuals live.

## **OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)**

In July, Adult Services staff participated in a professional development opportunity related to library services to older adults. Amy DelPo, Administrator of Older Adult Services at Denver Public Library, shared information about the developmental stages of aging. DelPo discussed how traditional library services for older adults are based on a deficit view of aging, and challenged this notion with information about the developmental stages of aging, neurology, brain changes, and personality changes. DelPo then shared information about services and programs available to older adults at Denver Public Library. This opportunity is the first of four that are planned regarding library services to older adults as the Library continues to evaluate its current offerings and makes plans to be more strategic and intentional about opportunities that are made available to older adults.

The library offers a variety of opportunities for older adults to connect over a shared interest of a variety of creative endeavors. Many library locations - including Encino, Tobin, Great Northwest, and many others - offer regular opportunities for older adults who enjoy various forms of fiber arts - including knitting, crocheting, quilting, and others. For older adults who prefer not to - or are not able to - leave the comfort of their own home, the Library offers several online options for creative expression, including an online session of coloring as well as online embroidery club. Finally, Pruitt Library offers a monthly opportunity for older adults to connect through a shared enjoyment of music. Individuals are welcome to bring music selections that they enjoy to share with others with the goal of discovering new music that might be of interest.

# CENTRAL LIBRARY

## CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



Summer with SAPL kept the Central Children's department very busy and finished off with great success! Staff gave free books to over 500 children, presented a slew of outdoor programs at multiple locations, and hosted exciting programs at the Central Library.

Librarian Ashley Stubbs coordinated the special event in the Central Library Auditorium: a performance by the magician, The Astonishing Mr. Pitts. She introduced the performer who engaged a lively group of children with his hilarious puppet and magic show. Librarian Melissa Fulmer and Manager Kate Simpson assisted with guiding the families to the interim service space on the other end of the building.

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin and Ms. Simpson facilitated a STEM-based *Built It!* program in the Central Library Auditorium. Families enjoyed the wide range of building opportunities available in the room – from oversized foam blocks to LEGOs to stacking plastic cups.

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin was extremely active in the community this month. She filled in to host a Learn Nature presentation by Tom Kinsey at the San Pedro Branch Library. She also assisted at Igo Branch Library's Story Time in the Park.

Ms. Seglin also played a major role in developing the innovative movement program for children, *Let's Get Moving!*, that incorporates yoga poses, dance and exercise. She appeared on *Great Day SA* to promote *Let's Get Moving!*, discuss the benefit of movement activities for children, and demonstrate some poses live on air! Ms. Seglin partnered with Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser at the Schaefer Branch Library to help present the *Let's Get Moving!* program there.



Ms. Fulmer partnered with Librarian Jasmin Salinas at the Landa Branch Library to present Toddler Time programs every Thursday in July. These popular events drew large crowds every week. Ms. Seglin also helped present a Toddler Time program at Landa in July as well.

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Fulmer each contributed to virtual programming for children in June. Ms. Seglin presented two Toddler Time programs and two Story Time programs. She also participated in a virtual version of the *Let's Get Moving!* yoga and movement program. Ms. Stubbs presented an online Story Time program, 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. She also recorded a story for the telephone Dial A Story service. Ms. Fulmer participated in Baby Time Online every week in July.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Escape the Earth podcast with Tim Johnson (Igo) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow). This month they looked back at the Pop Madness event held at the Igo Branch Library in May.

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. Ms. Stubbs made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School.

## TEEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager) assists Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the "Random Fandom" club in which teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime or pop culture shows.

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

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I) 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. Rosalie also assists Daniella Toll (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian, Collins Garden) on Fridays with a summer Discord club, "Writing Club," in which teens share their short stories and poems and seek feedback and advice from other teen writers. Rosalie provides support as needed in other weekly clubs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server such as "Art Club" and

“Bookworms,” to further her understanding of how teens activate and participate in their own virtual space.

During the reporting period, the Teen Library at Central hosted summer teen intern, Stormy, from the Family Service Association (FSA) Summer Internship Program, which provides paid, part-time internships for local middle and high school students to build career opportunities and goals. Rosalie is the direct supervisor to Stormy who will be working her internship at the Teen Library through August 5. Stormy provides support and opportunities for teens to engage in activities such as cooking demonstrations and craft activities.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant) facilitated weekly teen summer programming on Tuesdays, during which teens made a variety of foods and crafts, including making (by request): breakfast tacos. Teen volunteers filmed an Instagram LIVE, guiding viewers through the making of the potatoes for tacos. Teens also used their scientific and creative skills to make ice cream, using Ziploc bags and ice cream salt, feasted on watermelon to make alphabet fruit skewers, made enchiladas using leftover items from Summer Bash, and enjoyed getting messy producing unique tie-dye totes and shirts. Color Wednesdays, a programming idea created by teen volunteer Viviana, got off to a fun start with the idea of participants using that day’s color as the theme for activities. For Red Day, teens wore red, made salsa, and drank red fruit punch. For Orange Day, they made *mangonadas*. For Yellow Day, teens made their own cup of lemonade and *arepas*.

Teens also have use of the Teen Library studio, gaming systems and lab equipment after cooking and crafting times. Pictures from these programs can be found on the 210teenlibrary Instagram page.

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) continues to engage with teens both in the Teen Library and via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. She continues to participate in Instagram Live videos with Teen Library staff. Ciana serves on the Discord team and responds 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 assists with “Gaming Club” Saturdays on Discord.

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist / Library Assistant) assists in the Teen Library, helping to staff the desk three days a week. She also shares teen-created Spotify playlists on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account. 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.

**Pictures below:** collage of teens making ice cream (photos by teen volunteer Erick); teen volunteer Ruben displaying photos he’s taken; photo collage of fruit skewers:



## REFERENCE

Central Reference staff hosted Digital Help Hour every Wednesday in July from 10-11am and 5-6pm in the Connect Lobby. Twenty patrons received assistance with their device/computer questions.

On July 13th, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled OptimizeU: Mind and Mood Tips on Zoom. It was presented by Maggie Grueskin, Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist and Dr. Sharvari Parghi. The presentation was about how to explore the six pillars of health, from an evidence-based, Lifestyle Medicine approach.

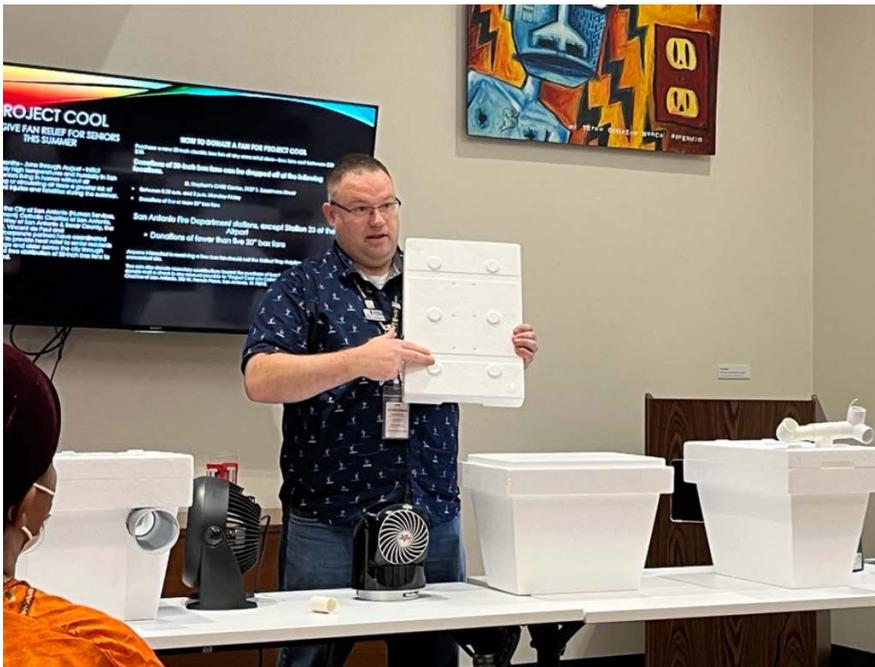
On July 19th, Sarah De La Rosa participated in SAPL outreach at SAMMinistries. This event offered varied community resources for the 40 families that they house. Sarah De La Rosa represented Adult Reference services and was joined by Nicole San Martin who represented Children's Services. Communications provided SAPL goodies and information cards to give to patrons, and staff interacted with 24 adults and 20 children.

On July 21th, Pannaga Prasad and Jordan Torres hosted Classical Dance Performance: Bharatanatyam on Zoom. The session was presented by Kaveri Natya Yoga Dance group. The attendees were very appreciative and participated in an active Q & A.

On July 27th, SAPL Reference Variety hosts J.D. Elizondo and Sarah De La Rosa interviewed community guest Alana Castaneda who survived a shooting at the Alamo Quarry.



On July 28th, Arland Schnacker hosted an event titled Beat the Heat “DIY”: Emergency AC Units. The class listened to a presentation and took part in a live demonstration on how to create their own Emergency AC Unit at home. All attendees left the program with building instructions and one patron received a completed Emergency AC Unit as a prize.



Reference Staff facilitated and hosted community partners so that the community have enhanced opportunities to learn about services that inform and transform lives.

Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) staff Derwin Williams provided an outreach table several times in July and talked to military veterans and their families who needed care and mentoring. SSVF is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to patron's in resume writing, job searching, and housing.

Ben Pelayo, a community outreach representative from the COVID Vaccine Outreach of University Health, provided vital health outreach on Monday July 25th.

Darrell Guzman, Outreach Manager from Roy Maas Youth Alternatives on Wednesday July 27, provided community resources for young people in crisis. Mr. Guzman shared that they were able to assist four patrons with their needs.

Sarah Donaldson, an attorney at Texas Grande Legal Aid, handed out flyers and answered patron's questions about TRLA's legal services on July 28th.

In addition to these current community partners, Reference staff reached out to nearby arts organizations to find additional creative opportunities.

On Friday July 1st and July 23rd, Reference staff Michelle Villarreal, J.D. Elizondo and Brianna Glass met with Ashley Mireles, Artpace's Programs Coordinator at Artpace's Morning Mixer to exchange zines and discuss future SAPL and Artpace collaborations.

On July 27, J.D. Elizondo met with Tatiana Herrera Schneider and Michelle Orsi (Chief Engagement Officer and Marketing Community Manager at San Antonio Museum of Art respectively) to plan SAPL/SAMA programming and outreach.

## **LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER**

Emily Flores conducted extensive planning efforts during the month of July for ever-expanding Hispanic Heritage Month programming. The systemwide Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) Committee met in July and discussed ongoing and new initiatives, including two children's events scheduled for Hispanic Heritage Month. In collaboration with Dawn Zeig and Lisa Leandro (Potranco), the LCRC will co-sponsor a program with children's author Michael Genhart, author of "Accordionly: Abuelo and Opa Make Music," with a systemwide Take-and-Make component. Author Xavier Garza will participate in an LCRC-sponsored program at the Bazan branch earlier in the month, co-hosted by Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills). Numerous programs will take place in-person at various branches and virtually as well.

# TEXANA/ GENEALOGY



*Guest presenter Cristobal Lopez of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park at the Mission Library on July 12.*

Librarian I Andy Crews presented a virtual beginning genealogy class on July 12. Attendees were provided tips on how to start their genealogy research and learned about the information that will help uncover their family histories.

Librarian Sylvia Reyna invited Cristobal Lopez of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park to speak at the Mission Library on July 12. Mr. Lopez discussed the result of his investigations into the history and burials at El Campo Santo de Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo (Mission San Jose cemetery).

Librarian Deborah Countess led a beginning genealogy program at Tobin Library on July 13. Those in attendance were guided through the steps to take in order to start uncovering their family history. Ms. Countess went over how to locate and use census and vital records in order to unlock answers to the past.

On July 26 Mr. Crews presented a virtual class titled "Finding Family History Information in Divorce Records." The class explored where to find and how to navigate historical divorce records for genealogy research.

Texana/Genealogy staff began working this month with LYRASIS consultants Tom Claeson, Leigh Grinstead, and Katy Klettlinger to assist with planning for the digitization of the archives and special collections housed in the department. On July 28 and 29, LYRASIS consultants conducted a site visit to interview staff and administration and to access collections and confirm understanding of current information systems and preservation environmental monitoring. LYRASIS will prepare a report/action plan detailing next steps for establishing prioritization of collections for digitization and advise on potential budget scenarios for continuing digital activities.

# BRANCH LOCATIONS

## BAZAN

Children's Librarian Hope Sonnen welcomed patrons to Bazan for more Summer Reading programming fun in July presenting the Illusion's by Blake magic show, and also Collaborative Art and LEGOs. Ms. Sonnen reported that children enjoyed all of the programs and that they all drew good attendance.

Summer Casarez, Teen Services Liaison at Bazan, facilitated weekly programs for teens aged 13 to 18 alongside two summer Family Services Program interns, Joe and Aubrey Ortiz. This month the interns, in the teen space they decorated, planned and implemented many exciting activities including a tie dye *Teen Time*, as well as a movie day *Teen Time*. Their involvement in the planning and implementation of these programs fostered teen creativity and celebrated their interests and motivation for community organizing and planning and helped achieve valuable library services.

*The Bad Girls Book Club* led by Library Assistant Enedina Prater, met in July to discuss *All the Feels* by Olivia Dade. This book two in the *Spoiler Alert* series, a follow up to the amazing *Spoiler Alert*, didn't disappoint. Author Olivia Dade has become a favorite of the romance book club and the group looks forward to book three of the series soon to be released. Some of the group listened the book on the Libby app and appreciated the option of eBooks, audiobooks, and physical books and were happy to find that SAPL had the title in all formats.

The Bazan Learn Center was busy with one-on-one sessions that covered a variety of subjects including computer skills building, job applications, resume building and completing online courses. Training Officer Carlos Loera presented a weekly ESL class focusing on conversational English and saw good attendance for the class.

## BROOK HOLLOW

The Friends of Brook Hollow Library (FOBHL) held their annual Back-to-School "mini" Book Sale Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Brook Hollow Library. Books and other donated library materials were set up in the main part of the library with 16 Friends volunteers coordinating the sale. Numerous patrons and literary fans waited for the library to open Saturday morning and browsed the Friends' selection of books, videos and Christmas in July items, including wreaths. During lunch time the Friends shared pizza from neighborhood Sophia's Pizzeria on Bitters Road with staff members. The owners of the pizzeria are library patrons and supporters.

Brook Hollow Library (BHL) wrapped up the 2022 Summer with SAPL summer reading program for kids and adults. BHL Children's Librarian Amanda Neace completed her first SAPL summer reading season with 450 children participants. Neace added extra programming to the July calendar and received an ENCORE card from a patron after hosting her first Story Time at Blossom Park located down the street from the library on Heimer Road. Neace continues COSA/SAPL's onboarding process with training cash

handling; COSA new employee orientation at City Tower and met others on the children's team by observing online programs and working an outreach event at Travis Park.

In July, BHL Assistant Manager and Teen Librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four Create Club virtual teen programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server and three in-person Teen Times @ BHL. Teens displayed pride, leadership and ownership of their teen space. Teens supported and encouraged each other's creative practices. Teens tried new activities along with other teens and asked each other questions, sparked peer-to-peer instruction and built on their competencies. Teens continued to improve the Discord user experience and suggest servers. During in-person weekly Teen Time at BHL, teens drove the decision making, summer programming activities and took ownership of their teen space. Teens created drawings on the windows, utilized summer supplies, played games and made new friends from outside their schools. Teens submitted requests for free 3d prints; custom buttons; magnets and picked them up @ BHL. Castillo attended the teen services, 210teenlibrary Discord and teen summer and Teen Pride committee meetings.

The La Tertulia Book Club and the Brook Hollow Library Mystery Book Club met at the Brook Hollow Library in July.

BHL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in July. The Sum SummerTime program featured summer time favorites and the second program in July showcased another round of BBQ on the menu. See mysapl.org under the events tab to register for Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen. Davies works with the Texas Library Association's (TLA)'s Libraries Transform Texas Podcast Team as part of the association's PR Committee. See the TLA website for monthly podcasts. The manager is also a part of the Texas Public Radio (TPR) Community Advisory Board.



## CARVER

In July, D.L. Grant completed training to become a Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) by the Tourism Ambassador Institute. The CTA credential is endorsed by visitsanantonio.com. According to the CTA, the “program is an industry-recognized certification that strategically aligns a community's people infrastructure — destination leaders, stakeholder businesses and the tourism front-line — to strengthen tourism and deliver quality experiences for visitors and locals.”

While the program is geared to promoting San Antonio's many tourist destinations and visitor services and accommodations, Grant was attracted by its strong emphasis on customer service. Having to brush up on local history, neighborhoods and venues to be prepared to better interact with visitors didn't hurt. He pointed out that out-of-town users are often drawn to libraries for information.

The program is accredited through the Tourism Ambassador Institute® and administered locally. According to the CTA website, "it is the only program that gives an official designation (John Sample, CTA) to individuals — from Mayors, to General Managers, to Drivers, to Waiters — people who care about their destination and want to be strategically connected at every level."

During July, Carver Branch continued assisting in research efforts for St. James AME Church and the San Pedro Creek Project. The foundation of the church's first site was discovered during the development of the San Pedro Creek Project in 2021. The church was founded in the late 1860s by African Americans, many of whom were former slaves. The names of the early members are being researched and documented for inscription at the site. Branch Manager D.L. Grant appeared on an installment of *There's a Story Here*, a partnership of Office of Historic Preservation and Texas Public Radio, to promote the library's involvement in the project and advocate for preservation of African American cultural heritage.

On Monday, July 18 and Saturday, July 23, the branch hosted two very successful history harvest events in a partnership with the Office of Historic Preservation which sought to capture a cultural context statement of African Americans in San Antonio. According to OHP, cultural context statements "are used by historic preservationists to identify important places, events, and forms of intangible heritage such as music, songs, dances, spirituality, festivals, even parade routes. Statements also help make decisions about preserving cultural heritage. This work can result in historic designations, historic markers, street naming, exhibitions, and heritage trails such as Civil Right trails."

City Historian Claudia Guerra and research assistant Claudia Sanchez thanked the staff for their hospitality and for providing library resources to gather input from the community. Grant serves on OHP's African American Cultural Context Advisory Group.

Also, during July Dr. Grant was among a group of San Antonians honored for their contributions to the community as part of the Echo Project, which was established by San Antonio's Poet Laureate Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson in partnership with KLRN's The Beat. Grant's efforts in the information profession were highlighted in verse by local poet Antoinette Lakey, who also included a nod to Prudence Curry, leader of the branch from 1930 to 1958. The poem may be accessed at the following link: <https://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=Zjlfq3BKznE>

Other honorees of the Echo Project included poets Carmen Tafolla and Anel Flores; artist Lionel Sosa; and Cassandra Parker-Nowicki, director of the Carver Community Cultural Center.

Teen Services Librarian Shannan Prukop worked with a group of colleagues to plan a series of LGBTQ+ themed episodes for Tuned In, the San Antonio Public Library podcast. They also worked with Shauna Mendoza and Laura Alvarez to build a citizenship resource display at Carver, based on patron interest in related materials. The role of wellness liaison at Carver was handed from Mx. Prukop to Ms. Mendoza, who has taken to the role with enthusiasm. Mx. Prukop continued their work with teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, helping run the Sunday Funday and Dungeons & Dragons programs that encourage teens to think critically and practice improvisational skills.

During the month of July, Ms. Ramirez, Children's Librarian began the month hosting an in-person Summer Program group called Learning with Grace on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ramirez read two stories, showcased our online ebooks, and facilitated a craft activity for a Summer bird feeder. Participants in this group also received vouchers for our Summer Reading program. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ramirez hosted a Straw

Connectors class, and on July 14<sup>th</sup>, Carver branch library met with Idea East side to promote library resources for students and parents attending this school.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ramirez co-hosted Lego Time with other Children's Librarians online, challenging children to create fun lego challenges. On the following day, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ramirez also co-hosted Toddler time with fellow Children's librarians for online programming. The following day, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Carver



branch library welcomed the live animal presenter "Once in a Wild" for an event that was well received by both parents and children.

In preparation for upcoming programming at Carver, Ms. Ramirez visited a Let's Play event hosted by the Little Read Wagon at Martin Luther King park on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ramirez ended this month wrapping up the Summer Reading program and decorated children's tables with coloring drawings to help welcome visitors with children to the library.

## CODY

Children's Summer Reading was in full swing at Cody during the month of July, keeping Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon and all the Cody staff busy! Especially popular were *Lego Club* and *Art Club*, which alternate on Friday afternoons. During each Lego Club children receive a mystery bag of Legos and use them to make their own Lego creation. After they are done, the Lego creations are placed on display in the children's area. During the *Art Club* on July 8<sup>th</sup> children learned how to marbled paper. Children worked one on one with Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon and Library Assistant Haly LeFlore to squirt shaving cream on a paper plate, add drops of liquid watercolors, and swirl them into a pattern. Then children pressed a piece of cardstock into the marbled shaving cream and wiped off the shaving cream to leave behind a beautiful and unique piece of artwork. During the *Art Club* on July 22<sup>nd</sup> children worked with modeling clay to make their own sculptures.



The *Outdoor Family Story Time* continued on Monday mornings in Cody's parking lot. On July 11<sup>th</sup> Yourdon put on a Story Time about the Ocean, with books, songs, and activities based on oceans. On July 18<sup>th</sup> the theme was Colors and featured *Pete the Cat, I Love my White Shoes* by Eric Litwin, a special Color Soup object story where children put a play food vegetable in a magic pot and guessed what color "sauce" it would make, artwork with different colored dot markers, and sidewalk chalk. Finally, on August 25<sup>th</sup> the Story Time was all about the alphabet. Yourdon read *Apple Pie ABC* by Alison Murray

and worked together to present *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. with magnetic alphabet letters. After the Story Time children used magnetic fishing poles to pick up the magnetic letters and matched the uppercase with the lowercase letter.

Yourdon wrote and presented another *Yoga Story Time* at Hardberger Park on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This *Yoga Story Time* took children on an underwater adventure through their imaginations and many yoga poses. Along the way children learned fun facts about various sea creatures.

The branch continued to host special summer programs every Thursday. On July 7<sup>th</sup> *Once in a Wild* came out to a large audience to show off several of their animals and tell children all about them.



On July 14<sup>th</sup> the branch hosted a children's collaborative art program. During this program children created artwork with various media on several tables that were covered with long sheets of butcher paper. Children created artwork with paint, permanent markers, markers, and paint sticks. After the program, the collaborative art pieces were put up in the library.



On July 21<sup>st</sup> the branch hosted a *Movie Crafternoon*. The group watched the movie *Encanto* and created their own family candle using a cardboard tube, markers, and a battery-operated tea light candle. Finally, on July 28<sup>th</sup> the branch had a *Summer Celebration*. Families gathered for a hula hooping contest, played games, took part in a scavenger hunt through the library, made a suncatcher and a scratch art bookmark, had their hand or arm painted with a cute paleta design, and ate paletas!

Yourdon participated in outreach opportunities during the month of July. Yourdon visited the Kids Campus ChildCare center to lead a Story Time for their literacy night. Yourdon designed the Story Time to teach parents the 5 things parents can do to help their children grow up to be readers – talking, singing, reading, writing, playing – and used the books, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to illustrate incorporating these essential elements into their everyday lives. Yourdon also took part in the Nature Literacy program at Hardberger Park. Yourdon set up Story Walks in the park for the program and took turns reading to children throughout the program.

Finally, Yourdon continued to create weekly scavenger hunts to set out in the children's area, including a seashell hunt, a Family Madrigal hunt, ocean animals, and a super summer hunt featuring beach, forest, and pool scenes.

On July 30th, Adult Services Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney organized a tabletop game program for adults. There were 9 attendees and several of them said that they were excited when they saw the program on the calendar and that they hoped it would be a recurring event at Cody.

## **COLLINS GARDEN**

Summer with SAPL continued at the Collins Garden branch with children, teens and adults encouraged to collect their free book, pick up their free t-shirts, set, achieve and share goals and attend programs. The branch hosted three Brain Boosters programs. On July 3, 17 and 31, seniors got the opportunity to participate in games, adult coloring and brain teasers. The Collins Garden Book Club met on July 15 and discussed the historical novel *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The club was facilitated by Gina Brudi.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll supervised one teen Intern during the summer, Sebastian Enriquez. On July 27, Ms. Toll worked with him to host a DIY t-shirt upcycle event at the branch. Sebastian hand-crafted 2 screen printing designs and prepped the screens for the family event. He created the flyer to promote the event, set up the tents, tables, and sorted all the t-shirts by size. The event was well-attended by children, teens and adults. The event would not have been possible without him and he enjoyed speaking and interacting with the public and troubleshooting screen printing projects. Ms. Toll, in collaboration with Rosalie Barrera, coordinated a tour of Central for the Teen Interns who worked at library locations this summer. Teens had the opportunity to visit different Central Library departments and hear from staff. Staff they interacted with included Tracey Cundiff, Alec Velasco, Adam Spana, Randall Polasek, Gabriella Rauscher, Regina Almanza and Troy Hoyles, who shared about their positions, how they got to where they are, and shared tips.



Children's Librarian, Gina Brudi presented three Lego Club programs during the month of July. She continues to contribute weekly to the Baby and Toddler groups. She also mounted a juvenile graphic novel display. On July 6, Ms. Brudi hosted a collaborative art project for children. School aged children and their grownups used painting techniques to create bubbles on black construction paper. The artwork bubbles pages were then put together and displayed in the juvenile area of the library. Author Alda Dobbs who grew up in San Antonio, visited the branch on July 13 and spoke about her Bluebonnet nominated book, *The Barefoot Dreams of Patra Luna*. She spoke about her writing process and how her grandmother's stories were the inspiration for her novel. The branch hosted a mobile zoo Once in a Wild, where children enjoyed live animal experiences. The children got to pet Sandor, the Flemish Giant Rabbit and saw a live ferret named Loki. Loki's handler showed everyone that ferrets have flexible spines and were trained long ago to live on ships and eat rats.



## CORTEZ

Cortez branch was focused heavily on patron engagement for the month of July, blowing the goal of Summer Reading Signups out of the water with over 450 total participants between all age groups. Staff worked together to engage visitors and encourage participation, doing a tremendous job. Librarian Morrow also coordinated with the office of Risk Management to conduct the annual safety inspection for Cortez and received a perfect rating.

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, Cortez hosted the amazing Magician Blake for a whopping 109 folks in attendance. Magician Blake was well-received and a joy to watch.

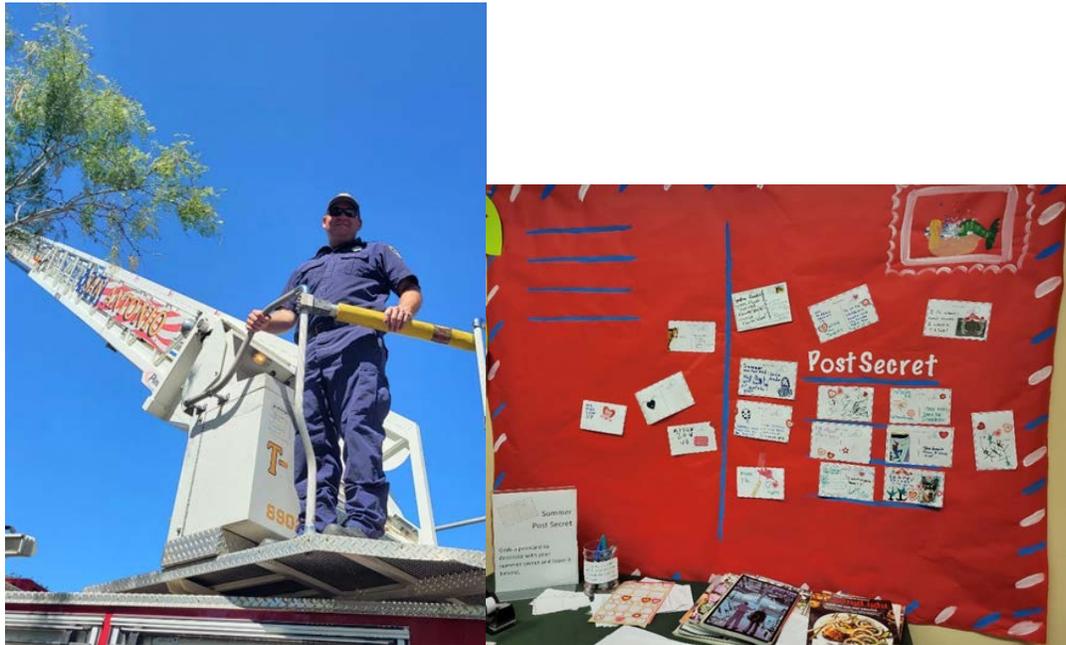


Branch Manager Angela Morrow and Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez coordinated with local photographer Richard Vasquez to host a second art installation of his work, *Escaramuza Charra!*. On July 26, the first day of the month-long exhibit, Cortez held a kickoff event including a meet and greet with Mr. Vasquez' and the young horse riders featured in photos in full costume. 66 were in attendance on a Tuesday evening.



In July, Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos worked with fellow Queer Committee members on the weekly Saturday crafting program Queer Crafternoon. On July 16, the group sampled the podcast Rebel Eaters Club. As a member of the Adult Summer with SAPL Committee, Librarian Villalobos coordinated the SAPL Summer Movie Series hosted at various branches. On July 23, Cortez screened *Pirates of the Caribbean*. On July 28, Librarian Villalobos facilitated a Healthy Cooking program with Metro Health's Healthy Neighborhood. Patrons discussed healthy ingredients while sampling picadillo. On July 29, Librarian Villalobos joined Thousand Oaks Librarian Brooke Mjolsness and Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura for July's SAPL Live Trivia. Vicky was a moderator for the night's event and contributed with a K-Pop category and one on Arthurian legend. On July 29, Librarian Villalobos with

Children's Librarian Olivia Escovedo hosted the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) for a program on home fire safety. San Antonio firefighters from Station 2 shared helpful information for families during emergencies and preventative measures they could take to avoid disaster. Cortez families were invited to tour the fire engine and truck, play with the fire hose, and pose for pictures with SAFD firefighters. 25 were in attendance.



Librarian Villalobos worked with staff members Esmey Staudt, Carmen Rodriguez, and Jasmine Sanchez to assemble Take-and-Makes for Cortez patrons. Patrons were given scrapbook supplies including color pencils, small notebooks, magazine images, and washi tape. For Cortez' July passive programming for Adults, Librarian Vicky Villalobos offered patrons a chance to share their secrets in the style of *Post Secret*, a popular online blog where people from around the world are invited to share anonymous secrets via postcard.

In July, Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez held monthly programs Monster Meet and Monday Movie Madness by screening *The Ruins* on July 10 and *Ghostbusters Afterlife* on July 18, respectively. Maddy took initiative to create a daily movie program at Cortez called Family Movie Frenzy. The program offered patrons a chance to escape the heat while watching family favorites. In two weeks, 68 patrons were in attendance.

Summer Reading supplies for teens were snatched up the first week in June. During weekly Teen Time, Cortez teens have been coming in to play video games and do the weekly crafts with Teen Liaison and Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes. The great success has been the Teen Positive Vibes whiteboard in the teen lounge area. Each month a photo is taken of the writings and posted next to the board, then cleared off for new entries. Positive vibes bookmarks were left on the table for teens to take. Many compliments have been expressed towards the comfort of the teen area. Teen time was changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays in hopes that the time frame would work out better for the teens, especially when school starts in August. The new program time from August through May will be 4:30p – 6:30p.

Ms. Paredes' craft class, *Getting Crafty*, continues to be a popular program for adults. One patron comes from Culebra and Grissom, another comes from FM78 and I10 area just to attend Cortez craft class. This month's crafts consisted of: White tree art, repurposed hose rug and basket weaving.

In July, Children's Librarian Olivia Escovedo and Cortez staff signed up more than 360 kids for the Summer Reading Program. By the end of July the majority of the prize books were given out. For programs, she put together a scavenger hunt for the kids for a passive program; she hid pictures of mermaids around the kid's area of the library. She read a dial-a-story at the beginning of July in Spanish. Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt also read for dial-a-story a book in English titled *Charlotte and the Rock*. Librarian Escovedo had two in-person programs at Cortez. First, she worked with Cresencia to bring the children's author Xelena Gonzalez to do a program and sign books for the families. Free copies of Ms. Gonzalez's book were handed out to the families who arrived first. Librarian Escovedo also held a Lego program for the kids where seven families showed up to build structures together.

## ENCINO

### Children's

This month Encino has hosted a couple of daycare groups per week, each bringing in students to read and check out books. The groups have been enthusiastic about reading and finding new books.

We have had exciting Story Times outside on the patio, reading about Stone Soup, going to the beach, dinosaurs, and going back to school. The parents and kids both particularly loved using their imagination with the activities that ended each Story Time. This kind of imaginative play helps children develop social skills, enhances language development and much more.



We were able to host Alda P. Dobbs, author of *Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna*, who gave a fascinating presentation on the experiences and research that led to creating Petra's story.

We've had good attendance for Lego Time, Art Time, Summer Singalong movies and Tween Crafts. Our patrons have given good feedback for each event and are looking forward to the schedule expanding to include more indoor programming in the fall.

## Teens

Teen Librarian Ivan Martinez facilitated passive and in person programming opportunities and also showcased displays for teens aged 13 to 18 in the teen space. Teens planned and implemented some exciting activities in the Teen Room such as: Movie night hosted by Samara, Learn Python with Abhyuday, Build a puzzle with Percy.

Teens participated in the promotion of literacy through a July *BookTok* display. Teen Services displayed authors, literature and signage in a dedicated display area to celebrate Summer 2022.

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, socializing, painting rocks, baking pizzas and listening to music.

The Teen volunteer program has been actively fostering relationships with other teens, promoting and invigorating the utilization of the Teen Space and its resources. Teens' involvement in the planning and implementation of these programs fostered leadership, creative expression, meaningful participation and ownership of their teen space and library.

## Adults

Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird introduced the Retro Crafts series in July which had adults and teens create Shrinky Dink necklaces and keychains and Lava Lamp lip gloss. Adults also had a really cool Take-and-Make for the summer-- "Summer Soothers" – after sun gel, a soothing face mist, and anti-itch balm.

# FOREST HILLS

## Community Center

The Gilbert Garza Community Center hosted a summer day camp for children, tweens and young teens. The participants were able to get books and t-shirts for summer reading as well as talk to the librarians about what they were reading and request items from other locations.

### Childrens

"Let's Get Moving! Yoga, Dance and More" was an opportunity to show children some simple Yoga moves, in addition to dancing and breathing exercises. Ms. Menchaca was happy to help with this program; she presented a scavenger hunt that included movement. She was also able to assist with outdoor Story Times at Igo and Landa where children could play with bubbles and draw with chalk.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Doris Griffin Senior Center for the monthly book Club. The group discussed *Big Lies in a Little Town* by Diane Chamberlain. The group was delighted to learn about New Deal era murals and were interested in learning about any San Antonio murals funded by the Work Progress Administration Federal Art Program during the Great Depression.

# GREAT NORTHWEST

All the staff at Great Northwest Library were pleased to welcome Lisa Puchot to our team as our new Teen Librarian. Ms Puchot has had experience in the system before coming to us from Schaefer Library, where she was also involved with Teen programming. She is a very welcome addition to the team.

New and returning participants joined the Cut & Glue program on two Saturdays in July. The group explored collage techniques including fussy cutting, layering, and reusing materials like postcards and junk mail. Folks shared about their collaging practices and creations.

On July 16 Great Northwest Library hosted the Library Bee quilting group where adults can meet once a month to work on quilting projects and learn new quilting skills.

Adult Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez facilitated the Let's Mod Podge craft program in July for Adults. Every Monday in July Patrons had the opportunity to create a different Mod Podge project that included magnet clips, a picture frame, and a tote bag.

Participants in Kids Time learned about the seven continents and biomes last month. The kids recognized the different countries when they looked at the map and shared their fun facts about different countries, cultures and ecosystems. They loved the many craft projects, relay races and distraction stations offered. Each day celebrated a different continent and our international patrons shared their experiences from home when their continent day happened.

Tweens learned about the invention of shaving cream and how to recognize how different ingredients innovated the product. The tweens created their own shaving cream designs on the tables that day. Another week tweens learned about popsicle sticks and that the invention was made by a tween. Each week they learned more about inventions, innovations and other controversial facts about the patent and trademark industry.

Maker Space club designed their own board games last month and learned all about boardgame mechanics, such as dexterity games, multi-level board games, traditional style etc. Another Saturday celebrated the Webb Telescope scientific findings. As families arrived they learned to make their own rocket out of household objects. The day included a rocket launch where participants designed their own solar system for launch and each made a comic strip that recalled their journey home.

# GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library enthusiastically welcomed their new Children's Librarian Linda Lopez to the team. They hosted a vaccination clinic on Tuesday July 5 in partnership with Metro Health. The Guerra Staff Book Club continues to meet every other Thursday and discussed *Alanna the First Adventure* by Tamora Pierce on Thursday July 14 then *The Curfew* by Jayne Cowie on Thursday July 28. The final big Summer Reading event, "The Astonishing Mr. Pitts" was held Saturday July 16. On July 20, Guerra hosted members of the San Antonio Library Foundation for a tour of the beautiful branch library complete with community history and current services provided by Branch Manager Monica Garza Bustillo. Guerra's Librarian leadership team met on July 21 to help new Children's Librarian Linda Lopez review the skills for successful site supervision when in charge. Guerra staff welcomed SAFFE Officer Hatcher on Monday July 25 for Active Shooter Training. On July 27, Guerra underwent a Facility Inspection conducted by

Ricardo Guajardo of the Office of Risk Management. The Guerra team bid farewell to Library Services Specialist Frances McGovern who joined the Landa and Tobin at Oakwell teams after July 30.

Branch Manager Monica Garza Bustillo attended the Texas Library Association Annual Assembly in Austin Texas from July 6 to July 8. Librarians from across the state convened in preparation for the 2023 Conference to be held in Austin April 19-22. As the Chair-Elect of the TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute Round Table, Ms. Bustillo familiarized herself with the many changes in TLA procedures and reconnected with trusted colleagues in training events such as "Officer Training - Planning and Running Effective Meetings" and "TLA Unit Financials 101: A Comprehensive Overview." Ms. Bustillo continues to represent COSA and SAPL at the Southwest Research Institute's long standing Slick Talkers Toastmasters club meeting held July 15. On the same day Ms. Bustillo met with her Women's Leadership Mentorship Program mentor, the amazing Assistant Manager Alex Lopez who continues to inspire with her empathy and service to COSA. Ms. Bustillo continued to facilitate the Athena Readers Book Club meeting on July 18 where members discussed Haruki Murakami's *Kafka on the Shore*. The Athena Readers Book Club was recently highlighted by the Reading Group Choices newsletter. Reading Group Choices partners with publishers, independent bookstores, public libraries, to enhance the shared reading experience.

Teen Services Librarian, Bek Corley, continued to co-host Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server alongside Teen Library's Ami Sarabia where teens shared music, art, game design and fantastic peer support. Ms. Corley was fortunate to connect with Anson Jones Middle School and NXTLevel North Youth Opportunity Center to share summer reading and Teen programming information for the summer and discuss future visits.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson, recorded *La visita (The visitor)* by German architect and children's book writer, Antje Damm, on July 12, translated from her book *Der Besuch*. Later, he recorded *¡Abuela, deja de hacer fotos! (Grandma, stop taking pictures!)* by Brazilian psychologist and children's book writer, Ilan Brenman, translated from his book *Vó, para de fotografar*. He moderated the Spanish book club, Club de Lectura, on July 21. They discussed *El cuarteto (The ensemble)* a book that delves into personal relationships between four singers and musicians in the competitive world of classical music. He presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center on July 22 with a special emphasis on the Fourth of July history and celebrations.

Library assistant Roxanne Menchaca facilitated two programs in May. The Knit & Crochet met on the third Friday of the month, where participants enjoyed learning new techniques and lively conversation. Ms. Menchaca also worked with the Queer Committee members on the weekly Saturday virtual crafting program, Queer Crafternoon. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the group sampled the eldritch horror anthology podcast *Old Gods of Appalachia*.

Circulation attendant and Wellness Liaison A. Abella Lazalde-Jimenez completed 10-week Compassionate Integrity Training. This program included weekly sessions focusing on: Self-Compassion, Compassion towards others and Compassion in Systems. The main topics were: Ethical Mindfulness, Emotional Awareness, Self-Compassion, Impartiality & Common Humanity, Forgiveness & Gratitude, Empathic Concern, Appreciating Interdependence & Engaging with Discernment.

## IGO

### Children Services

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance continues to support system-wide online programming with Baby Time Online-Live, Toddler Time Online-Live, and Proud to Be Me: Rainbow Families with children's librarians across the system.

Over 700 books were given out to the children visiting Igo Branch as part of the Summer with SAPL program. Families were thrilled to receive a book just for stopping in. The branch collected and displayed all the story sheets with many sweet sentiments: "Thank you for doing this program" and "I love this library". The Paleteria continues to be a hit with families and staff with many fantastic creations going up for display and going home with children who cannot bear to part with their artwork.

Ms. Vance and Library Services Specialist Mikala Thomas hosted two well-attended process art programs during July. Children made aquariums for axolotls, carnivals, ice cream stands and amazing painted pieces of abstract art and landscapes.

Story Time in the Park continued through the end of July with Ms. Vance and Ms. Thomas and lots of help from Children's Librarians Cheryl Penick from Thousand Oaks and Ana Menchaca from Forest Hills. Over the month, the park was filled with singing and laughing from children and adults alike. Children enjoyed flying paper kites, painting fish on sticks with dot painters, creating butterflies with coffee filters, markers and spray bottles, and as always, dancing among the bubbles, playing at the playground, and drawing with the chalk.

Ms. Vance and Teen Librarian Annie Calonico continue to co-ost the Igo Stitchery. Attendance is very good. The San Antonio Needlework Guild has also discovered the group as a place to visit, so the crafting variety continues to grow.

### **Teen Services**

Teen Time at the Igo Library has continued to attract new community teens alongside our regular teen attendees, building a stronger sense of the teen community and encouraging interaction between teens with varying interests and backgrounds. Annie Calonico, the teen librarian at Igo, works with Igo's teens to develop new activities and crafts that align with their interests while also providing a regular assortment of things from which they can choose, including art supplies, craft projects, games, and movies. The new relationships and friendships being developed in Teen Time have encouraged some teens to bring in activities or games of their own they want to share with others, strengthening their sense of ownership over the program and what it can offer. Our teen volunteers continue to be an integral part of our volunteer force, helping with a variety of tasks and building strong connections to the library.

### **Adult Services**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, Igo branch library hosted an adult storytelling program for the public. Sue Kuentz, a member of the San Antonio Storytellers, an organization of storytellers and story lovers in the Central and South Texas area presented the program. Their goal is to reintroduce the art of oral storytelling into the community at large. According to Ms Kuentz, SA Storytellers believe that this most ancient of human arts brings people together in enjoyment, wonder and common humanity. Storytelling enhances and facilitates the education of the young, and, for any audience, the art of telling a story can create "a state of grace" wherein the soul is nourished and the creativity of the imagination is kindled.

Sixteen people participated in the program and they enjoyed the three different stories told by Ms Kuentz. Participants were also allowed to tell their stories and there was a nice question and answer session after the program.

## JOHNSTON

Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham continued to celebrate summer and summer reading with school-aged programming on Thursdays with Let's Get Creative (a process art program) and Let's Get Moving (a dance, games and movement program). During the last program of the summer the kids became obstacle course engineers, in which they designed an obstacle course and then challenged other kids to complete their course. The program was the culmination of all the summer Kid's Time programs and was full of laughs and great fun. Miss Tiffany hosted a special guest, Miss Anastasia, and her Reader's Theatre program based on the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Miss Tiffany presented virtual programming for SAPL families with Toddler Time Online, Game Time Online, Art Club Online and the newest online program—Let's Get Moving—and continued her work as the co-lead of the Tiny Tots Work Group. Miss Tiffany held the outdoor literacy program Bubbles at the Sun Valley Playground twice. Despite the heat the Bubbles program was well-attended. The children loved marching around the playground to "We Are the Dinosaurs". Miss Tiffany provided outreach for the San Antonio Council on Alcohol & Drug Awareness Camp. The campers listened to stories about DC Super Pets, made mix-and-match flip books and they received vouchers and learned more about SAPL and the Summer Library Club.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza continued to co-hosted a virtual video game program on the Teen Service Discord server. This month the teens played and streamed a variety of video games including Valorant, Rocket League, and Dragon Ball Z Dokken. Two teens from the group have been showing video game development of their own creations. Several of the teens created tributes and monuments for a streamer that had passed away and showed the groups their creations. Ms. Garza facilitated in-person teen time two afternoons a week during July. Every Monday night and Friday afternoon teens are able to hang out and play video games and enjoy crafts and other activities. July's Teen Time highlight was learning how to make snow-cones. The teen volunteers spent weekends filling and freezing large ice blocks to use for the snow-cones. Ms. Garza and the library's Esports committee have begun planning a large-scale Smash Ultimate video game tourney before the end of the year. Selection of locations and inventorying of the needed gaming equipment has begun.

LEARN's Training Officer Marcella McGowan hosted the following programs: Open Keyboard & Mouse Training on July 10, 17 and 24 at 10:30am. Career Exploration - Career Toolkit on July 13 at 10:30am and Exploring Topics for Citizenship on July 26 at 6:15pm. The Learn area had 33 patrons accessing the Learn Center.

## LANDA

Summer with SAPL continued in July with hundreds of children signing up and receiving a free book and sharing their summer stories at Landa Library

### CHILDREN'S

Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas hosted several in-person programs at Landa, including a really popular construction program where children built amazing structures out of cardboard boxes and rolled up newspapers, a Scavenger Hunt afternoon, and a drop-in Lego Club. The University Presbyterian Childcare Center visited multiple times to check out books, play with robots, and get creative with an art project.

In July, Librarian Salinas, with a team of other Children's Librarians, continued to offer an Outdoor Story Time for all ages on Landa's Terrace. The program saw an average of 50 children attend each week. She continued to assist with weekly with online school-age programming including Art Club Online, Let's Move Online, and Lego Club Online. Librarian Salinas continued to lead the Baby Time Online team of Children's Librarians in presenting songs, rhymes, and stories to infants and toddlers through Zoom. Several of the Baby Time Online families asked the librarians to continue the online programming through December because of high gas prices, difficulty with transportation, nap time schedules, and other reasons.

Librarian Salinas attended the VOICES for Children Childhood Event to promote library services to day care centers workers and teachers from the San Antonio Area. She appeared on SA Live in July to talk about Summer with SAPL, Process Art, and Lego Club programs happening across the library system.

## **TEENS**

Teen Librarian Stephanie Thomas-Rosen hit the ground running at Landa. She set up several well-used book displays and passive programming opportunities for teens in the Teen Space.

Landa has received a couple teen volunteers. They assisted Librarian Stephanie with program planning.

## **ADULTS**

Adult Librarian Robin Alcorta and Circulation Attendant Greg Cruz prepared and hosted Landa Branch's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Plant Swap! It was a highly requested event and was very well-attended. Circulation Attendant Greg was in his element talking about plants and sharing tips and tricks for gardening.

Librarian Alcorta attended the Village at Incarnate Word with Circulation Attendant Amy Peppersack for an outreach book club. They had a lively discussion about the book and the lives of the residents.

In July, the mystery book club read *The Searcher* by Tana French. Six club members were in attendance. Our readers stated they enjoyed the book, and its style was a nice break from some of the more 'slasher' types of mystery books they've read. Book club members said they liked the book's 'sense of place' and that they really got a sense of the flavor of the small town within Ireland, where the book was set. One of the members was particularly happy about the book because she is going on a vacation to Ireland this month and said she can't wait to see how it compares to the book. Overall, there was a lively discussion and members seemed to enjoy exploring the characters, their motives, and their progression throughout the story.

# **LAS PALMAS**

Adults: Adult's continued participation in Summer Reading Program (SRP), giving away all prizes for meeting personal SRP goals. Las Palmas hosted "SAPL Summer Movie Series" featuring Pirates of the

Caribbean, managed by Manager Lily Perez and Library Assistant Elvia Ramos. The movie series was well received, and Las Palmas plans on continuing to offer free movies every other week.

Children's: Children continued participation in Summer With SAPL programming. Community, City and out of town visitors signed up to read and learn through the programs offered. The number of children signed up for Summer With SAPL increased from the number signed up last year by more than 100 children. There were many activities and events, online and in person, that the children enjoyed.

Valerie Shelley, Children's Librarian, presented to children online in Toddler Time, Story Time, Dinosaur George, and Legos programs. In person offerings included Construction Kid's Time in which the children created items from boxes, cardboard bricks, Brain Flakes, and Keva Planks; Legos Time collaboration at Pan American Branch with Valerie and Jacqueline Gonzales, the Pan Am Children's Librarian; and special presenters. Presenters were Happy Tails, an experience with exotic animals and Lucas Miller, a singing "zoologist". Added to these events was a SummerFest to celebrate all we had learned and read over the summer. A face painter adorned participants with colorful arrays on their faces. Valerie visited the Madonna Neighborhood Center to read to the children there as well.



Teens: Las Palmas teens tapped into their creative sides this summer with painting, Tie Dye and Shrinky Dinks. The teens were more into crafts this year but some of them played games on the Wii. Teen Services librarian Connie Hejl moderated the Random Fandom club on Discord. The teens choose new

anime to watch and talk about. Teen Take-and-Make crafts continue to be popular, Connie put together light switch plates for teens to decorate.



Connie and Shannan hosted this month's online program Speak Geek. The theme was Geek Out, Cook Out where participants discussed pop culture conventions, TV shows and movies. Rhonda shared her experiences from San Diego Comic Con.

## MAVERICK

Maverick wrapped up "Summer with SAPL" at the end of July. Reference staff gave away many prizes to customers who participated in this year's summer event! As students are preparing to go back to school, reference staff have noticed more customers asking for school required reading titles. The chess club, mah-jongg group and poetry group met in August.

As of July 31, Maverick Library had 414 children registered for the summer reading club. Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, was pleasantly surprised at the amazing turnout of kids and parents at children's programs in July! She had 422 kids/caregivers attend a total of 8 programs! In addition, the owner of Bartholomew the French Bulldog, who came in June and July for our Read to a Dog program, will be coming back to Maverick in August, October, and December! Bartholomew is a therapy dog who loves hearing children read to him. Ms. Roberts treated the Maverick staff to a pizza party on Thursday, July 28 to thank them for helping promote the summer reading club and programs.

Ms. Roberts also created programming and attended meetings in July. She created a curated Story Time for the Tiny Tots committee using the book "Kitty's Cuddles" by Jane Cabrera on July 15. Ms. Roberts read "Mel Fell" by Tabor for Dial-A-Story on July 26. She completed Lib Answers and Climate Change Training on July 7. In addition, Ms. Roberts completed Security Awareness Training on July 18. Finally, she attended a children's librarian's meeting on July 27.

In July, the Maverick Teen Library Leadership Council (TLLC) planned and developed their August programs. Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated Maverick Teen Time, assisted by Taylor Loera, Library Aide. While some Teens played D & D the first 2 weeks, with Loera acting as the Dungeon Master, Bleichwehl and other Teens played Uno Avengers, Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza and painted with acrylics. Teens designed and constructed art from recycled bottle caps and made Dirt Pudding cups during their Earth Friendly themed program, and another week Teens watched Encanto and made magical pancakes with food coloring and sprinkles. For the final July program, interested Teens competed at Mario Kart while others created bracelets and they all enjoyed making grilled cheese sandwiches.

# McCRELESS

July continued Summer with SAPL, where the McCreless Branch hosted Miss Anastasia – a storyteller who acted out *The Day the Crayons Quit* with the children in attendance. Several programs were hosted for children including LEGO Club on Mondays, and a Process Art program in which attendees created their own mosaics out of clay. Children’s Librarian Nicole San Martin also provided information for back-to-school resources for children at the SAMM Education Night and District 3 Back to School Bash.

The McCreless Learn Center’s first multi-level English Class is growing in size and popularity. This Saturday morning class began in June, with a total monthly attendance of 13. In July, attendance almost doubled, increasing to 25 participants. One young mother who works the night shift gets off work at 4:30 am, goes home to take a nap, and then attends our 10:00 am class. Most walk-in Learn Center patrons in July have needed support with resumes, job applications, and computer skills. Our Training Officer Lodie Mueller has also provided one-on-one support demonstrating SAPL’s excellent databases for patrons who need GED resources such as tutorials and practice tests.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales continued the monthly Movie Night at McCreless program. The second movie McCreless screened was *Thor: Ragnarock* with 19 patrons in attendance. Joseph helped with the making and release of another *What’s Poppin’* YouTube video titled *Sci-Fi Favorites*. In addition, he has assisted the Pop Culture Committee, and helped update the Enhanced Library Card procedures so we can let patrons know that their card has been mailed to them.

Teen Librarian Marisa DeBow reports that The Dungeons and Dragons Club is deep into their “Lost Ones” Campaign. Attendance has been steady with the core group and it welcomes newcomers and visitors alike. This hybrid program is open to patrons aged 15 and up; it has become quite popular, with an attendance of 24 attendees this past month. Teens attending the weekly Teen Time contributed their thoughts and ideas for upcoming events. Their involvement in the planning and implementation of programs cultivate creative expression, leadership, significant participation and a sense of belonging to their teen space and the library

# MEMORIAL

Children’s Librarian Christine Deffendall made five contributions to the library’s digital programming efforts during the month of July. A curated Story Time, published July 5, was based on the book *Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo*, written by John Lithgow and illustrated by Leeza Hernandez. Mrs. Deffendall also reviewed four books for the Children’s Services blog during the month. On July 5, she reviewed *Marcus Makes it Big*, written by Kevin Hart and illustrated by David Cooper. For July 8, she reviewed *Jennifer Chan is Not Alone*, by Tae Keller. On July 15 and 29, respectively, she reviewed *Once Upon a Tim*, written by Stuart Gibbs and illustrated by Stacy Curtis, and *Maizy Chen’s Last Chance*, by Lisa Yee.

Mrs. Deffendall lent support as a Librarian-in-Charge (LIC) to the Collins Garden and Pan American branches July 21 and 22.

Library Manager Maria Gonzales was interviewed by research staff from the IC2 Institute, Office of the Vice President for Research from The University of Texas at Austin. The interview centered on providing digital services to the Memorial branch community and surrounding areas. Mrs. Gonzales shared

information on the ongoing construction and expansion of the branch. She also shared news of the LEARN Center that will be a part of the new development phase for the branch. The researcher was excited about the opportunities the LEARN Center will provide to the community.

Mrs. Gonzales lent (Librarian in Charge) LIC support for the Potranco branch on 07/17/2022. She also attended the quarterly meeting of the Amigos/Friends group on 07/10/2022. On 07/20/2022 Mrs. Gonzales provided a tour of the Pan American branch to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Board. The group was accompanied by San Antonio Public Library Director Ramiro Salazar. It was a very cordial tour with members of the group asking questions about the branch and the community.

## MISSION

National Historical Park as he explored the 300-year history of an extensive research report he did about a small cemetery with two gravestones located in front of Mission San Jose. There were 26 attendees. Sylvia R. of Texana was responsible for coordinating the program.

Mission Library's meeting rooms continue to provide a space for various community organizations including other City of San Antonio (COSA) departments. There were 22 reservations, not including library programming, in July.

Children continue to sign up and participate in the Summer Reading program, 326 children have signed up so far; each has received a free book and placed their name on the Summer Reading board.

## PAN AMERICAN

During the month of July, Jacqueline Gonzales children's librarian at Pan American Branch Library visited La Petite Academy, and read a Story Time for the children. A total of 24 kids and 2 adults were in attendance. Children sang along to simple melodies, and enjoyed several fun books. One of the most popular books read was *Pete the Cat and the Groovy Playdate* by Kimberly & James Dean.

In spite of the hot July weather several children's programs were held throughout the month. Children were eagerly in attendance for Growing Up Wild. Parks and Recreation presented the program. They taught children about seeds and what amazing things seeds can grow. Children learned about the different types of seeds that exist for food production and to produce beautiful plants. Children heard a fun story, and did a small activity with the presenter to grow their own plant at home. A total of 7 kids and 5 adults attended.

Lego Time is a very popular children's program held during July. We had a small crowd of 3 children and 2 adults in attendance. Children were presented with the option to free build and then given prompts with small challenges like build a bridge, build a tall building, and build a car. Legos were spread on tables and children really got creative with seeing how structures could grow with a little imagination.

Mrs. Gonzales brought in another program, it was titled Once in a Wild. This program brought the zoo to the branch with fun animals and educational information about wildlife. Children saw an owl, opossum, iguana, rabbit, and more. A total of 38 children attended and 42 adults.

Illusions by Blake finalized the children's Summer program at the branch. Blake displayed unique and fun magic tricks for families. Children were dazzled by his amazing card tricks, and intriguing illusions. There was a total of 20 kids and 19 adults.

Teen librarian Gladys Nunez provided Teen Services during the month by facilitating opportunities for teens at the branch to share their creativity. One teen volunteer continues to come up with ideas for book displays and showcased different genres of YA books including fantasy and history. The Branch welcomed three new teen volunteers this month who have been sharing and implementing their ideas for the teen area and Teen Time. During Teen Time this month, teens had fun with different activities each week. Teens made mini donuts and decorated them with toppings, decorated tote bags with fabric paint, and used glitter and beads to fill their own mini cork bottle.

Circulation Attendant Adam Capelo attended the staff Wellness meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The discussion at the meeting centered on creating a Zen space for staff. Obstacles that came across involved cleaning the materials that would be used in the space. A lot of the materials proposed had weird angles or were made with sensitive fabric which would pose a problem with cleaning. One solution was a sanitation wand to use UV to clean surfaces. Mr. Capelo along with some staff thought it was a good idea to get air purifiers and sound devices to help make a more relaxing mood. The equipment would be easy to clean and manage it to make less contact with the fabric. This idea was pretty well accepted among the group. Another topic was space to make a Zen area. It would be up to the liaisons to see if it would be possible and use our best judgement on identifying an area.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, the branch hosted a "Back to School" San Antonio Metro Health Mobile Vaccination Clinic. Vaccines were offered free of charge. Members of the community that took advantage of the mobile vaccine clinic were thankful at how easy and convenient the entire process was.

Adult Services Librarian, Adrian Leal, organized a Take-and-Make specifically for Pan American Branch visitors. The Take-and-Make was related to July 4<sup>th</sup> and was entitled "Patriotic Pet Magnets". The kits included all materials and instructions for patrons to complete. Take-home kits are extremely popular with our patrons.

Mr. Leal, hosted two "Puzzle Times" during the month of July. "Puzzle Time" is an Adult Program that offers participants the opportunity to spend some time putting their very own puzzle together. Puzzles are provided free of charge and participants can keep the puzzle they put together. A family of four participated in the program this month. They were very grateful that they had a place to go to that shared the same appreciation for putting puzzles together.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Cancer Is One Cancer (C.I.O.C.) Support Group held its monthly meeting. This group meets once a month and provides an opportunity for the community to get support and talk to others who have been affected by cancer.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the branch hosted a Story Tellers Program. The featured story teller was Mark Babino. Mr. Babino told some pretty awesome stories. He was very entertaining and passionate about the art of Story Telling.

# PARMAN

July was full of activities and events for Parman's patrons of all ages to enjoy.

Stories & Bubbles continued on Wednesday mornings despite July's heat. Families congregated in front of Parman Library to sing songs, do fingerplays, and hear a story from Miss Lisa. Everyone's favorite action song was definitely Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes. Even the littlest participants could point to their head! As always, the favorite part of the morning was the millions of bubbles and the fun music that played after Story Time.



Blake the Magician wowed families with his tricks and surprises. Patrons were delighted to meet a lemur, a wallaby, a capybara and many more animals when Happy Tails came to Parman. One day Happy Tails showed off their furry friends and taught attendees about the exotic animals. Another day, children and adults got to pet and interact with the animals and enjoy popsicles while they waited to meet the creatures. A representative shared information about dairies and dairy farmers across the nation. During this program, families also got to see a very friendly cow named Harley being milked and learned that chocolate milk does not come from brown cows! Lucas the Zoologist shared his humor and puppets through silly songs about mako sharks, butterflies, cheetahs and more.

On Tuesdays in July, Miss Teague continued the Creator Club where kids built a town together out of Legos, made robots out of recycled materials, and created different textured paintings with water colors, salt and plastic wrap. One messy afternoon, kids learned how to use shaving cream and food coloring to create marbled paper. Shaving cream was everywhere, but everyone had a great time creating beautiful art in a unique way!

Parman teen services librarian Zachary Woolston facilitated opportunities for teen involvement with leadership opportunities and teen-focused feedback. In preparation for Wizard Fest 2022 teen librarian Zachary organized a strong group of teen volunteers and interns. They helped prepare much of the supplies for the event, and created a young adult "Magical Realism" display to coincide with Wizard Fest.



For adults Parman Café continued into its second month of programming for the summer and featured Tai Chi classes and very well attended Japanese fly-fishing classes (in addition to regular weekly Yoga classes presented by Fitness in the Park). One of the 19 participants of tankara left the class with a new Japanese fishing rod donated by the presenter.



Parman's featured artist of the summer, Joe Luna, had a reception to celebrate his art and it was very well attended. Mr. Luna grew up in Texas and received art degrees from both Our Lady of the Lake University and Texas A&M. He taught commercial art at Burbank

High School for 37 years and many of his students (many of them already renowned artists) attended the reception. They reminisced about Mr. Luna as a teacher and admired his current "Pablo Inspired" art exhibition in Parman library's gallery.

To close out summer reading July wrapped up with the return of Parman's annual Wizard's Fest! We



transformed the branch into the Parman Library of Magic and Wizardry.



Wizards of all ages showed up to take a potions class, learn about ancient runes, train for Quidditch, play chess with Ron Weasley himself, and grab a wand from Ollivander's wand shop. Board member Ms. Marcie Ince (District 9) participated in the practice session at the Quidditch Training Pitch catching a snitch in her first try. The branch also had on display a menagerie of live fantastical beasts that included rescued owls, toads, snakes, and spiders! Wizards from every house (total of 500 in 2 hours) floated through the halls of the library to see everything their "Professors" had in store for them. All witches and wizards in costume received a special house keychain created on Parman's 3D printer. The event was a spectacular display of magic and several patrons commented on how much they enjoyed themselves and thanked Parman Staff for creating events like this one.

Friends of the Parman Library had their membership table at the event and provided pizza and cookies for all volunteers and staff.

## POTRANCO

Potranco Library ended the summer with a number of programs that focused on creativity and family fun.

Children's Librarian, Dawn Zeig, continued promoting summer reading by offering well-attended, fun programs. The first week of July had children creating Process Art. Process Art promotes the creative side of making art without emphasizing the finished piece. The second week of July, Librarian Zeig introduced children to bleeding tissue paper art. This type of art uses special tissue paper that releases color when wet onto white paper mimicking watercolor.

Children were treated to a screening of A Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days based on Jeff Kinney's best-selling book of the same name. Kids escaped the heat to enjoy snacks and this fun comedic movie.

Blake the Magician came to amaze the audience with his live bunny and ample magic tricks.

Friends of the Potranco Library sponsored a special art program to close out the summer. Lisa Mares from Artworks Art Studio came to make warm and cool collages with the children. Ms. Mares taught the kids different art techniques.

Librarian Zeig continued to participate in the virtual programs Game Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively.

Dreaded Threads, hosted by Circulation Attendant Miranda Reyes with the assistance of Ms. Zeig continues to be a popular program at Potranco. Dreaded Threads gives adults the opportunity to work on their individual textile pieces while listening to true-crime podcasts.

Paschal Booker hosted the Potranco Writers Group on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. The group meets regularly to share their writing project and to receive feedback from other members.

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro hosts the Café con Libros and the Potranco Book Clubs. Ms. Leandro also hosts a very popular Virtual Coloring program. This group has been meeting since the COVID quarantines and they continue to enjoy each other's company in this virtual environment.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services hosted a *Summer STEAM* program every Sunday in July and a *Twens Create!* program every other Monday. Patrons were able to make amazing LEGO creations, *Hack that Painting* projects, slime, process art, tie dye, and a construction-themed building program! The branch also hosted storyteller Sue Kuentz. Pruitt continued a partnership with Healthy Neighborhoods and hosted the patron favorite *Family Yoga* program. Library assistants Sheran Awe and Beth Harris created summer-themed *Take-and-Make* craft kits for children. The branch completed *Summer with SAPL* for kids with a total of 334 signups (more than twice as many as last year) and 334 books given away! Participants had an engaging experience, and look forward to next year's Summer Program.



July was a great month for Pruitt Teen passive programming, with consistent attendance for *Tuesday Teen Time* and *We Game Wednesday*. Planned around high school summer school schedules, both events allowed students finishing their summer studies to drift in at their leisure for chess, checkers, connect 4, or a selection of games on a Nintendo Switch. *Free Play Fridays* continued weekly sessions of musicians with unique interests, from all-digital production on their iPad to covering classic rock on a classical guitar. As the new school year begins, outdoor *Lunchtime Chess* will return with mega chess sets, as well as chess lessons for interested students. All together in July, Pruitt Teen Services facilitated 13 programs with a total of 80 teens in attendance.

Pruitt adult book club members discussed How Not to Die Alone, Anxious People, and You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey. The *Special Needs Adult Programming* group listened to a reading of Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book), discussed their summer activities, and listened to relaxing music while coloring pictures of alligators. July's adult in-person crafters produced flavored lip balm with optional shimmer and tint, plus a sugar lip scrub. *The Best Music You've Never Heard* continued with selections featuring the glass armonica, Loreena McKennitt, the McGarrigle Sisters, and David Olney.

*Family Chess* (patrons can watch the livestream in-person at Pruitt) and *Chess Lesson Livestream* (available remotely via Zoom) wrapped up for the summer, with plans to return in the fall.

## SAN PEDRO

In July, the branch continued to provide 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!

San Pedro Branch hosted a Process Art program on July 5 for school aged children aimed at allowing kids to experiment with different types of art media.



Little Red Wagon hosted a Play in the Park event outside the library on Saturday July 9 for area children to free play with a variety of loose parts and open-ended activities.

Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler co-hosted the book club at The Village at Incarnate Word with Landa Branch Librarian Robin Alcorta. Seniors enjoyed discussing *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. The Landa Branch will be handling this club from here on.

San Pedro Branch hosted Learn Nature with Tom Kinsey. Families delighted in touching and learning about animal species native to our area.

Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler visited the San Pedro Park pool to promote the summer reading program and invited families to stop by the branch to pick a free book for participating.

The San Pedro branch concluded a successful Summer Reading Program giving books to 191 children.

The San Pedro Branch received a donation of "La Frutera" from the personal collection of Susan Frost. The piece has a rich history as it was created at San José Potteries, a company that was adjacent to Mission San Jose for many years. More information related to that company can be found in the book, *Colors on Clay: The San Jose Tile Workshops of San Antonio* (Trinity University Press, 2009.) The San Antonio Public Library owns copies of the book, which are available for check out.



## SCHAEFER

In the month of July, Teen Services Librarian, Dacari Lambert facilitated weekly Teen Time alongside teen volunteers who planned and implemented teen requested activities. Dacari completed Discord Summer Art Club programming, co-lead with colleague Laura Herman. Dacari has transitioned her work with the Employee Wellness Workgroup, to working with the Organizational Health Unit on training and staff development opportunities. Dacari concluded Schaefer Branch's partnership with Summer Intern Nicol, completing a total of 120 hours over a 6-week period. Dacari supported Nicol in creating and

facilitating her own art program for teens, and a “poet-tree” book display, as major projects for her internship. Additionally, Dacari worked with Branch Manager Maria Adams to plan and implement a branch wide program: Beetlejuice Movie Party! The program was an interactive movie party with prop bags, a photo opportunity, and popcorn!





Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted the monthly Schaefer Virtual Craft program; where patrons decorated sun catcher Mandelas with fabric markers.. She published a catalog list of popular LPs for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. She assisted Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser with her Summer at SAPL programming.

The Children's Summer Library Club was a success at Schaefer. More than 625 children received a free book by the end of July! Kids also shared their summer stories by writing or drawing on the SAPL Story Sheet, and when they turned them in, they were displayed on the service desk! Families and children enjoyed looking at all the stories throughout the summer. A highlight for kids at Schaefer this summer was the Paleta Scavenger Hunt – replicas of the collectible bookmark paletas were hidden throughout the library in different spots each day, and kids had a blast looking for them each time they visited! The Schaefer Friends group very generously purchased Summer with SAPL t-shirts for staff, and the staff wore them as a group each Tuesday.

During July children's librarian Leslie Elsasser offered a variety of programs for children of all ages. Outdoor Story Time took place on the playground each Wednesday morning. Kids sang songs, listened to stories and played each week. Read to a Dog took place on July 5 and 19, and kids read aloud to Molly to practice their reading. On July 13, a process art program allowed kids to explore art by trying out different materials, including different types of paint, clay, markers, fabric, paper, scissors and more. They were able to create using their imaginations without a specific outcome required. A Come and Go Art program on July 16 allowed kids to make art using a few simple supplies: chalk, construction paper and glue. They were able to create anything they wanted and then displayed their art in the library. On July 20, Leslie Elsasser and Shannon Seglin presented a yoga program with movement, games and relaxation. LEGO Time was the last program in July, and as always, kids had a great time free building, and then their creations were put on display in the children's area of the library. Special guests also visited Schaefer. On

July 1, authors e.E. Charlton-Trujillo and Pat Zietlow Miller visited and read their new book *Lupe Lopez: Rock Star Rules!* Tom Kinsey brought birds, snakes, cockroaches, and rats on July 12. The kids had fun learning and petting the animals. Kayla from Parks and Rec came on July 7, and did a program on insects. Destiny from the Missions National Historic Parks did an atlatl demonstration on July 21, and all the kids took turns throwing it, too! Schaefer is fortunate to have a large outdoor space to have this unique event. Leslie Elsasser attended a back to school bash on July 27 at Democracy Prep at the Stewart Campus. Library assistant Blanca Hernandez assisted at these in-house programs during the summer.

On July 5th, as a part of the Adult Summer with SAPL program, adult services Librarian, Dan Garcia, hosted a Storytelling for Adults program with storyteller, Larry Thompson which was attended by nine participants. On July 18th, Xavier Vara from the San Antonio Food Bank presented a class on Diabetes and Healthy Eating which was attended by two people. On July 19th, the Schaefer Skimmers Book Club met, and the session was attended by four people in person and one participant virtually on Zoom.

## SEMMES

For this month, Ms. Randi continued her participation in Toddler Time Online on July 13 (hosting) and July 27 (presenting opening songs). She also participated in Story Time Online on July 7 (hosting), July 21 and 28 (story reading and closing songs). On July 12, she lead the process art program for school-age children. Pictures included below. She recorded on the Dial-a-Story line three times (July 5, *Pickin' Peas* retold by Margaret Read MacDonald; July 15, *Guji Guji* by Chih-Yuan Chen; July 19, *Edward Lear's The Duck and the Kangaroo*) Ms. Randi's curated preschool Story Time for *Finding François* by Gus Gordon premiered on the SAPL website on July 18. Her curated toddler time for *Tiptoe Joe* by Ginger Foglesong Guy premiered on July 25. Ms. Randi hosted and moderated Adventurer's Book Club online on July 9 for a discussion of the book, *Once Upon a Camel* by Kathi Appelt and Eric Rohmann.



Story Time on the Patio continued into July with Miss Valerie conducting the programs on July 13<sup>th</sup> (Nighttime theme) and July 27<sup>th</sup> (Things That Go theme). Valerie also continued to help at Landa's Outdoor Story Time on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. She contributed various songs and actions rhymes and read *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli.

Tween Time continued every Wednesday in July. We played games and did crafts, and table tennis was the most popular activity every week.

Tuesday evening Teen Times also continued. In July teens were able to tie-dye backpacks, play outside, and create decorative terrariums or mini herb gardens. We hosted a teen movie night on the last week of July. Teens suggested movies then voted on each other's suggestions using the Teen Q&A box in the Teen Area.

As part of Summer with SAPL, Semmes hosted poet and author Xelena Gonzalez on July 26<sup>th</sup>. She read her new book, *Where Wonder Grows*, which features the four elements of nature. Xelena also incorporated dramatic movement and a group poetry project to continue exploring the elements of nature.

## THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator for the Film Noir Movie Club program on July 12. This virtual monthly discussion group watches a film noir movie and encourages a lively discussion with engaging questions. On July 13, 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 July 16, Ms. Mjolsness hosted the in-person program Cooking Class with the San Antonio Food Bank. Attendees learned healthy diet habits, enjoyed a homemade waffle recipe and fresh-brewed green tea. On July 20, she hosted the in-person program Wednesdays with WellMed: Medicare Education Roundup. Attendees learned about who is eligible for Medicare, and the types of Medicare plans. She held an in-person Film Noir Movie program on July 26. Attendees watched *The Asphalt Jungle* (1950) starring Sterling Hayden and Louis Calhern, and enjoyed light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library.

On July 29, 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 on the last Friday of every month. She hosted the in-person program Summer Storytelling for Adults on July 30. Attendees heard stories from Sue Kuentz, a member of the San Antonio Storytellers organization, and received tips on creating and telling their own stories.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick served as co-host for the Baby Time Online programs on July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. She hosted the in-person program Learn Nature with Tom Kinsey on July 9. She facilitated the Cardboard Brick Blocks and Process Art program on July 14. She facilitated a Collaborative Art-Sidewalk Chalk program on July 18. Ms. Penick facilitated the Summer with SAPL summer reading program at Thousand Oaks. The program concluded on July 31 with 258 registrants. She assembled themed book bundles for children with items for check-out in both English and Spanish, and assembled weekly "Take-and-Make Tuesday" craft kits for children.

Librarian Kimberly King held Teen Time programs on July 4, 11, 18, and 25. On July 27, she facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center. The book group participants discussed *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict. Ms. King created a "Find your Genre" book display in the teen area highlighting the various genres in the young adult collection. She created an interactive activity which encouraged teens to share responses to the question "What is your favorite ice cream flavor?" in celebration of National Ice Cream Month.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano collaborates with colleagues twice weekly on an ongoing Animal Crossing program. She has served as host of this virtual Esports gaming program since autumn 2020. Ms. Castellano facilitates the Animal Crossing Island Contest program. This virtual event is held from July 1 through August 13. Participants submit screenshots of their islands for consideration. Prizes are awarded to the two islands with the most votes. She attended a virtual Esports meeting on July 28. The group discussed upcoming system-wide programs. On July 29, she attended an in-person Esports meeting to discuss meeting room capabilities, and future program opportunities for the Thousand Oaks Library.

## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

On July 5, Tobin hosted Illusions by Blake, who performed tricks with coins, scarves and cards to a large crowd.



Thursday's in July saw kids enjoying Lego Challenges at Kids' Time on Thursday's including Yoga on July 21 with Lucy Humphrey, Librarian from Pruitt at Roosevelt who co - hosted with Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier.



Due to the popularity of these type programs and the huge summer reading kick-off in June, all branch staff helped in signing up 565 children for summer reading.

Rhonda Woolhouse, coordinated a program called "Nickel and Dimes: Money Saving Ideas" on July 12. City Public Service shared tips on saving on energy and gas bills. A representative from the City's Department of Human Services presented budgeting and finance tips. All attendees received a free tire gauge courtesy of Triple AAA.

## **WESTFALL**

The Westfall Branch Library is currently closed for renovation. Holds pickup service is being offered at the Granados Adult Community Center.

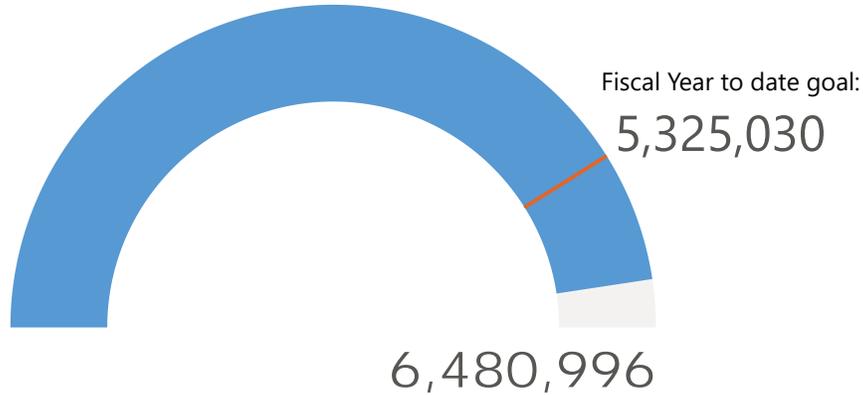
## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

## July 2022 FY 2022

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

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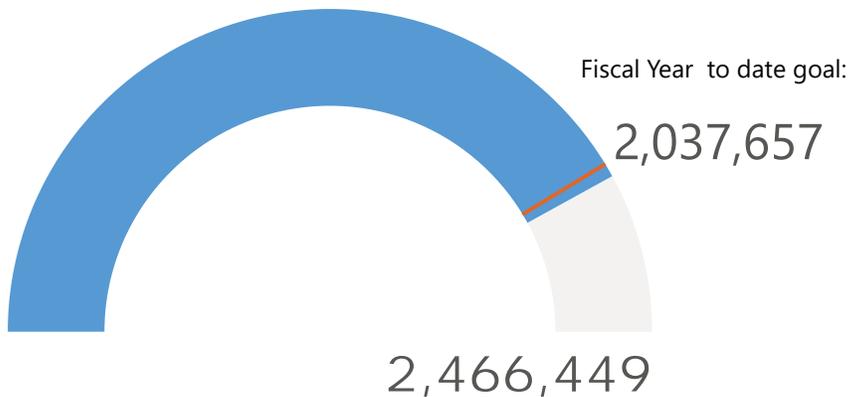


### FY 2022 to date Items Borrowed



6,170,380<sup>✓</sup>  
(+15.88%)  
Circulation

### Visits: Goal

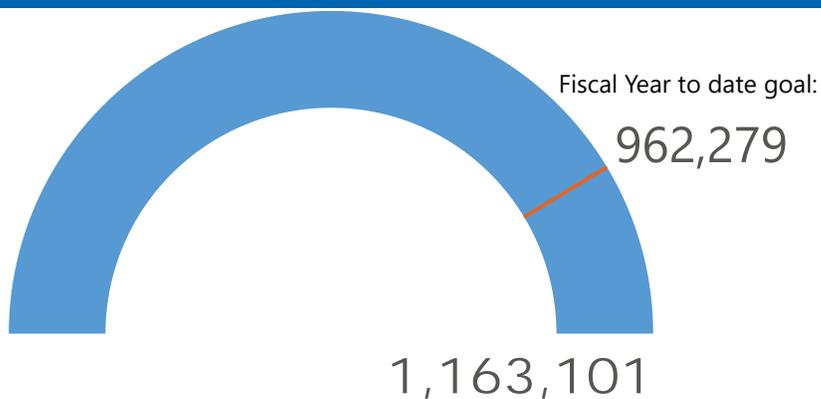


### FY 2022 to date Library Visits



2,071,570<sup>✓</sup>  
(+1.66%)  
Visits

### Digital Access: Goal



### FY 2022 to date Digital Access



147,453  
Hours of Computer Use



1,278,174  
Hours of WI-FI Use

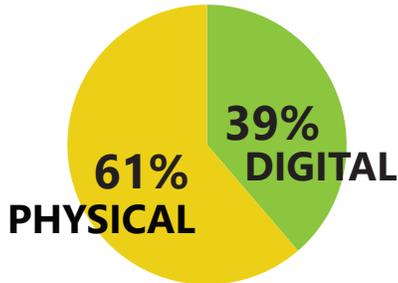
1,425,627<sup>✓</sup>  
(+48.15%)  
Wi-Fi Hours

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

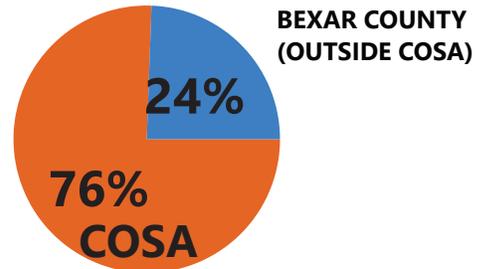
## July 2022 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

#### CIRCULATION BY TYPE



#### CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



**1,157,850**  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

**17,546**  
MYSAPL  
APP DOWNLOADS\*

**1,041,143**  
OVERDRIVE  
SITE VISITS

**3,882,395**  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS

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

### PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2022

**4,545**  
TOTAL PROGRAMS

**1,792**  
ADULT PROGRAMS

**1,549**  
TEEN PROGRAMS

**1,205**  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**86,198**  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**20,796**  
ADULT ATTENDANCE

**13,252**  
TEEN ATTENDANCE

**52,150**  
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

**129** PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

**24,684** PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

### JULY HIGHLIGHTS

**BIG PRIDE ZINE**  
SUBMISSIONS DUE JUNE 30  
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SUMMER with SAPL**  
*SAPL Summer Movie Series*  
Check our description for times, dates, and locations for June and July.  
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

*juneteenth*  
CELEBRATE FREEDOM  
In observance of this holiday, library locations will be closed Sunday, June 19. We will be open Monday, June 20.  
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

**ADVENTURERS BOOK CLUB**  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18  
3 - 4PM  
PRESENTED ON ZOOM  
For kids 9-12 years old  
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

# San Antonio Public Library

## July 2022 Key Indicators

| Location                 | Total Circulation | Visits         | Hours of Technology Actuals | Computer Hours | Wi-Fi Hours of Use |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Bazan</b>             | 2,373             | 4,764          | 4,190                       | 966            | 3,224              |
| <b>Brook Hollow</b>      | 28,900            | 11,921         | 7,014                       | 672            | 6,342              |
| <b>Carver</b>            | 2,429             | 3,610          | 3,409                       | 714            | 2,695              |
| <b>Central</b>           | 10,881            | 21,751         | 23,536                      | 4,066          | 19,471             |
| <b>Cody</b>              | 34,841            | 12,235         | 10,098                      | 1,317          | 8,782              |
| <b>Collins Garden</b>    | 3,535             | 3,659          | 4,300                       | 599            | 3,701              |
| <b>Cortez</b>            | 4,862             | 6,429          | 3,674                       | 502            | 3,171              |
| <b>Digital</b>           | 262,002           | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                  |
| <b>Encino</b>            | 19,410            | 7,314          | 6,064                       | 187            | 5,878              |
| <b>Forest Hills</b>      | 524               | 182            | 0                           | 0              | 0                  |
| <b>Great Northwest</b>   | 30,397            | 11,208         | 7,000                       | 606            | 6,394              |
| <b>Guerra</b>            | 7,957             | 4,554          | 3,703                       | 600            | 3,103              |
| <b>Igo</b>               | 41,545            | 15,031         | 10,430                      | 582            | 9,848              |
| <b>Interlibrary Loan</b> | 1,200             | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                  |
| <b>Johnston</b>          | 8,028             | 4,901          | 3,587                       | 602            | 2,985              |
| <b>Kampmann</b>          | 0                 | 988            | 306                         | 0              | 306                |
| <b>Landa</b>             | 13,933            | 9,809          | 4,040                       | 449            | 3,591              |
| <b>Las Palmas</b>        | 4,573             | 6,024          | 4,072                       | 1,020          | 3,052              |
| <b>Maverick</b>          | 27,254            | 8,870          | 6,663                       | 803            | 5,860              |
| <b>McCreless</b>         | 6,750             | 2,905          | 5,233                       | 846            | 4,387              |
| <b>Memorial</b>          | 644               | 109            | 0                           | 0              | 0                  |
| <b>Mission</b>           | 10,852            | 10,665         | 6,503                       | 957            | 5,546              |
| <b>Pan American</b>      | 3,514             | 3,368          | 2,842                       | 344            | 2,498              |
| <b>Parman</b>            | 37,767            | 20,756         | 7,497                       | 292            | 7,205              |
| <b>Potranco</b>          | 18,696            | 9,008          | 16,363                      | 461            | 15,901             |
| <b>Pruitt</b>            | 4,771             | 3,911          | 2,096                       | 204            | 1,892              |
| <b>San Pedro</b>         | 3,701             | 4,601          | 5,571                       | 654            | 4,917              |
| <b>Schaefer</b>          | 9,214             | 7,952          | 4,321                       | 469            | 3,853              |
| <b>Semmes</b>            | 30,544            | 10,084         | 8,094                       | 853            | 7,241              |
| <b>System</b>            | 37,811            | 0              | 0                           | 0              | 0                  |
| <b>Thousand Oaks</b>     | 6,808             | 4,685          | 4,081                       | 562            | 3,519              |
| <b>Tobin</b>             | 17,855            | 7,520          | 4,092                       | 605            | 3,487              |
| <b>Westfall</b>          | 1,372             | 470            | 1,245                       | 0              | 1,245              |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>694,943</b>    | <b>219,284</b> | <b>170,027</b>              | <b>19,932</b>  | <b>150,095</b>     |

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

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## July 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.

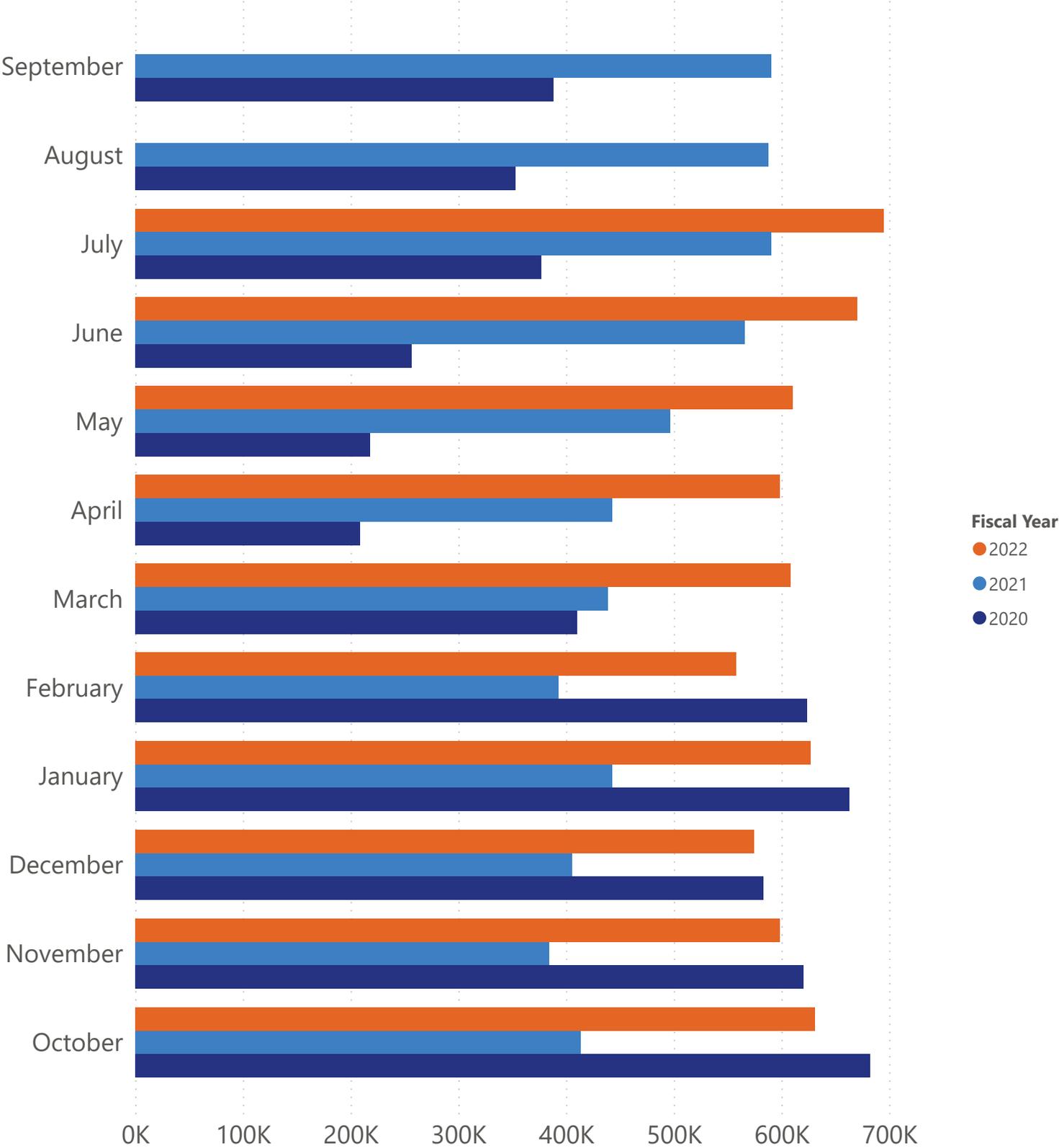
| Location                 | Adult Programs | Teen Programs | Children's Programs | Total Programs | Adult Program Attendance | Teen Program Attendance | Children's Program Attendance | Total Program Attendance |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Bazan</b>             | 6              | 4             | 3                   | 13             | 24                       | 17                      | 53                            | 94                       |
| <b>Brook Hollow</b>      | 3              | 2             | 9                   | 14             | 26                       | 18                      | 303                           | 347                      |
| <b>Carver</b>            | 13             | 4             | 5                   | 22             | 113                      | 3                       | 75                            | 191                      |
| <b>Central</b>           | 19             | 55            | 2                   | 76             | 116                      | 312                     | 76                            | 504                      |
| <b>Cody</b>              | 16             | 4             | 15                  | 35             | 53                       | 4                       | 500                           | 557                      |
| <b>Collins Garden</b>    | 4              | 8             | 9                   | 21             | 8                        | 13                      | 117                           | 138                      |
| <b>Cortez</b>            | 11             | 4             | 13                  | 28             | 130                      | 4                       | 226                           | 360                      |
| <b>Encino</b>            | 11             | 9             | 10                  | 30             | 42                       | 96                      | 259                           | 397                      |
| <b>Forest Hills</b>      | 1              | 0             | 1                   | 2              | 10                       | 0                       | 29                            | 39                       |
| <b>Great Northwest</b>   | 6              | 3             | 20                  | 29             | 31                       | 20                      | 806                           | 857                      |
| <b>Guerra</b>            | 4              | 4             | 1                   | 9              | 29                       | 8                       | 19                            | 56                       |
| <b>Igo</b>               | 10             | 3             | 7                   | 20             | 71                       | 12                      | 502                           | 585                      |
| <b>Johnston</b>          | 5              | 10            | 8                   | 23             | 2                        | 86                      | 345                           | 433                      |
| <b>Landa</b>             | 4              | 3             | 10                  | 17             | 45                       | 4                       | 606                           | 655                      |
| <b>Las Palmas</b>        | 4              | 4             | 10                  | 18             | 43                       | 59                      | 157                           | 259                      |
| <b>Little Read Wagon</b> | 0              | 0             | 13                  | 13             | 0                        | 0                       | 504                           | 504                      |
| <b>Maverick</b>          | 11             | 5             | 8                   | 24             | 41                       | 60                      | 422                           | 523                      |
| <b>McCreless</b>         | 7              | 7             | 9                   | 23             | 46                       | 40                      | 571                           | 657                      |
| <b>Memorial</b>          | 0              | 0             | 0                   | 0              | 0                        | 0                       | 0                             | 0                        |
| <b>Mission</b>           | 19             | 4             | 8                   | 31             | 338                      | 40                      | 119                           | 497                      |
| <b>Pan American</b>      | 5              | 3             | 4                   | 12             | 52                       | 8                       | 150                           | 210                      |
| <b>Parman</b>            | 8              | 4             | 15                  | 27             | 86                       | 15                      | 1,966                         | 2,067                    |
| <b>Potranco</b>          | 8              | 0             | 7                   | 15             | 53                       | 0                       | 237                           | 290                      |
| <b>Pruitt</b>            | 10             | 13            | 12                  | 35             | 84                       | 80                      | 173                           | 337                      |
| <b>San Pedro</b>         | 3              | 1             | 2                   | 6              | 9                        | 0                       | 28                            | 37                       |
| <b>Schaefer</b>          | 4              | 6             | 15                  | 25             | 34                       | 43                      | 412                           | 489                      |
| <b>Semmes</b>            | 14             | 6             | 10                  | 30             | 106                      | 23                      | 153                           | 282                      |
| <b>System</b>            | 7              | 47            | 22                  | 76             | 75                       | 272                     | 1,108                         | 1,455                    |
| <b>Thousand Oaks</b>     | 5              | 3             | 2                   | 10             | 43                       | 2                       | 25                            | 70                       |
| <b>Tobin</b>             | 5              | 4             | 18                  | 27             | 20                       | 14                      | 470                           | 504                      |
| <b>Westfall</b>          | 0              | 0             | 0                   | 0              | 0                        | 0                       | 0                             | 0                        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>223</b>     | <b>220</b>    | <b>268</b>          | <b>711</b>     | <b>1,730</b>             | <b>1,253</b>            | <b>10,411</b>                 | <b>13,394</b>            |

Note:

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Memorial & Westfall : Buildings were closed, no events.

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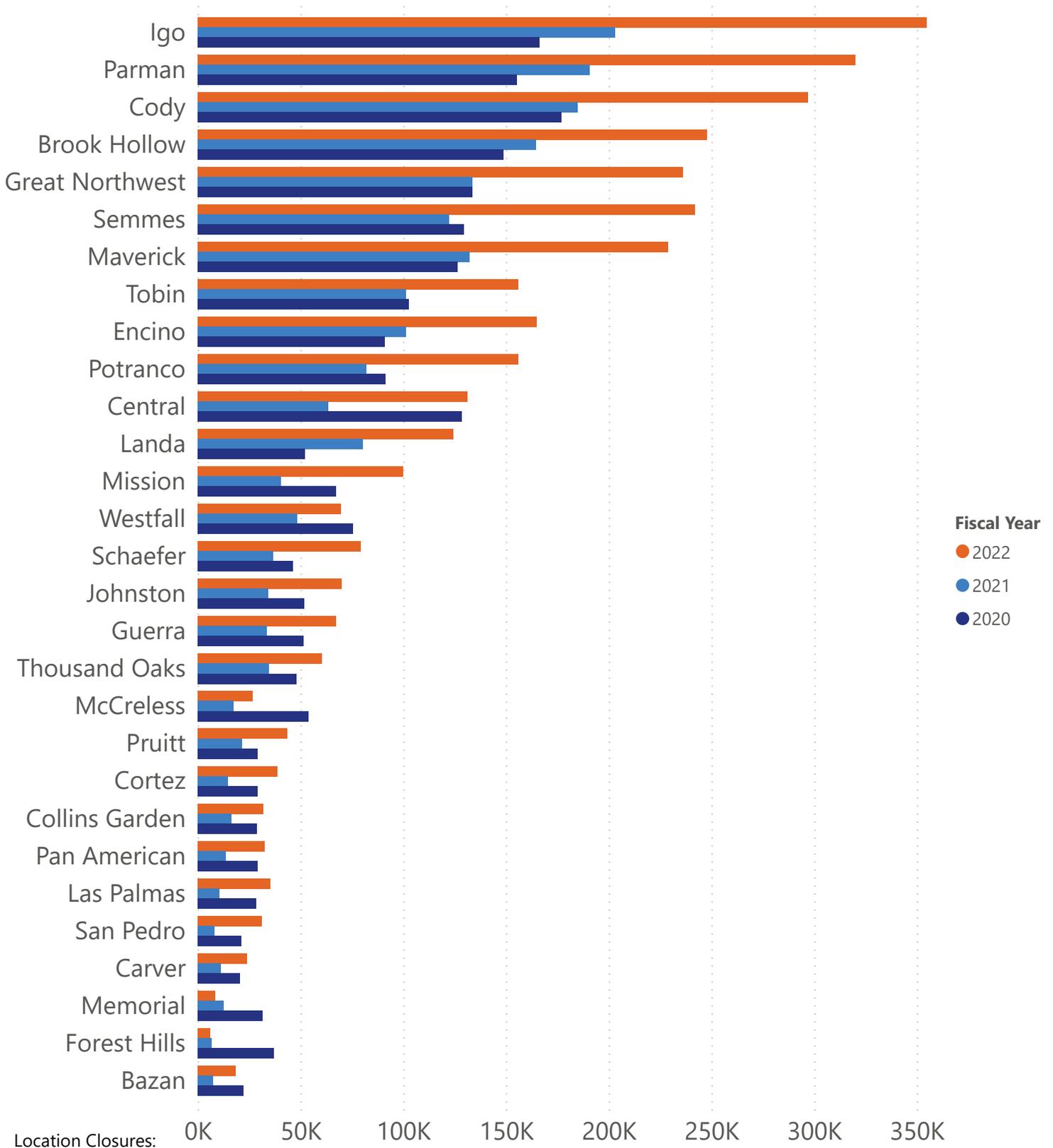


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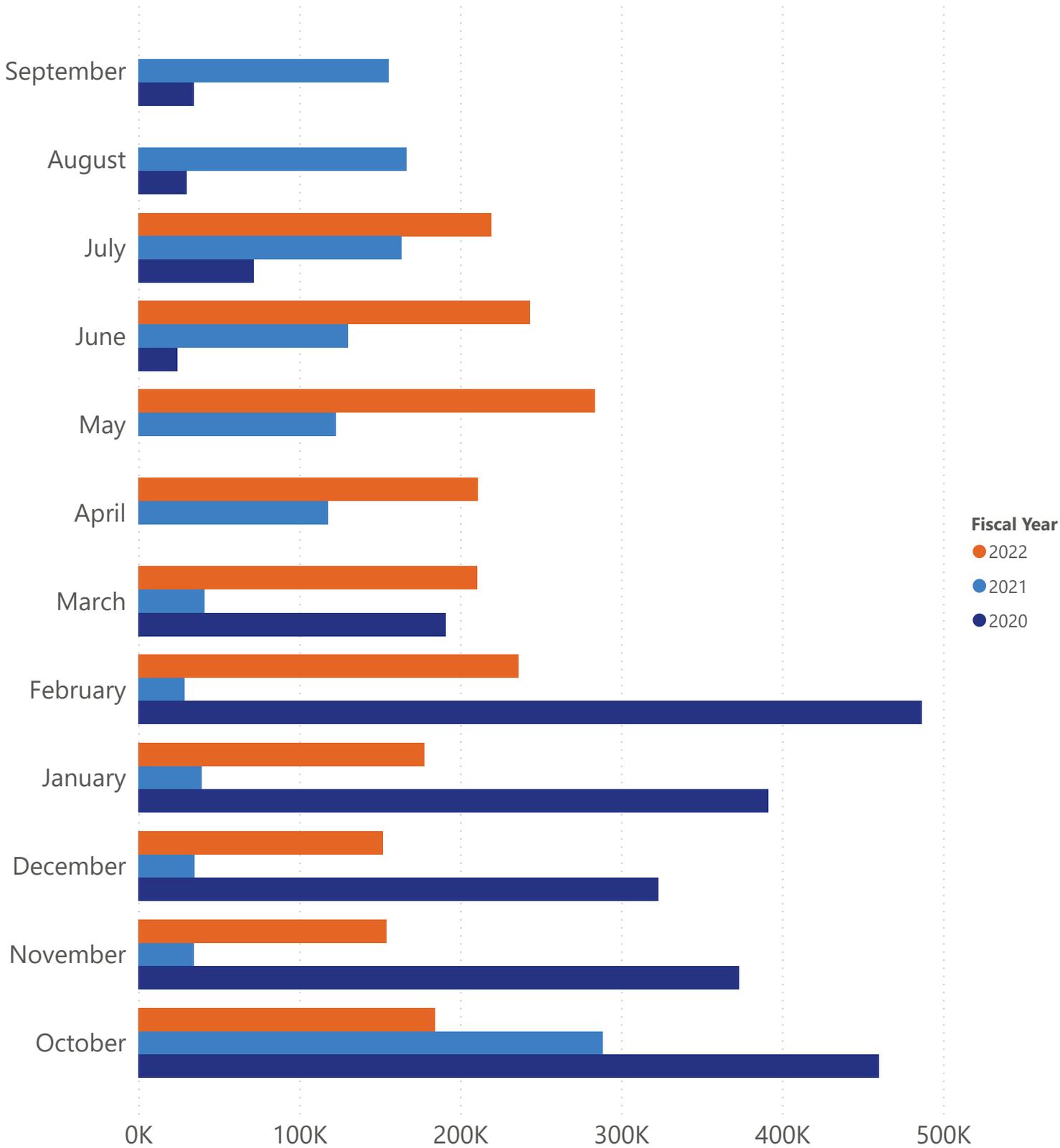
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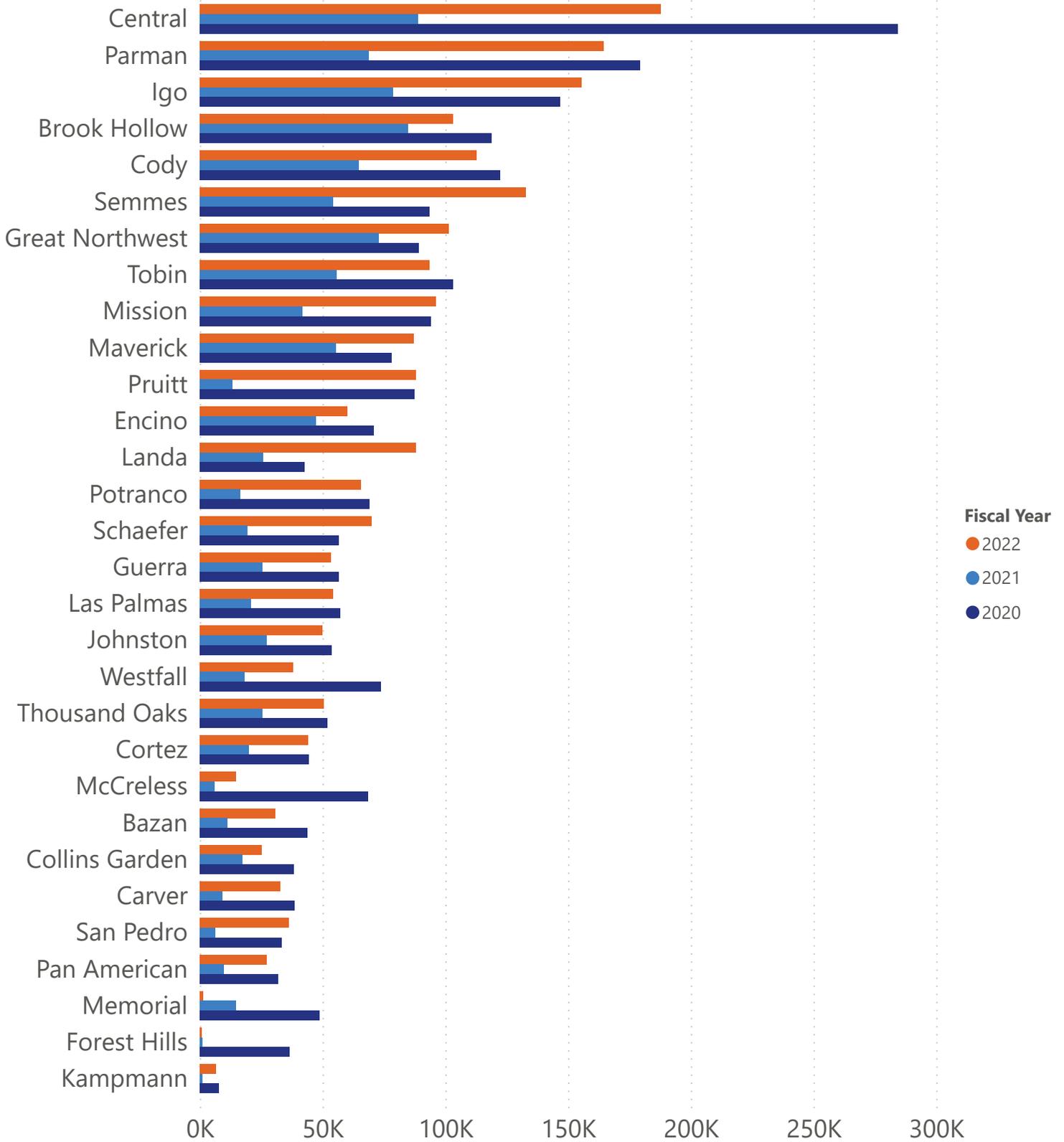


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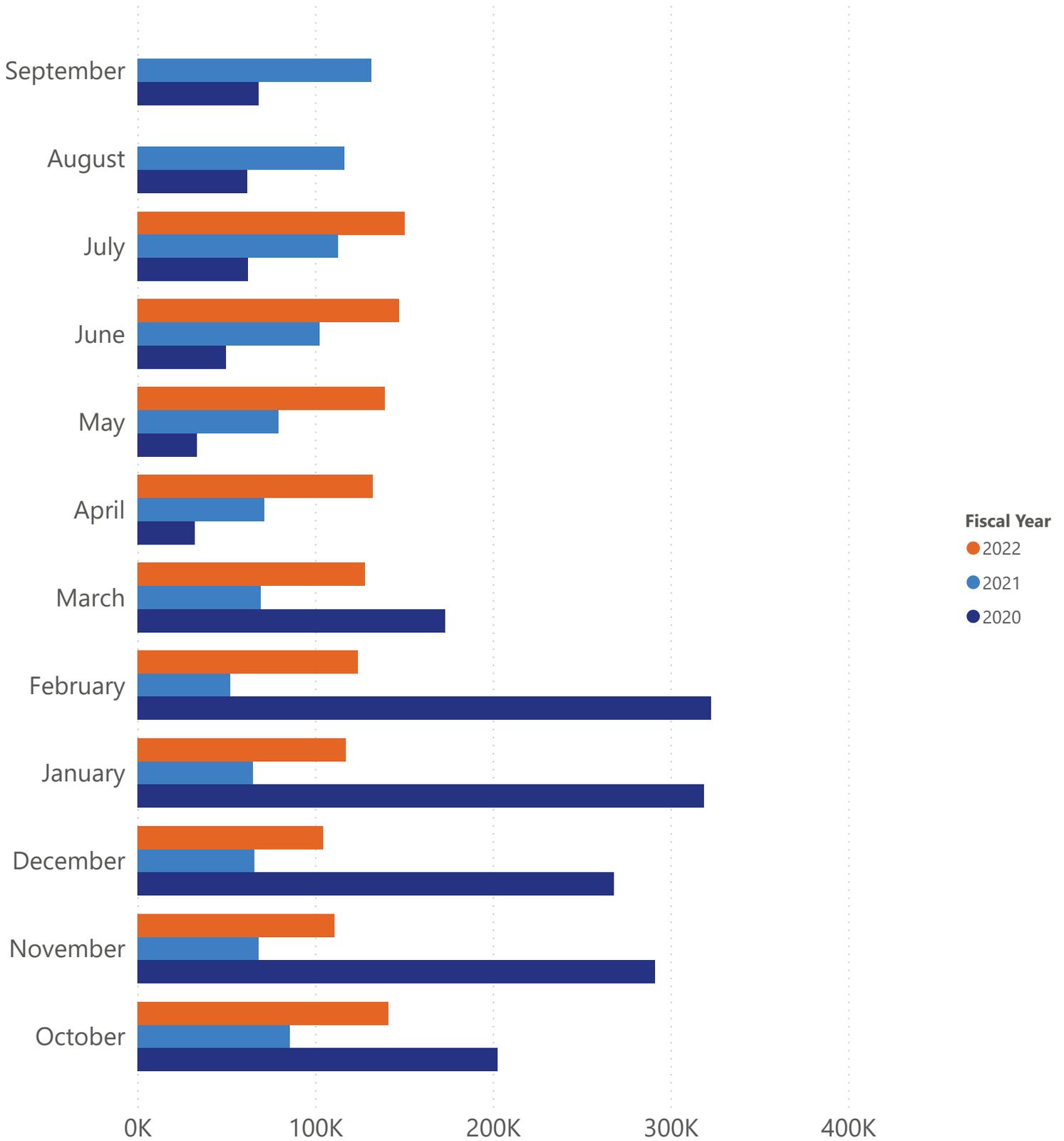
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**Dial-a-Story** – A free service which allows patrons to call San Antonio Public Library to have a children's book read to a child over the phone.

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

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

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

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

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

**STEAM** - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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

**Trumba** – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

**Webex** – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.