



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

Mission Branch Library hosted a Ted Lasso themed World Cup party on December 10, 2022.

November/December 2022

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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

Library Director Ramiro Salazar attended the Library Journal Director's Summit in Baltimore, Maryland, from December 1 to December 2, 2022. Director Salazar served as a presenter in a panel discussion entitled "Fighting for the Library".

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met virtually with City of San Antonio Assistant City Manager Alex Lopez; Rolando Fernandez, Capital Contract Officer, City of Austin and Karen Davis, Executive Director at the International Hispanic Network to discuss creating a San Antonio/ Bexar County chapter of the Local Government Hispanic Network on December 16, 2022.

Stakeholder Engagement

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Book Festival Executive Director Lily Gonzalez on November 1, 2022. The 2023 San Antonio Book Festival is scheduled for April 15, 2023 on the grounds of the Central Library and University of Texas at San Antonio Southwest Campus.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar and Library Trustee Jean Brady participated in a Story Corp Interview at the Mission Branch Library on November 30, 2022.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Literary Luncheon on December 7, 2022 featuring author Chris Bohjalian.

On December 15, 2022, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar provided an update regarding the Memorial Branch Library renovation project to stakeholders during a community meeting. The meeting was live-streamed on the Library's YouTube page.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Library Communications team stayed busy throughout November and December. A few topics and stories garnered extensive media coverage throughout these months. One particular topic was a novelty story about a 44-year overdue Beatles cassette interview which was checked out from Westfall Library in 1978 and returned to Great Northwest in the later months of 2022. This story reached national and international audiences as well as many different local outlets across the country. In addition to this

interest, San Antonio media outlets reached out for interviews and stories on holiday programming available throughout December. A full report of SAPL's mentions in the news media is included later in this section. On social media, SAPL's accounts continued to increase in follower growth. SAPL's Instagram account surpassed the 9,000 follower milestone and saw success in a Facebook post about the Beatles cassette which was engaged with over 14,000 times.

Media Highlights

NEWS

Beatles cassette returned to Texas public library 44 years overdue

By Isabel Keane

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A Beatles cassette tape was returned to the San Antonio Public Library after being checked out 44 years ago.
San Antonio Public Library

November 2 - Texas Public Radio aired a promo on KPAC's sponsoring of the Youth Orchestra of San Antonio's classical music concert at SAPL's Carver Branch Library.

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November 8 - KENS 5 reported on Beto O'Rourke's visit to Las Palmas Branch Library in a story covering his efforts on Election Day.

November 9 - San Antonio Magazine highlighted SAPL's Read to a Dog program.

November 10 - 13 - News 4 WOAI, KSAT 12, KENS 5, and Telemundo reported on San Antonio Public Library's Kanopy streaming video service.

November 21 - 28 - Multiple and local outlets from San Antonio and other cities across the nation, most notably the "New York Post," as well as a few national outlets featured a story on a 44-year overdue item that was returned to the Great Northwest Branch recently. SAPL Communications shared the news of the unusual circumstance in a Facebook post a few weeks back. The item, a cassette tape of an interview with Beatles' John Lennon and Paul McCartney, is no longer part of SAPL's collection.

December 5 - San Antonio Magazine published a piece in their "Things to do" column about the ongoing holiday programs and events at SAPL.

December 6 - KSAT 12 highlighted holiday programming by featuring a segment on SAPL's holiday programming.

December 7 - TPR aired a highlight of holiday programming at SAPL.

December 9 - KSAT 12 featured a live Zoom interview with SAPL Marketing in promotion of holiday programming specifically the Cookie Cutter Ornament program and Holiday Teen Time.

December 13 - KENS 5's Great Day SA morning show featured in-studio interviews with SAPL Librarians Rhonda Woolhouse and Sabrina Longoria as they promoted holiday programming at SAPL.

December 18 - My San Antonio published an article on the most popular and best-selling books in San Antonio throughout 2022. The San Antonio Public Library's most popular items are listed in the piece.

December 19 - San Antonio Magazine published a piece in their "Things to do" column about a holiday movie screening at Las Palmas Branch Library.

December 28 - TPR aired a highlight of Holocaust Learn and Remember.

December 31 - KABB Fox San Antonio included a previously recorded interview with Children's Services Coordinator Cresencia Huff and Teen Services Librarian Matthew Loaiza in a recap episode of their Focus on South Texas show.

Social Media metrics overview for November and December 2022:

- SAPL's social media generated **396,342** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **285** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **17,369** times.

Social Media growth for November and December 2022:

- Twitter: **0** followers
- Facebook: **75** followers
- Instagram: **210** followers

YouTube statistics for November and December 2022:

- Subscribers: **17**
- Impressions: **57,750**
- Total Views: **3,454**
- Videos published: **9**

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including materials for the "M is for Musicians" series presented in partnership with the San Antonio Philharmonic, donor plaques, Memorial Branch Library, author presentations, and the iPad lending program, as well as social media and other promotion for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On November 2, Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun attended a webinar on the Statewide Interlibrary Loan Program. Among the topics covered was information about the process of transitioning from OCLC Navigator (used by the San Antonio Public Library for interlibrary lending) to a new system, sometime in 2023.

During November 15 thru November 17, Mr. Laun, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson, Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglas, and Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess attended various sessions of SirsiDynix's Connections 2023 online convention. Topics included: lessons learned in 2022, forthcoming updates from SirsiDynix, and presentations of integrated 3rd party solutions.

On December 5, Mr. Spana and Mr. Laun met with the ITSD GIS department to discuss a project that would help improve residency information in the Library's ILS and other systems. Later in the month, a trial data run was performed with the results to be reviewed in January.

Mr. Spana and Mr. Laun met with Stacy Betts of SirsiDynix on December 6 to discuss upcoming system changes, other opportunities, and to let us know that SirsiDynix has many avenues for providing assistance.

On December 14, Mr. Laun worked with ITSD to validate the move of the ILS's database to the new ECHO data center. The success of this move was the final step in completing the migration of the Symphony system to the new data center.

LITTLE READ WAGON

The last two months of 2022 were filled with workshops and opportunities to play for families throughout Bexar County. Little Read Wagon staff presented at total of 77 programs and engaged with 1,751 children, teens, and adults, including presentations and community tables.

December marked month four of this year's pilot to visit locations consistently once each month to set up Let's Play. Staff hope that this schedule provides some predictability for families over the other model of visiting one location for five weeks and then moving to another site. The pilot started with monthly Saturday Let's Play events at San Pedro Park during the summer. The LRW team moved the event to outside the Mission Branch in the fall and will continue monthly at Mission Branch through May 2023. Saturday play events are three hours, while the other play events are two hours. The pilot was expanded with two other recurring events on Wednesdays, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The afternoon event is outside the Carver Branch in the after-school hours and the morning event was at Hardberger Park's nature play area. Second Wednesdays Let's Play at Carver Branch will remain outside that library through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Third Wednesdays morning Let's Play event will move to Dellview Park in January 2023. Two additional Let's Play events were held at Concepcion Park over the school breaks. One was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and one the Tuesday before Christmas. Families expressed their gratitude to have a free outdoor play space available during those hectic weeks.



Megan Cruz and Eva Banda visited high school campuses at San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), South San Independent School District, Harlandale Independent School District, Southwest Independent School District (SWISD) and North East Independent School District 18 times to bring early literacy information, books, and tools to school age parents. The parents made gel boards, sensory bottles, felt books, puppets, salt writing, songbooks, and teething rings, or decorate Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) canvas tote bags, depending on what they choose at their first visit. Parents also select at least one board book for their child at each visit and often get an additional item to use in conjunction with what they make like magnet wands, egg shakers or big buttons and tweezers. Each of the make-and-takes plus the extra item corresponds to one of the ECRR five practices: Playing, Talking, Singing, Reading, and Writing.

Ms. Banda is providing Story Times to children at early learning centers at SAISD and SWISD campuses. At SAISD, Ms. Banda provides a bilingual Story Time and delivers books to each of the four classrooms. At SWISD she is reviving Story Time at the center that has not had SAPL Story Time in four years. Ms. Banda plans to have the teen parents join their children for Story Time near the end of the year at each of these campuses.



Julia Lazarin worked with Shani Horvath, Melisa Hill and Jen Crier to bring interactive experiences and workshops to schools. Ms. Lazarin coordinated Bedtime is Better with Books workshops with Avance, Pre-K 4 SA, Northside Independent School District (NISD) and SAISD early childhood campuses. Ms. Lazarin hosted English workshops and Ms. Banda hosted Spanish workshops, both in-person and virtually. Each family received a bilingual bedtime routine chart and a book, along with library materials. Staff set up reading tents at 14 locations across SAISD early childhood centers and NISD campuses with preschool classrooms to demonstrate that reading together can be a fun experience.

Staff are trying out new tools for engaging with families at events. These include decorating a paper bag to be a library bag, taking photos of families reading or playing together, creating play journals that include photographs and more. This also includes visiting school campuses near the Carver Branch and showing families what LRW and SAPL have to offer that will provide a valuable, meaningful experience for them. These efforts are resulting in families walking long distances to play, returning each month because the environment is enjoyable, children planning what they will do, and families creating personalized play journals that they add to each week.

Several additional events took place in November, too. Ms. Banda, Ms. Crier and Ms. Horvath provided SAPL information at the Pre-K 4 SA Family Reunion in November at Rosedale Park. Ms. Cruz and Ms. Larkin presented November's "Building Resilience Through Play", featuring art therapist Gaby Gamez, in-person at the Central Library auditorium to early childhood professionals. Ms. Larkin worked with children's librarians Leslie Elsasser, Ana Menchaca, and Shannon Seglin to present Building Resilient Communities Through Play at the Texas Library Association's annual District 10 conference.



CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The Children's Services Team was busy with creative activities, meetings, and programming. The team put together a fall Take-and-Make kit for families to create their own banner from items found in nature. Kits included construction paper, twine, a small bottle of glue, and a cover sheet with ideas



Cheryl Penick (Thousand Oaks) and Mikala Thomas (Igo) joined Cresencia Huff (Central Administration) at the San Antonio Arbor Day festival on November 5. The event at South Side Lions Park featured many City of San Antonio and community organizations with information and activities. Visitors to the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) booth had the opportunity to get creative with play dough and foraged nature items. The following weekend, Ms. Thomas joined Ms. Huff and Jessica Viera (Mission) at the Mission Marquee Holiday Extravaganza. The team hosted a holiday craft activity and information table prior to the screening of Elf.



November 2 was the quarterly meeting of the area Youth Share group. Kate Simpson (Central) joined Ms. Huff and the group of youth services staff from around the region for a tour of the San Marcos Public Library. The facility is recently renovated and expanded. Several SAPL teammates attended the Texas Library Association, District 10 Fall Conference at The Neighborhood Place. Clair Larkin (Little Read Wagon), Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills), Shannon Seglin (Central), and Leslie Elsasser (Schaefer) presented a breakout session: Building Resilience Through Play.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities – The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with virtual teen volunteers (“Teen Mods”) to host weekly virtual teen programs (“clubs”) on Discord (“the server”) along with additional activities and events. Throughout the reporting period, teens hosted their own Dungeons & Dragons campaigns, listened to and discussed recently released albums, streamed art and gaming sessions, discussed plans for the upcoming holidays and school breaks, and read a variety of poems. During the month of November, teens joined in for the server’s first “Queer Social Hour” as a pop-up event for LGBTQ+ teens to chat with their peers. During the month of December, a teen asked to host a virtual secret gift exchange on the server where teens could gift original creations of digital items; 19 teens participated in the event, sharing artwork, playlists, and more.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisahari Sarabia (Teen Services Outreach Specialist, Teen Library @ Central), Ciana Flores (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), and Regina Almanza (Teen Services Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central), shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. During the reporting period, teen volunteers and Teen Services staff showcased a variety of food recipes and book displays, shared book reviews, demoed easy DIY crafts, and highlighted a variety of daily celebrations and upcoming holidays. In the pictures: Teen volunteers Rainn and Vивиanna filmed some short craft demos for the holiday season.



Professional Development – Professional Development – On November 18, Matthew Loaiza and Shannan Prukop (Teen Services Librarian II / Assistant Manager, Forest Hills) were invited by Kymberlee Powe (Children and YA Consultant, Connecticut State Library) to present at the New England Teen Summit. Loaiza and Prukop discussed community building strategies and best practices that empower

teens to take ownership of and invest in a virtual library space offered on Discord. On December 8, Loaiza and Kathleen Fordyce (Teen Services Librarian III / Manager, Teen Library @ Central) met with Michael Harle (Teen Program Specialist, Austin Public Library) to provide information about Teen Services' approach to providing programming supplies during Teen Summer.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In November, San Antonio recognized Native American and Indigenous Heritage Month. Throughout the month, Library locations hosted events to encourage our community to learn more about Native and Indigenous Tribes, their history, and contributions to our society. One of these events was held at the Central Library on November 15, and was facilitated by Sarah De La Rosa and Arland Schnacker, both Librarian I's in Central Reference. Yoeme Homari shared relevant information and educational resources via storytelling and art to help bring awareness and attention to these important movements led by indigenous communities throughout the continent and offshore islands. Other staff that contributed to the Library's recognition of Native American and Indigenous Heritage Month include Monty Holcomb, Adrian Leal, Stephen Jackson, and Marco DeLeon.

Throughout the month of December, San Antonio Public Library celebrated the variety of holidays from various cultures that occur in December. Opportunities offered included two craft demonstration videos (a paper bag snowflake and a 30 minute scarf), an online workshop with the San Antonio Food Bank to learn holiday recipes), and various online resources - such as book, movie, and music lists featuring holidays from various cultures. Staff that contributed to organizing holiday events for the library this year included Dan Garcia, Librarian II at Schaefer, Cris Yamada-Lokensgard, Librarian II at Johnston, and Robin Alcorta, Librarian II at Landa.

On December 1st, the Library hosted an online session called Gender Transitioning: Know Your Rights. This session (which the Library hosts roughly once per quarter) informed individuals seeking a legal gender transition about the resources available to individuals seeking to affirm their legal name and gender marker. The session also explained where and how to obtain the documents needed to complete the process and services that are offered. This opportunity was offered in partnership with St. Mary's School of Law, Pride Center San Antonio, San Antonio Gender Association and TX Rio Grande's Legal Aid's LGBTQ Project and was facilitated by Sally Bauer, Librarian I in Central Reference. The Instagram post created to announce this session generated significant interest and was one of the most interacted with posts on the Library's Instagram account.

On December 10 at Mission Library, the Library hosted an after-hour celebration for adults of all things soccer. The focus of the event was the TV show Ted Lasso (which features an American college football coach who moves to manage a struggling English Premier League football team). Staff, led by Connie Hejl (Librarian I at Las Palmas), also organized opportunities for attendees that were focused on the FIFA World Cup (which began in early December). The purpose of the event was to demonstrate that the Library offers opportunities related to a variety of interests – including those that might not traditionally be associated with the Library.

On December 17th at Central Library, the Library hosted a launch party for this year's Big Read Zine. A zine (short for magazine or fanzine) are self-published and motivated by self-expression. Since 2019, the Library has organized a collaborative zine that is comprised of submissions by the community. This year's theme was Strong Women: Heroes in Our Lives. The launch party invited the community to browse the

library's Zine collection, create their own zine, and pick up a copy of this year's Big Read Zine. The Big Read Zine is facilitated by the Library's Zine Committee, which is led by Heather Ferguson and Michael Dunbar-Rodney

OLDER ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

As the last in a series of four professional development presentations related to library services to older adults, Allain Kleinman (Allan Kleinman, Director, Edison Public Library, Edison New Jersey) presented to Adult Services staff on December 15th. Mr. Kleinman offered practical advice on next steps that take all the knowledge gained by library staff throughout this series of professional development presentations and offered practical advice on applying this knowledge in offering services to older adults in a strategic and intentional way.

In December, the Library offered two sessions on topics for older adults related to technology in partnership with Senior Planet. These sessions highlighted the topics of online shopping and video chatting apps. The goal of these sessions was to provide older adults an opportunity to improve their knowledge and abilities related to the use of technology in an environment where asking questions is encouraged and ample opportunities are provided to practice using the knowledge and skills that are introduced. These sessions were organized by Kassandra Vela-Loasa, Librarian II at Mission Library.

From November 17 through December 18th, Mission Branch Library served as the host for StoryCorps National Tour. StoryCorps is a program of NPR that records oral history interviews of individuals across the country. In conjunction with this opportunity, Andy Crews from Texana offered a session on Tips on Recording Oral History Interviews at Igo Branch Library on December 9th

Mission Library continues to offer a weekly opportunity for Older Adults to learn the practice of Tai Chi. These weekly sessions, offered on Fridays at 11 am, focus on movements and breathing techniques that specifically benefit older adults. Branch Manager Oscar Gonzalez facilitates these weekly sessions.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



SAPL Tiny Tots Walrus Washes His Winter Coat



Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin collaborated with Little Read Wagon staff and several Children's Librarians to create a presentation for the Texas Library Association District 10 conference. Their presentation, *Building Resilient Communities Through Play*, highlighted their work in making open-ended play the core of their programs for children at the San Antonio Public Library.

Central Library Children's Librarians assisted colleagues at branch libraries during this period. Ms. Seglin partnered with Landa Branch Library Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas to present two outdoor programs. Librarian Melissa Fulmer came to the rescue at the McCreless Branch Library when there was a last-minute need for LEGO Club facilitation.

Librarian Ashley Stubbs developed the popular collaborative art activities for the Central Library interim service space with seasonal themes. In November, families decorated paper feathers and added them to the paper turkey on the wall. Over the course of the month, it blossomed into an incredible creature, much to the delight of Central Library visitors and staff alike. In December, with help from Library Assistant Ana Sandoval, Ms. Stubbs facilitated a collaborative village of paper gingerbread house and gingerbread people that families had great fun contributing to over the winter break from school.

Over the course of November and December, Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Fulmer each contributed significantly to virtual programming for children. Ms. Seglin presented four Toddler Time Online programs and two Story Time Online programs. She contributed to Game Time Online as well. Her video of the song *The Walrus Washes His Winter Coat* was a popular stop on SAPL's YouTube channel. Ms. Stubbs presented three Story Time Online programs and supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and creating several curated programs. Ms. Fulmer participated in Baby Time Online every week in November and December and presented two Art Club Online programs as well. Ms. Fulmer also recorded two read aloud books for Dial A Story telephone program.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Escape the Earth podcast with Tim Johnson (Igo) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow). In November they discussed Mur Lafferty's *Six Wakes*. In December, they dove into Terry Pratchett's first book of Disc World, *The Color of Magic*.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area childcare centers. Ms. Seglin presented a Story Time and delivered books in support of the curriculum at Madison Square Child Development Center. In November, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Fulmer read stories to two groups of children and made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School. In December, Ms. Fulmer began serving the school on her own, visiting twice that month to share stories and songs and bring books for the classroom. Manager Kate Simpson delivered books to Discovery School as well and added a new classroom to the monthly rotation!

TEEN LIBRARY

Teens have access to the Studio, VR, and gaming equipment during and after weekly program times, as well as all day on Saturdays. Pictures and videos from program times and demos can be found on the Teen Services Instagram page: @210teenlibrary.

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

Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager) continues 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) continues to facilitate the weekly “Create Club” on Discord, in which teens share their current creations, completed projects, and new and favorite hobbies. Rosalie provides support as needed in other weekly clubs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server such as “Teen Time,” to further her understanding of how teens activate and participate in their own virtual space.

During the reporting period, Rosalie, Matthew Loaiza, and Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist/Library Assistant) conducted several outreach visits at Central Catholic High School, presenting to and visiting with English students of all grade levels. Rosalie presented information about library services, the teen programming and resources at the Teen Library, and in-person and virtual teen volunteer opportunities. Teens showed much interest in teen volunteer opportunities and participated in button-making during classroom visits. Rosalie collected completed library card applications from all classroom visits and is working with Central Circulation to have the applications processed and cards prepared for new teen patrons. On December 15, Rosalie participated in a College and Career Fair at San Antonio Positive Solutions Charter School to provide teens with information about Teen Services and teen volunteer opportunities.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): After school on Tuesdays, teens know to expect that there will be something to do at their Teen Library. Typically, teens participate in events that they suggested, based on social media videos seen or something new to try. Walking in, setting down backpacks, washing their hands, and getting started with some light cooking activities allows them the chance to pick up a new skill, taste a new food, or show their peers tips and tricks. Activities done have highlighted super celebratory events and general teen interest: *Día de los Muertos*, Thanksgiving, and the winter holidays. Teens made conchas, a popular Mexican bakery item, in vibrant and gorgeous colors. Using pastry, bacon, and pretzels, teens made some cinnamon roll turkeys. They also used dough to shape into literal pigs for a pig in a blanket snack. No teen holiday season is complete without a cookie decorating session. Teens decorated some very cute cookies, but teen volunteer Angelina wants to take cookie decorating a step further and try techniques for a more professional result, which will take place once some new supplies are ordered. One Saturday program saw teens celebrating post-Thanksgiving, making a favorite side dish—mashed potatoes. An interesting tidbit: the small group of teens who participated all have November birthdays.

Volunteers took creative control of book displays and on Instagram. Teen intern Kat created an orange-colored Fall theme romance book display, complete with a turkey she made using folded pages in an old book, and teen volunteer Erick highlighted some of his most recently-read books, complete with short Post-it reviews. Erick also presented a live demo on the 210TeenLibrary Instagram where he concocted some delectable snacks during Thanksgiving week. Teen volunteers Rainn and Vivianna also filmed some short craft demos for the holiday season.



To fulfill the San Antonio Food Bank nutritional lessons, teens suggested making smoothies and a sugar-free dessert (mousse, which was also dairy-free) for the holidays. As a side-note, this group of current teen regulars have put the most thought into remembering and recommending healthy food choices and dietary alternatives, so much so that when they hear or see staff discussing certain foods or techniques, they will ask, “Oh, is this for the nutrition lesson?” It is a great starting point for planning the next month’s program.

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) continues to engage with teens both in the Teen Library and via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. Ciana hosts “Gaming Club” Saturdays on Discord. She is also responsible for 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.

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist / Library Assistant) assists in the Teen Library, in addition to the off-site delivery of library services she conducts in the community. Amisarahi hosts Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server.

REFERENCE

Reference staff Arland Schnacker and Raquel Reyes created a Connect Veterans Day display in November that allowed patrons and staff to honor their service members with thank you cards. Arland continued to work on his Veterans resource display and networked with military branches for additional flyers.

Arland Schnacker and Michelle Villarreal (SAPL) completed an Indigenous Voices display during November, for patrons to listen to when browsing LCRC stacks.

Roy Mass Youth Alternatives (RYMA) hosted an information table on Nov 9th, December 7th and 14th. RMYA provided hygiene kits and resources for at risk youth.

CPS Energy's Casa Verde program hosted an information table to promote the Casa Verde weatherization program on November 8, 10 and December 19.

On November 9, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness hosted a virtual session entitled Optimize: The Power of Rituals presented by Dr. Monisha Bhanote. The presenter discussed mindful habits to revitalize well-being and health.

On November 12, Leticia Guerra, J.D. Elizondo and Cynthia de Leon presented a Black Plague program. They gave a presentation on plague history and facts, taught patrons how to create plague doctor masks, and led interactive games and trivia. The program was a hit with the audience. Sarah De La Rosa gave a Tarot reading to patrons that were so inclined.

On November 12, 19, and 21, Pannaga Prasad organized an in-person program on Diwali: Bharatanatyam Classical Dance Performance at Thousand Oaks, Igo, and Parman Library respectively. The dance was presented by Kaveri Natya Yoga and Rasa School of Indian Arts Dance Group. The attendees were very appreciative, there were many Q & As about the performance. The dance group also performed two virtual performances on November 15th and November 20th.

Christina Montero hosted an outreach for the Animal Defense League's Reindog 5K & Kitty Kids 1K race on November 15th and promoted San Antonio Public Library services and resources to families.

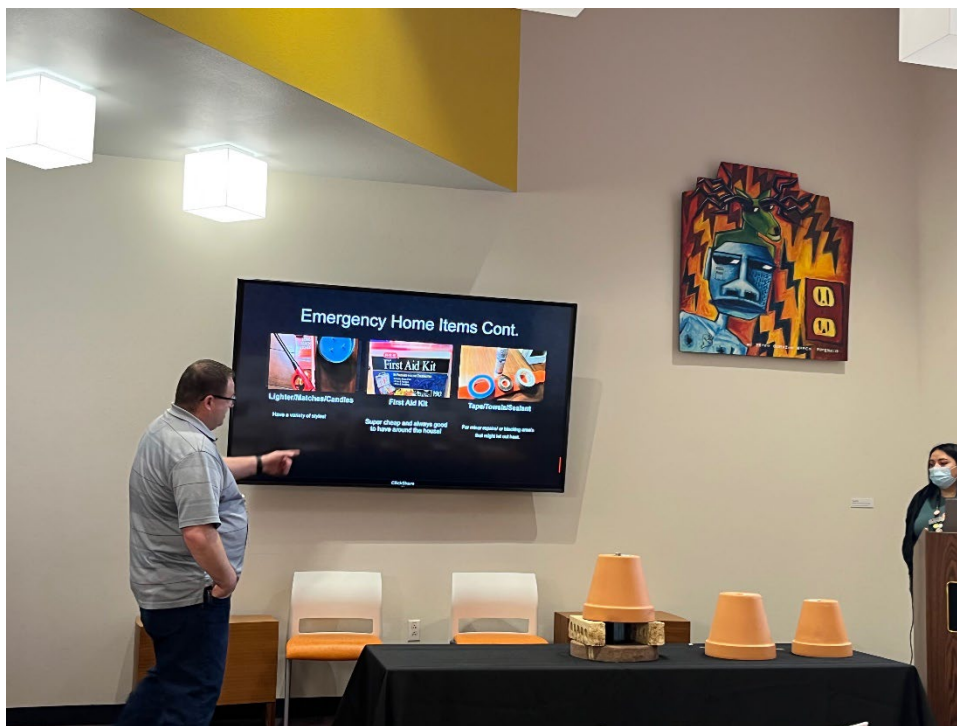
Sarah De La Rosa and Arland Schnacker II (SAPL) invited a speaker from the Yaqui tribe to present for Indigenous Heritage Month. The program took place on November 15, 2022 at the LCRC, and was titled, Movements Towards Justice, Sovereignty and Reclamation. The topics of focus included, Missing & Murdered Indigenous Woman and Land Back. There were 5 people present.

On November 16, Sarah De La Rosa participated in library outreach with Christina Montero (SAPL) and Raquel Reyes. The event was geared towards seniors and in collaboration with Texas Medicare Solutions.

On November 18 and December 16, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled Beginner's Chair Yoga Class. It was presented by Ashley Ludwick, a professional Yoga Instructor from the Idoyogasa organization. The Yoga class offered options for seated postures, standing with chair support and breathing exercise techniques.

On November 19, Sarah De La Rosa assisted Emily Flores (SAPL) with a program that took place in the LCRC. The program focused on the Mexican Revolution, Francisco Madero and was presented musically as an ethnodrama.

Reference staff created four Winter Preparation Programs which provided detailed information on emergency preparation, food storage, and keeping warm and safe. Staff demonstrated how to make a DIY space heater made of terracotta pots, bricks and candles. The Central programs were held on November 19 and December 10 (hosted by Arland Schnacker, Valerie Saucedo and Emily Flores). On December 12, hosts presented the program at the Thousand Oaks Senior Center (Arland Schnacker and Christina Montero). On December 13, the popular program was additionally hosted at the Johnston Library (by Arland Schnacker and Sarah De La Rosa).



On November 29, 2022, Leticia Guerra and Bettina Hernandez showed the first of many movies in the new program Outdoor Movie Series. Patrons watched "Home Alone" with hot cocoa and cookies.

Arland Schnacker hosted an outreach for VA Benefits: Education on November 29th with Jordan Torres (SAPL) at Johnston Library. Arland helped one patron with USPTO question(s).

The 2nd SAPL Variety show with Sarah De La Rosa as co-host was released for public viewing on YouTube, mid-December.

On December 13, 2022, Central hosted an informal discussion in collaboration with UT Health with interested staff and Community Health Worker Joaquin Abrego. The discussion was to assess the health information needs of librarians as community frontline workers and determine if Central staff would like to proceed with UT Health Ambassador trainings.

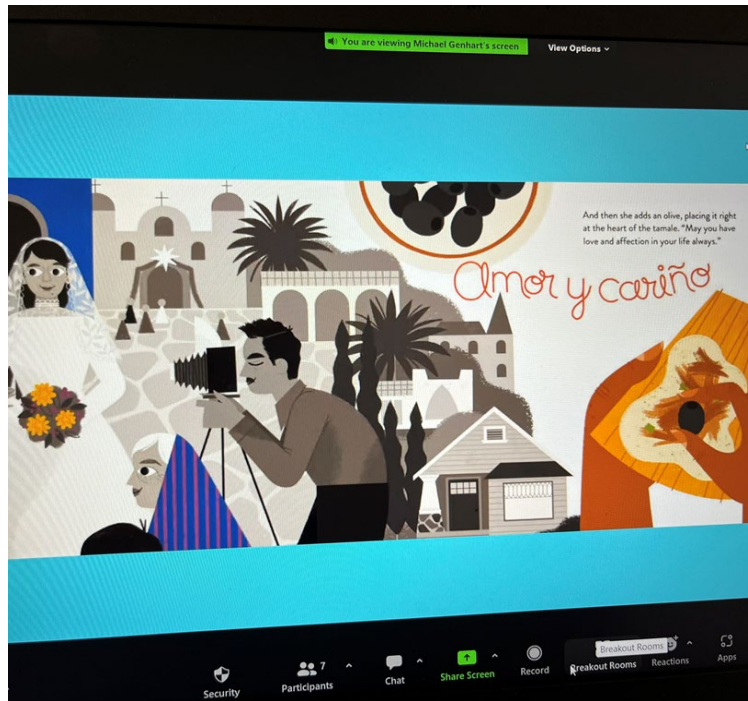
On December 14, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled OptimizeU: Mental Wellbeing for the Holidays and Beyond. It was presented by Maggie Grueskin, Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist, Chopra Center Perfect Health Certified Instructor. The presenter shared simple mindfulness practices to use during the Holidays and into the next year.

On December 17, Sarah De La Rosa assisted at the release party of The Big Read Zine, 2022 edition.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER



Musical group Los Inocentes at the LCRC



A screenshot from the hybrid “May Your Life Be Deliciosa” Program held at the Potranco Library on December 3.



Rebeca Barrera, of Somos Cultura y Más, presents at the Posadas workshop on December 17.

On November 15, the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) hosted a virtual screening of the documentary “A Sacred Journey: The Transformative Power of Caring,” with the participation of Director and Producer Ernesto Quintero and Producer Danny Haro. The film, which won Best Documentary Film at the DOCUTAH International Film Festival, chronicles the long-reaching effects of a terminal diagnosis on a Mexican-American family, the importance of artistic expression and the labor of caregivers. Unexpectedly, Mr. Quintero’s mother, who is interviewed extensively in the film, was present and spoke during the program about her family’s journey in the United States.

On November 19, the LCRC hosted an ethnodrama performance to celebrate the anniversary of the Mexican Revolution and in recognition of the ties between San Antonio and Francisco Madero. The musical group Los Inocentes, made up by folklorist Binisa Zentella and anthropologist Dr. C. Maria Zentella, are dedicated to preserving the acoustical musical traditions of South Texas and their performance explored the significance of the Mexican Revolution from a sociocultural viewpoint.

On November 30, Program Manager Emily Flores attended a private reception for the release of the book “Arte del Pueblo: The Outdoor Public Art of San Antonio,” by Carmen Tafolla and Frederick Preston at the home of Margaret and Bill Kanyusik.

On Saturday, December 3, the LCRC sponsored and Ms. Flores assisted with Potranco’s hybrid program with children’s book author Michael Genhart and his book “May Your Life Be Deliciosa,” a 2022 Pura Belpré award-winning Illustrator Honor Book. The program, in which Mr. Genhart presented virtually, was followed by an in-person tamal-making demonstration by Chef Andrea Diaz and organized by Lisa Leandro and Dawn Zeig. Children and their adults attended both virtually and in-person, with one child’s “Elf on the Shelf” attending via Skype as well! As part of the program, several NISD elementary school librarians received copies of the book for their school libraries.

On December 13, the LCRC presented a panel led by Dr. Rachel Buff of the University of Wisconsin and including Alejandra Oliva, Communications Coordinator at the National Immigrant Justice Center, and Iuscely Flores of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, to discuss Dr. Buff’s book, “A is for Asylum Seeker: Words for People on the Move / *A de Asilo: Palabras para personas en movimiento*.” The panel discussed the ways in which words and images have the power to influence the current immigration debate.

On December 17, the LCRC offered a posadas workshop led by the group Somos Cultura y Más. During the workshop, in which numerous examples of artwork and crafts were on display, the presenters discussed how to create and re-create Latino holiday traditions for new generations.

During the month of December, the LCRC education space at the San Antonio Museum of Art for the exhibit “Traitor, Survivor, Icon: The Legacy of La Malinche” continued to connect museum-goers with library resources. The QR code links users to a curated list of digital items in the collection and directs museum-goers to downloadable e-books and audiobooks for all ages.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

In support of National Homeless Awareness Month, Librarian Sylvia Reyna volunteered at El Corazon Ministries for shifts every Monday in November preparing and serving food to the unhoused of our community. She also assisted Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson, who coordinated the “Warm and Fuzzy Rack” at the Central Library. This effort is part of the system-wide “Wall of Warmth” community-helping initiative aimed at connecting those in need with donations of winter gear. Over 160 donated items were given away via the Central Library’s display between November 1 and December 31.

Librarian Andy Crews gave an online presentation on the library’s *FOLD3* database on November 5. The presentation highlighted military records as the focus of the database but also census and other records that patrons may access from home.

Cristobal Lopez with the Bexar County Archives was invited by Ms. Reyna to speak at Mission Library on November 14 regarding his recently completed work, *Reconstructing Mission San Jose: A History of Land Tenure from Secularization to National Historical Park*. Mr. Lopez discussed the history of land tenure at the mission from the time it was secularized in 1824, until the National Park Service acquired the land in 2014.

As part of the celebration for Native American Heritage Month, Ms. Reyna gave a presentation at Las Palmas Library on the Indigenous People of Bexar County. The November 19 presentation explored the prevailing prehistoric and historic native cultures here in our area.

To celebrate the reopening of the Westfall Library, Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Reyna assisted Librarian Machaia McClenny with coordinating an exhibit related to the history of the library that was on view at the branch from November 29 through December 31. Alongside historical materials, the exhibit showcased two personal journals from Edward Dixon Westfall, which are permanently housed in the Texana Vault.

Mr. Crews presented an online “Introduction to Ancestry” class on November 30. The class provided tips on how to utilize our *Ancestry Library Edition* database to research one’s family history.

Antonio Coffee, site educator at the Casa Navarro State Historic Site, invited Ms. Reyna to be part of their December 3 Genealogy Night program designed to highlight local genealogy collections. In addition to San Antonio Public Library’s (SAPL’s) extensive genealogy materials, resources held in the Spanish Archives as well as with the local Hispanic genealogy group, Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society, were highlighted.

Mr. Crews gave an online presentation on the library’s *Newspaper Archive* database on December 6. The presentation demonstrated how to research the digitized newspapers to find relevant historical information and how to access the database from home.

Ms. Reyna was invited by the City’s Department of Human Services to conduct a beginning genealogy class at the Doris Griffin Senior Center on December 8. Librarian Deborah Countess led a virtual class



on this same topic on December 15. Both presenters shared the first steps to take when doing family history research, as well as the resources and records available to SAPL users.

Mr. Crews developed a new program entitled “Tips on Recording Oral Histories” for in-person presentation at the Igo Branch Library on December 9. The class provided tips on equipment needed and questions to ask for recording useful oral history interviews.

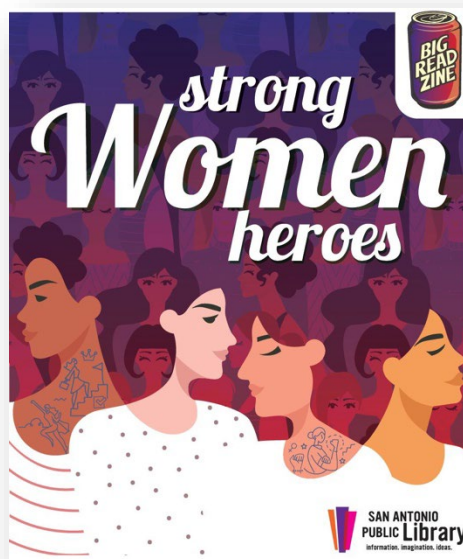


A walking tour of the more prominent residents at San Fernando Cemetery #1 was led by Ms. Reyna on December 10. Those in attendance were guided to the resting places of some of San Antonio's earliest historical figures, while learning more about their lives and how they helped shape our city.

Librarian Matt De Waelsche gave a talk on the Texana/Genealogy Department to the Sons of the American Revolution during their December 14 monthly

meeting held at the Petroleum Club.

On December 17 Ms. Ferguson helped to coordinate the Big Read Zine Release Party at the Central Library. Members of the Zine Committee worked through November and December to compile, print, assemble and release 250 copies of SAPL's 2022 community zine, *Big Read Zine: Strong Women Heroes*. The 2022 theme solicited submissions in August from the community to highlight creative works that showcased strong women heroes.



BRANCH LOCATIONS BAZAN

Children's Librarian, Hope Sonnen, hosted *Come and Go Fun* on Mondays in November and December. Children enjoyed exercising their creativity drawing pictures and making various paper crafts related to the seasons and holidays. Children engaged their imagination in the LEGO building program offered every Wednesday.

On December 7, Ms. Sonnen visited Irving Dual Language Academy literacy night where she shared information about library resources, programs and library card signup.

The Learn center at Bazan continued to see lots of customers seeking help building computer skills, resume writing, job searching and submitting job applications. Training Officer Carlos Loera additionally taught English as a Second Language every Tuesday evening, painting class for seniors was offered twice a month where participants learned to paint landscape, and *Coffee and a Movie* was offered monthly.

Bazan Library hosted a *Voces Cósmicas* writing poetry workshop in November. *Voces Cósmicas*, which meets regularly at the Bazan library, is a literary nonprofit established to share poetry and prose, generating ideas, promoting literature, and encouraging fledgling writers and artists.

The Bazan library partnered with the UT Health Science Center SA to present *Advanced Directives: Planning Ahead for Your Healthcare Decisions* on November 14. The branch looks forward to more programs with UTHSC to promote health and wellness in the community.

BROOK HOLLOW



A 7-foot Giving Tree took center stage at the BHL library during the December holiday season. The tree offered paperback books for kids/parents to share with kids who may not have access to books or can't come to the library. Staff and three FOBHL attended the BHL Holiday Party, Thursday, December 15 in the staff lounge and meeting room. The manager provided homemade jelly for all the staff.

BHL hosted the Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting process October 24 through November 8, 2022. During the early voting process, BHL provided a voting site for more than 10,000 plus Bexar County residents. On site Bexar County Voting Judge Marilyn

Jowdy complemented the entire BHL Team by texting the manager **"Your staff is Terrific!"** The BHL Team worked together to assure the meeting room was ready for voting and offered quality customer service answering voting questions while assisting patrons with library materials.

Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon hosted the La Tertulia, Brook Hollow Library Mystery and Tuesday Evening Book Clubs during November and December @ BHL. De Leon continues to work with the Walker Ranch Senior Center.

BHL Children's Librarian Amanda Neace offers weekly Story Times at Blossom Park on Heimer Road just behind Bradley Middle School, a few blocks from the library. In November/December Neace offered family Story Times; Read to Dog; Lego Time; after school art; Toddler Time and family-fun on Saturdays. Neace continues to become familiar with BHL patrons and is receptive to programming requests from parents and children in the BHL Community.

BHL Branch Manager Jeannette Davies and Children's Librarian Amanda Neace attended the San Pedro Hills Women's Club 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Sonora Country Club December 7, 2022. Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in December. Davies and Co-Host Oscar Gonzalez, Mission Library manager, highlighted holiday cooking. See mysapl.org under the events tab to register for Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen.

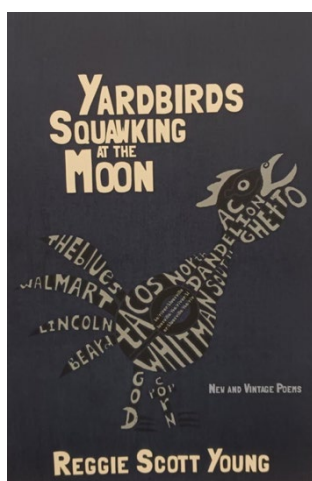
CARVER

On November 3, 2022, KPAC Radio celebrated its 40th anniversary, bringing its Random Acts of Classical tour to Carver Branch offering users an afternoon of classical music.



Caption: Announcer Nathan Cone introduces a young violinist performing at KPAC's Random Acts of Classical at Carver Branch

Poet Reggie Scott Young, Ph.D., visited Carver Branch on November 19, reading from his latest collection of verse, *Yardbirds Squawking at the Moon*. Dr. Young, formerly of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Wheaton College, LSU, and Villanova University, is the co-editor of such works as *Mozart and Leadbelly: Stories and Essays by Ernest J. Gaines* and *This Louisiana Thing That Drives Me: The Legacy of Ernest J. Gaines*.



Caption: Reggie Scott Young's book of poetry, *Yardbirds Squawking at the Moon*

Carver Branch once again teamed up with CPS Energy, University Health, and the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to offer the Community Health and Safety Fair. The event was held on Saturday, December 17 from noon until 4 p.m. Visitors were able to receive vaccines to protect against flu, pneumonia, and COVID-19. Additionally, members of the CPS Energy team were on hand to share wellness facts and options available to keep community members safe. They also discussed electric and natural gas safety tips, and community programs for energy bill assistance.



On December 27, the branch kicked off its annual celebration of Kwanzaa, the seven-day observance of African American family, reflection and social values.



During the month of November, Lisa Ramirez, Children's Librarian continued to host two weekly children's programs at the Carver branch. The first program is an afterschool Lego building program held on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., the other program is a preschool Story Time program held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Early in the month, Little Read Wagon hosted it's early childhood program: Let's Play at Carver on Wednesday, November 9th to an overall good turnout of community families.

On November 10th, Ms. Ramirez attended the TLA District 10 meeting that was held at The Neighborhood Place and attended workshops on diversity in collections, and how to strengthen community partnerships.

Ms. Ramirez also participated in several outreach programs such as early childhood Story Time at Tynan Headstart on November 15th. On November 16th, Carver branch library welcomed Essence Prep Academy students to the branch for a tour and Q&A session for 4th and 5th graders from the school. And on November 17th Ms. Ramirez hosted an after-school Coding Club program at Democracy Prep where children worked on using drawing robots to complete tasks using blockly coding.

During the month of December, the Children's Librarian provided programming for preschoolers and elementary school students both at the Carver library and at several local schools. On December 1st and 8th at 10:30 a.m., Story Time was held for preschoolers in the Carver branch library meeting room. Participants sang songs, listened to stories, and participated in fun activities. On December 1st from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., a Coding Club was held at Democracy Prep for the last coding club of the semester. Participants coded a story using the Tynker website.

Thanksgiving and Native American Juvenile books were put up for display in the Children's area in November. New end caps were created for display in the Children's area in anticipation for Winter encouraging patrons to "Warm up with a Good Book" featuring mugs, a fireplace, and falling snow. A Holiday display was put up for December featuring Christmas, Hannukah, Kwaanza and Winter Season books. Another new display was also created in anticipation of George Washington Carver's birthday on January 1st. On December 7th and 21st at 4:00 p.m., the Children's Librarian hosted Let's Build with Legos in the Children's area of Carver library. On December 8th at 1:15 p.m., a Story Time was held at Tynan Headstart. Ms. Ramirez read stories and sang songs to early childhood classrooms at the school. On December 14th at 3:00 p.m., Let's Play at Carver was sponsored by the Little Read Wagon where preschool children participated in outdoor play activities. On December 15th at 4:00 p.m., Ms. Ramirez attended Cameron Elementary's Literacy Night event where she shared information about the library and how to apply for a library card. Lastly, on December 22nd and 29th at 10:30 a.m., Story Time was held at the Carver branch meeting room for preschoolers to practice early literacy skills with singing and read-alouds.

The Learn Center at Carver was very busy during the months of November and December. The total amount of patrons who used this center was 274. The total amount of minutes spent with patrons was 34,175 minutes. The average stay at Learn remains at around 120 minutes per visit. The Learn center had 40 new patrons and 234 return patrons. The most popular program remains computer skills training. The second most popular was resume writing and job applications. Learn successfully assisted 7 patrons with their job searches and placements. The third most popular program was personal device training. This training includes cell phone training, tablet and iPad training, and laptop training.

Shauna Mendoza, Learn Training Officer at Carver, coordinated the creation of The Wall of Warmth for Carver patrons in the month of November and continued it through December. This special area provides warm clothing for patrons to take what they need without question. People are encouraged to donate what they can to help other patrons who do not have warm clothing for the winter.

In November and December, Shauna created a new class for the Carver Learn Center. This class is titled: Introduction to Computers. It is held every Wednesday from 10am to 1130am. This is a new class that began on November 30th. It was designed to get new Learn patrons orientated with the Computer Skills classes at the Learn Center. During the one and a half hours of this class, the patron is set up on the Learn computers and instructed how to log in, introduced to the computer training program(s) and begins with mouse training and ends the day with typing skills training. By the end of the class, the new patron has knowledge of how a computer works, what program he/she will be using, and most importantly, they feel comfortable returning to learn further technology skills. The three patrons that were in this first class expressed enthusiasm for future learning.

Shauna continues to be passionate about being involved in the community. She reached out to Claude Black Community Center, East Central High School, and the Youth Center of Texas to set up a Learn @ Carver SAPL informational booth for the future and to provide support to the surrounding Carver community.



CODY

There were a variety of children's programs for children and families to attend at the Cody Library in November. Weekly Story Times included Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Family Story Time. Afterschool program offerings included Lego Club, Art Club, and Kid's Afterschool Hangout.

In December, Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon started a new weekly early literacy program called the Toddler Dance Party. Developed with energetic toddlers in mind, it features lots of dancing and singing. Each week Yourdon reads an interactive book that encourages movement and singing. Yourdon often picks books by authors that have several great books for toddlers and encourages caregivers to check these out. A favorite activity at the Toddler Dance Party so far has been popping bubbles to the song "All the Fish," by Casper Babypants.

On December 6th, the branch hosted a Snow Day Pajama Party to celebrate the winter season. Children built snowmen and played with snow dough, made beautiful artwork with colored ice, played in the cardboard gingerbread house, decorated paper cookies, tossed "snowballs" in a cardboard snowman's mouth, built shelters out of straws and connectors and brain flakes, and worked collaboratively to create a winter scene on a sticky wall.



Teens at Cody took an active role in choosing daily activities including crafts, games, and technology-based programming. With 250 teen attendees spanning 12 teen programs we have seen a lot of growth and creativity from our young patrons.



For the 2023 year we have moved our teen storage into the teen area so teens can see all the options available to them and choose each day how they would like to spend their time at the library. Teen Librarian Ashley Frost hopes this will foster more independence and a stronger sense of ownership within the library and of the teen space. We also hope to partner with the San Antonio Food Bank this year to provide cooking classes at the teens' request.

On November 29th Adult Services Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney hosted the Tabletop Gaymer Night which is a social program that SAPL's Queer Committee is working to institute at multiple branches across the system which, while open to everyone, is designed to be a safe space for members of the queer community to meet and socialize over board games.

COLLINS GARDEN

On November 8, The Collins Garden branch served as a voting site for the Joint General, Special, Charter and Bond Election. The Book Club facilitated by Gina Brudi, met on December 21 and discussed the novel *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. During the month of December, adult patrons were provided with supplies to create their own holiday cards and engage in some adult coloring activities

Children's Librarian Gina Brudi filmed the Story Time rhyme "The Little Clapping Mouse" for inclusion on the SAPL YouTube Channel. On November 2nd. She hosted the last of a three-part series with the San Antonio Food Bank "Food Bites with Kids" where children and their adults learned how to make sandwich rolls using healthy ingredients. To welcome fall, children were invited to create turkeys and other creations related to fall with supplies provided and add to the whiteboard in the children's area. In celebration of National Picture Book Month, she created a picture book display featuring classic and new books. Ms. Brudi installed a winter tree in the children's area and families with children had the opportunity to make paper ornaments with supplies provided and decorate the tree. She hosted weekly in-house programs: Lego Clubs and Story Times. On December 14, she visited Knox Early Children Center and presented holiday stories and songs to each classroom. She continued her participation in Toddler Time and Baby Time online and created a winter book display of juvenile books. A systemwide winter snow globe Take-and-Make craft was distributed to families and Circulation Attendant Jessica Salas put together Fall, turkeys, and Rudolf Take-and-Make craft kits which were distributed to families with young children.



On November 18, Ms. Toll attended Career Day at Harris Middle School and interacted with 107 eight grade students. She spoke about her career, jobs available at SAPL, library services, and teen events available at the library. New teens visited the Collins Garden Branch during winter break, and a few attended the weekly teen activities. They decorated the window in the branch's Teen Area and left inspiring messages for each other. Teen Services Librarian, Ms. Toll mounted a "Don't judge a book by its color" book display and provided a mini hat yarn craft for teens. A new teen volunteer served at the library during the school winter break and assisted with crafts and activities at the branch. The volunteer also received orientation on serving on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server planned and coordinated an art contest. The contest started on December 27th, and teens will vote for the winner in January. The winning piece will be displayed at the branch of the winner's choice.



CORTEZ

Cortez Library was closed to the public due to ongoing HVAC repairs. Interim library serve was made available at the Ramirez Community Center.

ENCINO

Adult Services Adults at Encino had lots of activities to take part in on site or to take home in November and December! Just in time to get ready for the holiday season Encino held two holiday prepping programs – the Holiday Decor Swap and Jarcuterie! At the Holiday Decor swap (November 13) patrons got the opportunity to bring in some of their gently used holiday decorations to swap out for “new to them” décor. At the Jarcuterie program on November 14, patrons got to participate in a hands-on program to learn how to build charcuterie cups/jars. These individual jarcuterie servings are perfect for holiday parties or meals. Jarcuterie was so popular, a second session had to be added on December 5 to accommodate everyone that wanted to participate.

On November 21, Encino hosted Lournna Marquez-Carrasquillo from USCIS to speak about immigration and the citizenship process.

Patrons got a chance to make cozy scarfs at Encino on November 28. Ann Laird led a class showing how to use loop yarn to make quick and cozy scarves. Patrons were able to nearly finish a whole scarf in just a one-hour session.

Encino hosted a new book club, Bring Your Own Mystery Club, on December 6. Patrons were encouraged to bring a mystery book of their choice to share with others, and librarian Ann Laird prepared a slide show to showcase soon-to-be-published mysteries, and mysteries that are new to SAPL.

In December, Encino patrons were offered two different Take & Make crafts. There was a ribbon tree ornament craft made with ribbon and beads, and a Santa taco ornament made with felt pieces. Both were very popular.

Adult services librarian Ann Laird also collaborated with Children's Librarian Caitlin Leonard for three multi-generational "family" programs in December. On December 7 we hosted a very popular Holiday Cookie Decorating program where we had all ages from toddlers to adults participating. On December 20, Ms. Laird adapted the very popular adult "Paint @ Encino" series to have a "Family Paint @ Encino" where patrons signed up to paint a gingerbread man painting with their children. On December 28 adults and children were able to create "Mini Snowman Canvases" where children painted a snowman face on a mini-canvas, and their adult helped them attach a pipe cleaner and pompoms to give the snowman "earmuffs."

Adults were able to participate in an interactive "Who is your role model?" display in November, for National Inspirational Role Models Month, where they were able to write down who their role model is on a slip of paper and tape it up on a display board.

Teen

Teens planned and implemented some exciting activities such as a decorating the Teen Room and creating an inviting atmosphere; participated in the promotion of literacy through Fantasy book display and conducted a series of workshops celebrating "novel writers' month".

Part of the "Novel Writers' Month", teens conducted a writing workshop, where other teens could develop/improve/practice their literary skills. Teens received an original button and bookmark for their participation and attendance.

Teen librarian, Ivan Martinez, conducted a community outreach to share resources and collaborate with the local high school.

The Teen volunteer program is going strong, and its popularity is increasing. The Teen volunteers are active in library duties and in promoting Teen services to the teen community.

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 card games, gaming, decorating wall plates, building puzzles to socializing and planning future Teen times. Teens celebrated Winter Break in the Teen room by having a karaoke night.

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

Children's Services

It has been an exciting couple of months for Encino's children's department!

In November, we held our regular weekly programming as listed below.

Our regular programming of the following weekly events continued throughout November:

1. Baby Time
2. Elementary Wednesdays: Rotating between STEM, Process Art, LEGOs and Games
3. Story Time
4. Tween Makerspace
5. Playdate at the playground

In December, we had a big turnout of 150 patrons and a lot of fun making peppermint slime, playing with "snow", decorating snowmen, drinking hot cocoa and racing flying Rudolph balloons at our Holly Jolly Fest. We were also able to host programs to create paint pour ornaments, as well as a cookie decorating event.

Children's Librarian Caitlin Leonard visits Country Kids Academy once a week to lead two Story Time programs and we've seen an increase in library traffic from those children as a result.

Encino has also been enjoying the addition of our new Sensory toys and tools thanks to a generous grant to SAPL. Children visiting Encino now have opportunities to play with toys in a sensory tub, practice balance on a wavy sensory beam, and enjoy sensory floor tiles. In addition to those items, the branch received toys and tools that are used in almost every Children's library program.

Encino Library hosted District Councilperson John Courage for a community meeting on Monday, December 5 and again on Friday, December 9 for satellite hours.

FOREST HILLS

In November, Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop officially started with the Forest Hills branch, transferring from the Carver branch in the same position as teen services librarian II and assistant manager. They helped with recording the second of three planned episodes of Tuned In on November 10th, and on November 18th presented on SAPL's approach to Discord with Matthew Loaiza for the Teen Summit conference.

Then in December, Mx. Prukop accepted a donation of tabletop games from a local game store, offering them to interested Teen Services staff for their own libraries. They also helped with the Teen Services outreach to Nerdvana Con run by Northside ISD, where they offered information about library services and made buttons for interested teens. They were also on the hiring committee for library aides for Forest Hills, Guerra, and Westfall branches.

Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca wrote a blog entry for the children's page, based on the Juvenile Fiction book "Wildoak." Ms. Menchaca was happy to host an online Lego program, during which the children and librarians had a lot of fun building and using their imaginations. As she does regularly, Ms. Menchaca helped facilitate online Story Time; she was happy to sing, read, and play games with participants. Linton Elementary hosted a Career Day, where Ms. Menchaca was happy to go and speak about the joys of being a children's librarian. Ms. Menchaca attended the TXLA District 10 meeting, where along with several colleagues, she presented on how play in the library helps reinforce resilience in children. PCI asked Ms. Menchaca to facilitate a zoom presentation on what the public library has to offer, so she discussed topics that would interest families with small children. Ms. Menchaca helped Maverick Library by facilitating several toddler and Story Times. She helped with the children's reading list that is made available on the library's website and was part of the new "Faith Traditions" children's workgroup, which is currently developing book lists celebrating religious traditions.

GREAT NORTHWEST

In November, Great Northwest (GNW) Library hosted a "Holiday Marketplace" with homeschooled families. The kids made items and designed their own currency for the event. They set up their own little businesses around the children's wing. All the visitors for the occasion were given some of the originally designed currency to buy some items for themselves to take home. There were over one hundred people in attendance. The community had high praise for the kids and wonderful feedback for the event.

The Shapes programs were concluded in December. The children learned about circles, squares, and triangles during these two months with Children's Librarian Cari Raley. They had many different learning games, songs, and stories that emphasized each of the different shapes.

The Tween MakerSpace had a creative time designing flying things during this time. They made paper airplanes and experimented with interesting designs to see what worked and what didn't when it came to staying off the ground.

Teen Services Librarian Lisa Puchot facilitated weekly programs for teens ages 13-18 at GNW Library in the Teen Only Space. Teens wanted to do something really special and planned and implemented a new

theme for November and December. They decided to transform the Teen space into “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” On November 8, teens planned a Super Smash Bros. Tournament and a choice of 4 award-winning books provided by Northside Independent School District was given away to the winner.

Every Teen Time there is a craft table for teens who aren’t interested in video games. The Teens asked for a friendship bracelet workshop and the teens showed each other how to make and tie their own bracelets. On Nov 15 the Teens had a Friends-Giving potluck. One teen made pumpkin pie bread from scratch, and another brought cookies. Teen volunteers have taken major leadership roles in the planning and implementation of these programs which fostered teen creativity, showcased teamwork, and celebrated their interests and ownership of their library and the community they reside in.

Teens planned and implemented four events for the month of December and GNW Teen Services also participated in this year’s NerdvanaCon at Stevens High School. They started a paper mâché project and were able to paint the masks before the Tim Burton-themed movie night. On Tuesday, December 20 the teens planned a gingerbread house decorating contest. Each teen who wanted to participate in the contest was given all the supplies and the staff and patrons voted for the best gingerbread house. There was some stiff competition (pictures below) and the other teens played Super Smash Bros. and casually walked around to see the progress of their peers. Good times at GNW Teen Time in December!



Great Northwest Library staff displayed a Dia De Los Muertos Ofrenda in the first week of November with information about this celebration so the community could learn more about this special holiday.

On November 19 and December 17, the 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.

Great Northwest Library partnered with the San Antonio Heartwarmers blanket-making group to provide a program on November 13 where patrons had the opportunity to help make blankets for rescue dogs.

On December 5 Adult Services Librarian Stephanie Vazquez hosted the Adult Craft: Cookie Cutter Ornament program. Adults were invited to make ornaments out of cookie cutters and scrapbook paper.

Library Assistant Jenn Tristan's Cut and Glue program continued. An attendee donated a box of magazines for the program and shared information about an online collage group.

GUERRA

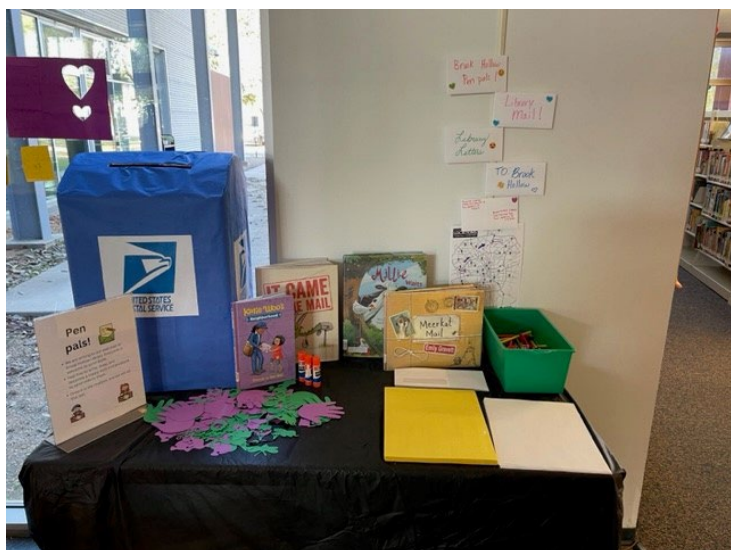
Guerra continued to serve as a voting center and welcomed over 900 voters on election day. The branch partnered with UT Health to host a Cancer Prevention series that extended its run because of positive feedback received. Guerra said goodbye to visiting Library Assistant Josiah Garcia who returned to his home branch Westfall and welcomed Sam Varela from Potranco to the Guerra library Aide team.

Teen Services Librarian, Bek Corley, facilitated Guerra's weekly Teen Club in collaboration with teen volunteers. The group continued to create new art for their teen space and activities included a winter film screening of *The Grinch* while making green & rainbow grilled cheeses and another gardening workshop led by one teen who shared their experience with caring for roses. Guerra teens were super excited for the return of their large-scale dry-erase whiteboard into their teen space – they used it daily to answer creative prompts from teen volunteers, share art, positive messages and jokes with each other and welcome their peers to the space.

Children's Librarian, Linda Lopez, continued to host *Story Time*, and *Lego Club*. During *Story Time*, children enjoyed singing, dancing, rhyming, and listening to stories read aloud. Creativity and imagination flowed during *Lego Club*, with wonderful creations being built. There were two passive programs that children could participate in while visiting the library. For the Thanksgiving holiday, children could disguise turkeys so that they would be hidden from being eaten, and for the Winter holiday, children could disguise gingerbread people so they would not be eaten.



In December, Linda and Amanda from Brook Hollow had children write or decorate letters for a pen pal exchange program between their two branches.



Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *No se permiten elefantes* (*Strictly no elephants*) by Lisa Mantchev on November 1 for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. He moderated the Spanish book club, Club de Lectura on November 17. They discussed the first half of *Mala índole: cuentos aceptados y aceptables* (*Bad nature, or with Elvis in Mexico*) by Javier Marías. That is a compilation of short stories by the author written in such a way that makes the reader struggle to determine what actually happened. The next day, November 18, he presented the trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. That month many of the questions dealt with Thanksgiving Day and the Dia de los Muertos. December 2, he recorded *Dos alas* (*Two wings*) by Debi Gliori for Dial-a-Story. He moderated the Club de Lectura discussion of the second half of *Mala índole: cuentos aceptados y aceptables* (*Bad nature, or with Elvis in Mexico*) by Javier Marías on December 15. The following week, he presented the trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. That month the questions focused on Christmas and children's books.

Roxanne Menchaca, Guerra's Library Assistant, continued co-hosting the Queer Crafternoon. This online program provides a safe space for members of the queer community to engage their creativity to foster community and self-care while listening to podcasts and books from the library's collection that have queer-centered storylines and or characters.

IGO

On the 19th of November 2022, Bharatanatyam Classical Dance Performance was arranged in the meeting rooms of Igo Branch Library in celebration of Diwali, which is a festival of lights occurring in the fall that symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair. The performances presented by the dance group were in the form of music, dance, and storytelling followed by a Q&A. Adult Services Librarian Gamini Haluwana coordinated the program and Branch Manager Tim Johnson assisted with it.

Igo library hosts a "Club de Lectura en Español" book club meeting once a month to discuss Spanish readers and their work. The Club is open to everyone and has a strong community that keeps growing. It's great to see some people from Bandera, Texas driving all the way to Igo branch library to attend this books club.

Senior programming coordinator of Igo branch library, Irene Scharf prepared Igo Library Elderberries' Monthly Newsletters. The topic of the November newsletter was "Native American Foods. "Women in World War II" was the topic of the December newsletter. These newsletters were sent to more than 150 senior citizens.

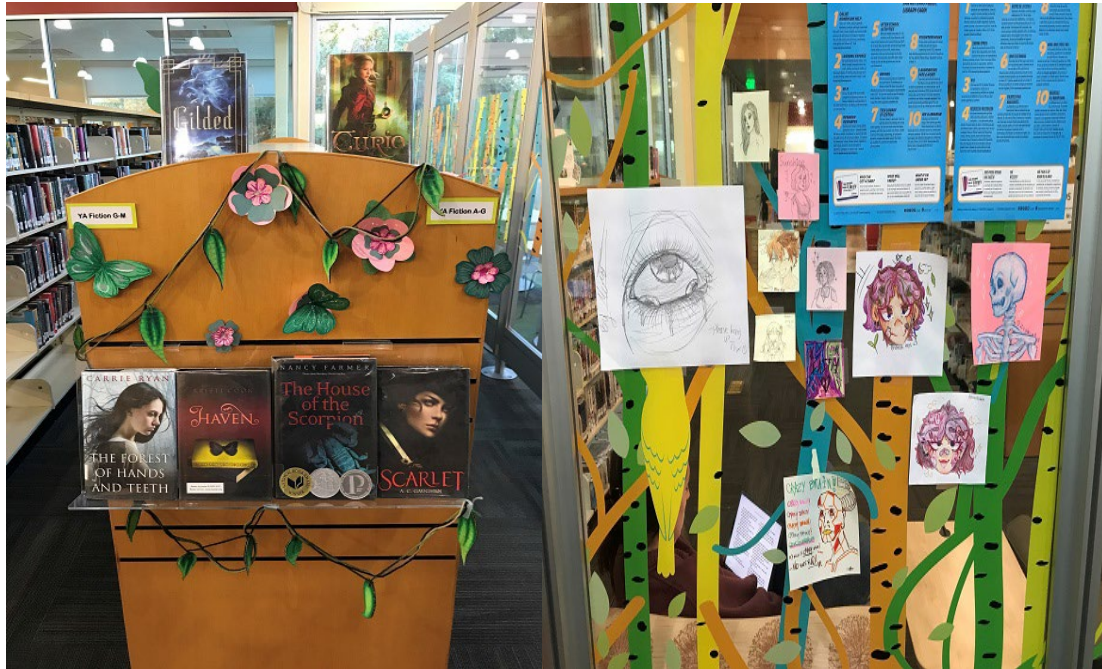
Igo Manager, Tim Johnson continued to work with Elissa Vura (Central Circulation) and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central Children's) on the Escape the Earth podcast. Two episodes were released during the reporting period: one on Mur Lafferty's *Six Wakes* and another on Terry Pratchett's *Color of Magic*.

Mr. Johnson also hosted the Igo Mystery Book Club which met on November 1st and December 6th. In the first meeting members discussed Ian Rankin's *in a House of Lies* and Richard Osman's *The Man Who Died Twice* provided the discussion for the second meeting. Both were well-attended as both in-person and virtual options were provided.

Mr. Johnson also hosted 2 meetings of the Dollars and Sense book group. The group discussed Morganousel's *The Psychology of Money* at both meetings as it provided sufficient insights for multiple meetings.

Mr. Johnson also hosted a family chess club in November that was very well attended. At the end of the program participants asked Mr. Johnson to increase the frequency of the meetings.

Teen Time at the Igo Library has developed a strong group of regulars who collaborate with one another to come up with plans for future Teen Times and request materials for activities, which has included more Wii games and holiday-related activities like cookie and ornament decorating. Annie Calonico, the teen librarian, encourages the teens to plan for future Teen Times and works with the Igo Friends of the Library group to acquire the materials needed. In addition to the teen-directed activities, Teen Time continues to offer a variety of things for teens to explore, including video games, board games, and arts and crafts supplies, fostering connections between teens with common interests. The addition of a teen volunteer during Teen Time has also led to new things, including a weekly Smash Bros. Wii battle between some of our teens.



Annie Calonico, the teen librarian at Igo, conducted outreach at Sandra Day O'Connor High School, making contact and sharing information with community teens about teen programming at local branches, our Discord platform, and teen volunteer opportunities available in the SAPL system.

Our community teens continue to use the art supplies and games available in the teen space to interact with one another and create beautiful art and joyful noise, increasing their sense of belonging and ownership within the library. Igo's teen volunteers continue to build lasting relationships with the library through service, helping with regular tasks as well as engaging in special projects for the teen space, including a new book display for fantasy novels.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance continued to co-facilitate the Baby Story Time Online, Toddler Time Online, and Proud to Be Me: Rainbow Families with children's librarians across the system.

In-house programs continue to be very well attended at Igo. The two Baby Times continue to grow every week, alternating which day and time have the highest attendance. Many families report they enjoy being able to come twice a week, providing more socialization opportunities for their youngest ones.

The Toddler Time has stayed steady, attendance-wise. Families in this group are grateful for an energetic program that also provides opportunities to learn to share, follow directions, and take turns. In December, Ms. Carrie Vance brought back a popular activity with rhythm sticks, which requires children to follow directions from her regarding what to tap the sticks against, and instructions from the song regarding how to move the sticks. A favorite feature of this program is the high degree of repetition; parents are always reporting how much their children look forward to hearing their favorite songs. Story Time continues to have more books, a craft, and more child-led discussions. A favorite activity for the children in this group is the invitation to share any news. Children have enjoyed sharing about upcoming vacations and holidays, reporting about big happenings at their homes like new siblings and birthdays, and even just sharing the things they are enjoying doing now. Over the months of November and December, children

enjoyed making contact paper collages, superhero capes, tissue paper hats, stick and coffee filter mobiles, and graham cracker decorating.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance and Teen Librarian Annie Calonico continue to alternate facilitating the Igo Stitchery on Sunday afternoons. While everyone enjoys getting work done on their projects, the highlight for many over the holiday season was sharing stories about family members, friends, and all the traditions and challenges that goes along with the holidays.

JOHNSTON

On November 8 Johnston served as an Election Day polling location with more than 960 residents casting their votes at Johnston. A small quilt was displayed for November's Eye Donation Month celebrating local donor heroes and transplant recipients. The branch hosted the market, Mercado por tu Corazon, on November 8 and December 13 as part of the American Heart Association's partnership with the library to provide the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. In the spirit of crafting to keep winter boredom at bay--as demonstrated in-branch displays--Johnston put out a variety of pipe cleaners so that patrons could make their own winter creatures. A sample goat was put out as encouragement and several children graciously allowed staff to photograph their creations.



Assistant Manager Cris Yamada-Lokensgard arranged for the November 12 performance of Agarita Chamber which played classical music for library patrons. Ms. Yamada hosted two Craft Time for Adults – Recycling CD coasters on November 18 and Holiday Coin Wrappers on December 16. As a member of the Winter Holidays Annual initiative, Ms. Yamada prepared Take-and-Make kits for Adults at Collins Garden, Carver, McCreless, and Johnston and recorded a 30-minute scarf video for the Winter Holidays LibGuide.



Children's Librarian Miss Tiffany continued to grow the Family Fun Story Time in November and December. She also provided two school-age programs: Let's Create; Maker's Club and Let's Build; Lego Club. Both programs which have grown in popularity with patrons since in person programming has come back. Miss Tiffany hosted and presented Toddler Time Online Live every Wednesday morning for SAPL families. One of the highlights of November at the branch was the Library Letters Program in the Children's Area. Johnston patrons were encouraged to write a letter/draw a picture, put their letter in an envelope, make a stamp and drop it in the "mailbox". The letters were exchanged with Landa Library. Once Miss Tiffany received the letters from Jasmin Salinas at Landa Library they were posted on the bulletin board and the front windows. Both libraries sent each other pictures of the letters for patrons to see their letters hanging up at a different library. One Johnston family made a trip to Landa Library to see their letters. The Library Letters in the children's area was delightful and whimsical but also educational and thought provoking. It offered a nice connection for families in our system. Miss Tiffany kept the letters from the Library Letter Program up through December. In December patrons colored and crafted snowflakes for the windows to give the library a wintry feel. Family Fun Story Time in December included a Play and Learn called Snowfest. The program was full of cold weather activities like building snowflakes out of popsicle sticks and marshmallows, ice and fake snow sensory bins, magnetic snowman (similar to Mr. Potato Head), and snowflake collages on contact paper. There was also plenty of snowy dance party music. Miss Tiffany held one of the Family Story Times outside at the playground to enjoy the cooler but not cold weather. The Toddler Time Online and Story Time Online Leads started talks to combine the programs to optimize the programs attendance and staff participation. The change is set to take place in January. Miss Tiffany will continue to act as a co-lead for the new program Family Story Time Online.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza facilitated several in-person teen times at Johnston library. Teens helped select and plan weekly activities throughout the month which included rock painting, pumpkin decorating and a food demo from the San Antonio Food Bank. During the Cooking Around the World food demonstration Chef Brittany taught the teen group how to make tostadas using a fresh cilantro green sauce made from scratch. The teen group also had a blast decorating pumpkins right before Halloween. For December the highlight for the month was the program suggested and chosen by the teens—baking and decorating cake pops! Ms. Garza also hosted the BTS crafts and book club group at Johnston library. The group read *Highly Sensitive People in an Insensitive World: How to Create a Happy Life* by Ilse Sand and discussed it during the in-person meeting, November 13. The craft—suggested by a member—was a painted rock photo holder. December activities for the BTS program included a BTS themed holiday party December 18 and creating BTS-themed ornaments. Ms. Garza assisted with running the Smash Ultimate tournament at Stevens Highschool's Nerdvana-con pop convention December 3 with other teen service staff. The tournament had participants of all skills levels challenge each other for the top first place prize.

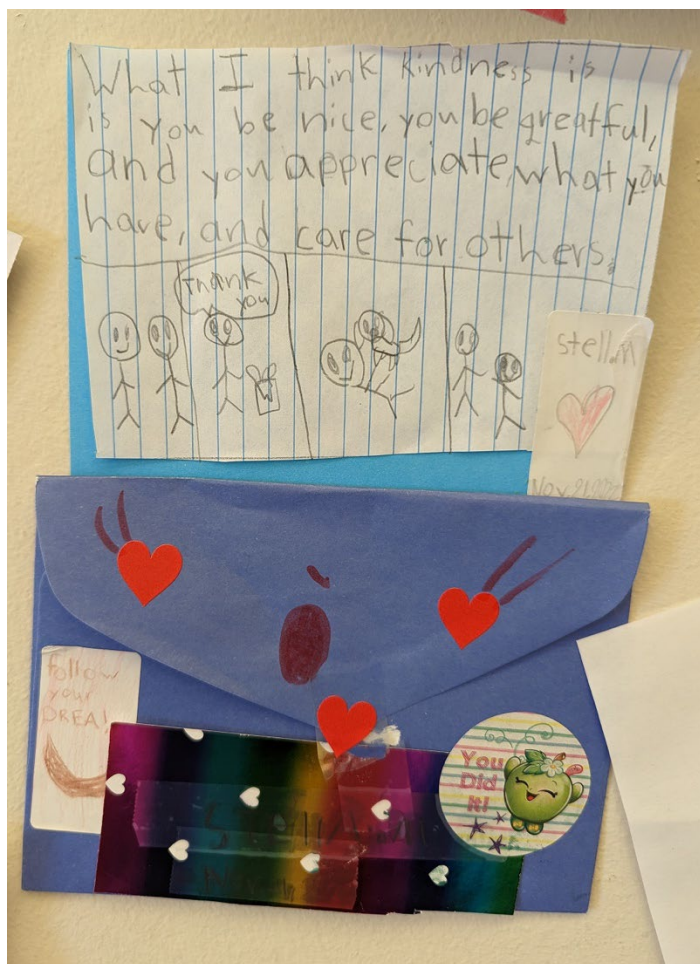
Ms. Garza and Library Assistant Ana Piña hosted a Dia De Los Muertos: Sugar Skull decorating event. Participants of all ages were able to decorate sugar skull using glue, royal icing, various colors of sequins and beads. Several patrons decorated and donated their skulls to be displayed on Johnston's Day of the Dead altar. Ms Pina hosted a Fall Crafts program November 19. Participants made bookmarks and coasters utilizing leaves. December 16 Ms. Pina hosted a Winter Crafts program where participants made various types of ornaments out of wax paper, salt-dough, and construction paper

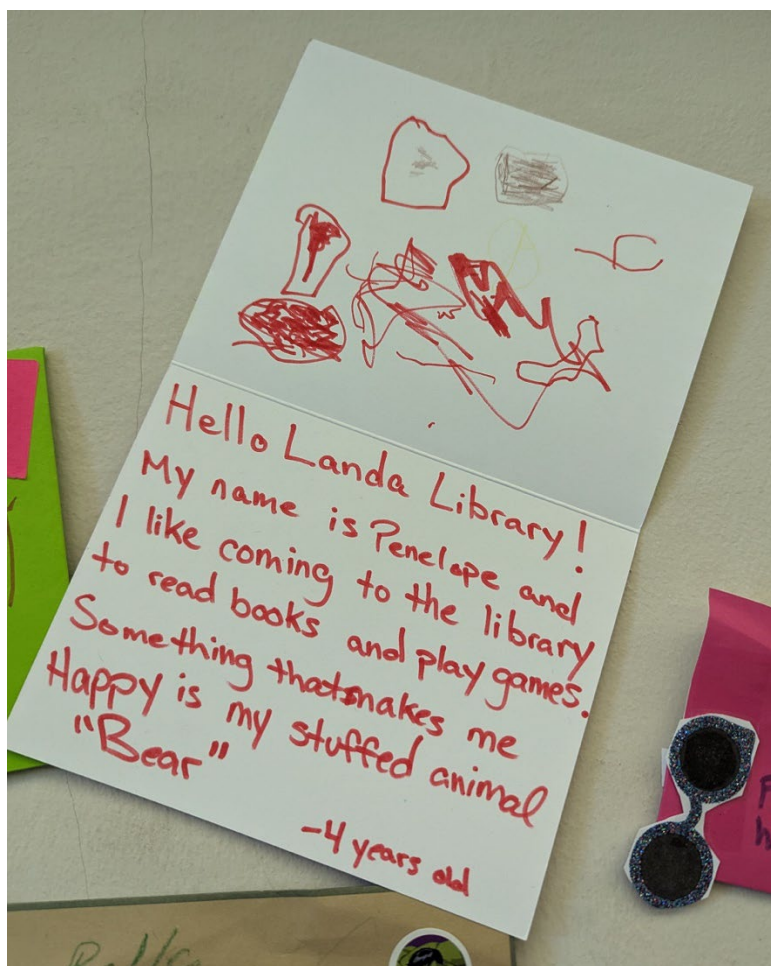
LEARN's Training Officer, Marcella McGowan hosted the following programs: Open Keyboard & Mouse Training on November 6th, 13th & 20th at 10:30am. On November 9th, 15th, 23rd and 29th, Ms. McGowan hosted several sessions of Tips & Tricks for Search Browsers. Ms. McGowan had guest speaker, Lorna M. Marquez-Carrasquillo from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security present ¡Hablemos de la ciudadanía! // Let's Talk About Citizenship on November 15th. The Learn area had 19 patrons accessing

LANDA

In November, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas and Johnston Children's Librarian Tiffany Durham began a Library Letter Exchange program. Each location created a space for kids to draw pictures and write letters to be sent across town. Then the letters received were displayed at each location.







Librarian Salinas also continued to assist with Children's Services online programs including Baby Time Online, Game Time Online, Lego Club Online, and Art Club Online.

In December, members of The Village at Incarnate Word decided to choose their own books for the book club. First on that list was *Magnolia Palace* by Fiona Davis. The group was overwhelmed with joy about the book. It created many discussions about New York and the Frick Museum.

For the November Mystery Book Club, the group read *The Maid* by Nita Prose. One new member joined the club. The group was very welcoming and had fun reminiscing about how long they'd been part of the Landa mystery book club. Overall, the book was very well-received by all readers in attendance. One reader said this is what they love about book clubs: sometimes, they read a book they would have never picked up and can end up loving it – like this one! In addition, one of the readers provided a gem of a saying, "if your house is clean, you're not reading enough!"; the validation was well-received and belly laughs were had by all!

The November Reader's Ink Book Club discussed *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. The book was set during the Dust Bowl. The club members shared stories from their childhood, as well as stories their parents told them. Several of the club members lived in farming towns where the importance of the Dust Bowl remained constant. When asked if they liked the book or would recommend it to others, the members were divided. One member mentioned that this was the second time she read the book and still

didn't know if she could say it was a "good" read. The group had a very interactive conversation about farming back then and farming now.

LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas hosted the Bexar County Elections Office during the first four days of November for Early Voting and November 8th for Election Day.

ADULT SERVICES: In November, Adult Services Librarian, Nicole San Martin, set up their Wall of Warmth, a "take what you need, leave what you can" a SAPL initiative that provides winter clothing to those who need it. Las Palmas also screened Top Gun and served snacks donated by the Friends of the Library.



In celebration of the winter holidays, Las Palmas screened both A Christmas Story and Home Alone and provided snacks to movie-goers. The branch also hosted a Frosty's Winter Wonderland celebration on December 13th, where patrons viewed classic Christmas cartoons like Frosty the Snowman. During the event, librarian Nicole San Martin hosted a craft station where patrons could decorate their own ornaments to take home, Elvia Ramos hosted a station where children could create their own Frosty hat and play with "snow", and Connie Hejl hosted a station where patrons could create their own shrinky-dinks. A special guest – Santa himself – also sat for pictures with children and families and gave each child a prize from the treasure box.

TEEN SERVICES: Teen Services Librarian Connie Hejl recruited teen volunteers to help with the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving program held in November. She also collaborated on the Frosty's Winter Wonderland program and had teens create holiday themed Shrinky Dinks during the program. Connie made snow for the kids to play with and arranged a visit with Santa who talked to the participants and was available for pictures. She also developed a system-wide program at Mission Library celebrating World Cup Soccer and award-winning TV show Ted Lasso. Teens at the weekly program chose to play Wii Sports.



CHILDREN SERVICES: Despite having the Children's Librarian position vacant at Las Palmas, staff has been able to deliver effective services to the community thanks to the help of our staff. Story Time, Family Fun, and Lego Time programs continued without a break throughout the month. The children enjoyed participating in all the activities provided by SAPL and the Friends of the Library.

MAVERICK

Maverick hosted the Bexar County Elections Office during the first four days of November for Early Voting and November 8th for Election Day. The Reference team collaborated making sure the presiding judges had access in the morning and closed the library at the end of each day. The Mah Jong group met twice in November and once in December. The Lady Mav's Book Club and The Ladies Choice Book Club also

met monthly in November and December. The Poetry Group also gathered during the reporting period. Judith Hurst presented a well-received historic presentation about Henry VIII on December 3rd. Councilwoman Ana Sandoval and the District 7 team hosted a Christmas Tree Celebration on December 13th at the front lawn of the library. Afterward, the crowd entered the library to continue the ceremony. It was a great opportunity for the community to gather and enjoy tamales, fresh sweet bread and a live mariachi performance.

Children's Librarian II, Amy Roberts, spent quite a bit of the reporting period weeding the grubby items out of the children's collection. This included Juvenile Graphic Novels, Juvenile Audio Books, and Juvenile Magazines. She thanks Collection Development Librarian, Nohemi Lopez Rosdahl, for assisting with weeding the J Español items, both fiction, non-fiction and the Juvenile Bilingual books.

Ms. Roberts also did work for her children's services committees. She signed up for more curated Story Times in 2023 for Tiny Tots on the SAPL is Here 4 You website. She updated the publisher's permissions for reading items on our YouTube channel. She also read [This Book Will Get You to Sleep](#) by Jory John for Dial-A-Story on November 15. Ms. Roberts thanks Forest Hills Children's Librarian, Ana Menchaca, for filling in for 6 Story Times while she had to travel for a family emergency. She also thanks Maverick Library Assistant, Mary Lou Bleichwehl for conducting 2 Lego programs during that same time.

Ms. Roberts wrote and presented annual evaluations (EPE's) for 4 PT Circulation Attendants and 1 PT Library Assistant in November. Ms. Roberts assembled 60 Take and Create kits for kids in November and created and assembled 72 Take and Create kits for kids in December. She thanks the Maverick staff for helping distribute all the crafts! Ms. Roberts received the 2023 Book Lists from both the Lady Mav's Monday Book Group and the Ladies' Choice Book Group and ordered their January selections. She attended Children's Librarian Meetings on November 9 and December 14. Ms. Roberts completed Security Awareness Training on November 14 and December 12 and Stop the Bleed Training on November 29. She also completed Ethics Training on November 17 and Climate Change Training on December 6.

The first Teen Time in November was well received by the youth group as Circulation Attendant, Eraani Perez, made sugar skulls for Maverick Teens to decorate for a Día de los Muertos themed program. Teens could choose to have their faces painted, bring pictures for the ofrenda (altar) and to sample Pan de Muerto (bread of the dead) typically eaten by family members of the deceased being honored. Library Assistant Bleichwehl facilitated the programs that Teen Volunteers planned for the month, primarily sewing plushies and simply hanging out. One Teen wanted to play her invented game, 'Scribble', so Bleichwehl and Circulation Clerk, Taylur Loera, and others joined her in a round of it. There was a lot of laughter as the Teen explained the rules to the game and the final result, a 'picture' they created, was posted on the bulletin board near the YA collection. The Maverick staff's connection with the Teens is vibrant – they made Ms. Loera a get-well card when she was out sick one week.

In December, Librarian II, Ben Longoria and Ms. Loera facilitated Teen Time for the first two weeks. With the movies requested by the Teens playing in the background throughout the month, Teens crafted snowflakes, decorated and ate gingerbread men, made ornaments and discussed plans for their winter break. Bleichwehl assisted at Outreach events at O'Connor and Stephens High Schools during the two-month reporting period, in collaboration with other Teen Liaisons and Librarians.

McCRELESS

Despite having the Children & Teen Librarian positions vacant at McCreless, we have been able to deliver effective services to the community thanks to the help of our staff. Christine Deffendall from the currently closed Memorial Branch has been offering Lego Time & Family Story Time every week to small but very grateful groups of kids and their parents. Our own Circulation Attendant Sarina Hackworth has volunteered to continue offering our teens the opportunity to express themselves by engaging them in video games and craft-making projects. Our Adult Librarian Vicky Villalobos has been facilitating our Dungeons & Dragons series on Monday nights to a very appreciative group of loyal young adults. These staff members exemplify our commitment to service to the public and our core value of Teamwork.

Librarian Vicky Villalobos worked with fellow Queer Committee members on the weekly Saturday crafting program Queer Crafternoon. Patrons are invited to flex their creativity in a safe space while listening to podcasts about the LGBTQIA+ experience and history. On November 19, the group sampled Nonbinary: Memoirs of Gender and Identity.

On December 9, Librarian Vicky Villalobos joined Librarians Brook Mjolsness and Dan Garcia and Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura for a holiday edition of SAPL Live Trivia. Vicky was a moderator for the night's event and contributed with a category on snow. Vicky also helped distribute Take-and-Make kits for Children's and Adults and assisted with staffing programs in the absence of a Teens and Children's Librarian.

Librarian Vicky Villalobos and Teen Services Librarian Cassie Garza held a hybrid book club called BTS Book & Craft Club which met twice in November and December as well. Librarian Villalobos hosted the virtual book discussion on November 27 and December 18. The books and focus were on *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig and *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and their impact on the musical group BTS.

The Adult LEARN Center at McCreless, operated by our Training Officer Lodie Mueller, has continued to be popular among our adult population. Although we haven't been seeing a high number of appointments for services, we do have a constant flow of walk-ins that arrive for a variety of services. Our Saturday ESL classes are also very well attended, averaging at about 30 students per class.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales offered a Christmas Movie Series that brought in 44 patrons who enjoyed a good movie and snacks during the holiday season. Mr. Gonzales also helped with a Pop Culture event called Ted Lasso World Cup held at Mission Library. He has also been working hard behind the scenes for Pokefest 2023 coming in February to the McCreless Library. He has collaborated with the Marketing Dept. and created flyers for the event. Mr. Gonzales also produced another What's Poppin' Video called Best of 2022, which has over 70 views so far.

MEMORIAL

Memorial branch patrons continue to pick up holds at the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States located on the campus of St. Mary's University. The university is right across the street from the Memorial branch. This location is very convenient to patrons since all they have to do is cross the street for their respective holds. Patrons have become very familiar with the Archives building and are

glad to pick up their items so near to the Memorial location. The book drop remains open at the branch and is emptied twice a day by one of the librarians.

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall had an information table at the Doseum's Free Family Night on November 7, where she spoke with 95 children and 86 adults. She handed out Take & Make kits to each family.

Christine also continued her weekly outreach at the Westside YMCA, bringing stories and activities to children in the childcare area. In addition, Mrs. Deffendall has continued assisting with children's programming at the McCreless Branch Library, hosting LEGO Clubs and Family Story Times.

Circulation attendant Adam Capelo has been part of the crew at Pan American branch library since Memorial started the renovation of the building. Adam maintains his attendance at the Employee Wellness meeting every month. He continues his reports of those meetings to the Memorial branch manager as well as the Pan American branch manager. Mr. Capelo assisted Pan American staff by putting up displays in the children's area and rearranging the teen space. He also helped move their new display shelves out onto the floor to be used for promotion of materials.

MISSION

Mission Library served the community by providing space as a voting and early voting location for the Joint General, Special, Charter, and Bond Election in November.

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library annual Arts & Letters Awards was held at Mission Library on Sunday, November 13th. The awards are to recognize and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters.

Texas Public Radio's StoryCorps Mobile Tour had a press event on November 17th to kick off their four-week-long visit at Mission Library during which they would be recording stories of local San Antonians.

Jane Miller, Children's Librarian hosted 3 tours for parents participating in AVANCE, a national, non-profit organization, during the week of November 27th - December 3rd.

Little Read Wagon had its monthly outdoor play and learn program on Saturday, November 8th, and Saturday, December 10th. Weekly Story Time with Children's Librarian, Jane Miller, was held each Wednesday.

Mission Library Teens were busy during the holiday season. Decorating the library, learning how to make sushi with the Food Bank, and creating DIY crafts and ornaments were part of the festivities. But the highlight of the season was the holiday card project that was designed by teen volunteer, Rebekah. In years past, Rebekah took time to send holiday cards to senior citizens and to children in local hospitals. This year, however, Rebekah asked fellow teen volunteers if they would like to work on a card writing project as a group. Rebekah reached out to St. Peter's-St. Joseph's Children's Home as a recipient of the cards. They were eager to partner with the library and told Rebekah that they had several children and teens placed at their facility. These young people would be very excited and appreciative of any good wishes they'd receive during the holiday season. Teen Librarian, Cindy Cruz, was able to use funds from the Mission Friends group to purchase the cards and candy canes which teens taped to each card. Teens used time during program events to write cards to the teens and children at St. PJ's. Some teens even

included their own artwork. In the end, teens wrote over 60 cards and they were delivered by Rebekah to the children's home.

In observation of Native American Month, Mission Library hosted a well-known speaker, Mickey Killian. On Saturday, November 12th, Mr. Killian presented on the Native Americans from the San Antonio Missions.

On Monday evening, November 28th, Adult Services Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, and Circulation Attendant, Megan Feeley hosted a craft night in which attendees had a choice of either journaling or creating a baking soda air freshener.

In partnership with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Older Adult Technology Services (OATS) two programs in December were offered for older adults. On December 1st, a class on online shopping was offered and on December 8th, a class on video chats was offered. Both programs were very timely and relevant to the community as well as the time of year.

On December 10th, Mission hosted a system-wide program, the Ted Lasso World Cup Party. The program took place after normal library hours, from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM, and was open to ages 16 and up due to the language of the TV show that the program is based on.

On December 3rd, Mission Library and the Mission Marquee Plaza partnered for a Holiday Extravaganza event at the Mission Marquee Plaza. Live music, face painting, crafts, food trucks, vendors, and the screening of the movie Elf were some of the activities offered.

PAN AMERICAN

The Adult Services Librarian hosted the ongoing Puzzle Time program on November 1 and 15, and December 13 and 27; and facilitated the monthly Cancer Support Group program on November 12 and December 10. The Adult Services Librarian hosted a program in conjunction with the Native American Heritage Month initiative on November 5, as well as a birding program in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department on November 15. The Adult Services Librarian hosted a Citizenship Information Session on December 6.

To welcome the winter season, the children's librarian made two festive banners for the children's area. On one of the banners, it was made with bold, glittery, letters that stated, "Read with Friends" and had a polar bear reading to a narwhal. The second banner was crafted with a dark font that read "Slide into a Good Book" with a penguin sliding on its belly into a pond. Children and families have adored the banners and we also utilized the animals in the banners to pull books on polar bears and penguins so that children could check them out while visiting the library.

Throughout the winter season, the children's librarian offered Story Time. For this program, the librarian would sing songs and tell rhymes at the start of the hour. She then followed up with 1-2 stories. After stories were read, and a song or two was done at the end, a craft project was given to children to do with their families. This project is usually related to a book that was read or the season. One example of a craft children did was a felt snowman where they had to use their scissors skills to create their snowman's body. In addition, two popular stories that the children enjoyed were "I Don't want a Posh Dog!" by Emma Dodd and Ellie Makes a Friend, by Mike Wu.

By far the most popular program was Lego Time. This program had a lot of excited children eager to build. For those willing, a challenge was usually given at the top of the hour, and then subsequent challenges followed throughout the hour. Children looked forward to being able to display their projects on top shelves for future visitors to see and enjoyed the fun of simply building with their peers.

Another program offered at the Pan American library was Crafty Kids. This was a come-and-go craft set up, where children and families were given materials with a picture guide to creating their project. The craft was always kept open-ended with extra materials in case a child wanted to explore a different option. We did projects such as linking paper worms, to a paper plate snowman.

In addition to contributions made within her branch, the children's librarian also participated in systemwide virtual programming such as Game Time ONLINE, Art Club ONLINE, and Toddler Time ONLINE. In these different programs she did things from creating an art project for kids to do at home, singing songs, and reading stories. Examples of her contributions include facilitating an art game called Fast Five, where the librarian gave a subject like quickly list your favorite books, and kids had a few seconds to quickly write down as many as they could. Songs that she sang included favorites like the Wheels on the Bus and a song about Opposites. For books, the one favorite she did was Pinecone, by Salina Yoon. This book help teach about the importance of friendship even over a great distance.

Finally, the children's librarian did two outreaches at the La Petite Academy Daycare on Wurzbach where she did Story Time for the children. She sang songs, told rhymes, and read fun stories to the kids. One of their favorites was Not Yeti, by Kelly Dipuccio.

The Teen Services Librarian facilitated opportunities for teens at the Branch to share their creativity. Teen volunteers continue to provide ideas for book displays and for decorating the teen area. During Teen Time in November and December, teens had fun with different activities each week. During November, teens constructed gingerbread houses, used pipe cleaners to create designs, and made creations with perler beads. In December, teens enjoyed watching holiday movies while working on crafts. They made wreaths out of beads and used markers and paint to design their own ornaments. In November, The Teen Librarian also had an information table at Terrell Wells Middle School for their Living History Night. Attendees were able to learn about the library and its resources, sign up for library cards, and learn about programs at Pan American.

PARMAN

Friends of the Parman Library hosted their annual winter Book Sale in November, and it was a big hit. People were lined up at the door with boxes and bins before the library opened in anticipation of the sale. The sale had the extra benefit of bringing new patrons into the library and getting them set up with library cards



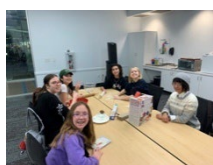
In November 2022, Bharatanatyam Classical Dance Performance group presented a program in celebration of Diwali - Festival of Lights that symbolizes light and darkness and the human ability to overcome evil. Diwali is now a national Indian festival celebrated all over the world. The festival is associated with Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth, prosperity, and good fortune, and its customarily celebrated for five days. Branch Manager, Barbara Kwiatkowski coordinated this very well-received event.

In Parman Café Ms. Barbara Kwiatkowski hosted another “Meet the Author “event. This time, to celebrate Native American Month, Ms. Barbara invited the local author Dr. Annette Portillo. She presented her newest book “Sovereign Stories and Blood Memories: Native American Women's Autobiography”. Dr. Portillo is an associate professor at UTSA who specializes in Native American Literature and Culture, Native American Feminism, and Women Writers of Color. Her novel examines the multi-layered history and identities of several Native American women’s memoirs and shows how they are based in ancestral memory and land. Dr. Portillo closed out the event with a promise to visit the branch again in the future to share more of her work and insight with the community.

Due to many requests from the community Marcus Cerda’s exhibit “Begin again: Empathy for the Mundane” has been extended through the month of December. It has continued to be an elegant display that had patrons taking some extra time to stop and view the pieces.

Mr. Holcomb created a display and supplemented the provided by SAPL Native American bundle books with a few of his own Native American book selections.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic Parman library was finally able to host its annual Multicultural Winter Festival. The teen -lead festival organized and coordinated by Teen Librarian Zach W. and manager Barbara K. featured, crafts, games, and dance performances from the different countries resented by our diverse community. Zach worked closely with 26 teen volunteers and a presenters and several teens/participants decided to join Zach’s weekly teen club. Over 250 guests came to the library during this 2-hour program. Even Santa stopped by for a visit to bring cheer to all! The event also kicked off the official lighting of the Winter Walk on the trail behind the library visited daily throughout the season by community and many out of city or state visitors.



To celebrate the holiday season, and to give all the out-of-school kids something to do at the library,

Children’s Librarians Teague Shosh and Lisa Taylor put together kits of art supplies and scrap paper to inspire patrons to add to the snowy Parman Village. As December moved along, more and more gingerbread houses, decorated trees, stop signs and snowmen sprouted in the village on the back windows of the children’s area. By the time the month ended, 126 children had made the children’s area a festive winter wonderland! A gingerbread scavenger hunt

was also available in the library. Out on the trail the StoryWalk book was The Wish Tree by Kyo Maclear. There were lots of things to do at Parman during the winter break! “



“Jingle Bells” was popular with all the Story Times at Parman in December. Babies and preschoolers alike enjoyed ringing bells to the rhythm of the holiday music. A second Family Story Time was added on Wednesdays to alleviate crowding. Miss Lisa started using a power point presentation of the words of the rhymes and fingerplays and it greatly increased adult participation.

Cuentos Y Canciones attendees have already figured out their favorite songs and come in asking to sing them. Miss Veronica used props during her songs and stories so that the children could interact with each other and her. Everyone loved dancing to the music, adults included!

Teague's Creator Club kicked off December with a donut activity. Unfortunately, kids couldn't eat the giant cardboard donuts they designed, but everybody had a fun time making them! Miss Teague pulled out two of our new sensory items—a light table and water beads—for the last gathering before the winter break, along with game tables, building supplies and coloring sheets. Kids of all ages loved sticking their hands in the water beads or making designs on the light table.

Teague reviewed *Attack of the Black Rectangles* by Amy Sarig King for the Children's Services blog post, a compelling and timely read about censorship of children's books with 330 views to date.



Parman Staff celebrated the Thanksgiving with annual potluck and in December cookies took over the kitchen. Friends of Parman Library joined the festivities and celebrated another great year together during the traditional cookie exchange.

POTRANCO

Librarian Leandro hosted Potranco's annual Pooch Parade which had 8 Dog participants and 30 people join us. There were games, music and of course some very good pooches in costume. The pooch parade had 3 winners including Toby and Riley who were dressed as a caterpillar and flower ala Very Hungry Caterpillar inspired as seen below.



Potranco Branch Library had a successful November and December, leading the charge with the Wall of Warmth Initiative and going strong with 15 locations participating (Bazan, Brook Hollow, Carver, Central, Cody, Johnston, Las Palmas, McCreless, Potranco, Pruitt, San Pedro, Schaefer, Tobin, Westfall, and the Ramirez Community Center). While the Wall of Warmth Initiative is still underway, current stats show 554 items have been donated and 439 items have been taken by those in need. The Wall of Warmth Initiative still has 2 months left to go but is proving to be our most successful yet.

Librarians Zeig and Leandro collaborated to bring a program that celebrated Latine holiday traditions. The program consisted of 2 parts: a reading from the author Michael Genhart (*May Your Life be Deliciosa*) and a tamale cooking demo Andrea Diaz. The entire event was a hybrid program that had patrons join us in person and virtually.

During this time, Librarian Leandro also hosted Lego Hour which was well attended with about 25 kids visiting us in that time to create and explore their master builder skills.

In November, Librarian Zeig continued providing Lego Hour on Wednesdays for children until Librarian Leandro assumed the role early in the month. She assisted Librarian Leandro with the Potranco Pooch Parade on November 5th that showed off talented Alamo City pets. She attended two virtual literary preview events, Hachette Fall Book Buzz and Alma Winter Book Buzz, for books being released in the beginning of 2023 noting several titles that would be good for her book club to read. Additionally, she attended a webinar held through Alamo Colleges titled Organizational Behavior that provided leadership guidance.

In December, Librarian Zeig, in conjunction with Emily Flores from the Latino Collection and Resource Center, hosted a wonderful family program: *May Your Life Be Deliciosa* with author Michael Genhart. Mr. Genhart read his award-winning book to participants and discussed its creation using a multimedia slideshow. Librarian Leandro assisted with the program by contracting with a local cook, Andrea Diaz, to show participants how to make tamales. Librarian Leandro purchased tamales from Delia's for participants to sample. The program was livestreamed so that anyone that wanted to attend virtually could.

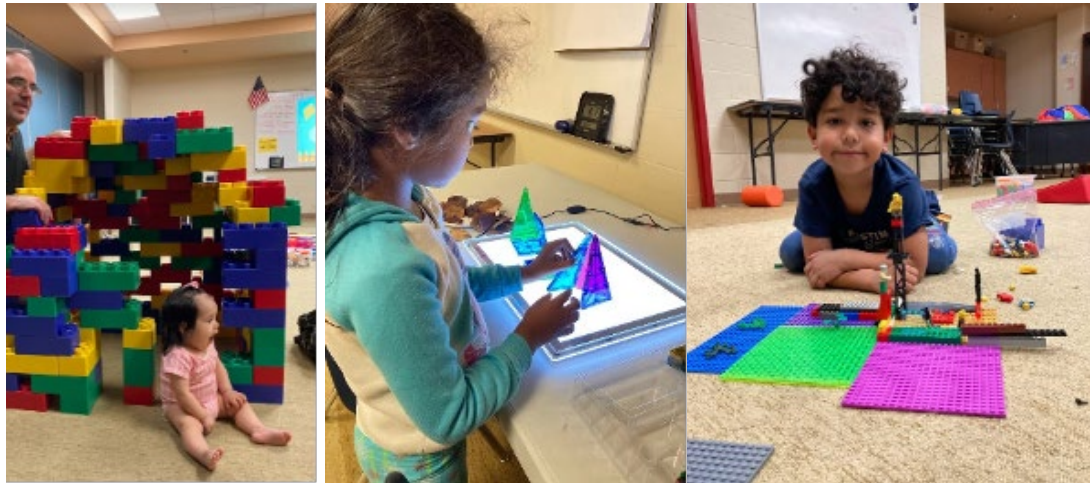
Librarian Zeig hosted two additional programs in December: An interactive screening of *Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Holiday Wrapping*. The *Nightmare Before Christmas* program was well-attended and participants enjoyed interacting with the movie using a series of props. The *Holiday Wrapping* program was not as well-attended as we hoped. We will try it again next year with better advertising. Librarian Zeig has continued assisting Circulation Attendant, Miranda Reyes, with her well-attended fiber arts program, *Dreaded Threads*.

Lastly, Librarian Zeig had the opportunity to attend the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Literary Luncheon on December 7th with guest author Chris Bohjalian at the Red Berry Estate, courtesy of a generous SAPLF donor. She had a thoroughly enjoyable time listening to Mr. Bohjalian talk and learned more about how the SAPLF supports the San Antonio Public Library.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services continued its *Family Story Time*, *Let's Build*, *Children's Yoga*, and *Tween Yoga* weekly programs with a focus on Thanksgiving, gratitude, the winter season, and winter holidays. Children, parents, and grandparents enjoyed taking time to sit and build gumdrop holiday trees, a STEAM-based building activity in the Kids' Zone. The children's librarian, Lucina Cisneros, led *Children's Yoga* and *Tween Yoga* while Ms. Rubio was on vacation. It was a rewarding learning experience for all involved. In November, children participated in a Turkey-themed scavenger hunt in the Kids' Zone, which encouraged them to "Gobble up a good book" and in December, they were encouraged to "Get wrapped

up in a good book.” The passive scavenger hunts are designed to encourage the branch’s school-age patrons to engage with the children’s collection.



Pruitt Teen patrons have continued to enjoy the multiple chess offerings in the form of Tuesday chess lessons/dinners with Chess Master Alex Weinberg as well as mega chess in the Roosevelt High School courtyard on Wednesdays.

Anime club had its first movie screening of the year with *Princess Mononoke* and many teens enjoyed their very first viewing of this Studio Ghibli favorite accompanied by seaweed snacks.

The popularity of Pruitt’s in-person Dungeons and Dragons campaign has produced not only a new group of adventurers but a brand-new teen Dungeon Master who is eager to lead her party into their first campaign, The Mines of Phandelver! We hope to grow this teen-lead program to keep up with the demand and continue with the trend of creating new teen DMs in the process.

Free Play Fridays, newly renamed “Free Jam Fridays,” continues to draw in teens that love to talk about music and play new instruments. In November we moved this program to the library “pit” where there is more room to spread out and make music together.

Teen Take-and-Make Crafts for November and December included an advent paper chain that celebrated the countdown to Winter Break while giving our teens some ideas for self-care and activities to do while they are out of school for the Holidays. Our Winter Frisbee was a hit craft with the teens as were the New Year’s paper poppers!



Adult *Saturday Book Club* members discussed David Baldacci's *A Gambling Man* and V. E. Schwab's *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*. *Adult Virtual Coloring* remained a favorite with participants on Friday afternoons. *Adult Craft Times* had patrons making Christmas Tree Advent calendars and Polar Bear Snowscapes. *Special Needs Adult Programming* patrons read William Steig's *Brave Irene* and Holly Niner's *No More Noisy Nights*, and decorated gift bags and made "Home Sweet Home" signs.



The branch continued participating in the San Antonio Public Library *Wall of Warmth* program. Patrons gathered both at the branch and virtually for Rackspace-sponsored *Family Chess*, which featured Chess Master Alex Weinberg. Tuesday evening Chess night draws regular enthusiasts of all ages to the branch.

SAN PEDRO

The San Pedro Branch continued to be bustling with computer usage, WI-FI access, and patrons from closed branches visiting to pick up holds or browse the collection.

In November, the San Pedro Branch launched its Shelves of Sharing to share small, warm articles of clothing to those in need. Donations came from the staff and the public. This drive continued through December.

In December, representatives from Roy Maas Youth Alternatives program visited the San Pedro branch to speak with 18-24 year old patrons experiencing homelessness. The outreach staff were able to assist and connect several people with services. They will return on a monthly basis and they can be called to the library as needed.

In December, the branch participated in City Council District 1's annual coat drive. A large box was set up for donations which will be distributed through various agencies.

In the Children's area, a Family Fort Night was held in the evening hours on one of the late nights in November. Families could build their fort with supplies and then camp out under it and read together.

During the Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday breaks, programs were provided to give children and their families opportunities for fun such as Come and Go Seasonal Art and Let's Play: Board Games.

As part of a grant to Children's Services, the San Pedro Branch received a Lakeshore Light Table which made its debut in November. Supplies for this inventive item included clear letters, numbers, and geometric shapes for children to use and create their own designs. It was a big hit with children and families.

In December, the San Pedro Branch Teen Time featured a holiday-themed craft and activities. Teens made pony bead ornaments and learned how to make snowflakes. Afterward, the teens were encouraged to express their creative side with colored pencils for free-form drawing.

In November and December, the San Pedro Branch continued to provide the community with 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 projects to work on. Beginners were welcomed as well. Once you get started, we'll have you hooked!



SCHAEFER

On November 10, Children's librarian Leslie Elsasser presented at the District 10 Conference along with Clair Larkin, Shannon Seglin and Ana Menchaca. The presentation's topic was Building Resilience through Play. A winter scavenger hunt for kids visiting Schaefer started in December. Library aide Monica Macias created winter animals using the Cricut that are hidden around the library each day for kids to find. Scavenger hunt activities have proven to be very popular at Schaefer. The scavenger hunt will be offered during the winter months. Kids also can decorate a snowman at the coloring table to hang on a winter display in the children's area.

During November and December, Leslie Elsasser presented a variety of children's programs: Outdoor Family Story Time, LEGO Time, Read to a Dog, and Come & Go Art. On Nov. 17, Leslie, along with manager Maria Adams, attended Salado Elementary's Literacy Night to share library information with families. They also brought reading tents and books for kids to enjoy. On Dec. 15, Leslie welcomed a Life Skills class from Tradition Elementary to Schaefer. She read the class two stories, and then they participated in an art activity to show their creative abilities. They also had a library tour and were free to time explore the library and playground.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted Schaefer Virtual Craft program in November, where patrons made pumpkins out of mason jar lids and washi tape. Some were planning to use them as centerpieces for Thanksgiving this year. Schaefer hosted two Schaefer Coloring Programs where patrons spent an hour relaxing with lavender aromatherapy mist and colored with crayons, markers, coloring pencils, and specialty metallic, neon, glitter, and pearl crayons. In November patrons colored zentangle-themed coloring pages and in December patrons colored winter holiday-themed coloring pages and bookmarks. We covered their finished bookmarks with contact paper to help them last longer.

Blanca assisted Training Officer McGowan with The Art of Salary Negotiations Zoom program in December. Where patrons learned how to start a conversation about salary negotiations, what phrases to use and not to use, and scenarios highlighting the long-term impact of the salary negotiation upon being hired. She also assisted Librarian Lambert with a Giant Yard Games Program, where patrons got the chance to play with Giant Connect Four and Chess. Schaefer Branch hosted a Cooking Around the World with the San Antonio Food Bank programs with Blanca assisting the presenter. In November, Brittney, the presenter made Pozole and In December she made Tapas de Papas. Patrons had the opportunity to sample the dishes.

Blanca published a catalog list of popular titles for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program in November and December. She also created book displays for National Kindness Day, Native American Heritage month, Aviation Month, Winter Holidays, Gardening, Crafts, Books to Movies Coming in 2023, In Memoriam and a Relax and Recharge-themed display.

In November and December, Dacari Lambert, Teen Services Librarian at Schaefer Branch Library facilitated weekly Teen Time alongside a teen volunteer. Dacari actively participated in the following teen services workgroups: Professional Development, Teen Pride, and Discord. Systemwide, Dacari participated in the Leadership Training workgroup, alongside the Organizational Health Unit, the San Antonio Public Library's Pride Committee, and was a guest on Tune In, SAPL's premiere podcast.

At Schaefer Branch, Dacari hosted a variety of branch-wide programs including Mercado por tu Corazon, Elf Movie Party, Craft with a Cause, and Oversized Yard Games.

SEMMES

Teen time continued on Tuesdays throughout November and December. Teens learned how to tie friendship bracelets, made glow in the dark slime, and experimented with nail polish suspended in water as an art medium.

On Wednesdays, tweens continued to meet up to play board games and ping pong with each other. They also experimented with baking soda reactions and used baking soda to create fizzy paintings.

Ms. Valerie also kept up Story Times on alternate weeks with a teddy bear theme on November 9, hats on November 23, a cozy Story Time on December 14, and ducks on December 28. She also helped with Landa's outdoor Story Times on November 3, November 17, and December 15 by contributing songs and rhymes and by dressing up as a dinosaur for Dino-November Story Time.

Semmes hosted Little Scholars Tutoring for a field trip on November 11. Ms. Valerie gave the group a tour of the library, helped them pick out books for checkout, and provided a turkey craft for them to work on at the library.

In November, a total of 18 children, accompanied by 14 of their grownups, read to Quincy the dog on November 7, 21 and 28. On Monday, November 14, 12 children, accompanied by 7 of their grownups, participated in the Let's Build program with LEGOs. On Wednesdays in November, a total of 111 preschoolers, accompanied by 101 grownups, listened to Ms. Randi and Ms. Valerie read stories and joined them in action rhymes and songs, played with puppets, played musical instruments, etc. as part of the preschool Story Time programs. On Thursdays in November, Ms. Randi lead a total of 31 babies, accompanied by 32 of their grownups, in listening to a story and in bouncing and lifting rhymes and songs in the baby Story Time programs. The baby Story Time and preschool Story Time programs feature a child-lead free play time as their concluding activity. Ms. Randi contributed to Toddler Time Online on November 9 (closing songs) and November 23 (opening songs). She contributed to Story Time Online on November 3 (introductory songs and story), November 10 (actions songs and rhymes) and November 17 (actions songs and rhymes). She recorded a story on the Dial-a-Story line on November 1, 4, 11 and 25.

In December, 9 children accompanied by 6 grownups read to Quincy the dog in the Read to a Dog program on December 5. On December 12, 15 children, accompanied by 9 adults, participated in a Let's Build program with LEGOs. On Wednesdays in December, 82 children and 58 grownups listened to Ms. Randi and Ms. Valerie read stories, participated in fingerplays, actions rhymes and songs, played rhythm sticks and drums, played with puppets, etc. as part of the preschool Story Time programs.

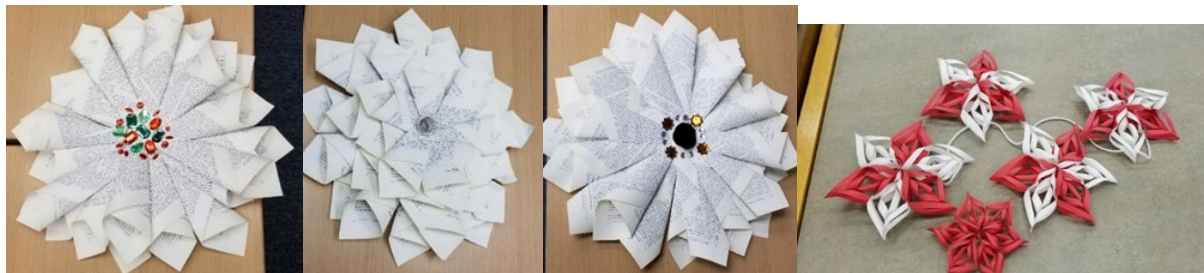
On Thursdays, Ms. Randi read a story to and lead 25 babies and 30 grownups in bouncing and lifting rhymes/songs in baby Story Time programs. The preschool Story Time and the baby Story Time programs are always concluded with a child-lead free play time. Ms. Randi contributed to all of the Toddler Time Online programs this month—December 7 (back-up host), December 14 (back-up host), December 21 (story and actions songs), December 28 (opening songs). She contributed to all of the Story Time Online programs as well—December 1 (Story and closing songs), December 8 (action songs), December 15 (host), December 22 (opening songs and story) and December 29 (host). She recorded a story for the Dial-a-Story service on December 6, 19, 27 and 30.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator for the virtual Film Noir Movie Club program on November 8. On November 9 and December 14, the virtual self-care program OptimizeU was held. Ms. Mjolsness acted as a co-host and chat moderator while main hosts Dr. Monisha Bhanote and Maggie Grueskin led the presentations respectively. On November 12, she hosted a Bharatanatyam Dance Performance program led by the Kaveri Natya Dance Group in celebration of Diwali, a Hindu religious festival. Ms. Mjolsness hosted in-person Yoga Class programs led by instructors from the Parks and Recreation Department on November 15, 22 and 29, and December 6, 13 and 20. She co-hosted the virtual beginner's chair yoga program on November 18 and December 16. On November 22 and December 27, she held in-person movie programs. Attendees watched *The Third Man* and *Stray Dog* respectively. Light refreshments were provided courtesy of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library. On December 9, Ms. Mjolsness served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program. She partnered with WellMed to host an Ornament Decorating for Seniors program on December 15.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick served as co-host for the virtual Toddler Time programs on November 2, 23 and 30, and December 7, 14, 21 and 28. She served as co-host for the Baby Time Online programs on November 4 and 18, and December 2, 9 and 16. Ms. Penick staffed an information table for Arbor Day at the Southside Park on November 5. The in-person Arts & Crafts Friday programs occurred on November 7 and 18, and December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Ms. Penick held the Music & Movement programs on November 12 and 26, and December 10 and 17.

Librarian Kimberly King held weekly Teen Time programs on Mondays in November and December. She held the in-person Thursday Book Club program on November 10 and December 8. Participants discussed *The City We Became* by N.K. Jemisin, and *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo respectively. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on December 21. The attendees discussed *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* by Abbi Waxman. Ms. King created two book displays highlighting the young adult collection - "Fall into a Good Book" in November, and "Winter Wonderland" in December. She created interactive activities which encouraged teens to share responses to questions - "What is your favorite Thanksgiving side dish?" in November, and "What is your favorite holiday tradition?" in December.



Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano held Tabletop Gaymer Night programs on November 13 and December 11. Participants played board games and met other members of the community. Ms. Castellano held Animal Crossing Party programs on November 21 and December 18. Attendees played mini games, participated in a costume contest, and visited each other's islands. She held Adult Craft Time programs on November 23 and December 28. Attendees made book page wreaths, and red and white snowflakes respectively. She assisted with facilitating the Big Read Zine program on December 17.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Tobin hosted Early Voting and Election Day Voting from November 1 – November 8 with heavy turnout and steady lines of patient voters.

Assistant Manager and Adult Services Librarian, Rhonda Woolhouse, and Teen Librarian Melissa Carroll presented to a senior's monthly group called The Young at Heart on November 3. The two shared library services and program information. Ms. Woolhouse and Circulation Attendant, Sabrina Longoria, provided all materials and supplies at a beading and jewelry class held on December 12 at Tobin with refreshments and relaxing music included as well.

The branch participated in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 11 - 18. A display featured materials to check out and highlighted available local resources. With Ms. Carroll as the lead, a Wall of Warmth began in the entry foyer and will continue through February. Library visitors are allowed to take what they need or donate what they can to others in the community.

After School Zone included a combined Middle School students and teen activity on November 15 with a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving meal. Over 55 students created the feast, just like Snoopy and Woodstock prepared for Charlie Brown and his friends. Kids used cinnamon toast (cereal) jellybeans, popcorn, and pretzels for the delicious treat while watching the video *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*.

Public Service Administrator, Jake Odland, came to present Maria Taylor with her 35-year Service Award with San Antonio Public Library and the City of San Antonio on November 17. City Manager, Erik Walsh, sent a huge basket full of San Antonio Zoo goodies for Ms. Taylor's accomplishment.



On December 10, Tobin held a special Winter Wonderland program to celebrate all things cold weather related. Visitors could play with snow, go ice fishing, read inside an igloo or make a chilly craft and enjoy hot chocolate. The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell held a small book sale during the program which had 140 folks partake in the festivities.



Teens and pre-teens actually got to make some of the snow, along with building gingerbread homes with graham crackers and icing on December 13 for their end of semester party.

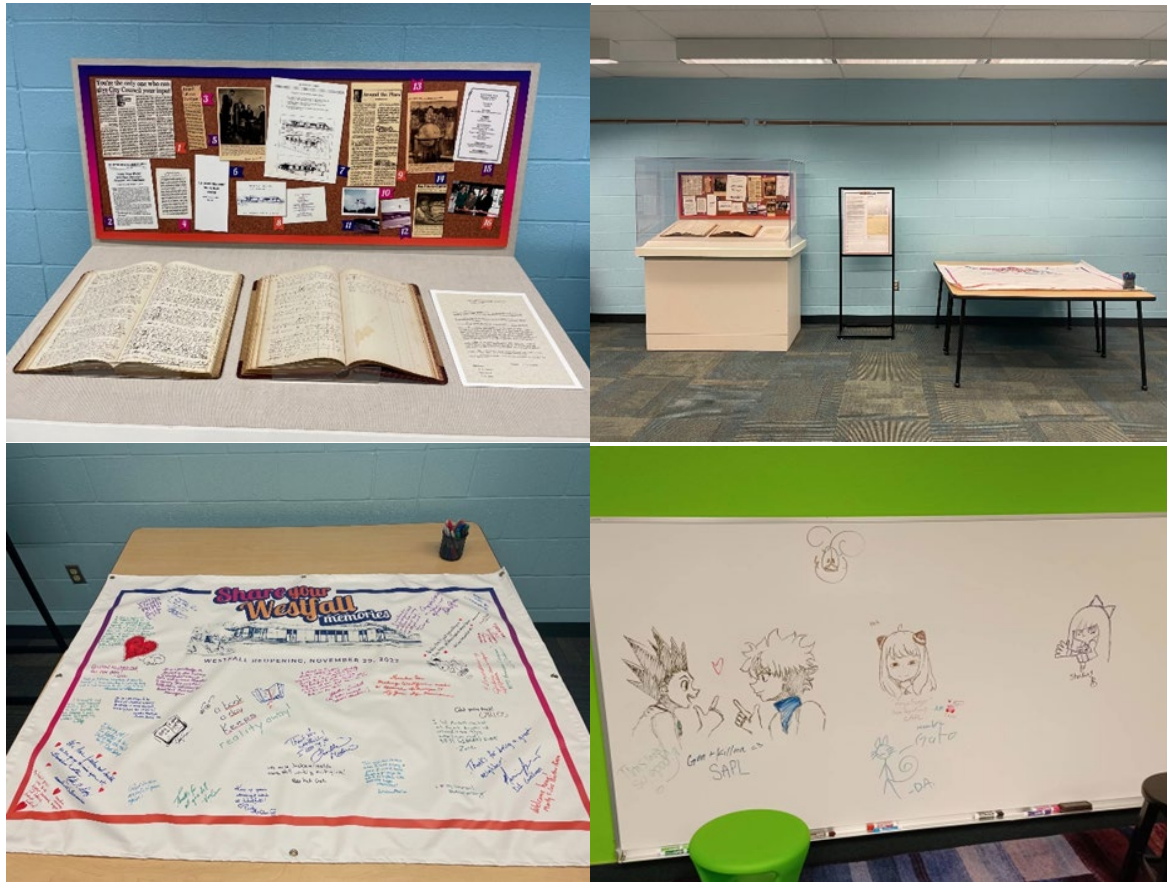


WESTFALL

On November 29, 2022, the Westfall Branch Library reopened to the public following the completion of renovations. The branch had activities throughout the week including Story Time and a come-and-go winter-themed craft, a button maker, table tennis, board games, and bags for anyone who visited the branch's Learn Center or brought in a promotional flyer that was sent out before the reopening.

Machaia McClenny, the Adult Services Librarian, coordinated with Texana and Communications to create a historical display to honor the history of Westfall Branch Library for the reopening. The display included two journals from the 1890s owned by Edward Dixon Westfall and a copy of the will deeding his property to the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL). Furthermore, the exhibit included copies of newspaper articles, photos, etc. marking important events in the branch's history. There was also a vinyl sign created for

guests to sign and share their memories from Westfall Branch Library's 60-year existence. The display was available for viewing until the end of December 2022.



Heather Swindell, the Teen Services Librarian at Westfall, purchased a large whiteboard with Teen Services programming funds that was installed in the Teen Space during Westfall's renovation. On opening day (11/29), the teens immediately began collaborating to create artwork on the whiteboard and encouraged each other's efforts. Teens who are regular library users used the art they were creating as a way to include and connect with teens who were new to the branch.

In December 2022, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino added two curated Story Time programs to the Preschool LibGuide. One of these was created by another children's librarian and the other was created by Ms. Merino. As part of the Art & Maker Committee, Ms. Merino participated in an Art Club Online program. She shared a simple way to create a 3-D scene with paper, scissors, and crayons or markers. Ms. Merino also participated in a Story Time Online program, sharing a story, one song, and two rhymes. The Discovery School Preschoolers visited the library on two occasions in December, and Ms. Merino gave each group a tour of the library. The visiting students then listened to stories and selected books.

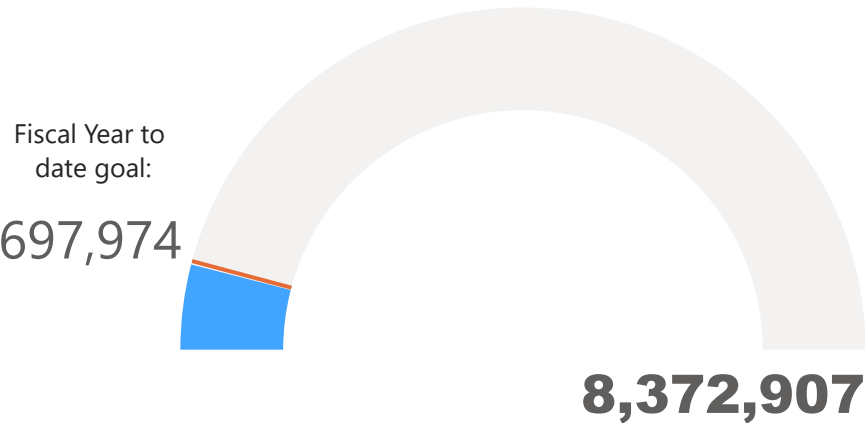
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY
KEY INDICATORS

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

October 2022
FY 2023

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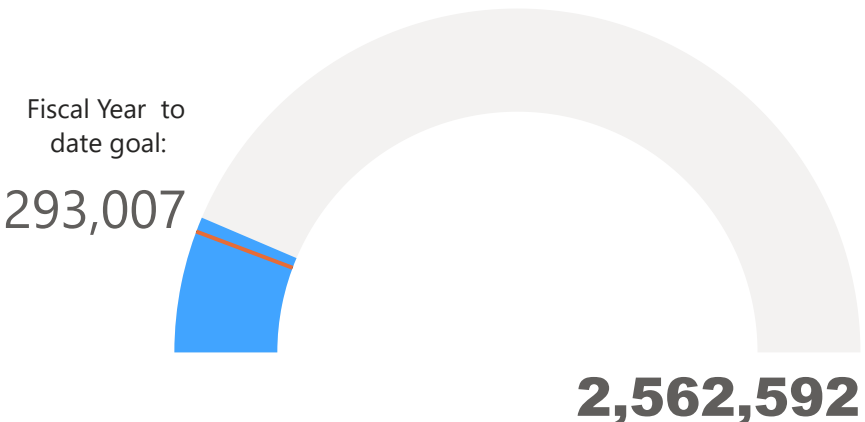


FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



670,524
(-3.93%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal

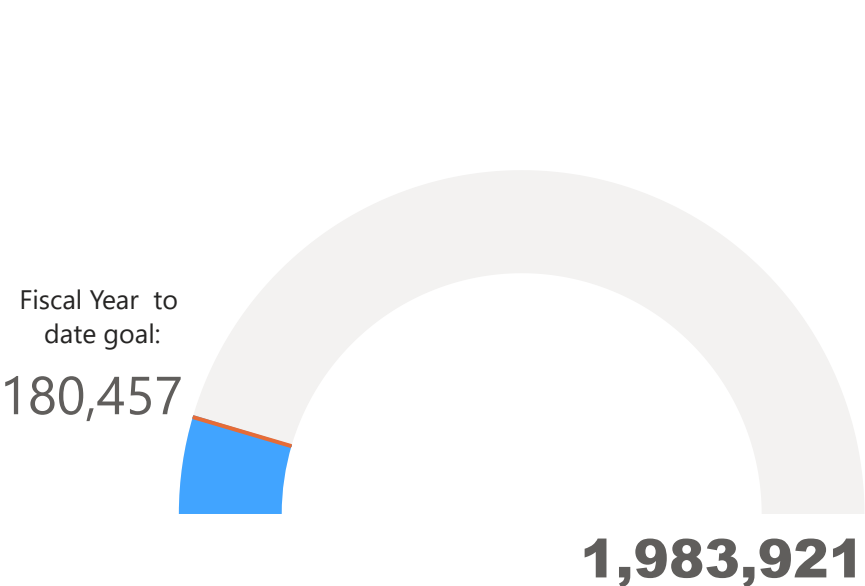


FY 2023 to date Library Visits



328,397
(+12.08%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2023 to date Digital Access



20,032
Hours of Computer Use



164,020
Hours of Wi-Fi Use

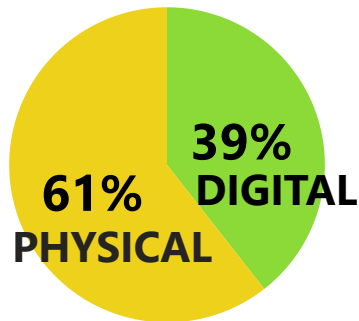
184,052
(+1.99%)
Wi-Fi Hours

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

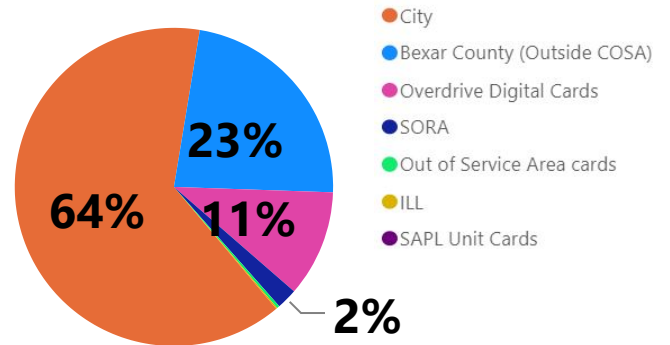
October 2022 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2023

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



136,053
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

2,032
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS*

72,306
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

309,433
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2023

Total	Early Literacy (0-5)	School Age (6-12)	Teens (13-18)	Adults (19+)
885 programs	256 programs	145 programs	256 programs	229 programs
19,725 attendance	5,860 attendance	7,592 attendance	2,883 attendance	3,390 attendance

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PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

2,326

PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

ONLINE PROGRAM

SCREENING AND DIRECTOR'S TALK:
PANCHO GONZALEZ: WARRIOR OF THE COURT

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Program presented on Zoom

Registration Required

Winter Preparedness
at Central Library

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SPOOKY STORIES

Creepy Crayon! Five Little Pumpkins The Ghosts Went Floating

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Let's Talk About Citizenship

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

San Antonio Public Library

October 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,983	5,173	5,673	1,094	4,578
Brook Hollow	26,373	14,136	6,691	747	5,944
Carver	2,580	4,595	3,322	924	2,398
Central	10,820	26,532	28,968	4,293	24,675
Cody	32,478	21,229	9,626	1,092	8,534
Collins Garden	3,839	4,288	4,309	792	3,517
Cortez	1,192	1,920	0	0	0
Digital	264,401	0	0	0	0
Encino	20,321	20,052	6,600	218	6,382
Forest Hills	329	78	287	0	287
Great Northwest	27,157	19,873	7,522	701	6,820
Guerra	6,393	8,719	4,305	544	3,761
Igo	38,224	24,391	12,791	531	12,260
Interlibrary Loan	1,324	0	0	0	0
Johnston	8,359	10,341	3,998	572	3,426
Kampmann	0	383	299	0	299
Landa	13,165	12,481	4,970	399	4,570
Las Palmas	4,580	6,312	4,516	814	3,702
Maverick	25,847	18,017	6,691	870	5,821
McCreless	6,873	7,709	5,647	979	4,668
Memorial	576	67	0	0	0
Mission	11,273	14,289	6,058	726	5,332
Pan American	4,605	3,490	2,817	421	2,396
Parman	33,484	28,644	9,199	248	8,951
Potranco	17,172	7,338	14,178	521	13,657
Pruitt	4,926	10,400	4,553	172	4,381
San Pedro	3,598	4,926	5,903	579	5,325
Schaefer	7,894	10,624	5,238	425	4,813
Semmes	29,823	13,851	9,728	987	8,741
System	35,922	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	6,375	8,092	4,551	620	3,931
Tobin	16,257	20,192	4,688	761	3,927
Westfall	1,381	261	924	0	924
Total	670,524	328,397	184,052	20,032	164,020

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

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October 2022 Programs & Attendance

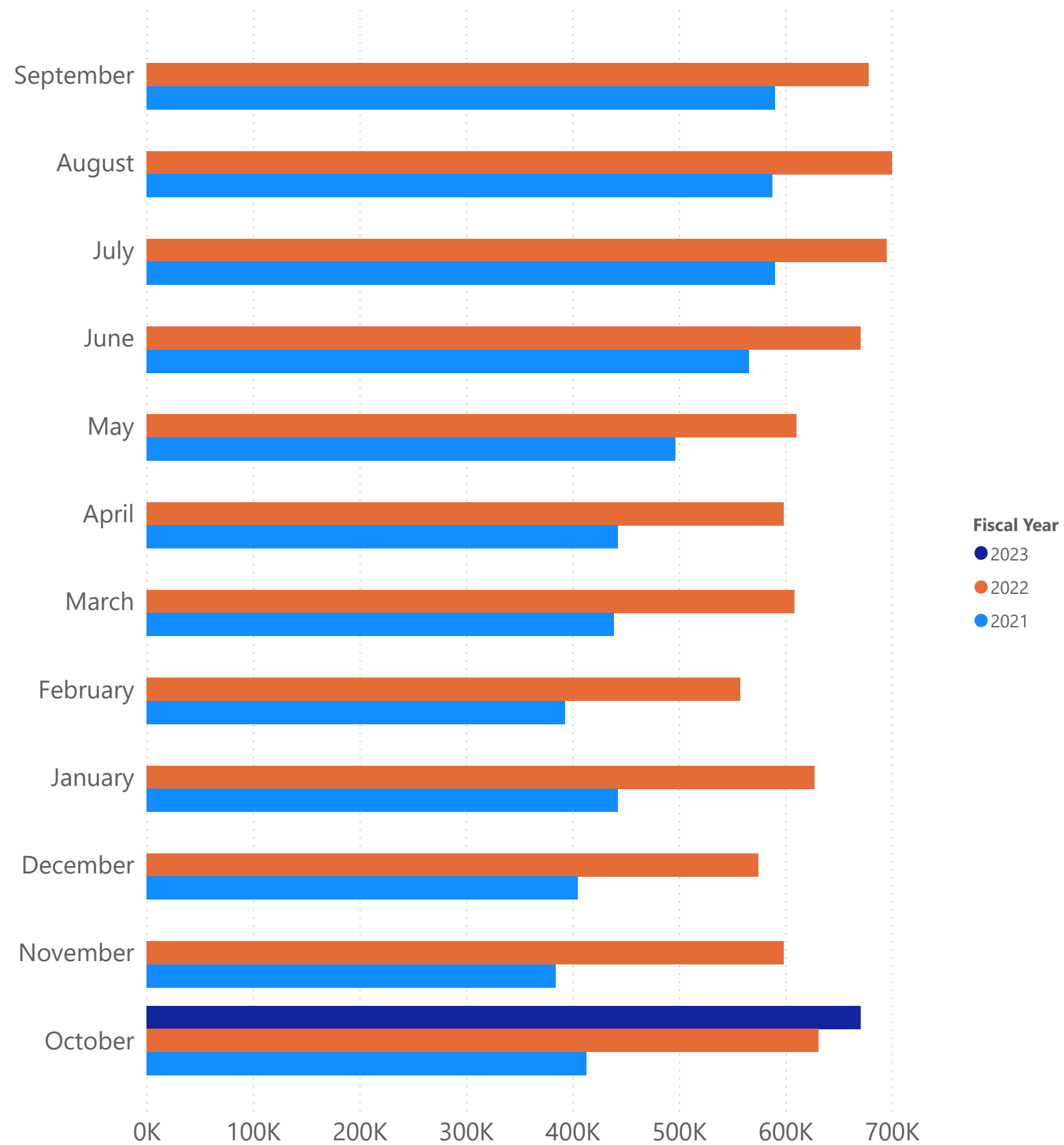
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Bazan	11	4	14	29	137	0	56	193
Brook Hollow	4	0	16	20	43	0	514	557
Carver	14	0	0	14	422	0	0	422
Central	10	89	8	107	99	739	482	1,320
Cody	17	21	30	68	202	737	511	1,450
Collins Garden	4	7	12	23	240	14	200	454
Cortez	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	2
Encino	12	8	25	45	63	43	768	874
Forest Hills	1	0	1	2	10	0	725	735
Great Northwest	4	7	10	21	29	51	506	586
Guerra	3	4	12	19	25	12	325	362
Igo	12	5	23	40	136	103	564	803
Johnston	11	5	11	27	110	188	246	544
Landa	7	3	14	24	77	5	835	917
Las Palmas	0	4	17	21	0	30	367	397
Little Read Wagon	0	0	28	28	0	0	661	661
Maverick	5	5	18	28	24	139	690	853
McCreless	5	9	8	22	75	32	50	157
Memorial	1	0	5	6	200	0	1,686	1,886
Mission	21	6	14	41	366	91	145	602
Pan American	10	5	9	24	139	59	565	763
Parman	6	4	15	25	228	16	508	752
Potranco	6	0	3	9	22	0	621	643
Pruitt	3	14	18	35	97	306	292	695
San Pedro	5	1	11	17	43	0	27	70
Schaefer	7	6	16	30	97	30	1,051	1,178
Semmes	5	4	15	24	35	15	412	462
System	25	35	12	72	104	176	185	465
Thousand Oaks	10	3	11	24	44	1	55	100
Tobin	5	7	24	36	321	96	374	791
Westfall	0	0	1	1	0	0	31	31
Total	229	256	401	885	3,390	2,883	13,452	19,725

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Circulation

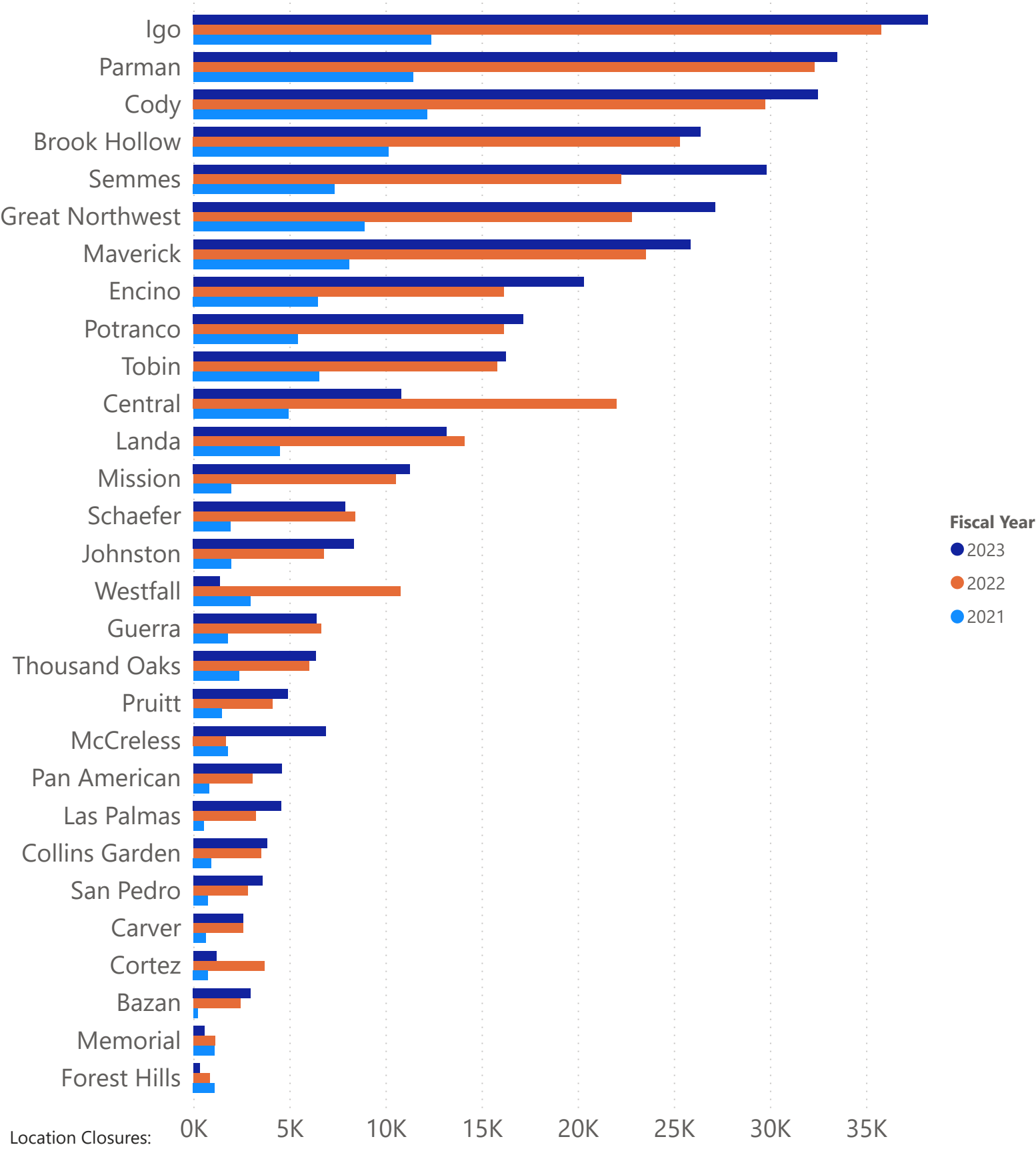


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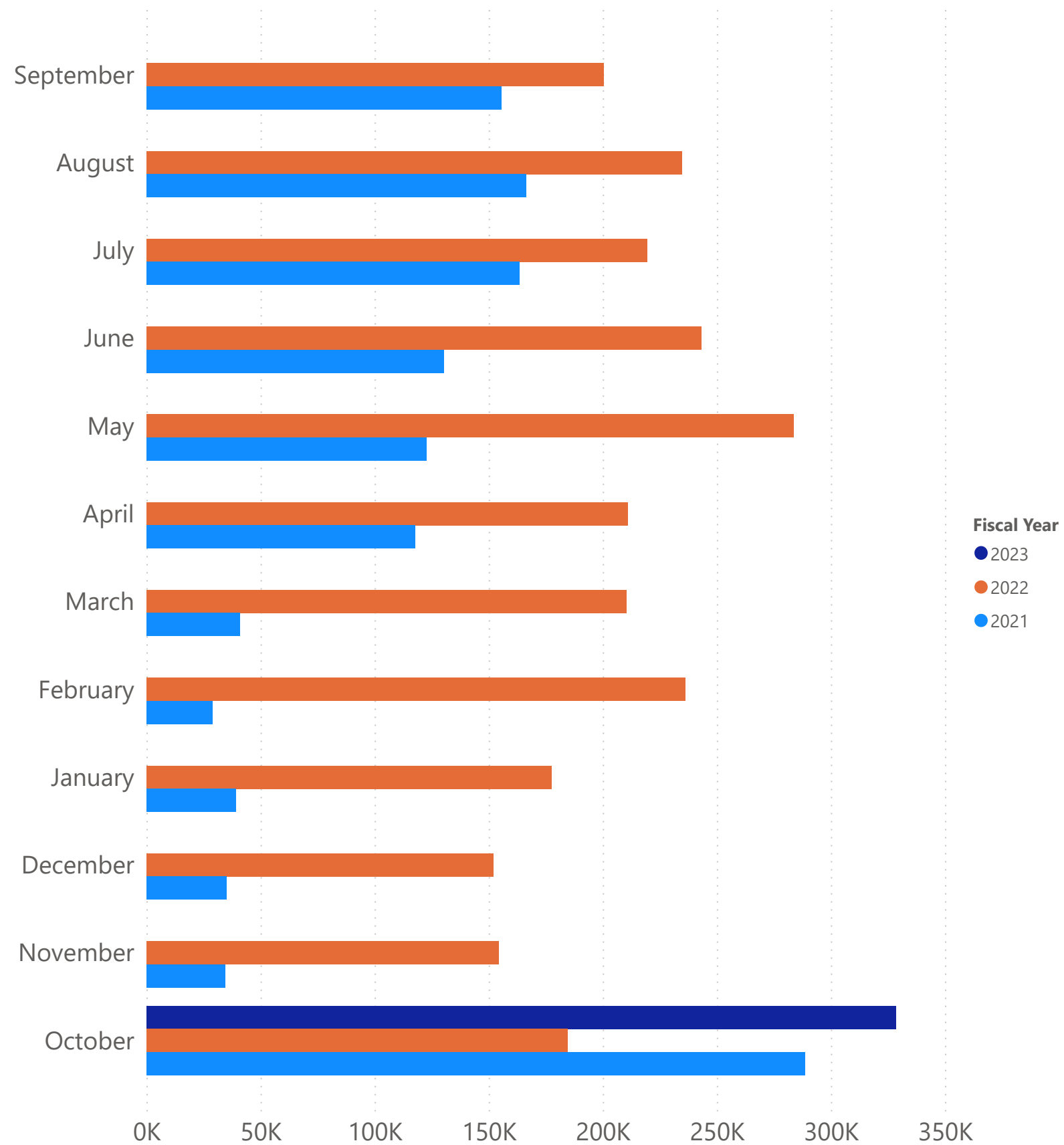
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Visits

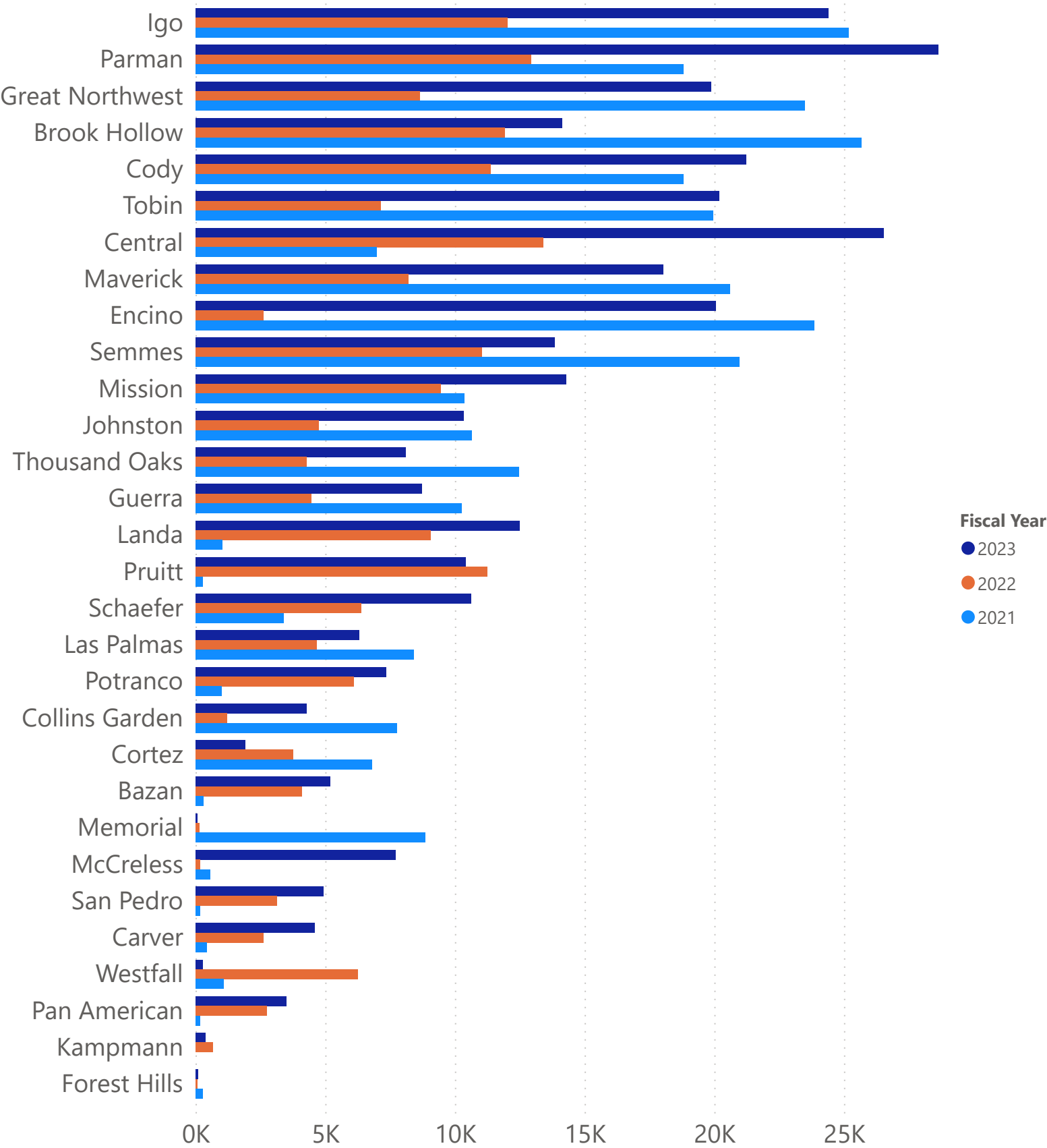


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Visits - Fiscal Year to Date - October 2022

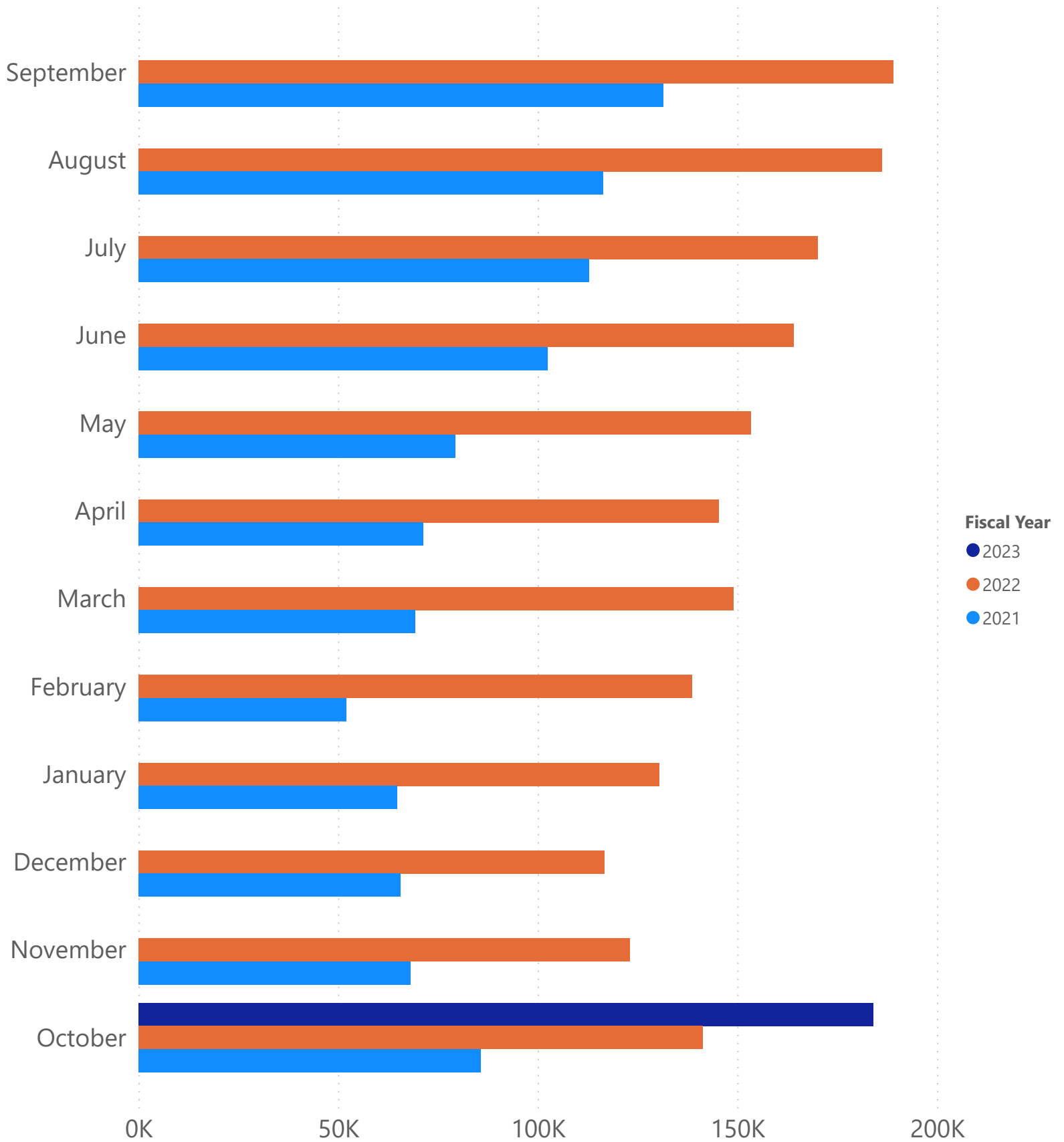


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San Antonio Public Library

Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



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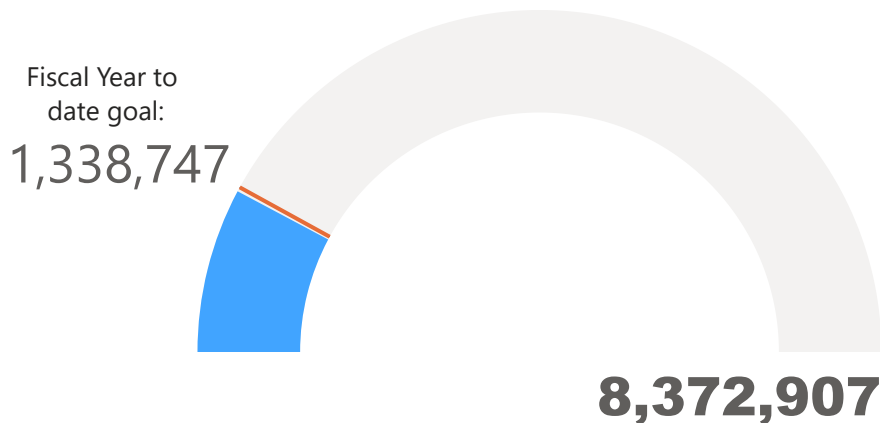
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November 2022

FY 2023

Circulation: Goal

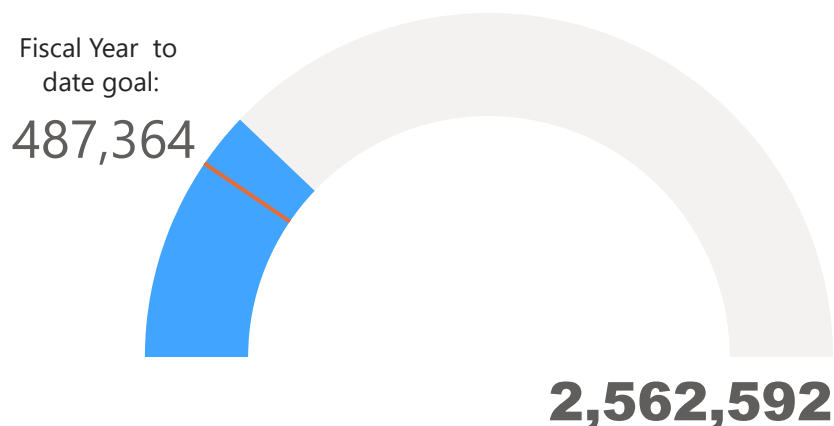


FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



1,303,564
(-2.63%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal

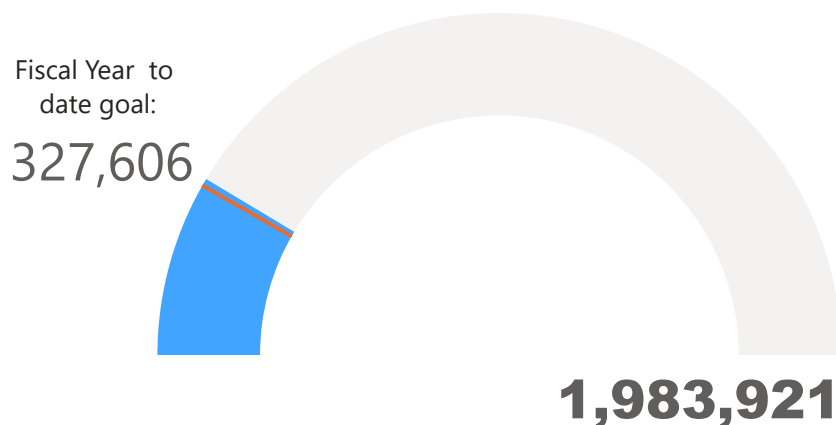


FY 2023 to date Library Visits



621,289
(+27.48%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal



FY 2023 to date Digital Access



38,804
Hours of Computer Use



302,524
Hours of Wi-Fi Use

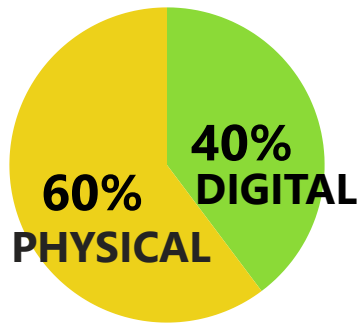
341,328
(+4.19%)
Wi-Fi Hours

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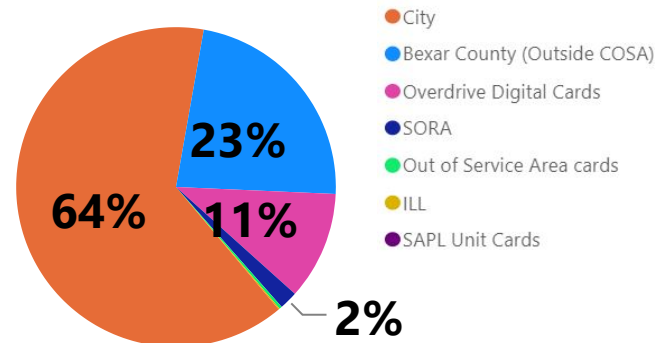
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2023

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



258,591
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

3,803
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APP DOWNLOADS*

135,828
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

706,108
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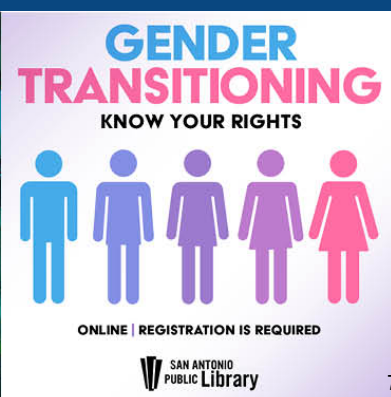
PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2023

Total	Early Literacy (0-5)	School Age (6-12)	Teens (13-18)	Adults (19+)
1,713 programs	533 programs	262 programs	489 programs	429 programs
31,072 attendance	11,255 attendance	9,532 attendance	4,976 attendance	5,309 attendance

10 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

3,817 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



San Antonio Public Library

November 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,608	3,854	4,782	1,003	3,779
Brook Hollow	24,438	10,145	5,764	746	5,018
Carver	2,576	3,070	2,999	810	2,189
Central	10,342	22,396	24,251	4,835	19,416
Cody	31,021	17,838	8,720	985	7,735
Collins Garden	3,475	5,270	3,794	669	3,124
Cortez	751	2,310	0	0	0
Digital	253,804	0	0	0	0
Encino	18,888	15,343	5,950	208	5,741
Forest Hills	389	52	334	0	334
Great Northwest	24,774	15,787	6,423	584	5,839
Guerra	6,580	8,032	3,973	456	3,517
Igo	34,622	25,889	9,767	436	9,331
Interlibrary Loan	1,100	0	0	0	0
Johnston	8,199	9,567	3,450	412	3,037
Kampmann	0	416	190	0	190
Landa	11,754	9,837	3,574	378	3,196
Las Palmas	4,389	5,250	3,864	704	3,160
Maverick	23,628	14,496	5,747	788	4,959
McCreless	6,475	7,579	5,536	890	4,646
Memorial	580	75	0	0	0
Mission	10,604	12,653	5,746	619	5,127
Pan American	4,592	3,019	2,686	389	2,297
Parman	29,869	24,994	7,989	283	7,706
Potranco	16,367	6,165	11,407	508	10,899
Pruitt	4,581	3,884	3,523	150	3,373
San Pedro	3,705	4,438	4,974	541	4,434
Schaefer	7,826	9,569	4,929	331	4,598
Semmes	28,066	12,086	7,643	919	6,724
System	34,102	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	5,789	7,536	4,234	521	3,713
Tobin	15,189	16,863	3,793	573	3,220
Westfall	1,957	690	1,236	32	1,204
Total	633,040	279,096	157,277	18,773	138,504

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San Antonio Public Library

November 2022 Programs & Attendance

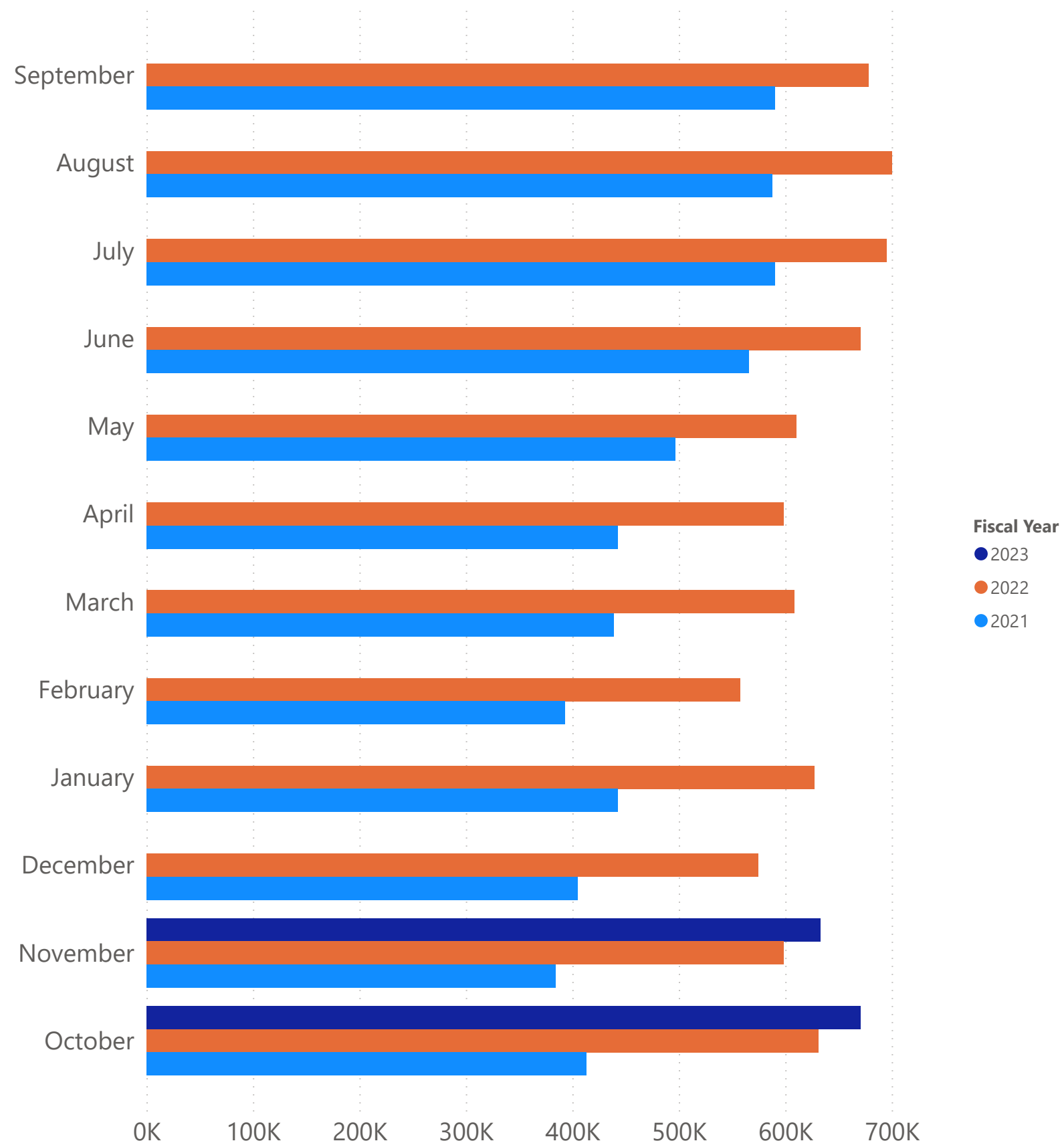
Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
Bazan	11	0	12	23	70	0	14	84
Brook Hollow	5	0	14	19	79	0	317	396
Carver	11	0	11	22	188	0	151	339
Central	14	73	3	90	456	569	26	1,051
Cody	17	16	22	55	77	213	337	627
Collins Garden	1	6	14	21	2	121	163	286
Cortez	5	0	2	7	10	0	51	61
Encino	12	12	24	48	65	123	498	686
Forest Hills	1	0	1	2	5	0	164	169
Great Northwest	4	4	8	16	18	25	479	522
Guerra	2	5	11	18	21	12	92	125
Igo	9	5	21	35	82	84	559	725
Johnston	11	4	8	23	17	22	198	237
Landa	5	5	19	29	42	135	545	722
Las Palmas	6	5	7	18	43	10	33	86
Little Read Wagon	0	0	50	50	0	0	1,065	1,065
Maverick	7	5	15	27	30	117	415	562
McCreless	4	8	10	22	40	17	47	104
Memorial	0	0	3	3	0	0	205	205
Mission	20	5	15	40	271	21	34	326
Pan American	7	5	6	18	40	49	37	126
Parman	5	5	15	25	34	15	487	536
Potranco	6	0	2	8	37	0	11	48
Pruitt	4	11	20	35	60	155	137	352
San Pedro	5	0	13	18	13	0	69	82
Schaefer	5	5	13	23	69	14	206	289
Semmes	5	4	17	26	37	15	374	426
System	3	39	12	54	37	205	184	426
Thousand Oaks	9	5	3	17	44	0	25	69
Tobin	5	5	22	32	29	89	406	524
Westfall	0	1	1	2	0	82	6	88
Total	199	233	394	826	1,916	2,093	7,335	11,344

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Circulation

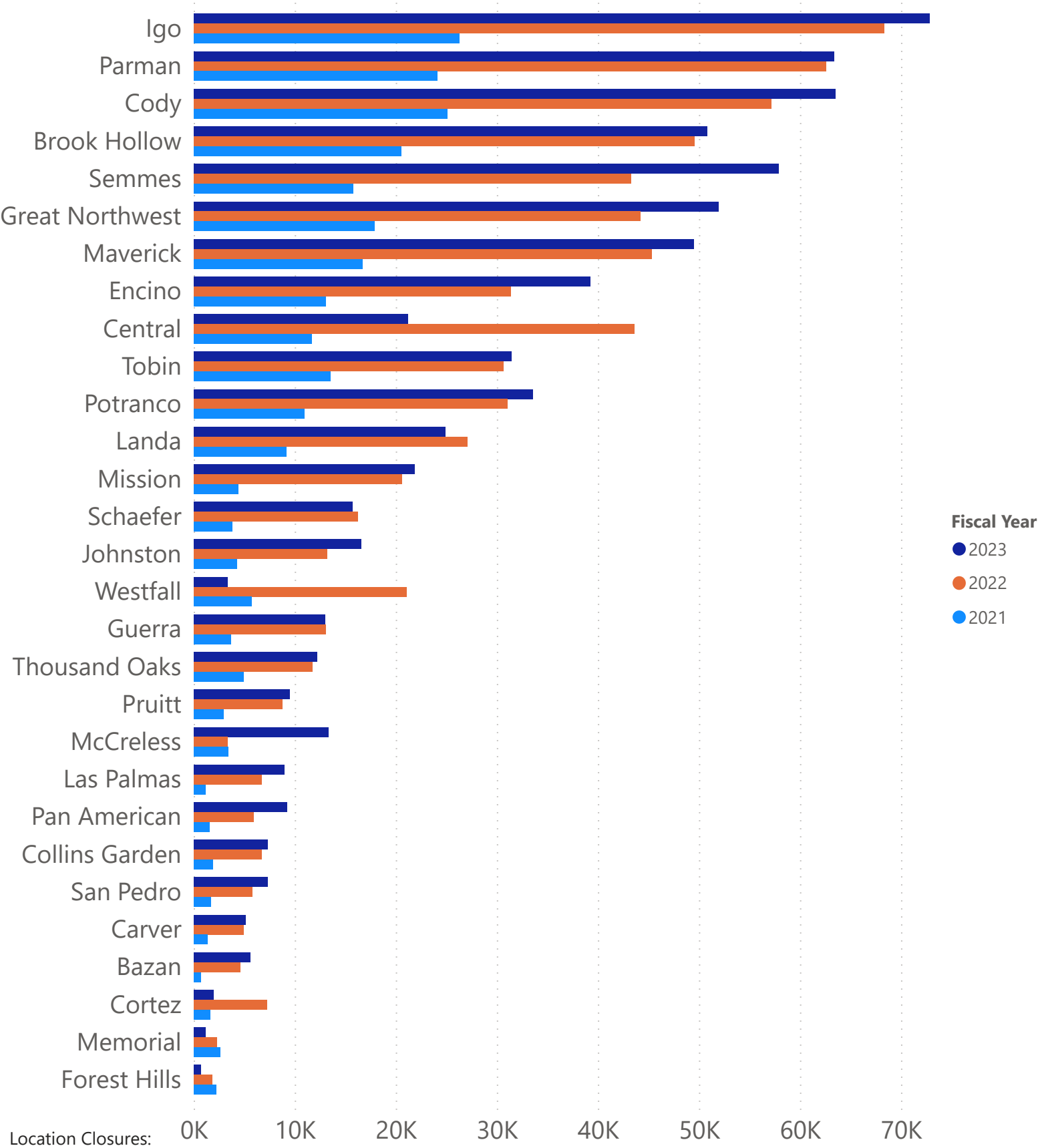


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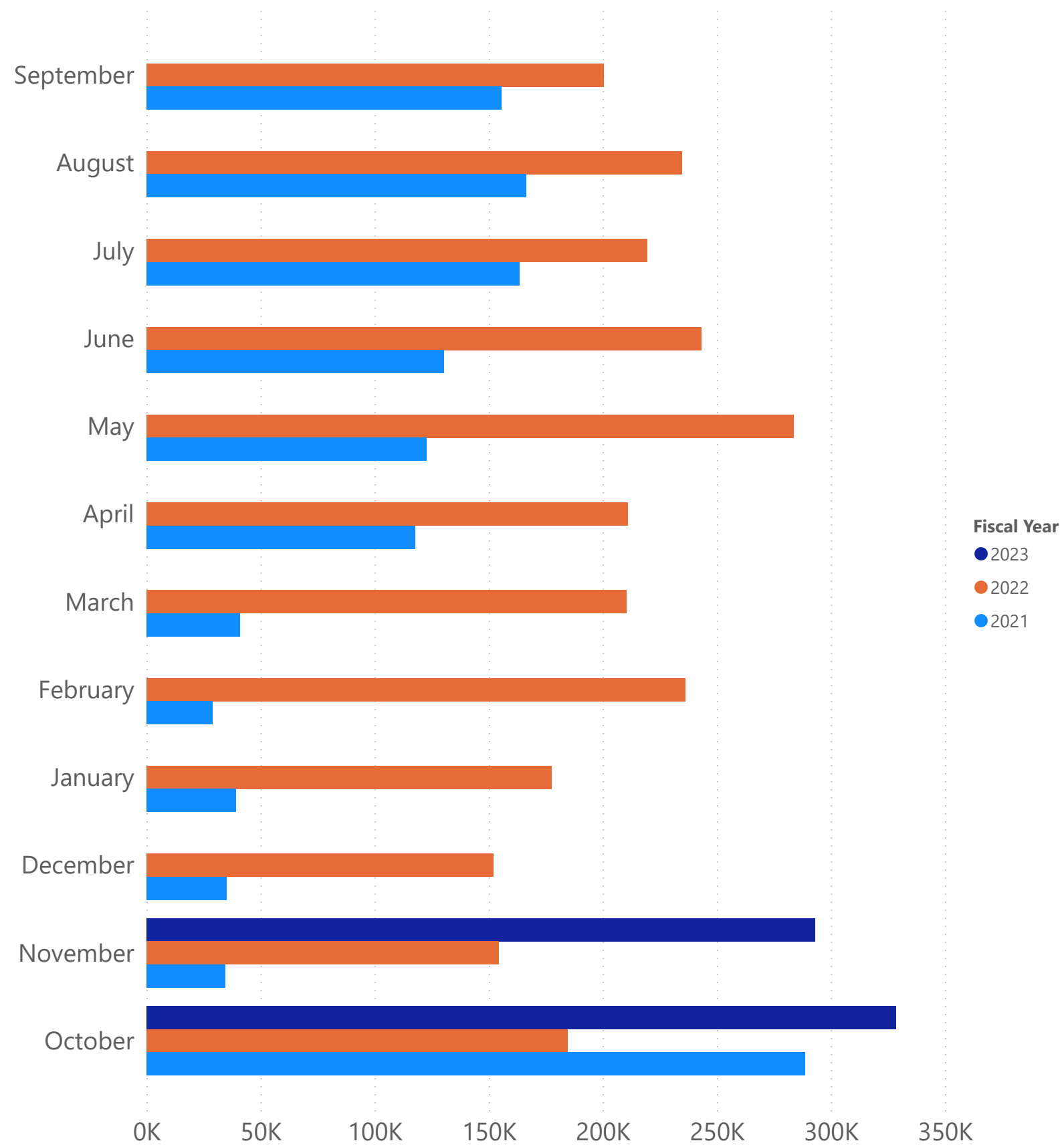
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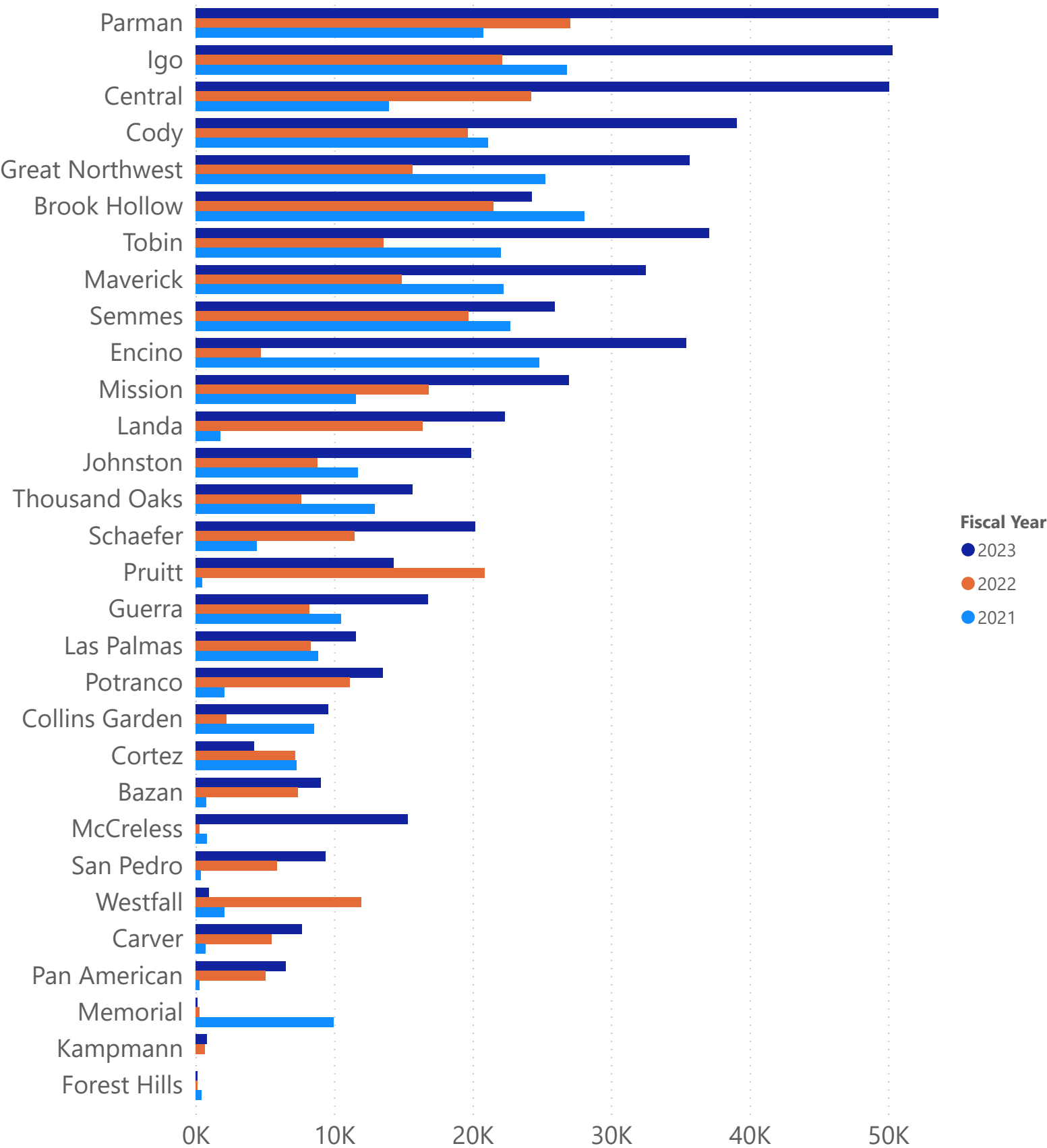


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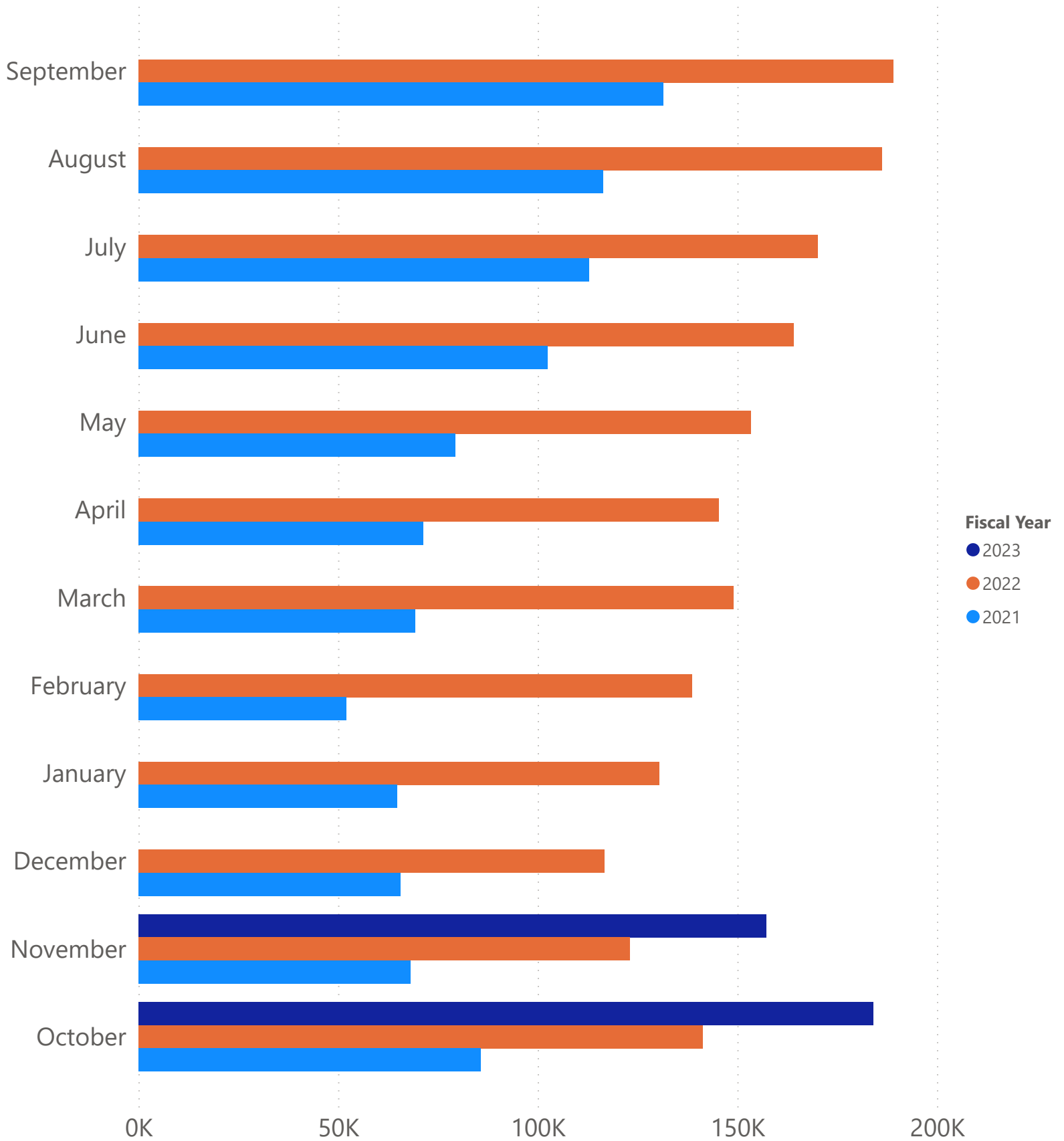


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San Antonio Public Library

Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



Location Closures:

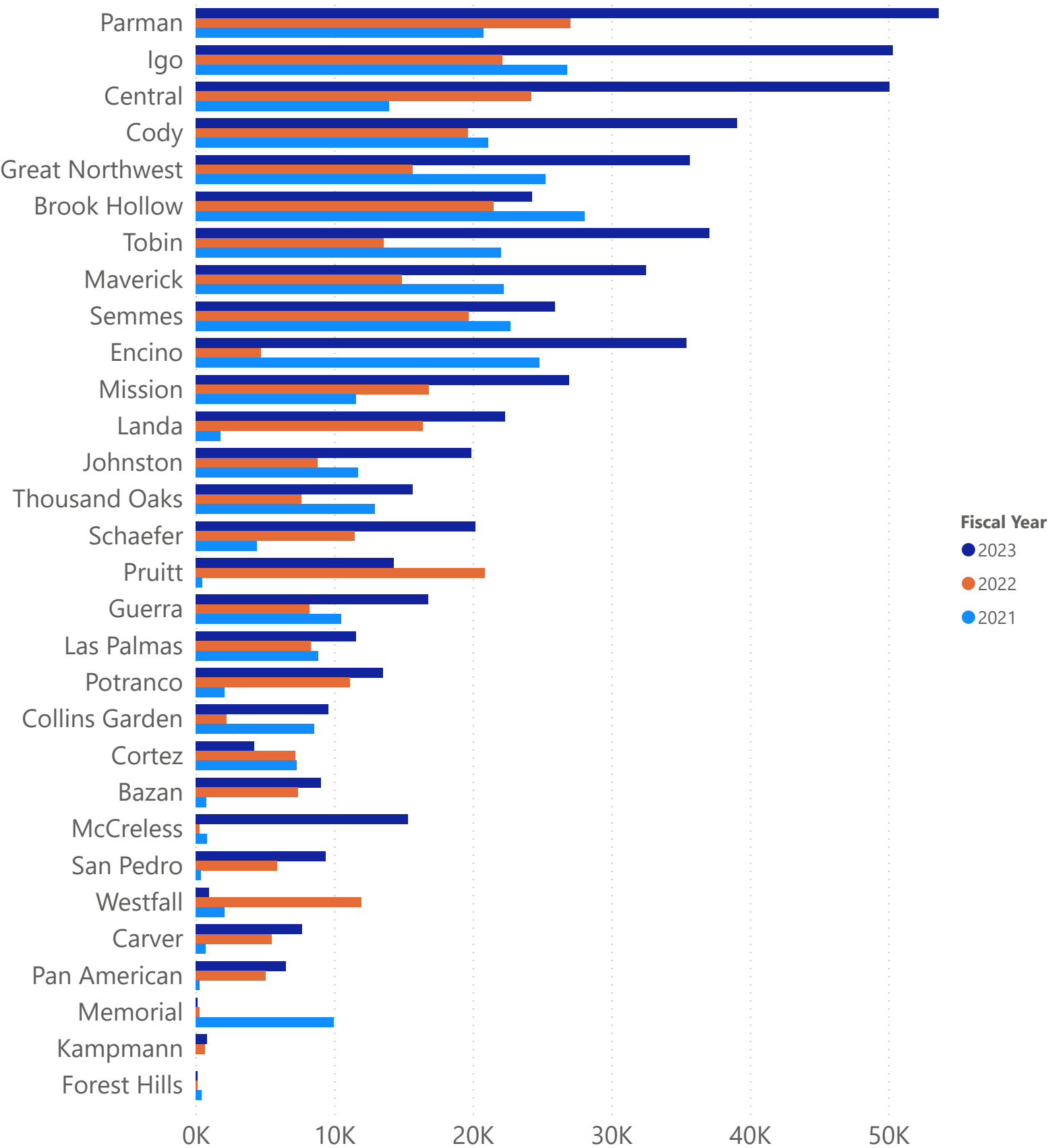
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SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY
KEY INDICATORS

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December 2022
FY 2023

Circulation: Goal

Fiscal Year to date goal:

1,932,665



8,372,907

FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



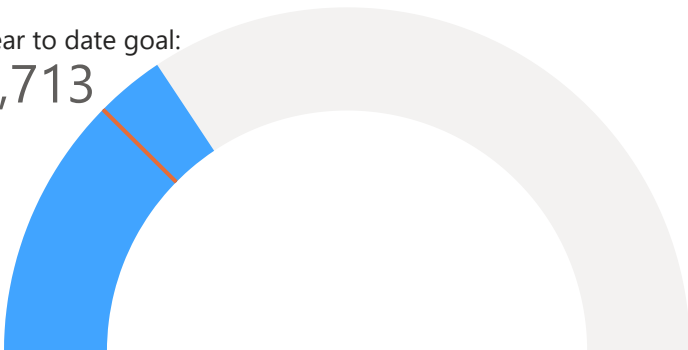
1,915,812

(-0.87%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal

Fiscal Year to date goal:

635,713



2,562,592

FY 2023 to date Library Visits



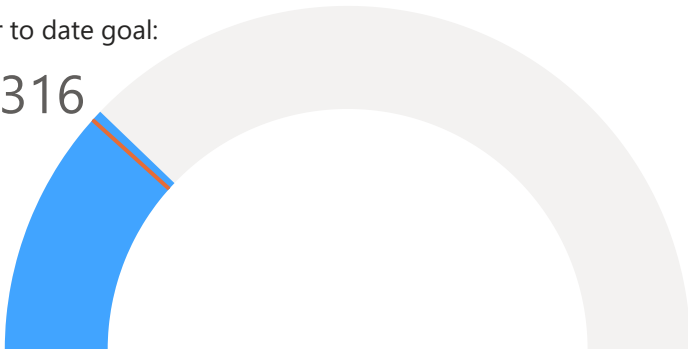
802,795

(+26.28%)
Visits

Digital Access: Goal

Fiscal Year to date goal:

462,316



1,983,921

FY 2023 to date Digital Access



57,278

Hours of Computer Use



425,520

Hours of Wi-Fi Use

482,798

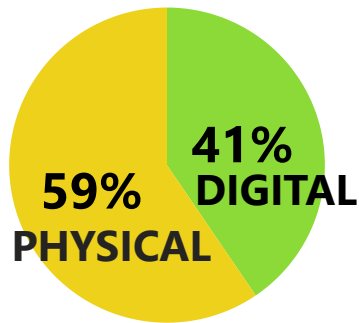
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Wi-Fi Hours

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

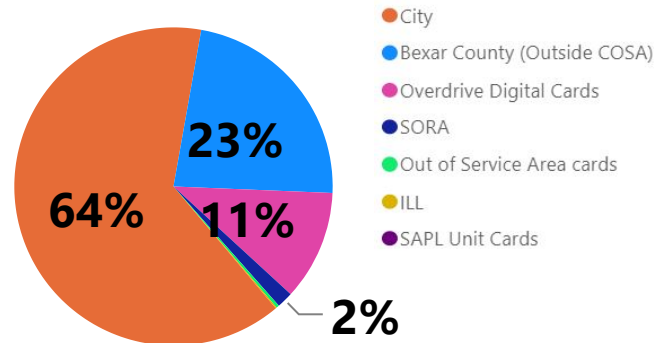
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CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



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MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

5,534
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APP DOWNLOADS

193,141
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

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PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2023

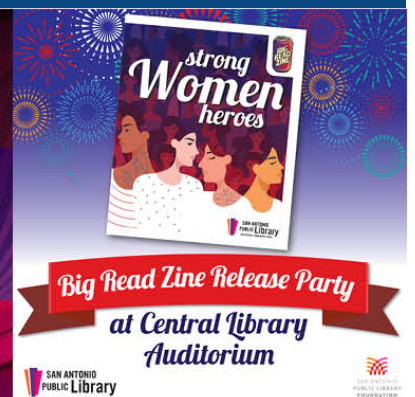
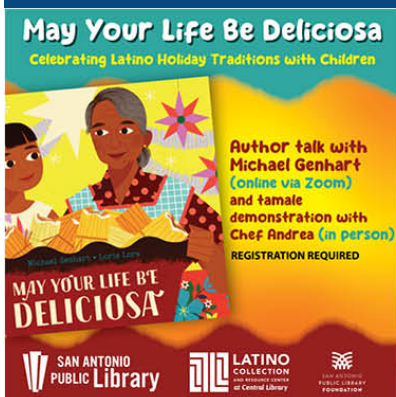
Total	Early Literacy (0-5)	School Age (6-12)	Teens (13-18)	Adults (19+)	Older Adults (60+)	General Interest*
2,332 programs	691 programs	376 programs	667 programs	547 programs	24 programs	27 programs
39,208 attendance	14,648 attendance	11,224 attendance	6,270 attendance	6,146 attendance	156 attendance	764 attendance

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

18 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

5,780 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



San Antonio Public Library

December 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,330	4,034	4,716	926	3,789
Brook Hollow	23,389	9,711	5,019	681	4,338
Carver	2,345	4,747	3,033	846	2,187
Central	9,008	21,409	23,153	5,264	17,889
Cody	28,569	11,069	8,517	860	7,658
Collins Garden	3,197	3,365	3,234	505	2,729
Cortez	342	100	0	0	0
Digital	255,889	0	0	0	0
Encino	17,518	6,483	5,028	161	4,867
Forest Hills	267	60	597	0	597
Great Northwest	21,487	8,161	4,543	477	4,065
Guerra	6,143	3,815	3,171	383	2,788
Igo	31,833	12,524	8,047	435	7,612
Interlibrary Loan	1,039	0	0	0	0
Johnston	7,752	4,191	3,055	363	2,692
Kampmann	0	420	259	0	259
Landa	11,272	9,770	2,976	326	2,650
Las Palmas	3,764	1,702	3,465	724	2,741
Maverick	21,036	7,035	4,782	670	4,112
McCreless	5,773	2,529	3,888	750	3,138
Memorial	503	68	0	0	0
Mission	9,993	8,086	4,818	576	4,242
Pan American	4,900	6,253	2,498	373	2,124
Parman	27,985	14,202	5,959	262	5,698
Potranco	14,585	6,004	11,360	477	10,883
Pruitt	3,851	3,370	3,231	155	3,076
San Pedro	3,310	3,553	4,230	529	3,701
Schaefer	7,153	5,763	3,976	288	3,689
Semmes	26,826	7,307	6,309	850	5,459
System	32,208	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	5,467	3,858	3,890	483	3,407
Tobin	14,372	7,681	3,642	529	3,113
Westfall	6,289	4,241	4,074	582	3,492
Total	610,395	181,506	141,470	18,474	122,996

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

San Antonio Public Library Program

December 2022

Location	Early Literacy Programs (0-5)	School Age Programs (6-12)	Teen Programs (13-18)	Adult Programs (19+)	Older Adults Programs (60+)	General Interest Programs*	Total
Schaefer	3	7	3	0	0	6	19
Encino	5	2	3	4	1	3	18
Guerra	3	0	2	1	1	3	10
Semmes	9	6	4	0	1	3	23
Las Palmas	4	5	4	1	0	2	16
McCreless	2	0	4	2	0	2	10
Mission	5	4	4	13	1	2	29
Tobin	5	13	4	5	0	2	29
Central	6	0	69	4	2	1	82
Parman	9	2	2	3	6	1	23
Potranco	0	2	0	3	0	1	6
System	13	3	27	15	0	1	59
Bazan	0	6	3	2	2	0	13
Brook Hollow	5	6	0	3	1	0	15
Carver	6	5	0	5	0	0	16
Cody	11	9	12	9	0	0	41
Collins Garden	4	2	5	2	0	0	13
Cortez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forest Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Northwest	2	2	0	2	1	0	7
Igo	11	4	3	7	1	0	26
Johnston	5	7	3	8	0	0	23
Landa	16	3	2	1	0	0	22
Little Read Wagon	14	0	5	8	0	0	27
Maverick	7	3	4	1	2	0	17
Memorial	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Pan American	3	4	3	3	1	0	14
Pruitt	3	7	8	5	0	0	23
San Pedro	0	6	1	4	1	0	12
Thousand Oaks	1	2	3	7	2	0	15
Westfall	6	1	0	0	1	0	8
Total	158	114	178	118	24	27	619

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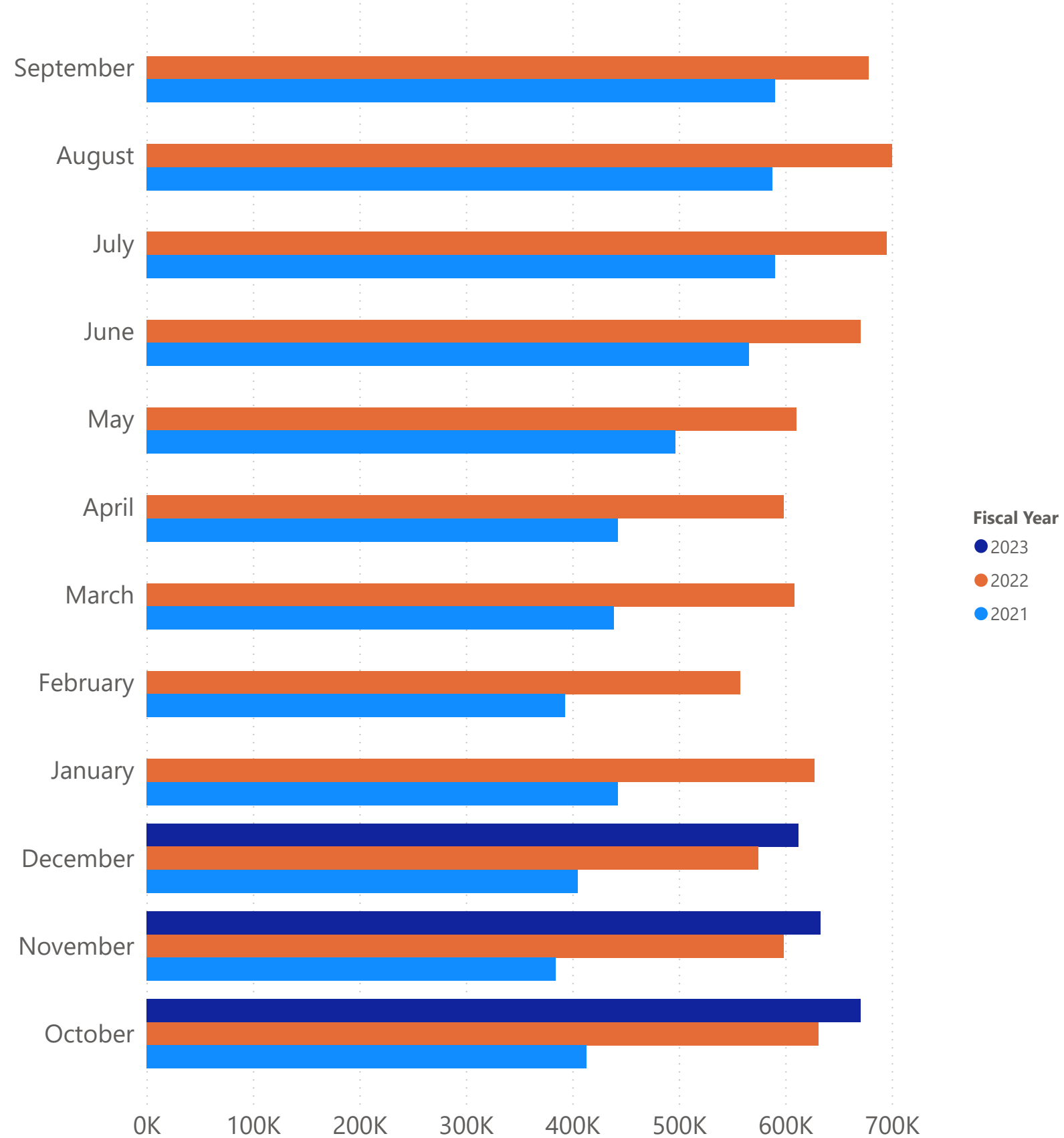
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Location	Early Literacy Attendance (0-5)	School Age Attendance (6-12)	Teen Attendance (13-18)	Adult Attendance (19+)	Older Adults Attendance (60+)	General Interest Attendance*	Total
Bazan	0	55	0	6	9	0	70
Brook Hollow	84	127	0	35	27	0	273
Carver	35	21	0	8	0	0	64
Central	70	0	541	35	24	33	703
Cody	193	174	250	48	0	0	665
Collins Garden	155	11	17	28	0	0	211
Cortez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encino	60	196	31	18	0	86	391
Forest Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Northwest	129	31	0	6	10	0	176
Guerra	6	0	6	3	10	25	50
Igo	359	41	19	58	0	0	477
Johnston	187	111	29	34	0	0	361
Landa	607	62	5	6	0	0	680
Las Palmas	8	60	16	25	0	17	126
Little Read Wagon	510	0	33	143	0	0	686
Maverick	155	69	34	8	6	0	272
McCreless	4	0	4	22	0	27	57
Memorial	0	28	0	0	0	0	28
Mission	25	11	14	122	10	25	207
Pan American	26	17	5	12	5	0	65
Parman	234	52	7	17	37	250	597
Potranco	0	40	0	11	0	9	60
Pruitt	6	30	68	37	0	0	141
San Pedro	0	40	2	8	7	0	57
Schaefer	37	135	10	0	0	67	249
Semmes	195	54	12	0	2	33	296
System	182	14	124	88	0	33	441
Thousand Oaks	5	22	0	18	9	0	54
Tobin	42	291	67	41	0	159	600
Westfall	79	0	0	0	0	0	79
Total	3,393	1,692	1,294	837	156	764	8,136

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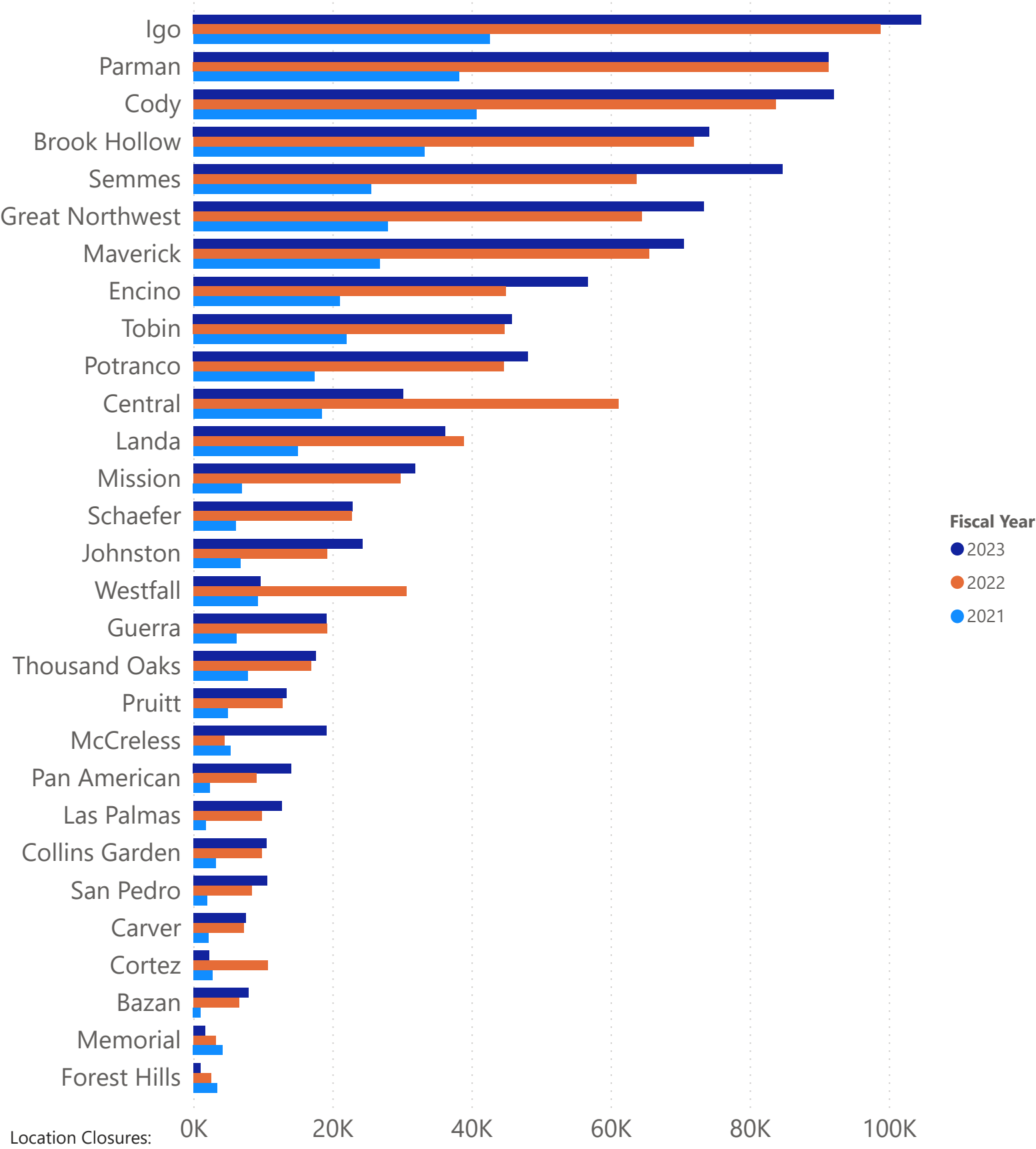


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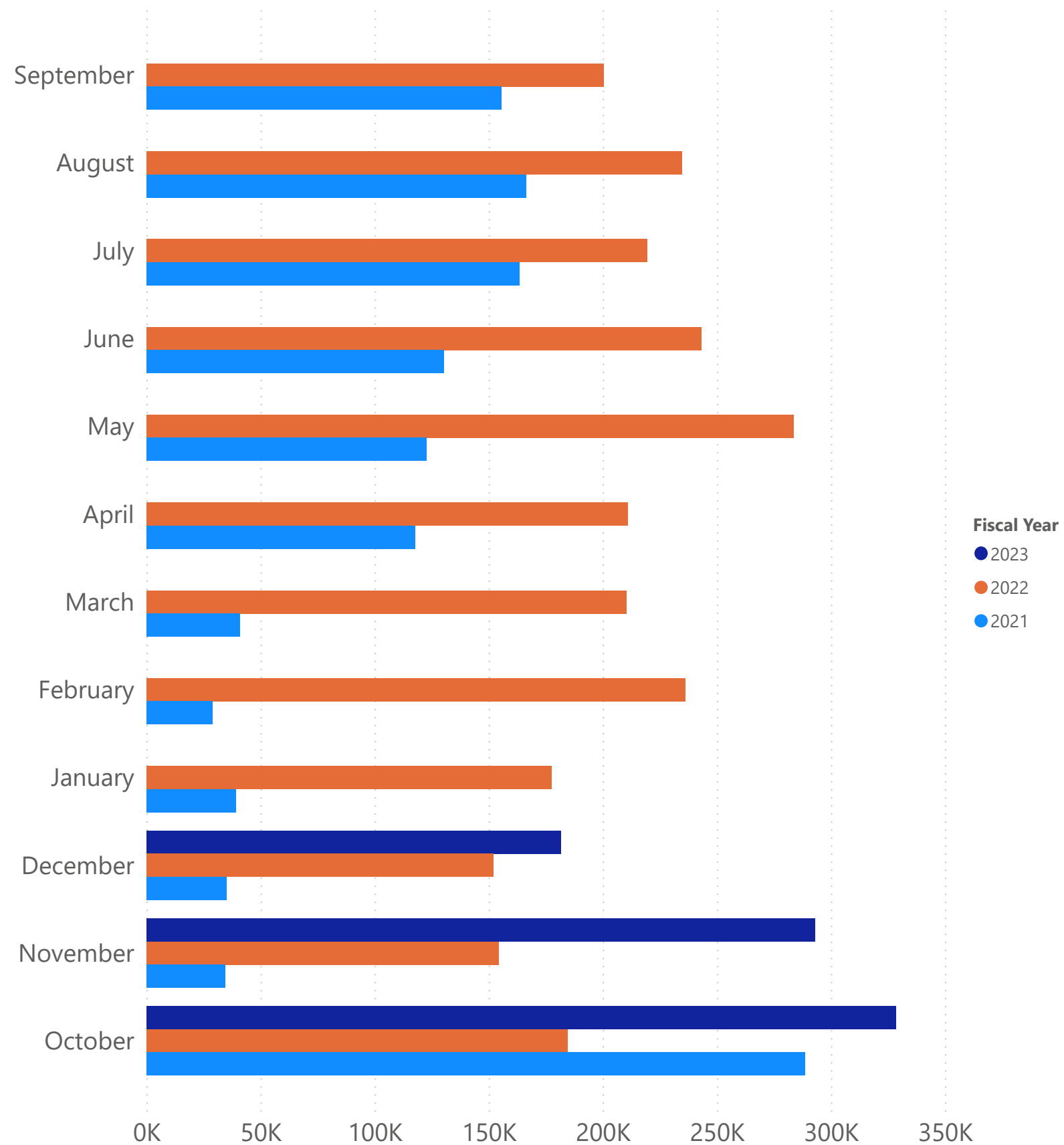
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Visits

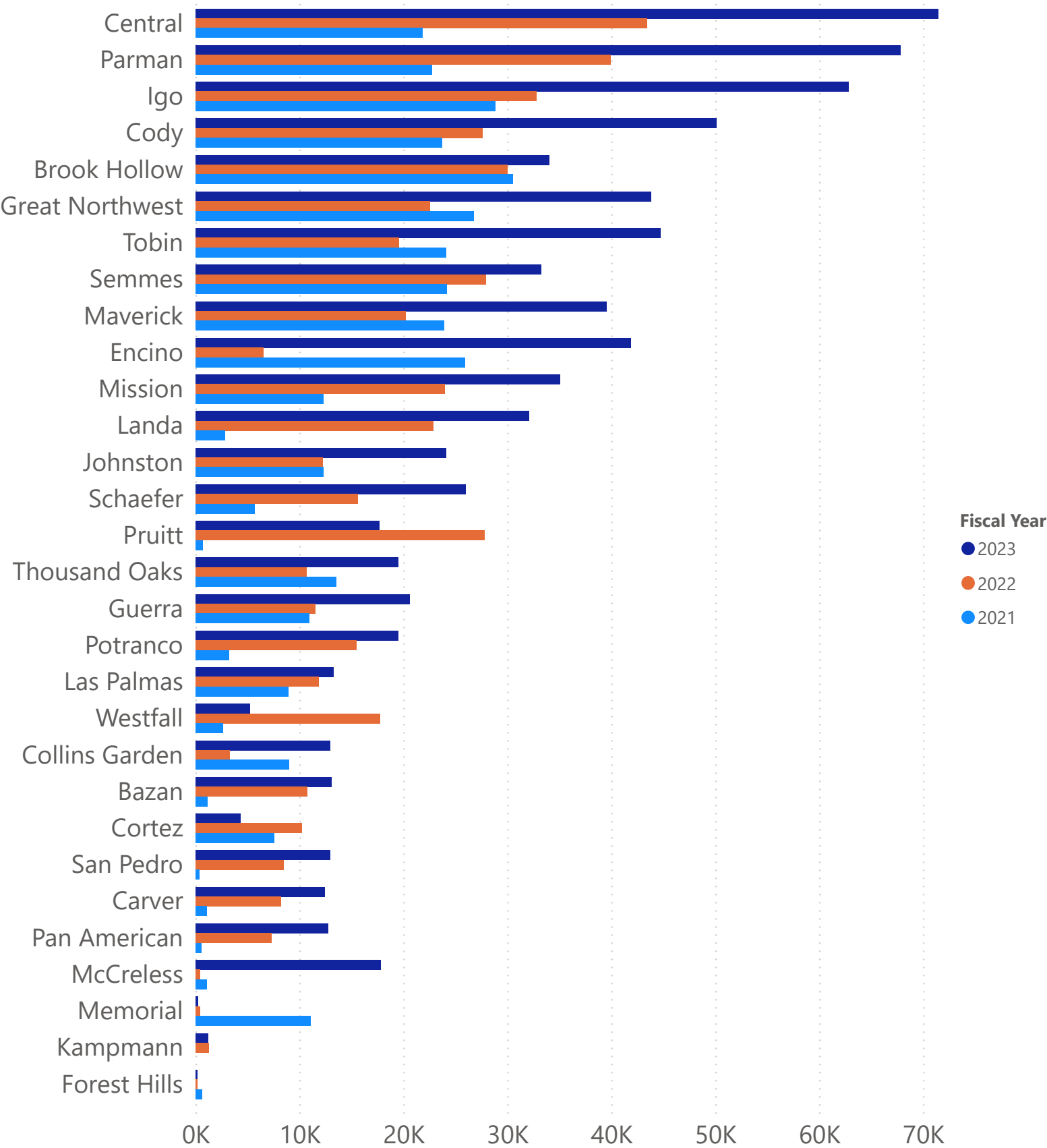


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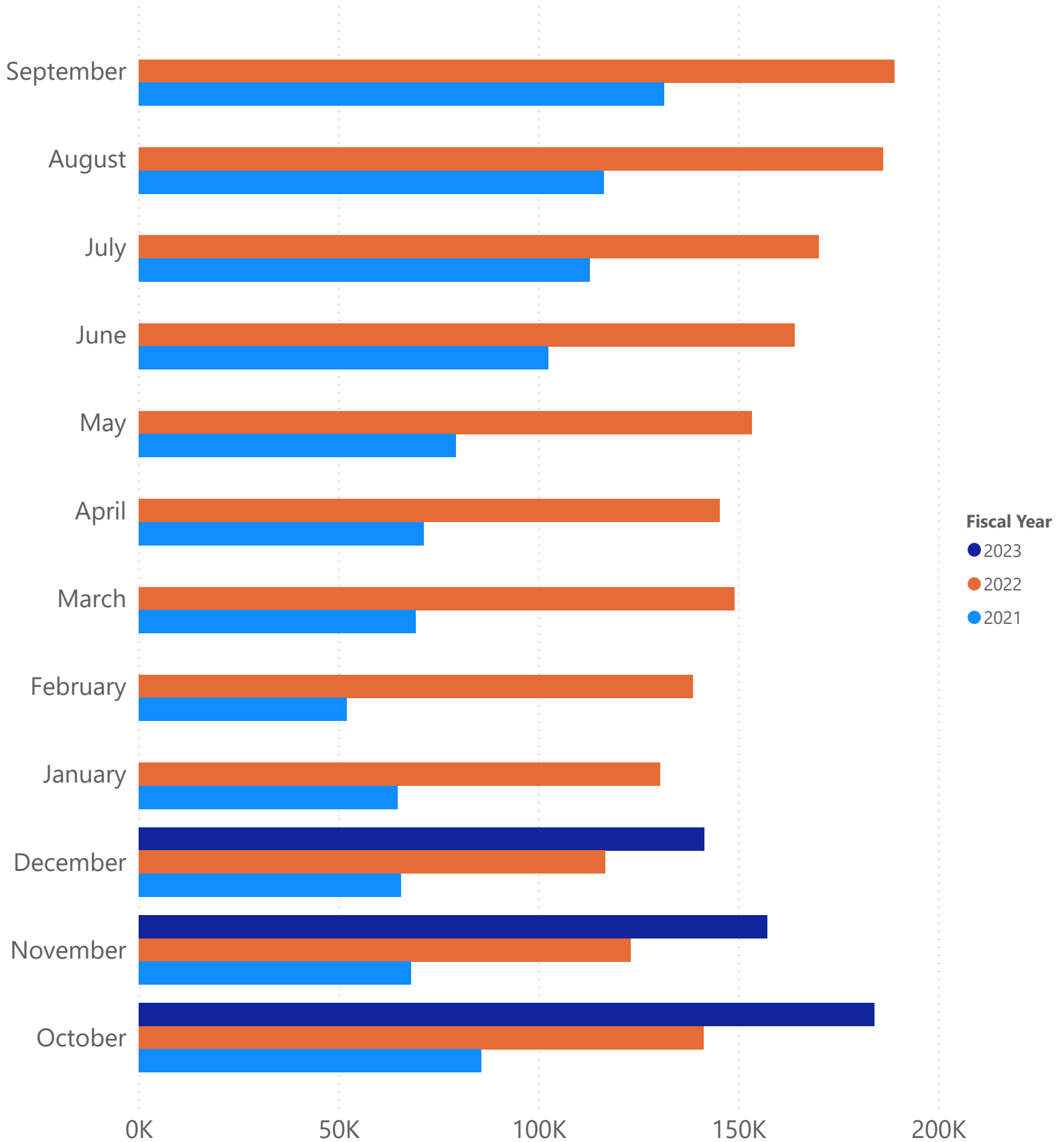


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BiblioCommons – Front end interactive catalog and web service developer for San Antonio Public Library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

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

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.