



Children access the new computer stations in the brand new Children's Area at Central Library at the Grand Reopening of Central on April 1, 2023.

## San Antonio Public Library Director's Report

April 2023

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# DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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

The San Antonio Public Library celebrated the Grand Reopening of the Central Library on Saturday, April 1, 2023. The speaking program began at 10:00 a.m. followed by a ribbon cutting. The Central Library reopened after undergoing a \$3 million renovation project focused on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. The first floor features a new main desk, art walk, and inclusive restroom with adult-sized changing table. The newly renovated children's area features a new story room/flexible programming space, interactive early literacy play area, new family restroom, lactation room, and Family Connect computer lab.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar in coordination with Assistant City Manager David McCary's office, held individual Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County for Library Services briefings with Mayor Ron Nirenberg on April 7, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with Mayor Ron Nirenberg, County Judge Peter Sakai, Precinct 3 County Commissioner Greg Moody, Assistant City Manager David McCary, Library Board of Trustees Vice Chair Juspreet Kaur, and staff to kick off discussions regarding the new Interlocal Agreement for Library Services on April 15, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Director Amy Hone on April 17, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Executive Meetings on April 19, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with Councilwoman Castillo (D5) and staff members on Friday, April 21, 2023, to provide an update of the proposed design for the enclosure of the plaza for Phase 2 of Las Palmas Branch Library renovation project.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Local Government Hispanic Network Central Texas Regional Chapter Board Meetings on April 11 and 25, 2023.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar attended the Local Government Hispanic Network Central Texas Regional Chapter Kick-Off Event held in the Latino Collection Resource Center at the Central Library on April 27, 2023. City Manager Erik Walsh and City of Austin Assistant City Manager Veronica Briseno spoke at the event.

# COMMUNICATIONS

National Poetry Month programming, San Antonio Book Festival, and the reopening of Central Library were the main subject of media coverage and marketing initiatives for San Antonio Public Library in April. These stories garnered significant media attention and led to well-attended programs all month long. The Communications Team also began developing campaigns for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Older Adults Month in May.

## Media Highlights

- April 1 - KENS 5 aired a feature story covering the Central Library Grand Reopening Event.
- April 2 - KSAT 12 aired a feature story on the reopening of Central.
- April 10 - WOAI aired a segment highlighting the property tax program hosted by the city at Cody Branch Library.
- April 10 - Telemundo aired a segment on the recent workshop held by the city on how to lower property tax. The program took place at Cody Branch Library.
- April 11 - KENS 5 aired a highlight of the San Antonio Book Festival in their "Around Town" segment of their morning show "Great Day SA." During the segment they plugged the recent reopening of Central Library.
- April 12 - San Antonio Current highlighted San Antonio Book Festival.
- April 14 - KSAT 12 aired a preview of the San Antonio Book Festival.
- April 24 - KENS 5 reported on the closure of Brook Hollow Library and emphasized the fact that it will still be available as a voting center.
- April 24 - TPR aired a highlight on a movie showing at Thousand Oaks Library in their community calendar.
- April 26 - KSAT 12 reported that the top five voting sites in the election so far are all library locations.
- April 27 - KENS 5 reported on an open mic night at Central Library as part of National Poetry Month.
- April 29 - The San Antonio Express News published an article about the 1987 Battle of Flowers parade that was rained out. San Antonio Public Library's Texana Resource Center contributed to the article by providing the Express News issue from the following day.

## Social Media metrics overview for April 2023:

- SAPL's social media generated **295,174** impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by **493** new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts **16,930** times.

## Social Media growth for April 2023:

- Twitter: **32** followers
- Facebook: **87** followers
- Instagram: **374** followers

#### **YouTube statistics for April 2023:**

- Subscribers: **10**
- Impressions: **31,209**
- Total Views: **2,814**
- Videos published: **2**

#### **Graphics**

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including the Young Pegasus poetry celebration, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Older Adults Month, and continued publicity for Pop Madness and Summer with SAPL programs including Explore Opera. The team also produced social media graphics and other promotions for branch events.

## **DIGITAL SERVICES**

On April 3 and 4, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana accompanied installers from ITSD vendor Computer Solutions in an effort to replace approximately 100 telephones at the Central Library.

On April 6, Mr. Spana, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson and Library Services Administrator Adam Zaby met with representatives from Konica Minolta to discuss tactics to improve coordination amongst the various vendors supporting the Pharos print management system.

On April 17, Mr. Spana met with Performance and Innovation Manager Randall Polasek to plan for the Library's migration away from individual Power BI licenses to a shared Power BI platform.

On April 18, Mr. Spana, Mr. Zaby and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun conducted their quarterly check-in with Nicole Romyak, Sirsi Dynix Library Relationship Manager.

The Digital Services team happily welcomed their newest team member, Digital Library Services Assistant Leandra Flores, on April 24.

Mr. Laun, Ms. Masterson, and Digital Library Services Specialist Brian Douglass attended the 2023 COSGUi conference. The annual SirsiDynix user group conference ran from April 25 to April 27 and included sessions from other SirsiDynix libraries as well as SirsiDynix itself. Sessions included current best practices, updates on ongoing projects, and announcements of new products and product roadmaps.

On April 25, Mr. Spana visited the Forest Hills branch in order to configure their Scala digital signage player.

## LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

April began with the grand reopening of the Central Library on the 1st. The Latino Collection and Resource Center sponsored a cultural performance by Grupo Folklorico Sol de San Antonio as part of the festivities. Patrons enjoyed the performance held on the 2nd floor near the Chihuly.

On April 3, interim LCRC Program Manager Sarah De La Rosa provided a tour of the LCRC and its collection to 15 A&M University students. The tour was coordinated by Professor Elena Foulis (Cultural Studies & Latin American Literature) and included a visit to Texana as well.

The LCRC also hosted a 3-part, virtual poetry workshop with renowned poet and educator, Pablo Miguel Martinez. The workshops were titled The Role of Art, Masks & Place in Writing New Poems. The three 90-minute workshops let participants through different strategies to help draft new poems and new work.



## LITTLE READ WAGON

Little Read Wagon (LRW) facilitated 34 programs and interacted with over 2,000 attendees during the month of April. Three of the highlights in April included visiting Pre-K 4 SA sites, the first school age parent summit since 2019, and Earth Day 2023 at Woodlawn. Workshops were held at school campuses across the county. Play events were hosted at parks and outside libraries. Planning for summer programs was finalized.

Staff visited four Pre-K 4 SA locations, including the satellite location at Gardendale Elementary School. Activities included creating a personalized sensory bottle, assembling a bedtime routine chart, reading a

book in a tent together with a grown-up, and making big bubbles outside. The two largest groups were at Pre-K 4 SA North (held on March 30) and at Pre-K 4 SA East (on April 6).

A gathering of school age parents from school districts throughout Bexar County was held at the Northside Independent School District's Activity Center on April 11. Megan Cruz and Eva Banda each presented three times in two different breakout rooms. Ms. Banda was also able to quickly step in to present in Spanish to a group of students during one of her sessions. Ms. Cruz and Ms. Banda facilitated a make-and-take activity that included a personalized picture frame. Assistance was provided by Jen Crier and Clair Larkin. Students, teachers, and social workers in attendance were highly complementary.

Earth Day at Woodlawn is an annual event organized by the Parks and Recreation department and is the only official City of San Antonio Fiesta event. Julia Lazarin, Melisa Hill, Karla Huerta and Ms. Cruz created a bubble party in their section of the park. Festival goers created bubbles large and small to float through the air or skate along the surface of the activity tray.

Let's Play events were held at three locations in April. Let's Play on Saturday, April 1 coincided with staff presenting the final of three Spanish early childhood professional trainings held this school year. While families enjoyed free play activities outside the Mission Branch Library, Ms. Banda and Ms. Hill presented virtually to a small but very engaged group of early childhood teachers. Let's Play at Carver Branch Library was small and cozy with 27 total attendees, while Let's Play at Dellview Park was bustling with 121 total attendees. Families interact with a wide variety of materials at each of the Let's Play events so that children can explore at their own pace and follow their own interests. May is the final month of piloting playing outside the same library for an entire school year. LRW staff plan to reflect on successes and challenges in deciding on the best course of action for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

A series of eight in-person Avance bedtime routine workshops were held in both English and Spanish. Ms. Banda presented in Spanish and Ms. Hill presented a bilingual workshop. Ms. Cruz and Ms. Lazarin presented in English. This is an annual series.

The San Antonio Independent School District's (SAISD) Sam Houston campus saw Ms. Cruz and Ms. Banda provided at workshop at Cooper Academy at Navarro. Ms. Banda also presented three bilingual story times at Navarro Learning Center, where many of the children of the parents at Cooper Academy attend. Another SAISD campus, the Tynan Early Childhood Education Center hosted a Fiesta Fest on April 26. Ms. Lazarin and Ms. Hill provided children with an opportunity to jump, hop, climb, and get their wiggles out on a self-designed obstacle course.

There were other workshops in April as well. Ms. Banda visited Southwest Independent School District to present to school age parents at Southwest High School. Ms. Lazarin met with mothers at Casa Mia. Ms. Cruz and Ms. Crier set up reading tents at Northside Independent School District's Hatchett Elementary and gave families bedtime routine charts.

Ms. Larkin presented at two state-wide conferences. At the Texas Library Association's 2023 Annual Conference Ms. Larkin, along with five children's librarians, presented *Building Community Resilience Through Equity in Play*. A trial presentation of the slideshow was given at the quarterly in-person Children's Services meeting and generated a good deal of discussion about play and story time best practices. At the fifth annual Baby Day presented by First3Years, an Austin-based nonprofit with a mission to "nurture early relational and mental health of infants and toddlers in Texas," Ms. Larkin gave a virtual talk titled *Ready, Set, Play!: Setting Children Up for Success* that discussed the five practices of talk, sing, read, write and play and the development of very young children.



Ms. Banda, Ms. Cruz and Ms. Lazarin continue to participate in their respective strategic plan workgroups. Ms. Larkin represented the library by participating in a panel at the quarterly Trauma-Informed Care Consortium meeting and is part of the guide team to pursue certification at the library.

## CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

### Celebrations and Presentations

Coordinator of Children's Services, Cresencia Huff, represented the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) on Saturday, April 1 at Temple Beth-El for a panel on censorship. Ms. Huff also moderated a middle-grade author panel with Brandon Hobson and Adriana Cuevas at the April 15 San Antonio Book Festival.



Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills), Carrie Vance (Igo), and Jasmin Salinas (Landa) presented two Story Time sessions at the Pride Families Spring Celebration.

SAPL Children's Services Team members were on the program for two events at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference, held April 19-22 in Austin. Ms. Huff was a panelist for the session "Library is a Verb: Post-Pandemic Practices for Patron Re-Engagement" along with colleagues from area school libraries. Clair Larkin (Little Read Wagon), Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills), Carrie Vance (Igo), Jasmin Salinas (Landa), Leslie Elsasser (Schaefer), and Shannon Seglin (Central) presented "Building Resilient Communities through Equity in Play."

### Projects

The Solar Eclipse work group met in two sessions to unpack the NASA @ Your Library kit received as part of SAPL participation in a Space Science Institute grant. The group reviewed the materials and discussed how they might best be used in solar science programming over the next year.

Valerie Carrol (Semmes) organized two Robot Play Dates for Children's Services Team members who wanted time to explore the different robot and circuitry materials available for programming. These resources will be part of Summer with SAPL offerings at various locations. Summer with SAPL children's program schedule and related items were sent out via delivery, with assistance from the Central Shelving team.

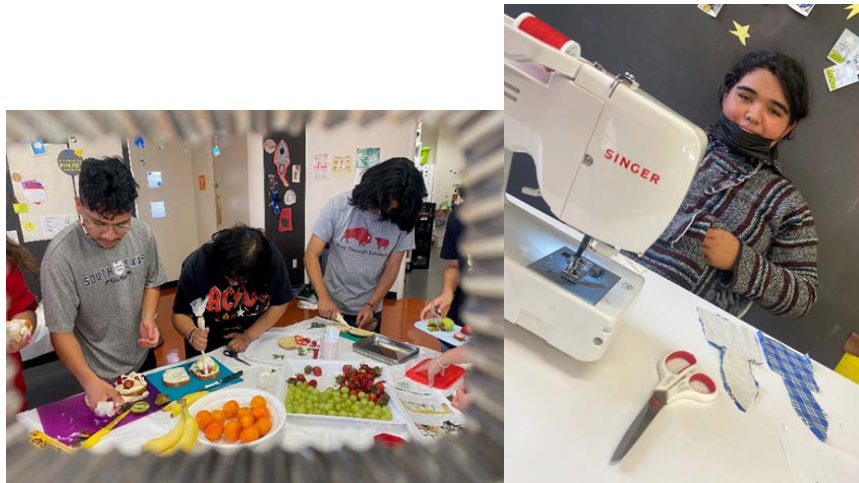
## TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)



**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. During the reporting period, teens continued to engage with their peers on the server at weekly clubs as well as through conversations of their interests, hobbies, and more. Teens listened to new music discoveries such as the genre of “phunk,” shared new creative designs such as projector art, chatted about their entries in the Young Pegasus poetry competition, played a variety of games, and discussed their progress in making cosplay outfits.

**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, teens and teen volunteers showcased several different activities happening at their library, including food demonstrations (such as bubble tea, deviled eggs, and fruit sandwiches), sewing crafts, and artwork created on dry erase boards. Teen volunteers also highlighted daily celebrations and other informational content on Stories.

**Pictures below:** @210teenlibrary Instagram posts of teens making fruit sandwiches and sewing a bunny bag.



**Professional Development** – Matthew Loaiza presented two webinars for the American Library Association (ALA) discussing best practices and practical applications for providing virtual library services for teens through Discord. Loaiza previously presented on this topic for ALA in October 2022 and was invited by ALA to provide an updated series for this year.

## ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

On April 22, San Antonio Public Library’s Multicultural Festival occurred at Central Library. Created, planned, and implemented by Barbara Kwiatkowski, Librarian III at Parman Library, this event featured

ten community organizations and individuals representing nine cultures from five continents. Seven of these groups and individuals presented music, dance or other similar performance representative of their culture, which resulted in two hours of an engaging and interactive display of the cultures represented. Additionally, six organizations were available for the two hours of the events to provide information about their culture through the display of visual artifacts, information, and interactive activities. To make this event as smooth as possible, Librarian III Kwiatkowski created a small team with Zach Woolston in a lead of 6 volunteers to provide excellent experience for both presenters and visitors. She reached out to the Central Facility Department, which was very helpful in the process and established a schedule for check-ins with an adult coordinator to keep her up to date on completed tasks, pressing issues, concerns, and to coordinate next steps. Over 250 individuals attended this event. The Library received many positive comments – both from those that attended as well as the organizations and individuals involved in presenting the event.



Photos provided by Barbara Kwiatkowski

In April the San Antonio Public Library celebrated National Poetry Month. Eight events were hosted at five locations and one event was hosted online. Highlights included Three Generations of Absolutely Poetry, which was held at Memorial Brach Library on April 15<sup>th</sup> and featured poetry readings from Imelda Zapata

Garcia and who her two daughters. The Garcia family are published poets and long-time members of the San Antonio community. A second highlight was Music at the Time of William Shakespeare, which was held in the LCRC at Central Library on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The San Antonio Recorder Society performed music of the High Renaissance, including many dance tunes collected by the great musicologist Michael Praetorius and dancing master Gregorio Lambranzi, as well as instrumental performances of madrigals by contemporary English composers such as Thomas Morley. A final highlight was the 3-part online series called A.M.P. Up Your Drafting Process. In celebration of National Poetry Month 2023, this was a series of Tuesday evening workshops that was facilitated by award-winning poet Pablo Miguel Martínez. These were generative workshops, that is, the primary objective of the three 1.5-hour workshops was to help you draft new poems, to generate new work. Each meeting focused on a specific strategy to help you approach the blank screen and/or the blank page. The workshops explored diverse paths to creating new poems. This series of free workshops was intended for authors of all abilities.

On April 29, Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez from Central Library offered a virtual session entitled Vaisakhi Festival: Demonstration of Folk Dances of Punjab namely Bhangra, Gidda, Arts & Crafts Exhibition, and many more. The attendees enjoyed watching this unique cultural performance. Vaisakhi is a harvest festival of Punjab celebrated in April.

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

On April 18, Cody Library hosted a session for older adults that provided participants with an introduction to growing microgreens, which are an easy to grow source of nutrients. The session gave participants an opportunity to learn why and how this simple, nutrient dense food can be grown at home. The presentation included the opportunity for attendees to set up their own microgreen growing container!

Offsite delivery of library service (also known as outreach) is an effective way to reach older adults, as this population often faces many barriers in visiting the library. Adult services staff members provide offsite delivery of service to older adults on a monthly basis. Locations that received library service in April included Franklin Park Assisted and Independent Living, Chandler Senior Living, Willie Cortez Senior Center, Northeast Senior Center, and District 2 Senior Center. In addition, Adult services staff members also provide information about library services at community events for older adults. Events attended in April included an event at a subsidized housing community for older adults,

# CENTRAL LIBRARY

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



The Children's Library at Central reopened to the public with great fanfare on April 1! Staff, families and patrons of all ages joyfully explored the newly renovated space. The redesign was the culmination of many years of planning and development by Manager Kate Simpson and Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin in coordination with Marmon Mok architects and City of San Antonio Public Works. At the grand reopening event children made colorful paper "Chihuly hats" in honor of the Fiesta Tower sculpture, played in the new Early Literacy Play Area, explored the space with a fun scavenger hunt designed by Librarian Ashley Stubbs, and left with armloads of books!





The Early Literacy Play Area is a key addition to the Children's Library that facilitates equity in access to free play opportunities for the community's youngest children. Children learn best through play, and it is the most critical piece of early childhood development. The Play Area was designed to be reconfigured often, with new play opportunities constantly available. Staff changed out manipulatives at the light table, the build station, and the DUPLO table regularly. The Everbright interactive light art piece is one of the highlights of the Early Literacy Play Area, as is the large, comfortable baby play pen that provides a safe space for the youngest visitors and padded benches for parents.

Other exciting features of the new Children's Library are the Family Connect computer area, complete with a parent-child workstation and newly renovated restrooms including a new potty-training restroom with toddler-sized fixtures. Staff are also excited about the addition of a lactation room for patrons and employees to use, as well as the transformed Story Room with modular furniture that makes the space flexible for programming for all ages. All-new colorful, curved shelving, in addition to extensive collection maintenance by the Children's Library team prior to reopening, made the juvenile collection much more engaging and easier for families to navigate.



Ms. Seglin and Librarians Ashley Stubbs and Melissa Fulmer put the new Story Room to good use throughout the month of April with weekly Family Story Times for young children and Let's Create events for older kids. They worked collaboratively to present engaging programs, each contributing their own flavor to the events. Right away, they had a group of devoted regulars who came to every program. Due to continued construction, one week they held their programs under the Fiesta Tower, and featured a Fiesta theme, including a march around the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with instruments and streamers, much to the delight of the families in attendance. The librarian team led a bird-themed Family Story Time as part of the Birdsong Brackenridge Project display of birdhouses in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Gallery and gave away "birdoculars" to children courtesy of the Brackenridge Conservancy.



In April, the hard work of Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin culminated in her presentation of a professional development session at the Texas Library Association (TLA) conference in Austin. After several months of developing the presentation with colleagues from around the San Antonio Public

Library (SAPL) system, Ms. Seglin and Clair Larkin (Little Read Wagon), Jasmin Salinas (Brook Hollow), Leslie Elsasser (Schaefer), Carrie Vance (Igo), and Ana Menchaca (Forest Hills), shared their session, "Building Resilient Communities through Equity in Play," at TLA to an enthusiastic audience of peers. They also shared the presentation with SAPL Children's Librarians during their monthly meeting.

Ms. Fulmer continued to contribute to virtual programming for children in April. She created a project for Art Time Online and presented it in steps so that children could learn the art technique. She also participated in Baby Time Online. Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Escape the Earth podcast with Tim Johnson (Igo) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow). This month they discussed Cixin Liu's *The Three-Body Problem*, an exciting read that explores the past, possibilities of the future, and whether humanity can survive it.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area childcare centers and schools. Ms. Fulmer led an interactive story time for kindergarten students at Bonham Academy. Ms. Stubbs delivered books to Central Christian Day School and shared stories and songs to three different classrooms. Ms. Simpson delivered books to two classrooms at the Discovery School as well.

## TEEN LIBRARY

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, 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. Kathleen also leads the 2023 Teen Summer workgroup.

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

Rosalie Barrera (Librarian I) continues to support and engage with teens as they explore and activate the Teen Library as their own space to serve their needs, such as studying, crafting, gaming, or gathering with friends. She provides support as needed in 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.

Regina Almanza (Library Assistant): Afterschool on Tuesdays, teens participate in events they suggested, based on social media videos seen, something new to try, or past activities done here they would like to repeat. 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 have highlighted general teen interest and celebrations, such as Easter and Fiesta. Teens made deviled eggs – some went the classic deviled egg route and others created cute animal shapes. As an introduction to the upcoming city-wide Fiesta, teens made kabobs. Showcasing skills whilst maintaining cleanliness and good food practices has been a satisfactory process. Teens also used fruits to make the popular Japanese fruit sandwiches, used corn tortilla mix, beans and cheese to make El Salvadorean pupusas and using limes to make a current popular TikTok favorite: Brazilian lemonade. By request, teens also created perler bead creations, and decorated paper lanterns. For an easy Easter craft, a beginner sewing project was introduced: sewing a bunny bag. To fulfill the San Antonio Food Bank nutritional lesson requirement, teens made frozen yogurt pies. Pictures and videos from program times can be found on the @210teenlibrary Instagram page.



National Volunteer Week: Teen Library volunteers received t-shirts from the Volunteer Office as well as some extra treats and a signed card from Teen Library staff.

For an impromptu Instagram Story that accompanied teen volunteer Anden's Peeps Day info, teens had a Peeps cereal taste test.

**Pictures below** – teens making chicken kabobs for Fiesta; teens making deviled eggs and sour candy grapes; current yellow wall art in the Teen Library:



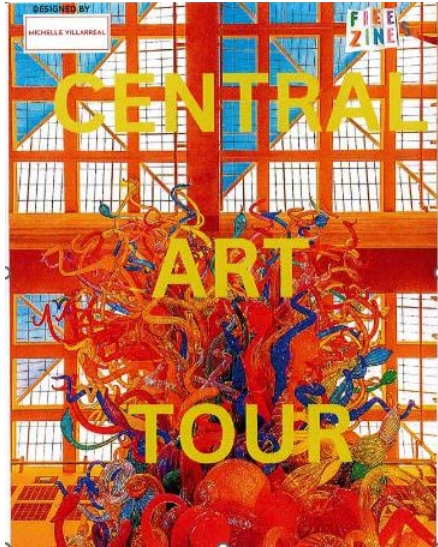
Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT) continues to engage with teens both in the Teen Library and via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. She is responsible for the 3D printing requests from teens on the Discord server. Ciana prints and sends the requested item out to the teens' preferred library branch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

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.

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

## INFORMATION SERVICES

For Central's Grand Opening and the Book Festival, Michelle Villarreal created a Central Art Tour Zine. The Zine Committee constructed 600 colorful zines for both events so that patrons could enjoy Central's Art Tour. For Central's Grand Opening, Melissa Gomez and Stacey Martinez designed and created over 200 Chihuly buttons to hand out to patrons, and 159 buttons went out on the first day with the rest going to patrons and staff throughout the remainder of the week.



On April 1st, City of San Antonio's (COSAs) Ready-to-Work program hosted an information table during the Central Public Library Grand Opening. Their information table engaged with over 100 patrons on job openings and program details. They also attended the Book Festival and 200 patrons expressed interest in the Ready-To-Work program.

CPS Energy Casa Verde hosted an information table on April 17th to inform people about their weatherization program.



National Poetry Month:



On April 8, Cynthia de Leon hosted the Wyrdd writers, a group of poets who read poems in honor of celebrations. They read poems on such diverse subjects as Mardi Gras, Borders and Uvalde and the program had a beautiful musical interlude with Ceiba ili and J.

On April 22, Cynthia de Leon and Arland Schnacker hosted Music from the Time of William Shakespeare. Arland recited two beautiful sonnets before the music started. The San Antonio Recorder Society members dressed in Renaissance costumes and performed the music of the High Renaissance. The performance was followed by a Q and A in which the musicians demonstrated the difference between the smallest recorders garkleins and the large bass recorders.



J.D. Elizondo hosted one of the virtual sessions of " The Role of Art, Masks and Place in writing new Poetry" for LCRC by assisting Sarah De La Rosa while she was abroad on professional development.

On April 29, Arland Schnacker conducted an Open-mic poetry reading program. Patrons consisted of adults, teens, and children who read their own works or works of their favorite poet.

J.D. and Valerie Saucedo hosted the Creative Collective live arts collective on April 29th.

Fiesta outreach events:

On April 25th, Julia Selwyn, Christina Montero and Linda Childs hosted an outreach table at VIDA Fest. We promoted San Antonio Public Library at the Fiesta Event and talked to 330 seniors about library programs, materials and services.



The Commander's House Adult and Senior Center held the Festival De Amigos Fiesta De Salud on April 26. Patricia Perez and Bettina Hernandez attended the fair providing information about SAPL library services and programs. The event was an engaging opportunity for seniors to sign up for a library card. SAPL staff spoke with eighty attendees and issued eighteen library cards.



On April 28<sup>th</sup>, J.D. Elizondo, Valerie Saucedo and Bri Glass did library outreach at the SAC concert Fiesta event Fredstock, a live music event which benefits local musicians and San Antonio College music majors.



Additional programming included the following events to celebrate wellness and culture. On April 15, virtual session entitled Chair Yoga Class was offered by Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez over Zoom.

The program was presented by Ashley Ludwick, a professional Yoga Instructor. Ludwick demonstrated seated postures, standing with chair support to safely stretch, and shared how to connect within and find inner peace while breathing.

On April 29, Pannaga Prasad and Patricia Perez offered a virtual session entitled Vaisakhi Festival: Demonstration of Folk Dances of Punjab namely Bhangra, Gidda, Arts & Crafts Exhibition, and many more. The attendees enjoyed watching this unique cultural performance.

## LEARN AT CENTRAL

Learn at Central officially opened its doors after 4 months of interim service on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Learn had over 200 patrons on grand opening day.

Central Learn is a small but mighty team that consists of Angelina M. Cortes, Brianna Glass, Dr. Daniel González, Denise Cadena, and Francisco Rodriguez. Staff are leading computer classes, one-on-one's and serve as a go-to for patrons needing any computer literacy that extends past the Central Reference scope of service.

For the month of April, Central Learn Library Assistant Brianna Glass and Training Officer Daniel González hosted two Basic Computer classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. A total of 12 patrons attended. Both staff members are collaborating on a 'housing' zine, with the intention to have several resources, assistance programs, and agencies listed related to Housing in San Antonio. Glass and González worked on Zine research and conference presentation.

In addition, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, Library Assistant Francisco Rodriguez and Training Officer Denise Cadena attended the Haven for Hope as an outreach event promoting the SAPL Learn Center. Over 100 attendees visited the Learn display table.

Angelina M. Cortes is the current Librarian II and leader of the Central Learn team. Cortes has encouraged and provided access to professional development such as the NTC Digital Inclusion conference and the Afghan Symposium and the SACRD Database training in the past couple of months. Additionally, Cortes has curated a connection with Empowerhouse to host Restorative Justice Circles in the Latino Collection Resource Center once a month.

In April, Learn training officer, Denise Cadena, revamped the citizenship classes with a new name and day. The Civics for Citizenship are now offered every Wednesday at 4:00 PM. Currently, four patrons are attending regularly.

## TEXANA/ GENEALOGY





To celebrate Central's Grand Reopening on April 1, Texana/Genealogy staff curated a small exhibit to highlight artifacts and photographs reflecting on the history of Central Library designed by the well-known Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta. Also featured is a display of San Antonio Public Library Fiesta Medals through the years. The exhibit is located on the second floor across from Dale Chihuly's "Fiesta Tower" sculpture and will remain on view through June 2, 2023. Staff provided additional support during the reopening event engaging with the public by assisting at various passport stations.

Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson met with 15 students from Texas A&M University San Antonio on April 3 to share about the Texana/Genealogy Department. Students in attendance were enrolled in the course *Spanish-Heritage Speakers II* taught by Elena Foulis, Assistant Professor, College of Arts and Sciences. A presentation and tour of the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) was also provided by Interim LCRC Program Manager Sarah De La Rosa.

Librarian Andy Crews led an online beginning genealogy class on April 4. He went over how to start researching in historical records and where to look for important clues to help on the journey to finding your family's history.

Librarian Deborah Countess presented an overview on April 13 of the *Ancestry Library Edition* database for members of the Central Reference team. The focus was on collections that could assist patrons with determining birth and death dates of family members. Ms. Countess also answered questions regarding house history research and how to locate Bexar County historical deed records.

On April 14, Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted the genealogy class *Finding Your Hispanic Roots* at Igo Library. The material covered included resources specific to those with roots in Mexico, in addition to more general information on how to get started doing genealogy research.

The Texana/Genealogy staff began working with crews from *Move Solutions*, *Total Office Solutions, LLP* on April 17 to start packing and palletizing special collections in preparation for the Central Library's 6th floor renovations.



## BRANCH LOCATIONS

### BAZAN



The Children's space at Bazan installed a public desktop computer for adults allowing them to work near their children. The new computer and an existing AWE computer sit on a split-level desk that accommodates both adults and children.

The Bazan branch hosted an information session on April 27 with a focus on recent immigrants, refugees and displaced communities. The session covered the topics of human rights, the immigrant experience and provided attendees with an opportunity to ask general questions to an immigration attorney. The program was presented in partnership with the Domésticas Unidas organization.

The Bazan library celebrated National Poetry Month by hosting the Voces Cósmicas group who provide poetry readings and a musical performance by The Mario Arias Project. Voces Cósmicas is a literary



nonprofit established to share poetry and prose, generate ideas, promote literature, and encourage fledgling writers and artists. They meet monthly at the Bazan Library.

The Learn center was busy in April providing one-on-help sessions covering computer skills, resume building, job search, job applications and help learning personal devices.

Training Officer Carlos Loera presented a full slate of classes and activities including citizenship test preparation classes, English as a Second Language classes, *Painting for Senior Adults*, *Adult Coloring Class* *How to use the iPad* and *Coffee and a Movie* for seniors.

Library Assistant, Enedina Prater, convened *The Bad Girls Romance Book Club* via zoom to discuss their April read, *Partners in Crime* by Alisha Rai. The group is a huge fan of the author's works and loved this action-packed rom-com/caper mash-up full of jewel heists and high-stakes backroom poker games. The *Bazan Book Club* also gathered via Zoom to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng, a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, exploring the divisions between cultures and the rifts within a family.

## BROOK HOLLOW



Brook Hollow Library (BHL) hosted Bexar County Election Department's Municipal Election, Saturday, May 6, 2023, with Early Voting Monday, April 24-May 2, 2023. BHL served more than 5,000 voters in April and approximately 6,000 voters in May.

BHL closed its doors for HVAC work as of Monday, April 24, 2023, with the meeting room remaining open for early voting and election day. SAPL closed BHL for 6-12 weeks to replace three AC units that were not operational. BHL Manager Jeannette Davies, PSA Jake Odland & BHL Librarian 1 Marco De Leon did the leg work to arrange BHL's temp library service @ COSA's Walker Ranch Senior Center (WRSC), 835 W. Rhapsody Dr., 78216. WRSC temp library service hours are Mon & Tues, 1-8 pm; Wed & Thurs, 1-6 pm & Fridays, 1-4 pm.



In April, BHL Librarian Marco De Leon hosted BHL's La Tertulia; Mystery and Tuesday Evening Book Clubs @ BHL. The La Tertulia Club's 12 patrons read *Sira* by Maria Duenas. Nine Mystery Book Club members read *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens was a hit among the 10 Tuesday Evening Book Club members. The Walker Ranch Senior Center Book Club, co-facilitated by De Leon, yielded 26 people who read *One by One* by Ruth Ware.



Brook Hollow Library Children's Librarian Amanda Neace continued her regular branch programming and contributions to the dynamic spaces strategic planning work group in the month of April. This included four Baby Times; three Toddler Times; three Preschool Story Times; and two-Family Story Times at Blossom Park before the branch closed for renovations April 24. Considering Brook Hollow Library's HVAC closure, Neace coordinated a temporary transfer of the Read to A Dog program to the Thousand Oaks Library. Neace also visited Bradley Middle School on April 13 to present summer reading plans to



the school's PTA.



Weekly programming for teens ages 13 through 18 continued at Brook Hollow Library though most of the month. BHL Assistant Elissa Vura conducted three Teen Time programs during which participants engaged in video gaming and made candy sushi. The Candy Sushi Program was in fulfillment of teen requests for this activity and was so popular they requested a second round the following week! Teens learned about types of sushi and engaged imaginatively with the medium, sculpting not only sushi, but making other creations as well.

BHL LA Vura along with Librarian Tim Johnson (Igo) and Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central - Childrens) hosted the Escape the Earth podcast—a monthly sci-fi and fantasy book discussion. The April episode, discussing the Cixin Liu's *The Three-Body Problem*, received more than 80 plays to date. The Escape the Earth podcast is available on Soundcloud under the San Antonio Public Library Podcast TunedIn Channel.

Manager Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen in April with an early *Meringues for Mother's Day Program*. Davies and co-host Oscar Gonzales, manager of the Mission Library, featured meringues galore from Italian to French. Noon Time Cooking includes cookbook talks, bibliographies of library resources and demos of tested recipes etc. Patrons can register for the program on the library's website via Events and the date. Davies attended the San Antonio Book Festival @ the Central Library on April 15, 2023 and volunteered @ the San Antonio Public Library Information Booth.



BHL Circulation Attendant Ofelia Vallejo tied up her laces to march in the 2023 Battle of the Flowers Parade in downtown San Antonio. Vallejo marched along with her SAPL Teammates for her annual trek. Vallejo enjoys parades and fellowship with her library colleagues.

## CARVER

For Poetry Month, the branch featured a display of works by classic and contemporary writers.

The final session in the history harvest series for the Cultural Context Statement of African Americans in San Antonio was held at Carver Branch on Saturday, April 1. There were 25 participants. The sessions were a partnership of the branch and the Office of Historic Preservation. According to OHP, a context statement is “a tool used to make preservation decisions.” It is also useful for document a community’s heritage. Funding was provided by the Texas Historical Commission and San Antonio Conservation Society. Community elders were eager to share their recollections with cultural historian Claudia Guerra whose role was to compile the stories into a document. Younger visitors and those new to the city enjoyed listening as the stories unfolded. Before leaving, a number of visitors expressed interest in continuing the sessions.

Branch Manager DL Grant Jr. attended the annual conference of the Texas Library Association, which this year convened in Austin. A member of TLA’s Black Caucus Round Table (BCRT), Grant promised to work with incoming BCRT chair Sharlisa Addison on planning activities for the upcoming conference in San Antonio.



Children’s Librarian Lisa Ramirez continued to host two weekly children’s programs at the Carver branch. The first program is an after school 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. In addition to supporting these weekly events, Ms. Ramirez has also been assisting McCreless Library with their weekly Lego time every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Ms. Ramirez also visited Tynan Head Start for a monthly Story Time visit on April 27th, created new Spring end caps for the children's area, and prepared for book displays coming up in May for Jewish Heritage month and Asian Pacific Islander month. Ms. Ramirez also did some planning for Summer as well.

On April 12th, Little Read Wagon hosted Let's Play at Carver from 3:45-5:45 outside where children participated in a number of fun, hands-on activities.

Ms. Ramirez visited Carroll Night in Fiesta Fest on April 27th and set up an information table with some play items borrowed from Little Read Wagon.

#### LEARN @ Carver

The total amount of patrons who entered Learn @ Carver was 130. The total amount of minutes spent with patrons was 13,548 minutes. The center welcomed 22 new patrons and continued to support 105 patrons with their technology and job searching needs. The most popular programs during the month of April were job searching, emailing and personal device use. Learn successfully assisted 3 patrons with their job preparation and searches by assisting with the onboarding process for their new jobs/careers.

Training Officer Shauna Mendoza continues her weekly classes with enthusiastic participation: Computer Training on Monday – Friday from 1pm-6pm; Smart Phone and Personal Device Training on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 11:30am; and Introduction to Computers on Fridays from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Shauna returned to the Claude Black Community Center, where she has formed a strong rapport with the users. Patrons who previously visited with her return to say hello and introduce new patrons who might benefit from services Learn provides.

Shauna also continued outreach visits to the Youth Center of Texas, an agency that advocates for women who have been trafficked. When the women visit Learn @ Center, they are afforded a safe place to practice skills and seek out assistance.

During April, University Health contacted Shauna to help coordinate a focus group discussion with Carver Library patrons. The patrons valued being able to voice their concerns and comment on the available healthcare in their community.

(Cutline) District 2 Senior Center (l) and Wheatley Senior Center (r) residents played Emoji Bingo with training Officer Shauna Mendoza.



## CODY

The Cody Branch Library hosted Bexar County Elections for Early Voting the last week of April, serving as a polling place for over 3,000 people. The branch hosted 5 book clubs, a film club, weekly Fiber Club, gaming, a monthly French Conversation Club, and a very popular and well attended Property Tax Info session, presented by Neighborhood and Housing Services Division.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon focused on providing plenty of time for children to learn through play during weekly Story Times at the Cody Branch in April. This shift is in response to evidence that the optimal way for children to learn is through play.

In *Baby Time* Yourdon focused on shortening the songs, rhymes, and story portion of the program so that babies had more time to explore the play materials. Caregivers especially appreciated the extra time playing with their little ones and socializing with other adults. During *Toddler Dance Party* Yourdon slowly transitioned the program to be shorter each week until the last week when Yourdon led a couple of active dances and then devoted the rest of the time to play. The same thing occurred in *Family Story Time*. Yourdon encouraged participants to read by providing a selection of board books and picture books for caregivers to read to their children during the program and check out to take home. Yourdon observed that the children were able to engage in deep play, that parents were more engaged with their children throughout the programs, and more adults talked with one another during the programs.

Yourdon visited Hardberger Park on April 11 to lead a *Yoga Story Time* all about dinosaurs. Children and their caregivers did yoga poses inspired by several different dinosaurs and learned some interesting facts about each dinosaur. Children especially enjoyed doing the T-Rex pose and roaring out loud together!

After-school programs remained popular during the month of April. Children especially enjoyed the *Come & Go Crafts* programs that were dedicated to Fiesta. One week Yourdon taught children how to make Fiesta flowers. The next week Yourdon set out a variety of materials and quarter sheets of cardstock and suggested that children make their own Fiesta medals.

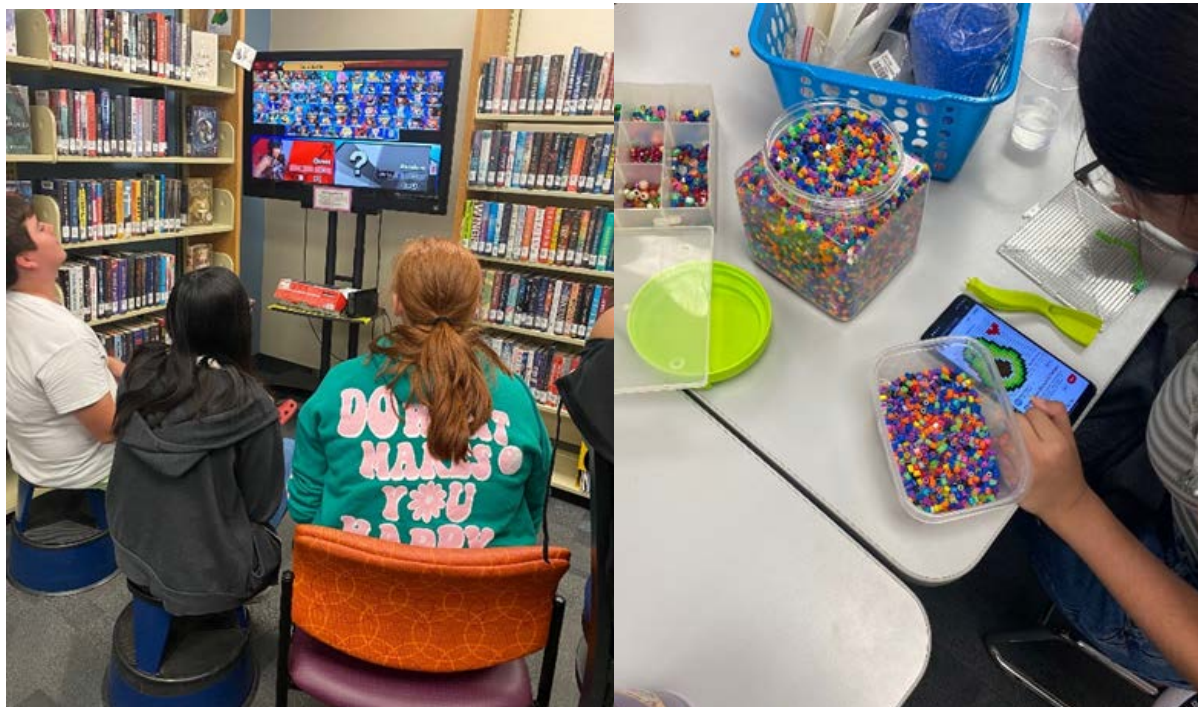
The branch hosted a special program this month, *M is for Musicians* on April 22. San Antonio Philharmonic Orchestra musician Bassam Nashawati visited the library to teach children about the violin, play some beautiful music for children and their families, and to answer their questions.





As Cody has been adapting to daily teen programming, Teen Librarian Ashley Frost and the entire Cody staff have worked together to expand the physical Teen space. We now have four armchairs for teens to lounge and study in. These more comfortable seating options have been a huge hit with our group, though many of the traditional tables and chairs are still utilized for the more craft-oriented Teens.

Teen programming had an average of 14 teen participants each day, so we have also added a second Teen program on Monday nights, run by one of our teen volunteers and geared at an older group of Teens. This month, Teens have added more art to the space and have utilized the TV for more gaming and movies now that it is more accessible and visible to the entire space.





Adult Services Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney visited San Antonio College on April 12, representing SAPL at SAC's Pride Day Resource Fair. Many of the people who stopped by the table asked about queer library programming and resources available through the library. Handouts about the LP collections were especially popular.

Dunbar-Rodney recorded the next episode of the SAPL podcast, InQueeries, featuring Nina Haines, the founder of the international online book club, Sapph-Lit. The podcast is scheduled to launch in June. *Do You Wanna Play a Game?* and *Tabletop Gaymer Night* continue to meet monthly, with steady attendance. Dunbar-Rodney hosted *Queer Crafternoon* this month as well.

Displays at Cody celebrated Battle of Flowers and National Poetry Month. The display cabinet featured South American musical instruments collected by Our Lady of the Lake University professor Angela Guzman. Library Aide Caleb Blount coordinated the program *G.R.O.W. Together – Growing Microgreens* for Seniors, where attendees learned how to grow microgreens indoors.

## COLLINS GARDEN

### Adults

The Collins Garden Book Club met on April 18 to discuss the novel **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett, Adult Librarian Rosa Villa hosted the club.

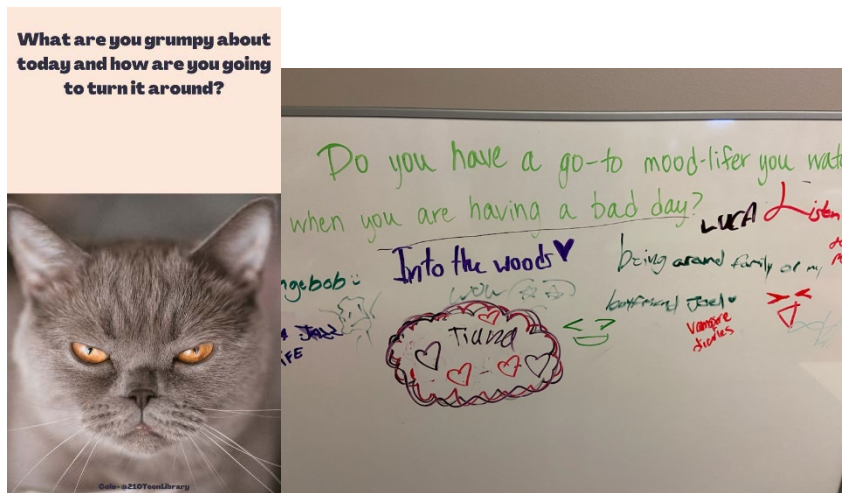
In honor of National Poetry Month, Ms. Villa mounted the Collection Development curated of National Poetry Month book display. She also mounted a National Garden Month and a Jazz Appreciation Month display. In honor of Easter, Ms. Villa showed the film *Easter Sunday* on April 1. On April 18, Ms. Villa hosted a DIY Jewelry for Adult craft event. Participants were able to create their own jewelry creation. Ms. Villa partnered with Teen Librarian Daniella Toll for a Fiesta event, Cascarones Bash. This event was hosted at the Collins Garden Park Small Pavilion. Participants were invited to make chalk art, bubbles, and a cascarones egg-hunt. On April 30, Ms. Villa attended the Fiesta para los Niños event at the Impacto Community Center of United Methodist Church where she introduced the library and its May programs.



### Teens

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll continued weekly Teen Vibe and Teen Club events, with 10 teens attending 5 events in the month of April, including one pop-up program where games and materials were made available to a group of teens who came in asking for activities on the weekend. The Teen Area at Collins Garden continued to have spaces available for teens to express themselves. A dry erase board

had conversations about movies and music, and teens drew on sticky notes and on butcher paper on tables in Teen Area. The off-site teen volunteers' creations for the 210teenlibrary Instagram included posts celebrating National Sibling Day and Great American Grump Out. Toll attended KIPP University Prep's Fiesta-themed event on April 13, talking to families about library cards. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Toll assisted Shannan Prukop with outreach at Job Fair for graduating seniors at Northside Activity Center, speaking to teens about job opportunities at COSA and volunteer opportunities with SAPL.



## Children

In celebration of Fiesta for the month of April children created artwork for inclusion on the white board located in the juvenile area of the library. (see Fiesta whiteboard photo 4.23). Ms. Brudi's outreach efforts took her to Knox Early Education Center on April 12<sup>th</sup> where she conducted storytimes to all nine classrooms. For the reporting period she hosted four Lego Club programs : four Let's Build Construction and More featuring Magna-Tiles and Straws and Connectors; and four Preschool Storytimes. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Collins Garden Elementary first-grade classrooms visited the Collins Garden Library on a field trip. Ms. Brudi read books to the groups and they all participated in a fun library scavenger hunt.



Ms. Brudi mounted a display of Juvenile books in celebration of National Frog Month.

## CORTEZ

In April 2023, Cortez Library welcomed their new Adult Services Librarian Melissa Carroll to the team and celebrated her promotion. Cortez was also fortunate to host Brenda Sanchez and Connie Hejl to help with coverage during Las Palma's closure. They have been a tremendous help. Branch Manager Angela Morrow, with President of the Friends of Cortez Library Vincent Escobedo, and Vice President Chris Escobedo, have been working on recruiting folks to the Friends of Cortez Library to be able to have a quorum and hold business. The Friends of Cortez Library meet every third Tuesday at 6PM. The branch hosted Casa Verde, spreading information for free ways to make homes more green and energy efficient. Cortez was a location for Early Voting.

### Adults

Jo Ann Paredes's weekly craft class, Getting Crafty, had three sessions this month. The crafts were bird feeders, a fiesta wreath, and water bottle flowers. Metro Health Healthy Neighborhoods partner, Vince Escobedo, has resumed his Healthy Cooking classes every third Thursday at noon, to much excitement. This month the recipe was healthy and delicious 'Confetti Corn' and had seven attendees. Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt took over the lobby display case with her many amigurumi creations, which created quite a buzz for those wanting to crochet.

### Teens

Jo Ann Paredes hosted two Drop-in Crochet sessions and Button-Making for Teen Time, with six total attendees.

### Childrens

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl has revived Lego Night with great success. Every Wednesday afternoon at 4PM families are invited to build and play together. For the month of April, there were 27 attendees. Esmeralda Staudt read four books in English and Spanish for Dial-a-Story.





## ENCINO

April has been a fun month for Encino kids! We started off the month with a STEM experiment where students were able to create their own boats out of random materials to see if they would float. They were also able to create paper boats using an Origami technique. It was fun to see the kids' creativity shine as they tried their hand at boat design. During another program, kids were able to get their hands dirty with fingerpaint! I was pleasantly surprised at how many of the older kids were so excited to be able to get messy and fingerpaint



Along with STEM and Art, we also enjoyed our regular LEGO time, Story Time and Baby Time throughout the month. The babies & toddlers were extra excited to be able to enjoy some play with bubbles during baby time. Tween time has been interrupted a bit due to voting, but the programs we did have saw lots of creativity



Encino Branch's "Read to a Dog" program continues to be a success every second and fourth Tuesday. Dorothy the dog comes ready to listen to stories read by the children, and the children enjoy reading and petting Dorothy.

Catered to working parents, "Swing in for a Story" grows in success every Sunday morning at 11am. Children listen to a story, participate in a song with a dance, and then go outside to the playground. While outside, Librarian I Krystal Owen also provides outdoor-friendly toys and/or a craft to make if desired. This month the children participated in an egg hunt, made rainy day craft umbrellas, pretended to be unicorns, and danced in bubbles.

### Teens:

Librarian I Krystal Owen facilitated passive programming opportunities for teens aged 13-18 at Encino. A "Bookface" display was made with several Young Adult novels with faces on the book covers. The display challenged teens to take "selfies" using the book covers for their own face. The results were printed and are being used to help decorate the teen room at Encino. Below are two examples from some of our creative Encino teens:



Teens also participated in weekly in-person programs: Teen Club @ Encino on Tuesday nights 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Teens were involved in an array of activities, from singing karaoke, playing board games, participating in social activities, playing chess, studying for the SAT/finals—and most importantly, creating meaningful connections and building relationships.

### **Adults:**

Adults and Teens enjoyed making no-sew sock bunnies at Encino on April 3. They were fun and easy for all involved!



Encino also hosted a craft supplies swap on April 16. This was a great opportunity for Encino crafters to donate some items they were no longer using, and for crafters to get more new to them supplies! We even had a couple of participants planning on trying new crafting techniques with items found at the swap!

If patrons were unable to attend Encino's in-person crafting programs, we also offered a Take-and-Make kit in April. Adults could grab a kit to make decoupaged jumbo clothespin magnets.

Librarian Ann Laird has also been able to reconnect with nearby Franklin Park independent living and assisted living centers. Ms. Laird went to the centers to do "Meet the Librarian" presentations where she introduced herself and talked about what the Encino Branch has to offer for their residents. There are plans to have a group come from the centers in the near future to get library cards!

Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird also participated on the 2023 Summer Program committee and helped finalize systemwide plans for Adults for the Summer!

### **Branch**

Encino Friends Group hosted a successful Book Sale and Craft Fair on Saturday, April 15. They hosted an early bird viewing for new and current Friends members.

Encino accommodated Bexar Elections Early Voting during the week of April 24-30, bringing in 2,252 voters to the branch.

# FOREST HILLS

On April 22nd, Forest Hills hosted a Poetry reading by published local author Alex Z. Salinas. This program was 3 years in the making, having originally been slated for poetry month April 2020 and both Author and host were happy to finally see it come to fruition. The branch and author were excited to celebrate not only the re-opening of Forest Hills, but also poetry month, with their first Adult program since re-opening. For the reading itself, Alex prefaced each poem with stories that had inspired him to write, which were sprinkled with humor, love for his craft, and audience. He read from two of his published collections, Dreamt and Warbles, along with a few poems from his upcoming collection that will be published in the coming months. The reading was followed by a Question-and-answer portion, along with fruit, veggies, cookies, and tea.

The neighborhood welcomed the opportunity to utilize the new meeting room space for the Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association meeting on April 3. The new Collaborate Space was also utilized by patrons for quiet study, and group projects. Community members are continuously impressed with the updated accommodations as they visit the library.

Branch Manager Mary Naylor visited the Doris Griffin Senior Center to host the monthly book club. The group discussed *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen.

Teen Services Librarian Shannan Prukop continued building a space for teens at Forest Hills through weekly Teen Time programs, building supplies available for programs, and giving teens the power to create in their space with craft supplies and paper covering the space's table. Mx. Prukop attended the yearly Texas Library Association conference, this year in Austin, sharing with staff information learned and free items received. Using Advance Reader Copies, they created a free book shelf for teens in the teen space. Along with Daniella Toll, Mx. Prukop attended the NSITE job fair on April 27<sup>th</sup> as representatives of the San Antonio Public Library and the city, speaking to teens about opportunities for work and volunteering, as well as library resources to help with jobs readiness. They also continued with preparations for the annual Pop Madness event, reaching out to potential guests and coordinating information and attending meetings. Mx. Prukop continued serving as Dungeon Master for the weekly Dungeons and Dragons game for teens on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, giving teens the opportunity to build confidence in interpersonal relationships and practice creative problem solving.

Children's Services Librarian Ana Menchaca offered Story Time, Lego Time, Kids Time, and Baby Time on a weekly basis throughout April, and hosted pop-up come-and-go crafts, providing our youngest patrons with an engaging activity while in the children's space. Families have responded positively by creating some beautiful and interesting art. Ms. Menchaca, with a select group of children's librarians, attended the Pride Center's Family Spring Celebration, for which they brought materials for a craft and handed out information about the San Antonio Public Library. They were delighted to hear a lot of praise from attendees about the public library, and attending children were happy to make a craft. Ms. Menchaca, along with Clair Larkin, Carrie Vance, Jasmin Salinas, Leslie Elsasser, and Shannon Seglin, presented at the annual Texas Library Association annual conference. Their presentation was titled "Building Resilience Through, Equity in Play," focusing on public libraries and how they facilitate play, which impacts children's resiliency. As she does every month, Ms. Menchaca wrote for the children's blog, this month reviewing the book *They Call Her Fregona* by David Bowles. Ms. Menchaca also recorded a story for Telecuetos, Evelyn Del Rey Se Muda. As part of keeping up with local resources, Ms. Menchaca attended a virtual training for SACRD. It was impressive to see how much information SACRD



has, and Ms. Menchaca is sure to use it with patrons. Virtual Programming continues to be popular with patrons; Ms. Menchaca continued to help facilitate virtual Baby Story Time and Family Story Time throughout April.

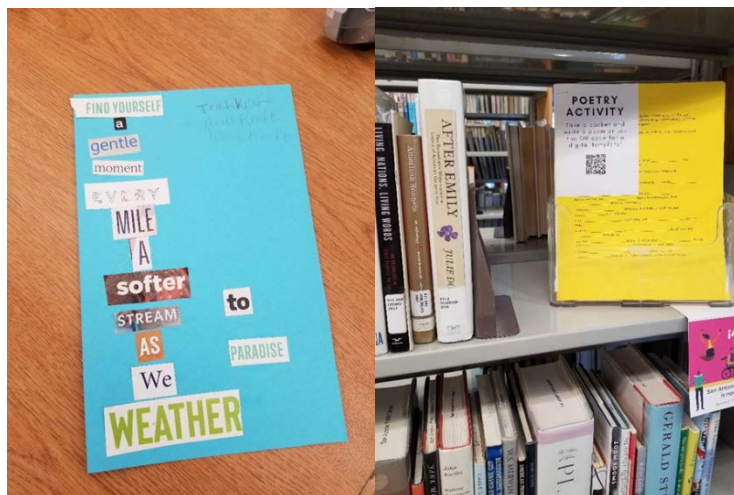
## GREAT NORTHWEST

A highlight for the April children's programs with Children's Librarian Cari Raley was the fair celebrating the artistic work and critical thinking of the *World Matters* Tween program and the *3-D Science Club*. The participants ranged in age from 4-13 years old and combined to do a finale event together called *Out Of This World Fair* in which both groups participated in different capacities. The *3-D Science Club* participants displayed the life size skeletons complete with internal organs that they had completed over the last few months. The fair allowed participants to showcase the artwork they made while the tweens were building their own worlds. Tween participants created their own societal structure as well as developed their charter of human rights. Patrons shopped the different newly created worlds much like one might at a job fair. One hundred and fifty people participated and it was a great success for the tweens to practice receiving feedback and expressing their ideas.

The teens planned and implemented all teen programs at Great Northwest Branch Library for April of 2023, including an interactive Black-Out Poetry display for National Poetry Month and a Penguin-themed movie night for World Penguin Day! The Teen volunteers also have a volunteer meeting one Sunday of each month and use that time to plan for next month's events. For National Poetry Month the teens planned a fun interactive book display and created a space to complete the Black-Out Poetry project which included markers, old newspapers and discarded books, with instructions on how to make the poem. The branch also had a Teen Volunteer join the Friends group at GNW and they attended their first Friends Meeting to advocate for teen programming and supplies, which is amazing! Stay tuned to see what they have planned for May of 2023!

During the month of April Great Northwest Library displayed San Antonio Public Library Fiesta medals from years past. The exhibit also provided information on the history of Fiesta San Antonio medals.

Library Assistant Jenn Tristan's *Cut & Glue Collage* program had 4 attendees who made colorful Fiesta and spring-themed collages. She also created a National Poetry Month display to inspire patrons to create poem collages.



On April 15 Great Northwest Library hosted the *Library Bee* quilting group where older adults and adults can meet once a month to work on quilting projects and learn new quilting skills.

Great Northwest Library hosted a Fiesta San Antonio event on April 17. Patrons had the opportunity to create a DIY paper Fiesta wreath to decorate a door or window.

On April 25 Great Northwest Adult Services Library Stephanie Vazquez visited the Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center for the 2023 Senior Fiesta event. Ms. Vazquez provided an information table at the event and shared information on library services like the Libby app.

The Potpourri Book Club met twice in April. Library Assistant LC Keefe hosted discussions on the 1st and 29th. Attendees enjoyed discussing the historical fiction novel *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and a current fiction title *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

## GUERRA

Guerra was proud to continue hosting the nationwide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) this April as well as serve as a polling location for local elections. Both key services brought in community members from all over the city.

The bulletin board in the Children's area has some resident bats that make a monthly appearance. Their attire or themes change with the season.



Children's Librarian, Linda Lopez, continues to host weekly Toddler Story Time, Lego Club, and Tween Time. Toddler Story Time has grown in popularity, and has shown an increase in regulars that attend. Lego Club is still a popular program with high attendance numbers. The Tween Time draws a small, but consistent group of regulars. They seem to love working with perler beads, and always leave the program with amazing perler creations.



On April 11, Linda went to John Glenn Elementary School for their Pre-k Roundup. She spoke with parents about the importance of early literacy, shared information about obtaining a library card, and all the programs that SAPL has to offer the community.



Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *Los coquies aún cantan* (The Puerto Rican coquis still croak) by Karina Gonzalez, on April 4 for Dial-a-Story in Spanish. On April 21, Stephen presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez senior center which emphasized questions on taxes and Texas. He moderated the Spanish book club, Club de Lectura on April 27. They discussed the book *Berta Isla* by Javier Marías. This fictional book follows the relationship of a Spanish lady who meets and marries a British man who is employed by the British government to spy but cannot share with her what he does.

Teen Librarian, Bek Corley, facilitated Guerra's weekly Teen Club in collaboration with teen volunteers. The teens led multiple gaming sessions in their Teen Space and began planning for summer Teen Clubs.

## IGO

Igo Manager Tim Johnson hosted both the Dollars and Sense discussion group on April 1st. Participants discussed *Think Again* by Adam Grant and applied the concepts to economics and finance. Mr. Johnson also hosted the Igo Mystery book group which met on April 5th and discussed *Arsenic and Adobo* by Mia Manansala. Lastly, Mr. Johnson continues to co-host SAPL's Escape the Earth Sci-Fi and Fantasy

podcast with Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow) and Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central Children's). The current episode features discussion on Cixin Liu's *Three Body Problem*.

Teen Time regulars and the Teen Time volunteer have continued working with the teen librarian, Annie Calonico, to plan and execute activities for Teen Times. This month they planned a birthday celebration for one of the regular teens and have become quite attached to playing the board game Catan, which has become the regulars' activity of choice most weeks. Giving teens the power to plan and choose the activities for Teen Time has increased their feelings of belonging and ownership of the space and time.

Teen volunteer and mentee, Luke Marroquin, planned and executed a Teen Open Mic/Café event this month with the support and guidance of branch manager, Tim Johnson, and teen librarian, Annie Calonico. The event gave teens the opportunity to perform in front of their peers, socialize, and enjoy snacks and beverages in a casual setting, while also giving our volunteer experience in event planning and leadership.

Teen librarian, Annie Calonico, hosted this month's meeting of Igo's Better Read Than Dead book club, which focuses on horror and true crime writing. The group's membership continues to grow and discussions around this month's choice, Josh Malerman's *Bird Box*, were engaging and lively.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance and Library Services Specialist Mikala Thomas continue to develop programs that garner much appreciation from the Igo community. Toddler Story Time in April brought the return of the sand table and a combined indoor-outdoor format for the play portion. Process art is always a favorite at Preschool Story Time. Children explored working with oil pastels, paper plate twist painting, and cling wrap painting. The group also made rubber band banjos early in April and Ms. Vance and Ms. Thomas are still hearing about how much the children enjoy them.

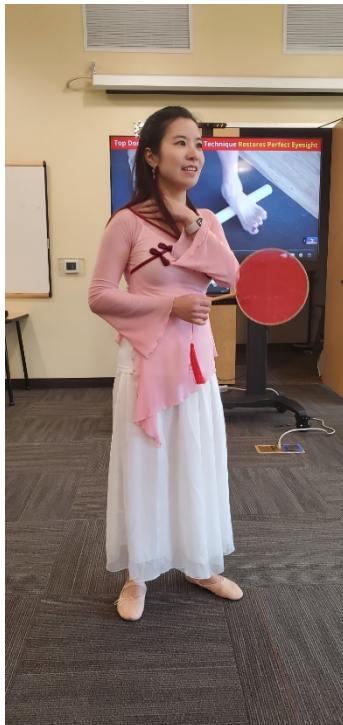
Ms. Vance visited Rawlinson Middle School for their Family Appreciation Night on April 11. Unfortunately, Ms. Thomas was not able to attend in person, but did in spirit via the whirligig craft she designed. Families, teachers, and the school librarian all dropped by to tell Ms. Vance that the "Library table" was the hit of the night due to the craft.

Ms. Vance co-presented at the Texas Library Association on April 21, with a small part in the Building Resiliency Through Play presentation with colleagues around the system. Ms. Vance's portion discussed the role of the children's librarian in developing relationships and supporting parents and children by reducing stress and strengthening core life skills.

Librarians Carrie Vance and Annie Calonico continue to alternate facilitating The Igo Stitchery, the weekly group where people find community through stitching. Several participants have decided to stretch their knitting skills by participating in a sock-along.



15<sup>th</sup> of April, Adult Services Librarian, Gamini Haluwana arranged a program for Igo families titled “The Asian-American Experience: Past and Present” twelve people joined for a panel discussion about the lived experience of Asian-Americans from the past through today, followed by a live cultural performance. A lesson of Tai Chi and a dancing act was performed by Dr. Melody Yunzi Li Ms. Yuefen Li



Circulation attendant, Morghann Patterson, continues to host Igo's nature book club, Entangled Life, who read 'The Source: How Rivers Made America and America Remade Its Rivers', by Martin Doyle.

## JOHNSTON

The branch hosted the mobile market, Mercado por tu Corazon, on April 11<sup>th</sup> as part of the American Heart Association's partnership with the library to provide the opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables to residents. Johnston hosted Early Voting April 24—April 29. More than 840 voters cast their ballots at Johnston during Early Voting.

Librarian Cristiane Yamada Lokensgard conducted the monthly Adult Craft Time on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Participants made origami bookmarks.



Children's Librarian Jackie Gonzales held Family Story Time on Thursdays, where she sang songs, told rhymes, and read stories to children and families. Ms. Gonzales incorporated musical shakers, scarves, puppets, bubbles, props, and a felt board to help engage with children. Ms. Gonzales held Let's Create: Maker's Club every Thursday afternoon which started with an art prompt for school age children and their families. Children were invited to follow the prompt or create another project with any materials provided. Prompts included: Paper Plate Turtle; Coffee Filter Owl; and Paper Bag Monster.



Ms. Gonzales participated in several outreach events: La Petite Academy on Wurzbach for Storytime; Rayburn Elementary for Literary Night on April 4; Dwight Middle School to assist the Johnston's Teen Librarian with presenting SAPL services to district librarians on April 12 and Athens Elementary for Literary Night with reading tents borrowed from Little Red Wagon on April 19.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza continued to host the Gaming Club on the Teen service discord server every Sunday afternoon. Several teens streamed gameplay of Stardew Valley, Hollow Knight, Minecraft Legends and Roblox. Ms. Garza facilitated in-person Teen Time every Monday night. This month teens requested learning how to decorate cascarones and make chocolate-filled croissants and ratatouille. San Antonio Food Bank chef Brittany Hernandez came to show the teens how to make a simple ratatouille. Teens cut, diced, sliced and chopped various veggies to sauté for the recipe. For dessert, Chef Brittany showed the teen group how to make French toast. Ms. Garza hosted the BTS craft club on April 2. The group learned how to make rice balls using sushi rice and seaweed. A group member showed the others how to cook SPAM and fill the rice balls with it. Participants made buttons, keychains and other crafts to hand out during one of the member's concerts coming up. On April 12 Ms. Garza visited Dwight Middle School and presented San Antonio Public Library services to school district librarians.



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Library Assistant Ana Pina hosted the Johnston No-pressure Book Club on Sunday, April 16th where participants gathered to talk about the books they have been reading for the month of March. Some notable books mentioned were *Collected Essays* by James Baldwin and *I Hear the Sunspot* by Yuki Fumino. Ms. Pina hosted the Johnston Leaf Swap alongside Circulation attendant Linda Childs on Saturday, April 22. Participants came to exchange plants and books with other community

LEARN's Training Officer, Marcella McGowan, provided the following programs: Civics for Citizenship Test on April 5, iPads Tips and Tricks on Sunday 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Ms. McGowan presented Tips & Tricks for Search Browsers on April 19th and 26th. The Learn area had 20 patrons accessing the Center in April.

## LANDA

The Monte Vista Historical Association met on the grounds of Landa in April to host their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The group had over 2,500 eggs filled for the hunters! The event was moved to Saturday for the

first time in years. It was incredibly well-attended and all involved left with happy, chocolate-covered faces.

April programming continued with weekly Baby Time, Tween Time, and Outdoor Family Story Time. Families reported to Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas that their favorite activity in April was painting giant cardboard boxes with tempera paint or poster paint sticks. Monday Baby Time attendance also continued to grow with families staying over the length of the hour-long program to talk and play and connect. Baby Time caregivers commented to staff that they love the Children's Librarian and have nothing but glowing praise for the hard work put into the program. These parents said Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas is "amazing and they can't wait to come back".

Every Friday, Landa continued to offer Lego Time and Process Art activities for children of all ages to drop in and enjoy.

Landa Library staff, including Manager Kiyanna Stephens, Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas, and Circulation Attendant Walden Booker, lent their voices to the Mayor's Summer Reading Club: Summer with SAPL's promotional video in April.

Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas presented with a team of San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) Children's Librarians at the Texas Library Association on Building Resilience Through Play. She also continued to lead Baby Time Online and Art Club Online Zoom programs in April.

Edison High School invited Landa Teen Librarian Stephanie Thomas-Rosen back to speak to the special education population on summer reading opportunities. She had the pleasure of talking with 15 students and seven adults about SAPL.

April was a spectacular month for teen programming. The teens really seemed to be enjoying and utilizing the Landa Teen Space. They became more comfortable asking for supplies, activities, and books. Staff continued to learn individual teens' names and what they are interested in. Positive feedback from one teen was, "Thank you for all you do for us. I had a lot of fun".

In April, book club groups read *The Lost Apothecary*, *Circe*, and *The Woman in the Library*. Mystery Book Club and Readers Ink both had new members join.

## LAS PALMAS

Las Palmas closed its doors for renovations on Monday, March 20, 2023. Las Palmas Branch remained separately available to serve as a voting center for the Bexar County Election Department's City Election, April 24-May 2. More than 1,500 voters cast their ballots at Las Palmas during Early Voting.

Las Palmas is currently offering Interim library Services at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU), Sueltenfuss Library, at 411 SW 24th St., San Antonio, TX 78207.

OLLU celebrated National Library Week this month and invited Las Palmas to host an information table. On Monday, April 24, Las Palmas Circulation staff, Celicia De Los Santos and Brenda Sanchez, setup in the library's main walkthrough and issued new library cards and informational literature to faculty and students.



# MAVERICK

In April, Maverick hosted four adult programs. Maverick's Mah Jongg group met twice. The Lady Mav's Book Club and the Ladies Choice Book Club also met for their monthly meeting. Maverick hosted the Bexar County Elections Office for early voting from April 24 – May 2, 2023 and May 6, 2023 for Election Day. The Reference Team worked together to make certain the presiding judges had access in the morning and remained later in the evening. Adult Services Librarian, Ben Longoria, weeded through the nonfiction collection throughout the reporting period.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, had a variety of tasks and projects during the reporting period. She opened for Early Voting on April 25 and April 29. Ms. Roberts worked with her branch holdings editors to change the locations of Juvenile Award books to other parts of the Juvenile collection—a system-wide change. She took part in the scheduled LibChat duties for Maverick on Friday, April 14.

Story Times and Lego Times were very well attended during the reporting period. Baby Time has especially grown since Fall, with 16-24 babies each time. On April 15, Bartholomew the French bulldog and his owner, Mellisa DeThorne, were at Maverick for Read to a Dog; 4 very enthusiastic children read to him and were very excited to hear he was coming back in July! Ms. Roberts also read "Hooray for Trucks" by Susan Hughes for Dial-A-Story on April 25.

The Children's Librarian ensured all her programs for "Summer With SAPL" were in Trumba. She also contacted librarians at 4 elementary schools in the Maverick service area that she will visit in May to promote "Summer With SAPL". Ms. Roberts started prepping for her summer in-house programs as well.

Ms. Roberts had several meetings and training courses during the reporting period. She had Security Awareness Training on April 11, Drug and Alcohol training on April 13 and Reasonable Suspicion Training in the Workplace on April 17. Ms. Roberts attended the Children's Librarian meetings on April 12 and 26.

During April, more Teens worked on homework during Teen Time than usual, and they requested a wide range of snacks. Teens made Pigs in a Blanket and "super-buttery toast," snacked on Animal Crackers and chili dogs over the course of the month. Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl and Circulation Clerk



Taylur Loera assisted Maverick Teens' plans by preparing equipment and supplies for the snacks, crafts, and games. One Teen Volunteer instructed the others on how to make their own stickers, and other weeks Teens colored, drew, and painted with acrylics. Teens planned for and enjoyed tabletop games, video games and two movies. Often activities take place simultaneously and spontaneously, as when one Teen brought his new electric guitar and entertained the group with repetitions of the opening riff to Black Sabbath's Ironman.

## McCRELESS

April saw continued growth in the LEARN Center during walk-in hours, and at the weekly class offerings. The English Class as a Second Language saw one of its largest classes in April with 17 patrons. Lodie continues to provide instructional support and lesson planning for other Training Officers offering English Classes. Christina Flores continued to travel to other LEARN Centers as part of her training and to provide coverage. On April 1, LEARN participated in an outreach event at Empower House. At this event we were able to connect with over 80 people and speak to representatives from various organizations including Family Services, Project Quest, and University Health. Lodie and Christina participated in an informational session offered by SACRD to learn about resources for patrons, and a training on "Teaching Tips and Tricks." April had 52 walk-in patrons and class attendance included 60 for the English Class, 4 for Yoga, 14 for iPad, and 10 for Civics.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales hosted a Movie Night at McCreless called Puss in Boots the Last Wish with 18 in attendance. Mr. Gonzales attended the Pop Culture meeting and Pop Madness meeting which helped plan a Pokémon Arena area where families can enjoy all things Pokémon. Library Assistant Gonzales also continued his assistance with patron's needing computer and personal device help.

On April 16, Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos held Queer Crafternoon. Patrons are invited to craft and display their creativity in a safe space while listening to stories with queer-centered storylines or queer characters. This month's audio selection was Kiss Her Once for Me by Alison Cochrun.

Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos contributed to SAPL Live Trivia with a category on Urban Legends. The monthly program was hosted and moderated by Librarians Brook Mjolsness and moderated by Librarian Villalobos and Central Reference's Bettina Hernandez on April 21.

In April, Librarian Vicky Villalobos ran passive team-building for McCreless staff called Stream Building. Staff streamed the same TV series, following a schedule and spent the month chatting about the popular K-drama Crash Landing on You.

## MEMORIAL

The staff of Memorial Branch Library were happy to welcome returning voters for Early Voting during the last week of April. Many voters had not yet been to the library since the renovations were completed and they expressed great pleasure to once again being able to cast their votes in Memorial's meeting room. As so many of them had previously voted at Memorial, they were bemused at having to change direction mid-stride on their way to the meeting room since our *new* meeting room is in a completely different part of the building than before. Election judges and voters alike were very pleased with the layout because the doors on opposite ends of the room facilitated the flow of voters in and out.

Several of Memorial's staff also volunteered their time to help Memorial's Friends of the Library group, known as the Amigos, during the Amigos annual fundraiser. Each year during the St. Mary's University Fiesta Oyster Bake, the Amigos take over the parking lot of the Memorial Branch Library after the library closes for the evening. As the library is directly across the street from the Oyster Bake festivities, the Amigos are able to raise a significant portion of their annual budget by charging festival-goers for parking in such a prime location.

Interim Branch Manager, and Children's Librarian, Christine Deffendall participated in a collection assessment conducted by the Collection Development team. Christine was invited to attend two Pre-K Roundups at local elementary schools Martin and Glass, and she continued to offer Preschool Story Time and LEGO Club once a week.

Adult Services Librarian Freddy Hudson collaborated with the office of City Council District Five to coordinate a blood drive, held on April 10, with the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center. To celebrate National Poetry Month, local poet Imelda Garcia and her family read poems from *Anthology Poetry 2*, a book that features their work. Eighteen people attended the event on April 15 and enjoyed their inspiring poetry. It was particularly special because Ms. Garcia, her two daughters, and their two daughters have been in the community and used the Memorial Library for years. Ms. Garcia's daughters even participated in the Young Pegasus competition when they were younger. Freddy offered a craft event for adults on April 18. Ten people attended and made cascarones with creative and colorful designs to celebrate Fiesta. Freddy continued to assist Christine with LEGO Club.

Learn Center Training Officer Daniel Gomez assisted patrons with job applications, housing applications, and becoming familiar with their personal devices. *Welcome to Computers* classes continued to be held every week. Two patrons have completed the course and received Certificates of Completion. Both patrons continue to visit the Learn Center for further skill development. Three more patrons are working on completing the program. Learn Spanish classes were held weekly, with an average of five students attending per class. Learn English classes commenced at the beginning of the month. An average of three students have attended these Saturday classes. An ESL teacher brought six adult students to Memorial for a library tour conducted by Daniel. Each of the students received a library card and checked out materials. The ESL teacher contacted Daniel the next day to express much gratitude for the tour, for information given about all of the library's programs, and for making the students, all whom are immigrants, feel welcome.

Library Aide Guadalupe (Lupe) Pinales gave her artistic skills a workout during April. She planned and made the Fiesta decorations for the branch, including colorful butterflies on many surfaces and an awe-inspiring installation for the corner of the lobby. Circulation Attendant Adam Capelo assisted with putting up the decorations.



Lupe's loom knitting and jewelry-making classes continue to grow and inspired her to create Take-and-Make kits with supplies and instructions for making paper beads. Another Take-and-Make kit Lupe created contained the materials and instructions for building a flower out of paper. Altogether, more than 60 kits found homes with Memorial's patrons.

Circulation Attendant and Teen Services Liaison Michelangelo Sosa, ably assisted by Adam Capelo, created and then improved the workflow and reservation management system for Memorial Library's Study Rooms, Flex (Collaborate) Space, and Teen board games. This new system increases accuracy and reduces time spent managing meeting spaces and board games, records usage statistics, and allows coordinators to analyze usage data and reduces data entry for front desk staff.

Michelangelo conducted weekly programs for teens aged 13 to 18 in the teen space. This month teens participated in and inspired the activities during Teen Time @ Memorial such as the perler bead crafts and perler jewelry making, free-form plush figures, and the Wii Sports boxing tournament. Teens' involvement in the planning of these programs encouraged a sense of community among the teens and celebrated their interests and ownership of their space within the library. Michelangelo continues posting about events on the Memorial Branch Library Facebook group. As a result, patrons have attended programs after hearing about the in-person events through Facebook.

In addition to assisting Lupe and Michelangelo in their efforts, Adam also trained a new staff member to use the office supply ordering system.

Circulation Attendant Darlene Lopez has found a temporary home at Memorial while the Las Palmas Branch Library is undergoing renovations. Darlene has already made a positive impact on operations at Memorial by providing extra desk coverage during library programs. She has also had a positive impact on patrons, earning an EnCORE commendation from one of them.

# MISSION

Mission served as an early voting site for the Joint General, Special, Charter and Bond Elections for Bexar County during the last week of April.

On Saturday, April 22nd, the World Heritage Office had their Open House event at Mission Library which coincided nicely with Harlandale ISD's Cultural Arts Fair. The Cultural Arts Fair began as a parade at Harlandale High School and ended at the Mission Marquee Plaza, followed by the start of the Open House event in Mission's auditorium and courtyard. The Open House consisted of several other city departments sharing information about services offered. Among these, San Antonio Public Library was represented by Mission Library Aide Perla Campos.

Mission Library Teens participated in several activities in April. These activities were decided on by regular attendees and teen volunteers. Activities included organizing an egg hunt outside on the patio, creating stickers and origami, baking cookies, as well as playing table tennis and the Nintendo Switch.

April was Volunteer Appreciation month and teen volunteers received new volunteer t-shirts as well as goody bags with candy, stickers, and buttons. Teens liked the t-shirts so much that they wore them throughout the month. Volunteers were quite busy creating book displays and decorating the Teen Space for Fiesta with colorful tissue paper flowers on garlands hung along windows, tables, and shelves.

Teen Services Librarian, Cindy Cruz, continues to contribute to the Strategic Plan workgroup and helped provide an update on progress to Teen Services Librarians at their meeting at Landa Library.

# PAN AMERICAN

For adult services Librarian II, Adrian Leal, held his bimonthly Older Adults Game Time. This program is dedicated to our older adult patrons. It allows them to spend some time relaxing and socializing with other older adults. They also have an assortment of games to play during this program.

Mr. Leal also held his bi-monthly Puzzle Time Program. This program allows adult patrons the opportunity to spend some time solving puzzles and/or putting a jigsaw puzzle together.

Mediation Classes continue to be held weekly at the Pan American Branch. Classes are free and open to the public. Classes are held on Saturday's, from 10:15-11:15.

On April 13th and 27th, Mr. Leal participated in two outreaches at the Southside Lions Senior Center. Mr. Leal offered library card signups and answered questions that members had about their library account. Mr. Leal even returned some books for a patron that had limited access and ability to get to a branch.

On April 15th, the Cancer IS One Cancer Group (C.I.O.C.) held their monthly Cancer support group. This program/support group is free and open to the public. Anyone who has been impacted by Cancer is welcome to join in on these monthly meetups.



# PARMAN



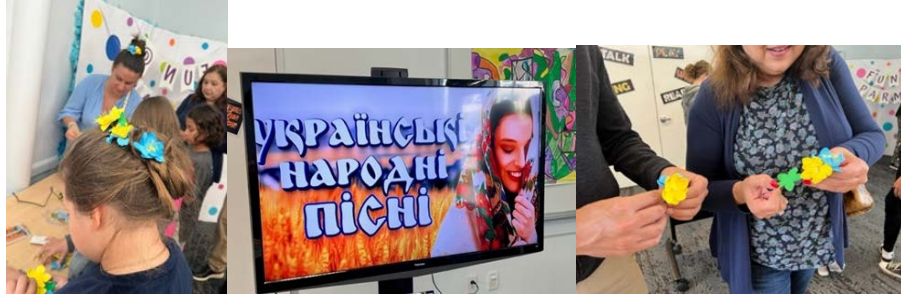
Parman's neighborhood

"Nothing Bunt Cake" establishment decided to celebrate National Library Week and Library Workers Day by surprising Parman Library Staff with delicious cake covered with out of this world frosting. The cake lasted about 6 minutes, but the memories will last forever! One of our youngest patrons, in appreciation of the library services, created for Parman staff the most beautiful handmade card – how cool is that!



Barbara Kwiatkowski created, planned, and implemented for the first time at the Central Library the Multicultural Festival. The community really enjoyed the 2-hour event. Over 250 people showed up and many took their time to write very positive reviews and share their appreciation of having a multicultural celebration at Central Library. To make this event as smooth as possible Barbara K. created a small team with Zach Woolston in a lead of 6 volunteers to provide excellent experience for both presenters and visitors. She reached out to the Central Facility Department, which was very helpful in the process and established a schedule for check-ins with an adult coordinator to keep her up to date on completed tasks, pressing issues, concerns, and to coordinate next steps.

Parman had the privilege of being an early voting location once again this past April and the branch had a steady stream of people visiting during the week to cast their votes during this month's election. Parman staff patiently and diligently answered voting questions and invited all those who had visited the library for the first time to get their library card. The election judges showed their appreciation to the staff with a gift of gigantic cookies from the Texas Cookie Company!



Parman hosted the first

Ukrainian Language and Culture Club this April! The club welcomed people to learn and share their stories and knowledge of Ukrainian culture and traditions. 28 people attended, including several refugees and patrons with no Ukrainian ethnic background attended the meeting. They talked about Ukraine, shared, and learned the history and culture to create a real sense of community among the members. Kids got engaged with craft activities and songs.

In April, Parman library featured a display in its adult fiction section entitled “A Field Guide to Women.” It highlighted dark and feminist novels centered on the female perspective. The display was created by Library Assistant and our own active writer, Melissa Moser, also well known for her vivid knowledge of literature. “A Field Guide to Women” project featured such authors as Margret Atwood, Kate Russell, Amy Tan, and many more. The display was so popular among patrons it had to be refilled more than a few times during the month.

In April, Teen Services Librarian Zachary Woolston continued to facilitate Teen Time programs. Teen Volunteers were encouraged and given resources to lead NERF Wars, LEGO building competitions, and more during the month's Teen Times. Teens also engaged with more art stations, drawing fun easter eggs and sharing their summer plans.

Parman had two scavenger hunts in April for patrons to enjoy. Since the weather was so lovely, there was an outdoor hunt list to take out to the trail. Patrons of all ages were challenged to find items in nature like a plant that is as tall as you, etc. Inside the library youngsters followed clues through the library to find the answer to the riddle. Over 180 finishers of both scavenger hunts got to pick a sticker.

All the Parman Story Times were hopping this month! The children in the Family Story Times worked on their fine motor skills by tapping end to end and hammering one stick with the other stick. All enjoyed playing along with Hap Palmer's “Tap Your Sticks!” Baby Story Time attendees worked on their animal sounds with fun books like Do Cows Meow? by Salina Yoon. The tunnels and big balls were favorites at Open Play after story time.

The popularity of our Cuentos y Canciones continues to grow. In each story time planned and led by Veronica Yau children learn through songs their Spanish ABCs, numbers, colors, shapes, opposites, and more. Each session ends with an unstructured playtime. To celebrate Fiesta participants made a tissue paper pinata craft and enjoyed playing shakers and dance to “La Bamba.”





Creator Club made beautiful cakes out of sponges this month. There were tall cakes, short cakes and even one cake pop. They looked almost good enough to eat! At the end of the month, Creator Club headed outdoors for chalk fun and decorated the Parman sidewalks with beautiful works of art.

In Tween Time, Tweens tried to break the world record of putting 60 post-it notes on your face in one minute, but our winner only made it to 12. This group also crawled, hopped, and spun through an indoor obstacle course, made a variety of fun buttons with our button maker, and painted beautiful scenes for plastic animals. Playing games is still popular and the kids are excited to greet their Tween Time friends each week.

## POTRANCO

The Potranco Branch Library had a busy month of April, with a variety of activities and events for all ages.

- Story Time and Bilingual Story Time were both well-attended, with 24-30 kids in each session. The children enjoyed stories, songs, and rhymes, as well as crafts and activities.
- Lego Time was a popular choice for kids ages 5-12. They built their own creations with Lego bricks, and had a lot of fun in the process.
- Tween Time was a great opportunity for kids ages 10-14 to come together and hang out. They made their own buttons, played with robots, tie dyed some backpacks, and did pearly bead art.



In addition to these regular programs, Potranco also hosted a few special events in April.

- A Robot Play Date was held for children's librarians to learn more about some STEM kits that will be used this summer. The librarians got to play with the robots and see how they could be used for educational purposes.
- A Ramadan display was donated by Troop 5060. The display featured information about Ramadan, including its history, traditions, and significance.

Librarian Zeig was very active in April, holding three book clubs, attending the Texas Library Association's annual conference, and participating in several other events. She is always looking for new ways to engage the community and provide valuable resources to library patrons.

Circulation Attendant Pascal Booker hosted his biweekly writer's group. The group met for two hours on a Saturday afternoon, and each member brought a piece of writing to share. The writer's group was a great opportunity for Pascal and the other members to get feedback on their writing. They were able to get



honest opinions from people who were passionate about writing, and they were able to learn from each other's experiences.

Branch Manager Steven Barrera also had a busy month. He presented a Lightning Talk at TLA in Austin with colleague Monica Bustillo. The talk was about a "Staff Swap" teambuilding project that Potranco and Guerra Libraries successfully implemented.

Overall, it was a great month for the Potranco Branch Library. The staff is committed to providing quality programming and services to the community, and they are always looking for new ways to improve.

## PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

In April, Pruitt's Children's Services hosted its regularly scheduled *Toddler Story Time*, *Let's Build*, *Children's Yoga*, and *Tween Yoga* weekly programs. Sixteen children's programs were held, with a total of 93 participants. These programs were focused on the themes of Spring and Earth Day. *Toddler Time* participants made new friends, sang, danced, and popped bubbles with scarves to a fun bubble playlist, and their parents expressed their appreciation for the Earth Day themed books that were shared. Participants were also able to have a sensory play time using the branch's assortment of sensory bins. *Let's Build* enjoyed the LEGO challenge cards and all took pictures of their amazing creations! *Children's Yoga* and *Tween Yoga* participants were invited to plant a seed and were encouraged to repeat a positive affirmation every time they watered their plant.



Teen Services Librarian Lauren Hime and Library Assistant Nicholas Blevins supported Pruitt teen patrons as a number of participants populated the final session of the Rackspace-sponsored Chess Club series. It was a great year of challenging chess and we look forward to the return of this program! Pruitt's "Indie" Dungeons and Dragons teen group continues to show strong self-management skills, and the branch hopes to facilitate more groups like this in the future to help foster teen leadership and advocacy in our programming. The Teen Take-and-Make craft kits for April provided teens the materials to paint a seedling

pot, plant a mystery flower, and create their very own “Plant Pals” to keep their seedlings company while they sprout and grow.



Weekly *Adult Virtual Coloring* combined meditative coloring with ongoing discussions of things to do around town (including SAPL programming). *Special Needs Adult Programming* continued with a reading of Michelle Knudsen's Library Lion and a lion drawing lesson plus the addition of a tissue paper mane.



The Bexar County Appraisal District discussed *Understanding Your Property Appraisal* and took the time to hold one-on-one consultations with participants afterwards.



*Adult Craft Time* participants created and decorated bird feeders for feathered friends.



*Family Chess* and *Chess Lesson Livestreams* saw returning patrons and new faces participating in strategy discussion both in-person and online.

All available Pruitt staff attended *Staff Inservice*, and team-built by taking turns being Spymasters while playing Codenames.

## SAN PEDRO

The San Pedro Branch Library was in the Fiesta spirit with decorations throughout the branch. Tissue flower making materials were available in the children's area for families to enjoy this San Antonio tradition.

The walkways surrounding the branch received a nice facelift with an extensive power washing of all surfaces. Additionally, the Friends of the San Pedro Branch helped spruce up the front planter with new plants that included a red yucca, bee balm and salvia.

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

Children's Services Librarian Karen Braeuler continued outreach programming for the children at the Respite Care Daycare Center. Children danced and played musical instruments. She also staffed a SAPL information table at the Center's Spring Celebration. The library hosted an Earth Day Play and Learn for families with stations ranging from earth pop art to a recycling game, reading tents with books about earth preservation, sensory bins and building blocks made of natural materials. Let's Build: Legos and More continued to be a weekly hit with families.

The branch continued service to Chandler Estates Senior Living residents with a monthly book club that is growing. In April, the seniors met and discussed "The Exiles" by Christine Baker Kline.

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

Adult Services Librarian, Diana Starrett, continued to visit the Wheatley Senior Center once per month. During her once monthly visits, Ms. Starrett teaches residents how to knit and crochet. Attendees focused on their current project and shared ideas for future ones. Diana reports the residents are very interested in learning and always have an enjoyable time working together.



April marked the launch of a new program series called "Film Virtuosity: A Reflection of Art" organized by Library Assistant, Jared Thompson. Each month will have a feature showing of independent films made by various filmmakers all from the State of Texas, many of which were shot right here in San Antonio. This month featured the films "Under the Ink" by Jack Orebaugh a high school cinema student enrolled in the program at NESA (Northeast School of The Arts). "Kendall County Hunters", the 48-hour Film Project winner from 2014 and "Out of Order" both directed by local filmmaker/writer/producer/director Scott Langford.

## SCHAEFER

Children visiting Schaefer in April had a variety of programming options to attend including Let's Build: Blocks & More, Let's Build: LEGO Time, Read to a Dog, Outdoor Family Story Time and Let's Create: Come & Go Art.

On April 15, Schaefer had the M is for Musician program with a bassoonist from the San Antonio Philharmonic. The musician played selected pieces for the crowd and then answered questions about the instrument and life as a musician.

At the Texas Library Association conference in Austin on Friday, April 21, Leslie Elsasser gave a presentation called Building Resilient Communities through Equity in Play with other children's services staff from SAPL – Clair Larkin, Ana Menchaca, Jasmin Salinas, Shannon Seglin and Carrie Vance. They also gave the presentation during the April 12 children's librarian meeting at Memorial.

An East Central School District group of parents of young children visited Schaefer on April 26. Leslie Elsasser gave them a library tour, showed them how to use the online catalog, explained how to get a library card and other library information and invited them to visit Schaefer during Summer with SAPL in June and July.

KLRN continued an 8-week session of weekly programs for parents of young children on Fridays. Parents and their kids participated in a variety of fun activities together.

Library Assistant BlancaSilvia Hernandez hosted Schaefer's Coloring program where patrons chatted with each other and relaxed while coloring zentangle themed pages and bookmarks. They also had a got to color in precut zentangle themed jigsaw puzzles, generating hours of fun at home taking it apart and reassembling it. Blanca also assisted Librarian Leslie Elsasser with weekly Children's programs.

Blanca published a catalog list of Income Tax Resources available at the library and a catalog list of popular titles for Schaefer's I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program. Blanca created an interactive book display "How are you porching?" where patrons were encouraged to display photos of their porches, patios, entryways. Patrons liked the displayed photos and creative uses of plants to decorate homes entrances and relaxing areas She also set up a display for National Poetry Month.

Blanca also hosted Schaefer's biannual Plant Swap program. Patrons brought their plants to swap and stayed to color in plant themed and blank bookmarks while discussing tips on the best way to grow their swapped plants and cuttings. They took great delight in showing photos of the grown plants in their yards. Everyone had a great time.



On April 14 Library Assistant Isaai Ortega hosted an introduction to robotics program. Patrons who participated in the program were able to get hands on experience with a variety of robots. Patrons were able to learn basic programming knowledge through block programming and have the robots perform a variety of basic tasks such as moving, changing color, and making sounds.

On Thursday, April 6, the Schaefer branch library hosted its monthly Mercado Por Tu Corazon in partnership with the American Heart Association and Big State Produce. 34 community members purchased fresh produce from the market, held indoors due to the weather.

On Thursday, April 13, the adult services librarian hosted our monthly "Cooking Around the World" cooking class series in partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, which was attended by six participants. The Schaefer Skimmers book club met on Tuesday, April 18 to discuss Marie Benedict's *The Personal Librarian*. Four members of the book club were in attendance for a lively discussion.

In April, Dacari Lambert, Teen Services Librarian at Schaefer Branch Library facilitated weekly Teen Time alongside two teen volunteers.

Dacari actively participated in the following Teen Services workgroups: Professional Development, Teen Pride, and Discord. Systemwide, Dacari participated in the Pride Committee and Trauma Informed Care Committee. On April 19, 2023 Dacari presented at Texas Library Association's Annual Conference: *A Proactive Approach to Public Library Support for Youth Mental Health*; the session had over 70 attendee's.

## SEMMEs

In April at Semmes Branch Library, Ms. Randi and Ms. Valerie presented preschool story times on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM with a total attendance of 124 children and 104 grownups. On Thursdays at 10:00 AM, Ms. Randi presented toddler story time to a total of 71 children and 49 of their grownups. On Thursdays at 11:00 AM, Ms. Randi presented baby story time to a total of 38 babies and 41 of their grownups. Semmes Branch held two sessions of Let's Build: LEGOs and More on April 3 and April 10 (12 children, 8 grownups attending). Semmes held two sessions of Read to a Dog. On April 17, Bernese Mountain Dog, Quincy Jones, listened to 9 children read stories, accompanied by 4 grownups. On April 24, All-American, Maggie Mae, listened to 8 children read stories, accompanied by 4 grownups. While they were waiting for their turn to read, families did a library scavenger hunt and/or made a bookmark. Ms. Randi contributed to two sessions of Family Story Time Online. On April 12, she counted participants and did the sign off and on April 26, she presented the opening songs and rhymes. On April 22, Ms. Randi and teachers from the International School of San Antonio presented a Bilingual Family Story Time in English and French to 14 children and 6 of their grownups. Ms. Randi did recordings on the Dial-A-Story line on April 4, 11, 14 and 28. Ms. Randi's curated story time for toddlers premiered on the SAPL website on April 17 (*Who Ate All the Cookie Dough?* by Karen Beaumont).

Ms. Valerie hosted Tween Time on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM. Tweens learned how to code with Artie 3000 robots borrowed from Children's Services. These robots are able to draw when given correct input, so tweens had fun creating art with them. They also enjoyed building with Legos, playing games like Sushi Go and Uno, crafting with glitter glue and mosaic tiles, and playing outside. Teen Time also continued on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. Teens gravitated towards video games like Mario Odyssey and

Luigi's Mansion or games like Carcassonne, Exploding Kittens, and dominoes. On April 13, Ms. Valerie assisted at Landa's Outdoor Storytime and contributed songs and rhymes during the program.

Semmes Branch Library continues to provide the popular chess club each Thursday afternoon; even as early voting made the meeting room unavailable, the chess club continued to meet on the library floor. In other programs, Crochet Club and the newly added Yoga (in partnership with Parks and Recreation) continue to entertain and educate the service area. As the library abuts the Comanche Lookout Park, that park's Friends group also makes use of Semmes Library as a meeting place.

On April 2, Branch Manager Jorge, hosted a Plant Swap. Patrons enjoyed exchanging plants, tips on care and conversing about their home plant collections. Library Assistant, Carolyn, led a craft for adults and children. Participants got to paint either a small cement pot, flower or cactus.



# THOUSAND OAKS

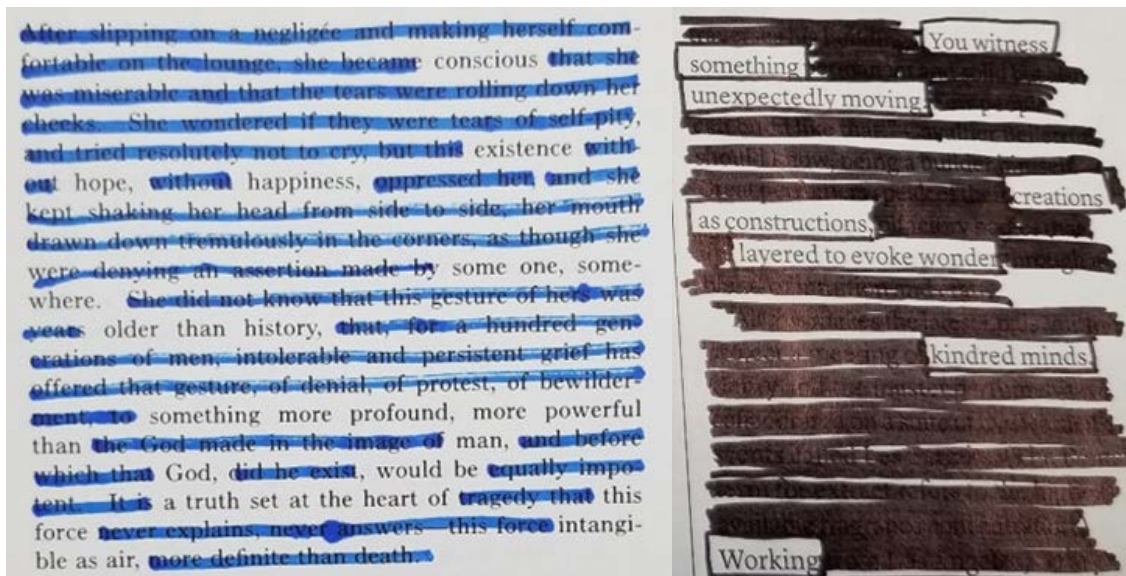
Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted in-person Yoga Class programs led by instructors from the Parks and Recreation Department on April 4, 11, 18 and 25. She served as co-host and chat moderator for the virtual Film Noir Movie Club program on April 11. After the movie screening, attendees participate in a lively discussion using questions provided by the host. On April 21, she served as Master of Ceremonies for the virtual SAPL Live Trivia program.

Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick held in-person Bedtime Stories programs on April 4 and 11. She served as co-host for a virtual Toddler Time program on April 5. She served as co-host for virtual Baby Time programs on April 7, 14 and 21. Ms. Penick held the in-person Arts & Crafts Friday programs on April 7, 14, 21 and 28. She assisted with facilitating the Landa Branch Library's Outdoor Story Time programs on April 20 and 27. She created a book display in celebration of Fiesta and assembled themed book bundles for families to check-out.



Librarian Kimberly King held in-person Teen Time programs on April 3, 10, 17 and 24. She held an in-person Thursday Book Club program on April 13. Participants discussed *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on April 26. Attendees discussed *Blind Tiger* by Sandra Brown. Ms. King created a "Colorful Colors" book display highlighting young adult titles with attention-grabbing cover designs.

Library Assistant Mari Carmen Castellano held an in-person Adult Craft Time program on April 19. Participants made Blackout Poetry in celebration of National Poetry Month. Blackout poetry is when you take written text and redact words, to come up with your very own poetry. Ms. Castellano hosted a virtual Mario Kart Tournament program on April 26.



## TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

Early Voting was held at Tobin for local City Elections April 24 – May 2. Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell held a Flash Book Sale during voting. Several book carts were stocked with DVD's and books and available for purchase during voting hours, along with the usual Book Nook offerings in the entry foyer.

Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier continues to host Toddler Time weekly on Tuesday's. One of her unique themes this month was Mindfulness. Ms. Frazier and Circulation Attendant, Lilliana Aguilar, attended Woodridge Elementary School on April 10 during the school's Book Fair, to offer information on SAPL services and upcoming Tobin events. On April 25, a Play and Learn Earth Day/Nature theme took place out in the library during voting. Lots of toddlers and preschoolers participated. Kids were able to hunt for shells in sand, sort colored beans and use large magnifying glasses to look at bugs and sea creatures encased in resin.

Children's Librarian, Kara Bailey, gets very creative with her weekend Come-and-Go crafts, including a Spring Bee as pictured below. Intern, Sherry Ross completed her internship the end of April and staff wished her well on all future endeavors. Ms. Ross hosted an adult craft with decoupage on flowerpots for Earth Day on April 11.

Teen Librarian, Melissa Carroll, and Ms. Frazier hosted After School Zone on April 4. Teens and pre-teens made puffy paint mixing shaving cream with tempura paint then created some original art (with a few samples below). Tobin employees said bittersweet goodbyes to Ms. Carroll, as she was promoted to Assistant Manager at Cortez Branch effective April 18.





## WESTFALL

Machaia McClenny was promoted from Adult Services Librarian to Branch Manager of Westfall in the month of April. She also was part of the Poetry Month initiative and led a poetry open mic with Enedina Prater from Bazan. She worked with Jennifer Velasquez and NEISD this month to set up a summer lunch program for children at Westfall that will run from June-July.

In April, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino planned and presented four Family Story Times and four Preschool Story Times. The Discovery School First graders visited Westfall Library on both April 12 and the 26. Ms. Merino attended the Colonial Hills Elementary Health Fair on April 21. Library informational materials and bookmarks were made available. Also on Friday, April 21, Westfall hosted about 60 first graders from Dellview Elementary. Ms. Merino shared stories with them and the children checked out books with their brand-new library cards that had been prepared by several members of the Westfall staff. She shared stories in both Spanish and English with approximately 40 children and 4 adults at the "Dia de los Ninos" celebration which took place at Franklin Elementary School on April 27. Ms. Merino continued work on five different book lists to be made available to children and their families in the summer. As part of the Art and Maker team, Ms. Merino also participated in the Art Club Online program on April 18, sharing a simple way to make a tree out of a paper bag.

For the month of April, the Learn center continued to thrive and offer extensive one-on-one and walk-in services for a variety of patrons seeking assistance. The iPad tutorial programming continued weekly on Wednesday mornings and maintained a regular group in attendance. Overall, the Learn center gained

many new patrons seeking assistance and others who want to learn how to use technology for the first time. Adult programming will continue to be offered such as computer training, resume building, and other assistance with forms and documents. Towards the end of April, the San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA) stopped by and offered a free clinic for veterans seeking legal assistance in the meeting room.

Heather, the Teen Librarian at Westfall, has noted that it has been a slow month in the Teen Space. She has reached out to contacts at Edison and LEE High Schools to promote Teen Summer programming and the NEISD summer meal program to teens there before school ends. The teen volunteer continues to lead Teen Time every week.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

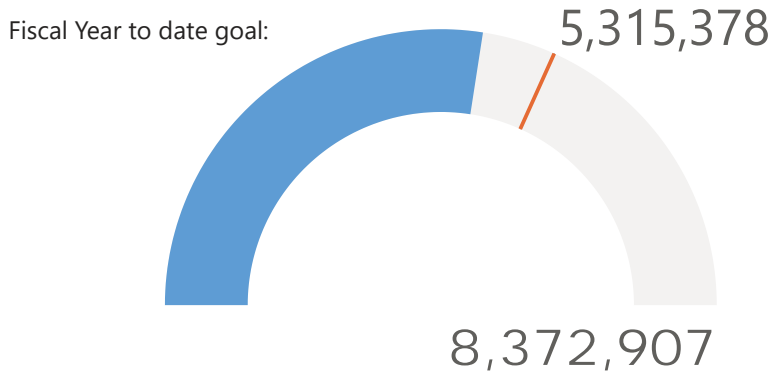
## KEY INDICATORS

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.

# April 2023

## FY 2023

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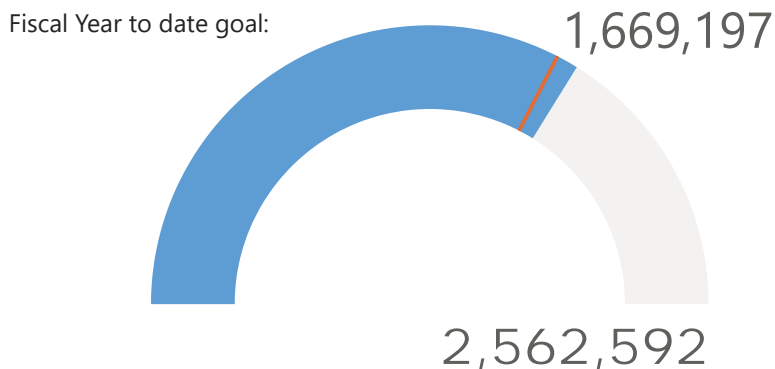
### FY 2023 to date Items Borrowed



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(-13.55%)  
Circulation

### Visits: Goal



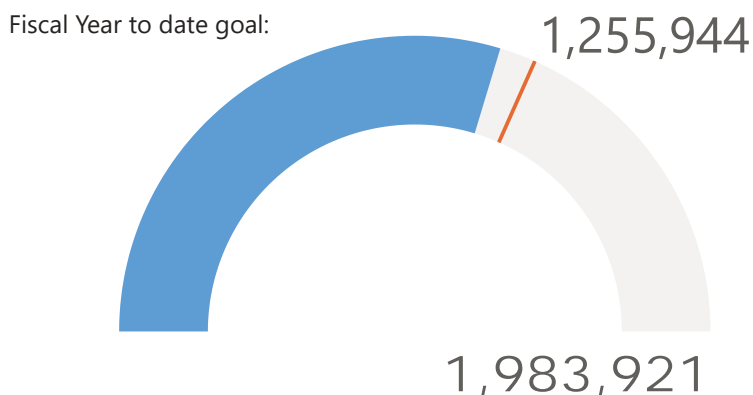
### FY 2023 to date Library Visits



# 1,734,225

(+3.9%)  
Visits

### Digital Access: Goal



### FY 2023 to date Digital Access



# 145,144

Hours of Computer Use



# 1,032,093

Hours of Wi-Fi Use

# 1,177,237

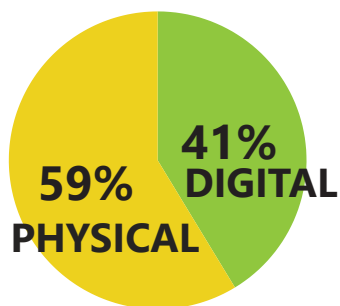
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Hours of Technology Use

# SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

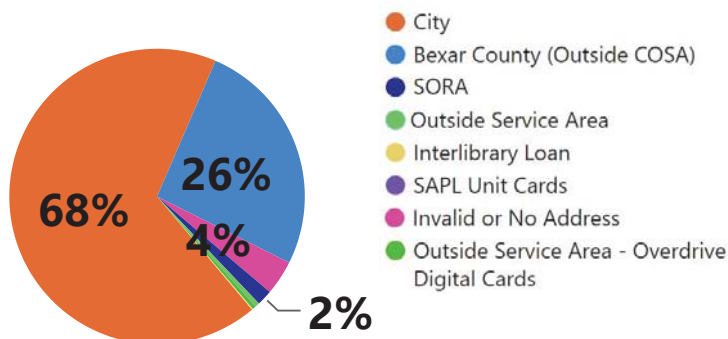
## April 2023 (CONTINUED)

### USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2023

#### CIRCULATION BY TYPE



#### CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



### VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2023



917,830  
MYSAPL.ORG  
VISITS

13,005  
MYSAPL  
APP DOWNLOADS

399,157  
OVERDRIVE  
SITE VISITS

1,677,077  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS

### PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2023

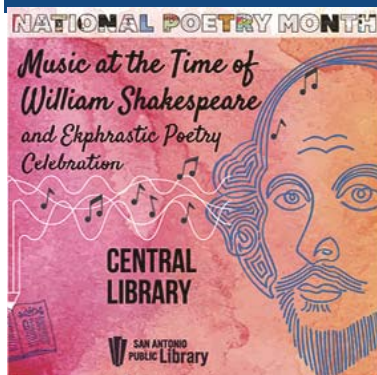
Total	Early Literacy (0-5)	School Age (6-12)	Teens (13-18)	Adults (19+)	Older Adults (60+)	General Interest*
5,897 programs	1,577 programs	1,134 programs	1,542 programs	1,288 programs	200 programs	156 programs
102,201 attendance	42,781 attendance	27,171 attendance	14,023 attendance	12,918 attendance	1,908 attendance	3,400 attendance

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28 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

18,376 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS





# San Antonio Public Library

## April 2023 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Technology Actuals	Computer Hours	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
<b>Bazan</b>	2,458	5,427	5,112	1,265	3,847
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	23,540	13,968	4,291	667	3,624
<b>Carver</b>	2,520	4,294	3,460	841	2,620
<b>Central</b>	20,638	27,511	30,266	6,105	24,161
<b>Cody</b>	29,724	15,747	9,426	1,114	8,312
<b>Collins Garden</b>	3,566	3,874	2,994	526	2,467
<b>Cortez</b>	3,273	4,980	2,674	300	2,374
<b>Digital</b>	276,145	0	0	0	0
<b>Encino</b>	19,203	11,537	5,730	247	5,482
<b>Forest Hills</b>	4,787	4,004	2,317	206	2,111
<b>Great Northwest</b>	25,249	13,159	5,474	519	4,955
<b>Guerra</b>	5,777	7,683	4,504	621	3,883
<b>Igo</b>	36,927	19,616	9,890	589	9,301
<b>Interlibrary Loan</b>	1,174	0	0	0	0
<b>Johnston</b>	8,187	6,582	3,278	440	2,837
<b>Kampmann</b>	0	369	141	0	141
<b>Landa</b>	15,718	10,129	4,307	408	3,900
<b>Las Palmas</b>	1,516	1,029	775	0	775
<b>Maverick</b>	23,203	11,622	5,604	733	4,871
<b>McCreless</b>	6,566	4,856	4,763	878	3,885
<b>Memorial</b>	3,628	6,333	4,809	674	4,135
<b>Mission</b>	9,006	9,695	4,755	671	4,084
<b>Pan American</b>	4,427	3,290	2,685	376	2,309
<b>Parman</b>	31,530	19,629	6,567	247	6,320
<b>Potranco</b>	16,743	7,437	14,783	526	14,257
<b>Pruitt</b>	3,503	4,380	4,848	159	4,689
<b>San Pedro</b>	2,989	3,909	5,017	510	4,507
<b>Schaefer</b>	8,466	7,906	4,560	367	4,192
<b>Semmes</b>	24,712	15,217	7,689	997	6,692
<b>System</b>	33,676	0	0	0	0
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	5,895	7,113	5,466	815	4,650
<b>Tobin</b>	16,123	13,279	4,438	702	3,736
<b>Westfall</b>	8,899	5,545	5,316	927	4,389
<b>Total</b>	<b>679,768</b>	<b>270,114</b>	<b>175,939</b>	<b>22,431</b>	<b>153,509</b>

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

# San Antonio Public Library Programs

## April 2023

Location	Early Literacy Programs (0-5)	School Age Programs (6-12)	Teen Programs (13-18)	Adult Programs (19+)	Older Adults Programs (60+)	General Interest Programs*	Total
<b>Bazan</b>	0	12	0	13	4	1	30
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	12	2	2	1	0	0	17
<b>Carver</b>	6	6	0	2	3	0	17
<b>Central</b>	6	5	70	5	1	8	95
<b>Cody</b>	12	11	18	17	1	0	59
<b>Collins Garden</b>	5	10	5	2	2	1	25
<b>Cortez</b>	1	4	3	3	0	1	12
<b>Encino</b>	16	6	4	8	6	1	41
<b>Forest Hills</b>	7	12	5	0	1	1	26
<b>Great Northwest</b>	6	8	5	4	2	0	25
<b>Guerra</b>	4	6	4	1	12	1	28
<b>Igo</b>	17	6	5	11	2	0	41
<b>Johnston</b>	3	3	4	8	0	0	18
<b>Landa</b>	16	6	7	1	1	0	31
<b>Las Palmas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	14	0	9	11	0	0	34
<b>Maverick</b>	12	5	4	2	0	0	23
<b>McCreless</b>	0	0	4	17	0	0	21
<b>Memorial</b>	6	3	5	31	0	2	47
<b>Mission</b>	8	6	3	14	0	1	32
<b>Pan American</b>	3	0	0	2	2	0	7
<b>Parman</b>	15	10	4	6	13	0	48
<b>Potranco</b>	5	4	0	8	0	1	18
<b>Pruitt</b>	5	12	19	6	0	4	46
<b>San Pedro</b>	5	7	1	2	2	0	17
<b>Schaefer</b>	5	10	4	0	1	4	24
<b>Semmes</b>	13	8	5	3	0	1	30
<b>System</b>	8	1	21	8	0	3	41
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	4	3	4	6	1	0	18
<b>Tobin</b>	6	15	3	7	4	1	36
<b>Westfall</b>	6	5	4	1	4	0	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>927</b>

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# San Antonio Public Library Program Attendance

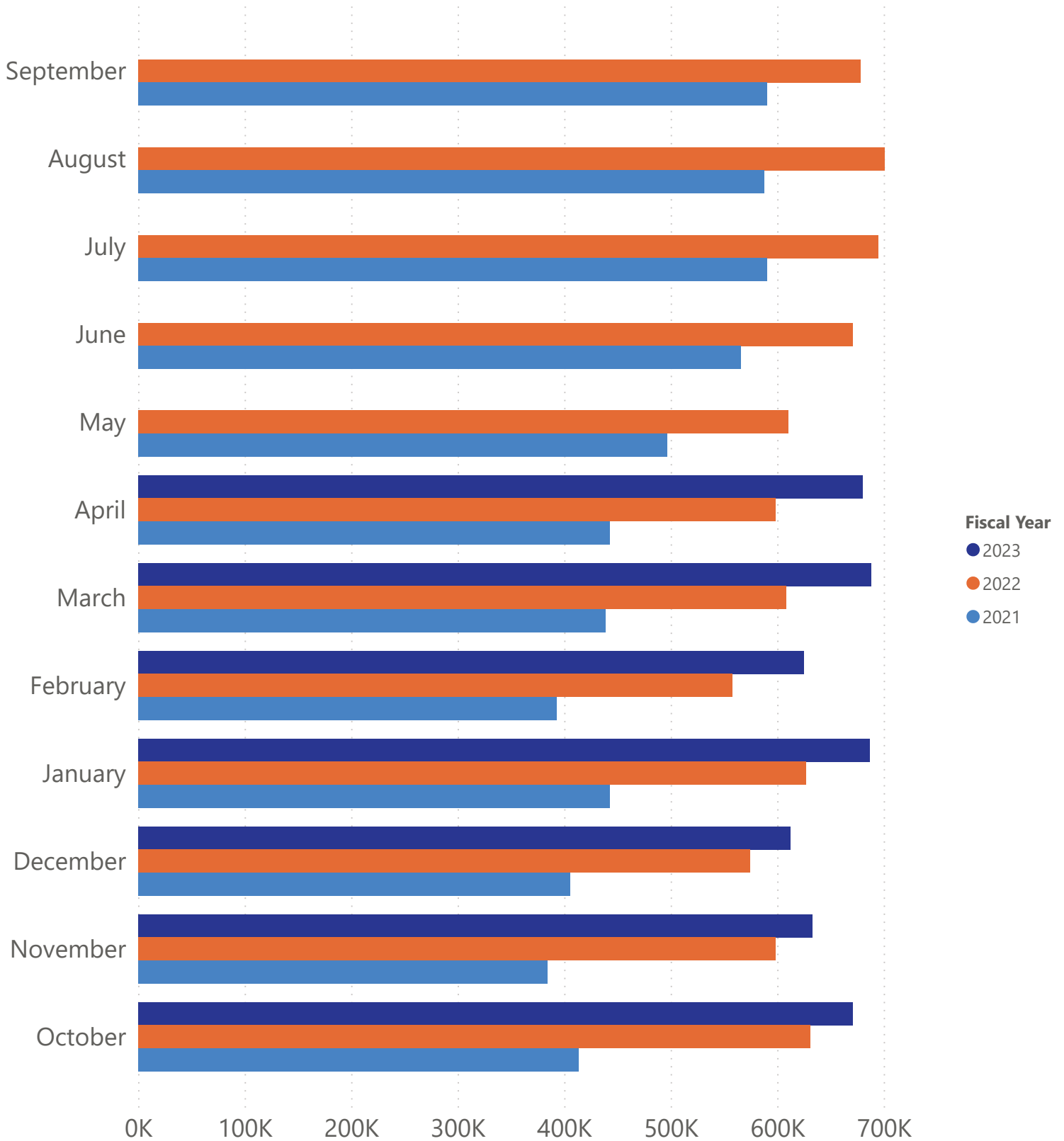
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<b>Bazan</b>	0	24	0	615	13	40	692
<b>Brook Hollow</b>	376	66	15	23	0	0	480
<b>Carver</b>	58	30	0	8	86	0	182
<b>Central</b>	93	59	396	36	330	446	1,360
<b>Cody</b>	277	199	324	162	8	0	970
<b>Collins Garden</b>	182	112	10	16	7	15	342
<b>Cortez</b>	65	284	5	74	0	3	431
<b>Encino</b>	397	82	53	78	56	11	677
<b>Forest Hills</b>	52	209	56	0	55	42	414
<b>Great Northwest</b>	519	330	36	20	105	0	1,010
<b>Guerra</b>	74	50	16	3	22	36	201
<b>Igo</b>	845	174	22	96	16	0	1,153
<b>Johnston</b>	93	53	22	40	0	0	208
<b>Landa</b>	585	70	71	9	6	0	741
<b>Las Palmas</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Little Read Wagon</b>	1,817	0	129	100	0	0	2,046
<b>Maverick</b>	477	110	36	24	0	0	647
<b>McCreless</b>	0	0	14	168	0	0	182
<b>Memorial</b>	7	16	63	138	0	35	259
<b>Mission</b>	107	34	15	91	0	12	259
<b>Pan American</b>	26	0	0	5	6	0	37
<b>Parman</b>	680	422	31	61	125	0	1,319
<b>Potranco</b>	399	33	0	58	0	0	490
<b>Pruitt</b>	24	169	219	89	0	35	536
<b>San Pedro</b>	63	75	0	16	13	0	167
<b>Schaefer</b>	143	199	15	0	1	56	414
<b>Semmes</b>	447	103	21	14	0	11	596
<b>System</b>	90	8	110	55	0	8	271
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	3	25	4	28	9	0	69
<b>Tobin</b>	88	274	19	56	26	61	524
<b>Westfall</b>	44	129	5	3	1	0	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,031</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>16,859</b>

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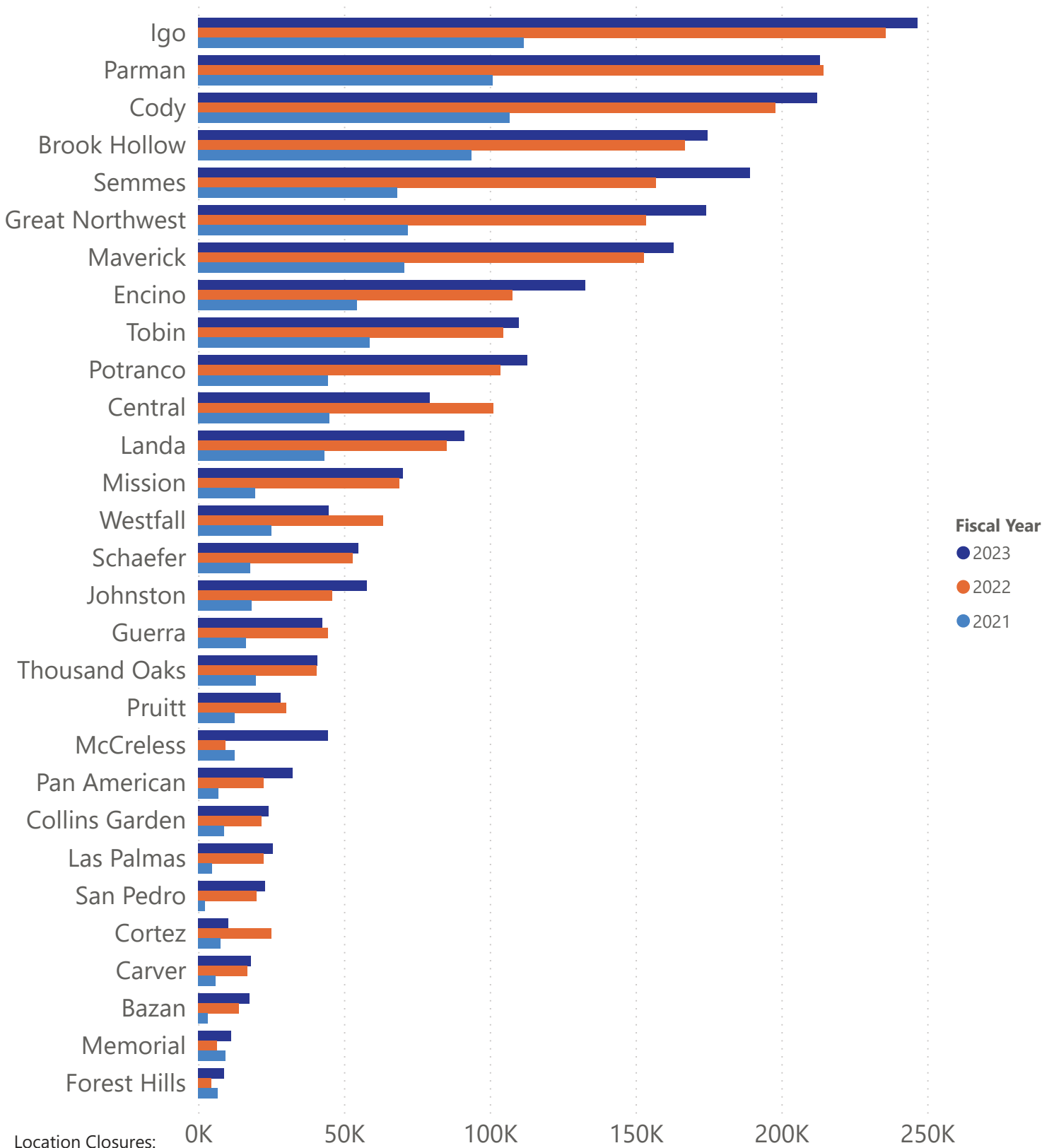
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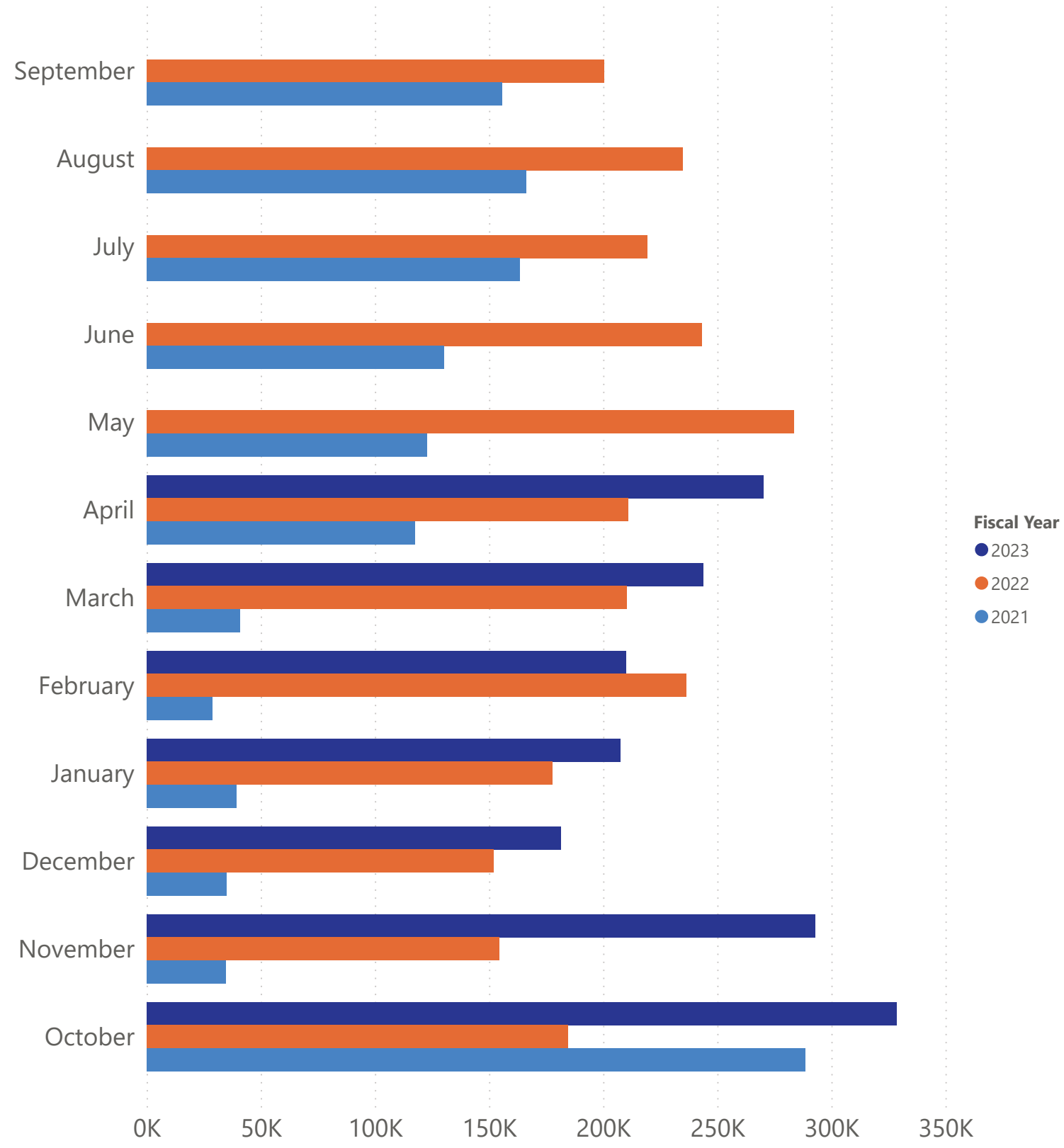
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## Visits

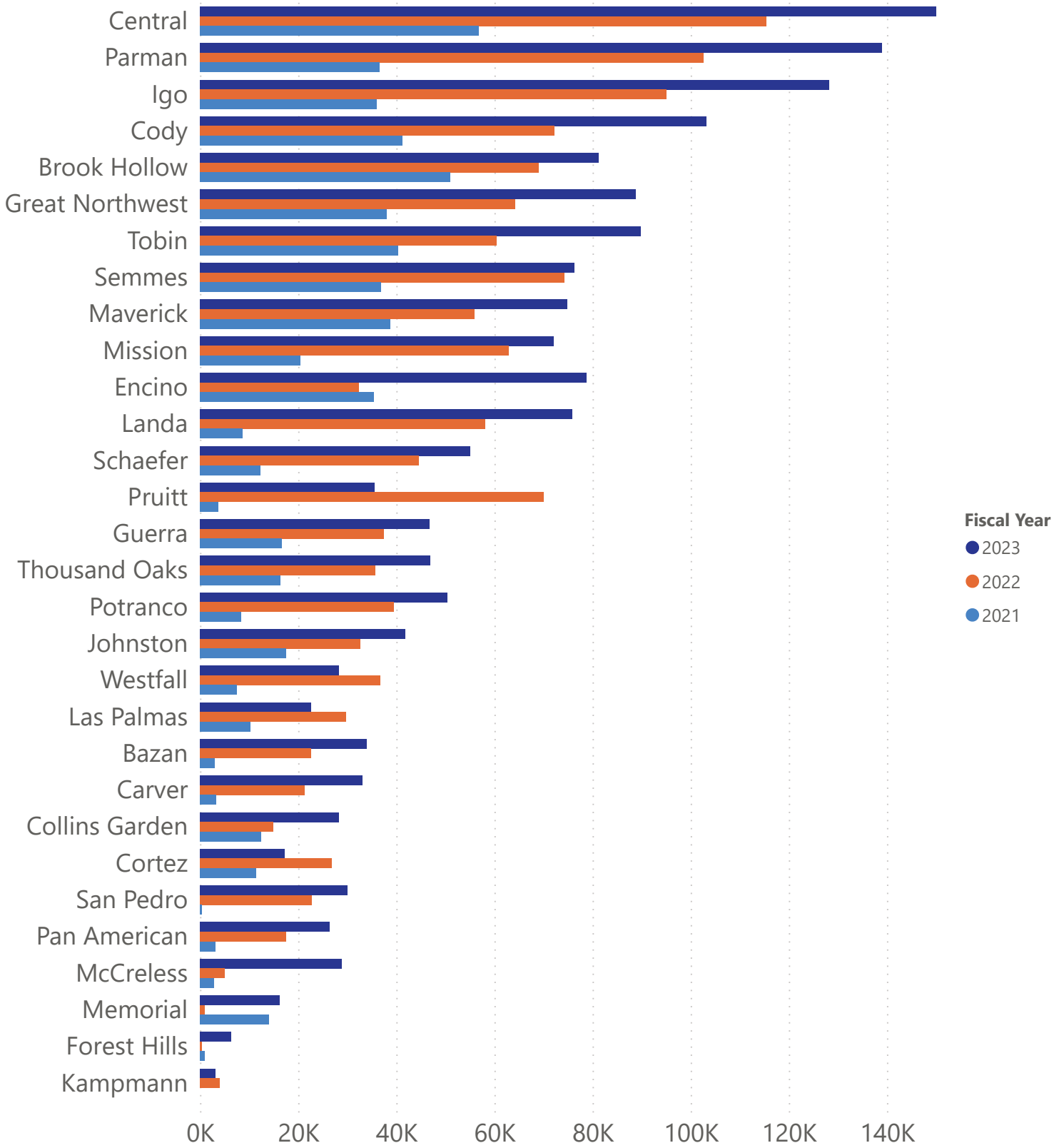


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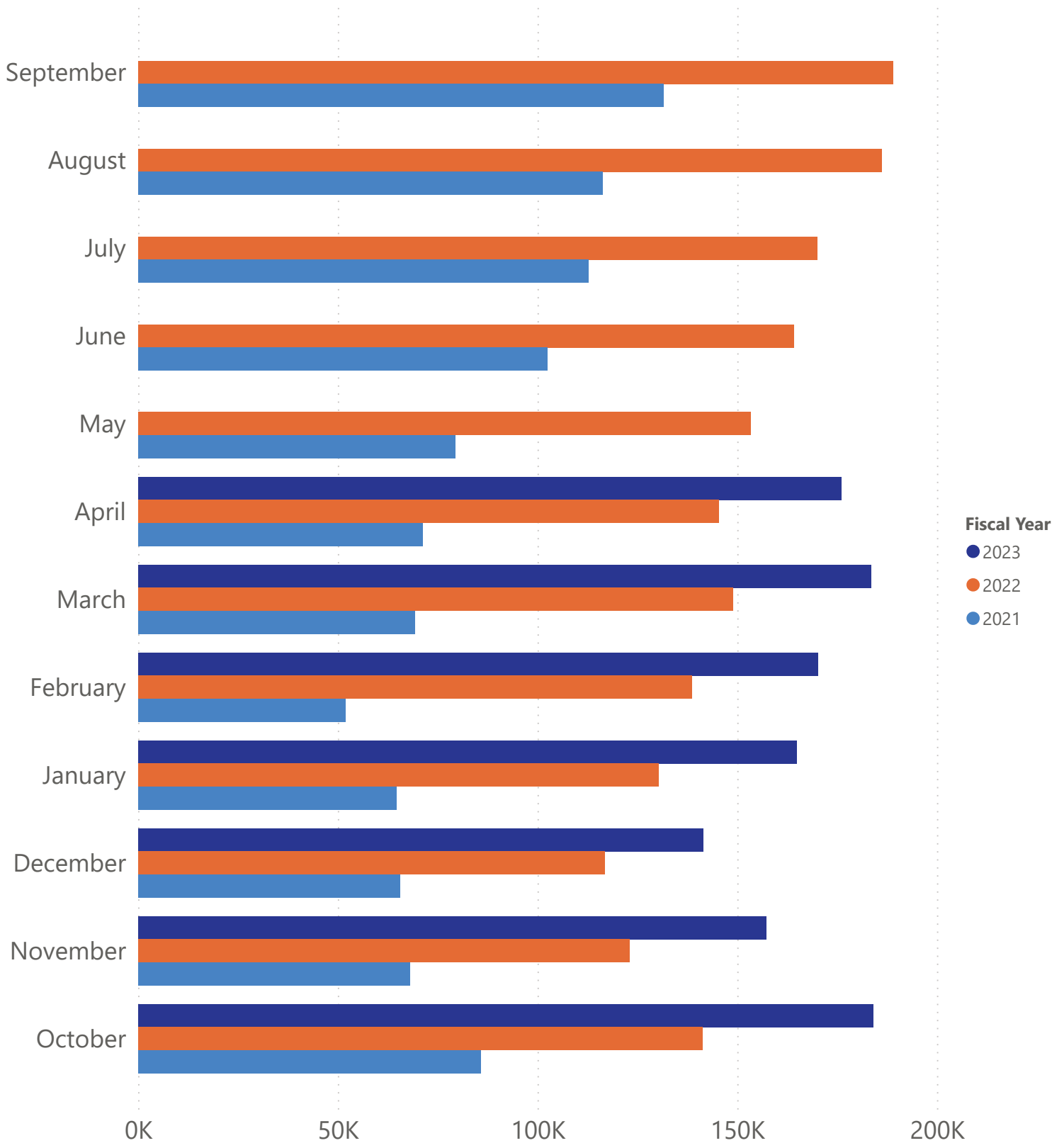


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## Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use



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# APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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