



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report January 2022

San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) and The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio presented the tenth annual *The Holocaust: Learn & Remember* series from January 3 through 27. The year's *Learn & Remember* series theme, "Immigration & Refugees," focused on the experiences of those who escaped persecution by fleeing to other parts of the world.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

On January 10, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar joined Mayor Ron Nirenberg and representatives from the Holocaust Museum of San Antonio to kick off the 10th annual The Holocaust: Learn & Remember series.

On January 14, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated in a board meeting for the Local Government Hispanic Network. Mr. Salazar serves as a Board Member on the LGHN Board.

The Urban Libraries Council announced San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) as one of 10 Top Innovators during the 2021 Innovations Celebration held virtually on January 21. The annual Innovations awards recognizes transformative programs that address structural racism, bridge digital divides, provide lifelong education opportunities, meet the needs of under-resourced populations and improve essential library service delivery from ULC's member library systems across the U.S. and Canada. SAPL won in the category of Civic and Community Engagement, with award winners being recognized for their level of inventiveness, the outcomes achieved, and the ability for other libraries to adapt and implement their work.

Assistant to the Director Jessica Zurita attended the January 23, 2022 Friends of the San Antonio Public Library annual board meeting representing Library Administration and delivered a report.

A segment of the American Library Association's LibLearnX series was livestreamed from the Central Library, Latino Collection and Resource Center. The segment entitled, **The Innovative Approaches to EDI in Texas Libraries**, featured Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar; **Tamiko Brown**, Fort Bend Independent School District; **Dean Hendrix**, University of Texas at San Antonio; **Shirley Robinson**, Texas Library Association and was moderated by **Patty Wong**, ALA President.

On January 25, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar welcomed Mexico's Consul General Rubén Minutti-Zanatta in the Latino Collection and Resource Center at the Central Library. A book presentation was made as well with the book, *"21 para el 21"* from the *Fondo de Cultura Económica*.

On January 25 Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with District 5 Councilmember Teri Castillo to provide an update on the design for the Las Palmas Branch Library, a 2017 bond project.



- KSAT 12's Good Morning San Antonio featured a segment on the 2022 The Holocaust: Learn and Remember. The segment aired Friday January 21 and Saturday, January 22.
- Telemundo interviewed Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, SAPL Public Services Administrator, in a feature on this year's The Holocaust: Learn and Remember.
- TPR aired an advertisement promoting the 2022 The Holocaust: Learn and Remember.
- KTSA interview Howie Nestel about the 2022 The Holocaust: Learn and Remember series.
- TPR aired a second advertisement promoting the 2022 The Holocaust: Learn and Remember Closing Program.
- San Antonio Magazine highlighted SAPL's online program "Pioneers and Refugees" which is part of the 2022 The Holocaust: Learn and Remember series.
- KSAT featured an online article on SAPL's 10th Annual The Holocaust: Learn and Remember Series. The article included the video segment which aired on Good Morning San Antonio.
- TPR reported on The Holocaust: Learn and Remember closing program featuring Dan Ottenheimer which took place online on January 27 at 6 p.m.
- Spectrum News aired a feature segment on the City's upcoming bond cycle and its relation to libraries in the District 5 community. Ramiro S. Salazar, San Antonio Public Library Director, was interviewed for this story and Bazan Library was highly featured.
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- KSAT 12 included the Black History for Children Exhibit at Carver Branch Library in their list of things to do for Black History Month.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media generated 633,433 impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by 269 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 8,354 times.

Social Media statistics for the month(s):

- Twitter: 6,047 followers
- Facebook: 21,407 followers
- Instagram: 7,729 followers

YouTube statistics for the month(s):

- Subscribers: 1,176
- Impressions: 28,183
- Total Views: 2,691
- Videos published: 7

Graphics

The Graphics Team created publicity materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including a wrap for the construction wall at Central, Holocaust Learn & Remember materials, promotion of the online author presentation by Sergio Troncoso and the Baby Day event, promotion of the Online Print Portal, and Bond project updates, as well as social media and other promotion for branch events.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On January 3, Coordinator of Digital Services Adam Spana attended the branch managers meeting and provided an update on the plans for provisioning staff access to the branch meeting room calendars.

On January 12, the Digital Services team met with Library Services Manager - Collection Strategist Troy Hoyles and Collection Development Supervisor Jamie Flowers to initiate planning on how functions in the BiblioCore catalog (e.g. lists, staff accounts, "feature in catalog") can best support strategies to promote the collection.

On January 19, the Digital Services Team, along with the Library Omnigo Project team, met with Dave Holdway from Omnigo to receive training for the administration side of the Library's new incident reporting system.

On January 20, Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun met with SirsiDynix Library Relations Manager Nicole Romyak to discuss upcoming SirsiDynix products and the Library's current situation with Symphony.

On January 21, Mr. Spana and Mr. Suszek met with Assistant Director for Support Services Kathy Donellan and Candelaria Mendoza and Brian Dillard with the City's Office of Innovation to plan for library projects suitable for federal funding potentially available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

On January 24, Mr. Spana, Mr. Laun, Digital Library Services Analyst Tricia Masterson, Community and Public Relations Manager Scott Williams, and Mr. Hoyles met with OverDrive representatives Jim Monastra and Alix Morris. While the primary purpose was to discuss the upcoming "sunsetting" of the OverDrive app (soon to be fully replaced by the Libby app), the group also caught up on other forthcoming changes and additions coming from OverDrive.

Mr. Suszek, Mr. Spana, Mr. Williams, Mr. Laun, and Ms. Masterson met on January 25, to discuss making access to the online print service more visible. A series of ideas were agreed upon, with the first one -- adding the service to the navigation menu of mySAPL.org -- being implemented several days after the meeting.

On January 26, Digital Services, Collection Development and Marketing staff convened a meeting to plan for the sunsetting of the OverDrive app.

Also on January 26, the Digital Services Team along with the Library Omnigo Project team, met with Dave Holdway from Omnigo to be trained on the analytic and search capabilities of the Library's new incident reporting system.

On January 27, Mr. Spana, Mr. Suszek, Mr. Williams and Ms. Donellan assisted with testing of the failover network at the San Pedro branch library.

LITTLE READ WAGON

With the start of a new year Little Read Wagon (LRW) staff were eager to resume events and workshops. However, the rise of a new COVID-19 variant forced staff to return to virtual services or offer to reschedule in-person sessions. Most partners decided to reschedule so much of January was occupied with planning for February and beyond.

Two virtual workshops were offered at JT Brackenridge Elementary, led by Eva Banda, and at Hirsch Elementary, led by Clair Larkin, on an inclement weather day when schools were closed. Julia Lazarin led virtual workshops at Schenck Elementary, Montgomery Elementary and at the DePaul-Wesley Children's Center. Bedtime chart Take-and-Make materials and a book were delivered to each campus that had parents in attendance.

January's early childhood teacher training, Early Literacy, Relationships and Resources for Resilience, was held virtually and presented by Ms. Lazarin, Ms. Larkin, Ms. Banda and Megan Cruz on Saturday, January 15. A small but engaged group of professionals joined staff for a discussion about how to support families in the community. Unfortunately, the outdoor play that usually follows that training had to be canceled. Mission Branch was the featured library at the January training.

Ms. Larkin and Ms. Banda visited virtually with parents at the Cooper Academy at Navarro. Ms. Banda spoke to parents about the connections she has made with each one of their children through her monthly virtual Story Time visits to Navarro Early Learning Center. Ms. Larkin delivered materials for making sensory bottles and walked parents through making a "calm down" bottle with glitter, clear school glue and water. Parents were also able to choose from a variety of materials to make unique sensory bottles and to learn about play materials, how to engage a baby's senses through play and how to use materials that are not safe for very young children to handle. At the conclusion, parents choose from a wide variety of books to build their child's home bookshelf.

Preparations for a week of Baby Day in February took up a large part of the month. Baby Day is presented annually by First3Years, a state-wide nonprofit dedicated to promoting the care and well-being of Texas' youngest members, children under 36 months. Like 2021, this year Baby Day is a full week of events offered virtually by service providers across the state. LRW staff prepared to present three live virtual workshops, two in English and one in Spanish. Ms. Larkin coordinated with the virtual Baby Time and Toddler Time children's workgroups to present extra sessions in celebration of Baby Day week.

LRW staff are also planning for spring events. In March staff will host spring break outdoor play at San Pedro Park adjacent to the San Pedro Branch Library, as health conditions permit. Three dates are tentatively scheduled for LRW staff and children's librarians from across the system to work together to offer families a play extravaganza. A play zone is also planned for Woodlawn Lake in celebration of Earth Day in April as a partner in Parks and Recreation's celebration. LRW staff look forward to being able to visit families in person again soon.

CHILDREN'S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The children's services team paused in-person programs for children due to the surge in COVID-19 cases and weather concerns. However, live online and curated programs for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children continued. Children who attended the January session of Cooking Around the World learned "The Cucumber Song" and a couple Jamaican recipes. The Story Time team offered a special Pajama Story Time. Coffee filters, water-based markers, and pipettes were in the Take-and-Make kit for the month. The suggested activity was to draw on the coffee filters and deposit drops of water on them to make a colorful tie-dye-like design.



While in-person programming is on pause, the team worked on outdoor program plans for the upcoming two weeks of spring break, including a Play Extravaganza hosted by Little Read Wagon and the San Pedro Branch Library and KLRN visits to four locations. Preparation for the summer library program is also ongoing with work on confirming special guests, preparing content for print materials, and developing a children's promotional video.

The team began a reader's advisory project. At each meeting a different topic is shared by one or two children's librarians. Teague Shosh (Parman) started the series with a presentation on graphic novels. The content will be valuable to share with colleagues at each location while developing depth of knowledge amongst the children's services team.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

ALA's LibLearnX 2022 – On January 24, Matthew Loaiza and Shannan Prukop (Assistant Manager / Teen Services Librarian II, Carver) presented at the American Library Association's first LibLearnX conference about providing virtual library services for teens through Discord (a free voice, video, and text communication service). Loaiza and Prukop used the success of the 210teenlibrary Discord server ("the server") as a case study to highlight how the server exists as a virtual library space that redefines and reimagines how teens can interact with their library, pursue their interests and passions, express their skills and abilities, feel valued and understood, and ultimately create and share their experiences with their peers. Loaiza and Prukop emphasized the advantages of using Discord to provide virtual library services for teens, explained the ways Discord can organically create a virtual library environment with a high-level of teen participation and ownership, and discussed how teen-serving librarians and library staff can be responsive to the needs, interests, and diversity of their teen patrons through Discord.

Teen Services Recognitions – As a result of their LibLearnX presentation in January 2022, Loaiza and Shannan Prukop were contacted by the Connecticut State Library with a request to present information about providing virtual library services for teens through Discord to teen-serving library staff in the state of Connecticut. Loaiza and Prukop were also asked by *Computers in Libraries* magazine to publish a case study about Discord-based virtual library services for teens in an upcoming issue.

Auckland Libraries in New Zealand contacted the Teen Pride workgroup with a request for more information about the 210teenlibrary Discord server, and specifically the "Rainbow Films: Shorts Night" hybrid film festival that was held in May 2021 in partnership with Fiesta Youth. Jennifer Velásquez (SAPL's Coordinator of Teen Services) and Matthew Loaiza met with Harriet Eyres (Senior Library Assistant – Youth, Pukekohe Library) on January 19 to share details about the server, the event, and Teen Services at the San Antonio Public Library.

Additionally, Velasquez and Loaiza worked with SAPL's Marketing team to submit the 210teenlibrary Discord server for consideration of three Texas Library Association awards.

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities – The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services

Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with off-site teen volunteers (“Teen Mods”) to host weekly virtual teen programs (“clubs”) on Discord (“the server”) along with additional activities and events. Teens from Gaming Club were particularly active throughout the month as they participated in the Gaming Club Video Game Awards 2021, shared updates on video games they are developing, played a “try not to laugh at video or gifs” game as suggested by a teen, and several video game streams. Other highlights from the server include teen suggestions for summer activities (such as a talent show), a conversation during the Bookworms Club about Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1964 Nobel Prize acceptance letter, discussions about the popular show “Amphibia,” and daily “Song of the Day” posts from teens.

For the 210teenlibrary Instagram page, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been creating graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content and highlight celebratory events, such as booklists, and including filming an Instagram Live program that combined making a simple snack whilst offering information on current library initiatives, such as the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition. Regina will also evaluate teen-created content for posting as well.

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

Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL’s Teen Outreach Specialist) shares teen-created Spotify playlists on the 210teenlibrary Instagram account weekly and creates weekly Instagram Spotify questions with which teens interact. Amisarahi also hosts Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server in which teens stream their favorite songs and artists while chatting with friends on the server.

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) joins Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the “Random Fandom” club, where teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them and stream their favorite anime shows. Kathleen also continues to serve as a member of the SAPL Incident Reporting Database committee, Teen Services Discord team, Teen Summer workgroup, and the YA Nonfiction workgroup.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources – The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisarahi Sarabia, Ciana Flores, and Regina Almanza, shared information, resources, activities, and other content for teens on Instagram, created by teen volunteers and Teen Services staff. During the reporting period, teen volunteers showcased how to bleach paint a t-shirt, a book talk for “Brooklyn” by Colm Tóibín, random teen activities at the Teen Library, book recommendations, Spotify playlists, and daily celebrations via Instagram Stories such as “Popcorn Day,” “Bagel Day,” and “Compliment Day.” Teen Services

staff also contributed additional content, including information about the 2022 Young Pegasus Poetry Competition and Teen Summer 2022 T-shirt Art Submission request.

Systemwide Support – During the reporting period, Matthew Loaiza assisted Digital Services by serving as an interview panelist for the Digital Library Services Assistant position. Loaiza also joined the San Antonio Public Library Equity Assessment team.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

The Device Lending Program for Older Adults continues to be extremely successful. In January, because a few iPads had been recently returned from participants, library staff were able to check out devices to three additional individuals. Upon check out, library staff provided these individuals with a brief orientation to using the device as well as making them aware of additional options for support. All current program participants continued to receive support throughout the month; this support was delivered through the Library's Learn at SAPL program as well as through two partnerships - series of classes provided by OASIS at City of San Antonio Senior Centers as well as the Tech Helpline provided by Senior Planet. The next phase of the Device Lending Program for Older Adults - which is funded by an ARPA grant through the Texas State Library - is expected to launch in late March or early April. Preparations for this expansion of the program are underway.

In January, the Library hosted the 10th Annual Holocaust Learn and Remember month long series, in partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio. The series kicked off with an opening event at the Jewish Federation Community Center on January 10th. Speakers at this event included Library Director Ramiro Salazar, Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Senator Jose Menendez, Howie Nestel, and Holocaust Memorial Museum Director Leslie Met. The event introduced this year's theme - Immigration and Refugees - as well as the continued importance of the Holocaust Learn and Remember series. Throughout the month, members of the community had the opportunity to view the exhibit "Displaced Persons Camps: Rebuilding Culture and Community in the Aftermath of WWII"; this exhibit was available at Westfall Branch Library. Other opportunities throughout the month included thirteen presentations, presented by four local experts on the Holocaust and the author of a book about the Fort Oswego Emergency Refugee Shelter. This year's Holocaust Learn and Remember series concluded on January 27th (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) with a presentation by Dan Ottenheimer, son of a Holocaust Survivor. Dan shared his father's experiences growing up in Germany, immigrating to the US, and then being stationed in Germany after enlisting in the US Army. Throughout the month, a total of 490 community members participated in Holocaust Learn and Remember.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of *DreamWeek San Antonio*, Librarian Matt De Waelsche from Texana arranged a presentation on January 25 at Carver Library. This presentation featured Shokare Nakpodia, founder and organizer of *DreamWeek*. Nakpodia discussed what inspired him to create this organization and how it has evolved and grown over the years.

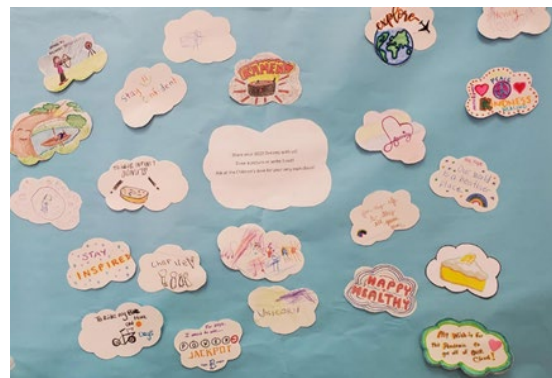
On January 12th, the Library launched a new monthly, virtual, self care series entitled OptimizeU. This series will feature Maggie Grueskin, a local expert in self care who is certified in Ayurvedic Yoga and is a Perfect Health Certified Instructor. This new series will focus on a different self-care topic each month. The focus of January's session was Daily Habits to Thrive and provided participants with information about core fundamentals for whole-person wellbeing. The next session in this series is scheduled for February 9th.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



SAPL Story Time: Round



Librarian I Ashley Stubbs kicked off the New Year at the Central Library with a very popular collaborative art activity celebrating New Year aspirations. She developed an eye-catching display and invited children and families to decorate a cloud shaped piece of paper with their dream for the New Year and share it on the wall.

Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin and Ms. Stubbs were very active in virtual programming throughout November and December. Ms. Seglin presented four Toddler Time and two Story Time programs. She also participated in a virtual LEGO Club. Her reading of Jennifer Ward's picture book *Round*, was featured on SAPL's YouTube page. Ms. Stubbs presented two live online Story Time programs as well. She supported the Tiny Tots and Story Time weekly programs by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and a curated program.

Library Assistant Mary Elizabeth Fernandez cohosted the Science Fiction Escape the Earth podcast, which was focused on *Firebreak* by Nicole Kornher-Stace, a disturbing look into a future post-apocalyptic world. The Escape the Earth podcast can be found on Soundcloud on SAPL's Podcast TunedIn Channel.

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



During the reporting period, teens used computers in the Teen Library, browsed the YA collection, used craft supplies to create, played video games with their peers, and used the 3D printer to bring their designs to life. Teen Library staff serves free snacks from the San Antonio Food Bank during after-school hours to teens in the space. Regina Almanza (Library Assistant) provided teens the opportunity to suggest and/or join in for a variety of activities, such as after-school crafts of printed paper crafts and drawing and making stickers. In accordance with the SA Food Bank partnership, Regina presented a nutritional lesson with a taste test involving a pepperoni pizza-flavored popcorn. Pictures from these programs can be found at <http://www.Instagram.com/210teenlibrary>.

A group of teens who use the recording studio for their band are working with Teen Library staff to refresh the instruments, equipment, and additional aspects of the space to make it more useful and relevant to their current needs and for other teens.

REFERENCE

On January 11th, Pannaga Prasad and Brooke Mjolsness offered a virtual session entitled OptimizeU. The session was presented by Maggie Grueskin, an Ayurvedic Yoga specialist, Chopra Center Perfect Health Certified Instructor, Diplomate in Logotherapy.

On January 11th, JD Elizondo and Lorin Flores recorded the second episode of the SAPL Variety Show with featured guest and renowned artist (Alex} Rubio. The first episode featuring SAPL talent Bri Glass, Erik Lumpkin and Gamini Haluwana was released on YouTube during this time period as well. On January 14th JD assisted by Leti Guerra did an in person basic Improv program in the LCRC.

On January 16th, Pannaga Prasad and Emily Flores offered a virtual session entitled Geographies of the Holocaust: Pattern of Destruction and Narratives of Survival as part of The Holocaust: Learn and Remember series. The session was presented by Dr. Alberto Giordano, Professor of Geography from Texas State University.

On January 20th, Sally Bauer and Keith Thibodeaux- the City's health and wellness expert hosted a virtual program: Essentials of Nutrition.

On January 20th, Homelessness & Libraries' Committee members Heather Ferguson, Nathan Laubner, and Tracey Knouse presented the Homeless Resources LibGuide (an internal guide for SAPL staff). The LibGuide was a work in progress for many months and features contributions from Brianna Glass, Heather Ferguson, Cassie Garza, and Summer Casarez. Contents include Immediate Needs such as food, shelter, and wellness resources, and videos that staff can view to gain a new perspective on patrons experiencing homelessness. The LibGuide will be updated with new resources weekly and committee members are dedicated to making easy to print documents for our patrons experiencing homelessness.

On Wednesday January 27, Lorin Flores & Edward Mayberry streamed "Lorin & Edward Play a Game: Dota 2 & Drone Showcase" on the Library's Twitch channel.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

On January 4, the Latino Collection and Resource Center (LCRC) hosted Sergio Troncoso for a hybrid Author Talk. Troncoso, an El Paso native and current president of the Texas Institute of Letters, presented his book "A Peculiar Kind of Immigrant's Son." There was an impressive turnout for the event, with one participant joining from Peru! Troncoso also participated in an LCRC-sponsored program last Fall, as part of an author panel for "Nepantla Familias." The LCRC added numerous books of different genres in January as part of a generous donation from Carmen Tafolla. The English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, including an ESL Book Club, continue to meet virtually. Students are currently reading "The Kissing Bug," and were excited to see a mention of SAPL's LCRC in the text.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

Librarian Sylvia Reyna conducted an in-person beginning genealogy presentation at Collins Garden Library on January 8. How to begin researching family history and the resources available to help answer questions about ancestors' lives were discussed.

Ms. Reyna invited Francis X. Galán, PhD, from Texas A&M University-San Antonio (TAMUSA), to participate in the Holocaust Learn and Remember series. Professor Galán conducted two presentations on: *Pioneers and Refugees: Sephardic Jews, Identity and Empire in the Spanish Borderland of North America*, the first at Central Library on January 18 and the second on January 24 at the Landa Library. Both events were a hybrid that offered in-person and live-streamed presentations assisted by Morgan Yoshimura, Emily Flores and Lorin Flores.

On January 22, Librarian Andy Crews presented a new class entitled: *How to Preserve a Family Cemetery (and What Happens When You Don't)*. Based on his personal experience, Mr. Crews discussed the ways family cemeteries can be protected from land development and offered advice on how to preserve them for the future. Virtual attendees included one participant from the Netherlands.

Librarian Deborah Countess led a genealogy class January 25 on using the new Ancestry.com (Library Edition) database collection "*Archdiocese of San Antonio Sacramental Records, 1700-1995.*" Since the more historical records documenting early settlers' births, marriages and deaths were written primarily in Spanish, Ms. Countess went over how to find the important words and dates in these entries, without being overwhelmed by the handwriting and foreign language. She also explained how to browse through the records when the search function doesn't return any useful results.

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BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

The Bazan branch hosted several sessions with healthcare enrollment navigators in January for customers needing assistance in making informed decisions when enrolling in the Healthcare Marketplace. The free service was provided by the Bexar County Health Collaborative a network of citizens, community organizations and businesses working towards solving critical community health needs.

Bazan Children's librarian, Hope Sonnen, was busy in January as the committee chair in charge of lining up Summer Reading performers. The committee put forth some great options for librarians to select from and the hope is that performances will be live and in person for summer 2022.

Teen Librarian Georgina Garcia continued to lead *Gaming Club* every Saturday alongside Teen Librarian Cassie Garza. Both teen librarians teamed up to announce the winners of the *Gaming Club Video Game Awards 2021* at the beginning of the month. Teens were excited to hear their names called out for several categories. January had teens excited to stream their games while discussing game lore during the program. SMASH being a popular title among the teens, was heavily discussed and inspired a teen to create his own SMASH tournament using smash. The same teen setup the tournament rules, created the flyer and artwork for advertisement, and asked teen librarians Gina and Cassie to promote it on Discord. *Gaming Club* has become a space where teens can create and collaborate. Another teen suggestion became part of the program and was teen led: "Try-not-to-laugh-video/gif." Teens were eager to submit their videos and gifs to be shared amongst the group.

Ms. Garcia stopped by Lanier High School to visit the school librarian to promote Young Pegasus and dropped off some teen program flyers along with bookmarks, and comic books to be distributed amongst the teens.

BROOK HOLLOW Library

Adults: During January 2022, Brook Hollow Library (BHL) Adult Services Librarian Marco De Leon hosted two virtual *Among Us* programs with max registration and continued to host the BHL Mystery Book Club featuring *The Silkword* by Robert Galbraith. Due to the COVID19 Omicron Surge, the La Tertulia Spanish Book Club requested De Leon host the meeting via Zoom, the book *Una Vez Fui Tu* by Maria Hinojosa was discussed.

Children: BHL Library Assistants Elissa Vura and Jennifer Olivarez created three very popular SAPL Take-and-Make Kits for BHL families. They assembled forty stationary themed craft kits and 100 S.T.E.A.M. Measurement Activity Kits for children ages three to 12 years old. The library assistants also created an adult Take-and-Make kit featuring stationary for adults with the theme, "From BHL with Love," for patrons to stay connected to the library, family and friends. Take-and-Make Kits and the BHL play dough recipe are hits at BHL. A mom even called specifically for the library's play dough recipe given out in the fall. Additionally, Olivarez helped Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas create passive programs for families in the children's area that included a polar animal scavenger hunt and an interactive display for kids to showcase some of their artwork. BHL Children's Librarian Salinas continued to assist presenting online programs that included; Baby Time Online; Read to a Dog Online; Lego Club Online; Art Club Online; Game Time Online; and Cooking Around the World with the San Antonio Food Bank.

Manager News: Brook Hollow Library (BHL) Manager Jeannette Davies hosted Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen twice in January highlighting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and San Antonio Dream Week with bakes of Southern Cuisine. (A high school librarian in Laredo registered for the cooking program on SAPL's webpage and two of her library classes participated for a total of 25 students! (Sign-up <https://www.mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar>) Davies met with the Friends of Brook Hollow Library (FOBHL) in January and prompted the Friends to conduct a Blind Date with a Book Sale through February 14, 2022 in lieu of a pop-up book sale. Due to COVID19, FOBHL moved their BHL Friends Pop-Up Book Sale to Saturday, March 4, 2022.

Davies, an avid reader, has challenged herself to a 100 Books in a Year New Year's resolution/goal, titles read so far include, *The Last Year of the War* by Susan Meissner, *Cosy*, *The British Art of Comfort* by Laura Weir and *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin. Davies met with BHL Team members to deliver Employee Performance Evaluations (EPEs) and is in the process of meeting with team members to conduct EPE planning sessions. Davies held an informational meeting with the BHL reference crew and LICs. In addition, she met with the Texas Library Association's (TLA)'s Libraries Transform Texas Podcast Team and is in the process of interviewing guests for National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022. (Stay tuned.) <https://anchor.fm/texas-library-association>

Teens: Brook Hollow Library's Teen Librarian Julia Pouliot rang in the New Year 2022 by continuing to co-host weekly Music Mondays on the 210tenlibrary Discord Server in January. Teens met to share music, art, and memes, and to stream video games they are playing and digital art they are working on. In-person teen programming was paused this month as a response to COVID19 numbers rising. With meeting in person not an option, Pouliot created SAPL Take-and-Make Craft Kits for teens to pick up at Brook Hollow Library. Pouliot planned and hosted a BHL Circulation Staff Meeting January 13th where she shared important updates with the circulation team as well as notes from the previous days' town hall meeting. Pouliot also met with the SAPL Teen Summer Workgroup to begin planning for Teen Summer 2022. The group has welcomed some new staff members and everyone is looking forward to using teen suggestions and input to enhance the offerings for their age group in regards to the summer program.

Pouliot created two book displays for the branch this month. The first display featured young adult books set in space, while the second highlighted the branch's graphic novel collection with some free comics for patrons to take. The free comics were a big draw, with the overall supply of over 70 comics being distributed throughout the two-week span of the display.

CARVER

To commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Month, Rebecca Vasquez and Shannan Prukop updated the branch display with fiction and nonfiction selections, as well as fliers for the Holocaust Remembrance programs happening at San Antonio Public Library.

Mx. Prukop presented alongside Matthew Loaiza for the virtual LibLearnX conference on Monday, January 24th, speaking on the 210TeenLibrary Discord server and how it can be used for effective virtual teen programming, based on SAPL's experiences. Every Wednesday, Mx. Prukop continued the Dungeons & Dragons program on Discord, encouraging teens to grow confidence in improvisation and critical reasoning. With the shift back to virtual-only programming for teens, they made sure all displays in the teen area were updated frequently and stocked with fliers for Discord, as well as passive programming options.

CODY

January at the Cody Branch Library saw the addition of two new library aides, Michael Cabeza and Chelsea Moreno (on loan from Forest Hills). Community member Siegmundo Hirsch displayed photos of his travels to Sucre, Bolivia, in the display case above the inside book drop; the photos were admired by many patrons.

Wellness Liaison Luanne Bloom continues promoting healthy habits for staff with bimonthly wellness activities, with the help of fellow library assistant Angela Olivarez. January activities included a 30-Day Challenge for Mental Health and an aromatherapy session where staff made small room fresheners with their favorite scent.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon contributed to several online virtual programs in January, including Story Time Online on January 13 and Jan 27. Yourdon sang several action songs with the children and led a flannel story that allowed them to practice their counting skills. Later that day, Yourdon led an icebreaker game during Game Time Online. Yourdon presented during a special Pajama Story Time on January 25th, where she read the book Shhh! The Baby's Asleep by JaNay Brown-Wood. Yourdon selected this interactive book as it has a repeated refrain throughout the book and lots of onomatopoeia that she encouraged children to say with her.

At the branch, Yourdon set up a special New Year's themed scavenger hunt for the first week of January. Children had to find several objects that people wish upon, such as a penny, a water fountain, a shooting star, etc. When children turned in their completed scavenger hunt they were given a paper star to write or draw a wish for 2022, which were then strung on the branch's wish tree, in the Children's area. The next week Yourdon and Library Assistant Haly LeFlore set out a CandyLand themed scavenger hunt. Children had to follow the colorful game board squares around the children's area and count how many objects they could find. For example, in the Peppermint Forest children had to count how many candy canes they found. The next week, the children had to find King Candy.

During the month of January, Cody's film club and five book clubs started meeting again after taking a break for the month of December. Members were excited about the opportunity to get together with their friends and look forward to reading and discussing new books during the upcoming year.

The branch hosted The Holocaust: Learn and Remember hybrid program titled MS St. Louis: The Voyage of the Damned. Presented by Roger C. Barnes, Ph.D., the program was moderated

by Adult Services Coordinator Morgan Yoshimura and Librarian II Michael Dunbar-Rodney. There were three in-person attendees and fifteen who attended online. An active question and answer session followed the presentation.

COLLINS GARDEN

Collins Garden was selected as a trial branch for the January installment of a “*New Year, New You*” book bundle display. This Collection Development curated bundle featured 20 distinct titles around the theme – all books, all adult and a combination of fiction and non-fiction. On January 28, The Collins Garden Book Club met at the branch. This event was facilitated by Gina Brudi and the group discussed ***The Anatomy of Desire*** by L.R. Dorn.

Children’s Librarian Gina Brudi engaged babies and their grown-ups with songs and rhymes at Baby Time Online on January 7 and 14. She presented songs and rhymes at Toddler Time Online on January 12 and 26. Ms. Brudi continued her online Story Time outreach with Knox Early Childhood Education Center. She filmed a short video of the rhyme - “Five Little Hot Hogs” for the SAPL YouTube channel. Ms. Brudi attended her monthly meeting with the Summer Reading 2022 Performers Selection Committee to discuss performer scheduling for the upcoming Summer Reading program. Ms. Brudi installed a Juvenile New Book Display in the children’s area. She encouraged staff to stay on track with wellness goals by sharing an article on staying hydrated without water.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll supervised 10 off-site teen volunteers in January. Among the creations from the teens on Instagram, was a book review of Colm Toibin’s *Brooklyn*. Among the music list curations from the teens on Spotify were workout playlists and a picnic-themed playlist. Ms. Toll assisted Ms. Heather Swindell with the weekly teen book club “*Bookworms*” on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. One teen volunteer selects the short story of the week, as well as a question of the day. Teens then discuss, share insights and broaden their perspective. January’s teen selections included *Mask of Amontillado* by Edgar Allan Poe, Martin Luther King’s 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance Speech, “*Miracle of Morning*” by Amanda Gorman, and “*Who Understands Me but Me*” by Jimmy Santiago Baca. Ms. Toll serves as the branch volunteer liaison and she supervised 28 hours of in-person volunteering.

Library Assistant Carlos Loera hosted a Coffee and Movie program for seniors on January 14. Nine seniors enjoyed *The Mole Agent*. Mr. Loera led a discussion after the screening. He hosted an Adult Coloring program on January 19. Patrons enjoyed classical music as they worked on their coloring pieces.

CORTEZ

In January, Cortez Library staff welcomed Branch Manager Angela Morrow to the branch. Ms. Morrow transferred from the Westfall Library at the start of the year and was formerly the Adult Services Librarian for Cortez Library. Library Aide Esmeralda Staudt volunteered to become the

Wellness Liaison and shared information with her coworkers about biking in and around San Antonio and walked to work one day to promote healthy habits. Branch Manager Morrow suggested adopting the theme of “Kindness” for the New Year. To celebrate Kindness and as team building activity, a positive thought from the book *A Year of Positive Thinking* is read aloud each day and reflected upon. Two displays were created to include patrons as part of the Kindness in 2022 initiative, *Hand Out Kindness* for adults, and *Kind Words Lift Us Up* for children. Both displays encourage patrons to write a way to show kindness or a kind word and add to the display. Cortez participated in the trial display created by Collection Development; a curated set of 20 fiction and nonfiction adult books with the theme “New Year, New You”. Several of Cortez Staff received a combined seven EnCORE cards from patrons in the month of January, thanking them for their helpfulness and friendly dispositions.



Adult Services Librarian Vicky Villalobos held the virtual program: “Urban Survival and Disaster Preparedness with Earth Native Wilderness School”. The program presenter, Dave Scott of Earth Native Wilderness School, discussed survival techniques during natural disasters and how best to prepare for the next emergency. A recording of the event was posted to SAPL’s YouTube channel. Additionally, Librarian Villalobos joined Librarian Connie Hejl for Speak Geek: Buffy. The group answered trivia and discussed favorite episodes and characters of the TV show *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Librarian Vicky Villalobos also contributed to another round of SAPL Live Trivia with Brooke Mjolsness and Morgan Yoshimura. The event was held on January 28, and Librarian Villalobos provided research for the Children’s and Teen Lit category as well as the US History category. Various staff members helped assemble and disseminate the Adult Services Take-and-Make craft for Black History Month, which helped patrons begin tracking their genealogy with a family tree and research help.

Due to a surge in COVID-19 cases, Teen Time in-person programming has been put on hold for the month of January or until further notice.

Children's Librarian Olivia Escovedo created a new passive program for children at Cortez. She created a scavenger hunt using anthropomorphized crayons made from paper towel rolls. Each crayon person held a different word relating to the theme of Kindness. Once children or families found all five crayons they could unscramble the phrase, "Color Your World with Kindness". Ms. Escovedo also read for Dial-a-Story a picture book focused on the changing of seasons. She also took part in Story Time Online with fellow Librarians; she read a book about city noises. Various staff members helped assemble and disseminate the Children's Services Take-and-Make craft for January, coffee filters to be colored with markers.

Library Assistant Jo Ann Paredes sent craft assignments to the members of Cortez's weekly program, *Getting Crafty*, so classes could continue safely throughout the surge in COVID-19 cases. Those crafts included: felt hamburgers-fries-shakes, felt donut coasters, felt night mask, and felt pencil/eyeglass case. Crafters were asked to send in photos of the completed crafts. The weekly program put on by Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez, *Monster Meet*, was temporarily suspended due to the risk level of COVID-19 until further notice. Circulation Attendant Raquel Rodriguez volunteered to help Johnston with coverage during a staff shortage.

ENCINO

Children's

Children's Librarian Lea Ann McDonald coordinated with Nohemi Lopez Rosdahl in Collection Development to order and update Children's Express collection. This needed a refresh after the pandemic.

January book displays for non-fiction Biography included- Interesting People, Winter Sports and Winter Weather as well as a display on Building. Lea Ann also maintains a Paperback Rack display of rotating series books that are high interest.

Lea Ann is mentoring recently hired Library Aides to expand their duties and learn how to create displays in the Library. She is also planning for future programs both outdoor and indoor as well as passive programming to be ready when City allows. Ms. Lea Ann continues to be a part of Art Club Online and Story Time Online programming groups.

Lea Ann created an Art Club online program featuring the technique of painting with balloons. An interactive Valentine's themed collaborative poster was created to engage with young patrons to "Write What You Love." Children may write on cut out hearts something they love and add it to the large poster on the Children's department window.

Adults

Adults at the Encino Branch got to enjoy several crafts and activities centered around home and health in January. On January 13th Take-and-Make kits were given out for patrons to make their own decongestant shower steamers. Librarian Katy Dillard hosted a program on January 29th to

demonstrate how to make a Home Management Binder. Participants got their own binder, with templates, to take home. On January 31st, Librarian Ann Laird hosted a Homemade Household Cleaners program. This was also a hands-on program and participants got to take home homemade dishwasher tablets, reusable dryer sheets, homemade “Febreze,” and a handout with more recipes for homemade cleaners. Ann also created a video of how to make the homemade dishwasher tablets that was shared on the MySAPL YouTube channel.

Encino adults also enjoyed the system-wide Holocaust Remembrance Take-and-Make activities.

FOREST HILLS

Branch/Adult Services

Branch Manager Mary Naylor made her monthly visit to the Doris Griffin Senior Center to host a book club discussion. After many months of virtual only meetings, the seniors were very excited to be able to join in person. This meeting was especially interesting because it was a hybrid of virtual and in person. Some participants joined the discussion from the comfort of their own homes and others joined at the center. Many who joined were glad to be able to see their friends whom they had not seen for many months. The book club discussed Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty. Librarian Naylor also provided a link to a list of book recommendations which can be checked out in person at local branches, and also downloaded from the digital collection.

The Gilbert Garza Community Center was activated as an overnight warming center for area residents during the cold front which brought temperatures below freezing in the last week of January. Library staff on hand provided access to materials to those who took advantage of the warming center.

The Forest Hills Branch staff welcomed Chelsea Moreno to the team as she recently was hired as the newest Library Aide. Ms. Moreno will be stationed at the Cody Branch Library while construction is completed on the Forest Hills Branch building.

Children’s

Ms. Menchaca is happiest when she facilitates Story Time, so she did a couple of Story Times this month. A special pajama Story Time was held one afternoon; the librarians and children had a good time reading and singing songs about bedtime. Ms. Menchaca also curated a Story Time in English and one in Spanish.

Ms. Menchaca attended Esparza Elementary's Career Day virtually. Ms. Menchaca spoke to the entire third-grade class. Children had a lot of questions for Ms. Menchaca; questions included: “What do you love best about your job?”, “What do you love least about your job?” and “How much do you get paid?” It was a fun event; Ms. Menchaca and the children had a good time.

As she does every Friday, Ms. Menchaca participated in Baby Time. Baby Time is a special time for librarians to interact with babies and their adults. Early literacy skills are modeled and discussed.

Teens

Teen Librarian Laura Herman has been communicating with the teens on Discord about their ideas for Summer with SAPL 2022, they have offered lots of unique insight and ideas that will hopefully be implemented this summer.

The teens continue to make requests for buttons, stickers and magnets through Discord, which are created and sent to their requested branches.

Ms. Herman also is building the YA collection at the community center and has requested more popular books that can be added.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Children's Librarian Cari Raley and *The Time Chasers* began this month by going back to the dinosaur times. Based on the Magic Tree House book *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, the families built a dinosaur diorama and a Magic Tree House, created their own dinosaur game, and made a google-eyed Pteranodon. Great Northwest Library sent digital activity kits to 42 families and gave out 72 locally made Take-and-Makes.

During January, Teen Librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four Create Club virtual teen programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens shared their developments of original video games, robotics builds, their YouTube channels, illustrations, knit fiber arts, music compositions, and other artists expressions.

Teens are working with Teen Services to brainstorm, plan, and execute summer programming to include a talent show, zine, summer incentive giveaways, and more server events. Teens suggested Discord server improvements to improve the Teen Mod nomination process. Teens submitted requests for free 3D printing, custom buttons, and magnets services, and picked them up from the branch.

Library Assistant Jenn Tristan hosted a 2022 Vision Board program for adults on January 8 with nine in-person participants. The group shared great conversations, creations, and feedback. The remaining 12 Take-and-Makes were made available for patrons to take the rest of the month.

Great Northwest Library is partnering with the San Antonio Heartwarmers blanket making group to provide a monthly program where patrons can help make blankets for rescue dogs.

GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library celebrated the New Year with plenty of eye catching new book displays highlighting new titles in both fiction and nonfiction. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program or VITA began in Guerra's Barrera meeting room on January 21 and will continue throughout the tax season on Friday -Sunday 10-4 and Monday 12-6. The small meeting at

Guerra was used often by neighborhood groups including Metro Health partners, homeowner associations and study groups.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo facilitated the online Athena Reader Book Club discussion of Margarita Montimore's *Oona Out of Order* on January 24. On January 13 Ms. Bustillo participated in the Penguin Random House Spring 2022 Library Mange Book Buzz. Ms. Bustillo was accepted into the 2022 Class of the Women's Leadership and Mentoring Program with the City of San Antonio on January 18.

While in-person teen programming was paused, Teen Librarian Bek Corley worked with Guerra's teen volunteers to create engaging displays and refresh the collections in the Teen area. This included reorganizing the YA graphic novel collection by the thoughtful, collaborative suggestion of the library aide team and teen user feedback and creating an information shelf for community and health resources, bookmarks, Discord and volunteer fliers. Ms. Corley began gathering feedback from the volunteers and teens she met after school about future in-person programming ideas they may be interested in. During this time, she also assisted another Discord program, Music Mondays, where teens shared playlists, art, and peer support.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *Un beso de buenas noches* by (Kiss good night, Sam) Amy Hest for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on January 18. He moderated the Spanish book club Club de Lectura on January 20. He recorded a second book *El príncipe no duerme* (The prince's bedtime) by Joanne Oppenheim on January 21. They discussed *La hija de 'la Chuparrosa'* (The daughter of 'the Hummingbird') by Luis Alberto Urrea. The next day, he presented a trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. Questions emphasized the topics of Martin Luther King and identifying stores by their founders on January 21.

IGO

Circulation Attendant, Aleida Ireta continues to host a very popular Spanish language book club, Club de Lectura. Last month the group met and discussed *El Viento de las Horas* by Angeles Mastretta. 15 people attended the discussion. Mrs. Ireta really enjoys hosting this event and is very thankful to have the opportunity to do so.

Annie Calonico, Teen Services Librarian at Igo, covered tables with paper and left art supplies in the dedicated teen space, giving teens an outlet for creative expression and increased ownership of the space. She has been learning the ropes on using Discord to host teen programs virtually and is ready to jump in with both feet.

Children's Librarian Carrie Vance still presents jointly with Children's Librarians across the system to bring Baby Time Online – Live and Toddler Time Online – Live to families across the city.

Ms. Vance continues with the Igo Stitchery. The group is growing in size and still enjoying work on individual projects and learning endeavors.

Contact free pickup is a popular service with Igo customers, and staff perform car delivery when possible. Customers are extremely happy and have conveyed their appreciation. “This service is a true godsend for those of us with balance issues. It makes it so much easier for me to get my family’s library books.”

Branch Manager, Tim Johnson continues to serve as cohost of the SAPL’s Escape the Earth Sci-Fi and Fantasy podcast along with several others, most notably Mary Elizabeth Fernandez (Central Children’s) and Elissa Vura (Brook Hollow). The most recent episode features a discussion on Andy Weir’s Project Hail Mary.

JOHNSTON

Branch Manager, Cristine Mitchamore, served as a moderator for an online program, Urban Survival and Disaster Preparedness with Earth Native Wilderness School on January 12. Mx. Mitchamore participated in the chat as attendees discussed their personal experiences with preparedness as well as sharing recommendations for implementing the presenter’s advice.

Children’s Librarian, Tiffany Durham, was busy in January providing virtual programming to SAPL families. She hosted and presented at Toddler Time Online on Wednesdays, and presented alternate Tuesdays for Read-to-a-Dog, and Lego Club and alternate Thursdays for Art Club, and Game Time. Miss Tiffany also recorded the book *The Littlest Yak* by Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley for Dial-a-Story. She continued her work as the co-lead of the Tiny Tots Work Group and as a member of the Children Services Work Groups: Take-and-Make and the Summer Reading Programming. The system-wide and branch-created supplemental Take-and-Make Kits continued to be a wonderful resource to the community. Miss Tiffany has been planning several exciting kits for the next upcoming months.

Teen librarian Cassie Garza co-hosted a virtual Gaming Club on the teen services Discord server every Saturday afternoon. The dedicated Gaming Club teen mod was recognized for their efforts in organizing training opportunities for gaming club members for the Valorant and Rocket league games. Three other teens were also recognized for their continued involvement with regular gaming club activities. Ms. Garza, served as lead for the SAPL Esports committee. The Esports committee has secured a weeklong schedule of events that lead up to Mario Day during the week of March 7 through March 12. Most of the events will be virtual apart from a Mario Party party. A virtual Mario Trivia is in process and will include almost 100 questions about the Super Mario game. Ms. Garza enlisted three teen volunteers and Library Aide Maya Harris to create an enormous collage to be displayed in the Johnston’s teen area. The collage will act like an “I Spy” challenge for teens with a handful of prompts to search for within the piece of art. Each section of the collage was created by teen volunteers who worked independently to create an amazing piece of art.

Training Officer, Marcella McGowan, had 42 patrons access the Learn Center. Their sessions ranged from Impact Texas access, computer skills, resumes, online researching to Digital Certifications. The number of patrons continues to increase demonstrating that the Johnston Learn Center continues to be utilized with many repeat patrons.

LANDA

The Landa team welcomed the new year with new staff! PT Library Assistant Julie Grant joined the Landa staff on January 2.

While the Branch was without an Adult Librarian during the month of January, programming continued. Landa Branch hosted two Holocaust Learn and Remember events. The first was led by Reyna Stovall and brought in an audience of almost 20 people! The second event was held in a hybrid style, with the majority of those in attendance attending via Zoom.

Previous Adult Librarian Karen Sebesta continued to lead the two in-person book clubs while decisions were made about filling her empty position.

Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta participated in a handful of virtual programs including Lego Club, Art Club, and Game Time.

Toward the end of the month, Children's Librarian Alcorta submitted her name for transfer to Adult Services. Regarding her time in children's services, a colleague told Robin: Thank you so much for being the leader and creator of this group. You make creativity look effortless and you are a natural.

Landa Branch Library was a hotspot for activity. The grounds flooded with photography, celebrations, and playground users. The nearby charter school provided easy access for school children.

LAS PALMAS

Children's Librarian Valerie Shelley actively participated in Toddler Time and Read to a Dog, reaching 43 participants. In addition, 25 Take-and-Make craft kits were distributed this month.

Adult Librarian Lily Perez created a service called Technology Tuesday/Martes de Tecnología, which is a bilingual service that provides personalized assistance with basic technology needs. The service debuted on January 11, with 7 patrons participating in the first week. Technology Sessions this month included: Internet Basics, MS Office (Word) Basics, and Smartphone Basics. Ms. Pérez also created a book display called New Year (Año Nuevo) / New Goals (Metas Nuevas).

MAVERICK

Maverick welcomed 2022 with optimism and anticipation of a brighter year for the library and the community. Traditionally after the Winter holidays, Maverick's circulation steadily begins to increase during the start of the year. Throughout January, the librarians weeded through their designated collections. The Mah Jongg group met twice in January as it continues to welcome new members. With high hopes of COVID-19 cases falling within the new year, all in-person programs will be able to resume with a safe environment for all ages.

Children's Librarian II, Amy Roberts, spent quite a bit of the reporting period weeding the grubby items out of the children's collection. This included the J 800's and J 900s and the Juvenile collection.

Ms. Roberts also did work for children's services and her children's librarian committees. On January 19, Ms. Roberts participated in filming a segment of the book *The Day We Began* for World Read-Aloud Day on 2/2/22. She thanks San Pedro Children's Librarian, Karen Braueler for coming to Maverick to film her for the project. She completed a curated Story Time for the Tiny Tots Committee; Snowballs by Lois Ehlert on January 24. She also read Chill, Chomp, Chill! by Chris Ayala-Krones for Dial-A-Story on January 25. In addition, Ms. Roberts assembled and distributed 75 Take-and-Make kits for kids consisting of a project with coffee filters and began assembling 75 Take-and-Make kits for February's "Let's Paint" kit.

The children's librarian attended trainings and meetings during the reporting period. Ms. Roberts did Security Awareness Training on January 10. She attended one of the Director's Town Halls online and also attended children's librarian meetings on January 12 and January 24.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl continues to work Outreach with Marshall High School Librarian Roxanne Jenke. On behalf of students, Ms. Jenke forwards completed San Antonio Public Library card applications to Bleichwehl. Bleichwehl then processes the applications and delivers the cards to Ms. Jenke at Marshall High School, who then distributes the cards to each student. Bleichwehl also emails letters, slides and links to Ms. Jenke for SAPL Teen programming and special opportunities such as Young Pegasus and the Summer Reading T-shirt art submissions. Conversely, Bleichwehl cross promotes NISD's Library Palooza.

Maverick Teens attended Teen Time in person the first week of January. Bleichwehl then facilitated Teen Time on Zoom, assisted by Library Aide, Taylur Loera, the remainder of the month. One Teen invited her high school aged step-sister in El Paso, Texas and her teen aged cousin from California to Zoom with the group and an exchange student from Indonesia, currently attending Marshall High School, attended as well. Teens worked collaboratively to solve Bleichwehl's new Rebus of the Week puzzles and continue to build relationships discussing such diverse topics as their college readiness and popular entertainment to their pets and individual creative endeavors.

McCRELESS

After the holidays, McCreless patrons continue coming to the Southside Lions Community Center to pick up their holds and check out some of the newest and popular items from our Express Collection. Since basketball season is in progress, books on basketball have been added to the dance books display. In addition, the Winter display created by Krys Hernandez now displays books and movies featuring winter as a main theme.

Librarian Cristiane Yamada Lokensgard with librarian Monica Huerta from Potranco moderated the virtual session of *Geographies of the Holocaust: Pattern of Destruction and Narratives of Survival*. The program presented by Dr. Alberto Giordano from Texas State University was part of the Holocaust: Learn and Remember series.

McCreless Training Officer Lodie Mueller continues to work at all four LEARN Centers, assisting Training Officers in serving patrons and covering the Centers when Training Officers are absent. She and Angelina Cortes distributed more iPads to three patrons at District 2. Lodie also assisted Angelina, Patricia Perez, and Emily Flores at the second GET CONNECTED computer class at the Food Bank, as well as assisting with a similar event held at Mission Library Branch.

MEMORIAL

Adult services librarian Freddy Hudson assisted the San Antonio Food Bank with an outreach event on January 28th. This event was the distribution of free laptops to the community. Mr. Hudson assisted Angelina Cortes, who led the outreach, with presenting a basics computer class that introduced the recipients to the functionality of a laptop. They also helped the attendees with navigating the San Antonio Food Bank website and distributed information about SAPL to them.

Children's Librarian Christine Deffendall contributed to the Children's Services Blog on January 18 with a review of *How to Train Your Dad*, by Gary Paulsen. Mrs. Deffendall also worked on creating scripts for puppet skits to be recorded in cooperation with other Children's Librarians for San Antonio Public Libraries YouTube channel. While fulfilling her other duties Mrs. Deffendall assisted with branch operations at Carver branch library on January 31.

MISSION

On Tuesday, January 18th, as part of the system-wide Holocaust Learn and Remember programming series, Mission streamed a live presentation by Dr. Roger Barnes, entitled "MS St. Louis: Voyage of the Damned", a highly-emotional story about a German liner that set out from Hamburg in May of 1939. on Tuesday, January 18th. Dr. Barnes is a retired professor with two master's degrees and a doctoral degree; his writings on the death penalty, crime and justice, and the Holocaust have appeared in numerous journals, books, and newspapers. Dr. Barnes was made professor emeritus of sociology upon retirement in 2021.

Librarian Oscar González participated in the library's virtual programming offerings by participating in a Zoom-based cooking program on Thursday, January 13th. A computer basics class was offered at Mission on Monday, January 31st.

Jane Miller, Children's Librarian, continues to host and co-host the Story Time virtual programming every Friday.

Teens at Mission participated in one program during the reporting period. Teens joined in a scavenger hunt in the library and decorated art posters during their Teen Club event.

Mission continues to offer age-based Take-and-Make kits for community members. Library visitors, particularly those with children regularly enjoy them.

A winter book display was created by Library Assistant (PT), Jessica Viera, which included books with seasonal covers. The display utilized the lower half of the column's display area as a fireplace. Construction-paper fire, bricks and some real sticks gave a warm and cozy feel. A very young community member, about 3 years old, upon seeing the display, was seen putting her hands out to the 'fireplace' and promptly sitting down in front to revel in the imaginary warmth.



PAN AMERICAN

Children's - The Pan American Branch Library distributed 67 Heart Collage Take-and-Make kits to children throughout the month of January. Children were provided torn colorful paper, construction paper, and glue sticks to create their very own heart collage.



In addition, 30 Heart Necklace Take-and-Make kits were made for children. Kits included yarn, colorful beads, and chenille stems so children could craft their own heart necklace.



Our library also continued to hold our ongoing children's scavenger hunt where we placed colorful images around the Children's area and had kids try and find all of them for a prize.

Children's Librarian Jacqueline Gonzales attended an outreach at La Petite Academy, where she held Story Time for 30 children and 5 adults. Ms. Gonzales sang, read stories, and provided craft kits for the children.

Teens: Teen Liaison, Linda Rodriguez organized the January 3rd Teen Time activity which featured teens doing Valentine's themed décor and origami. Teens also assisted in creating and setting up branch displays. Shortly after, in person Teen programming was paused due to the pandemic.

Adults: Library Assistant Stephanie Perez hosted two virtual Sketchbook and Journaling Club sessions. Participants are given a topic to write about or draw, providing an opportunity for those participating to demonstrate their unique artistic abilities.

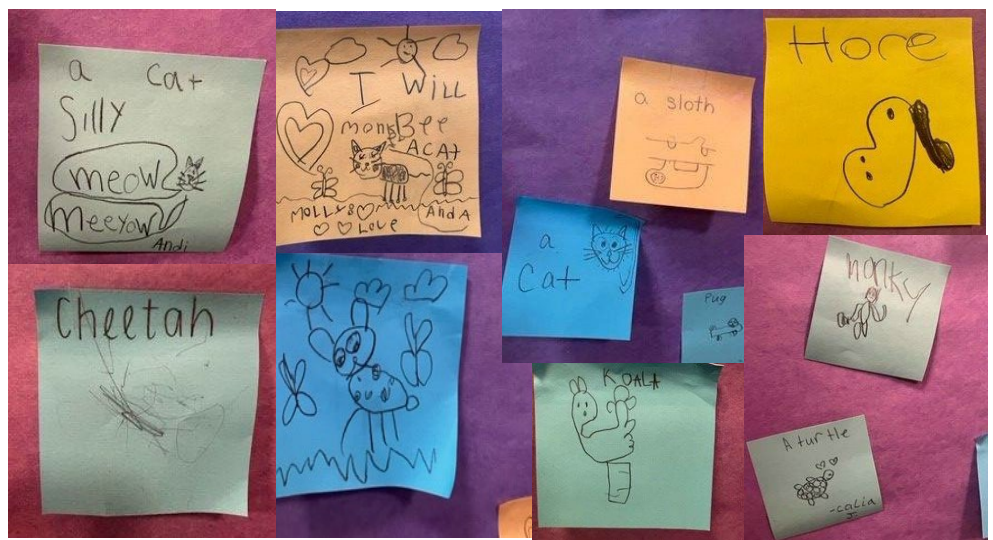
On January 9, 2022, the Pan American Branch hosted a system wide Holocaust Learn and Remembrance Program, entitled "Geographies of the Holocaust: Patterns of Destruction and Narratives of Survival" presented by Dr. Alberto Giordano. The program was held as a hybrid program. Participants were able to take part in the program both in-person and virtually.

On January 11th and 25th, Librarian Adrian Leal held two Adult Puzzle Time Programs. Participants of the program were able to stop by and relax all the while being able to put their choice of puzzle together. Puzzles are provided to the patrons, and they are on a first come first serve basis.

PARMAN

Parman teen services librarian Gladys Nunez started an interactive display for teens to provide their book recommendations for their fellow peers. Since there was not going to be programs in person, passive programming became a way for teens to still be involved at the branch. For the month of January, teens provided book recommendations across an array of genres. A few of the titles recommended included *Our Dark Secret* by Victoria Schwab and *Since You've Been Gone* by Morgan Matson. These book recommendations were compiled and made into a post for the 210TeenLibrary Instagram page so they could be shared to a wider teen audience. Ms. Nunez also assisted in the supervision of volunteers at the branch and started performing more tasks related to this duty. The teen volunteers participated in the interactive display and expressed interest in planning and implementing programming.

Children's Librarians, Lisa and Teague, started the new year off with a fun reusable playdough mat craft that celebrated New Year's Day. Patrons who visited the library and stayed for a while were able to complete the latest children's area scavenger hunt. Popular book characters, like Piggy, Elephant, and Pigeon were hidden around the library. Each character was holding a shape, and the children had to connect the character with their shape. Young patrons also had the chance to add a sticky-note to an interactive board asking, "If You Could Be Any Animal, Which One Would You Be?" Children wanted to be sloths, giraffes, cats and more! On the walking trail, patrons were treated to Parman's latest StoryWalk®, Naoko Stoop's Red Knit Cap Girl and the Reading Tree. In this story, the Red Knit Cap Girl and her forest friends create their own library in the hollow of a tree. Patrons anticipated the return of in-person outdoor Story Time in early January. Many of the participants were young enough to have never been to a Story Time before the pandemic. After enjoying the fun songs and stories, little ones were



enchanted by bubble machines that spit out millions of bubbles on the Parman front lawn. All will be excited when the outdoor program can be resumed.



POTRANCO

Since the start of the New Year, Potranco Branch Library has seen an increase of patrons returning to use library services. Our circulation rate continues to surpass the monthly goals and the increase of usage has kept Potranco Staff busy.

The weekly Dreaded Threads program was taken virtual until the COVID-19 surge eases. Dreaded Threads is a weekly program, co-hosted by Ms. Huerta and Circulation Attendant Miranda Reyes, where patrons are invited to bring their crafting materials to create in a supportive setting and enjoy thrilling podcasts such as Crime Junkie and Morbid.

Adult Services Librarian Monica Huerta hosted the Sci Fi / Fantasy book club met on the second Tuesday of the month. The book discussed this time around was Vicious by V.E. Schwab. Our book club decided to have a hybrid meeting session where members who were comfortable meeting in person did so while the rest joined in via Zoom.

Ms. Huerta moderated online “Geographies of the Holocaust: Patterns of Destruction and Narratives of Survival” program for Holocaust Remembrance month.

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro and Monica Huerta co-hosted the monthly Café con Libros book club. The group went to a hybrid model for the month and those in attendance had a lively discussion on the book of the month.

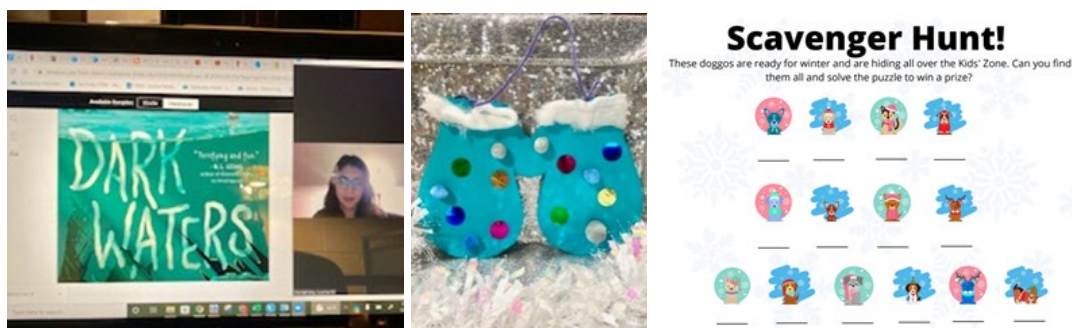
Ms. Leandro continues to host a bi-weekly virtual coloring program. Ms. Leandro has made a wonderful connection to the regulars of this program and despite the ability to meet in person, they continue to enjoy the virtual aspect of this program.

Children’s Librarian, Dawn Zeig, has been actively participating in two virtual programs: Game Time and Toddler Time along with several other San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) children’s librarians. Game Time consists of bringing four to five interactive fun games to City children geared towards grades kindergarten through third. Toddler Time is an interactive Story Time that includes a myriad of songs and rhymes that encourage active participation between children and their adult caregivers.

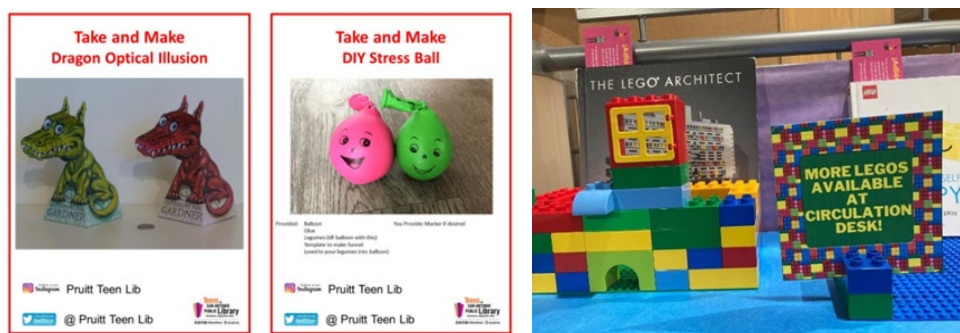
The January Take-and-Make craft is Tie-Dye Coffee Filters. Children may draw on the coffee filters with the included markers and then drip water on them to see what colors they will turn.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services celebrated January by handing out winter-themed *Take-and-Make* craft kits for children and toddlers, created by Children's Librarian Lucy Cisneros and library assistant Sheran Awe. Staff also distributed a watercolor painting activity created by the amazing Take-and-Make Committee. The branch's *Page-Turners Book Club* met virtually and discussed the selection *Dark Waters* by Katherine Arden, which was picked by a dedicated book club member. The discussion was lively, and participants chose the next meeting's selection and reviewed poetry writing tips in anticipation of the Young Pegasus Competition. School-age patrons participated in a passive *Winter Scavenger Hunt* in the Kids' Zone, giving them a chance to further connect with the children's library collection.



Teen Services started 2022 with volunteers planning activities for the upcoming month. However, the group quickly pivoted when Omicron caused a turn to passive programming. Teen Services staff distributed New Year's Glasses, A DIY Dragon Optical Illusion *Take-and-Make* in recognition of the Chinese New Year, and Stress Ball Kits to bring self-care tools to teen patrons. For Lego Day, Teen Services featured an interactive display and made additional Legos available to patrons.



Adult Services held the *Saturday Book Club*, discussing *The Boys in the Boat*, and the *TGIF Book Club*, with a discussion of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Perfectly Fine*. Adult Virtual Coloring continued on Fridays, co-hosted by Pruitt and Potranco staff. Adult Amigurumi Crochet classes were held in the library. Adult Services Librarian Paula Opiela assisted with the creation of the *Holocaust Learn and Remember Take-and-Make* backpack lapel pin. Librarian Sheri Watkins co-hosted a *Holocaust Learn & Remember* session, "Stories of Refuge" featuring Reyna Stovall.

Family Chess continued with Chess Master Alex Weinberg's live-streamed classes. Pruitt's *Wall of Warmth* moved into its third month, with 14 items donated and 21 items taken in January.

SAN PEDRO

In January San Pedro Branch Children's Librarian Karen Braeuler led an outreach book club for The Village at Incarnate Word. The group of eight participants discussed the book *A Dangerous Place* by J. Winspear.

Ms. Braeuler hosted the monthly online children's book group Adventurers Book Club. This month's selection was the classic *The BFG*. SAPL offered free copies to keep of the book for the first 15 registrants. Patrons took advantage of the offer with 27 signing up and 15 children logging in to participate in the lively discussion. Ms. Braeuler participated in the collaborative video for World Read Aloud Day, featuring 14 SAPL children's librarians reading the book *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson. She also assisted in recording 2 other librarians in their library location for the video. Braeuler was a presenter twice this month for the weekly Toddler Time Online on Wednesdays at 10am. Ms. Braeuler recorded the story *Green Pants* for the Dial A Story phone line.

The branch was visited by children's author Ron Roy, who wrote the popular *A-Z Mysteries* series. Mr. Roy lives in the area and is a frequent patron for adult books. He told staff the story of how he first got published and relayed about the continued legacy of his various children's book series.



Finally, in January San Pedro branch team welcomed part time library assistant Jared Thompson to the branch. Jared worked previously as a library aide at the Tobin Branch Library as well as a library assistant for the NEISD at the Pruitt Branch. Jared will assist on a variety of activities at San Pedro to include, computer and reference assistance, program development and book displays.

SCHAEFER

Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser participated in a variety of children's programs during January with small groups of other SAPL children's librarians. She presented Story Time Online on Jan. 6 and 20 and was the program's host once and for the other program she led the kids in a color scavenger hunt where they found something in a certain color and then sang the Color Hokey Pokey. She was involved in Read to a Dog on Jan. 11 and 25, and during one program she guided the kids in a drawing game while they waited for their turns to read; and during the other program she monitored a breakout room while the kids took turns reading to a furry friend. LEGO Club Online was Jan. 4 and 18, and Leslie was the host of the program and led the kids during the free building portion of the program. She also participated in Game Time on Jan. 13 and had the kids do a scavenger hunt.

During December and January, kids visiting Schaefer could decorate a paper mitten to hang on a winter display in the children's area. Creative Library Aides Monica Macias and Kaila Martinez created the festive display using the Cricut machine and paper.

Leslie is also a member of COSA Toastmasters which continues to meet weekly. She is very involved with the SAPL Summer committee as a co-leader and meets regularly with the workgroups she is a member of and also leading. She is also a part of the Take-and-Make team, which met once in January to plan out the spring kits that kids will receive this spring.

In January 2022, Dacari Lambert, Teen Librarian at Schaefer branch Library helped facilitate the weekly Create club with colleague Chris Castillo, via the 210TeenLibrary Discord server. Dacari is working with the Teen Summer workgroup to plan services for San Antonio teens for this upcoming summer. Dacari continues to work with Teen Services colleagues to meet the needs of teens across San Antonio with modified services and programming. Dacari was successful in creating a branch display for National House Plant Appreciation Day, which garnished a great deal of attention on the San Antonio Public Library social media channels. On January 27, 2022, Dacari represented SAPL Teen Services for the 2022 Texas Holocaust Remembrance week. She presented to teens across San Antonio about Intellectual Freedom and Censorship, for the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio.



Librarian II Dan Garcia moderated and cohosted two online presentations for the Holocaust Learn and Remember program series: “Stories of Refuge with Reyna Stovall”, on Wednesday, January 12 and Thursday, January 13, 2022. On January 18, 2022, Dan hosted the monthly Schaefer Skimmers book club meeting which was attended in person by three members of the group, and virtually via Zoom by an additional member.

Library Assistant Blanca Silvia Hernandez moderated Librarian, Vicky Villalobos’, Winter Preparedness program where patrons learned how to prepare for the next disaster and explored some vital survival skills to help them understand how to react to a crisis.

Blanca Silvia hosted the monthly Schaefer Virtual Craft program; where patrons created a Suncatchers. Patron’s chose from a variety of templates and made Suncatchers out of a butterfly, a rabbit and an arch panel with a cross in the center.

Blanca Silvia also published a Spotify playlist of Music to make you smile! with a complementary BiblioCommons list in January for Schaefer’s I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition) monthly program.

SEMMES

Ms. Valerie distributed brain teaser challenge packets in the teen area in honor of January being National Brain Teaser Month. Supplies for twenty Llama Wreaths were also made available in the teen area for teens to work on in-branch or at home. Valerie continued to act as liaison for Blue Star Contemporary, who installed a fresh art collection at the branch in January. The student art partnership with Wood Middle School and Harris Middle School is also going strong as both schools provided new artwork to display at the branch this month as well.



Semmes Branch Library's children's librarian participated in several of San Antonio Public Library's online programming offerings in January 2022. While we wait for a vaccine for children under 5, online programming is San Antonio Public Library's best and safest way to reach our youngest patrons. Ms. Randi presented the closing songs and rhymes for Toddler Time Online Live on January 5 and acted as host for that program on January 26. She presented songs and rhymes and lead the children in an interactive activity for Story Time Online Live (for preschoolers ages 3-5 years) on January 6. She hosted that program on January 13 and January 20. On January 27, also for that program, she read aloud *A Perfect Day* by Lane Smith and lead the children in two fingerplays (Five Little Chickadees and Kitty Cat, Pounce!). She provided tech support for two sessions of Read to a Dog on January 11 and January 25. Her Tiny Tots curated program for *Yellow Ball* by Molly Bang premiered on the SAPL YouTube channel on January 31. Her Story Time curated program for *Everybody in the Red Brick Building* by Anne Wynter premiered on January 25. Ms. Randi sang and played some lullabies on guitar and lead the children in two mindful moments/ meditations for the special Zoom Pajama Time program on January 25.

Semmes continues to provide Take-and-Make crafts. Patrons of all ages enjoy taking home a craft to work on. Caregiver Tips are included to provide some information for the adults as they help their child complete an activity. The crafts that are eco-friendly; using old newspapers, faded construction paper, craft supplies that have been donated, or using scraps paper to create art whenever possible.

Grandma to Grandpa, "Don't forget to pick up the craft, so we can do them when the kids come today."

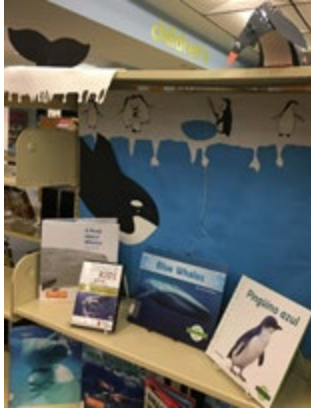
THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness hosted an in-person Holocaust Learn & Remember program with Reyna Stovall on January 11. She hosted virtual Holocaust Learn & Remember programs with Dr. Roger Barnes on January 12 and 18.

The Film Noir Club program was held on January 11. This virtual monthly discussion group watches a predetermined film noir movie and encourages a lively talk with engaging questions. Ms. Mjolsness served as co-host and chat moderator.

On January 12, a new virtual self-care program called OptimizeU was held. Ms. Mjolsness acted as a co-host and chat moderator while main host Maggie Grueskin led the presentation. OptimizeU is held the second Wednesdays of every month.

Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted a virtual Beginner's Chair Yoga program on January 28. The chair yoga series has a dedicated following and is held the last Friday of every month. She served as Master of Ceremonies for a SAPL Live Trivia program on January 28.



Children's Librarian Cheryl Penick completed all required training sessions, and attended the monthly meeting for Children's Services. Ms. Penick assembled Take-and-Make craft kits for distribution to patrons – 50 coffee filter watercolor art kits. She created a display themed for whales and penguins, with items for check-out in both English and Spanish.

Librarian Kimberly King attended the Pop Madness, and Teen Services meetings. She facilitated an outreach book group at the Northeast Senior Center on January 26. The book group participants discussed *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Library Assistant Edward Mayberry promoted library resources at the George Gervin Academy (GGA). With assistance from the Thousand Oaks Circulation staff, over 300 library cards were issued to the GGA students. Mr. Mayberry served as co-host for the Lorin and Edward Play a Game program on January 26.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

The first week of January, Tobin welcomed new Children's Librarian, Kara Bailey. Ms. Bailey relocated from Oregon to start her librarian career with San Antonio Public Library (SAPL). She has enthusiastically been creating Take-and-Make kids crafts to meet the high demand at the branch. Librarian Assistant, Terry Verner continues compiling crafts for these kits as well.

Librarian Rhonda Woolhouse facilitated a new Sit and Stitch program that meets the second and fourth Tuesday's each month. Local resident, Rose Reagan, hosts the program with Ms. Woolhouse and Circulation Attendant, Sandra Ruiz, co-hosting. Participants can bring knitting, crochet, sewing or any similar project and chat with other crafters while working.

Children's Librarian, Barbaraella Frazier, presented virtually for North East Independent School District's Family Engagement Training session on January 26. Ms. Frazier shared "The Magical World of Libraries" promoting SAPL services and resources to 55 parents and Family Support Specialists.

Tobin at Oakwell employees and curbside patrons were thrilled with SAPL's decision to extend curbside service as Tobin has the highest number of pick-ups each month averaging 125.

Kid's Pinwheel Craft



Sit and Stitch

WESTFALL

Westfall Branch Library hosted two events for Holocaust Learn and Remember Month in January. The branch hosted the exhibit *Displaced Persons Camps: Rebuilding Culture and Community in the Aftermath of WWII* during the month of January. The exhibition documented life in the displaced person camps after World War II and the resurgence of Jewish life after the Holocaust.

On January 12, the branch hosted a hybrid presentation of Dr. Barnes' lecture *M.S. St. Louis: The Voyage of the Damned*. Participants were able to visit the branch to view the lecture or log in from home to hear Dr. Barnes discuss the fate of 900 mostly Jewish passengers of M.S. St. Louis who sailed from Germany seeking refuge from the Nazi regime.

Teen Librarian Heather Swindell hosted a class of students from CAST STEM High School during their visit to see the Holocaust Learn and Remember exhibit at the branch. Some of the teens signed up for library cards and they all learned about the library's digital collections and spent time in the Teen Space. Ms. Swindell connected their teacher with the Teen Librarian at Johnston as the closest branch to the school to arrange a future class trip for her students to learn more about libraries.

There has been an increase in the number of teens coming to Westfall and using the Teen Space in January. Teens continue to express interest in volunteering and in the programming available on the Teen Library's Discord server.

In January 2022, Children's Librarian Imelda Merino added three curated Story Time programs that had been prepared by other children's librarians to the Preschool 0 – 5 LibGuide. She also created a train-themed curated Story Time program that was added to the LibGuide.

Mrs. Merino contributed a rhyme, a song, and a scavenger hunt game to the Story Time Online program on January 27.

As part of the Art and Maker Team, Mrs. Merino participated in the Art Club Zoom program on January 6, exploring the theme of Name Art – writing or painting or creating a person’s first name in some imaginative way. She also participated in Art Club on January 20, leading a drawing game using letters of the alphabet.

On two Fridays, Mrs. Merino assisted teachers and students from George Gervin Academy who have begun weekly visits to the branch.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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KEY INDICATORS

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

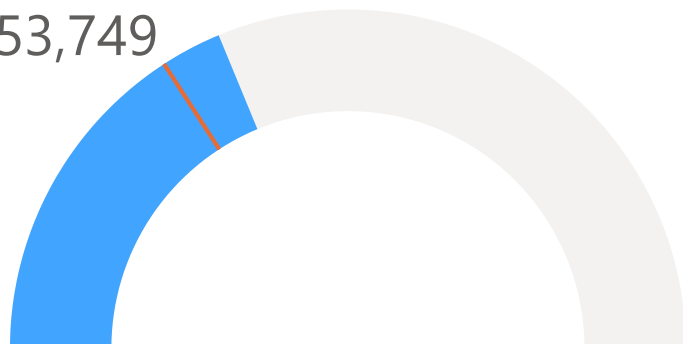
January 2022

FY 2022

Circulation: Goal

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2,053,749



FY 2022 to date Items Borrowed



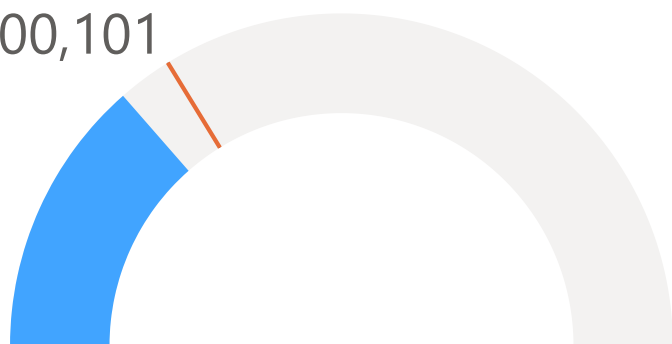
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(+18.35%)
Circulation

Visits: Goal

Fiscal Year to date goal:

800,101



FY 2022 to date Library Visits



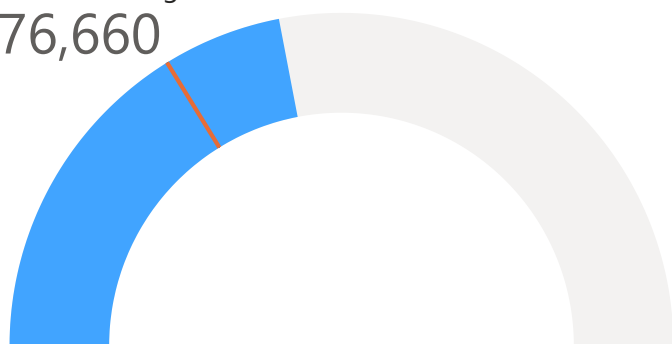
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Visits

Digital Access: Goal

Fiscal Year to date goal:

376,660



FY 2022 to date Digital Access



52,415

Hours of Computer Use



458,876

Hours of WI-FI Use

511,291✓

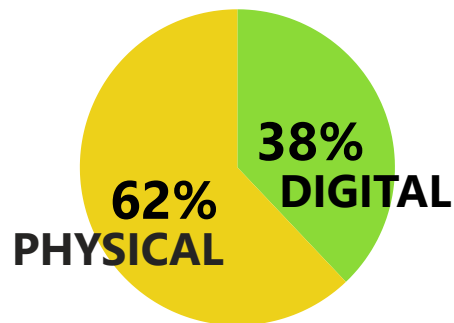
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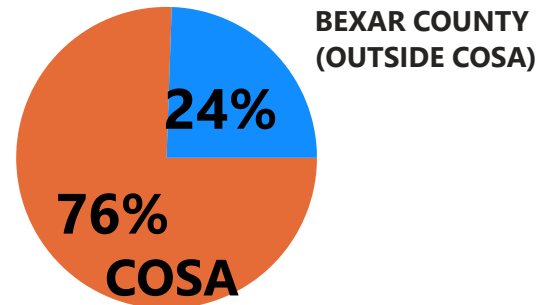
JANUARY 2022 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



434,690
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

7,075
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS*

428,396
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

2,169,746
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

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

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2022

1,328
TOTAL PROGRAMS

623
ADULT PROGRAMS

422
TEEN PROGRAMS

283
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

24,115
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

7,011
ADULT ATTENDANCE

3,731
TEEN ATTENDANCE

13,373
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

52 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

10,341 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Computer Basics
Using Northstar Digital Literacy Curriculum

MON - JAN 31 - 5-7PM
MISSION BRANCH LIBRARY

DREAMWEEK

Celebrate with
Shokare Nakpodia,
founder & organizer
of DreamWeek

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
6:30-7:30 PM
CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

AUTHOR VISIT
Sergio Troncoso

Friday, January 14, 4-5 PM

San Antonio Public Library and the
Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio
present

10TH ANNUAL
THE HOLOCAUST
LEARN & REMEMBER
IMMIGRATION
& REFUGEES

January 3 through 27, 2022

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January 2022 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-fi Use	Computer Hours of Use	Wi-Fi Hours of Use
Bazan	2,008	3,269	3,371	690	2,681
Brook Hollow	25,396	9,867	4,267	499	3,768
Carver	2,313	2,991	2,678	410	2,268
Central	13,502	18,365	17,848	2,218	15,630
Cody	30,227	9,253	6,230	498	5,732
Collins Garden	3,123	1,439	3,716	372	3,344
Cortez	3,729	3,471	2,811	358	2,453
Digital	253,195	0	0	0	0
Encino	15,921	2,117	3,875	122	3,753
Forest Hills	666	64	0	0	0
Great Northwest	22,484	8,003	4,535	458	4,077
Guerra	6,230	4,013	3,989	422	3,567
Igo	34,924	11,531	7,582	461	7,121
Interlibrary Loan	1,304	0	0	0	0
Johnston	6,540	3,723	3,139	504	2,635
Kampmann	0	523	102	0	102
Landa	12,400	7,548	2,855	246	2,609
Las Palmas	3,257	4,137	3,657	576	3,081
Maverick	22,751	6,346	5,096	449	4,647
McCreless	1,280	156	759	0	759
Memorial	972	143	0	0	0
Mission	9,788	7,736	4,787	666	4,121
Pan American	3,286	2,457	1,458	275	1,183
Parman	31,595	13,034	5,268	224	5,044
Potranco	15,132	5,898	12,065	402	11,663
Pruitt	4,660	9,439	3,954	131	3,823
San Pedro	2,571	3,233	4,135	609	3,526
Schaefer	8,060	5,451	3,490	346	3,144
Semmes	23,030	15,708	5,779	550	5,229
System	34,882	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	6,135	4,086	3,460	291	3,169
Tobin	15,767	7,320	2,947	480	2,467
Westfall	10,035	6,261	6,491	1,261	5,230
Total	627,163	177,582	130,344	13,518	116,826

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

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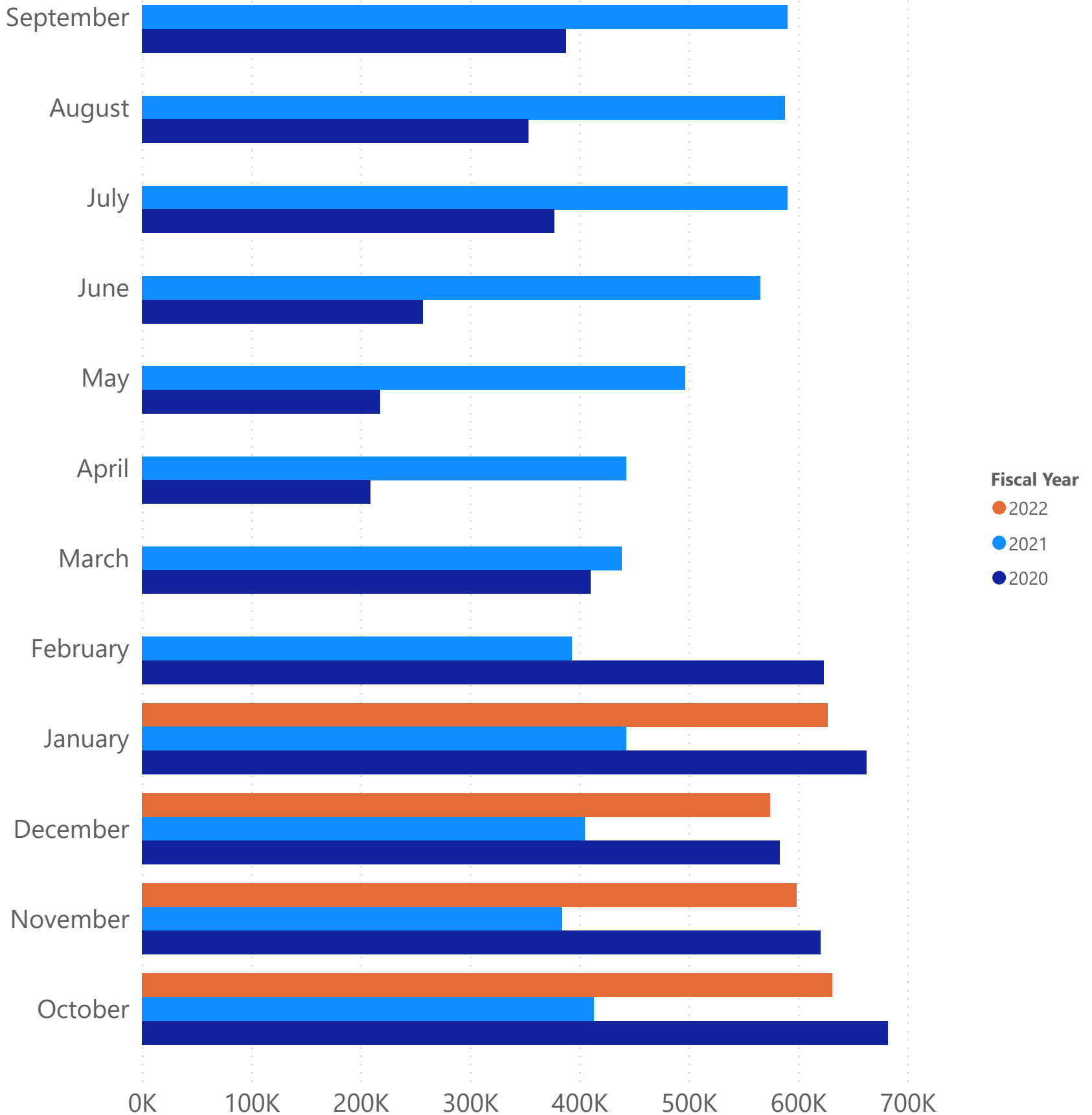
January 2022 Programs & Attendance

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

Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
Bazan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	0	0	2	14	0	0	14
Carver	13	0	0	13	344	0	0	344
Central	13	35	1	49	83	120	21	224
Cody	9	0	0	9	40	0	0	40
Collins Garden	3	1	2	6	12	2	141	155
Cortez	4	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
Encino	15	0	0	15	60	0	0	60
Forest Hills	1	0	2	3	10	0	85	95
Great Northwest	2	0	0	2	24	0	0	24
Guerra	3	0	0	3	18	0	0	18
Igo	6	0	0	6	45	0	0	45
Johnston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landa	2	0	0	2	17	0	0	17
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	0	0	7	7	0	0	36	36
Maverick	2	0	1	3	16	0	5	21
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	17	1	0	18	140	7	0	147
Pan American	4	0	1	5	15	0	35	50
Parman	19	0	6	25	169	0	620	789
Potranco	11	0	0	11	35	0	0	35
Pruitt	10	7	3	20	55	60	73	188
San Pedro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	2	0	0	2	15	0	0	15
Semmes	4	0	0	4	24	0	0	24
System	22	29	22	73	427	174	550	1,151
Thousand Oaks	2	0	0	2	8	0	0	8
Tobin	3	0	2	5	20	5	67	92
Westfall	5	0	0	5	14	0	0	14
Total	174	73	47	294	1,612	368	1,633	3,613

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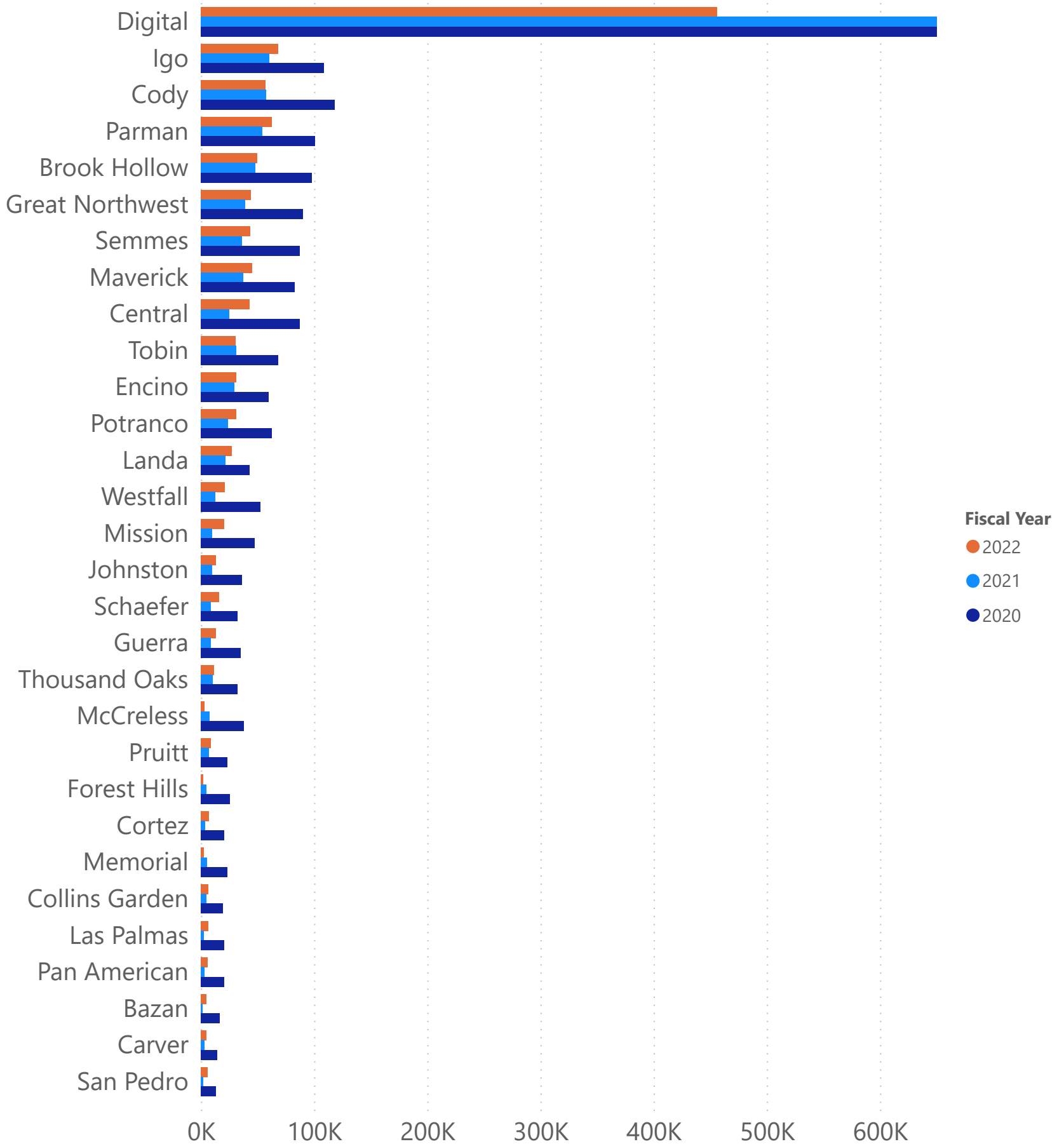
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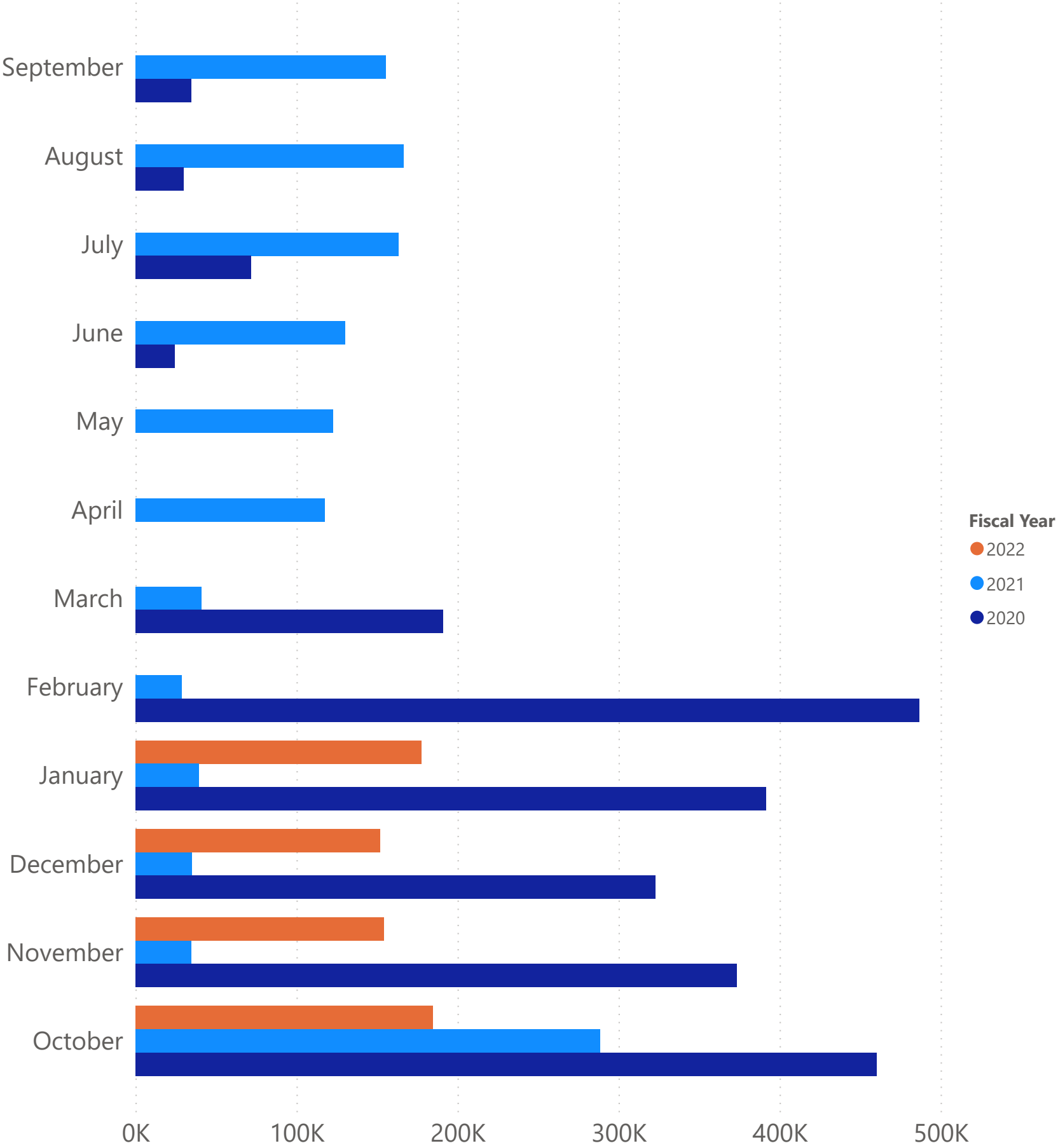
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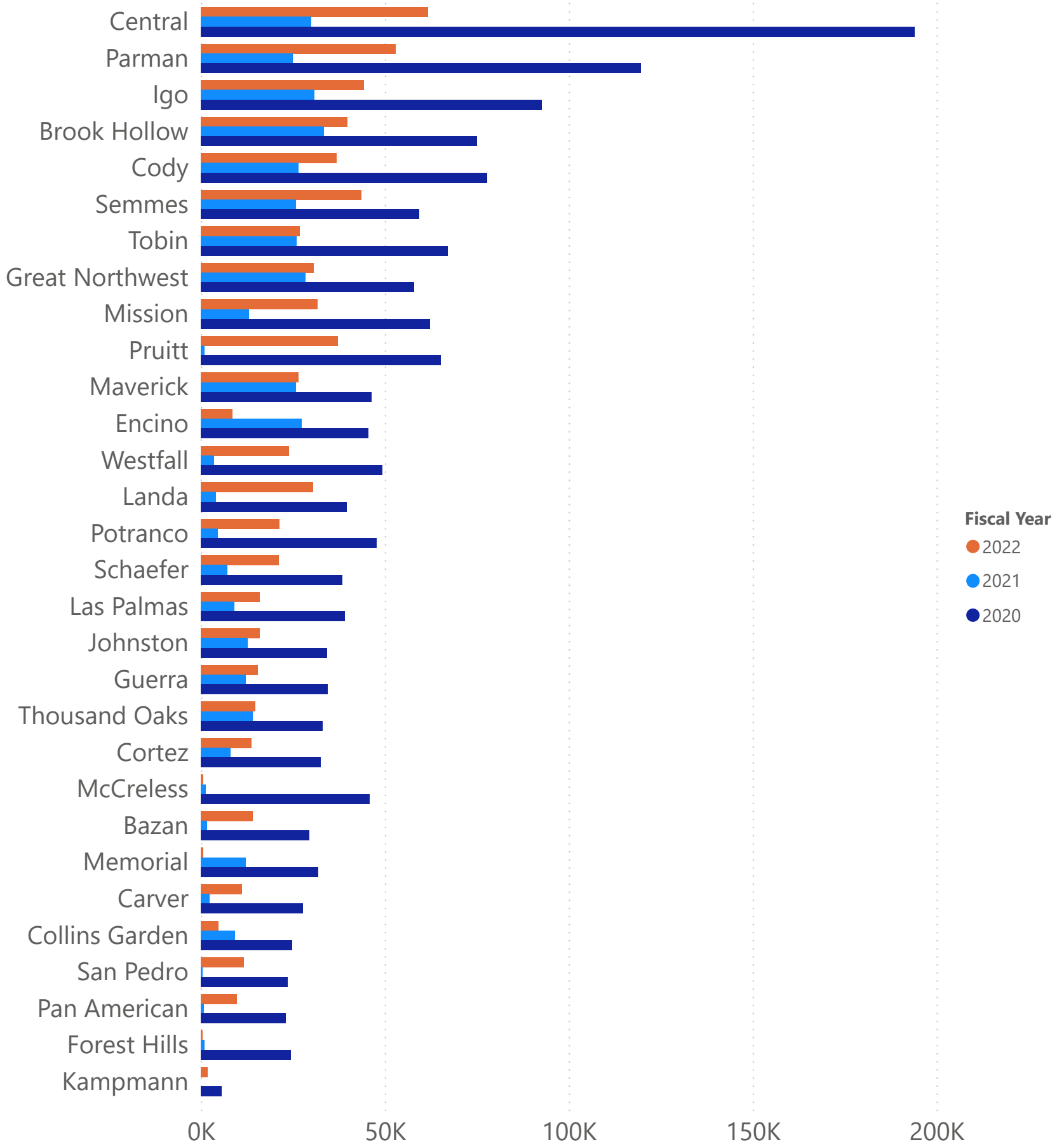


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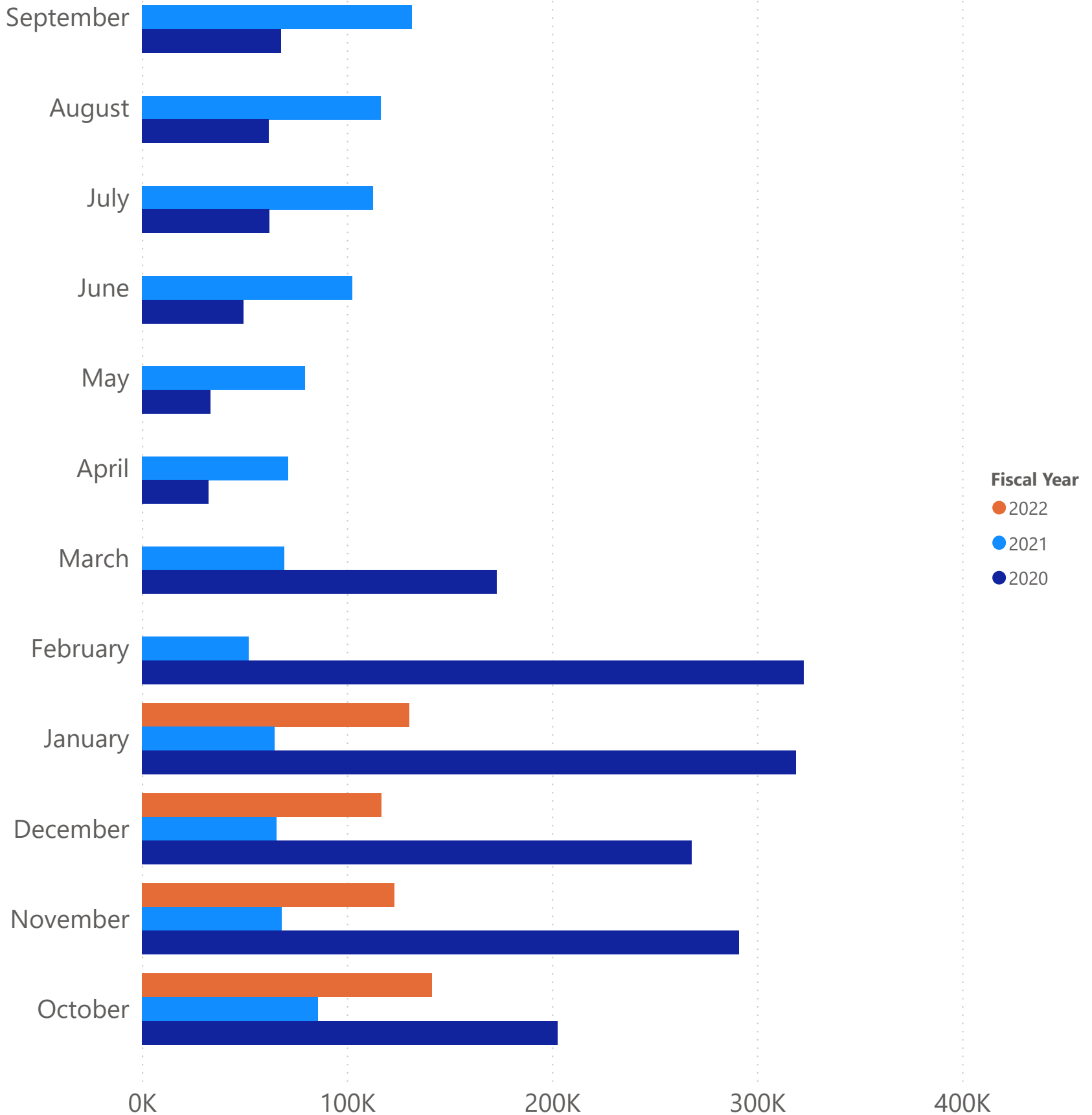
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Note: The performance reports for November 2021 and December 2021 were revised and updated on February 18, 2022. Below are the highlights of the updates made to these reports:

November 2021:

- Semmes Library added 9 programs and 23 program attendees
- The 2nd page reflects the updated fiscal year to date (FYTD) programs & attendance
- The 4th page reflects the updated numbers for programs held at Semmes Library

December 2021:

- Las Palmas Library added 2 programs and 30 program attendees
- Semmes Library added 8 programs and 35 program attendees
- Forest Hills Library added 1 program and 9 program attendees
- Carver Library added 11 program and 230 program attendees
- The 2nd page reflects the updated fiscal year to date (FYTD) total programs & attendance
- The 4th page reflects the updated numbers for programs held at Carver, Forest Hills, Las Palmas and Semmes Libraries

In summary, a total of 31 programs and 327 program attendees were added to the fiscal year to date (FYTD) total programs & attendance

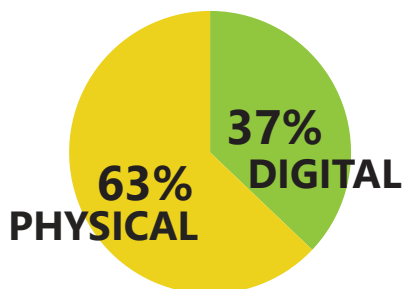
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

NOVEMBER 2021 (CONTINUED)

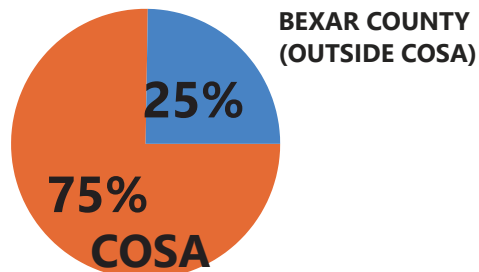
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



220,104
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

DATA
PENDING
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

211,809
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

735,587
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2022

683
TOTAL PROGRAMS

293
ADULT PROGRAMS

234
TEEN PROGRAMS

156
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

15,675
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

4,135
ADULT ATTENDANCE

2,366
TEEN ATTENDANCE

9,174
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

28 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

5,174 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Citizenship Course

Saturday, November 13
3 – 5:30PM
Mission Branch Library

Join us for the first class in this 12-session series covering the basics of applying and interviewing for citizenship.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

IN-PERSON EVENT

Author Visit: Gil Dominguez

Landa Branch Library
Sunday, October 24
11 AM

Encino Branch Library
Monday, November 15
6:30 PM

Local author and journalist Gil Dominguez brings an historian's eye and penchant for detail to this revealing look at his hometown.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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in-person event

COFFEE WITH THE COLONEL

Tuesday, November 9
6-7:30 pm
Pruitt Library at Roosevelt HS

Dr. Joseph Milligan will share stories from his nearly six-year imprisonment as a POW, and will be available for questions following the presentation.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

FOR AN UNLIMITED TIME

WITH YOUR SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD

FREE
over 1,986,850 books, audiobooks & more

FREE
instant access with the mySAPL app

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San Antonio Public Library

November 2021 Programs & Attendance

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

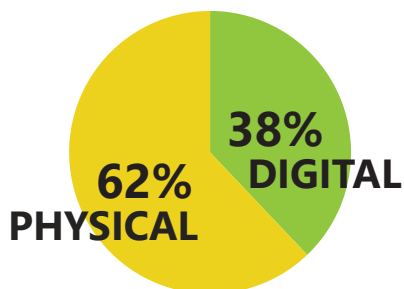
Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
Bazan	0	0	1	1	0	0	12	12
Brook Hollow	2	3	3	8	18	11	122	151
Carver	0	0	1	1	0	0	50	50
Central	20	44	5	69	533	160	270	963
Cody	5	5	0	10	25	4	0	29
Collins Garden	3	3	3	9	94	35	369	498
Cortez	10	2	1	13	44	1	26	71
Encino	16	0	0	16	80	0	0	80
Forest Hills	0	1	4	5	0	150	280	430
Great Northwest	1	0	0	1	8	0	0	8
Guerra	2	0	0	2	36	0	0	36
Igo	6	0	0	6	38	0	0	38
Johnston	0	0	2	2	0	0	17	17
Landa	4	4	1	9	50	0	5	55
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	0	0	20	20	0	0	345	345
Maverick	9	5	0	14	53	60	0	113
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	1	0	0	1	10	0	0	10
Mission	15	5	0	20	172	36	0	208
Pan American	3	7	1	11	18	196	34	248
Parman	15	0	5	20	108	0	928	1,036
Potranco	7	0	0	7	30	0	0	30
Pruitt	12	12	4	28	124	198	101	423
San Pedro	0	0	2	2	0	0	48	48
Schaefer	2	0	0	2	13	0	0	13
Semmes	5	4	0	9	20	3	0	23
System	9	28	20	57	89	150	484	723
Thousand Oaks	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	3
Tobin	0	0	2	2	0	0	75	75
Westfall	0	6	2	8	0	59	72	131
Total	148	131	77	356	1,566	1,063	3,238	5,867

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

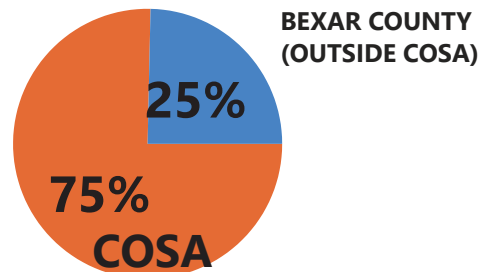
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USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2022

CIRCULATION BY TYPE



CIRCULATION BY SERVICE AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2022



316,506
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

5,025
MYSAPL
APP DOWNLOADS*

313,691
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

1,536,313
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

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

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2022

1,034
TOTAL PROGRAMS

449
ADULT PROGRAMS

349
TEEN PROGRAMS

236
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

20,502
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

5,399
ADULT ATTENDANCE

3,363
TEEN ATTENDANCE

11,740
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

38 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

7,236 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MOVIE SHOWING

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION

Saturday, December 18
3-5 p.m.
Thousand Oaks
Branch Library

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Art Club Online

Thursday, December 9 • 4:30PM
Presented on Zoom

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holidays at SAPL

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Program in Partnership with SA Food Bank

Cooking Around the World France

Saturday, December 11 • 1 - 2 PM

Children ages 9-12 are invited to learn about foods and cultures from different parts of the world.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOOD BANK

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December 2021 Programs & Attendance

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Location	Adult Programs	Teen Programs	Children's Programs	Total Programs	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance	Total Program Attendance
Bazan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	3	4	9	0	6	37	43
Carver	11	0	0	11	230	0	0	230
Central	5	28	6	39	21	217	139	377
Cody	5	0	0	5	24	0	0	24
Collins Garden	2	2	2	6	13	7	239	259
Cortez	9	3	1	13	52	0	3	55
Encino	17	0	0	17	101	0	0	101
Forest Hills	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	9
Great Northwest	3	0	0	3	11	0	0	11
Guerra	4	0	0	4	41	0	0	41
Igo	7	0	0	7	53	0	0	53
Johnston	0	1	1	2	0	50	23	73
Landa	4	4	3	11	29	0	45	74
Las Palmas	1	0	1	2	14	0	16	30
Little Read Wagon	0	0	15	15	0	0	340	340
Maverick	3	4	0	7	11	33	0	44
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	1	0	0	1	40	0	0	40
Mission	17	5	0	22	157	235	0	392
Pan American	3	4	1	8	11	13	37	61
Parman	19	0	7	26	187	0	786	973
Potranco	10	0	0	10	25	0	0	25
Pruitt	11	17	12	40	66	169	103	338
San Pedro	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Semmes	4	4	0	8	15	20	0	35
System	10	30	24	64	104	171	760	1,035
Thousand Oaks	2	5	0	7	7	0	0	7
Tobin	2	4	2	8	12	16	29	57
Westfall	2	1	0	3	40	60	0	100
Total	156	115	80	351	1,264	997	2,566	4,827

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.