

Fort Bend County Libraries
Librarian's Monthly Report
October 2016

Early voting took place at several Fort Bend County Library locations this month. Cinco Ranch, Sugar Land, and Sienna Branch all hosted early voting, and the turnout was phenomenal. At Cinco Ranch early voting began with 18 booths in the Multipurpose Room for the first week, and served the highest number of voters in the county each day. Long lines snaked through rows in the Meeting Room and out the front door. The second week, the voting booths were moved to the Meeting Room, adding 6 additional stations for a total of 24 booths. Lines at the end of the month were manageable, but are expected to increase towards the end of early voting and on Election Day. The polls at this location averaged 190 votes cast per hour.

Planning is underway for programming in the amphitheater at George Memorial Library. The Pandora Theater will present "Laugh Lines" in the amphitheater, beginning Friday evening, November 4, and ending with a matinee on Sunday, November 6. Watch for more details!

In recognition of Family History Month in October, Fort Bend County Libraries' Local History and Genealogy department hosted its 5th Annual Genealogy Symposium on Saturday, October 1, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. The topics were presented by professional genealogist Nick Cimino, and included "Planning a Virtual Research Trip to Ireland," "Researching Immigrant Ancestors: Drilling Deeper in the Lone Star State" and "Heirloom Research and Preservation." Approximately 42 people attended, with some staying for one or two sessions while others stayed for every topic.

On October 1, a special event, "Maker Day at the Library" took place at the Sugar Land Branch for school-aged children. Approximately 130 people attended the program and participated in a variety of projects related to science, engineering, technology, math and art. On October 13, a similar program was held at the Needville Branch. Youth enjoyed learning about what makes a rocket launch; built a brush bot and a catapult; created an aboriginal dot painting; made an ocean in a bottle and milk fireworks; and formed geometric shapes with pretzels and marshmallows. Families at the Sienna Branch enjoyed the musical production of "Tacky the Penguin," based on the book by Helen Lester, on October 17. Sienna also had an "Anime Workshop" for middle school youth. That workshop focused on drawing character's faces and facial expressions. Missouri City Branch hosted a "Show Us Your Flava - Open-Mic" on October 15. Youth in grades 6-8 were invited up to the microphone to describe in 3 minutes or less a taste of their culture, such as clothing, holidays, food or country of origin. Sugar Land Branch presented 2 other special Saturday programs in October: a family movie day and a fall craft festival. On October 31, the Cinco Ranch Branch began registering campers for their weeklong "Teddy Bear Camp." George Memorial Branch offered "Graffiti Jam," taught by Don Adair and Tabitha Langlotz. This program was geared toward high school-aged and older patrons and

encouraged them to design their own graffiti t-shirt or jeans. Other programming across the system included programs on meditation, deer- and hog-hunting in Texas, cooking healthy Mexican food, pumpkin decorating, and more.

As part of the Gulf Coast Reads initiative, Sienna Branch hosted Dr. Nicholas Cox, history professor at Houston Community College. Dr. Cox discussed the internment camp in Crystal City, Texas, which is the subject of the Gulf Coast Reads book *The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II*.

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FORT BEND COUNTY LIBRARIES MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2016

CIRCULATION TRANSACTIONS

CURRENT
MONTH

SAME MONTH
LAST YEAR

	<u>Young</u>		<u>Adult</u>	<u>Digital</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adult</u>				
Richmond	14,538	1,262	11,902	9,986	37,688	<u>32,415</u>
Cinco Ranch	45,595	4,254	17,620	6,339	73,808	<u>75,268</u>
First Colony	20,921	2,748	11,235	3,102	38,006	<u>39,613</u>
Fulshear/Simonton	5,687	502	2,032	303	8,524	<u>9,460</u>
Missouri City	5,714	634	3,765	509	10,622	<u>10,547</u>
Needville	1,229	77	980	108	2,394	<u>2,367</u>
Sienna	22,276	2,189	8,513	1,190	34,168	<u>36,170</u>
Stafford	2,951	357	2,271	249	5,828	<u>6,322</u>
Sugar Land	21,244	2,662	9,132	2,023	35,061	<u>36,984</u>
University	27,297	3,169	10,905	1,465	42,836	<u>43,960</u>
Totals	167,452	17,854	78,355	25,274	288,935	293,106

PUBLIC USE OF COMPUTERS

Adult (Hours, users)	<u>17,688</u>	<u>27,010</u>	<u>19,582</u>	<u>30,542</u>
Juvenile (Hours, users)	<u>8,467</u>	<u>16,058</u>	<u>9,387</u>	<u>18,076</u>

WIFI (Hours, users) 78,300 95,444 58,869 92,056

RESEARCH DATABASES (Queries, Views-Prev Month) 179,084 48,591 188,836 51,518

RESERVES 30,402 33,650

MEETINGS

Meeting Rooms (Times used, persons)	<u>432</u>	<u>35,105</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>7,801</u>
Study rooms/DL/computer labs (Hours, persons)	<u>7,900</u>	<u>6,499</u>	<u>7,153</u>	<u>7,259</u>

LIBRARY PROGRAMS (Number, persons) 389 15,210 441 17,535

	<u>#prgs</u>	<u>Children</u>			<u>Young Adult</u>				<u>Adult</u>			
		<u>#attending</u>			<u>#attending</u>				<u>#attending</u>			
		<u>CH</u>	<u>YA</u>	<u>AD</u>	<u>#prgs</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>YA</u>	<u>AD</u>	<u>#prgs</u>	<u>CH</u>	<u>YA</u>	<u>AD</u>
Richmond	21	519	18	379	2	0	45	0	22	0	18	159
Cinco Ranch	29	1,233	0	1,068	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	177
First Colony	21	670	0	561	2	0	6	0	8	0	0	54
Fulshear/Simonton	15	705	0	409	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	126
Missouri City	22	1,255	75	668	1	0	0	0	21	0	0	169
Needville	10	180	0	71	0	0	0	0	3	68	0	37
Prog.\Outreach	15	514	0	62	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	395
Sienna	29	673	12	566	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	181
Stafford	1	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	17
Sugar Land	29	1,004	0	825	2	0	16	3	8	0	0	55
University	34	1,041	0	941	0	0	0	0	19	4	5	213
Totals	226	7,804	105	5,553	7	0	67	3	156	72	23	1,583

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		<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</u>
<u>LIBRARY SERVICES</u>			
Interlibrary Loans		<u>939</u>	<u>1,169</u>
Filled by other libraries	392		
Provided to other libraries	126		
Online requests	421		
Notary (Number of notarized documents)		<u>67</u>	<u>113</u>
Proctored Tests (Number)		<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>
Suggest-A-Title (Number of Requests)		<u>81</u>	<u>103</u>
<u>TRAINING PROGRAMS-STAFF:</u>			
(Programs, Persons, Hours)	<u>65</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>355</u>
		<u>55</u>	<u>302</u>
		<u>455</u>	
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> (Persons, hours)		<u>237</u>	<u>1,162</u>
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u> (Interviews, completions)		<u>3</u>	<u>73</u>
			<u>8</u>
			<u>174</u>
<u>FBCL WEB PAGE</u> (Visitors)		<u>128,255</u>	<u>136,168</u>
Main Web Pages (Visitors)	128,131		
Calendar of Events (Visitors)	124		
<u>ONLINE CATALOGS</u>		<u>659,645</u>	<u>605,892</u>
Main Library Catalog (Searches)	646,324		
Genealogy (Searches)	13,260		
Community (Searches)	61		
<u>PATRONS REGISTERED</u> (Persons, System Total)		<u>1,910</u>	<u>372,994</u>
			<u>1,926</u>
			<u>365,852</u>
<u>COLLECTION</u>			
Added This Month (Items)		<u>4,776</u>	<u>8,061</u>
Deleted This Month (Items)		<u>15,584</u>	<u>6,794</u>
Total Collection (Items)		<u>1,013,798</u>	<u>1,003,960</u>
<u>OVERDRIVE</u>			
Titles (Number)		<u>9,603</u>	<u>7,791</u>
Items (Number)		<u>11,949</u>	<u>9,590</u>
Checkouts (Number)		<u>9,140</u>	<u>8,493</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>\$27,205.50</u>	<u>\$26,839.73</u>
Gifts,	\$4,293.30		
Fines, Replacements, Copiers, Misc.	\$22,912.20		