

- 1925 • On November 13, Grace Delano Clark persuades the Austin Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) to take on project to establish the Austin Public Library.
- 1926 • On February 16, the Austin Public Library opens in rented upstairs room at 819 Congress with 500 donated volumes. Grace Delano Clark serves as Volunteer Librarian.
• On December 23, the first Austin Public Library building is a frame structure and opens at West 9th and Guadalupe Streets with 1,800 square feet at a cost of \$4,190.
- 1930 • Library Commission created by City Council ordinance May 22, 1930.
- 1933 • Miss Darthula Wilcox is appointed Library Director on January 24.
• In March a second structure replaces the first Austin Public Library building at West 9th and Guadalupe Streets. Its address is 401 West 9th Street and it has 26,000 square feet at a cost of \$145,000.
• Original frame building moves to 1165 Angelina, is resurfaced with brick, and opens as George Washington Carver Branch, the Library's first branch
- 1934 • Westward Ho! First Summer Reading program.
- 1938 • Brackenridge City Hospital opens with a Library sharing a room with a laboratory. Ward library service provided.
- 1944 • Miss Mary Rice appointed Library Director.
- 1951 • The first Austin Public Library Bookmobile, a gift from AAUW, is 24 feet long, has a 2,000 volume capacity and costs \$7,000.
- 1953 • The Central Library building and Carver Branch are air conditioned.
- 1954 • The second Austin Public Library Bookmobile is 24 feet long, has a 2,000 volume capacity and costs \$7,500.
- 1956 • Twin Oaks Branch opens at 202 East Oltorf with 300 square feet.
• Northwest Branch opens at 5923 Burnet Road with 293 square feet.
• Austin History Center collection begun in two file drawers of Reference Department.
- 1958 • Highland Park Branch opens at 3317 Hancock Drive with 750 square feet.
- 1959 • Remodeling and patio additions are made to the Central Library bringing square footage to 33,000 and costing \$151,700.
- 1960 • Howson Branch opens at 2500 Exposition with 7,000 square feet at a cost of \$140,000 and with a bequest of \$100,000 from Mrs. Emilie Wheelock Howson.
• Austin History Center collection moved to a separate room and renamed Austin-Travis County Collection.
- 1961 • Pan American Branch opens in City-owned Pan American Center at 2100 East 3rd Street with 350 square feet.
• Library's Mobile Station (stationary bookmobile) opens at a cost of \$13,500.
- 1962 • Twin Oaks Branch is relocated within shopping center and expands to 1,200 square feet.
• Friends of the Austin Public Library becomes incorporated.
- 1963 • Windsor Village Branch opens at 5800 Berkman Drive with 2,000 square feet.
- 1964 • Northwest Branch is replaced by Allandale Branch at 5802 Burnet Road with 2,300 square feet.

- 1965
 - Central Library auditorium and conference room in basement are remodeled to create Children's Department. Austin-Travis County Collection moves to balcony room and periodicals section moves to fireplace room.
 - The book catalogs replace card catalog.
 - The third Bookmobile is 27 feet long at a cost of \$16,500.

- 1966
 - Windsor Village Branch is expanded to 3,400 square feet.
 - Southwood Branch opens at 1507 Ben White Boulevard with 1,300 square feet.
- 1967
 - David Earl Holt becomes Library Director. Ann Bowden becomes Assistant Director.
 - Lakeside Station opens in a retirement center at 85 Trinity Street with 200 square feet, rent free and staffed by volunteers.
 - Oak Springs Branch opens at 3101 Oak Springs Drive with 10,000 square feet, 50% of construction costs and all initial book costs funded from Library Services and Construction Act.
 - The fourth Bookmobile is 30 feet long and costs \$22,158.
 - Bookmobile I is retired.

- 1968
 - Montopolis Branch opens at 735 Montopolis Drive with 2,000 square feet.

- 1969
 - Regiscope circulation system adopted.
 - Pan American Branch is replaced by Canadian Street Branch at 2131 East 1st Street with 2,000 square feet.
 - The fifth Bookmobile is 28 1/2 feet long at a cost of \$30,000.
- 1970
 - Southwood Branch is relocated within the Southwood Shopping Center and expands to 2,500 square feet.

- 1971
 - Shoal Creek Station is located in Shoal Creek Hospital, rent free with 200 volumes and staffed by volunteers. After 10 months Shoal Creek Station is closed for lack of use.
 - North Village Branch is located at 2135 W. Anderson Lane with 3,000 square feet.

- 1972
 - Library Bond Election authorizes construction of new Central Library, two regionals (Manchaca Road and Little Walnut Creek) and two branches (Old Quarry and Terrazas).
 - Travis County Jail Service is staffed by volunteers from the League of Women Voters.
 - Mobile Trailer is purchased, 35 feet long with a 5,000 volume capacity.
 - David Price becomes an Assistant Director and joins Ann Bowden who continues as an Assistant Director.

- 1973
 - Library Services to the Elderly Program is begun, providing bookmobile service to nursing homes.

- 1974
 - Site south of Central Library is designated for construction of new Central Library.
 - Canadian Street Branch is closed.
 - All Branch Libraries are closed Fridays as a result of budget cuts. Several months later Friday service is restored.
 - Manchaca Road Branch opens at 5500 Manchaca Road with 14,500 square feet at a cost of \$415,000.
 - Health Sciences Library (Brackenridge School of Nursing) is added to Austin Public Library System and Brackenridge Hospital Station is closed.
 - Library Services to Elderly receives Project of the Year from Texas Library Association.
 - Travis County Jail Service discontinued December 1974.

- 1975
 - BATAB, the Baker and Taylor automated purchasing and fund accounting system, is implemented.
 - OCLC computer equipment for on-line cataloging and card production is installed.
 - Highland Park Branch is closed.
 - Old Quarry Branch opens at 7051 Village Center Drive with 8,300 square feet.
 - Rosewood-Zaragosa Branch opens in Rosewood Zaragosa Community Center at 2808 Webberville Road with 1,100 square feet.
 - Terrazas Branch opens at 1105 East First Street with 5,400 square feet and is built and equipped with federal Model Cities funds.
 - Two Bookmobiles are purchased, both 20 feet long, each with a 5,000 volume capacity.

- 1976
- Twin Oaks Branch is relocated within the shopping center at 2301 South Congress #17, with 2,500 square feet.
 - Carver Branch structure is given historic zoning.
 - The Health Sciences Library is expanded to 4,000 square feet with 7,000 volumes.
 - One Bookmobile is discontinued due to budget cuts.
- 1977
- Bicentennial Medallion is received in recognition for 1976 Bicentennial activities.
 - COMCATS (computer output microfilm catalogs) replace book catalogs.
 - Tel-Med service begins at the Central Library.
 - North Loop Branch replaces Allandale Branch at 5230 Burnet Road with 2,600 square feet.
 - Texas Historical Marker is dedicated at Carver Branch.
- 1978
- CLSI (computerized circulation system) is installed.
 - Annual budget results in elimination of Library Services to the Elderly Program.
 - Rosewood-Zaragosa Branch replaced by Govalle Branch at 2745 East 7th Street with 1,750 square feet.
 - Bookmobile service to the county is provided by contract with Travis County Commissioners.
- 1979
- New Central Library opens at 800 Guadalupe with 110,000 square feet at a cost of \$6 million.
 - Austin History Center remains in old Central Library building next door to new Central Library.
 - Annual budget results in loss of 9 FTE's, 15 Clerks and four professional positions, closing of branches all morning hours, and implementation of nonresident fees and replacement card fees.
 - North Oaks Mini-branch opens in Lamar Savings Lobby at Highway 183 and Spicewood Springs Road with 180 square feet and 3,000 volumes, rent free.
 - Little Walnut Creek Branch opens at 835 West Rundberg Lane with 11,000 square feet at a cost of \$775,000.
 - Health Sciences Library is transferred to Austin Community College.
 - Bookmobile service is discontinued due to budget cuts.
- 1980
- Tel-Law service begins at Central Library.
 - \$670,000 in grants and gifts received for conversion of old Central Library Building to Austin History Center.
 - Annual budget results in transfer of five branch librarians to Central Library and Branch Supervisors split between branches. Three Children's Librarians and 15 Clerk positions that were lost previous budget year were restored to reopen morning hours.
 - New Carver Branch opens at 1161 Angelina with 10,200 square feet. (Branch funding comes from CIP funds designated for new Central Library facility which is built for less than estimated.)
 - Former Carver Branch building becomes Carver Museum.
 - Volunteer Coordinator position is created.
- 1981
- CLSI (computerized circulation system) is discontinued and temporary manual circulation system begins.
 - Austin History Center Association founded.
- 1982
- DOBIS automated library system is implemented.
 - Annual budget results in restoration of 4.625 FTE's to branch clerical staff originally cut in 1979.
 - Southwood Branch is replaced by Century South Branch located at 615 East William Cannon Drive with 3,000 square feet.
 - Bond election authorizes three new branches: Spicewood Springs, Pleasant Hill and University Hills.
- 1983
- Carver Museum is transferred to Parks and Recreation Department. Annual budget results in three branches opening on Sundays: Little Walnut Creek Branch, Carver Branch and Manchaca Road Branch. Terrazas, Oak Springs, and Windsor Village Branches extend hours.
 - Bond election authorizes three new branches: Spicewood Springs, Pleasant Hill and University Hills.
 - Montopolis Branch is relocated to 2410 Riverside Drive and renamed Riverside Drive Branch.
 - Former Central Library building (the Austin History Center) is renovated.

- 1984
- Riverside Drive Branch is expanded to 2,200 square feet.
 - Annual budget results in 2.0 additional FTE's and operating package for Spicewood Springs Branch.
- 1985
- Annual budget adds five Branch Managers and eight Children's Program Technicians.
 - Spicewood Springs Branch opens with 6,652 square feet replacing North Oaks Mini-branch.
 - Friends of Austin Public Library is reconstituted.
- 1986
- Annual budget results in loss of 3.025 FTE's of vacant positions (no service reductions).
 - Govalle Branch loses its lease and is temporarily relocated to Rosewood-Zaragosa Community Center.
 - University Hills Branch opens with 8,000 square feet.
 - Austin History Center closes Mondays.
 - Govalle Branch is relocated to 4704-A East First Street with 3,030 square feet.
 - Austin History Center Photo Lab opens.
- 1987
- First Annual Friends of Austin Public Library Book Sale is held at Austin History Center.
 - Pleasant Hill Branch opens with 8,000 square feet replacing Century South.
 - Annual budget results in Sunday closings for Carver Branch, Little Walnut Creek Branch, Manchaca Road Branch, and Austin History Center; Branch closings Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:00 p.m.; eliminates telephone reference at Austin History Center; reduces Central Telephone Information Center hours to 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; reduces Central Library public service desks from 5 to 2; total staff reductions: 22.5 FTE's.
 - North Loop Branch loses lease at shopping center.
- 1988
- Carver, Little Walnut Creek and Manchaca Road Branches restore Sunday hours mid-year with no additional resources.
 - North Loop Branch reopens at 2222 Hancock Drive with 3,150 square feet.
 - Annual budget results in elimination of 20.2 FTE's including: Elimination of five part-time Children's Program Technicians (2.5 FTE's), Program Development Coordinator (M05), Recordings Librarian (M02), Children's Librarian (M02), Assistant Central Librarian (M07), Senior Librarian, Central Library (M05), Senior Staff Librarian, Central Library (M04), Fiction Librarian, Central Library (M02), Children's Coordinator, (M03), Volunteer Coordinator, Austin History Center (M02), three Pages (Branch Services), Staff Librarian, Central Library (M04), Librarian, Central Library (M02), Library Assistant, Austin History Center (T05).
 - All branches close Wednesday and Friday afternoons.
 - Austin History Center is closed Sundays.
 - The Austin History Center telephone reference service is eliminated.
 - 1989 Workplace Literacy Program is established.
 - Saturday hours are added to Govalle Branch.
- 1990
- Creativity Center is established at Govalle Branch.
 - Project Walking Books Program is established at North Loop Area Branch using grant funds.
 - Job Information Center is established at Riverside Drive Branch using grant funds.
 - Youth at Risk Program is established at Carver, University Hills, Oak Springs, Govalle, Terrazas and Pleasant Hill Branches.
 - Library Workplace Innovations in the Nineties (WIN) staff suggestion committee is formed.
 - Branches reopen on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.
 - Austin History Center reopens for Sunday and Monday hours.
 - Austin History Center telephone reference service restored to Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Central Library discontinues Tel-Med service.
 - North Village Branch relocates within shopping center and increases square footage to 5,000.
- 1991
- North Loop Area Branch is expanded to 6,500 square feet.
 - Project Walking Books Program receives second year of grant funding.
 - Youth at Risk program is renamed Opportunities for Youth and expanded to include Riverside Drive, Manchaca Road and Twin Oaks Branches.
 - Riverside Drive Branch is relocated to 2410 East Riverside Drive with square footage of 5,079 and a 30,000 volume capacity.
 - Quality Resource Center is established at Carver Branch.
 - Job Information Center receives second year of grant funding.

- Director David Earl Holt retires.
- Austin Public Library Quality Council is created.
- Brenda Branch named Director.
- Library's Strategic Planning Process is begun.
- Library's Shining Star award is created.
- Records Management Program transfers from General Services Department to APL's Austin History Center, forming Austin History and Records Center.

- 1992
- Partial grant funding for third year of Job Information Center is received.
 - Grant received for five VISTA Volunteers to run VICTORY homework centers at Oak Springs Branch, University Hills Branch, Carver Branch, Govalle Branch, and Terrazas Branch.
 - Twin Oaks Branch is expanded to 5,360 square feet.
 - 20 adult and 20 youth focus groups are held to gather input for Strategic Planning process.
 - Bond election is passed approving new libraries for Milwood, Oak Hill, Dove Springs, and replacement libraries for North Loop Area, Windsor Village and Govalle, and HVAC System for Austin History Center.
 - Annual budget adds 3.75 FTE's of Clerks and Pages to help ease staffing shortage.
 - DRA (Data Research Associates) library automation system purchased to replace DOBIS automated library system.
- 1993
- Joint AISD/APL Summer Library at Mendez Middle School receives TLA Project of the Year Award.
 - 3 additional Vista Volunteers received to increase number of homework centers from five to eight. Three new locations are Dove Springs Branch, Manchaca Road Branch, and Pleasant Hill Branch.
 - 7.5 FTE's are received midyear as budget amendment.
 - Temporary Recreation Center/Library opens in Dove Springs neighborhood.
 - Conversion from DOBIS to DRA (Data Research Associates) library automation system is completed.
 - Austin History Center receives approval for State Historical Landmark Marker designation and National Register of Historic Places.
 - Workplace Literacy Program moves into new headquarters next to Riverside Drive Branch and is renamed Employee Learning Program.
 - 501 telephone surveys conducted to prepare for Strategic Plan.
 - Austin Public Library is recognized as National Library of the Year by Library Journal and Gale Research Inc.
 - First annual Library Staff Development Days are held.
 - Automation Team from Austin History and Records Center's Records Management Program wins City Manager's "Star of the City Award."
 - Bat mascot is created to represent Youth Services Division and is named Echo by three children in contest.
 - DRA (Data Research Associates) automated library system is implemented.
 - Annual budget adds \$391,303 to book budget and 19.925 FTE's to staffing.
 - The Library's Opportunities for Youth Program is expanded to include Little Walnut Creek Branch, Riverside Drive Branch, Windsor Village Branch, and Twin Oaks Branch.
- 1994
- Library receives Texas Library Association's Project of the Year Award for "Pepe's Magic Tales." (Second year in a row for Library to receive TLA's Project of the Year Award.)
 - The Central Library's first floor men's restroom is vandalized on Sunday, June 5, and the resulting water damage destroys the telephone system in the basement. Telephone service for the Central Library and Austin History Center is impacted by this event, and Central's first floor is closed to the public until Saturday, June 11.
 - The VICTORY Program is recognized by the American Library Association as one of 50 outstanding programs for youth in schools and public libraries in the United States.
 - Second annual Staff Development Day is held in September.
 - The Austin City Council votes on October 20 to rename the Central Library the John Henry Faulk Central Library, in honor of this well-known Austin writer and humorist.
 - The Library receives \$57,000 in the 1994/95 Operating Budget for access to databases (through DRANET) for OPACS at all Library locations.
 - 2.75 FTE's are eliminated from the 94/95 Operating Budget (1.0 FTE: Library Projects Manager; .75 FTE: Administrative Assistant IV; 1.0 FTE: Systems Specialist I).
 - 2 FTE's are added to the 94/95 Operating Budget through transfers (1.0 FTE: Programmer Analyst; 1.0

FTE: Systems Analyst) from the Information Systems Department.

- Austin Urban League names Carver Branch's Homework Center as Project of the Year.
- The Friends of APL holds their First Annual Austin Out Loud fundraiser.
- Carver and Terrazas Branches reroofed and refurbished.
- Records Management Center converts to a new automated records management system (GAIN).
- Library's BASICS Implementation Plan completed and distributed.
- APL Novel Gift Program established

- 1995
- The VICTORY tutoring program is recognized by the American Library Association as one of 50 outstanding programs for youth in schools and public libraries in the United States.
 - Austin Public Library Diversity Plan is finalized.
 - Austin Urban League names Carver Branch's VICTORY Homework Center as Project of the Year.
 - APL is recognized as model Multicultural organization by the American Library Association.
 - The third annual Staff Development Day is held.
 - First APL Web page created (February 21).
 - The Metropolitan Austin Interactive Network (MAIN) and Austin Free-Net set up the first public access terminal at Carver Branch, providing APL's first public Internet access.
 - The Library receives \$100,000 from a customer to expand the Howson Branch periodical area to add a reading room.
 - Windsor Village Branch leased space is expanded from 3,000 to 6,500 square feet.
 - The Austin History Center is closed from February 21, 1995 until October 26, 1995, to replace the HVAC system.
 - The Central Library is closed from July 24, 1995 through April 29, 1996, to replace worn carpet and to perform a lighting retrofit.

The 1995/96 Operating Budget:

- Eliminates the Job Information Center (-2.0 FTE's)
- Transfers responsibility for the VICTORY Program to AISD's Community Education Division
- Eliminates the Community Services Manager position (-1.0 FTE)
- Transfers the Employee Learning Program to the Human Resources Department (-3.0 FTE's)
- Eliminates the in-house micrographics program due to decreased utilization (-3.0 FTE's)
- Provides operating costs for the new Oak Hill Branch to open in the summer of 1996 (+9.93 FTE's)
- Increases the annual nonresident fee from \$36 to \$48
- Records Management Center's Micrographics Unit is eliminated.

- 1996
- The John Henry Faulk Central Library opens after nine months of renovation.
 - The Rapoport Foundation donates a grant of \$50,000 to be used for public technology at the Faulk Central Library over the next five years.
 - Public access Internet workstations, obtained through a \$200,000 grant from the Texas State Library, are installed at all Library facilities.
 - APL begins performance review as part of the City Manager's Affordability Plan.
 - The APL Foundation is incorporated, bylaws are created, and officers are elected.
 - Renovations of the Howson Branch are completed and reopened to the public.
 - Regular monthly Internet training sessions for APL staff members are begun with Central Library Services Librarians as trainers.
 - Catalog on-line debut (February 29).
 - A new book theft detection system is installed to protect the collections at the Faulk Central Library.
 - The Faulk Central Library is once again chosen as the best library in Austin in the Austin Chronicle's annual readers' poll. Spicewood Springs Branch is voted best branch library, and the Austin History Center is voted to have the best fresco in Austin.
 - "It's US: A Celebration of Who We Are in America Today," a national touring photography exhibit jointly sponsored by the American Library Association and Time Warner Inc., is displayed in the Faulk Central Library from October 14 through November 24. Poster versions of the exhibit are displayed at six branch libraries, other City departments, the Texas Book Festival, and area schools and universities.
 - Complete the APL Strategic Plan, APL 2000, and present it to the Library Commission.
 - Fourth annual Staff Development Day is held.

- The installation of fire detection and burglar alarm systems is completed in all City-owned Library facilities.
- ADA modifications are completed in nine City-owned branch libraries.
- The Library implements Telnet access to the Library catalog.
- MCI grant in the amount of \$30,000 to provide World Wide Web interface into APL's on-line catalog.

- 1997
- City of Austin Performance Review recognizes high level of excellence in Austin Public Library customer service.
 - APL is awarded seven Austin Chronicle "Best of Austin" awards including "Best Library."
 - Will Hampton Branch at Oak Hill opens on April 26, 1997.
 - Little Walnut Creek Branch renovated and reopened on July 7, 1997.
 - Milwood Branch opens on July 26, 1997.
 - Outdated chillers at Central Library complex are replaced.
 - APL Web-based catalog is implemented.
 - CyberPatrol filtering software is installed on all 56 public access Internet computers.
 - Milwood Branch wins the 1997 Association of General Contractors' Outstanding Construction Award.
 - Three Community Internet Roundtables are held to discuss issues of public Internet access at the APL.
 - First Upward Review is implemented. Summary of results is published.
 - Texas Book Festival grants are received in the amount of \$8,010 for JHF Central, Austin History Center, and the Carver, University Hills and Windsor Village Branches.
 - Spanish Language Information Hotline (482-8398) is fully operational.
- 1998
- City Council makes additional funding for the Library an initiative.
 - Southeast Austin Community Branch opens February 28, 1998.
 - Eustasio Cepeda Branch opens June 20, 1998.
 - July, 1998 Austin Public Library adopts more user-friendly library card registration policies in an attempt to remove barriers.
 - First annual Read-a-Thon is held in April during National Library Week, raising \$2,000.
 - First annual Texas Tales Storytelling Concert is held in April during National Library Week, raising \$1,000.
 - Celebrity readings are given by City Council Members Daryl Slusher, Jackie Goodman, and Bill Spelman, Assistant City Manager Marcia Conner, Sheriff Margo Frasier, and authors Jan Grape, Marion Winik, Peggy Moreland, Angela Shelf Medearis, and Susan Cooper.
 - City Manager Jesus Garza proposes that a new 300,000 square-foot Central Library/City Council Chambers be placed on the November bond ballot. A majority of the Library Commission does not support a new Central Library at this time, rather supporting new and expanded branches.
 - The November bond ballot includes three replacement branches for leased-space facilities: North Village, Riverside Drive, and Twin Oaks; and three branch expansions: Carver, Spicewood Springs, and Terrazas. Also included is a conjoined library with AISD at the Pickle School in the St. Johns neighborhood.
 - A pilot project removing CyberPatrol software on Internet computers at every location is implemented.
 - City Manager Jesus Garza establishes an operating support task force to evaluate every Library program and to look for efficiencies in Library services, resulting in a five-year funding plan and an additional \$1.2 million in 1998/99 budget.
 - A CD-ROM LAN is installed at the Central Library.
 - A \$10,000 grant is received from Austin Community Foundation to purchase three Kurzweil machines for use by visually impaired customers at North Loop Area and Howson Branches and the Austin History Center (Faulk Central already has one).
 - Market studies are completed on 90% of APL employees to assure pay equity, with substantial pay increases for many employees.
 - Youth Services is reorganized to focus on outreach to youth and to provide more cost-effective service.
 - APL receives national recognition for its handling of Internet filtering in the following media: The New York Times, MSNBC, Nickelodeon TV show, Library Journal, and American Libraries.

The 1998/99 budget:

- adds \$210,000 for materials and 1.5 FTEs to process the materials
- \$583,000 for replacing non-Y2K-compliant computers and 2.0 FTEs for technical support staff
- 3.5 FTEs to increase hours of operation at Central's Telephone Reference from 40 hours per week to 72 hours per week

- 6.0 FTEs for branch staff
- 2.0 FTEs for security
- 2.0 FTEs for maintenance
- 1.0 FTE for delivery services

- 1999
- January 25: APL receives notification from National Libraries for the Future Foundation that they have been selected as a participant in the Community Advocacy Project.
 - September 2: Four board chairs meet with Peter Pearson, LFF Mentor, to develop plan for community visioning process in preparation for APL's Strategic Plan.
 - September 23: Mayor Kirk Watson establishes the Austin Libraries for the Future Task Force.
 - APL receives TIF grant for \$235,000 to purchase 50 additional Internet computers for public access.
 - An ongoing book sale is implemented at four Library locations in partnership with the Friends of APL, raising about \$200 per month.
 - Ralph W. Yarborough Branch opens on January 16, 1999 in renovated Americana Theater.
 - Collection security systems are installed in all Library locations
 - Completed LAN/WAN is extended for Central and branch libraries.
 - APL Foundation receives 1,000 Dryken Technology shares.
 - Library system is upgraded to a DRA Alpha 4100 minicomputer, improving processing time and increasing the window of time in which DRA reports can be produced.
 - Three locations receive \$1,700 each in Texas Book Festival Grants.
 - Receive two Austin Community Foundation Grants: \$12,960 for Community Computer Center at Little Walnut Creek Branch; \$9,000 to transcribe oral histories for the Austin History Center.
 - Receive \$238,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Grant to provide 50 additional Internet public access computers.
 - Receive \$9,750 Safety Grant for safe book trucks.
 - Complete APL Technology Plan.
 - Three branches are selected as White House Millennium Sister Cities Libraries: North Village Branch/ Adelaide, Australia; Windsor Village Branch/Salttillo, Mexico; Southeast Austin Community Branch/Lima, Peru.
 - Receive \$500,000 from Michael and Susan Dell to establish Wired for Youth Centers in 10 locations (twelve computers at Central, six computers each at Carver, Terrazas, Oak Springs, Riverside Drive, Windsor Village, University Hills, Pleasant Hill, Southeast Austin Community, and Cepeda Branches).
 - Hold Youth Library card design contest with assistance from the Library Foundation. Ten-year-old Lucia Jazayeri creates the winning design.
 - Undertake major youth initiative by distributing new youth "Star" cards, hold Clean Slate for Kids, allowing youth 17 and under to wipe out fines and fees on their records, reducing fines on youth materials from \$.20/day/item to \$.05/day/item and eliminating the nonresident fee for youth 17 and under.
 - VICTORY Tutorial Program is semi-finalist for the Governor's Volunteer Award.
 - Five branches become ACC literacy center sites, offering ABE and ESL classes (Carver, North Village, Manchaca Road, Southeast Austin Community, and Little Walnut Creek).
 - Partner with over 30 community organizations to hold first Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros, attended by over 2,000 youth.

The 1999/2000 Budget includes:

- \$250,000 increase in book budget
- 4.0 FTE's (increase of \$181,137) for technology support staff
- Three Immigration Centers (increase of \$16,000)
- 1.0 FTE for Austin History Center African American outreach (\$45,000)
- 11.0 FTE's for Wired for Youth Program (\$325,000 to increase to \$500,000 in following years)
- \$250,000 increase for technology enhancements

- 2000
- Spring: ALFF holds 32 focus groups, intercept surveys, regional telephone survey, and key leader interviews.
 - May 17: KLRU-TV holds Austin At Issue on the Austin Public Library and the ALFF.
 - July 15: Windsor Park Branch grand opening.
 - Austin Libraries for the Future Task Force Draft Report is published in August 2000 and a Town Hall Meeting is held to get community input on the report. The final report is published in September 2000.

- Established New Immigrant Center at Central, Terrazas and Little Walnut Creek Branches.
- Austin Public Library begins providing electronic services: RefLink online reference service, Chapter-a-Day online book club, netLibrary (eBooks), online reserves, and online renewals.
- Extend reference service providing call backs when questions cannot be answered immediately.
- Offer TexShare to the public November 1.
- Provide remote access to several Austin Public Library electronic databases.
- Begin operating Michael and Susan Dell Wired for Youth Centers.
- Three branches receive Texas Book Festival Grants of \$2,500 each.
- Partner with AISD to provide Youth Star Card outreach to 75 elementary schools and distribute 37,598 Youth Star Cards as of December 31, 2000.
- TIF Grant adds 55 new computers.
- Gates Grant adds 75 new computers.
- AMD donates \$50,000 for technology materials.
- Austin Public Library purges 113,773 inactive borrower records from database.
- Día de los Niños/Libros Program wins Highsmith, Hotho, Mora and Reforma Awards.
- Austin Public Library Web pages win L.PerCy Award.
- Youth Star Card Outreach Project wins Austin Community Collaboration Award.
- Cepeda Branch's "Mother Goose Hands-On Program" wins IBM Science Education Award.
- Austin Public Library wins \$10,000 Giant Step Award from School Library Journal/Gale for Terrazas Branch partnership with Sanchez Elementary School to remove barriers to the Library, and Austin Public Library's Star Card Outreach.
- Establish roving patrol security service to branch libraries.
- Adult Star Card is inaugurated.
- Austin History Center receives a \$17,727 Texas Treasures Grant for pilot project to digitize images.
- Austin History Center receives \$1,410 National Endowment for the Humanities preservation grant for a slide cabinet.
- Austin History Center receives \$11,000 grant from Austin Community Foundation on Phase II for transcription of oral history interviews.
- Partner with over 20 community organizations to hold 2nd annual Día de los Niños/ Día de los Libros family literacy event.
- Provide public computer training at Central, Little Walnut Creek, and Riverside Drive Branches.
- Inaugurate new adult Star card, winning design by James R. Hinshaw

The 2000/2001 Budget includes:

- 1.0 FTE Development/PR Officer
- 1.0 FTE Education/Outreach Liaison
- 1.0 FTE Mexican-American Liaison to Austin History Center
- \$100,000 for APL Facilities Master Plan
- Records Management Program transferred from Library to City Clerk's Office
- Austin Music Network archives transferred toAHC
- Reduced youth fees from \$.10/item/day to \$.05/item/day
- Waived nonresident fees for youth

- 2001
- All 21 APL facilities hosted Jubilee events celebrating APL's 75th anniversary.
 - Austin Public Library Jubilee: 75 Years of Building Community exhibit created and installed at Austin History Center, and 19 mini-exhibits displayed at John Henry Faulk and branch locations.
 - Bob Gaines, Central Texas Library System staff member named Texas Librarian of the Year by the Texas Library Association for his leadership regarding E Rate and technology in Texas. Elva Garza, Terrazas Branch Manager received the Austin Independent School District Hispanic Heritage Community Service Award.
 - Received a \$25,000 grant through the Austin Public Library Foundation from the Dell Corporation Foundation to hire summer "cyber-lifeguards" to provide additional support and programs at 7 Wired for Youth Centers.

- Received three Texas Book Festival grants of \$2,500 each for Oak Springs, Manchaca Road and Milwood branches.
- Created a 2nd Floor computer training room and computer lab room at JHF Central.
- Manually deleted from the catalog 10, 281 bibliographic records without copies.
- Completed input of serials control records, converting to online serials check-in.
- Put Web2 in Production, including online searching of borrower records, online reserves.
- Implemented remote authentication using DRA Authentication.
- Library hired Marketing Program Manager to coordinate and manage the marketing and publicity efforts for the library.
- Launched new Programs for Youth Guide—The Bridge (quarterly publication)
- Launched new staff/customer newsletter—Ex Libris (bi-monthly publication)
- Charles Whitman Papers, received from Austin Police Department, were cataloged and opened for research at the Austin History Center, receiving extensive newspaper and TV attention.
- Several APL employees were founding members of the new Central Texas Chapter of REFORMA “El Corazón de Tejas” (REFORMA is the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking). Jennifer Thomas of Faulk Central was chosen as the first chapter president.

The 2001/2002 Budget includes:

- Eliminated 18 vacant positions (15.16 FTE’s)
- Added 9.5 FTEs for operation of St. John
- Added 2 security guards, plumber and refrigeration mechanic
- Added \$161,172 for receipt printers and telephone renewal software.
- CIP: AHC roof replacement
- Mid-year cost containment is a reduction of \$803,320 including:
 - 7 frozen positions
 - \$170,00 reduction in book budget
 - Reduction in several line items

2002

- January 27 St. John Branch Library and Community Center Grand Opening.
- Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya selected as 1st selection for annual What If All of Austin Reads the Same Book? reading campaign
- Austin Public Library partnered with The University of Texas Humanities Institute to provide free programs and discussion groups at 11 branches with hundreds attending.
- Central Texas Library System moves to leased space allowing for the relocation of 10,000 Austin Music Network videotapes to the Austin History Center Building.
- Reengineered Central Library Services to compensate for elimination of 9.5 FTE’s in order to deliver same level of service without reducing hours.
- Outsourced cataloging and processing of library materials to compensate for elimination of 4.75 FTE’s.
- Sponsored first Austin Public Library systemwide teen summer reading program, serving 127 teens.
- Videoconferencing equipment and network infrastructure designed and installed at Central, History Center, Riverside Drive, St. John and Little Walnut Creek.
- Received \$20,000 from Austin Community Foundation for youth collection.
- Received \$115,627 Loan Star Library Grant to hire a web master to enhance APL’s youth web pages, to provide additional youth programming and to improve all youth areas.
- Received \$705,227 TIF Grant for videoconferencing equipment, 118 desk tops, 44 laptops, 23 digital cameras, 6 color printers and 12 desk jets.
- Received \$50,000 from AMD for youth materials and internet lab at the new Ruiz branch.
- Received 2 book festival grants of \$2,500 each (ASE and AOS).
- Received \$15,000 from Tokyo Electron for the new Daniel E. Ruiz Branch.
- Received \$25,000 from Dell Foundation for Cyber Lifeguards.
- Friends Annual Booksale raised \$67,000
- APL Foundation’s Texas Tales Event raised \$30,000
- Received \$25,000 from the Webber Family Foundation for the Youth Collection.
- APL has 395 public access workstations

- Midyear cost containments:
 - Reduced hours one day per week at branches and Austin History Center (Thursdays or Fridays) - June 3rd, 2002 (reinstated October 2002)

2002/2003 Budget includes:

- Eliminated 33 vacant positions (28.10 FTE's)
- Added 9.5 FTE's for Daniel E. Ruiz Branch
- 9.0 FTE's for expanded Carver Branch
- Decreased line items by \$ 392, 031 (16 of 31 electronic databases, travel, training, office supplies, etc)
- Reopened branches at full schedules.
- Inflationary increase on most fees and fines

- 2003
- Holes by Louis Sachar selected for second annual "Keep Austin Reading" campaign.
 - APL's Wired for Youth program was cited by Young Adult Library Services Association of ALA for Excellence in Service to Young Adults.
 - Began drop shipping new shelf ready materials directly to receiving locations.
 - Partnered with Texas School for the Deaf and CSD to provide monthly storytimes for deaf children and families.
 - Partnered with Highland Mall to provide monthly bilingual storytimes.
 - Centralized collection development as a cost savings strategy.
 - Formed an in house puppet troupe ECHO's PALS (Puppets and Libraries=Success) to provide cost effective literacy based performances.
 - APL has 406 public access workstations.
 - Began the production of the Austin Music Network Archives Show producing 27 DV CAM digital tapes. The show airs three times a week in Austin, San Marcos, and San Antonio, and is available in streaming form to a total of 200 users worldwide.
 - In partnership with the Austin History Center Association Karen Riles Austin History Center Neighborhood liaison produced The Blue Bellies Are in Austin: Readings from the Travis County Slave Narratives video and presentation events in connection with Unchained Memories, the HBO special series nationwide presentation
 - Successfully installed Pharoahs self service reservation PC management system at all library locations.
 - Wireless Internet access was made available at 8 library locations through a sponsorship by Scholtzsky's Deli and WiFi-Texas.
 - Hosted 21 authors including:
 - 10/21/02 Neil Barrett Jr.
 - 10/23/02 Rudolfo Anaya (as part of the first annual Keep Austin Reading campaign culmination)
 - 11/15/03 Rosemary Wells
 - 4/17/03 Simon Ortiz
 - 4/30/03 Oscar Casares
 - 5/18/03 Takayo Noda
 - 6/4/03 Manuel Martinez
 - 7/17/03 Rudy Ruiz
 - 7/27/03 Debra Umberson
 - 7/30/03 Dagoberto Gilb
 - 8/30/03 Jodi Thomas
 - 9/11/03 Raul Salinas
 - 9/13/03 Nina Foxx
 - 9/24/03 Louis Sachar (as part of the second annual Keep Austin Reading campaign culmination)
 - 10/14/03 Arthur Howard
 - 10/15/03 Jose Louis Orozco
 - 10/18/03 Sarah Bird
 - 10/22/03 Pam Flowers
 - 10/30/03 Bill Crawford
 - 11/7/03 Adrienne Yorriks
 - 11/21/03 Michele Gorman
- These programs were sponsored in part by the Friends of the Austin Public Library.
- Friends Annual Booksale raised \$69,000.

- Began bimonthly Book Bonanzas to give away to the community books withdrawn from APL's collection or donated books unsuitable for sale in the Friends annual booksale.

Grants/Foundation/Gifts

- Dell Foundation grant of \$25,000 to fund cyberlifeguards at Wired for Youth Centers.
- LCRA grant of \$15,000 to fund furniture and equipment for the new Carver Branch expansion project.
- Tokyo Electron grant of \$3,500 for the Mayor's Book Club, Keep Austin Reading campaign.
- SBC Foundation grant of \$20,000 for technical support training.
- Webber Family Foundation grant of \$45,000 for the youth collection and Storytime Connection.
- Book Boosters grants of \$2,100 to support the Cyberlifeguard program.
- The Junior League of Austin grant of \$45,000 to fund Storytime Connection and the Youth Collection.
- Loan Star grant through the Texas State Library of \$113,325, provided funding for Webmaster and youth programming.

2003/2004 Budget:

- Eliminated 34.45 FTE's
- Reduced hours at branches one day per week (Thursdays or Fridays)
- Reduced hours at Austin History Center two days per week (Thursday and Fridays)
- Reduced hours of operation for TIC from 66 to 35 hours (closed evenings and weekends).
- Reduced materials budget by 32% (\$-500,177).
- Reduced periodicals budget by 52% (\$-585,000).
- Reduced databases by 20% (\$-30,000).
- Decreased various line items.
- Included \$1.4 million for various capital improvements such as HVAC upgrades and reroofing.
- Included funding to replace library's integrated Library Management system.

- 2004
- Daniel E. Ruiz Branch opens
 - Blue Bellies Are in Austin: Readings from the Travis County Slave Narratives video won Texas Library Association Project of the Year.
 - Cormac McCarthy's All the Pretty Horses was selected for the 3rd Mayor's Book Club/Keep Austin Reading campaign. Thousands participated by reading the book and by attending discussion and the movie finale with Mayor Wynn.
 - Implemented Talk Time conversation program for the New Immigrants Centers.
 - Opened a New Immigrants Center at the Daniel E. Ruiz Branch in January 2004.
 - Austin History Center processed the following collections which are now available to the community for research:
 - Richard Moya Papers
 - Villager Newspaper photographic collection
 - Wukash Architectural drawings
 - Austin Music Network Archives Show aired weekly bringing collections of Austin History Center to the attention of the viewing public.
 - In partnership with the University of Texas Humanities Institute cosponsored Writing Austin's Lives project, which resulted in the publication of an anthology of 127 stories written by citizens of Austin. Over 800 stories were donated to the Austin History Center archive as part of this project.
 - Held adult, teen, and staff focus groups in preparation for APL Strategic Plan 2005-2010.
 - Wireless Internet access was made available at all library locations.
 - Established satellite collection, Second Chance Books, at Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center.

Grants/Foundation/Gifts:

- 3M donated a self check machine.
- Dell Foundation Grant through the Austin Public Library Foundation of \$25,000 to hire cyberlifeguards at the Wired for Youth Centers.
- LeapFrog Schoolhouse donated 5,000 children's books valued at \$50,000.
- Friends of APL donated \$35,000.

- Applied Materials Grant through the Austin Public Library Foundation of \$10,000 to hire cyberlifeguards for the Wired for Youth Centers.
- Rachel and Ben Vaughan Foundation Grant through the Austin Public Library Foundation of \$2,500 to establish a fifth New Immigrants Center at the Ruiz Branch.
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Grant of \$25,524 for Eager to Learn Program for youth programs and materials.
- Dell Foundation Grant through the Austin Public Library Foundation of \$25,000 for Storytime Connection and youth books.
- Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody donated compact shelving to the Austin History Center valued at \$50,000.
- Topfer Foundation Grant through the APLF of \$12,750 for Storytime Connection
- Loan Star grant through the Texas State Library of \$100,089, provided funding for Webmaster.

2004/2005 Budget:

- Eliminated 2.0 FTE's (1.0 electrician, .75 mail clerk, .25 Graphics Designer)
- Decreased funding in various line items
- Partial restoration to book budget (\$300,000 of \$500,000 cut)
- Funded Little Walnut Creek Branch parking lot expansion.
- Non-resident fee increases from \$52 to \$62 annually.

- 2005
- The George Washington Carver Branch reopened after being closed for a renovation and expansion project on February 5th.
 - e-Branch electronic kiosk in Highland Mall opens in December 2005.
 - Reopened Pleasant Hill Branch after major renovations on March 5, 2005
 - Spicewood Springs Branch parking lot expansion completed on January 15, 2005.
 - Austin Public Library Strategic plan 2005-2010 completed.
 - Proposed new 300,000 SF Central Library (200,000 SF finished with 100,000SF unfinished) to Bond Election Advisory Committee, prepared Frequently Asked Question sheet and power point presentation to inform staff and citizens about the need and value of a new Central Library.
 - Over 100 Austin Public Library employees assisted with Hurricane Katrina Relief operations. Set up Katrina Branch and homework /tutoring center at the evacuee center. Held regular storytimes and after school programs-September 2005
 - Received the 2005 Hotho Award for Second Chance Books Project which delivers books to juveniles incarcerated at Gardner Betts Juvenile Detention Center.
 - Fourth Annual Mayor's Book Club/Keep Austin Reading campaign was held. Writing Austin's Lives: A Community Portrait was the selected book.
 - In partnership with UT Humanities Institute and MAIN (Metropolitan Austin Interactive Network) created a web site for the public to submit their stories online with the hope to publish a follow up publication to Writing Austin's Lives.
 - A fifth New Immigrants Center opened at Cepeda Branch
 - Planned and implemented Vendacard (pre-paid cards) system for public printing at all library locations.
 - Austin History Center processed the following collections which are now available to the community for research:
 - Richard Moya Papers
 - Travis County Negro Extension Services Collection
 - Jane McCallum Papers
 - Tracor Papers
 - Sue McBee African American cultural papers

2005/2006 Budget:

- Added 43.88 FTE's (2 store specialists, 4.5 pages, 1.0 managing librarian for Branch Services, .75 admin assistant/1 library assistant/ 1.0 archivist for the Austin History Center, 1.0 FTE Austin History Center Marketing position, 30.63 FTEs to reopen branches, 3.0 Wired for Youth Librarians.)
- Added \$8,150 to the training budget

Grants/Foundation/Gifts:

- Crescent Realty donated \$10,000 for Terrazas Youth area
- Received Gates Computer Replacement Grant in the amount of \$105,000
- Friends of APL donated \$65,000 to the Library which had been raised in the fall 2005 Friends Book Sale.
- Received a \$9,000 grant from Advanced Micro Devices for cyberlifeguards for St. John Branch
- Received a \$2,125 grant from the Rachel & Ben Vaughan Foundation, which enabled the Library to establish a fifth New Immigrants Center at the Ruiz Branch.
- Received \$2,500 grant from HEB for Summer Reading Program.
- Received a \$2,000 gift from Mervyn's, which provided funding for Star Saturday family programs at Faulk Central Library and a sign language interpretator.
- Received \$25,524 as part of the Eager to Learn project (funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) to hold additional storytimes at non-traditional times at University Hills Branch, Windsor park Branch, Little Walnut Creek Branch, and St. John Branch. Funds paid for contracted presenters, books and music for the collections, and books for families to add to their home collections.
- Received a \$10,000 grant from Texas Book Festival for books for Faulk Central Library and three branch libraries.
- Received \$58,000 grant from the Dell Foundation for cyberlifeguards and licenses for Pharos Computer Timing software.
- Received a \$3,000 from the Texas Reads Grant for the initiation of Talk Time English conversation programs for immigrants.
- Received an \$84,898 Loan Star Grant to fund webmaster, outreach programs, and programming funding.
- Received a \$12,750 grant from the Topfer Foundation for Storytime Connections-a storytime outreach to child care centers serving low-income youth.
- Received a \$2,500 grant from HEB for the Summer Reading Program.
- Received a \$44,423 grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to provide access to Katrina survivors, to provide programming using oral histories featuring survivors in Austin.
- Received \$5,000 from TX Gas Service for the 2005 Mayor's Book Club. •Received
- \$2,400 of in-kind service to develop The Portal to Texas History Photograph submissions.

- 2006
- New Central Library bond passed by 60% on November 7, 2006 (170,000 square feet of finished with 80,000 unfinished).
 - Received Texas Library Association Project of the Year Award for "Second Chance Books: Bringing Books to Incarcerated Children."
 - Austin Public Library strategic planning process cascaded through library organization which resulted in strategic plans for every library division.
 - Fifth annual Mayor's Book Club/Keep Austin Reading campaign was held. "The Devil's Highway" by Louis Alberto Urrea was the book selected.
 - APL successfully migrated to the SIRSI automated library system.
 - APL Staff Association's "Build a Backpack" campaign became citywide effort resulting in over 370 backpacks full of school supplies for children of the Austin Independent School District.
 - Reopened Oak Springs Branch after major renovations on February 25.
 - Reopened Old Quarry Branch after major renovations on April 29.
 - Grand Opening of Terrazas Branch was held on May 6.

2006/2007 Budget:

- Added 2.0 FTE's for Spicewood Springs expansion.
- Added 2.0 FTE's for circulation support and billing.
- Added 1.0 FTE security guard.
- Added 1.0 FTE human relations specialist.
- Added 1.0 FTE account associate.
- Added \$11,468 for training/conferences.
- Received InterLibrary Loan Grant from Texas State Library for \$329,344
- Received Loan Star Libraries Grant from Texas State Library for \$84,989

- Received a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant for \$105,000 to upgrade public access computers
- Received a American Library Association, Jewish Literature Grants "Let's Talk About It" for \$1,500 for the Howson Branch.

- 2007
- May 3rd, Council approves creation of operating Trust for Library using \$9.9 million from sale of Block 21 property. Austin Public Library Foundation agrees to match interest annually (\$500,000).
 - Austin Public Library leases book processing/book sale center which will also house offices for Friends of Austin Public Library and Austin Public Library Foundation.
 - Grand Opening of Spicewood Springs expanded facility was held on March 31, 2007.
 - Groundbreaking for North Village Branch was held on April 21, 2007.
 - Sixth Annual Mayor's Book Club/Keep Austin Reading campaign was held. Around the Bloc by Stephanie Elizondo Griest was selected.
 - APL Staff Association's Build a Pack Pack campaign brought in 540 backpacks city-wide to provide school supplies for AISD students needing them.
 - Two additional New Immigrant Centers open at University Hills and Southeast Austin Community branches.
 - First Annual Adult Summer Reading program is held with culminating event featuring author Julia Alvarez.
 - APL won two Branding Iron Awards for van wraps in the outdoor advertising category and for PSA's in best broadcast advertising category for PSAs.

2007/2008 Budget:

- \$23,513,154--11.9% increase (\$2.5 million additional)
- Added 8.0 FTEs
 - 5.0 temporary security guards converted to regular positions.
 - 1.0 webmaster (Programmer Analyst Sr.)
 - 1.0 Librarian III (collection development)
 - 1.0 maintenance worker II (HVAC tech)
- Added \$473,000 to materials budget
 - \$51,563 for databases
 - \$42,187 to periodicals
- \$1 million to begin new Central Library
- \$235,000 to begin Cepeda Music Garden project

Grants/Foundation/Gifts

- Received Lonestar Libraries Grant for \$85,937 to pay for webmaster.
- Received \$34,000 for Cyber-lifeguards from Dell.
- Received \$25,000 for Storytime Connection Program-a program which trains volunteers to provide storytime in Day Care Centers.
- Received \$105,000 for 103 desktop computers, keyboards, and monitors from the Bill & Melinda Gates grant.
- Received \$16,823 for "Looking at Jazz: America's Art Form" from an ALA grant. (6 programs at Howson and Carver branches)
- Received \$8,790 from the National Film Preservation Foundation to reformat "Austin: The Friendly City" a 1943 Chamber of Commerce film
- Received \$2,400 for portal to Texas History grant to digitize 88 Neal Douglass photos and underwriting from Summerlee Foundation
- Received \$14,620 from the National Film Preservation Foundation to preserve 1936 Chamber film "When Grandad Fought the Indians."
- Friends Annual Booksales raised \$65,000.
- Foundation's Texas Tales raised \$30,000.

- 2008
- April 24th City Council approved a resolution supporting the AHCA's efforts to conduct a feasibility study for an expansion of the AHC into the John Henry Faulk building, and that if the proposed project is feasible and sufficient funding is available, the Council supports the rededication of the Faulk Library building for future expansion of the Austin History Center once the new central library is completed.
 - May 24th, City Council dedicates Seaholm Substation site for proposed new Central Library.

- December 11th City Council approved selection of Lake Flato, Richardson, and Abbott/Bullfinch Shepley Architectural Design team to design the new Central Library
- June 18th, signed agreement was approved by City Council giving the Austin Public Library Foundation a term of 10 years to match interest on \$9.9 million trust for operating funds for the new central library.
- APL begins Prominence Initiative to increase the community awareness about the value of the library.
- The City Manager supported the APL security initiative by allocating funds in the FY 08/09 budget to fund security cameras for every APL location.
- Friends of the Austin Public Library and the Austin Public Library Foundation voted to merge operations for more effectiveness.
- Seventh annual Mayor's Book Club/Keep Austin Reading Campaign was held. *A Long Way Gone : Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah was selected.
- 95 APL employees mentor or tutor AISD students as part of the CoA/Austin Partners in Education partnership.
- The Bibliophiles, APL's Bookcart Drill Team placed first at the TLA Statewide competition and 2nd at the ALA National competition.

2008/2009 Budget:

- \$24,907,897, a 6% increase (\$1366,893 additional)
- Close branches one day per week
- Eliminated 10.3 FTES
- Added 4.0 Custodians
- Added 2.0 Security Guards
- Added 1.0 Maintenance Worker II
- Added 4.0 FTE's for the projected opening of the North Village Branch
- Added 4.0 FTE's for the projected opening of the Twin Oaks Branch
- Added \$100,000 to the Materials Budget
- Closed branches one day a week (Thursdays or Fridays)

Grants/Donations:

- \$10,000 donation from Cherry Gray, through the AHCA to purchase equipment and Supplies to complete the conversion of the photo lab to a Digital Darkroom
- \$176,708 Loan Star Libraries Grant from the Texas State Library to fund APL's Technology efforts.
- \$50,000 Connected Communities Grant from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation to Fund interns for Wired For Youth Centers.
- \$25,000 Grant from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation in support of Wired For Centers.
- \$7,500 from Summerle e Foundation toward Acquisition of the Governor Pease Archival papers for the Austin History Center.
- \$185,000 from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation for Connected Youth laptop Program for teens.
- \$7,800 grant from AMD to replace outdated computers in the AMD computer lab.

- 2009
- Held 6 public input sessions to capture community's vision for the new Central Library during October and November.
 - Held grand opening for new North Village Branch Library on May30, our first "bookstore model" to great acclaim.
 - Following a 2 year branding process launched Austin Public Library's new logo and slogan "More Than Books" and new adult library card.
 - Launched a new teen card and Connected Youth laptop program funded by a grant from Susan and Michael Dell.
 - Recycled Reads, APL's Used Bookstore opened February 28.
 - Eighth Annual Mayor's Book Club featured *Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer.
 - On May 3rd, Austin History Center adopted new hours to better serve the majority of researchers using the Center. Austin History Center is now open 6 days a week instead of 5.
 - On May 12, the Caesar E. Chavez commemorative art project was dedicated at the Terrazas Branch.
 - The Austin History Center exhibit "Vietnam to Austin: Restoring Community" opened on February 17, a landmark exhibit, believed to be the first in the United States.

- Produced a video titled “What the Library Can Do For You”.
- 55 Austin Public Library employees mentored or tutored AISD students as part of the City of Austin/AISD partnership.

2009/2010 Budget:

- \$24,394,878, a 2% decrease
- Branches continued to be closed one day per week
- Eliminated 7.25 FTE's:
- 3.0-Youth Services
- 1.0-AHC
- 1.0 Circ Support
- 1.0 Collection and Cataloging Services
- 1.0 Facilities Services
- .25 Administrative Office
- Branches continue to be closed one day a week (Thursday or Friday)

Grants/Donations

- Loan Star Grant in the amount of \$229,149 from the Texas State Library to fund technology and customer service efforts.
- Dell Foundation Connected Communities Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to fund interns in Connected Youth Centers.
- \$12,500 from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation in support of APL's Connected Youth Centers.
- \$25,000 Stillwater Foundation Challenge Grant to use towards the purchase of the Pease Papers collection the AHC is purchasing.
- \$5,000 from Austin Community Foundation to use towards the purchase of the Pease Papers

- 2010
- August 21st held grand opening of new Twin Oaks Branch Library. The branch won a first place Commercial Interior Design award for Sustainable Design from the American Society of Interior Designers – Austin Chapter
 - December 9th City Council approved Building Program and Revised Funding Plan for the new Central Library
 - Organized branches into 4 regions managed by a Regional Branch Manager. The new structure assures more cost effective delivery of services by allocating resources regionally.
 - Instituted LCD advertising system for all locations to eliminate cost of print materials to promote programs and services.
 - Ninth Annual Mayor's Book Club featured Amigoland by Oscar Casares.
 - On February 16th, the Austin History Center opened the exhibit “Relief, Recovery and Progress, the Great Depression and New Deal in Austin.”
 - On April 27th, the Austin History Center opened the photo exhibit “Pioneers from the East: First Chinese Families in Austin.”
 - On August 21st, the Austin History Center opened the exhibit “Mexican-American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County Exhibit” with over 500 in attendance.
 - Twin Oaks Branch won one of the top 4 regional Design Excellence Awards at the International Interior Design Association's Texas Oklahoma Awards Presentation

2010/2011 Budget:

- \$25,905,950, a 6% increase over 2009/10
- Branches continue to be closed one day a week (Thursday or Friday)
- Added 2.0 Store Specialists to address workload issues in delivery services
- Added \$500,000 to the Materials budget
- Added \$30,000 to the Electronic Database budget

Grants/Donations

- Loan Star Grant in the amount of \$309,801 from the Texas State Library to fund 4 positions, materials and programming
- Dell Foundation Connected Communities Grant in the amount of \$42,500 to fund interns in Connected Youth Centers.

- \$63,152 ARRA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program with Texas State Library to create a computer training and job search at Carver Branch
- \$10,000 Texas Book Festival Grants for Oak Springs, Carver and St. John
- \$3,000 From Humanities Texas to fund AHC traveling exhibit "Mexican-American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County Exhibit."

- 2011
- Completed and distributed Austin Public Library Strategic Plan 2011-2013
 - October 20, 2011 City Council approved the new Central Library schematic design authorizing the project to move into the design development phase
 - October, 2011 APL began offering downloadable electronic books
 - APL's Yomicon (teen anime convention) wins Texas Library Association 2011 Project of the Year Award
 - 10th annual Mayor's Book Club, in partnership with the APL Friends Foundation, featured authors Tim O'Brien (The Things They Carried) and Siobhan Fallon (You Know When the Men Are Gone)
 - Austin History Center hosted the following exhibits:
 - 5X5Y: 25 Years of SXSW Music Exhibit and Panel Discussion with SXSW founders Roland Swenson and Louis Black.
 - Sounding Together: 100 Years of the Austin Symphony, in partnership with the Austin Symphony Orchestra Society
 - Deco and Moderne: Austin Architecture of the 1930s

2011/12 BUDGET

- \$26,527,680, a 2.4% increase over 2010/11
- branches remain closed one day per week
- reduced operating hours for JHF Central Library 8 hours per week
- eliminated 2.38 vacant FTE's
- net reduction of \$83,512 to materials budget
- net reduction of \$27,892 to electronic database budget
- add 2.0 FTE's security guard positions
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): include \$75,988,640 for design and construction of new central library, \$800,000 for materials for new central library, and \$344,000 for exterior security cameras for priority branches.

GRANTS/DONATIONS

- \$152,000 (over 2 years) from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation for Connected Youth Program
- \$65,928 from Dell Giving for Dell Discovery Lab at Oak Springs Branch
- \$65,000 for Google Search Appliance from Google for APL's website enhancement

- 2012
- 60% schematic design for the new Central Library was presented to and approved by City Council in September
 - Citizens approved nine library renovation and retrofit projects in 2012 Bond Election
 - Launched new interactive, full service APL web pages to overwhelming enthusiasm from customers.
 - The Sunday hours at the Carver Branch were moved to the Ruiz Branch.
 - 11th annual Mayor's Book Club, in partnership with the APL Friends Foundation, featured author Jesmyn Ward (Salvage the Bones)
 - Won TLA Public Relations Branding Iron Award for Best Print Media and Best Non-Traditional Media.
 - Austin History Center hosted the following exhibits:
 - First Picture Shows: Historic Austin Movie Houses
 - O.Henry: A Short Story
 - Building a Community: The First Century of African American Life in Travis County

2012/13 BUDGET

- \$30,245,501, a 14% increase over 2011/12
- branches remain closed one day per week
- reduced operating hours for JHF Central Library 8 hours per week

- 12 additional FTE's
- \$85,121 additional inflationary funding to materials budget
- \$11,746 additional inflationary funding to electronic database budget
- add 2.0 FTE's security guard positions
- \$150,000 for 4 temporary employees

GRANTS/DONATIONS

- \$63,152 BTOP Public Computing Center Grant for Carver Job Center
- \$129,200 Dell Foundation Connected Youth Grant
- \$50,000 Dell Foundation Intern Grant
- \$152,000 (over 2 years) from Michael and Susan Dell Foundation for Connect Youth Grant

- 2013
- Groundbreaking for New Central Library held May 30th.
 - 100% schematic design for the new Central Library was presented to and approved by City Council in September
 - 12th annual Mayor's Book Club, in partnership with the APL Friends Foundation, featured authors Kevin Powers' "The Yellow Birds" and Ben Fountain's "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk."
 - Launched video streaming, online magazines, digital audiobooks, online and chat homework assistance and Spanish Language webpage.
 - Won Texas Library Association (TLA) Branding Iron Award recognizing excellence in Public Relations for Austin Public Library's (APL) Read Poster "READ: Set Your Imagination on Fire" featuring City of Austin Firefighter Xochitl Hernandez and Fire Dog, Royal.
 - Won TLA Branding Iron Award recognizing excellence in Non Traditional Media for Literature Live's puppet show trailers.
 - Austin History Center hosted the five exhibits:
 - How To Prepare A Possum: Nineteenth Century Cuisine in Austin
 - Birthday of a Beautiful Building: 80 Years and Beyond at 810 Guadalupe
 - Austin Music Originals
 - Austin's Mexico: A Downtown Neighborhood
 - History of Wooldridge Park

2013/14 BUDGET

- \$31,189,546 , a 4% increase over 2012/13
- branches remain closed one day per week
- reduced operating hours for JHF Central Library 8 hours per week continued
- materials budget increases by 3.5% (\$88,100)
- 5.5 additional FTEs: 2.5 Youth Librarians, 2.0 Bilingual Program Technicians, 1.0 Program Specialist for Carver Computer and Job Center
- 3 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) approved: purchased land for University Hills parking lot, roof repair and HVAC upgrade renovation of Pleasant Hill and renovation of Milwood Branch

GRANTS/DONATIONS

- \$187,000 funding for continuation of years 5 and 6 for Michael and Susan Dell's Connected Youth Program
- \$24,625 IMLS Sparks! Ignition National Leadership Grant Sprouting Green Weeding Practices for Recycled Reads
- \$15,000 TexShare Mobile Library Project to fund tablets for staff to demonstrate mobile access to Virtual Library for customers
- \$12,000 Connect 4 Literacy Project partnership between AISD and APL to keep students reading over the summer
- \$10,000 Oral History transcription at AHC to document the origination of the Emma Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center
- \$9,994 Impact Grant for Family or Early Childhood Literacy working with childcare providers to direct their clients to APL's website

- 2014
- Laid foundation for the New Central Library on May 9 with 10,400 cubic yards of concrete placed continuously over a 24-hour period
 - Completed installation of an integrated night/day exterior security camera surveillance system for all 24 APL facilities
 - Finalized APL's 3 Year Strategic Plan including Diversity, Technology, Marketing and Volunteer plans
 - Expanded digital offerings in the Virtual Library such as streaming and digital video and music
 - Produced the 2014 READ poster, READ: Feed Your Mind, featuring Paul Qui, Chief Proprietor of Qui Restaurant, founder of East Side King, Top Chef Winner
 - Presented the 13th Annual Mayor's Book Club in partnership with the APL Friends Foundation featuring author Elizabeth Crook's *Monday, Monday*
 - Received Texas Library Association's annual Branding Iron Award—Honorable Mention for APL's 2013 READ Poster, READ and you will become more powerful than you could possibly imagine, featuring Peter Mayhew, the actor who played Chewbacca in *Star Wars*
 - Initiated Geek the Library campaign highlighting photos of Austin citizens with statements of what they are passionate about and how the Library helps transform their life and/or community
 - Utilized Lean Library Management system to streamline the reserves process (holds) into a more efficient, cost-effective system
 - Began staffing one-on-one tech assistance at Willie Mae Kirk Branch
 - Continued and expanded Tech Toy Time: Ready Device, Activate! program for adults helping customers make the most of their eReaders and digital devices
 - The APL Culture and Diversity Committee sponsored the Third Annual Poetry in Many Voices on April 25 celebrating the diversity of the community featuring 50 citizens and City of Austin staff reading their original or favorite poetry.
 - The APL Culture and Diversity Committee partnered with the APL Healthy Connections Committee to host the Third Annual Diverse Approach to a Healthy Lifestyle featuring multicultural food with a health and wellness focus. 40 City of Austin employees attended.
 - The Austin History Center sponsored Julian Read, former Press Secretary, to Governor John Connally, who discussed his book, *JFK's Final Hours: An Eyewitness Remembers the Tragedy and its Aftermath*.
 - Austin History Center hosted three exhibits:
 - Backwards in High Heels: Getting women elected 1842-1990
 - Queremos Realizar Nuestra Musica Para Usted: Latinas in the Shadow of the Live Music Capital of the World
 - Austin 175: From Cabins to Skyscrapers

2014/15 BUDGET

- \$37,186,240 an 18% increase over 2013/14
- Branch hours are partially restored (remain closed 10 AM – 1 PM on Friday)
- JHF Central remains closed 8 hours/week
- materials budget increases by 3.5%
- 9.0 additional FTE's to partially reinstated branch hours
- \$35,000 added to fund additional adult programming and outreach.

GRANTS/DONATIONS

- Received \$20,000 from TSLAC for TexTreasures Grant to hire a processing archivist to process Graham-Niles Papers.

- 2015
- Continued construction of New Central Library including development of interior areas, installation of exterior stone and connection of permanent power.
 - Hired a Business Consultant to analyze statistical data to ensure reliability, standardize data collection methodologies, ensure accurate calculations and train staff on compilation procedures.
 - Continued to work with OrangeBoy consultants to develop meaningful outcome measures.
 - Continued to work with Lean Library consultant to streamline operations.
 - Provided online payment option July 2015.
 - Implemented 2015 APL READ campaign - READ: And Magic Will Happen – featuring local magicians The Fantastic Kent Cummins and his granddaughter The Amazing Adele.

- Held 14th annual Mayor's Book Club: Keep Austin Reading campaign featuring John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.
- Began using Bikemobile to provide outreach in a sustainable way, September 2015.
- Austin History Center produced four new exhibits: "Austin 175: From Cabins to Skyscrapers," "19th Century Mystique," "Divided City: Civil War and Reconstruction in Austin" and "Austin's Majestic Palace: The Paramount Turns 100."
- Began podcasting, September 2015.
- Began offering Hoopla Service which provides downloadable access to audiobooks, ebooks, movies, music and television programs, August 2015.

2015/16 BUDGET

- \$41.8 m, an increase of \$4,698,044 a 12.6% increase over FY 14/15
- Branch hours were fully restored (Friday mornings) with an addition of 6.0 FTEs
- JHF Central remains closed 8 hours/week
- materials budget increases by \$94,375
- Approved 48.25 FTEs to begin hiring for New Central Library
- Reinstated the Non Resident fee \$120/yr or \$35/quarter

- 2016
- Continued construction of New Central Library to 85% completion: landscaping, installation of stone, mesquite and oak flooring, carpet and all wall and ceiling finishes. The final installation was achieved of the prominent, giant cuckoo clock kinetic sculpture with a swinging pendulum by Christian Moeller.
 - Added Bookmobile to outreach program to deliver services in currently underserved areas
 - All branches equipped with RFID Self Check Stations
 - Implemented 2016 APL READ Campaign "READ: Unleash Your Imagination" featuring AISD Superintendent Dr. Paul Cruz and students from AISD's Performing Arts Center.
 - Held 15th annual Mayor's Book Club: Keep Austin Reading Campaign featuring "A Friend of Mr. Lincoln" by Stephen Harrigan.
 - Friday hours restored 1/8/16
 - Milwood Branch reopens after major restorations
 - Director Brenda Branch retires after 40 years of service (25 years as Director)
 - Toni Lambert appointed interim Director

2016/17 BUDGET

- \$47.1 m, an increase of 13% increase over FY 15/16
- JHF Central remains closed 8 hours/week
- Approved additional 11 positions for NCL
- Materials budget increases by \$486,500, a 15.6% over FY 15/16