



the Bridge

En inglés y en español



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¿Tiene niños menores de 5 años? ¿Quiere ayudarlos a prepararse para la escuela? Lo más importante para los niños es dedicar a lo menos veinte minutos al día leyendo con ellos antes de que asistan a la escuela. Estudios han mostrado que niños que saben ocho rimas o más cuando tienen cuatro años serán los mejores lectores de su clase los ocho años. Si usted lee con su niño antes de que vaya a la escuela, y si el niño observa que a usted le gusta la lectura, él llegará a tenerle amor a la lectura. La lectura diaria le ayuda al niño adquirir facilidad con el idioma y desarrolla el vocabulario y su comprensión, y así estará mejor capacitado para aprender.

La biblioteca pública ofrece muchos programas para toda la familia. Pueden gozar juntos la lectura. Hay programas en inglés solamente, programas bilingües en inglés y español, y también programas presentados solamente en español. Los invitamos para que vengan con los niños y aprenden rimas y canciones, y lean libros adecuados para cualquier edad.

Los programas de cuentos bilingües son "Cuentos y más", Cuentos Bilingües en Highland Mall y Cuentos Bilingües en la sucursal de St. John.

Cuentos y Más es un programa que se ofrece una vez por mes en las siguientes sucursales: Cepeda, Ruiz, Oak Springs, University Hills, Windsor Park, y St. John. Es una hora divertida de cuentos, canciones, juegos y manualidades para niños menores de cinco años y sus padres. En Highland Mall se presentan cuentos, canciones y rimas en inglés y español el tercer sábado de cada mes a las 11:00 a.m. La sucursal de St. John también tendrá cuentos, canciones y rimas bilingües los miércoles el 12 de enero hasta el 16 de marzo.

Los jueves el 13 de enero hasta el 28 de abril la sucursal de Ruiz ofrece cuentos en español y otras actividades.

Los horarios completos de todos estos programas se encuentran en la página 3.

Queremos que los niños aprendan a disfrutar los libros y que la lectura llegue a ser algo especial para ellos. Toda la familia puede asistir a los programas y después quedarse un rato para aprovechar de todos los servicios que ofrece la biblioteca pública.

Para mayor información por favor llame a la línea de español al 482-8398.

Being Bilingual@APL

Would you like your child to learn to speak Spanish, but don't know where to start? Perhaps you'd like to help her develop vocabulary skills or learn about another culture, but you're not sure what community resources are available. The Austin Public Library is a great place to begin introducing your child to Spanish. Every location in the Austin Public Library system offers Spanish language books, videos, and music for children and adults. Additionally, the library offers Spanish/English bilingual programs, as well as programs entirely in Spanish. These programs give you and your child opportunities to learn Spanish songs and fingerplays, meet speakers of Spanish, and hear stories told or read in Spanish.

Studies by the Center for Applied Linguistics have shown that children who learn bilingually from an early age receive numerous benefits from the experience. Early bilingualism has a positive effect on overall intellectual growth, gives a child greater sensitivity to language, and develops flexibility in thinking. Children also gain a better understanding of their native language, are more likely to develop an appreciation for other cultures, and have opportunities to meet people they may not otherwise have a chance to know.

The Austin Public Library is one place where you can introduce your child to a second language and all of the benefits that come from learning about Latino culture. Please join us at some of the exciting Spanish and Spanish/English programs offered at many Austin Public Library locations. A complete schedule of these and other programs offered by the Austin Public Library follows on page 3.

References:
Center for Applied Linguistics: www.cal.org
"Learning languages 'boosts brain'" BBC News World Edition, October 13, 2004. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/3739690.stm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are free to the public

Join Us
for special programs in honor of:

- JANUARY - Chinese New Year
- FEBRUARY -- Black History Month
- MARCH - Spring Break Programming
- APRIL - National Library Week
- MAY - Asian Pacific Heritage Month

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STAR SATURDAYS
@ Faulk Central Library

800 Guadalupe 2:00 p.m.

Sign language interpretation will be provided at all Star Saturday programs.

JANUARY 8 - Storyteller Bernadette Nason presents "Tales from the Orient"

FEBRUARY 12 - ECHO's PALS presents "How the King's Daughter Lost Her Hair" Puppet Show

MARCH 12 - MAGIC featuring Gusto the Great

APRIL 9 - CHASKI Peñas Pequeñas Latin American Folk Trio

MAY 14 - China School of Chinese Dance presents Traditional Chinese Dance

Youth Services Events Hotline

Call (512) 974-7302 to hear the latest program and event information or visit www.cityofaustin.org/library

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Canciones en español

Try these simple songs and rhymes with your child. More fingerplays, songs, and rhymes are available at the Texas State Library's website at www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/niños/songsrhymes.html, which also provides sound files for many of the songs.

EL CHOCOLATE
Uno, dos, tres, cho
Uno, dos, tres, co
Uno, dos, tres, la
Uno, dos, tres, te
Cho-co-la-te, cho-co-la-te
Bate, bate chocolate

BUENOS DÍAS
Buenos días, buenos días,
¿Cómo está? ¿Cómo está?
Muy bien gracias,

Muy bien gracias
¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?
Buenas tardes, buenas tardes,
¿Cómo está? ¿Cómo está?
Muy bien gracias,
Muy bien gracias,
¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Buenas noches, buenas noches,
¿Cómo está? ¿Cómo está?
Muy bien gracias, Muy bien gracias,
¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

BILINGUAL BOOKS TO SHARE

■ *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?/Oso pardo, oso pardo ¿Que ves ahí?*
by Bill Martin

■ *Delicious Hullabaloo/Pachanga deliciosa*
by Pat Mora.

■ *Harry the Dirty Dog/Harry el perrito sucio*
by Gene Zion

■ *Margaret and Margarita/Margarita y Margaret*
by Lynn Reiser

■ *Mouse Paint/Pinta ratones*
by Ellen Stoll Walsh



Austin Public Library
P.O. Box 2287
Austin, TX 78768-2287

Echo's Special Programs

Every Child Has Opportunities



ECHO's Special Programs @ Libraries

Upcoming Special Events for ages 5 and over.

Crafts, games, stories, and more!

JANUARY

Lunar New Year Celebration-Year of the Rooster!

- Wednesday, January 12, 3:30 p.m.
Yarborough Branch
- Thursday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.
Milwood Branch
- Wednesday, January 19, 3:30 p.m.
Spicewood Springs Branch
- Thursday, January 20, 3:30 p.m.
Little Walnut Creek Branch
- Thursday, January 27, 3:30 p.m.
Old Quarry Branch

Creative Crafts Club

- Tuesday, January 11, 3:45 p.m.
Cepeda Branch
- Thursday, January 13, 3:45 p.m.
University Hills Branch
- Tuesday, January 18, 3:45 p.m.
Windsor Park Branch
- Thursday, January 20, 3:45 p.m.
Ruiz Branch
- Tuesday, January 25, 3:45 p.m.
St. John Branch
- Tuesday, January 25, 3:45 p.m.
Oak Springs Branch

FEBRUARY

Optical Illusion Science

- Wednesday, February 9, 3:30 p.m.
Yarborough Branch
- Thursday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.
Milwood Branch
- Wednesday, February 16, 3:30 p.m.
Spicewood Springs Branch
- Thursday, February 17, 3:30 p.m.
Little Walnut Creek Branch
- Thursday, February 24, 3:30 p.m.
Little Walnut Creek Branch

Creative Crafts Club

- Tuesday, February 1, 3:45 p.m.
Cepeda Branch
- Thursday, February 3, 3:45 p.m.
University Hills Branch
- Tuesday, February 8, 3:45 p.m.
Windsor Park Branch
- Thursday, February 10, 3:45 p.m.
Ruiz Branch
- Tuesday, February 15, 3:45 p.m.
St. John Branch
- Tuesday, February 22, 3:45 p.m.
Oak Springs Branch

MARCH

Hank the Cowdog Ranch Round-Up

- Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 p.m.
Yarborough Branch
- Thursday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.
Milwood Branch
- Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
Spicewood Springs Branch
- Thursday, March 17, 3:30 p.m.
Little Walnut Creek Branch
- Thursday, March 24, 3:30 p.m.
Old Quarry Branch

Fun Film Festival

- Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 p.m.
Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Creative Crafts Club

- Tuesday, March 1, 3:45 p.m.
Cepeda Branch
- Thursday, March 3, 3:45 p.m.
University Hills Branch
- Tuesday, March 8, 3:45 p.m.
Windsor Park Branch
- Thursday, March 10, 3:45 p.m.
Ruiz Branch
- Tuesday, March 15, 3:45 p.m.
St. John Branch

APRIL

Creative Crafts Club

- Tuesday, April 5, 3:45 p.m.
Cepeda Branch
- Thursday, April 7, 3:45 p.m.
University Hills Branch
- Tuesday, April 12, 3:45 p.m.
Windsor Park Branch
- Thursday, April 14, 3:45 p.m.
Ruiz Branch
- Tuesday, April 19, 3:45 p.m.
St. John Branch

Balloon and Bubble Science

- Wednesday, April 13, 3:30 p.m.
Yarborough Branch
- Thursday, April 14, 3:30 p.m.
Milwood Branch
- Wednesday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.
Spicewood Springs Branch
- Thursday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.
Little Walnut Creek Branch
- Thursday, April 28, 3:30 p.m.
Old Quarry Branch

Earth Day Celebration

- Tuesday, April 19, 3:30 p.m.
Pleasant Hill Branch

MAKE AND TAKE CRAFTS

@Faulk Central Library

Preschool age and parents are invited to visit the Children's Department and enjoy making a holiday item to take home. Materials are available **Saturday** and **Sunday** on these holiday weekends and all week of Spring Break:

- Valentine's Day
February 12 & 13
- Spring Break Days
March 14-20
- National Library Week
April 16 & 17
- Cinco de Mayo
May 7 & 8

Arts Funded Programs

For the third year, the City of Austin, under the auspices of the **Austin Arts Commission** and sponsored by the **Austin Friends of Traditional Music** and the **Austin Public Library**, will host musical performances:

■ Chaski - Peñas Pequeñas Concert Series

Interactive, bilingual family concerts of Latin American folk music:

Monday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. St. John Branch
Saturday, April 9, 2:00 p.m. Faulk Central Library
Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. Carver Branch

■ The Love of China School of Chinese Dance Concert Series

Visit www.cityofaustin.org/library for performance dates and locations or call 974-7302.

Celebrate

National Library Week

April 11-16, 2005

Visit www.cityofaustin.org/library for a complete listing of National Library Week Celebrations.

Thank you

Communication Service for the Deaf
C.C. Rowe
Jessica Diaz
Nancy McCallum
Litha Covey
Molly Sheridan
Alison Dellenbaugh and Oscar Mayer
&
René and Jackson Craft

For a listing of additional programs, call the Events Hotline at 974-7302 or visit cityofaustin.org/library/kids.htm



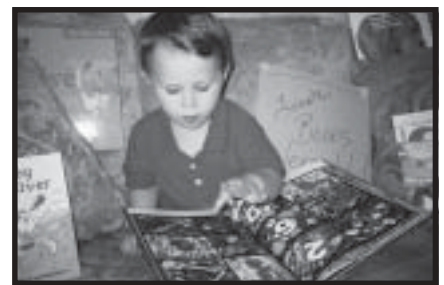
Kids Doing the Wiener Dance in front of the Wienermobile

Wiener Winners!

If you drove by the Faulk Central Library on October 9, you probably noticed the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile parked in the lot. Although more than 250 children and adults had a chance to look into the pop culture icon and receive free wienerwhistles, the Wiener wasn't in town just for show. Local children's writer **Alison Dellenbaugh** won the Wienermobile for a day in an essay contest. One of 50 winners out of more than 70,000 entries, Mrs. Dellenbaugh's wish was to turn the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile into a bookmobile and give books to children. So, she did just that! Kids of all ages, from infants to teens, selected a book, enjoyed popcorn, and met ECHO, the library's mascot. In addition to the books, the Library received a gift of \$1,000 from **Oscar Mayer** for future children's programs. Wishes do come true for readers. Thanks, Alison and Oscar Mayer!

A Birthday Gift for Everyone

When **René Craft** was planning her young son's birthday party, it occurred to her that Jackson really didn't need more toys. So she had the idea of sharing his birthday celebration with other kids by asking partygoers to bring a book for the public library's collection. Library staff provided a list of suggested authors and titles. As each guest arrived, books were deposited in a party box and the kids drew on a banner that was also presented to the library. Then Jackson and his mom brought the books to the library. The books are being added to the collections and will be loved by many children for years to come. What a great idea and a great way to share the joy of reading!



Jackson enjoying the books he collected at his birthday party.

If you would like to host a similar birthday party, call the library's youth services manager at 974-7405. Happy Birthday, Jackson!

Storytime Guide

January 11-April 29, 2005

LAP SIT STORYTIME

A program for parent/adult caregivers with children 6-18 months old. Activities encourage language development and learning through stories, rhymes, and music. Programs last about 15 minutes.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Howson Branch
Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Milwood Branch
Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER STORYTIME

A program for children 18 months to 3 years old accompanied by an adult. Participation by both parent/caregiver and child is expected. The 15- to 20-minute program may include stories, fingerplays, and music.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Howson Branch
Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Manchaca Road Branch
Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

Milwood Branch
Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Old Quarry Branch
Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

Spicewood Springs Branch
Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

A program for children 3 to 6 years old. Children are welcome to attend independently while the accompanying adult waits in the Library. The 30-minute program may include stories, films, and art activities.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Howson Branch
Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

Manchaca Road Branch
Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

Milwood Branch
Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Old Quarry Branch
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Spicewood Springs Branch
Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

STORYTIME

A 15 to 30-minute program for children of mixed ages with accompanying adult. May include stories, music, and other activities.

Faulk Central Library
Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Howson Branch
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

Little Walnut Creek Branch
Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

Twin Oaks Branch
Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Yarborough Branch
Wednesday, 10:15 and 11:00 a.m.

LUNCHTIME STORYTIME

Enjoy lunchtime storytime year round! Bring a sack lunch to enjoy. Juice boxes will be provided for the children.

Faulk Central Library
Friday, 12:15 p.m.

BILINGUAL & SPANISH PROGRAM

Para mayor información por favor llame a la línea de español al 482-8398.

Spanish Storytime
Ruiz Branch
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

STORIES-N-MORE

January

Cepeda Branch Tuesday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.
University Hills Branch Thursday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.
Windsor Park Branch Tuesday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.
Ruiz Branch Thursday, January 20, 10:00 a.m.
Oak Springs Branch Tuesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.
St. John Branch Tuesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.

February

Cepeda Branch Tuesday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.
University Hills Branch Thursday, February 3, 10:00 a.m.
Windsor Park Branch Tuesday, February 8, 10:00 a.m.
Ruiz Branch Thursday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.
St. John Branch Tuesday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.
Oak Springs Branch Tuesday, February 22, 10:00 a.m.

March

Cepeda Branch Tuesday, March 1, 10:00 a.m.
University Hills Branch Thursday, March 3, 10:00 a.m.
Windsor Park Branch Tuesday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.
Ruiz Branch Thursday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.
St. John Branch Tuesday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.

April

Cepeda Branch Tuesday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.
University Hills Branch Thursday, April 7, 10:00 a.m.
Windsor Park Branch Tuesday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.
Ruiz Branch Thursday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
St. John Branch Tuesday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.

Monthly Bilingual Storytime at Highland Mall

For children of all ages.
JC Penney 1st floor wing
Third Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.
January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21

EAGER TO LEARN STORYTIMES

January 12-March 16
St. John Branch, Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. (bilingual)
Little Walnut Creek Branch, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.



The Ins and Outs of Attending Library Programs

- Discuss library behavior with your child or group before visiting the Library.
- Arrive before the program begins.
- If you are with a child who continues crying or moving about, take the child outside until the child is calm again.
- If your child has a fever or communicable disease, please keep him or her at home to avoid passing it to others.
- Turn off all electronic equipment (cell phones, pagers, etc.) during the program.
- Groups (child care centers, registered family homes, schools, etc.) of five or more must make arrangements in advance to attend programs.
- Libraries may require program admission tickets to conform to Fire Marshal regulations and to ensure an effective program. Admission tickets are free and available to the public before each program. Attendance is limited to available tickets.

Call First!

We urge you to call your Library before heading out for a special program. Although we verify all information, cancellations do occasionally occur.

Storytime at Your Time...

If your group (of 10 or more) is unable to attend a regularly scheduled storytime session please call (512) 974-7302 to arrange a program either at the library or off-site. Childcare centers, school groups, parenting groups, home school groups, and others are invited to call.

Holidays

All APL locations will be closed in observance of: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday** Monday, January 17; **Presidents' Day** Monday, February 21; **Easter Sunday**, March 27; **Memorial Day** Monday, May 30

Our Goal

The Library strives to develop and nurture children's lifelong love of reading, literature, and the Library. Introducing children to reading at an early age promotes literacy and success in school. The Austin Public Library has designed programming to introduce youth of all ages and their parents or adult caregivers to the Library's resources, and to stimulate and maintain interest in literature.

Contact Us

Ideas, comments, or suggestions about youth services may be relayed to **Jeanette Larson**, Youth Services Division Manager, 974-7405 or jeanette.larson@ci.austin.tx.us.

For more information about youth programs call **Anita Joye Rizley**, Youth Program Coordinator, 974-7465 or anita.rizley@ci.austin.tx.us.

Branch Libraries Open and Close@APL

Several Austin Public Library Branches are undergoing a series of major retrofits. This work will require branch libraries to close for several months at a time.

North Village Branch closed on **December 1, 2004** and is scheduled to reopen on **April 2, 2005**. For interim library service in the area visit the Old Quarry Branch.

Pleasant Hill Branch closed on **December 1, 2004** and is scheduled to reopen on **March 26, 2005**. For interim library service in the area visit either the Manchaca Road Branch or the Southeast Austin Community Branch.

Spicewood Springs Branch will open at the end of December after being closed for 5 months for parking lot and driveway expansion project.

Oak Springs Branch will close on **March 14, 2005** and is scheduled to reopen on **May 28, 2005**. For interim library service in the area visit the Carver Branch.

Grand Opening Celebration

Carver Branch opened to the public on October 31, 2004. Plans are underway for the ceremonial Grand Opening scheduled for February 5 & 6, 2005 in conjunction with the Carver Museum and Cultural Center.

Family Evening Programs

SIGN LANGUAGE, STORIES & SONGS

Presented by the Austin Public Library and the Texas School for the Deaf.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25

EVENING STORYTIMES

Howson Branch
Daddy and Me Storytime, Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19

Ruiz Branch
Stories Under the Stars, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Southeast Austin Community Branch
Family Fun, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.



Volunteers are very important people!

The Library is in need of volunteers for **Storytime Connection**. This grant funded program by the Junior League of Austin takes storytimes to daycare centers in Austin.

For additional information call the volunteer coordinator at **974-7443** or complete an application online at www.cityofaustin.org/library/libvol.htm

Volunteer!





Wired for Youth Programs

Spring 2005

WFY HIGHLIGHTS

On the Edge! A Book Club for Teens Carver Branch

If you are between the ages of 14 and 18, please join us once a month for a discussion around books that address some of today's edgiest topics. For more information and to find out what book we're reading each month, check out our web site www.wiredforyouth.com/ontheedge or call Wired for Youth Librarian Michele Gorman at 974-1014.

YAYA (Young Adult! Young Adult!) Book Club: C'mon, you know you like to read! Meet other teens who do, too. Meetings take place at various locations at 5 p.m.

FAERIEWARS by Herbie Brennan
January 27, Milwood Branch
January 31, Little Walnut Creek Branch

MONSTER by Walter Dean Myers
February 9, Oak Springs Branch
February 16, Windsor Park Branch
February 23, Howson Branch

ALANNA: The First Adventure by Tamora Pierce
March 16, Windsor Park Branch
March 24, Milwood Branch

BRONX MASQUERADE by Nikki Grimes
April 20, Southeast Austin Community Branch
April 27, Howson Branch

Please visit our website for more information:
www.wiredforyouth.com/bookclub/yaya/

APL Teen Events E-mail Distribution List
Receive monthly e-mail from WFY librarians about teen events happening at Austin Public Library. Send an e-mail to wfy@ci.austin.tx.us to subscribe to the list.

Celebrate monthly themes with Web Challenges, a Bibliography and a Webliography on the WFY Web site, www.wiredforyouth.com

Look for additional events every month at each branch!

The mission of the Austin Public Library is to provide information and services that promote lifelong learning, literacy, and love of reading to enrich the quality of life in our community.

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.

Telephone Numbers

Locations & Hours: 974-7301
Information & Reference: 974-7400
Spanish Information Line: 482-8398
Children's Programs: 974-7400
Austin History Center: 974-7480
Youth Services Events Hotline: 974-7302

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Taking classes@WFY Windsor Park

The Michael & Susan Dell Wired for Youth Centers offer youth from ages 8 to 18 the opportunity to expand their knowledge of computers and the World Wide Web through classes and individual instruction. All centers have at least seven computers with word processing, graphic design, web design, and animation software, as well as Internet access. Contact the WFY librarian or check out www.wiredforyouth.com for more information about activities at each center.

WFY @ Faulk Central Library

Jennifer Freeman & Brazos Price
jennifer.freeman@ci.austin.tx.us
brazos.price@ci.austin.tx.us
800 Guadalupe 974-7410

- Teen Alley: Information for Teens
- Computer Help in the Evening and on Weekends

WFY @ Carver Branch

Michele Gorman
michele.gorman@ci.austin.tx.us
1161 Angelina 974-1014

- Wired@Carver! Youth Advisory Group
- On the Edge! Book Club for Teens
- Book (p) Review: Read books and keep them
- Computer Classes, special events, movie nights

WFY @ Cepeda Branch

651 North Pleasant Valley Road 974-7559
Call for hours

WFY @ Manchaca Road Branch

Patti Cook
patti.cook@ci.austin.tx.us
5500 Manchaca Road 447-6652.

- Homework Help and Free Printing
- Movies @ Manchaca. Snacks provided.
- Read-Ins: Read a Book, Relax, and Enjoy Snacks
- Read and Recommend your favorite books

WFY @ Oak Springs Branch*

Blair Parsons
blair.parsons@ci.austin.tx.us
3101 Oak Springs Drive 927-2188

- Chess Club every Wednesday 5p.m.
- Movies & Snacks@ Oak Springs.
- Read-Ins: Every Monday. Read a Book, Relax, and Enjoy Snacks.

*Branch scheduled to close for renovation March 14 through May 28, 2005.

WFY @ Ruiz Branch

Rachel Wilson
rachel.wilson2@ci.austin.tx.us
1600 Grove Blvd. 974-7518

- One-on-one homework help
- Free printing for homework
- Computer classes or craft projects weekly
- Movies once a month

WFY @ Southeast Austin Community Branch

Beth Solomon
beth.solomon@ci.austin.tx.us
5803 Nuckols Crossing Road 462-1452

- Daily Homework Help
- Free Printing for Homework
- Geek U technology classes Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

WFY @ University Hills Branch

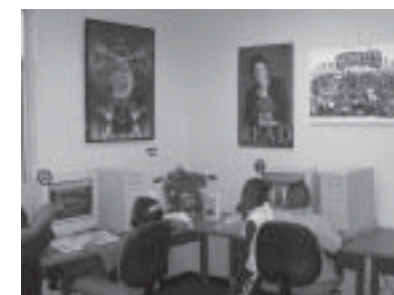
Pat Chow
pat.chow@ci.austin.tx.us
4721 Loyola Lane 926-4684

- Extra Computer Time for Schoolwork
- Submit Book Reviews and Artwork for Display
- Monthly Arts & Crafts Projects

WFY @ Windsor Park Branch

Joanna Nigrelli
joanna.nigrelli@ci.austin.tx.us
5833 Westminster Drive 928-0333

- Weekly Computer Classes and Programs
- Monthly Art and Movie Fridays
- Read-Ins-Read a Book, Relax, and Enjoy Snacks



WFY Kids@Ruiz



Michael & Susan Dell
Wired for Youth Centers
@ the Austin Public Library

The Games Kids Play



Winners of Checker tournament at WFY@Windsor Park

Visit the Oak Springs Branch Library and you might see a group of young people playing chess. At Little Walnut Creek Branch Library, weekly Scrabble games attract students. It's not unusual to find kids playing Connect Four, Checkers, UNO, or other board games at the library and tournaments are very popular, even though prizes are small. What's going on?

Austin is experiencing part of a national trend - a resurgence of interest in traditional games. Even as the popularity of computer games continues to increase, kids are finding that chess, checkers, Scrabble, and other games are a lot of fun. Austin Public Library provides board games, many donated by local organizations, to provide wholesome activities for young people who visit the Library.

But there are also important social and educational outcomes derived from playing games. Board games provide opportunities to develop and practice mathematical, logical, sequencing, verbal, and perceptual skills. They offer opportunities to learn to follow rules, work as part of a team, and improve communication techniques. Players quickly learn that there can only be one winner in most games, but if you stay in the game your turn to win will usually come. Playing games is relaxing and provides opportunities for young people to get to know each other. Next time you see games being played in the Library, stop and watch - or join in!



Kids playing Yu-Gi-Oh at WFY @Carver

Library Locations

1. **Faulk Central Library**
800 Guadalupe, 78701 974-7400
2. **Austin History Center**
810 Guadalupe, 78701 974-7480
3. **Carver Branch**
1161 Angelina 78702 974-1010
4. **Cepeda Branch**
651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd., 78702 974-7372
5. **Hampton Village Branch (closed for renovation)**
5125 Convict Hill Rd., 78749 892-6680
6. **Howson Branch**
2500 Exposition, 78703 472-3584
7. **Little Walnut Creek Branch**
835 W. Rundberg Ln., 78758 836-8975
8. **Manchaca Road Branch**
5500 Manchaca Rd., 78745 447-6651
9. **Milwood Branch**
12500 Amherst Drive, 78727 339-2355
10. **North Village Branch (closed for renovation)**
2139 W. Anderson Ln., 78757 458-2239
11. **Oak Springs Branch (scheduled to close for renovation March 14)**
3101 Oak Springs Dr., 78702 926-4453
12. **Old Quarry Branch**
7051 Village Center Dr., 78731 345-4435
13. **Pleasant Hill Branch (closed for renovation)**
211 E. William Cannon Dr., 78745 441-7993
14. **Daniel E. Ruiz Branch**
1600 Grove Boulevard., 78741 974-7500
15. **St. John Branch**
7500 Blessing Ave., 78752 974-7570
16. **Southeast Austin Community Branch**
5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd., 78744 462-1452
17. **Spicewood Springs Branch**
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd., 78759 258-9070
18. **Terrazas Branch (closed for renovation)**
1105 E. César Chávez St., 78702
19. **Twin Oaks Branch**
2301 S. Congress, #7, 78704 442-4664
20. **University Hills Branch**
4721 Loyola Ln., 78723 929-0551
21. **Windsor Park Branch**
5833 Westminster Dr., 78723 928-0333
22. **Yarborough Branch**
2200 Hancock Dr., 78756 454-7208