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SPRING 2007

## TEEN HIGHLIGHTS

### YA Book Club

This book club is recommended for ages 12-17. Join us for an informal discussion of the book. Plus, we'll have snacks and free books on hand. Please see our website for more information.

[www.wiredforyouth.com/bookclub/yaya/](http://www.wiredforyouth.com/bookclub/yaya/)

### Howson Branch

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
January 24, *Peeps*—Scott Westerfeld  
February 28, *Bone: Out From Boneville*—Jeff Smith  
March 28, *The Golden Compass*—Philip Pullman  
April 25, *The Blue Girl*—Charles de Lint

### Milwood Branch

Tuesday, January 30, @ 7 p.m., *Peeps*  
—Scott Westerfeld  
Thursday, March 29, @ 7 p.m., *The Golden Compass*  
—Philip Pullman  
Monday, April 30, @ 7 p.m., *The Westing Game*  
—Ellen Raskin

### Old Quarry Branch

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
January 31, *Peeps*—Scott Westerfeld  
February 28, *Bone: Out From Boneville*—Jeff Smith  
March 28, *The Golden Compass*—Philip Pullman  
April 25, *The Blue Girl*—Charles de Lint

### University Hills Branch

Thursdays @ 7 p.m.  
January 25, *Peeps*—Scott Westerfeld  
February 22, *Bone: Out From Boneville*—Jeff Smith  
March 22, *Chasing Vermeer*—Blue Balliett  
April 26, *The Westing Game*—Ellen Raskin

### Windsor Park Branch

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.  
January 3, *The Blue Girl*—Charles de Lint  
February 7, *Peeps*—Scott Westerfeld  
March 7, *Bone: Out From Boneville*—Jeff Smith  
April 4, *The Westing Game*—Ellen Raskin

### Open Mic @ Oak Springs Branch

(for ages 8 and over)  
Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
January 2,  
February 6,  
March 6,  
April 10  
May 8



### 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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Free printing for homework! \*Read-Ins and Book Clubs!\* Art workshops!\* Computer classes!\* Movie showings!\* Anime Clubs!\* Teen Advisory Groups!

The Michael & Susan Dell Wired for Youth Centers offer youth from ages 8-17 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](http://www.wiredforyouth.com) for more information about activities at each center.



Visit [www.wiredforyouth.com](http://www.wiredforyouth.com) to see each Center's complete monthly schedule or contact a librarian listed below.

### WFY @ Faulk Central Library

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800 Guadalupe  
974-7410

### WFY @ Carver Branch

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1161 Angelina  
974-1014

### WFY @ Manchaca Road Branch

Closed for renovations

### WFY @ Oak Springs Branch

Blair Parsons: [blair.parsons@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:blair.parsons@ci.austin.tx.us)  
3101 Oak Springs Drive  
926-4453

### WFY @ Ruiz Branch

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1600 Grove Blvd.  
974-7518

### WFY @ St. John Branch

7500 Blessing Ave.  
974-7570

### WFY @ Southeast Austin Community Branch

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462-1452

### WFY @ Terrazas Branch

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1105 E. César Chávez Street  
974-3640

### WFY @ University Hills Branch

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4721 Loyola Ln.  
926-4684

### WFY @ Windsor Park Branch

Brazos Price: [brazos.price@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:brazos.price@ci.austin.tx.us)  
5833 Westminster Dr.  
928-0333

## Teen Tech Week March 4-10, 2007

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, their parents, educators, and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to encourage teens to use libraries nonprint resources for education and recreation, and to help teens recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. The Teen Librarians will be celebrating technology and imagination with different activities. Music will be one theme. Keep your eyes peeled at your local Wired For Youth Center or for more information, visit: [www.wiredforyouth.com](http://www.wiredforyouth.com)



## Austin Public Library Welcomes Heath Rezabek



Austin Public Library Youth Services is thrilled to announce that Heath Rezabek has accepted the job of **Teen Coordinator**. Heath comes to us most recently from Portland, OR, where

he has worked as a freelance writer and web consultant. He spent six years at the Denver Public Library as a youth librarian, where he worked extensively with teen and tween volunteers and developed innovative programs, including a serialized read-aloud of the entire *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (with 40-50 attendees at every reading). His varied technological experience includes work in Systems Support at the Texas Commission on the Arts, and participation in the genesis of the Austin Free Net. In the short time Heath has been with us he has demonstrated an insightful commitment to services to teens and a boundless enthusiasm for getting the job done.

## APL Teen Events E-mail Distribution List



Receive monthly e-mails from WFY librarians about teen events happening at Austin Public Library. Send an e-mail to [wfy@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:wfy@ci.austin.tx.us) to subscribe to the list.

## Library Locations

- Faulk Central Library**  
800 Guadalupe, 78701 974-7400
- Austin History Center**  
810 Guadalupe, 78701 974-7480
- Carver Branch**  
1161 Angelina, 78702 974-1010
- Cepeda Branch**  
651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd., 78702 974-7372
- Hampton Branch at Oak Hill**  
5125 Convict Hill Rd., 78749 892-6680
- Howson Branch**  
2500 Exposition, 78703 472-3584
- Little Walnut Creek Branch**  
835 W. Rundberg Ln., 78758 836-8975
- Manchaca Road Branch**  
(Closed for renovations)
- Milwood Branch**  
12500 Amherst Dr., 78727 339-2355
- North Village Branch**  
2139 W. Anderson Ln., 78757 458-2239
- Oak Springs Branch**  
3101 Oak Springs Dr., 78702 926-4453
- Old Quarry Branch**  
7051 Village Center Dr., 78731 345-4435
- Pleasant Hill Branch**  
211 E. William Cannon Dr., 78745 974-3940
- Daniel E. Ruiz Branch**  
1600 Grove Blvd., 78741 974-7500
- St. John Branch**  
7500 Blessing Ave., 78752 974-7570
- Southeast Austin Community Branch**  
5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd., 78744 462-1452
- Spicewood Springs Branch**  
(Opening Feb. 24, 2007)
- Terrazas Branch**  
1105 E. César Chávez St., 78702 974-3625
- Twin Oaks Branch**  
2301 S. Congress, #7, 78704 442-4664
- University Hills Branch**  
4721 Loyola Ln., 78723 929-0551
- Windsor Park Branch**  
5833 Westminster Dr., 78723 928-0333
- Yarborough Branch**  
2200 Hancock Dr., 78756 454-7208



# the Bridge

## Read Any Good Books Lately?



What do you do with a friendly neighborhood youth librarian? She won't fit in your pocket. You'd need a mighty big jar (with holes punched in the lid, please) to keep her captive, lightning-bug-style. And if you leave her too close to the craft supplies, unattended, you might find that your stores begin to dwindle. What to do?! Here's an idea: ask her advice. The City of Austin has gone out of its way to staff our various and sundry branches with experts whose singular charge is to help you find books to make you happy. We love to do it. We live to do it. Cumulatively, we, the Austin Public Library Youth Services Staff, have spent almost 200 years (197, to be exact) learning how. Connecting our customers with books is the #1 thing we do, and we're regularly available to consult with you on your every book-related query. Need a not-deadly-boring, at-least-100-page biography to plow through for a book report? Got it. Need five sources on the history of Panama? Covered. Need a pile of mysteries to feed your insatiable story appetite? You've come to the right place. Ask us. We want to help!

And so, in the interests of flexing my advisory muscles and simultaneously priming the pump, I herewith make a few unsolicited recommendations for your you-didn't-even-know-you-wanted-it reading pleasure. Ready:

### Picture Books:

**Kasza, Keiko *The Wolf's Chicken Stew***  
A hungry wolf's quantifiable attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

**Keats, Ezra Jack *The Snowy Day***  
A magical day in the snow ends with the bittersweet discovery of just what happens to a pocketful of snowball in a nice warm apartment.

**Shannon, David *Alice the Fairy***  
With her magic wand, temporary fairy Alice can turn her dad into a horse and make her white dress red, but she can't seem to master the truly advanced tricks that will make her a permanent fairy.

**Waddell, Martin *Owl Babies***  
When three baby owls wake one night to find their mother missing, they worry about her, and themselves, until she swoops home.

**Wells, Rosemary *Max's Dragon Shirt***  
On a shopping trip to the department store, Max's determination to get a dragon shirt leads him away from his distracted sister and into trouble.

### Beginning Readers:

**Byars, Betsy *The Golly Sisters Go West***  
The wacky Golly sisters are heading west in their covered wagon. They put on a song and dance show, get lost along the way, and argue a lot.

**Eastman, P. D. *Go, Dog, Go!***  
Hot dogs, cool dogs, dogs over the water and dogs at work - all kinds and colors of dogs are on the go.

**Guest, Elissa Haden *Iris and Walter***  
Moving from the city to the country is no fun for Iris, until she meets Walter, and makes a new friend.

**Hurd, Edith Thacher *Johnny Lion's Book***  
Johnny reads a new book about a little lion a lot like himself, joining in the exciting adventures without ever leaving the house.

**Lobel, Arnold *Frog and Toad are Friends***  
Everyone's favorite amphibian buds share their own stories about what it means to be a friend.

**Seuss, Dr. *There's A Wocket In My Pocket!***  
"There's a nink in the sink and a zamp in the lamp." What a fun way to learn the names of common household items!

### Chapter Books:

**Codell, Esmé Raji *Sahara Special***  
Miss Pointy's unorthodox teaching style shakes up Sahara Jones' fifth grade class, surprising no one more than Sahara herself.

**Dorris, Michael *Morning Girl***  
At the beginning of this spare, elegant story, Morning Girl and Star Boy are siblings. The trials

of pre-Columbian native life and culture forge a deep friendship between them.

**Milne, A.A. *Winnie-the-Pooh***  
Eighty years after its original publication, Winnie's indelible industry and irrepressible charm have lost none of their luster.

**O'Brien, Robert *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH***  
Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse, seeks help from a colony of mysteriously intelligent, sometimes dastardly rats.

**Stolz, Joëlle *The Shadows of Ghadames***  
In nineteenth century Libya, Malika is torn between the constricted customs of her culture and her interest in the greater world.

**Books for Older Readers:**  
**Choldenko, Gennifer *Notes from a Liar and Her Dog***  
Feeling alienated from her perfect family, Ant MacPherson takes comfort in the company of her best friend Harrison, her chihuahua Pistachio, and her supportive art teacher, Just Carol, until her truth-bending goes too far.

**Crutcher, Chris *The Sledding Hill***  
Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend Eddie, and helps him stand up to an English teacher bent on censorship.

**Ibbotson, Eva *The Star of Kazan***  
When Annika inherits a trunk of costume jewelry, a woman claiming to be her aristocratic mother takes her to a strangely decrepit mansion full of questionable machinations and dusty promises.

**Pratchett, Terry *The Wee Free Men***  
Tiffany, witch-in-training, teams up with a clan of six-inch-high blue men to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

**Rylant, Cynthia *God Went to Beauty School***  
God gets a dog, catches a cold, and discovers all the wonders and pains of his creation in this beautifully humorous and heartbreaking novel in poems.

Once you've finished all of these, check back. This is but the tip of the recommendation iceberg!

Thom Barthelmess - Youth Services Manager

## UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are free to the public

Join us for special programs in honor of:

**February**  
Black History Month

**March**  
Teen Tech Week

**April**  
National Library Week

**Dia de los ninos/  
Dia de los libros  
Day of the Child/  
Festival of Books**

## ECHO's PALS!

Puppets and Libraries=Success!

To reserve a space for your group call 974-7302

**Youth Services Events Hotline**  
Call (512) 974-7302 to hear the latest program or event information or visit [www.cityofaustin.org/library](http://www.cityofaustin.org/library)



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**YA** join the **book club**  
visit [www.wiredforyouth.com](http://www.wiredforyouth.com)  
for more information

See back page for more information

## ECHO's Special Programs

# Every Child Has Opportunities

## ECHO's Special Programs @ Libraries



### ANIME CLUB @ Howson Branch



For ages 12 and over  
Every third Friday  
of the month @ 4:00 p.m.

- January 19
- February 16
- March 16
- April 20

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



**Come Together  
@ Your Library  
April 15 – 21, 2007**

Visit [www.cityofaustin.org/library](http://www.cityofaustin.org/library) for a complete listing of APL National Library Week Celebrations.

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### KID'S CARAVAN

Kid's Caravan is a theme based afterschool program that uses a variety of activities such as Read-Ins, games, movies, art, and science activities to bring literature to life.

### JANUARY

#### Carver Branch

*Happy Happy Japan Caravan!* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m.  
January 9, 16, 23, 30

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

*Exploring Our World: Under Our Feet* (for ages 7 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 11, 18, 25, February 1

#### Little Walnut Creek Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 11, 18, 25

#### North Village Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 24

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

*Exploring Our World: Under Our Feet* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 9, 16, 23, 30

#### Ruiz Branch

*Exploring Our World: Under Our Feet* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 10, 17, 24, 31

#### Southeast Austin Community Branch

*Exploring Our World: Under Our Feet* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 10, 17, 24, 31

#### Terrazas Branch

*Happy Happy Japan Caravan!* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 4:00 p.m.  
January 10, 17, 24, 31

#### Twin Oaks Branch

*Super Science* (for ages 7 & over)  
Second Thursday of each month @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 11

#### Yarborough Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
January 11, 18, 25

### FEBRUARY

#### Carver Branch

*Adventures with History* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m.  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

*Exploring Our World: Mysteries of Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 8, 15, 22, March 1

#### Little Walnut Creek Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 1, 8, 15, 22

#### North Village Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Wednesday @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 21

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

*Exploring Our World: Mysteries of Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Ruiz Branch

*Exploring Our World: Mysteries of Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Southeast Austin Community Branch

*Exploring Our World: Mysteries of Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Terrazas Branch

*Adventures with History* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 4:00 p.m.  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Twin Oaks Branch

*It's a Mystery* (for ages 7 & over)  
Second Thursday of each month @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 8

#### Yarborough Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
February 1, 8, 15, 22

### MARCH

#### Carver Branch

*High Tech* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m.  
March 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

*Exploring Our World: Over Our Heads* (for ages 7 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 8, 15, 22, 29

#### Little Walnut Creek Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 1, 8, 22, 29

#### North Village Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Wednesday @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 21

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

*Exploring Our World: Over Our Heads* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Ruiz Branch

*Exploring Our World: Over Our Heads* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Southeast Austin Community Branch

*Exploring Our World: Over Our Heads* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Terrazas Branch

*High Tech* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 4:00 p.m.  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Twin Oaks Branch

*Flying Things* (for ages 7 & over)  
Second Thursday of each month @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 8

#### Yarborough Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
March 1, 8, 22, 29

### APRIL

#### Carver Branch

*National Poetry Month* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m.  
April 3, 10, 17, 24

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

*Exploring Our World: Living In Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 5, 12, 19, 26

#### Little Walnut Creek Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 5, 12, 19, 26

#### North Village Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 18

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

*Exploring Our World: Living In Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 3, 10, 17, 24

#### Ruiz Branch

*Exploring Our World: Living In Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 4, 11, 18, 25

#### Southeast Austin Community Branch

*Exploring Our World: Living In Our World* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 4, 11, 18, 25

#### Terrazas Branch

*National Poetry Month* (for ages 7 & over)  
Wednesdays @ 4:00 p.m.  
April 4, 11, 18, 25

#### Twin Oaks Branch

*Earth Day Celebration* (for ages 7 & over)  
Second Thursday of each month @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 12

#### Yarborough Branch

*Book Club* (for ages 5 & over)  
Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
April 5, 12, 19, 26

## From Books to Movies

This program features movies that were books before they were made into films. We will read selections from the books, watch the films, and answer trivia. It is recommended, but not required, that participants read the books prior to the programs.  
For ages 8 – 17

#### Cepeda Branch

**Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

January 9: Jumanji  
February 6: Naruto  
March 6: Freaky Friday  
April 3: How to Eat Fried Worms

#### Milwood Branch

**Thursdays @ 4 p.m.**

January 11: Jumanji  
February 8: How to Eat Fried Worms  
March 8: Zathura  
April 5: Freaky Friday

#### University Hills Branch

**Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m.**

January 18: Freaky Friday  
February 15: Zathura  
March 15: Naruto  
April 19: How to Eat Fried Worms

#### Windsor Park Branch

**Tuesday @ 4 p.m.**

January 23: Naruto  
February 20: Freaky Friday  
March 13: How to Eat Fried Worms  
April 10: Jumanji



# Storytime Guide

## Storytime Schedule January 9, 2007 – April 27, 2007

Except for Spring Break March 12 - 16

### BOOKS AND BABIES STORYTIME

A program for parent/adult caregivers with children from birth to 18 months old. Activities encourage language development and learning through stories, rhymes, and music. Programs last 30 minutes.

#### Carver Branch

Thursday, 10:15 a.m. (for ages 12 – 18 months)  
Thursday, 11:00 a.m. (for ages 0 – 12 months)

### 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.

#### Faulk Central Library

Friday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Howson Branch

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Milwood Branch

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### North Village Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Old Quarry Branch

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Yarborough Branch

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

A program for children 3 to 5 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.

#### Faulk Central Library

Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Howson Branch

Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Milwood Branch

Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### North Village Branch

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Old Quarry Branch

Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Yarborough Branch

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.

#### Little Walnut Creek Branch

Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Southeast Austin Community Branch

Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Twin Oaks Branch

Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.

#### Windsor Park Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

### BILINGUAL & SPANISH PROGRAMS

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

#### SPANISH FOR BABIES LAPSIT

##### Cepeda Branch

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. (for ages 0 – 18 months)

##### Twin Oaks Branch

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. (for ages 0 – 18 months)

#### SPANISH STORYTIME

##### Ruiz Branch

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

#### Cuentos en español Para todas las edades

##### Biblioteca Ruiz

Los jueves, 10:00 a.m.

#### BILINGUAL STORYTIME

##### St. John Branch

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

#### Cuentos bilingües Para todas las edades

##### Biblioteca de St. John

Los martes, 10:15 a.m.

### EVENING STORYTIME

Daddy and Me Bedtime Storytime

#### Howson Branch

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17



## Got Game? Gaming Nights @ Your Library

From playground games to the latest video games, it seems like games have come a long way. But they can still be seen, first and best, as places for the mind to stretch and play.

Sid Meier, creator of dozens of games, has said that “a game is a series of interesting choices.” And so it is that, in February and March, APL will offer a series of Gaming Nights at your local library branches. Want to try your hand at Karaoke? Or is sports more your style? We’ll provide you with some interesting choices (all video games). You bring your game face.

Heath M. Rezabek-Teen Coordinator

Here’s what some of the Youth Services Librarians say about their own memories of games and gaming.

“To me, video gaming will always be associated with Online Quake; the teamwork and strategy involved in that platform really opened my eyes to the potentials of the medium.”

– Brazos

“The Smurf game on Atari ruled. Each level got progressively faster and there was a raven that would kill you that was hard to get by. It made a cawcaw noise that was horrifying. I also hated with a passion the Strawberry Shortcake game my parents bought me. It was totally lame. All you did was intersperse the body parts, perhaps Strawberry Shortcake’s head, Blueberry Muffin’s torso, and the Purple Pie Man’s legs. Then they’d do a dance. So yeah, totally lame.”

– Patti

“I remember when my brother and I got our Atari system for Christmas. We had dozens of games, but the one I played the most often was Moon Patrol. Half of the fun for me was the funky music track that boomed along as the buggy jumped over craters and avoided alien fire.”

– Joanna

“Gaming = Frogger! Before PlayStations, XBoxes, and even Nintendo, there was Atari and a game about a little green frog trying to cross a highway and a river. Trying to get that little guy safely across the danger zone was my mission on many, many afternoons. Atari systems may be long gone, but thanks to the Internet and online games, I can play anytime!”

– Rachel

“My fondest gaming memory is my first! My family had an Atari system we kept on a rolling cart in the closet. We rolled it out and would sit around as a family for a few hours of Donkey Kong fun!”

– Jenn

### GAMING @ the Library Program Schedule

(for ages 12 – 17)

#### February 2007

All programs begin at 6:00 p.m.

##### Oak Springs Branch

Tuesday, February 6

##### Ruiz Branch

Wednesday, February 7

##### Twin Oaks Branch

Thursday, February 8

##### Milwood Branch

Tuesday, February 13

#### Old Quarry Branch

Thursday, February 15

#### University Hills Branch

Tuesday, February 20

#### Terrazas Branch

Wednesday, February 21

#### North Village Branch

Thursday, February 22

#### March 2007

All programs begin at 6:00 p.m.

#### Carver Branch

Thursday, March 1

#### Pleasant Hill Branch

Wednesday, March 7

#### Southeast Austin Community Branch

Thursday, March 8

#### Cepeda Branch

Wednesday, March 14

#### Howson Branch

Thursday, March 15

#### St. John Branch

Tuesday, March 20

#### Hampton Branch at Oak Hill

Wednesday, March 21

#### Faulk Central Library

Thursday, March 22

#### Windsor Park Branch

Wednesday, March 28

#### Yarborough Branch

Thursday, March 29



### Volunteers are very important people!

That is why we need you for a wide range of duties at the Austin Public Library.

For additional information call the volunteer coordinator at (512) 974-7443 or complete an application online at

[www.cityofaustin.org/library/libvol.htm](http://www.cityofaustin.org/library/libvol.htm)

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## 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.
- 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.

## Holidays

All APL locations will be closed in observance of:

**New Years;** Monday, January 1

**Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday;**

Monday, January 15

**President's Day;** Monday, February 19

**Easter;** Sunday, April 8

**Memorial Day;** Saturday, May 26,

Sunday, May 27 & Monday, May 28

## 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.

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