

Library Board Report
RHHL Public Services Department
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We've had a busy and exciting summer. Public Services staff continued their hard work along with adapting to the new ticketing and summer reading program software. This summer we also had a number of positions to fill both in Public Services and Technical Services. We've interviewed and made offers for many of the positions and had the opportunity to promote internally.

With Janet Cox leaving Marci, our Supervising Librarian in Technical Services, has taken over all materials purchasing. Marci is reaching out to Texas libraries already using Koha to better understand the purchasing and cataloging modules.

I am working on some exciting Adult programming and outreach opportunities. Currently I visit an entry level class at North Texas Job Corps every Thursday morning to discuss library services. These students are from all around the country and many are unfamiliar with the breadth of services we offer. Currently I've spoken to 30+ students. I also coordinated a tour of 21 Job Corps students during which we issued library cards to each student. In addition I am meeting with another Job Corps teacher to arrange volunteer opportunities to enhance students' life and work skills.

This past month we held two informational seminars at both John and Judy Gay and Roy and Helen Hall libraries concerning the zika virus. I set up the program with the head of Emergency Services at Baylor Hospital, Dr. Elizabeth Fagan. We had 23 total attendees.

This fall in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month we will be hosting a photo display of Hispanic World War II service men and women at Roy and Helen Hall library, provided by Humanities Texas. For veteran's day we will be asking area veterans to pose with their favorite book and we will then display the photos throughout the Hall library with each veteran's name, rank and service branch.

I've recently been working with a patron who is interested in volunteering to bring materials to area assisted living facilities. We are working on forming a

committee to flesh out the idea and we hope to begin this program sometime in the fall.