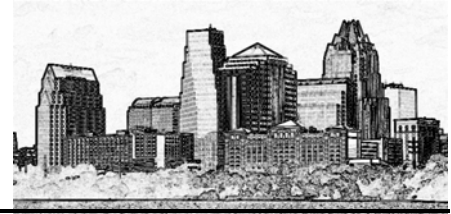


LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Library System	Denver	Austin
Population Served	572,862	674,382
Branch Libraries	22	20
Pop. Served per location	24331	29844
Books & Serial Volumes	2,519,977	1,857,136
Per Capita	4.1	2.07
Materials in Circulation	9,179,791	3,332,645
Per Capita	18.48	5
Full Time Staff	418 (460 in 2002)	294.8
Staff per 1000 pop.	0.85	0.46
Librarians per 1000 pop.	0.22	0.13

Central Library	Denver	Austin
Year Opened	1995	1979
Cost When Built	\$91.6 million	\$6 million
Size (sq. ft.)	540,000	100,000
Floors	7 floors	4 floors
Collection Size	1,839,961	438,000 volumes
Auditorium	300 seat auditorium	no auditorium
Meeting Rooms	9 meeting rooms seating 25-200 persons	no public meeting rooms
Youth Area	12,000 sq. ft.	4,150 sq. ft.
Teen Center	Teen Center	No teen center
Public Computers	468	40
Full Time Staff		34.725
Visits	1,340 per day	1,500 per day



DENVER

Denver Public Library System

In June 1889, the City Librarian established Denver's first public library in a wing of Denver High School. He referred to it as a "center of public happiness." In 1910, the city opened a Central Library building of its own, an elegant Greek temple design funded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie and located in downtown's Civic Center Park. Between 1913 and 1920, Carnegie also underwrote construction of the city's first eight branch libraries. They would serve a growing city that had previously relied on traveling trunks of books.

The "Old Main" library in Civic Center Park served downtown Denver for 45 years, until the City commissioned the firm of Fisher and Fisher/Burnham Hoyt to design a new Central Library at the corner of Broadway and 14th Avenue. Opened in 1956, the new structure provided more than twice the space of the Carnegie building, but was expected to meet Denver Public Library's needs for only a decade. Denver experienced explosive growth between the 1950s and the 1970s. A string of new branch libraries opened to serve sprawling neighborhoods to the southeast and southwest. Among them were the four Ross branches, funded by the estate of Denver real estate investor Frederick Ross.

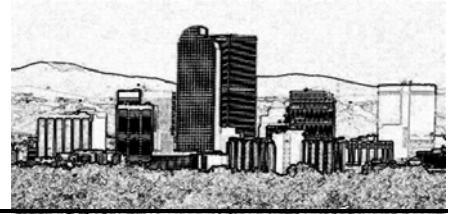
By the late 1980s, Library collections had outgrown the Central Library and most branch libraries. Three-quarters of Central Library materials were stored in basements and warehouses. Moreover, aging buildings weren't adaptable to the flowering technology of the Information Age.

In 1990, an overwhelming 75 percent of the city's voters approved a \$91.6 million bond issue to build a new Central Library and renovate, expand or build new branch library buildings. A 540,000 square-foot Central Library, the design of world-renowned Michael Graves and the Denver firm of Klipp Colussy Jenks DuBois, opened in 1995. Branch improvements were also complete by 1995. <http://www.denver.lib.co.us/>

Meeting Around the Legacy Table

In June of 1997, G7 world leaders gathered at the Denver Public Library around a large, 12 ½ foot diameter, 500 pound, hand crafted wood table for an annual meeting of the minds. The Legacy Table was commissioned especially for this meeting and funded by grants from the Gates and Boettcher Foundations.

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Denver's own New Classics was chosen to make the table after a designer for RNL Design, which did the design work for the summit. Normally, a table this size would take 16 to 18 weeks to complete, but this one had to be finished in four weeks. The substructure was constructed with 3/4-inch birch ply and covered with aspen and cherry veneer. The table cost about \$25,000. The table has a distinctly Western look and incorporates Denver's familiar mountain and sun logo as a major design element. After the meeting, the table was left on public display in the Vida Ellison Gallery on floor seven of the Denver Central Library.

Denver Public Library Friends Foundation

The Denver Public Library Friends Foundation supports the Denver Public Library in the accomplishment of its goals and objectives. Support is primarily through advocacy and the active management and distribution of private monies raised by or donated to the Library and through management of endowments or restricted funds established to support the Denver Public Library.

While the Friends does not directly sponsor a membership program, they encourage Denverites to support the Library through participation in Library fundraising events and donations.

<http://www.dplfriends.org/index.html>



AUSTIN

Austin Public Library System

On November 13, 1925, Grace Delano Clark persuaded the Austin Branch of the American Association of University Women to take on the project of establishing a library for Austin. On February 16, 1926, the Austin Public Library opened in a rented room at 819 Congress with 500 donated volumes. On December 23, the first Austin Public Library building opened at West 9th and Guadalupe, with 1,800 square feet, at a cost of \$4,190 (today the Carver Museum).

In 1933, a second 26,000 square-foot structure replaced the building at 9th and Guadalupe at a cost of \$145,000 (currently the Austin History Center). There are now 20 branch libraries. In 1979, the current Central Library opened adjacent to the 1933 structure with 110,000 square feet at a cost of \$6 million. In 1995, the City Council voted to rename the Central Library after John Henry Faulk, well-known Austin writer and humorist. In 2001, the Austin Public Library celebrated 75 years of service to the Austin community.

Peer Libraries Comparison

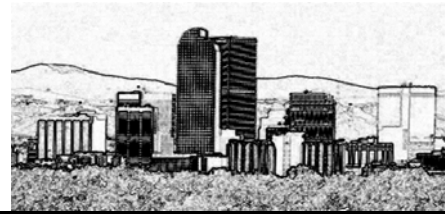
City	Population†	System Collection†	Central Library SF	Central Library Collection	Materials per Capita†	Number of Branches†	Branch SF†
Austin	674,382	1,550,145	110,000	411,703	2.8	20	206,069
Cleveland	478,403	3,999,771	592,204	2,231,611	8.4	28	289,025
Columbus	807,685	2,955,569	255,400	928,000	3.7	20	278,497
Denver	567,526	2,425,281	540,315	1,839,961	4.3	22	242,122
Jacksonville	793,898	2,138,547	300,000	1,100,000	2.7	14	246,721
Milwaukee	595,508	2,989,081	457,919	1,300,000	5	12	182,114
Nashville	565,352	1,495,609	300,000	479,224	2.6	20	208,409
Seattle	571,900	1,847,115	365,000	900,000	3.2	23	142,720
Vancouver	568,442	2,490,735	349,830	1,300,000	4.4	21	133,658
**Peer Average		2,258,258	408,617	1.1 Million	4.2	21	218,973
Dallas	1,188,580	5,916,549	646,733	860,000	5	22	280,354
Ft. Worth	534,694	1,526,694	285,000	537,285	2.9	14	178,201
Houston	2,000,759	4,339,128	380,663	1,869,718	2.2	37	414,317
San Antonio	1,530,900	1,852,221	238,000	597,386	1.2	19	200,424

† 2004 Public Library Data Service Statistical Report

• Does not include non-circulating reference collection of 12,000,000

** Peer averages do not include Austin or other Texas Libraries

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Possible Bond for New Central Library

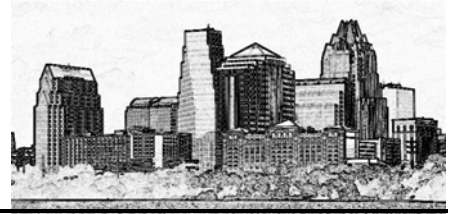
As part of the 1998 City of Austin bond deliberations, City staff recommended a \$111 million (in 2002 dollars) 360,000 sq ft Central Library – 60,000 sq ft of which would have been a new city hall. Ultimately, the new Central Library was not included in the bond package.

Instructed to pare down their recommendation, earlier this year staff brought to the current bond advisory committee a \$100 million package that will allow for build-out of 200,000 sq ft in a 300,000 sq ft facility. The additional space would be used for future expansion. It would be constructed in a manner that new floors could be added on top of the building for further expansion.

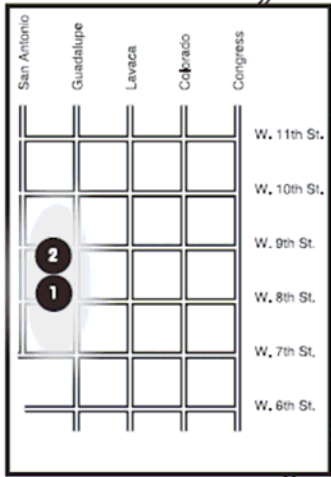
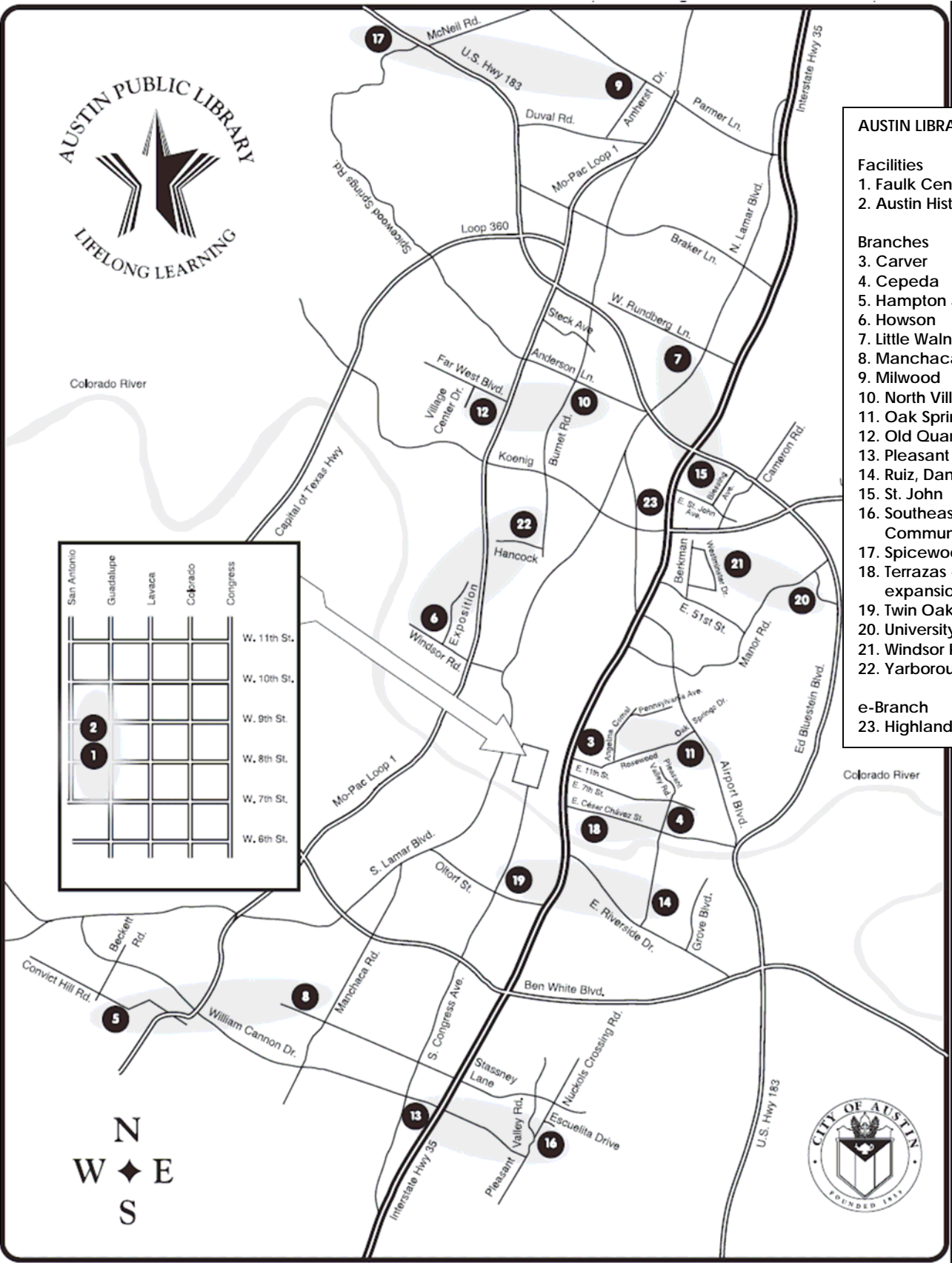
	Current JHF Central	Proposed 200,000 S.F. Facility	Proposed 300,000 S.F. Facility	Average of Peer Libraries
Sq. Feet	100,00 S.F.	200,00 S.F.	300,000 S.F.	<i>408,617 S.F.</i>
Volume Capacity	375,000 Vols.	800,000 Vols.	1.5 Million Vols.	
Volumes Added Opening Day		81,510 Vols.	205,000 Vols.	
Seats	330	700	1,000	<i>2,082</i>
Computers	40	80	130	<i>146</i>
Meeting/Study Rooms	0	22	30	
# of Auditorium Seats	0	110	330	<i>318</i>
# of Parking Spaces	40 Spaces	300	300	<i>373</i>
Staffing (above current levels)	34.75	52.75 (+18.0)	58.75 (+6.0)	<i>150.5</i>
Operating (above FY2005)	\$2.7 Million	\$3.6 Million (+847,912)	4.0 Million (+402,004)	<i>\$9.7 Million</i>

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/>

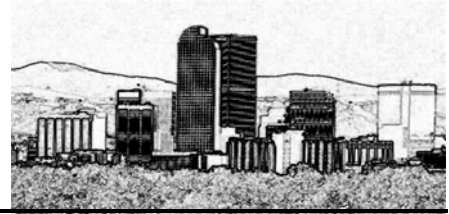
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- Branches**
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 6. Howson
 7. Little Walnut Creek
 8. Manchaca Road
 9. Milwood
 10. North Village
 11. Oak Springs
 12. Old Quarry
 13. Pleasant Hill
 14. Ruiz, Daniel E.
 15. St. John
 16. Southeast Austin Community
 17. Spicewood Springs
 18. Terrazas - closed for expansion thru Oct.
 19. Twin Oaks
 20. University Hills
 21. Windsor Park
 22. Yarborough
- e-Branch**
23. Highland Mall



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Austin Public Library Foundation

The Austin Public Library Foundation works to increase awareness about the Library and its importance to the community and to raise funds for programs, equipment, and holdings that would otherwise be out of the Library's reach. In 2003-2004, the Austin Public Library Foundation received major project support from Applied Materials, the Austin Community Foundation, The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, the Dell Foundation, H-E-B, The Junior League of Austin, LeapFrog SchoolHouse, Mervyn's, the SBC Foundation, the Still Water Foundation, and Texas Gas Service.

<http://www.austinlibrary.org/site/PageServer>

Friends of the Austin Public Library

Friends of the Austin Public Library commit all but a small percentage of its annual income to the local libraries. For the past several years, that has meant \$50,000 to over \$85,000 annually to support programs and items such as:

- Summer Reading Program;
- Adult author programs (authors include Spike Gillespie, Jesse Sublett, Jodie Thomas, Sarah Bird, among others);
- Yarborough Branch Winter Party;
- Ruiz Branch Annual Posada;
- Children's book bins and graphic novel display cases; and
- Professional staff development.

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