

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 18, 2005
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #59 : UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO UPGRADE BOOK VOLUME AT BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY SINCE COUNCIL'S 2004 ALLOCATION OF 50K DIRECTED TO THIS EFFORT

The Burke Branch Library has made good progress on expanding its materials collections since it reopened in 2002. The Burke Branch opened in March 2002 with 18,000 volumes and has a capacity of 45,000. Originally the Library was expected to reach capacity within approximately 7 years, with a growth rate of about 3,850 volumes per year. With the extra funds allocated by Council in FY 2004 and FY 2005, the Library is currently ahead of schedule in reaching shelf capacity at Burke.

The book counts for the Burke Branch Library follow:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Book Count, and Percentage Increase. Rows include data for March and June 2003, 2004, and 2005.

The Burke Branch has an additional \$68,000 remaining in their FY 2005 materials budget, about \$54,000 of which will be spent on books by June 30, 2005. (The remainder of the materials budget will be spent on non-book items, such as CDs, videos, and DVDs.) The Library estimates that this will purchase approximately 2,700 additional items between now and June 30, 2005.