

## Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

**Request By:** Supervisors Gross and Hudgins

**Question:** What community/after school programs will be impacted by closure of libraries on Friday? Please breakdown response by demographic group (seniors, youth etc.).

**Response:** While there is no one demographic group (seniors, youth, etc.) that specifically suffers from the loss of these library hours, there are many that will be impacted and forced to find available meeting space at different times or at different locations within the community. The Library hosted or provided meeting room space for approximately 375 groups/programs during the Thursday (161) and Friday (214) hours in FY 2008 that have been proposed for budget cuts.

The library programs that were offered served customers in each one of the Library's strategic service responses and included preschool story times, book discussion groups for boys and girls, programs for teens, adults, and seniors and student study groups, as well as several English conversation and Spanish chat groups.

The Library provides meeting rooms for a variety of civic groups: homeowner associations; Girl and Boy Scout troops; Brownie troops and Cub Scout packs; mentoring groups; literacy classes and tutoring; exercise groups; book clubs; postpartum and low vision support groups; investment clubs; sports teams; citizenship tutoring; writers' groups; and various other guilds, leagues, societies and associations, as well as for activities such as flu shots, tax assistance and blood drives.