

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

Request By: Supervisor Bulova

Question: How much savings would be generated if regional libraries were closed on a schedule consistent with what is proposed for community libraries?

Response: The Fairfax County Public Library is comprised of eight regional libraries located throughout the County: Centreville Regional, Chantilly Regional, the City of Fairfax Regional, George Mason Regional, Pohick Regional, Reston Regional, Sherwood Regional and Tysons-Pimmit Regional. To close the regional branches on Thursday evening and all day on Fridays in order to maintain consistency with community branches, the Library estimates the savings realized would be \$1.05 million dollars annually. It should be noted; however, that a reduction in the hours at these eight locations will dramatically limit the Library's flexibility in scheduling staff at all branches. In addition, to preserve a 40 hour work week schedule for the remaining employees, all employees would be required to work every Saturday or Sunday and would not realize a consecutive two-day break in their work schedules. The Library would most likely experience a higher turnover rate losing staff to public schools, private institutions of higher-education and the private sector.

Savings realized from Thursday evenings	\$288,444 *
Savings realized from all day Friday	\$769,184 *
TOTAL	\$1,057,628

*based on actual salaries of staff at Regionals on Thursday evenings and Fridays.