

## **Response to Questions on the FY 2013 Budget**

**Request By:** Supervisor Cook

**Question:** Please provide an assessment of the condition of County Libraries as it relates to the timing of rehabilitation in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

**Response:** The four existing libraries that are included in the five year window of the Advertised CIP, and on the proposed fall 2012 Library Bond Referendum are the John Marshall, Tysons-Pimmit, Pohick, and Reston libraries. These are the next highest priority projects identified by Library Administration and the Library Board for capital renewal and alteration. John Marshall Library is 16,500 square feet (SF) and was built in 1974. Tysons-Pimmit Library is 25,000 SF and was built in 1986. Pohick Library is 25,000 SF and was built in 1986. Reston Library is 30,000 SF and was built in 1985.

The proposed fall 2012 library bond referendum in the amount of \$25 million is intended to provide \$10 million for a possible replacement of the Reston Library as part of the County's Reston/ North County land-use master plan, and to provide \$5 million for the renewal of each of the other three libraries. The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) has not yet conducted detailed feasibility studies and project scoping for these projects. Feasibility studies and scoping will be initiated in summer 2012. The proposed capital funding levels for these four libraries is less than the funding that was provided for the previous library expansion/renewal projects on the 2004 Library Bond Referendum. The 2004 referendum was \$29.5 million for four, smaller community libraries and provided not only capital renewal of building subsystems, but a complete renovation and expansion. The proposed fall 2012 library referendum includes funding for renewal only and no expansion funding. Based on the proposed bond funding amount, DPWES will work with the Library Administration and the Facilities Management Department to identify the prioritized list of renovation, capital renewal, and strategic expansion items to be addressed at each of the libraries.