

# Memorandum



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**To:** Honorable Javier D. Souto, Chairperson and  
Members, Recreation & Cultural Affairs  
Committee

**From:**   
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County Manager

**Subject:** Library Capital Plan Update

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The following report is an update to the Library Capital Plan.

**Golden Glades Branch Library:** Contractor has been selected. ACT Construction Company. GSA is currently processing documentation to accept the winning bid. After this document has been executed by all parties within the County, contractor will begin providing the qualifying documents. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in October.

**Naranja Branch Library:** GSA intends to submit 100% construction drawings to the Library System on September 30<sup>th</sup> and to begin the permitting process on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Construction to begin in early spring of next year.

**Kendale Lakes Branch Library:** GSA intends to submit 100% construction drawings to the Library System on September 30<sup>th</sup> and to begin the permitting process on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Construction to begin in early spring of next year.

**Pinecrest Branch Library:** Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Pinecrest was approved by the BCC in July. The Village expects to begin construction later this year.

**District 2 NW Branch Library:** The Library System has accepted an invitation from the County's Public Housing Department to construct a library as part of the Scott Carver Housing Project. The 7500 square foot library would be located on a 1.6 acre parcel fronting NW 22<sup>nd</sup> avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> St. The Library System and GSA will now begin the Government Facilities/Community Council process to seek public input and approval of the site before submitting its plans to the REC and BCC.

**Concord Branch Library:** Inaugurated on September 10, 2004.

**Palm Springs North Branch Library:** Build-out construction (17611 NW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue) has been completed. Furnishings and shelving have been installed. A Certificate of Occupancy is expected during the week of September 20. The branch is expected to open in October.

**California Club Branch Library:** Lease was approved by the BCC in July. The Library System will be opening a 4500 square foot library. The Library is currently drafting plans for the build-out of the facility. Branch is scheduled to open in February of next year.

**Virrick Park Branch Library:** An architect has been selected for the City of Miami facility. Plans are currently going through design and permitting. Bidding is scheduled for November with a contractor to be selected in January. The 8-month construction project is slated to begin immediately thereafter. The Library is planning for a December, 2005 opening.

**Palmetto Bay Branch Library:** The Library System is awaiting a proposal from the Village of Palmetto Bay for the construction of a library adjacent to a future park. This facility will be leased to the Library System. The library would be built with frontage on Old Cutler Road.

**Renovations:** The Library System has successfully completed on schedule its planned FY '03/04 renovations of the Culmer/Overtown, Edison and North Dade Regional Libraries. North Dade Regional will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the completion of the \$1.3 million renovation project on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

### **Additional New Libraries on the Horizon**

**Miami Beach Regional:** A Technical Certificate of Occupancy was received in June. The next step is the final CO.

**South Shore Branch Library:** The build-out of the new space continues by the developer, The Courts Condominiums. The branch will be relocated from its 1800 square foot space on Washington Avenue to a 5000 square foot bay at 131 Alton Road. The City of Miami Beach has purchased this space from the developer who plans to turn over the space next month. The Library System is planning for a December/January opening of this new branch.

**Fairlawn/West Miami Branch Library:** The Library System is moving the branch, presently located at 6869 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St., to a new facility with more expanded parking for patrons. The Library System is leasing a 4000 square foot bay which is being constructed to its specifications. Construction on the new site, located at 6376 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St., is expected to be completed in December. A March, 2005 opening is projected.

**Sunny Isles Branch Library:** Construction on the new City Hall continues which will house a 7500 sq. ft. library on its first floor. If the building is handed over to the Library System in January 2005, a March opening is projected.