

Agenda Questions/Responses
October 20,2005

- 11. Please provide more information as to how much was approved for this project in 1998. What are the usage statistics of the Spicewood Springs library? What is the extra space needed for? What is the population growth rate in this service area? Where is the next closest branch library? How many branch libraries do we currently have, and what year was each one opened? Can staff please provide us with the map of where all the libraries are? (Council Member Jennifer Kim)**

The original appropriation for the Spicewood Springs Branch Library Expansion Project was \$3,150,000.

The Spicewood Springs Branch Library has been one of our top performing branch libraries since its inception in 1985. It has a monthly circulation rate (Materials Checked Out) of 25,392 as compared to the average for all locations of 16,875. It records a monthly Patron Count (Customers Using Facility) of 15,594 as opposed to the average for all locations of 14,418.

The additional space provided by the expansion project will enlarge the Children's Area and the General Reading Area, as well as create a separate and much needed Teen Space for the heavily used Spicewood Springs Branch Library. Both the number of computers and the size of the collection will be increased in the revamped facility.

The Spicewood Springs Branch Library service area increased in total population from 23,085 in 1990 to 49,983 by 2005, for an absolute growth count of 26,898 residents.

The Milwood Branch Library (12500 Amherst Dr.) is the nearest Austin Public Library branch location to the Spicewood Springs Branch Library, with a driving distance of 4.3 miles separating the sites.

The building inventory of the Austin Public Library currently contains twenty (20) branch locations: Carver (1979), Cepeda (1999), Hampton at Oak Hill (1998), Howson (1960), Little Walnut Creek (1979), Manchaca Road (1975), Milwood (1998), North Village (1990), Oak Springs (1965), Old Quarry (1976), Pleasant Hill (1985), Ruiz (2004), St. Johns (2000), Southeast Austin (1998), Spicewood Springs (1985), Terrazas (1975), Twin Oaks (1992), University Hills (1985), Windsor Park (2000), and Yarborough (1999).

A map has been attached and will also be sent via email to Council offices.