

SERVICE

The Regional Library officially serves Williamsburg and James City County residents as a result of a regional contract implemented in 1977.

In addition to an extensive collection of hardbound and paperback books, the Library circulates musical and instructional audio tapes and books on tape for adults and children. There are special collections for adults who are just acquiring reading skills (ABE) and for those to whom English is a second language (ESL). The video collection, on VHS only, contains feature films for adults and children as well as instructional and cultural tapes. A librarian is on duty at all times to assist with reference, research, and information services including interlibrary loans. The book van delivers home service to outlying communities of the County, to the jail and to nursing homes and the home-bound. The Children's Department, with its own amphitheater, conducts six story hours per week, many worthwhile programs and classes throughout the year and maintains a special Dial-A-Story by phone. The Arts Center offers a concert series, a free weekly film series, several art exhibits and a variety of events. The 268-seat theater, two meeting rooms, and lobby gallery are available for rental to the general public. In July 1996, a new library facility will open in Norge, also managed by the Williamsburg Regional Library Board.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>FY 96 Budget</u>	<u>FY 97 Budget</u>	Total Regional Library Budget	<u>FY 96 Budget</u>	<u>FY 97 Budget</u>
Regional Library and Arts Center	<u>\$954,800</u>	<u>\$2,040,000</u>	County	\$ 954,800	\$2,040,000
			City	531,500	618,327
			Other	<u>609,828</u>	<u>641,364</u>
			Total	<u>\$2,096,128</u>	<u>\$3,299,691</u>

BUDGET COMMENTS

The proposed funding for the Regional Library consists of two components:

- o \$1,040,000 in County funds to allow a budget increase in County funds for the Williamsburg Library operations of 8.5 percent.
- o \$1,000,000 in County funds to allow the Library to staff the Norge Library Branch and to operate the facility for the entire 1997 fiscal year.

The total County contribution of \$2,040,000 does not fully fund the Library's request, it is \$146,177 short of the \$2,186,177 requested by the Regional Library Board. The City/County percentage is calculated on the basis of FY 95 circulation, as shown:

<u>1995 Circulation</u>	<u>1997 Funding</u>
\$140,386	23.26%
463,260	76.74%