Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch Library
Size and Services Report
Prepared August 2008

Size of Current Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch – 10,000 s/f
Planned expansion is an additional 5,000 s/f for a total of 15,000 s/f

Comparison to State standard - .6 s/f per population
Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch Service Area = Census Tracts 310.01, 10.02, 11.01, 11.02, 18.01, 18.02 (West 2/3), 19

2010 population – 22,776 X .6 s/f per population = 13,665 s/f building meets State standard.

Projected population in the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch service area by 2020 is 25,154.

Services at Branches vs. Central Library
Branches are direct service outlets focusing on the customer. Services include:

- Checking out books in all formats, CDs, DVDs, periodicals
- Offering a collection of current and popular material
- Providing information and research service
- Public computers, photocopiers, printers
- Programs for all ages, esp. reading programs for children

Limitations at the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch Library:

- Library is very busy, with approximately 60 people an hour entering.
- Wait time for public computers, especially in the afternoon, varies from 45 minutes up to 120.
- Magazine and newspaper reading area is often full with no more seats available.
- Children's area is small and located close to public computers.
- No defined space for older children and teens.
- Limited shelving for teen materials and popular DVDs and CDs.
- Literacy program room is small and literacy program shares the program room with library and community use, making the program room more difficult to book.
- Library is frequently crowded and uncomfortable for library users.
- Noise level rises with a large number of users in the building.

Ft. Braden Branch Library
Size and Use Report
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Size of Current Ft. Braden Branch – 5,600 s/f

Comparison to State standard = .6 s/f per population
Ft. Braden Branch Service Area = Census Tract 27

2010 population – 10,445 X .6 s/f per population = 6,267 s/f building could be justified for Ft. Braden to meet State standard.

Services at Branches vs. Central Library
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- Offering a collection of current and popular material
- Providing information and research service
- Public computers, photocopiers, printers
- Programs for all ages, esp. reading programs for children

  - Microfiche collection and readers
  - Small Business Center
  - Consumer Resource Center
  - Interlibrary Loan
  - FriendShop
  - Storage rooms
  - Administrative offices
  - Library Conference room
  - Large Program Rooms

Ft. Braden Branch in Comparison to Other Branches

Collections:

	Collection Size	Turnover*	Circulation FY04-05
Northeast –	84,391	5.41	456,679
Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. –	49,694	2.44	121,584
Lake Jackson –	65,767	3.01	197,768
Fort Braden –	21,453	2.93	63,017
Parkway/Southeast –	24,437	5.77	141,058
Main Library –	392,256	2.58**	1,012,223

* Turnover equals circulation divided by size of collection

Lake Jackson Branch Library
Size and Services Report
Prepared August 2008

Size of Current Lake Jackson Branch – 5,608 s/f
Planned new building is 12,000 s/f

Comparison to State standard - .6 s/f per population
Lake Jackson Branch Service Area = Census Tracts 16.02, 21.01, 22.01 (North ½), 22.03, 22.04, 23.02, 23.03, 23.04

2010 population – 37,773 X .6 s/f per population = 22,663 s/f building could be justified for the Lake Jackson Branch to meet State standard.

The population in the Lake Jackson Branch service area is projected to be 41,260 by 2020.

Services at Branches vs. Central Library
Branches are direct service outlets focusing on the customer. Services include:

- Checking out books in all formats, CDs, DVDs, periodicals
- Offering a collection of current and popular material
- Providing information and research service
- Public computers, photocopiers, printers
- Programs for all ages, esp. reading programs for children

Limitations at the Lake Jackson Branch:

- Shelving limitations require that parts of the collection are kept on book trucks and separate bookshelves against the wall, out of the numerical sequence and thus more difficult for library users to locate.
- Small media collections – books on CD and audiotape, DVDs, and CDs
- Small reference area; reference collection downsized further to make space for large print and audiobooks
- In the afternoons and evenings, the wait time for a computer is routinely 20-60 minutes.
- Small children's area and only several shelves devoted to teen material
- No program room for library programs, book groups or community use
- Babytime and storytime are short and very limited in the number of parents and children who can attend.
- Keep only current year of magazine subscriptions

Northeast Branch Library
Size and Services Report
Prepared August 2008

Size of Current Northeast Branch – 14,000 s/f
Planned expansion is an additional 10,000 s/f for a total size of 24,000 s/f

Comparison to State standard - .6 s/f per population
Northeast Branch Service Area = Census Tracts 17(North ½), 24.03, 24.05, 24.07, 24.08, 24.09, 24.10, 25.02

2010 population – 69,278 X .6 s/f per population = 41,566 s/f building could be justified for Northeast Branch to meet State standard.

(Rapid growth of Northeast has expanded the original 3 census tracts to 6 census tracts. The projected population for 2020 is 79,598)

Services at Branches vs. Central Library
Branches are direct service outlets focusing on the customer. Services include:

- Checking out books in all formats, CDs, DVDs, periodicals
- Offering a collection of current and popular material
- Providing information and research service
- Public computers, photocopiers, printers
- Programs for all ages, esp. reading programs for children

Limitations at the Northeast Branch:

- Shelving limitations require regular placement of much of the collection into storage or circulation at the Main Library
- Shelving limitations also require that parts of the collection are kept on location in a non-public space and require retrieval by staff
- Overflowing shelves mean book trucks holding over 600 items serve as shelving
- Small media collections – books on CD and audiotape, DVDs, and CDs
- Small reference and research areas; reference collection downsized further to make space for teen area
- Small children's area and very small teen area
- Children are routinely turned away from programs due to the 100 person limit of the room
- Keep only current year of magazine subscriptions

Parkway Branch Library
Size and Services Report
Prepared August 2008

Size of Current Parkway Branch – 2,000 s/f
Planned new building is 12,000 s/f

Comparison to State standard - .6 s/f per population
Parkway Branch Service Area = Census Tracts 3.02, 3.03, 9.01 (East ½), 90.2 (East ½), 18.02 (East 1/3), 25.04, 25.05, 25.06, 26.01

2010 population – 45,430 X .6 s/f per population = 27,258 s/f building could be justified for Parkway Branch to meet State standard.

The population in the Parkway Branch service area is projected to be 59,065 by 2020.

Services at Branches vs. Central Library
Branches are direct service outlets focusing on the customer. Services include:

- Checking out books in all formats, CDs, DVDs, periodicals
- Offering a collection of current and popular material
- Providing information and research service
- Public computers, photocopiers, printers
- Programs for all ages, esp. reading programs for children

Limitations at the Parkway Branch:

- Extremely limited space limits shelving for all materials.
- Very small collections of books for children and adults, extremely small collections of audiobooks, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, and magazines.
- Overflowing shelves mean book trucks holding some 300 items serve as shelving.
- Two tables with very limited space for patron seating
- Starting a few minutes after opening each day, the wait time for one of the eight public computers is at least 45 minutes and often approaches 90-120 minutes.
- Very small reference collection and no space to offer reference or research assistance to users.
- One tiny table for young children and no space for older children or teens.
- Very limited weekly family storytime before the library opens.
- There is often a line of patrons waiting to check materials out because there are only two work stations at the circulation desk.
- Only one catalog computer available to users.
- Staff work space at the circulation desk, information desk and in the workroom is so small that work cannot be done effectively or efficiently.
- Library is frequently crowded and uncomfortable for library users.