

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****May 10, 2011**

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SUBJECT: BUTLER AND CAVILE LIBRARY HOURS RESTORATION

The purpose of this Informal Report is to update Council on the proposed hours of operation at the Butler and Cavile Outreach libraries, and the upcoming renovation of the Cavile Outreach Opportunity Library.

As part of the Library's FY 2011 budget reductions, the hours at the Butler Outreach Library Division (BOLD) and Cavile Outreach Opportunity Library (COOL) were reduced at each location from 45 to 20 hours per week. This mid-year service change, adopted as part of the Library's FY2011 budget, took effect on April 2, 2011. Over the past two fiscal years, the Library cut hours at all of its locations with the exception of BOLD and COOL.

Responding to the concerns of the citizenry, the Library is working to restore the hours at both libraries. Beginning June 2011, the Library intends to restore the hours at BOLD to 45 hours per week and consider service changes based on community input. A public meeting with the residents of the Butler Housing Community will be held at 5:30 p.m. May 26, 2011, for the purpose of discussing library-service needs.

A similar community meeting will take place with the residents of the Cavile Housing Community, providing them an opportunity to discuss service needs. The service hours at COOL will be restored upon completion of the pending renovations. During the renovation, an estimated 60 to 120 days, COOL will be closed. The renovation will result in a greatly improved facility— including expanded floor space, an upgraded information-technology infrastructure, additional public computers, ADA-compliant restrooms, and high-quality flooring and furnishings. Renovation work is paid for by the Fort Worth Housing Authority.

While the COOL Library is closed, citizens will be directed to the East Berry Library for library materials and services. In addition, PACS has agreed to help provide Internet-accessible computers to residents by reducing the annual fee from \$15 to \$2 at the nearby MLK Community Center. The center will also host Summer Reading Club activities. A similar partnership with the Boys & Girls Club, located within Cavile, is being explored.

Should you have any questions please contact Library Director Gleniece Robinson at 817-871-7706.

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