



FY 2022 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 16

BUDGET QUESTION: Why is there a \$200K increase in the County's contribution to the regional Library?

RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Budget

RESPONSE: The Library's full \$4,509,091 request is included in the Recommended Budget. In addition to the direct payment made to the Library, the County pays the debt service of the Salem Church Library branch; the utilities, insurance, and maintenance on the County's two branches; and certain facility operating costs at the Towne Centre branch. Overall, the direct contribution to the Library is increased by \$201,264 which is attributed to increases in salaries and benefits; adjustments to adhere to the State mandated minimum wage increase; and a slight increase in the County's proportionate share of circulation. In addition, the FY 2022 Budget includes funding to begin repaying the Library Administration Center rent that was deferred for FY 2021 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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