



March 17, 2023

Dear County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, Vice Chair Libby Garvey, and Members Katie Cristol, Matt de Ferranti, and Takis Karantonis,

Thank you very much for your questions to Mrs. Rudolph and Ms. Kresh about their office's programs that could help address the opioid, mental health, and literacy crises. We really appreciate your detailed focus and the time spent on these critical issues facing our community during yesterday's Budget Work Session. We really appreciate the care and consideration you gave to these critical and complex issues. Thank you so much.

Given that Ms. Kresh sounded supportive of the reading buddy program, we will reach out to her today to ask for a meeting. We appreciate her interest in this idea and in additional discussions about how the Library system can help address these crises. We really liked her ideas, such as the teen tech help program and additional ways to connect to APS classes.

We appreciate Mrs. Rudolph's detailed review of teen and tween programming options. We agree that providing marketing materials in additional languages and connecting that material to APS communications would be helpful to extend the reach of these programs.

To follow up on other issues, we were thrilled to hear that there are 1,000 new summer camp slots and 1,100 early registrations already this week for individuals with disabilities and fee reduction eligible families. Both of those developments are real progress in helping Arlington County families and we commend DPR and the County Board for their attention and action.

Thanks for your time and for talking through tactical steps to help Arlington's families, teens, and children. If we can be of any help in supporting DPR or the Libraries in these programs, please let us know.

Sincerely,  
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