

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Aubrey W. George, Acting Library Director

**THROUGH:** Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** PURCHASE OF OPENING DAY COLLECTION FOR JULIA YATES SEMMES BRANCH  
LIBRARY AT COMANCHE LOOKOUT PARK

**DATE:** August 14, 2003

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approval of this ordinance allocates \$400,000 from the 1999 General Obligation Library Bond funds for the purchase of the opening day materials collection of Julia Yates Semmes Branch Library at Comanche Lookout Park, which is in the 15000 block of Judson Rd., between Nacogdoches Rd. and Monte Verde in City Council District 10.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The 1999 Bond Election approved construction of four new branch libraries. An amount of \$400,000 was included in the funding for each branch library to cover half the cost of the opening day collection. The San Antonio Public Library Foundation pledged to match the City of San Antonio's contribution with \$400,000 for a total of \$800,000 to purchase the branch library opening day collection.

The full opening day collection of the Julia Yates Semmes Branch Library at Comanche Lookout Park is comprised of adult and juvenile print and media in both English and Spanish, which totals approximately 40,000 individual items. The Baker and Taylor Information and Entertainment Services have developed a customized opening day collection for this new library location. On December 12, 2002 the City Council approved (Ordinance No. 96812) a two-year contract with two one-year optional renewals with Baker and Taylor for the purchase of Library materials. It is anticipated that the Julia Yates Semmes Branch Library at Comanche Lookout Park will open in late 2004.

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

This action furthers the implementation of the 1999 Library Bond issue, by providing funds for the opening day materials collection for the Julia Yates Semmes Branch Library at Comanche Lookout Park.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds in the amount of \$400,000 for this purpose are appropriated in the 1999 Library Bond Program.

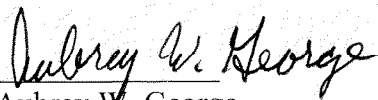
### **COORDINATION**

This item has been coordinated with the Finance Department, which will be responsible for setting up budget appropriations.

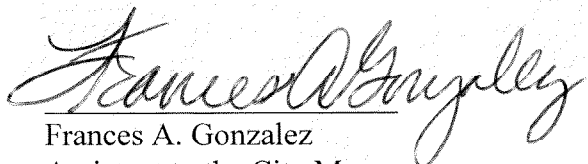
### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

This item requires no disclosure under the City's ethics ordinance.

### **SIGNATURES**



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Approved:



Terry M. Brechtel  
City Manager