

February 24, 2010

Ms. Michelle D. Monse
President
Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation
The Oaks at Turtle Creek
2929 Carlisle, Suite 222
Dallas, Texas 75204

Dear Ms. Monse,

The Alpine Public Library Association is pleased to submit an updated proposal for partial funding of the Children's Area and Outside Courtyard of our new public library.

The new Children's Area will allow us to dedicate space for more children's references, provide a more comfortable, inviting space, and increase children's programming. While we held 70 children events with an attendance of 1,590 in the year just past, we still turned away parents & their children for lack of space. In spite of this, we continue to serve this cohort with distinction: In 2008 our children's and youth circulation accounted for 15% of overall library circulation while accounting for 9% of the overall county population, setting the stage for future generations of lifelong learners.

Since our last proposal we have made significant progress raising funds and building the facility. We have passed the halfway mark in our campaign goal of \$1.4 million. The Permian Basin Area Foundation, The Union Pacific Foundation and The Yarborough Foundation have joined our efforts. And while excluded in the Funding Summary in this package (since we use adjusted cash basis accounting), Congressman Ciro Rodriguez successfully appropriated \$300,000 specifically for the library. These federal funds are scheduled to be released in the near future and will bring our total funds raised to over \$1.0 million.

As for construction, we have completed Phase II, the so-called dry-in. We will be awarding the first element of Phase III (Rough-in Electric) shortly. Meanwhile, I would love to give you a tour of the work done so far should you find yourself out this way.

We sincerely appreciate the invitation to submit an updated proposal and look forward to a favorable outcome.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Bork
President, Alpine Public Library Board