

Exercise #2

Creating a Public Library Budget: Analyzing and Asking Questions

Look at the Object in the Dry Creek Library Budget for 2006-07 assigned to your Group. Pretend that this is the request for FY 2007-08. Using the “What-Why-What-Couldn’t We?” model, develop a list of specific questions to ask the appropriate staff, and think up some responses to make to their probable answers.

- **WHAT** is the problem the item or service will solve or program it will support?
- **WHY** do we need this particular item, and not some other?
- **WHAT** will happen if we don’t buy this item or service
- **COULDN’T WE** save money by buying or doing something else?

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