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Resolution

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LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN

Background

Transition to a highly-evolved, dynamic, urban county requires support of a modern library that functions as an educational institution capable of supporting all facets of our complex community. Engagement of the entire community is needed to create a new library system to fulfill current and future needs.

Resolution

WHEREAS the 2005 Library Strategic plan allowed for individual reorganization of branch libraries to suit local needs, including creation of space for meeting rooms and elimination of collection materials to provide space for the meeting rooms;

WHEREAS the 2013 Library Strategic Plan provided language to transition from print materials to digital formats, thereby leading to the discarding of several hundred thousand books in the fall of 2012 and during 2013;

WHEREAS the Library Board of Trustees recommends that digital books should not supplant print books in a premature move to new technologies;

WHEREAS Fairfax County Public Library sustained between 2006 and January 2014 a net loss of 460,522 holdings;

WHEREAS the Library Board of Trustees has requested a broader outreach including surveys to reach all population demographics to ascertain current and projected community library needs; and

WHEREAS a function of the library is to include literacy support for children and adults and library support for new businesses as strategies for furthering economic development in the county;

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for a new Library Strategic Plan, to be developed with full participation of all library stakeholders, including

citizens, citizens associations, staff, volunteers, and members of library Friends groups, with such Plan to include metrics and standards for success that are agreed to by the stakeholders.