

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

RESOLUTION REGARDING LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN

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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.

WHEREAS the 2005 Library Strategic plan allowed for individual reorganizing of branch libraries to suit local needs to include creating space for meeting rooms and the subsequent the elimination of collection materials to provide space for those meeting rooms,

WHEREAS the 2013 Library Strategic Plan provided language to transition from print materials to digital formats which lead 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 holdings of 460,522,

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,

WHEREAS the FCFCA voted March 20, 2014 for the Budget Resolution of the Library Committee to broaden the function of the library 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, staff, volunteers, and members of library Friends groups, that includes metrics and standards for success that are agreed to by the community.