SEMINOLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD RESOLUTION

Recommendation for Increased & Stable Library Funding

Resolution passed at the meeting of the Seminole County Library Advisory Board, held at Jean Rhein Central Library on December 2nd 2024.

WHEREAS, Seminole county library management and staff have done outstanding work stretching resources and delivering results above and beyond funding levels.

WHEREAS, a modern fully funded library system is in the best interest of the people of Seminole County for their continuing & future success.

WHEREAS, the libraries of Seminole County are currently and have been historically underfunded, lacking adequate funding levels for modern facilities, sufficient materials and proper staffing as found by the "Seminole County Public Library Long Range Master Plan 2023 – 2033"

WHEREAS, "Seminole County Public Library Long Range Master Plan 2023 – 2033" found Seminole County libraries funding significantly lags behind that of peer library systems in neighboring counties on a per capita basis.

BE IT RESOLVED Seminole County Library Advisory Board strongly recommend the Seminole County Board of Commissioners to direct funding levels to be increased to levels commensurate with nearby counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Seminole County Library Advisory Board strongly recommend the Seminole County Board of Commissioners find dedicated and constant funding streams ensuring development and delivery of high-quality library services for Seminole County residents over the long term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Seminole County Library Advisory Board strongly recommend the Seminole County Board of Commissioners continue to encourage the same good stewardship of Seminole County taxpayer resources as displayed in the past continue into future library projects and services.

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