

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY
RESOLUTION 10-055**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S AMENDED
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-43 AND CALLING FOR FUNDING STATE AID TO
LIBRARIES AT \$10 MILLION IN 2010**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ann Arbor District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, held in the City of Ann Arbor, on the 21st day of September 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Head, Leary, Murphy, Barney Newman, Rosenthal, Stearns, Surovell
ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Secretary Leary and supported by Trustee Stearns:

WHEREAS Michigan's libraries are vital resources for Michigan families seeking jobs online, writing resumes, filing for unemployment and disability benefits and accessing the internet, and;

WHEREAS Sixty-four percent of Michigan libraries report they are the only source of free internet access in their communities which is a critical link to technology and training for many who cannot afford it;

WHEREAS the State Library of Michigan holds the second largest collection of materials, is the third most visited library in the country and has the fifth highest circulation of state libraries nationally, the importance of this state resource is being ignored as both an educational and economic resource;

WHEREAS it is essential for the well-being of the citizens of the State of Michigan that libraries thrive as they are the cornerstones of a literate society and are on the cutting edge of a knowledge based economy; and

WHEREAS State of Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's Executive Order No. 2009-43, Amending Executive Order 2009-36, does abolish the Department of History, Arts and Libraries and does diminish the position, influence and stature of the State Library of Michigan, and assigns the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped services to the Commission for the Blind;

WHEREAS the Amended Executive Order does recognize statewide library services – MeLibrary online subscriptions, MeLCat interlibrary loan and MeL Tests and Tutorials – all resources used for research, educational purposes, workforce development, job seeking and job preparation – all made possible through the leadership of the Library

of Michigan and the collaboration, group purchasing and resource sharing of libraries statewide;

WHEREAS State aid to libraries serves as the maintenance of effort requirement by the federal government to sustain federal funding for the MeLibrary, MeLCat and MeL Tests and Tutorials and the possibility of budget reductions threatens the viability of the entire statewide interlibrary loan and resource sharing system which includes every library in the state - academic, public, k-12 and special libraries;

WHEREAS the State Aid to Public Libraries Act 89 of 1977 requires libraries shall receive a total of \$1.50 per capita – but are currently receiving 96 cents per capita or \$10 million;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ann Arbor District Library Board acting as advocates of the people of the State of Michigan and in support of resources that ensure a high quality of life for all, strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to:

- 1.) Support all legislative efforts to maintain library services and collections, and keep their functions whole under the Library of Michigan within state government;
- 2.) Maintain state aid to libraries at \$10 million to retain the federal funding required to sustain the MeLibrary online subscription resources, MeLCat interlibrary loan and MeL Tests and Tutorials;
- 3.) Retain the position and role of the State Librarian;
- 4.) Assure line item funding of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- 5.) That all resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES: Head, Leary, Murphy, Barney Newman, Rosenthal, Stearns, Surovell

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Ann Arbor District Library, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Board Meeting held on September 21, 2009, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Secretary