

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED TO THE ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (LBPd) is part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress Network and operates in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled provides free library services to qualified individuals and institutions who are unable to read standard print for physical reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled have received numerous accolades over the years including Network Subregional Library of the Year Award and State Librarian's Excellence Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Administration met with the Ann Arbor District Library to discuss possible collaboration and the feasibility of Library program integration; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL) has distinguished itself through its commitment to sustaining the value of public library services for the greater Ann Arbor community with the use of traditional and innovative technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor District Library has agreed to assume the existing programs and services provided by the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled while enhancing services for patrons throughout Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, patrons will continue to have access to audio books, playback equipment, large print materials and descriptive videos; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor District Library will continue to offer a wide range of programs, services and training that support the ability of the disabled customer to maintain personal independence and remain an active citizen in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor District Library will continue to provide the state-of-the-art Technology Training Center and Resource Display Area; and

WHEREAS, the transition of the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled will take 3-4 months with a final transition date of January 1, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled to the Ann Arbor District Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon transfer of the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled to the Ann Arbor District Library the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby dissolves the Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled and the Library Board of Trustees.