



**Virginia Library Association
Legislative Agenda
2012**

Agenda items

1. *New Age, New Library; A Three Year Plan to Bring Virginia Public Libraries to Full Funding.*

VLA proposes a “New Age, New Library” initiative, a three year plan to bring Virginia public libraries to full funding with additional appropriations over FY2010 levels of:

FY2013 \$2.5 million

FY2014 \$5 million

FY2015 \$7 million

During the recent economic downturn Virginians turned to their public libraries more than ever for lifelong learning, assistance in job searching, cultural programming, and educational and recreational reading. Virginia public libraries struggled to meet the challenge of unprecedented public demand while coping with significant budget cuts. This funding will help Virginia’s public libraries meet the information needs of the 21st Century.

2. *Support the Library of Virginia.*

VLA will support the Library of Virginia and oppose any budget cuts for the Library of Virginia in FY2013.

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