VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Approved Legislative Agenda 2007

Funding – In Priority Order

- **Infopowering – Electronic Resources Through *FIND IT VIRGINIA!***
  Find It Virginia provides a core electronic database collection of full text
  reference works, magazines/newspaper articles for **ALL** public libraries, K-12
  and Community Colleges. VLA is requesting $6M to renew and expand these
  resources. Expanded resources are needed to support the current SOL's in the
  areas of literature, science and history. These funds will provide additional
  resources to all Virginians including after school homework help for students.

  Without additional funding in FY2008, it will not be possible to maintain the
  current resources due to price increases.

- **State Aid for Public Libraries**
  In the current FY07/08 budget, State Aid was funded at $17.7M or 73% of full
  funding ($24.2M) and represents a $1.3M increase per year over FY 06 funding.
  As a result of this action, no additional funding will be requested at the 2007
  General Assembly session. VLA will resume its efforts towards full funding for
  State Aid at the 2008 General Assembly session.

- **Library of Virginia**
  The Library of Virginia provides vital assistance to libraries throughout the
  Commonwealth. It also serves as Virginia's library, housing records and
  documents of importance to all citizens. VLA strongly supports the budget
  request of the Library of Virginia to the Virginia General Assembly for FY 2008.

Legislation

- **Internet Access**
  Public Internet access in public libraries is regulated through locally developed and approved acceptable use policies. VLA strongly supports this existing policy.

VLA will support the legislative activities of the following:

- VIVA
- Virginia Educational Media Association
- Virginia Association of Law Librarians