

**Public Library District of Columbia
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY MODERNIZATION
RECOMMENDED DESIGN APPROACH – RESOLUTION**

BACKGROUND

On November 19, 2014 the Board of Library Trustees adopted a resolution supporting a building program that calls for library services on the building's four existing floors and an additional fifth floor. The resolution also stated that physical changes to the building will be made insofar as those changes don't compromise any of the services detailed in the building program. Having studied the various renovation alternatives developed by the project architects in addition to performing a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the various design alternatives and responding to strong community feedback, the Board of Library Trustees recommends pursuit of an approach.

RESOLUTION

Whereas DC Public Library has proposed a program for a modernized Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library that supports the 21st century learning, cultural, and creative needs of District residents of all ages;

And whereas DC Public Library has developed a variety of design alternatives, one of which includes an additional three-story structure above the landmark, several of which include one additional floor, and all of which have been evaluated for how well they support the proposed library program;

And whereas the Board of Library Trustees and staff have during the last twelve months reviewed multiple design alternatives and held forums to incorporate a wide range of feedback from District residents into the plans;

And whereas exploration by DC Public Library suggests that the addition of a three-story structure above the modernized library will not yield sufficient income to defray project costs;

And whereas the addition of a three-story structure above the library will jeopardize planned new library programming;

And whereas there has been robust community support for the alternatives that include an additional floor which could include mixed-use opportunities within the existing landmark;

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Library Trustees, subject to further engagement and consultation with our elected leaders and other stakeholders, supports a design approach that includes the modernization of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library with an additional fifth floor only.