

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

May 20, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TO EXPLORE  
OPTIONS FOR HIGH DENSITY BOOK STORAGE IN THE LOUIS STOKES WING**

- WHEREAS, Cleveland Public Library maintains a research collection consisting of more than 10 million items of local, regional, national, and international importance as one of the nation's top tier public research libraries; and
- WHEREAS, Safe, secure, and orderly storage of the Library's collection is key to the integrity and the professional operation of the Library and the provision of excellent service to our community; and
- WHEREAS, Due to budgetary considerations, on November 19, 2020, the Board of Library Trustees approved removing the 10,000 square foot book storage facility from Bostwick Design Partnership, Inc.'s scope of work for the Woodland Central Distribution Facility, which had been intended to store the materials currently housed at the Lake Shore Facility; and
- WHEREAS, In addition to the need for new storage to replace the Lake Shore Offsite Storage facility, there is a concurrent need for additional storage capacity to accommodate approximately five linear miles of books that will be displaced from floors three through six of the Louis Stokes Wing as a part of the Main Library Reimagination conceptual plan's goal of consolidating subject departments into the Main Library as presented to this Board at its March 16, 2021, Joint Finance & Human Resources Committee Meeting; and
- WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library, as a part of the Main Library Renovation Project (1994-1999), invested significant tax dollars to reinforce floors 7, 8, and 9 in the Louis Stokes Wing for the purpose of using these floors for high density storage for the Library's collections; and
- WHEREAS, Based on current estimates, converting floors 7 and 9 of the Louis Stokes Wing to high density shelving and adding additional high density shelving on the eighth floor of the Louis Stokes Wing could more than double the existing capacity of those spaces, but the exact load capacity of those floors will need to be determined by a structural engineer; and

**EXHIBIT 12**

WHEREAS, Adding storage capacity to the Louis Stokes Wing is cost effective and “green” in that it takes advantage of existing Grade A space within the Library’s facilities without the need to undertake additional construction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees hereby authorizes the Chief of Special Projects and Collections and other members of the Library Administration to explore the Library’s options for converting floors 7 and 9 of the Louis Stokes Wing to high density shelving and to add additional high density shelving on the eighth floor of the Louis Stokes Wing.