

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

December 13, 2011

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR A PROPER PUBLIC  
PURPOSE**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3375.40 states that a Library Board of Trustees has authority to “[e]xpend for library purposes, and in the exercise of the power enumerated in this section, all moneys, whether derived from the county public library fund or otherwise, credited to the free public library under its jurisdiction and generally do all things it considers necessary for the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of the free public library under its jurisdiction;” and

WHEREAS, 1982 Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 82-006 states that a governing body may expend public funds to purchase refreshments and other amenities and that the decision to do so must be “memorialized by a duly enacted ordinance or resolution and may have prospective effect only;” and

WHEREAS, At times, it may be desirable for the Library to provide beverages, meals, refreshments, and promotional items associated with Library programs for the public; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Cleveland Public Library Board of Trustees declares the expenditure of funds to provide refreshments and other amenities at Library programs for the public to be a proper and necessary public purpose and authorizes the Library’s Fiscal Officer to expend moneys for refreshments and amenities on occasion in connection with Library programs in which the public participate.