

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community Services Committee

October 16, 2012

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE BROADWAY BRANCH

- WHEREAS, From the time Cleveland Public Library opened its first branch library in 1892, the Library has sought to provide quality library service outlets near the largest concentrations of the city's residents, students, and workers; and
- WHEREAS, Over the past 120 years, the Library has responded to changes in the city's neighborhoods by building, relocating, merging, and closing service outlets as needed to provide the best library service to the greatest number of Clevelanders at a sustainable cost; and
- WHEREAS, The number of residents served by the Broadway Branch has dropped to 1,249 while the average branch service area population is 13,749; and
- WHEREAS, The declining population served by Broadway Branch coupled with the condition of its rented facility that is inadequate to provide quality library service has prompted the Library's Leadership Team to assess the capacity of Fleet Branch to serve the entire Broadway Slavic Village community; and
- WHEREAS, The Leadership Team has determined that Fleet Branch has both the current capacity to serve the entire Broadway Slavic Village community and the potential for enhancement and expansion; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library accepts the recommendation of the Library's Leadership Team to close Broadway Branch, and merge its service area with the Fleet Branch service area, effective at the close of business on November 2, 2012; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Library will make every effort to connect patrons who had used the Broadway Branch with services provided by Fleet Branch, mobile services, outreach services, and the array of CPL offerings available online.