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Park Board And Library Trustees Meet to Discuss Possibilities For Mutual Endeavors

Members of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and the Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees met last week to discuss possible cooperative programs, joint capital needs and to review existing ventures that bring parks and libraries together. The two divergent entities are among the most popular facilities in Fairfax County and currently face similar budget concerns during this economic downturn.

“This first meeting gave us the chance to assess possible areas for cooperation and joint ventures,” said Park Authority Board Chairman Bill Bouie. “From this start, we may find innovative approaches that save dollars or provide enhanced services. Getting together and beginning the dialogue is the first step.”

Susan Thorniley, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees noted, “This meeting sets the groundwork for what I believe can be a useful partnership as we continue to explore what the governing boards of these two agencies share in common and what actions we might take together to further our shared goals and needs.”

One priority area identified at the meeting would emphasize the existing conservation and environmental education opportunities that already exist at local libraries as well as placing new Park Authority materials at libraries. The Park Authority Board meets regularly with several other boards and commissions and will meet again this year with the library trustees.

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