Approved Legislative Agenda 2007

Funding – In Priority Order

• **Infopowering – Electronic Resources Through **FIND IT VIRGINIA!**

  *Find It Virginia* provides a core electronic database collection of full text reference works, magazines/newspaper articles for **ALL** public libraries, K-12 and Community Colleges. VLA is requesting $6M to renew and expand these resources. Expanded resources are needed to support the current SOL’s in the areas of literature, science and history. These funds will provide additional resources to all Virginians including after school homework help for students.

  Without additional funding in FY2008, it will not be possible to maintain the current resources due to price increases.

• **State Aid for Public Libraries**

  In the current FY07/08 budget, State Aid was funded at $17.7M or 73% of full funding ($24.2M) and represents a $1.3M increase per year over FY 06 funding. As a result of this action, no additional funding will be requested at the 2007 General Assembly session. VLA will resume its efforts towards full funding for State Aid at the 2008 General Assembly session.

• **Library of Virginia**

  The Library of Virginia provides vital assistance to libraries throughout the Commonwealth. It also serves as Virginia’s library, housing records and documents of importance to all citizens. VLA strongly supports the budget request of the Library of Virginia to the Virginia General Assembly for FY 2008.
Legislation

- **Internet Access**
  Public Internet access in public libraries is regulated through locally developed and approved acceptable use policies. VLA strongly supports this existing policy.

**VLA will support the legislative activities of the following:**

- VIVA
- Virginia Educational Media Association
- Virginia Association of Law Librarians