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Thom Downing for seat on Alexandria Library Board

I'm writing to recommend that the City Council appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I wrote in December of last year about this same topic and just recently found out that Thom has applied again. What I wrote in December still holds true, so I will share that text once more here:

Thom and I both volunteer with the Friends of Duncan Library and I've seen first hand his passion for helping the library and his skills in getting others excited about the work and even willing to donate funds to help out. He's always full of great ideas and carefully considers others' points of view and reactions to those ideas in order to create a sense of unity in moving forward to support the library. I think he'd make a wonderful additional to the Alexandria Library Board and I certainly hope that you will consider his application and appoint him to this body.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message. I'm an avid
user and supporter of the Alexandria Library System and I sure hope Thom is considered for a seat on the board!

Sincerely,

Polly Morrison
I am writing to urge you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board.

Thom and I worked together at Metropolitan Pittsburgh Public Broadcasting, home of WQED-TV, the nation's first public television station, and the innovative WQEX-TV. Thom was a highly regarded colleague in the local broadcast community. His creativity, wit and energy were greatly missed when he made the decision to leave television in pursuit of other career goals. He is intelligent, compassionate, well read and committed to community issues such as environmental protection and education. A former talk show host and fundraiser, he will be a great addition to the board (and your meetings and events are sure to be enlivened by his delightful sense of humor!)
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I have known Thom for close to 30 years and have always admired his tenacity, passion and commitment to projects and endeavors which are of great value to the community.

Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than $15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

Thom has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries and he also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.

Sincerely,
Lori Eskridge
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Susan Mader to: jackie.henderson, elainescott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Please respond to Susan Mader


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Subject: Alexandria Library Board
I urge you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom's
communications, marketing and outreach skills would be of great benefit to,
not just the Duncan Branch (where he has been an impressive fund raiser,
and worked within the local community to build partnerships with the
library), but also other area libraries with whom he has formed
relationships, and contributes to their online sales efforts.
Thom has a
depth personal appreciation for public libraries, and would be an asset in
helping to maintain the important programs that are needed in our
communities, and foster innovation to continue that connection.
Thom is
full of energy and enthusiasm for this work, and the Board would be lucky
to have someone so well qualified.
Please, appoint him.
Thank
you.

Susan S. Mader
COA Contact Us: applicants for Alexandria Library Board

William.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley, alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Leonard Goldstein to: rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

 Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Leonard Goldstein

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applicants for Alexandria Library Board

My wife and I have been residents (and voters) in the City of Alexandria for 40 years now. As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library and chair of its Author Talks/Adult Programs Committee, I have had the pleasure of working for the past two years with Thom Downing and Tony Ring, both of whom are applying for the two open seats on the Alexandria Library Board. I do not think you could do better than to choose them both for those seats. I say this not out of a parochial involvement with my own little group, but because I've been impressed with their deep interest in and commitment to projects to assist and improve the Duncan Branch, and the unstinting effort they have put into planning and executing every undertaking the Friends have taken on in pursuit of those goals, from our book sales, through beautification of the grounds and purchase of library materials and equipment, to providing fellowships to assist staff to travel to out-of-town meetings and extend their educations. And all this while they've also seen the big picture, how Duncan fits in as an integral part of...
of the entire Alexandria Library system, and have shown a passionate
interest in helping our excellent city library continue and, even in these
difficult times, improve its efforts to provide library and information
services to every Alexandria citizen who needs them while making the most
of its limited financial resources. But enough of high-flown
phrases—grant them the seats and watch my words become truth, to the
benefit of the Alexandria Library!

Sincerely, Leonard Goldstein
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. He enlisted me as a volunteer on several of his Book Sales. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than $15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

Thom has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries and he also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.

Sincerely,

Anne

Castleton
Library Board Appointment: Thom Downing

dear mr. mayor and city council members,

i am writing to encourage you to appoint thom downing to the alexandria library board. as many of you know, i have served on several city boards and commissions. i believe thom has the drive and commitment to serve you and the community well. he is a new, young addition to my neighborhood, and i am thrilled to see his sense of civic involvement that is a model for all and, if encouraged at this time, will continue as long as he lives in alexandria.

thom has already contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the duncan branch. his marketing, communications, and outreach skills will be invaluable, as he has already shown with his stellar fundraising activities for the duncan branch (more than $15,000). i strongly recommend thom downing for one of the vacant positions.

thank you.
you for your consideration.

Tara Hardiman
Maureen Schweers

To: rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elainescott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones


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Subject: Thom Downing and Tony Springer for Library Board

I strongly urge you to appoint Thom Downing and Tony Springer to the Alexandria Library Board. Their enthusiasm, hard work, and support of our library has been a real asset to the Friends of Duncan Library, and the City-wide library system would benefit from their experience. Particularly during this challenging time of budget cuts, the Library Board needs advocates with the problem-solving skills and experience that Thom and Tony possess.

Tony currently serves as President of the Friends of Duncan Library, and has been a tireless advocate of our neighborhood library.

Thom is one of our star fundraisers, and has created many public/private partnerships that continue to benefit the library. Both have a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries, a great work ethic, and bring a wealth communications skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have these two serve together on the Library Board, and I urge you to put them there.
I was disappointed when Thom's initial bid for the Board was denied. I do understand that it is extremely difficult to unseat an incumbent -- even at the most local of levels. Thus, I urge you to support Councilman Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats in order to bring new energy, ideas, and change to the Library Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further help.

Sincerely,

Maureen Schweers
Vice President,

Friends of Duncan Library
Thom Downing - Library Board Candidate

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than $15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

I've personally known Thom for several years. He is a stand up person and his willingness to help others is infectious. His hard working attributes are present in his professional and personal life. Thom's character and willingness to make his local community and libraries a better place is why I would urge the city to place him on the Library Board. Thom not only brings enthusiasm for the libraries but also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table.
Sincerely, AL
Alfred Keeme
January 28, 2011

Mayor William D. Euille
Vice Mayor Kerry Donley
Councilman Frank Fannon
Councilwoman Alicia Hughes
Councilman Rob Krupicka
Councilwoman Redella S. Pepper
Councilman Paul C. Smedberg

Re: Appointment of a Member of the Alexandria Library Board

Bill, Kerry, Frank, Alicia, Rob, Dell, and Paul:

Please accept this request and recommendation that each of you vote for Kathleen Schloedter for a second term on the Alexandria Library Board. Kathleen is the secretary of the Board on which I serve as one of three members appointed by the Alexandria Library Company. Kathleen is the Secretary of the Board and the only citizen appointee with library administration experience. She was the supervisor of a library at three of her foreign service postings with day-to-day responsibilities for programs, acquisitions and outreach.

Kathleen has tutored at George Mason Elementary School for the past six years and before that she tutored Hammond Middle School students. She is completing her first term on the Library Board and has proved to be a most valuable member. I heartily request that each of you support her appointment for another term.

Sincerely,

Richard R. G. Hobson
RGH/ep

cc: Ms. Dorothy "Brooksie" Koopman
     Mrs. Anne Smith Paul
     Mr. Oscar Fitzgerald
     Ms. Kathleen Schloeder
COA Contact Us: Supporting Thom Downing's candidacy for the Duncan Library Board

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alicia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg, rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka,
linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Please respond to Lindsay Hower

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I am certain that Thom would bring the same commitment, energy and ideas to his work as an Alexandria Library Board member as he has to all of these endeavors. As a longtime friend of Thom and his family, I truly believe Thom is the best candidate you could find to contribute to your Board.

The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the
Library Board and I urge you to put him there.

Sincerely,

Lindsay

Hower
Dear City Council Members:

As a fan of our libraries, I've gotten to know Thom Downing who I understand is running for the board. Thom possesses two skills that would serve the library well: altruism and entrepreneurship.

Altruism: Thom is someone who truly enjoys "giving back" to his community. He has shown his dedication to the library through various fundraising ideas and other efforts.

Entrepreneurship: Thom is also a savvy technologist and marketer who can put his skills to use to help the library reach more of our fellow citizens.

I hope you will appoint him to represent those of us who truly care about our community and its library.
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Subject: Burke Branch Friends Endorsement of Thom Downing for Library Board

I am writing on behalf of the Burke Branch Friends of the Burke Branch Library. I understand that there are now two vacancies on the Alexandria Library Board on which the Council will vote on February 8. We have already endorsed Board incumbent Kathleen Schloeder. We wish to add another endorsement; namely, Thom Downing. We in fact endorsed his candidacy in December 2010 when a prior vacancy appointment was under Council consideration. In effect, this memo reiterates and elaborates on our prior backing of his candidacy.

Mr. Downing has long been part of the revitalization, excitement, and community entrenchment that proudly characterizes the Alexandria Library's Duncan Branch. He has been a key, if not the key, player in raising funds through the local businesses and commercial interests of the Del Ray area to support the remarkably broad...
Comments: array of programs that the Branch sponsors every week. He has demonstrated a serious commitment to the well being and stability of the library generally. Having worked with Thom, the most important asset we believe he would bring to the Board is his strategic vision of the future of libraries in general and the Alexandria System in particular. The changing dynamics of the place and status of libraries in any community coupled with the budget pressures Alexandria's Library in particular has faced call for a fresh and forward looking perspective that Thom will undoubtedly bring. He can bring the leadership required to contribute to the needed forward thinking and help fashion a new and relevant future for the Alexandria Library branches. In summary, we hope you will vote "yes" on Thom's application for membership on the Library Board.

Thank you for your consideration.
Eileen Bradley
COA Contact Us: Encouraging the appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board

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Dave Fisher to: jackie.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Please respond to Dave Fisher


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Subject: Encouraging the appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board
I would like to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board.
Thom deeply cares about education and helping others and truly sees the value books and other library resources bring to a community. His experience speaks to that: he volunteered to teach English in China, he's raised money for charities like The American Cancer Society and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and of course, he's been a tireless volunteer and promoter of the Duncan Library, even helping it raise more than $15,000 through a variety of innovative sales endeavors.

Furthermore, he's a thoughtful, hardworking, and kind person, someone who everyone on the Board and everyone in the community can respect. I hope you will take this opportunity to put his enthusiasm and dedication to work for the library system.
Betty Gutmann to:

Please respond to Betty Gutmann


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Subject:  Thomas Downing for Alexandria Library Board

I am RE-submitting a previously submitted endorsement on behalf of Thomas Downing for a seat on the Alexandria Library Board. I recently heard there was to be another opening for a seat on the Board and wanted my endorsement of him again to be made part of the record.

I continue to believe that Thom would be an invaluable asset to the Alexandria Library Board. He would be a fresh face with fresh ideas and would inject badly needed fresh blood to the Board.

We badly need new energy, new ideas and new people to represent the city of Alexandria. Hence, I once again, heartily endorse Thomas Downing for a seat on the Alexandria Library Board.

Comments: I am a resident of Alexandria, and have been since 1974.

For the last 6 years I have done volunteer work for the Friends of Burke Branch Library.
During these years I have come to know Thomas (Thom) Downing. As a person, he is reliable and hard working. He has expended an inordinate amount of his time volunteering for the Duncan Library; helping them to raise money for the library which, in turn, has played a vital and important role in

Comments: helping benefit the community. I believe Thom would be an excellent representative for our Alexandria Library Board. His passion for books and wanting to help the community are sorely needed. More importantly, his dedication and interest to further the needs of the community through our Library System is most imperative. We need someone who is pro-active and I believe Thom would be a very active, forward thinking and a vital addition to the Alexandria Library Board.
In closing, I do hope my endorsement and the reasons for such are compelling and persuasive to help you make your decision.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Betty Guttmann
2933 Nob Hill Court
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-370-4834
Dear Mayor Euille and members of Council,

Martha-Helene Stapleton has applied for appointment to the Library Board. I doubt that there is anyone I could recommend to you more strongly. Martha has been a supporter of our city libraries and continues to volunteer at Duncan Branch with the Spanish story time (every other week, with attendance of 10-20 kids every time plus adults). She believes that the libraries are an important link between the schools and the community, and believes that it can be especially effective for the Latino community. As you are all aware, the achievement gap in Alexandria is real and a matter of great concern to those who care about developing One Alexandria, where all children succeed.

Martha-Helene took her PLTI learning and immediately set out to improve the community by working to start a pre-school at St. Rita’s. She seems to have done much of the heavy lifting to make it a reality despite having 3 children (one born a few months ago). She is just the person from whom Alexandria wants to take as much as she is willing to give.

Thanks, as always,

Fay

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Please respond to Cathy Muscara


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Subject: Alexandria Library Board
I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board.
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Furthermore, he's a thoughtful, hardworking, and kind person,
Comments: someone who everyone on the Board and everyone in the community can respect. I have known Thom for more than 30 years and his exemplary character and steadfast devotion today are true to who he has always been - who he is, not just what he does. Thom has also always been consistent in
his strong belief in philanthropy and community service. I hope you will take this opportunity to put his enthusiasm and dedication to work for the library system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cathy

Muscara
David Letizia

**Issue Type:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members  
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**Subject:** Thom Downing for Alexandria Library Board

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. Thom has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. Thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than $15,000 and he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

**Comments:**  
Thom has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries and he also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.
Carolyn Harris

Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Appointments to Alexandria Library Board

Once again I am contacting you with recommendations as you prepare to vote during the February 8th City Council meeting to fill seats on the Library Board.

Thom Downing is an active member of the Friends of Duncan Library. Over the years, he has contributed a great deal of time and effort as a volunteer on behalf of the Duncan Branch. He has been a leading figure in our annual spring and fall book sales, and thanks to his efforts he's not only raised more than $15,000, he's also helped to build partnerships within the local community that continue to benefit the library.

Tony Springer and I met as we attended our first Friends of Duncan Library meeting about eight years ago, and after two years we were asked to run for offices, where we continue to serve—Tony as the
president. Tony has a keen understanding of the book world and has helped
the Friends advance its
understanding of handling book sales, author
talks, and other events such as working with Paula
Poundstone, national
spokesperson for the American Library Association. Tony not only leads the
official
meetings of the Friends of Duncan Library, he also helps in all
areas of Friends support for the library and
promotes the library within

Comments:
the community.
I highly recommend Thom Downing and Tony Springer to your
attention. Both of them bring tremendous
amounts of enthusiasm for the
City of Alexandria, and they value its libraries. They both have a keen
understanding of marketing, communications, outreach and other useful
skills. I find them thoughtful and
creative thinkers who are not afraid
to jump right in to an activity and put in the effort when and where
needed. The City would be most fortunate to have them serve on the the
Library Board.
I strongly encourage you to put Thom Downing and Tony
Springer on the Library Board. Nevertheless, I
recognize that the vacant
seats are held by incumbents seeking reappointment, and the reality is that
any
citizen wanting to serve faces challenging odds. Even at the most
local of levels, statistics (and recent experience) show it is extremely
difficult to unseat an incumbent. Thus, I also urge you to support
Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to
include more citizen seats
to bring new energy and ideas to the Library
Board.
Best Regards,
Carolyn Harris
COA Contact Us: Appoint Thom Downing to the Library Board

Annie Jurczyk

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Subject: Appoint Thom Downing to the Library Board

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. I have known Thom for more than 20 years and his commitment to bettering his community is commendable.

Over the years that I've known Thom I've seen his commitment to education through his work as a volunteer English instructor in China. I've seen his creativity and passion for important causes as a successful fundraiser for The American Cancer and The Multiple Sclerosis Societies. And since he's lived there in Alexandria I know that he's helped the Friends of Duncan Library raise more than $15,000 by launching large-scale outdoor book sale events and online sales of donations. I am certain that Thom would bring the same commitment, energy and ideas to his work as an Alexandria Library Board member as he has to all of these endeavors.

The City would be lucky to have someone of Thom's caliber on the Library Board and I urge you to put him there.
Sincerely,

Annie Jurczyk
Expansion of Library Board

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As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library, I am thrilled to see strong members from within our organization willing to serve the City as a member of the Library Board.

However, because the vacant seats are held by incumbents seeking reappointment, the reality is that any citizen wanting to serve faces challenging odds. Even at the most local of levels, statistics show it is very difficult to unseat an incumbent.

I urge you to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats and bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board. New blood, new energy, and new ideas-- all can only benefit the City of Alexandria.
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to endorse the appointment of Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board on February 8th 2011.

As a librarian at Howard University, homeowner and resident of Alexandria, and co-volunteer at the Duncan Branch with Thom Downing, I can affirm without hesitation that Thom Downing would make an exemplary Library Board member.

Over the past three years Thom has impressed me as a thoughtful and knowledgeable person, who is well attuned to both the community needs of library services and to the importance of developing relations with the local business community in order to promote library programs and attract donations. I believe that fundraising is an especially crucial process that needs to be developed from within the community — and that Thom has proven...
himself an adept fundraiser. He has poured himself into projects that have directly benefited our libraries; most notably he has contributed a great deal of his time and expertise raising thousands of dollars through book sales at the Beatley, Duncan, and Burke library branches.

Comments:

The Alexandria Library Board would be well served by Thom’s innovative ideas, energetic goodwill, and sharp insight into the needs of our community and the role that the library plays currently, and more importantly, the vital role that it could potentially play in the future.

Thom has earned my respect by his dedication, passion, intelligence and hard work, and I am certain that he will earn yours if given an opportunity to do so.

Please consider Thom as the serious candidate that he is, and give him an opportunity to serve our community in a position that he is well suited to hold.

Sincerely,

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Thus, I urge you to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats to bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our City Library system.
As a member of the Friends of Duncan Library, I am pleased to see strong members from within our organization willing to serve the City as a member of the Library Board. In fact, I know that two of our members have previously applied, but have been denied places because of incumbents seeking reappointment. The pattern of reappointing incumbents means that there are no opportunities for those who have a strong desire and excellent qualifications to serve. It also means that the Library Board may become stagnant.

I urge you to support Councilman Rob Krupicka's recommendation to expand the Library Board to include more citizen seats to bring new energy and ideas to the Library Board.
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