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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,

Kyle Patterson
211 Laverne Ave
COA Contact Us: Alexandria Library Board- Thom Downing

Rebecca Patterson to: rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elame.scott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Please respond to Rebecca Patterson

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I work with Thom at the USPTO and he is a dedicated, energetic problem solver who gets things done. I encourage you to appoint him and exploit his energy for the Alexandria Library System!!
Sincerely,

Colleen Sheehan
Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

John Clifford

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Thom is a coworker who has shared his interest in books with us has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the libraries. He also brings a wealth of marketing, communications, outreach and other important skills to the table. The interest and help he has provided us as to the information available has been a great help to those of us who work with him.

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

Sincerely,
Rosemary D
COA Contact Us: Appoint Thom Downing to Alexandria Library Board
william.euille, frank.fannon, kerry.donley,
tricia.hughes, delpepper, paulcsmedberg,
rose.boyd, jackie.henderson, elaine.scott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

Karen Swanson to: rose.boyd,
jackie.henderson,
elainescott,
rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones
Please respond to Karen Swanson


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Phone: 703.683.8045
Email Address: swanska@verizon.net
Subject: Appoint Thom Downing to Alexandria Library Board
I am a frequent user to the Duncan Library branch - often borrowing 5-7
books to read over long weekends.
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 have spoken with Thom at neighborhood
gatherings and he speaks enthusiastically of the library and of library
events. He seems very dedicated and to work hard for the library system's
success.
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Karen Swanson
Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

Nikki Clifford

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Sincerely,

Nikki Clifford
Nikki Clifford
10 year City resident
Dear Council Members -

I'm writing to recommend that the City Council appoint Thom Downing to the Alexandria Library Board. 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,
Polly Morrison
endorsement for Library Board
Kerry Donley, Del Pepper, Rob Krupicka,
Lora Love to: paulcsmedberg, Frank Fannon, Alicia Hughes, William Euille
Jackie Henderson, Judy Stack, Joanne Pyle,
Cc: elizabeth.jones@alexandriava.gov., nanella, Jerad Ferguson, Sharon Annear, Beth Temple
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Good Afternoon,

Ms. Eileen Bradley, president of the Burke Branch of the Friends of the Burke Library. Wanted me to pass on her endorsement of Thom Downing for the Library Board. She is recovering from surgery and unable to get to a computer.

If you would like to contact her, her phone number is (703) 379-1251.

Thank you.

Lora Love
Boards and Commissions
City Clerk's Office
City of Alexandria
(703) 746-3978
Betty Guttmann to: rose.boyd, jaclue.henderson, elaine.scott, rob.krupicka, linda.owens, elizabeth.jones

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Please respond to Betty Guttmann


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Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-370-4834
Email Address: bguttmann19@yahoo.com
Subject: Thomas Downing for Alexandria Library Board
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 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.

Comments: 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
Carolyn Harris

TO: Alexandria City Council Members, Mayor, and Vice-Mayor
RE: Thom Downing for Alexandria Library Board

I remember when Thom Downing joined the Friends of Duncan Library and attended his first business meeting with the small band of active members; it was as if a creative, quick-thinking, humorous, dervish had come to help support the library.

Over the years, Thom 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.

I know
the City Council, Mayor and Vice-Mayor and will be voting during the

December 14th City Council
meeting to fill a seat on the Library Board,

and I highly recommend Thom Downing to your attention. Thom
has a
tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the City of Alexandria and values its
libraries, and he also
brings a wealth of marketing, communications,

outreach and other useful skills to the table. Thom truly is a

thoughtful and creative thinker--not afraid to roll up his sleeves and

put in the effort when and where needed,
and the City would be most

fortunate to have him serve on the the Library Board. I strongly encourage

you to
put him there.

Best Regards,
Carolyn Harris
Nomination for Alexandria Library Board

I am writing to recommend you appoint Thom Downing to a seat on the 
Alexandria Library Board.

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I am Thom's supervisor at the US Patent and Trademark Office. I
can attest to his dedication to his work, strong interpersonal skills and
creativity and innovation. Thom is a pleasure to be around, is a great
Comments: team player and a very supportive coworker and employee.

I am also a board member for the Friends of Guest House. Thom got us involved in the Duncan Library Spring book sale two years ago. The residents volunteered by reading stories to the kids. It was a win win by providing exposure to the GH and fun for the kids. I watched Thom during the set up and day of and he did a brilliant job leading the event. This year I watched him at the same event do the same outstanding job despite having been in the hospital the night before with a back injury!

I feel you will be extremely pleased should you choose to appoint Thom.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tokar
Chief, Enterprise Training Division