

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept a Gift of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars for use by the City of Lowell Pollard Memorial Library.

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Digital Federal Credit Union desires to donate Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars to the City of Lowell Pollard Memorial Library; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept the gift of said funds to be used towards various projects at the Pollard Memorial Library in the City of Lowell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars from Digital Federal Credit Union for use by the City of Lowell Pollard Memorial Library, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager will convey the City's appreciation for the gift.



*Since 1844, Lowell's public library.*

**Victoria B. Woodley**  
*Director*

*Board of Trustees*  
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Date: November 1, 2018  
To: Lowell City Council  
Eileen Donoghue, City Manager  
Cc: Kerran Vigroux, Director Health & Human Services  
From: Victoria Woodley, Library Director  
Re: Donation to the Pollard Library from the Digital Federal Credit Union

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The Pollard Library is requesting the City Council's approval to accept a donation of \$7,500 from the Digital Federal Credit Union received on October 17, 2018.

We would like to apply the donation to various projects at the Pollard Library. The Children's Dept. needs additional shelving for their collection. They would also like to purchase more interactive kits for their young patrons. These kits help children learn more about the fields of science, medicine, engineering, art, music, etc.

Teens are very interested in games, such as those sold by the Nintendo Company. We would like to update our gaming platforms to make them more attractive to teens. We also build some of our programs around these games.

We need a little more funding to order the digital signage we wish to install at the entrances to the library. This signage will give patrons up-to-date information on the library's programs and services. Funds from this donation will make this project a reality in the near future. In order to make our library catalog computers more accessible to patrons who have difficulty using keyboards and mice, we would like to replace those screens with "touch screens". It is our one of our strategic goals to make our Library accessible to all people.

When the library was flooded this past January, many of our comfortable chairs were ruined and had to be discarded. At the time we didn't have the funds to replace them. This donation will help us complete the library restoration.

Some of our book carts and flat carts need to be replaced. Most of them have been in use for more than 20 years and don't operate very smoothly or quietly. They are quite expensive to replace, but this donation will help us accomplish this goal.

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