



ANC6B Resolution Regarding Arthur Capper Holds and Returns

Introduced by Commissioner David Sobelsohn, 6B03

Dear Councilmember/Mayor Bowser:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on July 14, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted to support this resolution

WHEREAS, those who live in the Navy Yard neighborhood have never before had library facilities in their neighborhood, and--

WHEREAS, for the past two years the library system (DCPL) has operated an interim library in the Navy Yard neighborhood, at the Arthur Capper Community Center, 1000 5th St., SE, and--

WHEREAS, this interim library has also served the residents of Capitol Hill since February 2024, during the years the Southeast Library has been closed for renovations, and--

WHEREAS, DCPL's own guidelines provide that DCPL will look to provide an interim facility when a library will be closed for longer than one year, and--

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2026, DCPL plans to reopen the Southeast branch, and--

WHEREAS, DCPL itself claims that the most-used service at the Arthur Capper interim library have been the "holds" bookcase and the 24-hour return bin, and--

WHEREAS, removing those services will cause hardship to those living in Navy Yard and in the area of ANC 6B, and--

WHEREAS, leaving the "holds" bookcase and the 24-hour return bin at the interim library until the Southeast branch reopens in September will not delay reopening the Southeast branch, and--

WHEREAS, August is the last chance, during summer break, that schoolchildren and their parents will have time to do their summer reading,--

THEREFORE, ANC 6B calls upon you to exert whatever pressure you can to induce DCPL to leave the “holds” bookcase and the 24-hour return bin operative at the Arthur Capper community center until DCPL reopens the Southeast branch on September 10, 2026.

We hope you will give ANC 6B’s opinion “great weight” under DC law. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Pastore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" and last name "Pastore" clearly distinguishable.

Samuel Pastore
Chair, ANC 6B