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**GEORGETOWN NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY
RECOVERY AND RESTORATION FUND ESTABLISHED**

In response to the tragic fire yesterday at the Georgetown Neighborhood Library the District of Columbia Public Library Foundation has established the "Georgetown Library Recovery and Restoration Fund" which will receive tax-deductible contributions toward restoration of the collection and artwork and rebuilding of the library.

Richard Huffine, President of the Federation of Library Friends; Mr. John Warden, President of the Friends of the Georgetown Branch Library; and Ms. Ginnie Cooper, Chief Librarian for the District of Columbia applaud this critical collaboration and the opportunity to establish a single portal for those who wish to be part of the leading edge in restoring a critically important part of the DC library system.

Ginnie Cooper, Chief Librarian for the library system states, "We will bring back everything that can be recovered and restored. It is an historical legacy too important to lose. But further, we will bring back a library that serves all the residents of this community: children, students, seniors, and scholars. We so deeply appreciate the help of those who are coming forward to support this effort."

Mr. Tom Susman, President of the Foundation, states, "I am proud that, less than 24 hours after the tragic fire, the Foundation is ready to receive contributions and we welcome the opportunity to work with DCPL and library Friends to address this terrible tragedy and to bring back one of our library gems."

Mr. Richard Huffine, President of the Federation of Friends, states that "I am delighted that the Foundation has established this fund and I believe our community will do everything it can to rebuild Georgetown and restore its collections."

John Warden, President of the Georgetown Friends Group states "We encourage anyone who would like to contribute to rebuilding the library to make donations to this fund."

The District of Columbia Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that leverages and enhances DC Public Library resources and programs. The Foundation provides resources that enhance but do not supplant local government funding.

Donations can be made online at: www.dcplfoundation.org by clicking "Donate Now." A menu will direct donors and ask if they wish their donation to go toward the Georgetown Recovery and Restoration Fund.

Donations may also be made payable to "DC Public Library Foundation" and sent to:

DC Public Library Foundation
901 G St, NW #400
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The Foundation also receives gifts of securities (see website for instructions). All donations will be acknowledged and are fully tax-deductible. Inquiries, please contact Anna Velazco at: 202-727-4943.

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