1. **The Library’s Strategic Plan**
   a. New mission statement: We build community and promote literacies through programming, community spaces, technologies and collections of educational and recreational resources.
   b. New vision statement: FCPL is the essential (re)source to inform, engage and inspire our community.
   c. Focus areas are access, technology, literacy, innovation and civic engagement.
   d. Driven by a comprehensive civic engagement process by an independent third party and overseen by the LBOT.
   e. Creates a balance between traditional and evolving library services.
   f. The library will strive to be collaborative, community focused, service oriented, learning focused, innovative, adaptable and positive (values).
   g. The five goals:
      i. Expand access to library services.
      ii. Provide literacy services and materials across age ranges.
      iii. Integrate technology that will enhance and expand the library experience.
      iv. Foster an environment of innovation.
      v. Design events and services that engage our diverse and dynamic community.

2. **National Library Week**
   a. Celebrated April 8-14
   b. BOS will present a proclamation to LBOT (tentative date March 20)

3. **Memory Depot (Technology)**
   a. Draws nonreaders into the library.
   b. Helps people keep their personal photos and videos in the most current format so they are easily accessible.
   c. Early spring launch.

4. **Library ComicCon and NoVa Teen Book Festival** (Access – “creative opportunities to bring the library to the community.”)
   a. **NoVa Teen** is going on its 5th year:
      i. Successful collaboration among library systems in Northern Virginia and an independent book store; Reaches teens.
      ii. Community-building opportunity for teen readers;
      iii. March 10, 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St., Arlington,
   b. **Library Comic Con** – First FCPL Comic Con was held in 2017 attracting hundreds of people of all ages:
      i. Brings the library to the community;
ii. Celebrates comics, graphic novels, and superheroes
iii. April 14, 10-3, George Marshall High School

5. News, Blues and How to Defuse Returns in 2018 (Civic Engagement)
   a) Take a glimpse of one of the earlier sessions.
   b) Conducted by experts from George Mason University’s School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution and Fairfax County librarians.
   c) Promote civil dialogue on controversial issues.

   Session I: Search Strategies– Effective Listening, Monday, January 29, 7-8:30 p.m., George Mason Regional Library
   Session II: Evaluating Sources – Collaborative Communication, Monday, February 26, 7-8:30, Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library
   Session III: Fact Checking – Effective Speaking, Thursday March 29, 7-8:30, City of Fairfax Regional Library
   Dates for the remaining two spring sessions will be posted soon:
   Session IV   Social Media Feeds – Emotional Conversations
   Session V   International News – Cross-Cultural Communications

6. Online Readers Advisory (Literacy)
   a) In early spring the library will be launching a reader’s advisory via the library webpage to better engage with customers who primarily use the library online.
   b) Library staff have chosen subject areas and genres they are most knowledgeable and passionate about, and customers will be able to contact them directly for book recommendations. (This opportunity is open to all staff who self-selected.)
   c) FCPL was inspired by Moltnomah Public Library.