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SUFFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES REFERENCE LIBRARY

SUFFOLK, VA (September 12, 2011) - The Foundation for Community Association Research, along with the Community Association Institute's (CAI) Virginia Legislative Action Committee, have awarded a collection of reference publications on managing condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations to the Suffolk Public Library System.

The Adopt-a-Library program aims to provide much-needed information on every aspect of community association governance and management. Any public library or community center located within a CAI chapter area is eligible to receive an Adopt-a-Library grant. The collection, valued at more than \$1,500, was made possible by a donation from the Virginia Legislative Action Committee of the Community Associations Institute in memory of Prudence Bachmann. Prudence was very active in the Friends of the Suffolk Library organization and served as president for a time before her death.

The Adopt-a-Library gift is comprised of a number of CAI publications as well as a complete set of CAI's 27 *Guides for the Association Practitioner*, offering nuts-and-bolts guidelines on:

- Managing budgets and reserve funds.
- The responsibilities of the board and the professional manager.
- Legal and tax issues.

- Communication with association members and renters.
- Buying insurance and managing risk.
- Drafting rules.
- Dispute resolution.
- Working with contractors.

Presentation of the reference collection took place on Monday, September 12th at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennett's Creek Park Road. Please see attached photo. Pictured from left to right are Rebecca Woodring, CAI Southeastern Virginia Chapter Executive Director; Bonnie Herring, Chapter President; Deborah Casey; Chair for Virginia Legislative Action Committee of CAI; and Julie Darnell, North Suffolk Library Branch Manager.

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