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### **SUMMER DENIM DRIVE AT SUFFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY HELPS SUPPORT THE LIBRARY AND HELPS GOODWILL TURN JEANS INTO JOBS**

SUFFOLK, VA (July 18, 2019) Suffolk Public Library is excited to announce a denim recycling drive this summer in partnership with Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia. The denim drive starts August 15<sup>th</sup> and runs until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Goodwill will provide a cash prize to Friends of the Library for every pound of denim collected. Goodwill will then re-sell or recycle the denim to support its mission of providing workforce development services to help people secure and maintain sustainable employment

The drive will collect denim items from jackets to jeans of any color. Recycling your clothing is good for the environment. According to Planetaid.org, the average American throws out about 82 pounds of textile waste per year. That's 11 million tons of waste produced every year in the U.S. alone.

"Literacy and employment go hand in hand, and we are pleased to partner with the Suffolk Public Library on this project," said Roger Fournier, donations manager for Goodwill. Last year Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia collected more than 50,000,000 pounds of goods and kept more than 40,000,000 pounds out of landfills.

Donations will be accepted at all three Library locations:

**Morgan Memorial Library**

443 West Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434

**North Suffolk Public Library**

2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, Suffolk, VA 23435

Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Holidays

**Chuckatuck Library**

5881 Godwin Boulevard, Suffolk, VA 23432

Monday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays

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