Meeting You at Your Wonder
Addressing the Gap: Falling, Flailing & Filling

• What gap?

• How do we fill it?

• Strategic Plan → Robotics & AI

• A Robot!
Community Response

• Press
• Partners
• Peers
• Patrons
Government Response: Exploring Innovation

- County Administration
- Board of Supervisors
- Virginia Association of Counties
- Grant partnership with major university
As the Gap Fills

• Training future workforce
• Upskilling current workforce
• Supporting business start-ups
• Cradle to Grave AI
• Enthusiasm for library
Next Steps

• Preparing staff

• Curriculum development

• Seeking funding opportunities & partnerships

• Create more NextLabs

• Targeted community meetings
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