

# Meeting You at Your Wonder



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# 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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