

BECOME A LIBRARY TRUSTEE



WHAT DOES A LIBRARY BOARD DO?

- Adopts a yearly budget for the library and reviews financial reports
- Sets policy for the library which guides library staff and patrons on use of the library and its services.
- Hires and oversees the library director, who manages library staff.
- Works with the director to set priorities and plan for the future of the library.
- Represents the library to members of the public and local government officials.

WHAT'S EXPECTED OF A LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER?

- Show up for board meetings – both monthly and special board meetings.
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing materials beforehand.
- Invest time and energy to work on Board Committees.
- Work, discuss, and vote in front of the public.
- Educate yourself about library and board service-related issues.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

As a library board trustee, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are a vital part of something bigger than you. Through your public service at the library, you will

- help children discover a love of reading
- provide reading material that promotes learning and stimulates personal growth
- maintain a place to connect for your friends and neighbors
- improve quality of life in the very place you call home
- gain insight into local government, make new friends, and broaden your own horizon

Contact the Director of your local public library to find out how you can serve on a library board!

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