

_____ **County Public Library**

Trustee Application

The Board of Trustees protects and advances the interests of the broader community by effectively governing the operations and promoting the development of the local public library. Applicants should be active and informed, participate fully in board meetings, respect fellow members and be a team player, understand the role of all involved, avoid conflicts of interest, advocate for the library, and provide the highest quality of service. Trustee terms are four years unless filling an unexpired term. This position requires attendance at monthly board meetings. This is an unpaid, volunteer position appointed by [local appointing authority].

Potential Incompatibility of Office:

- Are you related to any library employee closer than a second cousin? Yes ___ No ___
 - Do you serve as an elected state or local official; or on a county board? Yes ___ No ___
 - Do you own or work for a company that does business with the library? Yes ___ No ___
- Additional information may be requested to confirm eligibility.*

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (i.e. cell, home): _____

E-mail: _____

I am a resident of _____ County and reside in the:

North End of County ___ South End of County ___
East End of County ___ West End of County ___ County Seat ___

The library board should reflect the community it serves by appointing active and committed residents, regardless of their various characteristics such as race, gender, age, religion, disability, etc. This diversity brings different perspectives, ideas, and expertise to the board, improving decision-making and considering the needs of all community members. Inclusion is also vital, creating an environment where everyone is valued and given equal opportunities to contribute. By embracing diversity and inclusion, the library board shows its commitment to equal opportunity and ensures relevant and accessible services for everyone.

-- If needed, please use additional sheets to answer the following questions --

Please describe how you bring a diverse viewpoint or background to the board.

How do you use the library? Please be specific and include how long you have been a library user.

Please describe any qualifications (experience, education, skills/training, or interests) that you feel would be beneficial to the work of the library board and benefit the library.

Please describe any former or current community service activities and accomplishments in the community (school groups, service clubs, other boards, etc.).

Please describe your commitment to intellectual freedom and equal access for the residents in your community.

Please explain why you are interested in becoming a library trustee.

Please briefly discuss the goals and directions that you believe should be important to the library in order to assure longevity and sustainability in the future.

Signature: _____ Date: _____