

MOUNT CARROLL DISTRICT LIBRARY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

I. A brief description of our public body is as follows¹:

- A. Our purpose is to provide materials and services for the recreational, social, informational, and educational needs of the community.
- B. An organizational chart is attached.
- C. The total amount of our operating budget for 2026-2027 is: \$182,230.00
Funding sources are property and personal property replacement taxes, state and federal grants, fines, charges, and donations². Tax levies are³:
 - 1. Corporate purposes (for general operating expenditures)
 - 2. Social Security (provides for employee's FICA costs and related expenses)
 - 3. Maintenance (for maintaining the building)
 - 4. Tort Liability (for insurance premiums, risk management, attorney's fees and related expenses, unemployment and worker's compensation insurance)

- D. The office is located at this address:
208 North Main Street
Mount Carroll, IL 61053

E. We have approximately the following number of persons employed:

- 1. Full-time, 2 Part-time, 1

- F. The following organization exercises control over our policies and procedures: *The Mount Carroll District Library Board of Library Trustees*, which meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m., at the library.

Its members are: Patrick Foltz, President; Tom Sorg, Vice President; Virginia DeSwarte, Treasurer; Gina Wilkinson, Secretary; Sibyl Doty, James Wheeler, and Marsha Foltz.

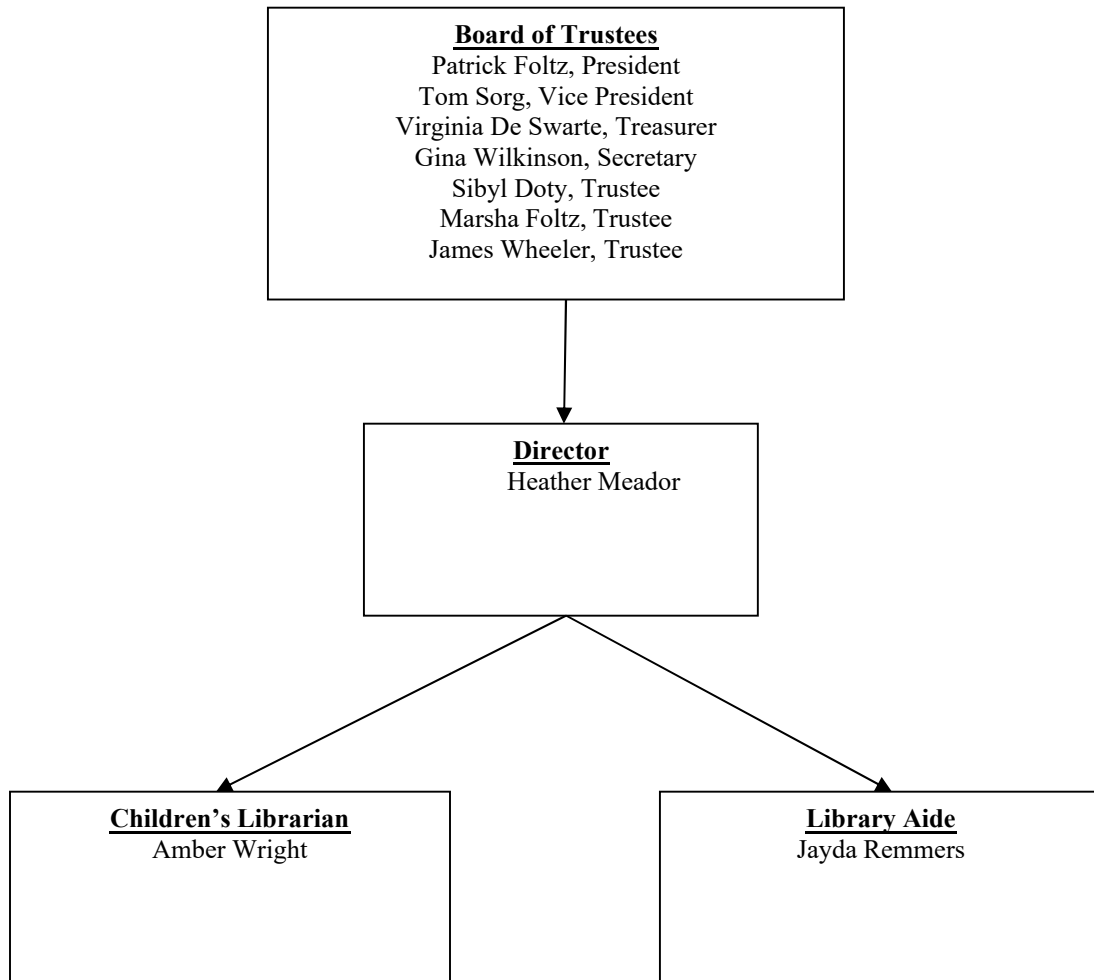
- G. We are required to report and be answerable for our operations to:
Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois. Its members are: State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulis; Director of State Library, Greg McCormick; and various other staff.

II. You may request the information and the records available to the public in the following manner:

- A. Use request form (see attached).
- B. Your request should be directed to the following individual: Heather Meador, FOIA officer.
- C. You must indicate whether you have a "commercial purpose"⁴ in your request.⁵
- D. You must specify the records requested to be disclosed for inspection or to be copied.
If you desire that any records be certified, you must specify which ones.

- E. To reimburse us our actual costs for reproducing and certifying (if requested) the records, you will be charged the following fees:
 - There is a \$1.00 charge for each certification of records.
 - There is no charge for the first fifty (50) pages of black and white text either letter or legal size;
 - There is a \$0.15 per page charge for copied records in excess of 50 pages;
 - The actual copying cost of color copies and other sized copies will be charged.
 - F. If the records are kept in electronic format, you may request a specific format and *if feasible*, they will be so provided, but if not, they will be provided either in the electronic format in which they are kept (and you would be required to pay the actual cost of the medium only, i.e. disc, diskette, tape, etc.) or in paper as you select.
 - G. The office will respond to a written request within five (5) working days or sooner if possible. An extension of an additional five (5) working days may be necessary to properly respond.
 - H. Records may be inspected or copied. If inspected, an employee must be present throughout the inspection.
 - I. The place and times where the records will be available are as follows:
 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Mount Carroll District Library, Administrative Offices
- III. Certain types of information maintained by us are exempt from inspection and copying. However, the following types or categories of records are maintained under our control:
- A. Monthly Financial Statements
 - B. Annual Receipts and Disbursements Reports
 - C. Budget and Appropriation Ordinances
 - D. Levy Ordinances
 - E. Operating Budgets
 - F. Annual Audits
 - G. Minutes of the Board of Library Trustees
 - H. Library Policies, including Materials Selection
 - I. Adopted Ordinances and Resolutions of the Board
 - J. Annual Reports to the Illinois State Library

MOUNT CARROLL DISTRICT LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Requestor's Name (or business name, if applicable)		Date of Request	Phone number
Street Address		Certification requested: _____ Yes _____ No	
City	State	Zip	
Description of Records Requested: _____ _____ _____			
Is the reason for this request a "commercial purpose" as defined in the Act? ____ Yes ____ No			
<i>Library Response (Requestor does not fill in below this line)</i>			
A P P R O V E D	☐	The documents requested are enclosed.	
	☐	You may inspect the records at _____ on the date of _____.	
	☐	The documents will be made available upon payment of copying costs of \$_____.	
	☐	For "commercial requests" only: the estimated time of when the documents will be available is _____, at the prepaid costs stated above.	
D E N I E D	☐	The request creates an undue burden on the public body in accordance with Section 3(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, and we are unable to negotiate a more reasonable request.	
	☐	The materials requested are exempt under Section 7 _____ of the Freedom of Information Act for the following reasons: _____ _____	
		Individual(s) that determined request to be denied and title: _____ _____.	
	☐	In the event of a denial, you have the right to seek review by the Public Access Counselor at (217) 558-0486 or 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62705 Or you have the right to judicial review under section 11 of FOIA.	
	☐	Request delayed, for the following reasons (in accordance with 3(e) of the FOIA): _____. You will be notified by the date of _____ as to the action taken on your request.	

FOIA Officer	Date of Reply