

Martin County Public Library Board of Trustees Application

In order to provide quality library service to Martin County, the Martin County Public Library requires a working team of a Library Director and a Board of Trustees who are informed and make the necessary decisions. It is critical that each person appointed to the Board of Trustees be willing to perform the duties of a trustee. Trustees receive no payment for their work.

The Board of Trustees is composed of five members who are appointed jointly by the County Judge and Fiscal Court. The term of office is four years, and a Trustee may fill an unexpired term and/or serve for two consecutive terms (four-years each). The Board will actively seek applicants to fill any vacancy that occurs

Prospective Trustees should be aware of the following criteria which will be used by the other Board members of the Martin County Public Library in evaluating candidates for the vacant position. A Trustee must:

1. Commit the time that is necessary to carry out the duties of a Trustee. This includes time to become and stay knowledgeable about public library issues, to attend Board meetings, and to carry out Board assignments.
2. Be genuinely interested in public libraries and understand the importance of public libraries in meeting the educational, recreational, and informational needs of the community.
3. Understand the local community, its social and cultural needs, and be willing to communicate those needs to the Board.
4. Be able to work with others to reach a common goal.
5. Be open-minded, intellectually curious, and respectful of the opinions of others.
6. Have the courage to plan creatively and direct the effective implementation of those plans.
7. Be able to withstand pressures and prejudice that would restrict or prevent equal library service to all.

WHAT TRUSTEES DO

- set library policy
- employ and evaluate the director
- plan for the future
- monitor the library's effectiveness
- be an advocate for the library
- do anything else necessary for the proper management of the library

If a candidate has questions or requires additional information, please contact a Trustee, or attend a Board meeting. Board meetings are held the Fourth Monday of in January thru April and June thru October and December, Time, 5:00 P.M., at the Martin County Public Library/Collier Center, May and November Board Meetings are held the Fourth Monday of the Month at the Rufus Reed Branch location in Lovely, KY beginning at 5:00 PM.

Please submit completed applications to: ATTN: Board of Trustees, Martin County Public Library, 387 East Main, Inez, KY 41224.

Martin County Public Library
Application for Board of Trustees Position
(Use additional pages as required)

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: (Home) _____ (Work): _____

(Cell) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW FOR THE POSITION OF TRUSTEE? Yes No

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS TO GATHER KNOWLEDGE PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT? YES NO

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF MARTIN COUNTY? _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: _____

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: _____

HAVE YOU DONE ANY VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY? IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE. _____

PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION: EMAIL US MAIL TELEPHONE

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY VOLUNTEER WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR
OTHER LIBRARIES. _____

PRESENT CIVIC ACTIVITIES: _____

PAST CIVIC ACTIVITIES: _____

HOW HAVE YOU USED LIBRARIES IN THE PAST? YES NO

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LIBRARY TRUSTEE?

WHAT IDEAS OR PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURSUE DURING YOUR TERM OF BOARD MEMBERSHIP? _____

PLEASE INDICATE THOSE AREAS IN WHICH YOUR KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:

Finance Personnel Long Range Planning
 Legal Technology Building Programs
 Public Relations Management Governmental Relations
 Energy Conservation Other: _____

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE LIBRARY'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE? _____

ARE YOU A CURRENT LIBRARY CARD HOLDER? YES NO

IF YES, WHICH LOCATION DO YOU UTILIZE THE MOST?

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ARE YOU CURRENTLY RELATED TO ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE MARTIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY? YES NO

IF YES, TO WHO ARE YOU RELATED AND WHAT IS YOUR RELATION? _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY OTHER BOARDS APPOINTED BY THE LOCAL FISCAL COURT? YES NO

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

Signature

Date