

To Apply:

Residents interested in being considered for appointment should send a letter of application to Staci Thompson c/o the Winnebago Public Library 210 North Elida Street, Winnebago, IL 61088 or email it to sthompson@winnebagopubliclibrary.org. The board will review applications at its regular board meetings.

WPL Board Information

Our Board of Trustees consists of seven elected district residents. The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the library.

The board is responsible for policy development, financial oversight, long-range planning, hiring and evaluating the library director, and advocating for and promoting the library in the community.



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Board of Trustees

Facts

Trustee Facts

Library trustees do their work collectively on the library board. Though the board has broad powers - it is answerable only to the governing body that has oversight over the library or, if elected, to the voters - those powers are exercised collectively.

No individual trustee can speak or act for the board, or for the library, unless specifically empowered to do so by board action or adopted bylaws.

Board Meeting and the Law:

The Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120) specifies that public bodies in the state of Illinois exist “to aid in the conduct of the people’s business and that the people have a right to be informed as to the conduct of their business.”

The law mandates that deliberations and actions of public bodies be conducted in public, and that citizens be given advance notice of and the right to attend such meetings.

Therefore, board meetings and board committee meetings must be open to the public and conducted on days convenient to the public.

Your duties as a Trustee:

- Attend board meetings.
- Preview agenda, minutes, and documents before each board meeting.
- Participate in discussion and decision making at board meetings.
- Stand by decisions made by the board.
- Commit time outside of board meetings for the work of the board, as needed.
- Participate in activities sanctioned by the board, such as fundraising or public relations in the community.

- Represent the library at community events - be visible and accessible to those you represent.
- Become informed about library issues through participating in the regional library system, ILA, and ALA.
- Become informed about state laws that govern public libraries in Illinois.
- Become an advocate for the library community.
- As with any position of responsibility and accountability, library trusteeship calls for adherence to high standards of ethical behavior.

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