



Granisle Public Library Association

Become a Board Member

Area of Authority:

Each trustee is responsible for participating in discussion and decision-making regarding library policy and expenditures. The Board is collectively responsible for all aspects of library operation.

Requirements for Membership:

- Willingness to serve on the Board and one or more committees.
- Belief in the importance of libraries and commitment to the Library's Vision and Mission statements.
- Library membership.

Tasks:

- Become aware of and fully informed on library matters and issues.
- Contribute to discussion and decision making at board and committee meetings.
- Accept responsibility for the affairs of the library in the five areas of policy, finance, personnel, advocacy, and programs and services.
- Participate in fund development for ongoing capital projects.
- Participates in personal development of trusteeship through orientation, workshops, conferences and interaction with other trustees.
- Volunteer at events to promote the library in the community.

Factsheet for Prospective New Board Members:

Thank you for entertaining the possibility of joining us on the Granisle Public Library Board. This factsheet is designed to highlight some of the positive aspects of becoming a trustee, and to give you a better sense of the kinds of activities you would be engaged in and the opportunities you would have. We hope to help you answer the question: "Is the role of trustee right for me?"

Trustees receive no remuneration, but the role can be very rewarding. We could provide quite a long list of benefits, but in the interests of brevity here are just two of the most important ones:

As a trustee you'll have a chance to learn, and to apply some of the knowledge and skills that you already have.

Libraries are all about learning and as a library trustee you will find yourself in a very rich learning environment. At a minimum, you will become better acquainted with the vast range of resources and services that are available through our library and you will become a much better-informed user of libraries, information and new media.

Trustees grapple with many interesting and important issues as we seek ways to make the library an even more attractive destination, and to meet a broader range of needs within the community. The library provides funding for Board members to travel to conferences and participate in workshops.

As a trustee you'll be serving the community; you'll be doing something worthwhile, and you'll be part of something good.



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The library board is a governing board, which means that the solutions that trustees arrive at in consultation with staff are implemented without the need to gain approval from another body. Our meetings themselves are positive and productive, and we are continuously looking for ways to improve our own performance as a Board.

Is the Role of Trustee Right for You?

The key qualification for a library trustee is commitment to the library. Those of us who are serving as Board members are convinced that the library plays an important role in “fostering life-long learning and enhancing the vitality of the community” (to quote from our vision statement).

The Board sets direction and ensures that suitable policies are in place so that our library can come closer to achieving its full potential. Since we’re working at the planning and policy level, the role will appeal to those who feel comfortable making a contribution in meetings.

Our meetings typically require a regular commitment of an hour per month with additional related activities throughout the year that include volunteering at promotional events and fund development initiatives. We normally do not meet during summer months. If you would prefer a more “hands on” role, there are many rewarding volunteer opportunities available, such as projects of the Friends of the Library or delivering books to the homebound. Please be advised that volunteering that requires direct contact with the communities most vulnerable residents is taken very seriously at the Granisle Public Library and a criminal record check may be required.

Board meetings are currently the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm (this time may be subject to change) and some trustees will also attend other separate Committee meetings for topics such as Finance/Budget Committee or the Advocacy, Policy, Programs and Service Committee.

Next Step(s)

Notices concerning a vacant position on the Library Board typically appear in January through local postings and ads. With applications being received up to the last day of February each year. You can apply in person at the Granisle Public Library.

The Granisle Public Library Board reviews the applications and the successful candidate is notified in early March. Please don’t be discouraged if you are not selected your first time around – it is often the case that many well-qualified people apply but we hope you will try again!

There is a great deal of valuable information available online on being a trustee and you might wish to do a bit of reading and research either at home or using one of the library’s computers.

Thank you for your interest!

For more information please feel free to contact: Lisa Rees / Library Directory /Granisle Public Library





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Granisle Public Library Board Member Application

The information you provide to the GPL will be used only by authorized staff and Library Board members in considering your application. Your application will be kept on file for one year from the date appointments are made or for the term of your appointment, whichever is applicable.

Date: _____

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell#: _____

E-mail: _____

Relevant experience:

Job experience:



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Board relevant experience:

Volunteering with other organizations:

Other:

For more information contact:

Lora Lee Hunsaker, Board Chair – 250-697-6289;

Lisa Rees, Library Director – 250-697-2713

Thank you for your interest in joining the Granisle Public Library Board.