



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees is a semi-autonomous body of nine persons empowered by state law and city ordinance to act as the governing body of the Library.

The Board's specific list of legal responsibilities includes:

- Determine the goals and objectives of the Library in order to plan and carry out library services.
- Determine and adopt written policies to govern all aspects of the operation of the Library.
- Prepare an annual budget and have exclusive control of monies appropriated by City Council, earned income; monies secured through service contracts with Johnson County, University Heights, Hills, and Lone Tree; monies given to the Library through gifts, bequests, grants, or awards.
- Employing a competent staff to administer its policies and carry out its programs.

The Board is an arm of City Government with members appointed by, and its principal operating funds approved by, Iowa City Council. The Board seeks, at all times, to work in harmony with City area policies that are not in conflict with its statutory powers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

1. Analyzed equitable use patterns with the goal of moving to equal access. Voted and approved going fine free on all library collections.
2. Crafted and distributed a statement in support of Intellectual Freedom on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees.
3. Advocated for the replacement of the Ped Mall stairs to ensure the safety of all patrons.
4. Signed and approved the Iowa City Public Library's Accreditation.
5. Celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Iowa City Public Library.
6. Welcomed and oriented three new Board members.
7. Kept abreast of current State of Iowa legislature that had potential to impact library work.
8. Set the FY23 Building Calendar.
9. Supported the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature; The Iowa City Book Festival and One Book Two Book.
10. Formed a committee to evaluate the Library Director and held a closed session evaluation.
11. Approved all library expenditures and NOBU budget requests.
12. Reviewed and updated the following policies:
 - a. 103 Membership in Community & Professional Organizations

- b. 501 Authority for Administration of Personnel Policies for Library Employees
- c. 502 General Library Personnel
- d. 503 Administrative & Confidential Employee Benefits
- e. 505 Volunteers
- f. 601 Collection Development
- g. 801 Circulation & Library Card
- h. 806 Meeting Room & Lobby Use
- i. 813 Unattended Children
- j. 814 Library Copyright
- k. 817 Alcohol in the Library

ACCOMPLISHMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19

1. Returned to in person Board meetings.
2. Resumed pre-COVID library hours and reopened the library building to patrons.
3. Established new ways for the library and community to communicate by recording Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees meetings.

GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

1. Develop, adopt, and support a new Strategic Plan that represents the Iowa City Community and its needs.
2. Complete the goals of the current Strategic Plan.
3. Ensure all employees, volunteers, board members, and donors are ready to uphold the work of the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation and Iowa City Public Library as we welcome a new Development Director.
4. Develop a plan of annual reporting to the City of Iowa City and Johnson County Board of Supervisors.
5. Examine and revise Library Board policies on a three-year review cycle.

Board Members:

Carol Kirsch, President

Tom Rocklin, Vice President

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