

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Trustees of the Public Library 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:

- determining the goals and objectives of the Library in order to plan and carry out library services
- determining and adopting written policies to govern all aspects of the operation of the Library
- preparing an annual budget and having exclusive control of all monies appropriated by the City Council, earned income, service contracts with Johnson County, University Heights, Hills, Lone Tree, or 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 also an arm of City Government with members appointed by the City Council and its principal operating funds approved by the City Council. The Board therefore seeks at all times to work in harmony with City policies in all areas that do not conflict with its statutory powers.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

1. Completed Phase 2 of building renovations while remaining open and with minimal disruption to service.
2. Engaged in a strategic planning process, including numerous community surveys, focus groups and interviews. New plan scheduled for approval July, 2014.
3. Submitted a FY15 budget request that supported library services. Met with City Finance Director to better understand City's changing financial challenges.
4. Approved a contract for library service with Lone Tree.
5. Accomplished strategic planning goals to reach out to people unable to come to the Library, increasing participation in Summer Reading Program.

6. Continued support of the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature nonprofit through financial and in-kind contributions. Participated in the Iowa City Book Festival, Day in the City of Literature, and the One Book Two Book children's literature festival.
7. Improved technology available to children and teens.
8. Continued support of local content through the Local Music Project and the Digital History Project.
9. Worked with the Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation to provide support for the Library.
10. Welcomed three new Board members.
11. Hosted a successful all-conference reception for the Iowa Library Association.
12. Reviewed and updated the following policies:
 - 101 Library Board Bylaws
 - 501 Statement of Authority
 - 502 General Personnel Policies
 - 503 Rights & Benefits of Administrative & Confidential
 - 601 Collection Development Policy
 - 702 Library Programs Policy
 - 703 Cable Television Channel Programming Policy
 - 812 Hours of Service
 - 813 Unattended Children
 - 815 Internet Use

GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

1. Adopt a new strategic plan.
2. Advocate for operating budget needs during the City budget process.
3. Support Friends Foundation efforts to increase contributions to the Library to provide needed support for services and programs. Review the organization and relationship between the Board of Trustees and the Friends Foundation Board.
4. Accomplish strategic planning goals.
5. Consider changes to the annual library director review process.
6. Continue to collaborate with partners to grow the Summer Reading Program.
7. Participate in redesign of the Pedestrian Mall and collaborate with the Iowa City Downtown District initiatives as appropriate.

8. Support the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature and Iowa City Book Festival.
9. Review and update policies as needed.

Board Members:

Meredith Rich-Chappell, President

Diane Baker

Thomas Dean

Mark Edwards, Vice President (resigned 01/23/2014)

Janet Freeman

David Hamilton (term began 04/24/14)

Linzee Kull McCray

Thomas Martin

Robin Paetzold

Jay Semel