

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 2016

1. Successfully advocated for operating funds to support bookmobile service.
2. Began bookmobile planning. RFP issued for vehicle. Committed to cooperative relationship with Antelope Lending Library.
3. Expanded Digital Johnson County, a cooperative purchasing agreement for electronic resources.
4. Offered a nine-month series of programs, Music is the Word, to welcome The University of Iowa School of Music to downtown Iowa City.

5. Supported collaboration with area libraries for Summer Reading Programs, including facilitating the joint purchase of new software that will standardize record keeping at Iowa City Public Library, Coralville Public Library, and North Liberty Community Library.
6. Welcomed three new Board members.
7. Monitored status of State Historical Libraries in Iowa City and Des Moines and advocated expanded resources for services and collections.
8. Began implementation of a new strategic plan.
9. Supported the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature; The Iowa City Book Festival and One Book Two Book.
10. Reviewed and updated the following policies:

103	Membership in Community & Professional Organizations
401	Finance
505	Volunteers
704	Cardholder Database
806	Meeting Room and Lobby Use
809	Library Use (formerly Conduct)
813	Unattended Children
814	Copyright
817	Alcohol in the Library
811	Theft, Defacement, or Alteration of Library Materials

GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

1. Introduce bookmobile service.
2. Work with Antelope Lending Library to share information about services and schedules. Plan at least one joint event.
3. Stay informed of best practices in the use of technology and social media. Make a decision on the use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN).
4. Introduce redesigned website.
5. Expand Digital Johnson County agreement as opportunities arise.

6. Continue to strengthen the Summer Reading Program for early readers to prepare them for new State 3rd grade reading standards.
7. Offer programming that supports Iowa City strategic plan goals in the areas of diversity and sustainability.
8. Collaborate with MERGE and other partners to offer STEAM programming.
9. Adjust staff assignments to accommodate bookmobile hours and programming needs, and begin succession planning.
10. Continue to advocate for the State Historical Library to remain in Iowa City and for expanded hours and staff for the facility.
11. Work with the Friends Foundation to celebrate its 25th anniversary.
12. Remain informed of anticipated fiscal challenges facing Iowa City and work with the City to mitigate impacts on library services.
13. Review and update policies as needed.

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