



Board of Trustees Member Application

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Responsibilities of Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees members, as defined by both law and practice, include setting Library policies, setting the Library's budget, and hiring an Executive Director to oversee the operation of the Library district.

Any questions concerning typical meeting commitments, times, or general trustee responsibilities may be directed to the Library's Executive Director, Paula Miller, at 531-6333 (x2010).

Please complete the information below, and please also feel free to attach a resume. Applications should be mailed to: Pikes Peak Library District; Attention: Board Applications; PO Box 1579; Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 p.m. on September 15, 2011.

Today's Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name / Middle Initial _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How long have you lived in this area? _____

Occupation: _____ Years in Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____

- The Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees normally meets 8 times annually: March, May, July, August, October and December, and twice in January. Extra meetings are scheduled as needed. Meeting time is typically 7:30 a.m. on a Tuesday. Board committees meet at various other times.
Does your schedule work for Board meetings? _____ yes _____ no
- The term for this appointment is January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016.
Are you able to commit to serving this full term? _____ yes _____ no
- Are you able to consistently contribute additional time to committee meetings and Board-hosted events? _____ yes _____ no
- Are you a Library cardholder? _____ yes _____ no
- Which PPLD facilities do you use? _____

• How did you learn of this Library Board of Trustees opening? _____

1. Please list any past or present affiliations: With what other Boards, community groups, civic involvement, professional organizations, advocacy or volunteer groups have you been affiliated?

2. A diverse Board with a variety of interests and skills provides a broad base of knowledge for decision-making. What training, experience, or special skills would you bring to the Library Board to assist in planning, policy, legal, legislative, or financial decisions?

3. Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board?

4. If appointed to the Library Board, what would you like to see accomplished during your term?

5. Any other comments?

Thank you! We appreciate your interest in serving our Library. This application process is similar to any other "employment" process: Applications will be screened, and a select number of individuals will be called in for interviews with a panel of representatives from the Colorado Springs City Council and the El Paso County Commissioners.

**Pikes Peak Library District
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

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Board Responsibilities:

1. MEETINGS:

Preparing for, attending, and actively participating in regular Board meetings, as well as Committee meetings; Becoming familiar with Library Board Bylaws and updating them as needed; Attending selected Library events.

2. COMMUNICATIONS:

Serving as a community liaison, which increases the visibility and accessibility of the Library; Understanding and articulating the mission and role of the Library in the community; Fostering open communications between the Library, the community, Library partner groups, and local officials.

3. LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Appointing a competent and qualified Executive Director to lead and manage the operations of the Library District; Evaluating the performance of the Executive Director regularly.

4. POLICY:

Setting policy which is responsive and appropriate for the operation of the Library system, which ensures quality library service to the public, and which reflects a service philosophy that is appropriate for the entire community.

5. PLANNING:

Becoming familiar with social, economic, demographic, financial, and library trends that may impact on community library needs; Reviewing, updating, and approving the Library District's strategic plan, to ensure responsive and effective library services for the future.

6. BUDGET:

Reviewing and approving the annual library budget; Setting appropriate financial policies for purchases and disbursements; Contracting for the timely completion of an annual audit; Monitoring revenue projections and ensuring viable funding to maintain library services.

7. LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS:

Becoming familiar with basic public library service tenets and laws, such as intellectual freedom, privacy of user records, tax issues, and sunshine laws; Monitoring legislative issues (local, state, national) that impact on library services; Communicating with the public, as well as with legislators, regarding those issues, as needed.

8. STEWARDSHIP:

Monitoring the overall effectiveness of the Library District, ensuring accountability to the public; Implementing responsible fiscal practices; Holding title to, caring for, and disposition of all property of the Library, including land, buildings, and collections; Abiding by applicable ethical standards.

9. BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

Attending meetings, training sessions, or workshops to keep informed about Library issues and trends.