

Desirable Qualifications for Members of the Library Board of Control

1. Interest in the library and its services; knowledge of the community and its diversity; active with groups or organizations within the community; a general understanding of the social and economic conditions within the parish.
2. Support for the mission of the library and capability to communicate the mission to the public.
3. Awareness of the library's role in the community as a center of information, culture, recreation, technological access, and lifelong learning.
4. Readiness to devote time and effort to carrying out the duties of trusteeship; must be able to regularly attend meetings of the Board; willing to represent the library at meetings and public functions; good communication skills, and ability to relate to the public.
5. Ability to think and plan creatively, to question objectively, and to effectively support the service plan of the library.
6. Skill in establishing policies for the successful and efficient operation of the library.
7. Sound judgement, a sense of fiscal responsibility, and community awareness.
8. An open mind, intellectual curiosity, and respect for the opinions of others; ability to work well with others, including fellow board members, library management and staff members, City-Parish Government, and the public served by the library.

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