Application for Worcester County Library Board of Trustees

Library Mission Statement
The mission of the Worcester County Library is to encourage a love of reading, provide free access to information, and offer programs to serve and connect our communities.

Library Vision Statement
The Worcester County Library will be the leading community resource that fosters literacy, cultivates a love of learning, and helps individuals reach their full potential.

Selection of Library Board of Trustees:
The Board of Trustees members will be selected based on the current Annotated Code of Maryland - Laws of Maryland Relating to Public Libraries (23-403. Boards of library trustees)

Role of the Library Board of Trustees:
The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees governs the library to ensure community needs will be met with this mission and vision in mind. It is the trustee's obligation to act in the best interests of the library by advocating for adequate library funding for good current library service, to assist in planning for future library services and facilities, and to support the mission and vision of the library. The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees consists of seven members appointed by the Worcester County Commissioners from nominees submitted by the Board of Trustees. Members serve for a term of five years, for not more than two consecutive terms, and until a successor is appointed. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (except for July and August) and the meeting locations rotate among the five branch libraries. Board members are expected to make a commitment to active participation and consistent attendance at Library Board meetings, Library Board Committee meetings, and Library events and programs.

A Trustee shall:

- Be a resident of Worcester County
- Act as a liaison between the public and the Board of Trustees.
- Be knowledgeable regarding operations of the library.
- Consider confidential all matters pertaining to personnel and other situations of discretionary nature.
- Be involved in the continuing effort to improve library service.
- Maintain an unbiased attitude and remain flexible when considering policy changes.

Review of applications begins immediately and will be accepted until the vacancy is filled.

Return applications to: Worcester County Library
307 N. Washington Street
Snow Hill, MD 21863

OR email to: Jennifer Ranck, Library Director; jranck@worcesterlibraru.org

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Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

1. How do you feel our current library system enhances and impacts our community?

2. Explain what services the library provides that you find most useful personally.

3. What skills or experiences will you bring to the board? (i.e. studies, work, volunteer, etc.)

4. How do you interpret the role of a Library Board of Trustees member?

5. The Library subscribes to the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" and supports an individual's right to access ideas and information representing all views. Trustees have a responsibility to resist censorship of library materials regardless of personal feelings and beliefs. What would your response be to an attempt by an individual or group to remove materials from the library or restrict their access?