

**Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees
BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the Board shall be Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees, existing by virtue of the provisions of Code of Virginia 42.1-35 of the Laws of the State of Virginia and exercising the powers and authority and assuming the responsibilities delegated to it under the said statute.

ARTICLE II: TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed for terms of four years by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Terms shall run from July 1 through June 30. Board members may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. Immediately prior to appointment to a four-year term, members may also fill the remaining portion of an unexpired term. Trustees may be removed from office by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Code of Virginia 42.1-35.

ARTICLE III: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees should avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest and should recuse himself or herself from participating in deliberation, discussions, recommendations, or advice which might be interpreted as questionable or in borderline conflict of interest and which might be perceived as rendering direct personal or professional gain for himself or herself or for family members.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be a Chair and a Vice Chair, elected from among the appointed trustees at the annual meeting of the Board in June.

Section 2. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Chair and will present a slate of officers at the June annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 3. Officers shall serve a term of one year from the July meeting after they are elected until their successors are duly elected. Officers may be re-elected.

Section 4: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board, authorize calls for any special meetings, appoint all committees, execute all documents authorized by the Board, serve as an ex-officio voting member of all committees, and generally perform all duties associated with that office.

Section 5. The Vice Chair, in the event of the absence or disability of the Chair, or of a vacancy in that office, shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the Chair.

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Section 6. In the event of a vacancy in either office for a period of three months or longer, a special election will be held to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held monthly, pursuant to a schedule set by the Board. The Board shall have at least nine regular meetings per year.

Section 2. The annual meeting, which shall be for the purpose of the election of officers, shall be held at the time of the regular meeting in June of each year.

Section 3. The order of business and conduct of regular meetings shall be in accordance with the Rules of Order of the Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Section 4: Special meetings may be called by the Chair, or at the request of three members, for the transaction of business as stated in the call for the meeting.

Section 5: A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall consist of a majority of members of the Board.

Section 6: Remote participation in regular meetings by Trustees shall be in accordance with the Remote Participation Policy of the Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI: LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND STAFF

The Board shall appoint a qualified director who shall be the executive and administrative officer of the library on behalf of the Board and under its review and direction. The library director shall recommend to the Board the appointment of and specify the duties of other employees, and shall be held responsible for the proper direction and supervision of the staff for the care and maintenance of library property, for an adequate and proper selection of books and other library resources in keeping with the stated policy of the Board, for the efficiency of library service to the public, and for its financial operation within the limitations of the budgeted appropriation. The director shall make monthly reports to the Board.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Chair may appoint ad hoc committees of one or more members each for such specific purposes as the business of the Board may require from time to time. Each such committee shall be considered to be discharged upon the completion of the purpose for which it was appointed and after its final report is made to the Board.

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ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL

Section 1. An affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board present at the time shall be necessary to approve any action before the Board. The Chair may vote upon any proposal before the Board.

Section 2. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Board present and voting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting at which such action is proposed to be taken.

ARTICLE IX: GENERAL DUTIES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

- A. To secure adequate funds from private and public sources.
- B. To hire a capable, trained director.
- C. To determine library policies.
- D. To approve expenditures of library funds.
- E. To receive gifts to the library.
- F. To attend Board meetings regularly. Absence from more than three regular meetings in a 12-month period may serve as a basis for recommending removal of a trustee from the board.

It shall be in the general interest of the Library Board members to:

- G. Uphold the integrity of the Library and perform their duties impartially and diligently.
- H. Respect the opinions of their colleagues and not be critical or disrespectful when they disagree or oppose a viewpoint different than their own.
- I. Work actively for the improvement of all libraries by supporting library legislation in the state and nation.
- J. Become familiar with the state and federal aid programs and with state and national library standards.
- K. Become familiar with what constitutes good library service by reading, attending library meetings and visiting other libraries.
- L. Support the library's service program in daily contacts with the public at large.
- M. Attend and participate in special programs relating to Trustee development, including orientation and workshops.
- N. Encourage private funding in addition to public funding.

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