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Library Trustees Search for New Board Member

The Board of Trustees for the Cecil County Public Library is conducting a search for a candidate to be considered for appointment to the Board. Applicants must reside in Cecil County.

An application form may be obtained from any Cecil County Public Library branch, on the <u>website</u> or by emailing Luz Sellers, Administrative Assistant at Isellers@cecilcountylibrary.org. For first consideration, send completed applications, together with a resume, to the Cecil County Public Library, Office of the Director, 301 Newark Avenue, Elkton, MD 21921 by 5pm Friday, January 22, 2021. Applications may be submitted by paper or email. Interviews will be scheduled after January 25th and conducted via Zoom. For additional information contact Luz Sellers (410) 996-1055 x122.

The Cecil County Public Library is an award-winning system, recognized at the local, state and national level for innovation, leadership and responsiveness to community need, as shown by earning both the National Medal (the nation's highest honor for libraries) and most recently, the Outstanding Employee Award from the Citizens for Maryland Libraries. Throughout the pandemic, the Library has continued to serve all ages and information needs, from students and parents learning from home, to assisting struggling business entrepreneurs and extending enhanced signals in all library parking lots.

In the Spring of 2021, the Trustees and staff will open the new North East Branch Library, ushering in a new level of access, experiences, learning and connecting opportunities for the entire community. The second floor is dedicated to children, teens and families, and the first floor will host the Business Commons, Digital Media Lab, study rooms, meeting rooms, and collections for adults. "It's an exciting time to be a Library Trustee," stated Chair Steven Pearson. "From achieving early learning milestones to empowering workforce and business development- what other organization can help a toddler, a teenager, an entrepreneur, a farmer, and a senior citizen during the course of an afternoon? The Library ensures that every citizen has the tools to build successful lives and communities. As a Trustee, you will contribute meaningfully to your community and make a lasting difference that extends well beyond your term."

The Library Board of Trustees operates under the Laws of Maryland, Title 23 of the Education Article. The Library Board interviews applicants and submits its nominee to the County Executive. Next, the County appoints the trustee to a five-year term. Trustees receive no payment for their service.

Duties of CCPL Library Trustees are not limited to but include: setting library policy, monitoring library finances and approving the annual operating and capital budgets, strategic planning, advocating for library services and facilities with officials at the local and state level, and selecting locations and approving plans for library facilities development.

An <u>FAQ about Library Board Service</u> can be found on the <u>Board of Trustees</u> page of the website.

CCPL's mission is to Champion Reading, Build Knowledge, and Inspire Curiosity. For more information about the library system, please visit <u>www.cecilcountylibrary.org</u>