



Application for Board Membership

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Thank you for your interest in serving on the Anderson Public Library Board of Trustees. At Anderson Public Library, our mission is to **Inspire Curiosity, Fuel Imagination, and Build Community**. We strive to be more than just a repository of books—we are a hub for lifelong learning, a catalyst for creativity, and a cornerstone of connection within Anderson County.

As a trustee, you will play a key role in shaping the library's future by ensuring it remains a welcoming space for all, provides essential resources, and meets the evolving needs of our community. Trustees advocate for the library, guide strategic and policy decisions, and support its mission to enrich the lives of all Anderson County residents.

This is an opportunity to make a lasting impact by helping the library continue to inspire discovery, foster innovation, and bring people together in meaningful ways.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a resident and registered voter of Anderson County.
- Be available to attend monthly board meetings on the **third Tuesday at 6:00 PM**.
- Have no conflicts of interest, such as serving on other governing boards or city councils or being closely related to library staff.

Contact Information

- **Name:** _____
- **Address:** _____
- **City, State, ZIP:** _____
- **Phone (Cell/Home):** _____
- **Email:** _____

Questions

1. **How do you use the library?**

Please include how long you have been a library user and specific ways you engage with library resources or programs:

2. **What qualifications (experience, skills, education) would benefit the library board?**

3. **What is the library's most important role in the community?**

4. **What is your vision for the future of Anderson Public Library?**

5. **Identify one strength of Anderson Public Library and one area for improvement:**

- Strength: _____
- Improvement: _____

6. **Describe one opportunity and one challenge for the library in the next five years:**

- Opportunity: _____
- Challenge: _____

7. **Describe your commitment to intellectual freedom and equal access for Anderson County residents.**

How would you define intellectual freedom? How would you respond to a community member concerned about materials they find inappropriate in the collection?

8. **Why are you interested in becoming a library board member?**

9. **Are you able to attend monthly board meetings as required? Yes / No ***

*Absence of a trustee from four regular monthly meetings of the board during one year of the trustee's term shall constitute automatic resignation. This is counted on a rolling year basis.

Declaration and Signature

By signing below, I affirm that the information provided is accurate and that I understand the role and responsibilities of a board member.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Kentucky Public Library Trustee Information

Kentucky Public Library Trustees - Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

<https://kdla.ky.gov/Library-Support/Trustees/Pages/default.aspx>

APL Board of Trustees Information:

<https://aplkentucky.org/board-of-trustees/>

Procedure for filling an Anderson County Public Library Board vacancy [KRS 173.490]:

1. For each vacancy, the Board selects two [2] names of individuals committed to the provision of library service.
2. The names are submitted to the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.
3. The State Librarian and Commissioner approves the names and sends the recommendations to the local county Judge Executive.
4. The County Judge Executive may choose to accept those names or may ask for two new names.
5. The Board selects two [2] new names of individuals committed to the provision of library service.
6. The names are submitted to the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.
7. The State Librarian and Commissioner approves the names and sends the recommendations to the local county Judge Executive.
8. The County Judge Executive may choose to accept those names or may nominate someone else for the Board vacancy.
9. The County Judge Executive, with the approval of the Fiscal Court, appoints the person to the Board.
10. The newly appointed trustee takes the Oath of Office before the County Judge Executive or other judicial officer.

Board terms and compensation [KRS 173.490]:

1. Except for the initial establishment or filling unexpired terms, trustees may serve for two [2] consecutive terms [four years each] after which they shall not succeed themselves for at least one [1] year.
2. Members of the board shall not receive compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Board meetings and attendance [KRS 173.490]:

1. The board shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis once each month.
2. Absence of a trustee from four regular monthly meetings of the board during one year of the trustee's term shall constitute automatic resignation.

Conflict of interest [KRS 173.510]:

1. No person is eligible to this office who is directly or indirectly interested in the sale to the library of books, magazines, supplies, equipment, materials, insurance, or services for which library funds are expended.