

If you have additional questions about Board or library activities, please contact the Board member in your area or the Library Director.

**Serving on the
Board of Trustees
Trails Regional Library
District**

Trails Regional Library Board

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Library Director Jackie Hawes



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Who can be a member of the Library Board?

Residents of Johnson and Lafayette Counties are eligible to serve. Each county has 5 appointed members of the Board for a total of 10 members.

How long does a member serve on the Board?

Appointments are for 4 years and are staggered so that each year a portion of the Board is replaced (1 or 2 from each county). Terms begin on July 1 and a Board member may serve 2 full terms. A previous member may be reappointed after one year off the Board.

How are Board members selected?

The Library Board attempts to have balanced representation from served and underserved areas of both counties. Interested persons are encouraged to remove, complete and return the attached Board Nominee Information form. After discussion, the Library Board recommends nominees to the appropriate County Commission, which makes the appointments in June of each year.

When does the Board meet?

The Board typically meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except August & December). Meetings usually begin at 7:00 and are rotated among the 9 branch locations. In addition, an earlier start or a special meeting may occasionally be called.

What compensation do Board members receive?

The Library Board is a voluntary board and members are not paid for their time. The Library does reimburse Board members for mileage.

What responsibilities does the Board have?

Library Board members...

- ❖ Appoint and review the Library Director
- ❖ Approve and monitor the budget and set the annual levy
- ❖ Establish the policies by which the library district is governed
- ❖ Represent and support Trails Regional Library to their local community

It is expected that members can provide particular insight into the communities in which they reside but Library Board members must evaluate library services and make decisions based on the needs of the entire library district, even if it does not directly benefit their community.

The day-to-day operations of the library are the responsibility of the Director and other library staff.

What legal issues might affect Board members?

Under certain circumstances, Library Board members may be required to file financial disclosure statements with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

All meetings are subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law, with exceptions for specific real estate, personnel, legal or other actions.

Board Members are protected from most lawsuits because of sovereign immunity. Trails Regional Library district does provide Directors' and Officers' Insurance coverage.

Board Nominee Information

Complete and return to:
Library Director, Jackie Hawes



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____

By submitting this form, you are agreeing to be considered for appointment to the Board of Trustees. Appointments are made by the County Commissions of Johnson or Lafayette Counties.

Are you related to any member of the library staff? If so, whom?

Would decisions that are made by the Library Board conflict with your business or occupation? If yes, please explain:

List former and current activities and accomplishments in your community.

List prior experience serving as a board member (public or private).

What experience or skills can you bring to the Library Board?

What improvements to services or facilities should be made in the Library District?

Explain why you are interested in becoming a member of the Library Board.