

Join the Town Library Board

There are currently two vacancies on the Town Library Board. If you are interested, please contact Jane Cain, Library Director, 508-760-4820, ext. 1312 or jcain@yarmouth.ma.us, and fill out a Talent Bank form at town hall to initiate the application process.

Previous library experience is good, but not required. Do you have a curious mind and an interest in what public libraries do for their communities in this digital information age? Then, join us. This is also an opportunity to contribute to, and learn about, town government. The Library Board meets once a month (occasionally more.) In February, we'll select a new Chair and appoint a Board Secretary.

Notes on the Town Library Board, from one member and from the chair.

It goes without saying, a board member has to have an interest in the community and realize all things a library is and can be--not just a repository for books.

Be able to attend a monthly meeting--at present it is the third Thursday @ 5:30 pm. May also be called on to attend Board of Selectmen meetings and contribute to them.

Candidates should be willing to participate in group discussions.

Be aware that the board acts in an advisory position.

Be a good team player.

CHARGE FOR THE Yarmouth Town Library Board

GENERAL PURPOSE: To provide all residents of the Town of Yarmouth with modern, comprehensive, and readily accessible library and information services. These services are to be provided in an effective and publicly accountable manner.

SPECIFIC CHARGES: To adopt a set of by-laws consistent with this purpose, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen; to develop with the Library Director a well articulated, responsive and creative plan and policy; to plan for

adequate personnel, equipment, and facilities required to further this purpose; to review and recommend on the budget developed by the Library Director.

The Library Director will execute the plans and policies approved by the Library Board and has responsibility for administering the budget, directing the personnel, and managing library operations in accordance with existing town policies.

REPORT TO: The Library Board shall report on library governance and policy and planning issues on a regular basis to the Board of Selectmen through the Town Administrator. The Library Director is a municipal department head and reports to the Assistant Town Administrator, and represents the library at municipal, state, and federal meetings and functions.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION ASSIGNMENT: Library Division/Department of Community Services

MEMBERSHIP FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: Consisting of seven (7) voting at-large members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year overlapping terms. In addition, the Board of Selectmen may appoint a Yarmouth junior or senior student at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School as a non-voting member of the Yarmouth Library Board for a one-year term.

Date Adopted: Composition of Library Board modified by Selectmen vote of 8/25/2009; Original Board adopted by Selectmen vote 12/6/1994.