

A library board member is a trustee. A library operates for the benefit of the public and a library trustee is therefore required to act in the public interest. Carrying out this duty requires the library trustee to help develop and deliver good library service that meets the needs of the community by:

- Advocating on behalf of the library and communicating the value of public libraries to funders, decisionmakers, and the general public
- Securing adequate funding for library operations
- Ensuring the library is responsive to the needs of the community
- Providing governance and oversight (while leaving management to library staff)

City of Spruce Grove Library (SGPL) Trustees are skilled individuals with unique and valuable experience that include the following skills and core competencies:

- Strong passion for, interest in, and commitment to public libraries
- Previous board experience
- Clear understanding of good governance
- Understanding of what it means to be a “trustee”
- Knowledge of the Libraries Act, Library Regulation, and Best Practices for Libraries in Alberta
- Understanding of budget development and the budget process
- Experience in advocacy
- Experience with policy development
- Excellent communication skills

SGPL will offer you:

- training and development to support you in your role as a Public Library Trustee
- opportunities to participate in events that highlight the public library in the community
- an opportunity to positively impact our community through public library service

Expectations and typical time requirements of a Board member include:

- attendance at monthly Board meetings
- service on and meeting attendance at one or more Board committees (i.e. Finance, Advocacy, Policy)
- attendance at Board events and activities
- participation in Board professional development
- fulfillment of the significant time commitments this position requires

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