



## **Application for Worcester County Library Board of Trustees**

### **Library Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Worcester County Library is to promote reading, thinking, learning, and the enjoyment of the arts.

### **Library Vision Statement:**

The Library serves as the community's learning center where the pursuit of knowledge, the exploration of the arts, and positive interactions are encouraged through innovative educational and cultural opportunities for all.

### **Role of the Library Board of Trustees:**

The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees governs the library to ensure community needs will be met with this mission and vision in mind. It is the trustee's obligation to act in the best interests of the library by advocating for adequate library funding for good current library service, to assist in planning for future library services and facilities, and to support the mission and vision of the library. The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees consists of seven members appointed by the Worcester County Commissioners. This is a five-year term. Trustees may serve two consecutive terms. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (except for July and August) and the meeting locations rotate among the five branch libraries. Board members are expected to make a commitment to active participation and consistent attendance.

A Trustee shall:

- Act as a liaison between the public and the Board of Trustees.
- Be knowledgeable regarding operations of the library.
- Consider confidential all matters pertaining to personnel and other situations of discretionary nature.
- Be involved in the continuing effort to improve library service.
- Make all comments on library operations to the Director through Board channels.
- Maintain an unbiased attitude and remain flexible when considering policy changes.

Review of applications begins immediately and will be accepted until the vacancy is filled.

Return applications to: Worcester County Library  
307 N. Washington Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

OR email to: Jennifer Ranck, Library Director  
jranck@worcesterlibrary.org

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

1. What makes the library's mission meaningful to you?
2. Can you attend the monthly meetings? (Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am, except for July and August. Meeting locations rotate among the five library branches.)
3. What ideas or programs would you like to pursue during your term of board membership?
4. The Library subscribes to the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" and supports an individual's right to access ideas and information representing all views. Trustees have a responsibility to resist censorship of library materials regardless of personal feelings and beliefs. What would your response be to an attempt by an individual or group to remove materials from the library or restrict their access?