

Mercer County Public Library Trustee Application

The Mercer County Public Library Board of Trustees protects and advances the interests of the broader community by effectively governing the operations and promoting the development of the local public library. Applicants should be active and informed; be prepared to participate fully in board meetings, respect fellow members and work together with them as a team; understand the role of all involved; avoid conflicts of interest; advocate for the library; and provide the highest quality of service.

Trustee terms are four years unless the appointee is filling an unexpired term. This position requires attendance at monthly board meetings. This is an unpaid, volunteer position appointed by the Mercer County Fiscal Court.

Potential Incompatibility of Office:

- Are you related to any library employee closer than a second cousin? ____ Y ____ N
- Do you serve as an elected state or local official; or on a county board? ____ Y ____ N
- Do you own or work for a company that does business with the library? ____ Y ____ N

Additional information may be requested to confirm eligibility.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am a resident of Mercer County in the following area (for example, Burgin, Cornishville, Harrodsburg, Salvisa):

I am an active cardholder at Mercer County Public Library: ____ Y ____ N

The library board should reflect the community it serves by appointing active and committed residents, regardless of their various characteristics such as race, gender, age, religion, disability, etc. The board should represent a wide range of perspectives, ideas, and expertise to improve decision-making and consider the needs of all community members. It should offer an environment in which everyone is valued and given equal opportunities to contribute, demonstrating a commitment to equitable, relevant, and accessible services for everyone in Mercer County.

If needed, please use additional sheets to answer the following questions.

1. Please describe how you would bring a unique viewpoint or background to the board.

2. How do you use the library? Please be specific and include how long you have been a library user.

3. Please describe any qualifications (experience, education, skills/training, or interests) that you feel would be beneficial to the work of the library board and benefit the library.

4. Please describe any previous or current community service activities or accomplishments.

5. Please describe your commitment to intellectual freedom and equal access for the residents in your community.

6. Please explain why you are interested in becoming a library trustee.

7. Please briefly discuss the goals and directions that you believe should be important to the library to ensure excellent and sustainable service in the future.

Signature: _____ Date: _____