



The Youngstown Free Library is recruiting new board members and we are delighted that you are considering joining the team!

We believe, it's a great privilege to share in serving one of the most important cultural and informational resources in our community. The library is an access point for the literature, science, history, discoveries, thoughts and dreams of our world and universe. It expands our knowledge, introduces us to ideas, feeds our curiosity and challenges our creativity. As a Trustee with the Youngstown Free Library, you will become a well-informed champion of our library and visibly support efforts as we reimagine and re-brand our library as a vital community gathering place and resource in the digital era.

Still interested? Well, kiss your image of a library as a book warehouse goodbye, and say hello to a community and gathering place in the 21st century. Armed with knowledge and action, the Youngstown Free Library Trustees are a formidable force.

You probably have lots of questions. I have included several links to local, regional and national resources. Before you dive into the details, I'd like to share some essential information about our board. Below is a summary of what a three-year tour as a Trustee would involve.

As a member of the Board, you would serve for a three-year term which can be extended to a second or perhaps a third three-year term. There are monthly meetings, usually held on the fourth Monday of the month, with the exception of August and December. A set of by-laws and policies guide our operations. The by-laws require that officers be elected including a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Trustees are also appointed to committees such as the Executive, Nominating, Finance, Personnel, Scholarship and Vision Committees.

Every Trustee makes a personal commitment to contribute time and energy to carry out our duties which include regular attendance at meetings, adopting the Library budget, adopting and revising policies as needed, planning and evaluating the Library's program and securing adequate funding.

We are seeking new Trustees to help us create and implement our plan for the future. We hope that you will want to join our dedicated Board of Trustees.

If you are interested in learning more and receiving an application, please phone the Library at: 716-745-3555

Sincerely,
Chair, Nominating Committee
Youngstown Free Library Board of Trustees

Online Resources for Trustees:

<http://nioqatrusters.org/>
<http://www.nylto.org/course/index.php?categoryid=2>
<https://www.nyla.org/max/index.html>
www.librarytrustees.org/
<http://www.ala.org/>



Application for Library Board of Trustee

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____

Number of years as a Town of Porter resident _____

Education:

Work experience, skills, and talents:

Organizations you belong to:

Why have you decided to seek a position on the Board of Trustees?

What specific talents or skills do you possess that you could offer to the Board/Library?
(Please include level of expertise with technology):

Other comments or questions:

Please attach any additional information/comments you wish to this application.

Return completed applications to:

Youngstown Free Library
Attn: Chair, Nominating Committee
Board of Trustees
240 Lockport Street
Youngstown, NY 14174

"It is our willingness to take on important issues, and help our communities find solutions, that ensures that libraries will always be an integral part of our communities."
Barbara Stripling, President of the New York Library Association