

Dear Public Library Trustee:

Providing public library service in today's information age is very challenging. Leadership by public library trustees is essential if public libraries are to provide high quality service for their communities. Great public libraries require dedicated trustees. The purpose of this manual is to provide information and resources that will make your work as a trustee more successful and more rewarding. Just as the role of the library in your community is constantly changing to meet the needs of residents, this manual is designed so that changes can be easily made to better meet the needs of trustees. Your suggestions for additions and recommendations for changes will be welcomed.

Your willingness to undertake oversight of your public library is much appreciated. Trustees have the opportunity to impact their community through education for residents of all ages. We hope this manual provides tools to assist in your work. Congratulations on your appointment to your library's board of trustees and best wishes for continued success in your important work.

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