

How Library Trustees Can Help in the Overall Program

1. Speaking to various groups, individuals, and organizations – civic, business, professional, and social – about library programs, services and facilities.
2. Finding out the community's reaction to the library and its services, including program suggestions and other improvements, and keeping informed about the library's overall plan.
3. Keeping county and city governing authorities and state legislative representatives informed of library progress and needs. Participate in Legislative Day! It's important for state legislators to know what the library means to their constituents.
4. Supporting library legislation that improves and extends library service. For example, maintaining and increasing the State Aid to Public Libraries grant fund and Library Services and Technology Act federal grant programs.

Board members can help contribute to the public relations program especially in the political arena.

Often Trustee Board members are appointed by city or county governing authorities or chosen to act as citizen representatives on the library board because of their wide background in community affairs.

These backgrounds can be assets because the individuals appointed may have the power of persuasion for the benefit of the library's total program.

Working closely with the librarian @ your library with program stories, statistics, and news makes your message to the community a powerful and consistent voice.

