

**To the Flathead County Commissioners,**

**Hello,**

**My name is Bruce Guthrie and I would like to be considered as a trustee for the next opening on the Flathead County Library Board.**

**I taught English Language Arts and history for 27 years and feel strongly about the library's mission and future. With the present flexibility in my schedule, I thought it was time for me to become more involved in the community I have called home for 25 years and that ImagineIf was a great place to do it.**

**Please accept the following application and contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to talking with you further.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bruce Guthrie**

## IMAGINEIF LIBRARIES BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Name: Bruce Guthrie

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

1. How did you learn about the open position on the Library Board?

The open position was made known in the newspaper and on the Flathead County website.

2. In what ways do you feel connected to the library's mission?

As an educator for 27 years, I have a deep and abiding faith in the role of libraries in a Democratic-Republic. I have fond memories of the local library of my hometown from a very early age. I have long admired the quality of our library system in Flathead County and believe that the library is a lynchpin of the community.

3. Why are you interested in serving on the Board?

As repositories of knowledge, places of research, community hubs and a local institution that makes access to information attainable to every citizen, I feel strongly about maintaining the integrity of our library system as it has functioned for many decades. I have wanted to contribute to my community with service and the Library Board is an opportunity that is a good fit with my background as an educator.

4. Do you have any previous leadership or board service experience? Please provide information about current and previous board experience.

I have served on various committees throughout my career in teaching. I supervised and evaluated teachers in the private school when I worked in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. I co-produced a community event celebrating Martin Luther King every year since 2010.

5. What kinds of skills or expertise can you offer to the Board? How will the organization benefit from your participation?

Serving on teams and committees over my years of teaching has taught me the listening and allowing people to express views and opinions is essential to the success of any corporate endeavor. I am an astute researcher and am willing to put in the time and effort required to study and understand a topic in order to act on it in the best interests of the library and its mission.

6. Will your schedule allow you to regularly attend board meetings? And, participate in committee work between meetings?

I have the flexibility to attend board meetings and participate in committee work at various times.

7. Our trustees are all certified through the Montana State Library and attend trainings both locally and at the State level.  
[http://libraries.msl.mt.gov/library\\_development/certification](http://libraries.msl.mt.gov/library_development/certification)  
Will your schedule allow you to attend trainings?

I would be able to attend trainings.

**Please provide three references who could speak to your ability to serve on the ImagineIF Libraries Board of Trustees:**

Name: Sean O'Donnell

Title: Flathead High School Chair of Social Studies

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Name: Marshall Noice

Title: Owner, Montana Modern Fine Art

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Name: Jandy Cox

Title: Owner, Rocky Mountain Outfitter

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