

IMAGINEIF LIBRARIES BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

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

I learned of the open position on the Flathead County Library Board of Trustees from an article in the Daily Interlake. I had read previous articles detailing the turmoil affecting the library and have been concerned about the future of the institution.

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

While I cannot find a mission statement for the library, I see that there is a sentence here defining the library's historic mission as "providing safe and fair access to information through books, programs and other media". I feel connected to the idea that this library should be more than a repository of books, but should be a place where Flathead County residents can access information, dreams, possibilities and a world where the imagination can allow us to journey without limits.

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

As a person who is retired, I seek to volunteer for situations within the community in which I feel that I am interested, able to be of service and capable of contributing in a meaningful manner. I view the library as a vital component of a vibrant and growing community and I wish to contribute to the growth and continuing success of the Flathead County library system. It is essential to the intellectual health of our residents, both young and old.

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

I have served on the Kalispell City Board of Adjustment for two terms both as a member and an officer. I also served on the Middlefork QRU, again as a member and as President. These instances provided me with the opportunity to engage in the function of community organizations in both a leadership and a participant role. During my working life I have served in various roles at the top and the bottom of organizations, on committees and boards so as to appreciate the fact that when people work together the accomplishments are greater.

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

My educational background covers engineering, finance, economics and business management which would provide me with useful and necessary tools to perform the functions of a library trustee's position as outlined in the information

accompanying this application. These would include personnel administration, budgeting, policy establishment and implementation, and operations management. I believe that the board would benefit from my participation as an energetic team player who is a strong advocate of the library system.

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

I am retired and my schedule is very flexible. I see no reason why I would not be able to attend regularly scheduled board meetings or to participate in committee work between meetings.

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

Will your schedule allow you to attend trainings?

Again, I see nothing that would preclude me from attending training sessions either locally or at the state level.

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

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