

What is a Library Board?

The Library Board is a governing board that gets its authority from the Public Libraries Act. The Library Board develops its strategic plan that determines strategic direction, outlines strategic priorities, and ensures the Library provides programs and services that meet the community's needs.

Benefits of being a Library Board member

SCPL Board members can impact the future of their community by contributing ideas and skills to shape the Library's services. SCPL is an essential service in St. Catharines connecting people to ideas and community to culture.

By donating your time and talents as a Library Board member, you can ensure the success and longevity of this community service.



Visit Us

Central Library
54 Church Street

Dr. Huq Family Library Branch
425 Carlton Street

Merritt Branch
149 Hartzel Road

Port Dalhousie Branch
23 Brock Street

Holds & Books To Go Locker
Seymour-Hannah Sports and
Entertainment Centre
240 St. Paul Street West

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Library Board

Is being a Board Member right for you?

Responsibilities of Library Board members

- Attend monthly board meetings
- Provide strategic direction and governance of SCPL through financial stewardship and accountability, policy framework, CEO support and oversight, and advocacy
- Act as an advocate for the Library in the community and with Municipal Council
- Provide support in policy development
- Support fundraising efforts
- Attend Library events & network on behalf of the organization
- Evaluate the strategic direction of the Library and adjust as necessary
- Evaluate Board effectiveness and adjust as necessary

Skills we seek in Library Board members

You don't need to have loads of board experience to be a valued asset to SCPL. Here are a few skills we seek in board members to create a well-rounded board:

- Governance
- Finance
- Legal
- HR
- Strategic planning
- Marketing and public relations

How much time is required?

The Board meets on the third Thursday each month, with the exception of July, August, and December. Board members can expect to spend at least five (5) hours each month on board business (attending regular meetings, committee meetings, committee work and reviewing board documents).

How long is a board term?

A board term is four (4) years. It begins as soon as the newly elected Municipal Council appoints a new Library Board and runs concurrently with the term of the Council.

The term officially ends when a new board is appointed by the Council.

Do you qualify?

- At least 18 years old
- A Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada
- A resident of the City of St. Catharines
- Not employed by the City of St. Catharines or the St. Catharines Public Library Board

How to apply to become a Library Board member

Applying to be an SCPL Board member is easy! Following the municipal election, the City Clerk's office will organize a recruitment fair in early 2023. Afterwards, interested individuals are invited to apply through the City's online application portal.

Follow SCPL on social media to see updates around application opening and deadlines.

