



# HUDSON LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

96 LIBRARY STREET · HUDSON, OHIO · 44236

## Trustee Application Packet 2024 Board of Trustees

Name	Date
Address	Home Phone
Email Address	Cell Phone
How long have you lived in Hudson?	
What is your occupational background?	
What is your educational background?	
Why do you want to be a Trustee?	



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Library Board members serve on one or more of the three standing committees: Finance, Philanthropy and Nominating committees. Which committees would be of interest to you? Why? What strengths would you bring to these committees?

What Library services do you and your family use?

The Board is accountable for the public and private funds entrusted to its administration. As such, it must ensure public funds are used properly, secure adequate funding and monitor investment policy. What experience do you have with budgeting, investing, and/or fundraising?

Have you participated in civic activities? If so, what was the range and depth of your involvement?



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Based on your own experience, which library programs or services would you recommend to others? Is there a particular aspect of your experience with HLHS or HLHS program or service you would commend?

What recommendation would you make for the Hudson Library?

What is your favorite book? What do you like about this book?



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Please list three references.

Name

Phone and Email Address

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I understand that:

- Members of the Board of Trustees are elected, not appointed. I must be present at the Election on February 25, 2024 at 2:00 pm to be considered for the election.
- Trustees serve without compensation
- HLHS Trustees are expected to abide by all current library policies, in particular the ALA Library Bill of Rights, Trustee Conflict of Interest Policy, HLHS Mission Statement and Ethics Statement. (Copies of these policies are included with this application.)
- Individuals elected to the Board are expected to attend all meetings of the full Board and those of any subcommittee to which he/she may be assigned.

I meet the requirements for candidacy as of the date of this application

- ☐ I have a current Library Card
- ☐ I am at least 18 years of age
- ☐ I have been a resident of Hudson for at least two years

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Questions and requests for additional information may be directed to:  
Samuel Barnett at 703.424.6446 or by email at [sbarnett@goeaston.net](mailto:sbarnett@goeaston.net)

Please submit your application in person or by mail to the Circulation Desk at The Hudson Library, 96 Library Street, Hudson, Ohio 44236, no later than Friday, January 26, 2024.

Thank you for your interest. A member of the Nominating Committee will contact you with further information.



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## Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background or views of those contributing to their creation.

Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views.

Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public should make facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

Adopted June 18, 1948 by the American Library Association Council

Amended February 2, 1961, June 17, 1967, and January 23, 1980.

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Adopted 12/11/00

Trustees must, in general, avoid situations in which their personal interests conflict with the needs of the Library. This extends particularly to decisions involving financial transactions entered into by the Library. Each year Trustees are asked to review the Statement of Ethics for Library Trustees (Ohio Public Library Trustees' Handbook) as well as this Conflict of Interest Statement. These policies are intended to guide each Trustee's decisions on behalf of the Library.

A conflict of interest shall be defined as any situation in which the personal interests of a Trustee might be served or financial benefit gained at the expense of Library users or at the expense of the institution itself. A direct conflict exists whenever there is a proposed transaction or arrangement in which a Trustee has any actual or potential involvement, interest, relationship or gain. An indirect conflict exists in the following situations: when any party involved in a transaction with the Library is an entity in which the trustee has a material or financial interest; or if a trustee as an affiliation with a party involved in a transaction with the Library.

Should any trustee perceive a direct or indirect conflict of interest, it must be brought to the attention of the Board immediately. The Board shall examine the nature and extent of the potential conflict; any resolution shall hold the Library's interest paramount as well as maintain the Board's integrity in its governing role.

I have read the above Conflict of Interest Policy and the attached Statement of Ethics for Library Trustees, and agree to abide by the rules set forth therein.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## A Statement of Ethics for Library Trustees

Trustees must promote the highest level of library service while observing ethical standards.

Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues, or the institution.

It is incumbent upon any trustee to disqualify himself/herself immediately whenever the appearance of a conflict of interest exists.

Trustees must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution.

A trustee must respect the confidential nature of library business while being aware of and in compliance with that particular state's freedom of information act.

Trustees must be prepared to support to the fullest the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.

Trustees who accept appointment to a library board are expected to perform the duties and responsibilities of a trustee.

*Endorsed by the Board of Directors of the American Library Trustee Association and the public Library Association, July 1985*

I have read the above Statement of Ethics for Library Trustees, and agree to abide by its terms.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_





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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Hudson Library and Historical Society, known for its commitment to intellectual freedom, shall meet its patrons' needs for educational, informational and entertainment resources and services in a timely, responsive, and dependable manner. The Hudson Library and Historical Society will provide access to information, assist in preservation of community history, and provide genealogical and historical resources.

My signature indicates that I have read and support the Hudson Library and Historical Society Mission Statement.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Additional applications can be accessed  
at:<https://www.hudsonlibrary.org/about/administrationboard-of-trustees/>