

Trustee Training Week

August 22-26, 2016

Duties of the 21st Century Library Board

Monday, August 22

Presented by Pat Wagner, Siera Learn

Library boards, whether appointed or elected, advisory or governing, have oversight over the director, as well as approve of the budget, the strategic plan, and the policies. Micromanagement is a mistake, as well as what we call the "captive board", which does nothing. So what are the duties of the library board and its members in relationship to directors, staff, volunteers, and the greater community?

Engaged Planning: Ask What You Can Do For Your Community

Tuesday, August 23

Presented by Cindy Fesemyer, Director of the Columbus (WI) Public Library

Which communities are served by your library? What are the aspirations of those communities? How can your library help them get there? These answers can be found via your planning process. Cindy Fesemyer will walk you through the steps you might take as you begin planning for your library and the community it serves. Starting with a brief peek at data collection options, the webinar will focus on what it means for your library to "turn outward" and secure its place at the heart of your community.

The Green to Dream: Preparing for a Capital Campaign

Wednesday, August 24

Presented by Karen Rose, Principal Consultant with Library Strategies

Your community needs a new library but public funding comes up short. Consider expanding your funding resources to include private donors and build the library your community deserves. Learn the steps to conducting a successful capital campaign, including feasibility studies, campaign planning and leadership recruitment.

Ensuring Director Success

Thursday, August 25

Presented by Catherine Hakala-Ausperk, Consultant for Libraries Thrive Consulting

If you ask most library board members what the most important part of their job is, many will say it's hiring the director. That's only half right. After hiring, their job has just begun. Like every other person at the library, the director needs support, motivation, encouragement, growth, challenge and feedback in order to be successful. In other words, boards can't just hire a director, they have to manage them, too. This webinar will describe how to create a healthy, effective and supportive relationship between the board and the library director that can help both the individuals and the organizations involved succeed.

Wisconsin Trustees: You Ask, We'll Answer

Friday, August 26

Panelists: John Thompson, Director Indianhead Federated Library System; Bruce Gay, Director, Milwaukee County Federated Library System; Jaime Healy-Plotkin, Trustee, South Central Library System and Madison Public Library

Unsure of how library systems function in Wisconsin? Confused on how Chapter 43 affects libraries? Three panelists, including two library system directors and a library and system board trustee, will be available to discuss frequently asked questions of Wisconsin library trustees. Their combined experiences of trustee training, years of leadership, and board service will shed some light on even the most confusing topics. Whether you are a seasoned library trustee or a newcomer, this is a great opportunity to get your questions answered and be part of a worthwhile discussion.