

Join the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board!



About us

The Fort Saskatchewan Public Library (FSPL) is a registered Canadian charitable organization that provides resources, services and programs to meet community needs for leisure, study and information in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Would you like to volunteer with the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library? Join our Board!

We're looking for passionate individuals dedicated to championing our **mission** of empowering literacy, community and connection and who will uphold our **values** for:

- Community and Partnerships
- Innovation
- Intellectual freedom
- Literacy and Lifelong learning
- Safe space and Inclusion!



Learn more about the FSPL Board at fortsask.ca

What are some reasons people might want to join the FSPL Board?

- Opportunity to give back to the community.
- Chance to be part of a well-respected governance body.

How do FSPL Board members impact the Fort Saskatchewan community?

- Board members are the champions of the Library and intellectual freedom.
- Board members promote and advocate for the Library's continued funding and support.
- They help maintain relationships with other libraries and community agencies.
- They support programs, initiatives, and lifelong learning.
- They are stewards of the Library who oversee the Library finances to ensure the funds are being used wisely and efficiently.

What's the time commitment? Is it possible to be a Board member with a full-time job?

People could definitely have a full time job!

There are monthly meetings held in the Library and usually no meetings in July and August. Meetings are in the evening from 6:30 to about 8:00 pm on the second Monday of the month.

In addition, Board members attend one of two sub-committee meetings alternating each month at 6:00pm. It is not a large time commitment outside of the meetings.

Board members are asked to volunteer at the trade show once a year.

How long is each term?

Three years.

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How do people apply?

Applicants go through an interview process once the City has called for letters of application. A posting will be added to the City of Fort Saskatchewan website, the Library website, and it will be advertised in media. You can also contact Tricia Wall if you wish to receive an email when the Application is open.

Do people apply for a specific position or do they apply to the Board and are given a position?

People apply to be on the Board and positions are discussed at the first meeting.

What background should people have to join the Board?

We are happy to have people from diverse backgrounds. Our only must haves are a passion for Libraries and a love of Intellectual Freedom.

Applicants should:

- Understand the community and its needs.
- Uphold public library values, including intellectual freedom.
- Commit time to attend Board meetings, committee meetings, planning sessions, and special events.
- Be open to learning and using modern technology, including tablets and other electronic devices.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills.
- Represent the Library effectively within the community.
- Have a strong desire to make a positive impact.

What does the Board do?

The Board oversees a valued Fort Saskatchewan service, FSPL.

The Board's responsibilities include creating and approving library governance policies, reviewing and approving operating and capital budgets, and contributing to the Plan of Service. In addition to governance, the Board also focuses on advocacy to secure funding and resources needed to achieve FSPL's Mission and Vision.

What kinds of tasks are people expected to fulfil as a Board member?

Board members typically fulfill a variety of tasks, including:

- **Strategic Planning:** Helping to develop the Library's long-term goals and objectives.
- **Policy Development:** Reviewing policies that govern the Library's operations.
- **Financial Oversight:** Ensuring that the Library's finances are managed responsibly and efficiently.
- **Community Engagement:** Building relationships with other community organizations and advocating for the Library's continued support.
- **Staff Supervision:** Hiring and evaluating the Library Director.
- **Public Relations:** Representing the Library to the community and promoting its services.
- **Governance:** Ensuring that the Library complies with all relevant laws and regulations.

Who can people contact if they have questions?

The Library Director, Tricia Wall at twall@fspl.ca



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