



PUBLIC NOTICE

Board of Trustee Vacancy

The Avon Lake Public Library Board of Trustees seeks a dedicated member of the community to serve out a 7-year term, 2018 through December 2024. Interested persons are invited to fill out an application form, which may be obtained at the Circulation desk or from the Library's website, apl.org. Completed applications should be returned to the Library no later than Friday, December 29, 2017.

The Board of Library Trustees meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month; in addition, there may be occasional committee work. A genuine interest in the Library and a willingness to devote the necessary time are important factors in selection.

For questions regarding this trustee position, please contact William Rutger, Library Director, at wrutger@avonlake.lib.oh.us or 440.933.8128.



Avon Lake Public Library
Board of Trustees
APPLICATION

7-year term: January 2018 - December 31, 2024

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone # _____

of years a resident of Avon Lake _____ # of visits to a library in past year _____

Previous volunteer or official connection with a public library: _____

Expertise which can be helpful for library governance: _____

Civic involvement: _____

Are you able to attend: Monthly Board meetings _____ Trustee training _____
[2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.]

Tell us about yourself: _____

Why are you interested in serving as a trustee of the Library? _____

Return application to Avon Lake Public Library - Attn: Director - by **Friday, December 29, 2017**.
Three delivery options: 1.) in person, at the Circulation desk
2.) mail to: Avon Lake Public Library | 32649 Electric Blvd. | Avon Lake, OH 44012
3.) scan and e-mail to: wrutger@avonlake.lib.oh.us



Avon Lake Public Library Board of Trustee Overview

By the Numbers

- Avon Lake Public Library is a school district library (“type,” as per the *Ohio Revised Code*) that first opened its doors to the public in 1931.
- Has an operating budget of approximately \$2.9 million. The fiscal year is the calendar year.
- Holds approximately 140,000 items, including digital media, in its various collections.
- Employs a staff of 32 FTEs (18 full-time | 30 part-time).
- Serves a community of 23,000 people, with approximately 25,000 library card holders.
- Circulation of library materials averages 575,000 items per year.
- The Library’s building is approximately 54,000 square feet. The addition was added in 1994; renovation of the build-out was completed in March 2015.

Sources of Operating Revenue

- 75 percent - Local Operating Levy (2.8 mills); renewal levy was passed in March 2016.
- 20 percent - Public Library Fund (currently, statewide support of 1.67 percent of all tax revenues to the State’s General Fund, divided among Ohio’s 88 counties).
- 5 percent - Other (fines, fees, interest, gifts, refunds, etc.).

Appointing and Taxing Authority

The Avon Lake City Schools Board of Education:

- Appoints Library trustees.
- Approves the Library’s annual proposed budget (for the following fiscal year).
- Places library levies/bond issues on the ballot, as per the Library Board’s request.

Board of Library Trustees

- Comprised of seven (7) trustees. Trustees are appointed to terms of seven (7) years and may serve a maximum of two (2) terms, not to exceed 14 years, as per the Board’s by-laws. Appointments are staggered, i.e., one 7-year term ends on December 31 of each year.
- The Library Board exists as per the provisions of Chapter 3375.15 of the *Ohio Revised Code*.
- The Board has three primary responsibilities: 1) policymaking/policy approval; 2) fiscal oversight; 3) hiring and termination. The Board also decides on Library ballot issues.
- Powers of the Board are vested in it as a board, none at all in the individual members.

