Newfane Public Library
2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane NY 14108 www.NewfaneLibrary.org
Phone & Fax: (716) 778-9344 NewfaneLibrary@nioga.org

Prospective Board Member

Applicants interested in serving as a board member should first read and understand the expectations and rules of Board membership, read, and understand the library's mission statement, and submit a completed application in a timely fashion.

A candidate for election as a Trustee must be a legal resident of the Newfane Central School District of Newfane, New York (the "District"), and must have been eligible to vote in the previous District election and otherwise meet the requirements for election as a Trustee set forth in applicable provisions of the Education Law. Trustees shall be elected by the eligible voters of the District in accordance with those provisions.

Newfane Public Library Board of Trustees are charged with five primary responsibilities:

1. Advocate for the library in the community and advocate for the community as a member of the library board.
2. Plan for the future of the library.
3. Monitor and evaluate the overall effectiveness of the library.
4. Set library policies.
5. Hire and evaluate the library director.

Newfane Public Library Board of Trustees expectations:

- Support the mission of the Newfane Public Library
- Work as part of a cohesive team with common goals.
- Share skills and expertise.
- Dedicate time to attend board meetings.
- Have no more than three absences from board meetings per year.
- Participate actively in Board meetings, committees, fundraisers, and library events.
- Respect and support the majority decisions of the Board.
- Represent all those whom the library serves.
- Declare conflicts of interest as it pertains to your position on the Board and abstain from voting when appropriate.

Prospective Board Member Application

Due: April 23, 2024

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Occupation: _____ Retired? _____

Business Address: _____

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Bus. Email: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Please check the areas of expertise/contributions you feel you can make to further the mission of the Newfane Public Library:

___ Advocacy

___ Affiliations

___ Finance/Accounting

___ Media/Public Relations

___ Fundraising

___ Public Speaking

___ Special Events

___ Human Resources/Personnel

___ Program Evaluation

___ Nonprofit Experience

___ Strategic Planning

___ Policy Development

___ Grant Writing

Library Experience (please describe): _____

Other: _____

By signing below, I attest that the information I have provided is true and correct. Additionally, my signature represents my agreement to the following statements:

- I understand and agree to the Newfane Public Library Board of Directors expectations;
- I understand and agree to the Newfane Public Library Board of Directors responsibilities;
- I agree to participate pursuant to the policies, procedures, and bylaws of the Newfane Public Library;
- and I understand that if conflicts prevent me from performing the responsibilities and expectations as a Board Member, I may be removed from the Board by a majority vote.

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Signature Date

Along with this application please submit a 1 paragraph Bio as well as 25 signatures on the signature page by April 23, 2024 to:

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Attn: Christina Wright

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LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION REQUIRED FORM

By our respective signatures, each of us certifies that we are at least 18 years of age, eligible to vote in the last school election and reside in the Newfane School District and that we support the nomination of:

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for election as a Trustee of the Newfane Public Library (minimum 25 signatures)

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