



improve lives and build a stronger community by serving on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library operates under the leadership and guidance of a volunteer Board of Trustees whose members give generously of their time, talent and support to further the Library’s mission. The Board consists of eleven trustees, ten of whom are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and one of whom is appointed by the Board of Education.

ROLE OF THE BOARD:

The roles and responsibilities of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library Board of Trustees include assistance with planning, advocacy, and community engagement to support the provision of high-quality public library service to the citizens of Mecklenburg County.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees is a governing board which serves the community by being legally responsible for the control and management of the library. The Board of Trustees hires, directs and advises the Library CEO, adopts organizational policies and an annual budget, and serves as principal advocate for the organization.

EXPECTATIONS OF TRUSTEES:

- Represent and serve as the voice of the community
- Prep for and attend all board and committee meetings
- Help support the budget process and work to ensure adequate funding for the Library
- Advise and support the CEO
- Provide oversight and input of the Library’s physical locations and digital capabilities
- Adopt bylaws and review them annually
- Recruit to ensure board diversity, expertise
- Adopt or recommend library policies
- Promote library services, programs, and events
- Participate in strategic and long-range planning

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT:

7 hours per month, including:

- Monthly Board Meetings (2 hours each)
- One (1) Committee Meeting per month (2 hours each - current Board Committees: Real Estate, Finance, Customer & Community Impact, Nominating and Governance)
- Special Retreats (Quarterly – 4 hours each)
- Community/Library Events (Approximately 5 per year; 2 hours each)

QUICK LIBRARY FACTS - ANNUAL

- 21 locations, 1 Mobile Library, 1 shared administrative service center
- FY 2021 Adopted Budget: \$41.6M
- 465 Employees
- Total circulation: 5.2M items
- Digital circulation: 2.4M items
- Customer satisfaction: 97.3%
- 1,421 volunteers contribute 53,386 hours (pre-pandemic)
- Active cardholders: 301,000
- Library Foundation raised \$1.2M in annual support in FY2021 while also working towards CommonSpark overall campaign goal of \$143M