

Agenda
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Cape Charles Memorial Library
201 Mason Avenue
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Public Comments

Approving the December Minutes

Of Immediate Concern

- Defining the Role and the Mission of our Library Board

Moving Forward

- Town and Library Strategic Plan

Other items

- Town Read
- Periodical donation

Ann and Sharon Present their December/January Library Nuggets

Action Items

Adjournment

Please inform the Chairperson if you cannot make this meeting: richburger530@gmail.com

Library Boards, Mission and Purpose

Cape Charles Memorial Library Board

Bylaws

Article II, Governance

Section 2.1 Trustees

The Library shall be governed by the Board, which shall have such duties and obligations as may be provided by the Code of Virginia and as may be specified by the Library of Virginia.

Library Board, State of Virginia – The Library Board consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. The Library Board is a policy board. It determines the scope of the Library's collection, establishes policy concerning what books are kept, housed, or exhibited by the state library, promotes education in the area of history and library and archival science in the commonwealth and enters into agreements with institutions and organizations with similar purposes.

Virginia Beach - The Public Library Board is appointed by City Council, Board is responsible for making recommendations to the Director of Libraries and also to City Council on all phases of library strategic planning, policies and issues critical to community goals and aspirations.

Cape Charles Memorial Library – The mission of the Cape Charles Memorial Library is to offer patrons a window on a larger world, providing resources to educate and stimulate.

Eastern Shore Public Library Mission Statement The ESPL System enhances the quality of life in Accomack and Northampton Counties. Its users enjoy free access to resources that document our community's past, meet its present interests, and explore its future. Vision Statement The Eastern Shore Public Library System is an inviting environment for everyone. It enables lifelong learning, historical knowledge, and entertainment.

Portsmouth - Mission Statement

To ensure that the Library provides the best material, information, and services to meet the educational, recreational, cultural, and social needs of our diverse city; to support lifelong learning; and to provide an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful and professional.

Norfolk - NPL VISION STATEMENT The Norfolk Public Library strives to "Create a City of Readers" where the love and active pursuit of civility and learning begins at birth and continues through one's lifetime, and where all citizens are literate and have access to technology. A City of Readers is a city where citizens are productive and everyone contributes to, and enjoys, a high quality of life.

NPL MISSION STATEMENT The Norfolk Public Library provides equal opportunity access to information, high quality book and multimedia materials, programs, exhibits, and on-line resources to meet the needs of our diverse community for life-long learning, cultural enrichment, and intellectual stimulation. To fulfill its mission, the Library employs a knowledgeable, well-trained staff committed to excellent service and civility.

Strategic Direction 1 Build the collection of books, eBooks and other materials to meet community needs

Strategic Direction 2 Improve current facilities and develop plans for new building facilities to better accommodate patrons

Strategic Direction 3 Enhance library staff members' ability to better serve our patrons
Strategic Direction 4 Use technology and computer resources to improve library services to the public
Strategic Direction 5 Develop powerful early literacy and parent education programs and services
Strategic Direction 6 Enhance the after-school initiative by providing constructive activities for school-aged children
Strategic Direction 7 Enhance local history and genealogy resources in the Sargeant Memorial Collection
Strategic Direction 8 Provide career information in support of people who are trying to find employment
Strategic Direction 9 Provide information related to community services, agencies and organizations
Strategic Direction 10 Increase awareness of library services and activities to the community
Strategic Direction 11 Coordinate and promote system-wide programming that celebrates the diversity of cultures
Strategic Direction 12 Increase external support (Trustees, Friends, Foundation, Volunteers, Partners)
Strategic Direction 13 Showcase the value of libraries in the community

Code of Virginia

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§ 42.1-35. Library boards generally.

A. The management and control of a free public library system shall be vested in a board of not less than five members or trustees. They shall be appointed by the governing body, chosen from the citizens at large with reference to their fitness for such office. However, one board member or trustee may be a member or an employee of the local governing body. Initially members shall be appointed as follows: one member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, one member for a term of three years, and the remaining members for terms of four years; thereafter all members shall be appointed for terms of four years. The governing body of any county or city entitled to representation on a library board of a library system of another jurisdiction pursuant to § [42.1-34](#) shall appoint a member to serve for a term of four years, or until the contract is terminated, whichever is shorter. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the manner in which members of the board are regularly chosen. A member shall not receive a salary or other compensation for services as a member but necessary expenses actually incurred shall be paid from the library fund. However, the governing body of Fairfax County may pay members of its library board such compensation as it may deem proper. A member of a library board may be removed for misconduct or neglect of duty by the governing body making the appointment. **The members shall adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the free public library system as may be expedient. They shall have control of the expenditures of all moneys credited to the library fund. The board shall have the right to accept donations and bequests of money,**

personal property, or real estate for the establishment and maintenance of such free public library systems or endowments for same.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A relating to the terms of library board members, a local governing body may alter the composition of its library board to create staggered terms of service in which approximately the same number of terms expire annually. To achieve this goal, the local governing body shall appoint in any year in which multiple terms expire members for terms of one, two, three, and four years as appropriate. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for terms of four years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the manner in which members of the board are regularly chosen.

§ 42.1-36. Boards not mandatory.

The formation, creation, or continued existence of boards shall not be considered or construed in any manner as mandatory upon (i) **any city or town with a manager**, (ii) any county with a county manager, county executive, urban county manager, or urban county executive form of government, (iii) any county that has adopted a charter, or (iv) the Counties of Caroline, Chesterfield, and Shenandoah, by virtue of this chapter.