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Lincoln Public Library Board Information for Potential Members



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The Town of Lincoln relies on its citizens to volunteer their time and expertise by serving on various boards and committees. One of these is the Lincoln Public Library Board.

A Vital Service

Lincoln Public Library has a long tradition of service to its communities, dating back to 1852. We continue to be a vital part of Lincoln, as reflected in our Mission Statement: *Lincoln Public Library is a community hub ensuring equal access to resources and opportunities for thinking, playing, learning and growing.*

Lincoln Public Library in Numbers

Our two current branches, in Beamsville and Vineland, are busy places! We had over 170,000 visits in 2017, with 5482 active cardholders borrowing over 200,000 items and downloading another 20,500. Library staff presented 770 programs, which were attended by almost 11,000 people.

Composition of the Library Board

Public library boards are governing boards and legal corporations whose authority comes from the Public Libraries Act, RSO 1990, c. P.44. Lincoln Public Library is governed by a nine-member Board which is appointed by the Town of Lincoln Council. Two members are Councillors, and seven are citizen members.

Members are appointed to a four-year term, which corresponds to that of Municipal Council. Full Board meetings are held ten times per year, from September to June, and are currently on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 pm. Meetings alternate between the Fleming (Beamsville) and Moses F. Rittenhouse (Vineland) branches.

Duties of the Library Board

A public library board's duty is to provide comprehensive and efficient public library service that reflects its community's needs. Towards this end, some of the key responsibilities of Lincoln Public Library Board members are appointing and evaluating the CEO, setting policies, overseeing finances and planning for the future.

Do You Qualify?

To be a Board member, you must be at least eighteen years old, a Canadian citizen, a resident of Lincoln, and not employed by the Lincoln Public Library Board or the Town of Lincoln. We are seeking individuals who are interested in the library and its relationship to the community, are willing to be an advocate for library services, possess leadership qualities and experience, and have an interest in fundraising and planning.

How to Apply

Please apply at the Town's website: lincoln.ca/committees. Deadline for applications is **January 4, 2019**.

For more information on applying to the Lincoln Public Library Board, please contact the Town Clerk at 905.563.2799 ext. 225. If you have questions about library programs or services, please contact Janice Coles, Deputy CEO/Acting CEO, at 905.563.7014 or coles@lincoln.library.on.ca.