



FAQ Sheet

Mid-Columbia Libraries and the Board of Trustees

Why is this position vacant?

- A Mid-Columbia Libraries (MCL) Board of Trustees board member has resigned.

How do I apply for this position?

- A signed application is required to be considered for this position. The application is available online at midcolumbialibraries.org/about/board-of-trustees or by calling (509) 737-6344. Completed applications should be mailed to Mid-Columbia Libraries, Attention Board Vacancy, 405 S. Dayton St., Kennewick WA 99336 or emailed to emeneely@midcolumbialibraries.org.

Can anyone apply for this position?

- The position currently available on the MCL Board of Trustees represents residents of Benton County. Applicants must reside in Benton County; residents of City of Richland are not eligible to apply as Richland is not part of our service area.

When are applications due?

- Applications are due by Friday, October 1, however, the position is open until filled.

How are board members selected?

- Following a review of applications, candidates will be scheduled to interview with members of the MCL Board of Trustees. Once interviews are completed, and preferred candidates are determined, the MCL Board of Trustees will vote to recommend the candidates to the Benton and Franklin Boards of County Commissioners. The Benton and Franklin Boards of County Commissioners must act to appoint or reappoint any member of the MCL Board of Trustees. The MCL Board of Trustees desires to recommend the successful candidate to the Benton and Franklin Boards of County Commissioners in October 2021.

What is expected of a board member?

- The MCL Board of Trustees meets regularly once per month on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Mid-Columbia Libraries' Keewaydin Park Branch in Kennewick. Due to the current pandemic, meetings are being held remotely via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public.
- The MCL Board of Trustees has three committees: governance, services, and resources. Members of the MCL Board of Trustees serve on at least one committee of the Board. The governance committee meets regularly each month. Other committees meet as needed.

What do Board members do?

- The MCL Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall operation of all 12 libraries included in the library district. The MCL Board of Trustees approves the annual budget and contracts for services as well as library policies.