

Calvert Library Board of Library Trustees General Information and Criteria for Selection

The Board of Library Trustees is governed by the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland, Article 23 sections 403-407 and is the legal governing body with full authority for the operation of the library. As such, the Board sets policy which is implemented by the Executive Director and staff.

General Information

- The Board of Library Trustees meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month.
- From time to time, special board meetings may be called to deal with special projects or issues.
- Committee meetings may be called to study different issues.
- The Board consists of 7 members who serve a term of 5 years, may be reappointed for a second term, but may not serve more than 2 terms consecutively.
- Non-attendance at more than 50% of meetings in any one year is an implied resignation.

Criteria for Selection

Trustees must:

- Serve for 5 years.
- Indicate an expressed commitment to carry out the duties of a Library Trustee.
- Be a card-carrying library customer.
- Have time to devote to Board activities on behalf of the library, such as budget hearings, board meetings and regional library activities.
- Express a willingness to be a vocal advocate for libraries.
- Read the [Bylaws of the Board of Library Trustees](#)
- Comply with [Code of Ethics Section 41-15.B.2](#): regarding financial disclosures for any potential conflict of interest within 30 days after appointment.

Other Information

- The President of the Board of Library Trustees and two other members of the Calvert board sit on the Board for Southern Maryland Regional Library Association (SMRLA). The SMRLA Board meets from 10-12am on second Tuesdays.
- The SMRLA events include an annual corporate meeting held in February and their Student Learning Reception which is held every couple years to honor library staff enrolled in a Master's Degree program. You may also be invited to attend special One Maryland One Book presentations made possible by the Regional.
- In addition to regular meetings and county budget hearings Board members are also invited and encouraged to attend special events such as:
 - Maryland Libraries Legislative Day, Feb 5, 2019, reception at 5:30pm
 - Southern Maryland Legislative Reception from 7-9pm the last Thursday in Feb. (Feb. 28, 2019)
 - Citizens for Maryland Libraries annual Trustees meeting
 - Calvert Library Friends and Foundation events and fundraisers