



Trustee Code of Ethics

Library Boards exist to develop, promote, and monitor library services as a public trust. To this end, library trustees should be committed to the following principles:

1. The primary goal of the public library trustee is to ensure that the public has access to the highest quality library service possible.
2. Trustees should ensure that each person has access to the complete library services possible.
3. Library trustees should observe ethical standards with truth, integrity and honour.
 - a. Trustees should avoid situations where personal advantage or financial benefits may be gained at the expense of other library users.
 - b. Trustees should distinguish between their personal views and those of the institution by respecting the position of the board, even though they disagree.
 - c. Trustees should respect the confidential nature of library records within the framework which allows for the monitoring of material usage and the need for public accounting.
4. Trustees should respect the established structure of the library.
 - a. Trustees should attempt to work harmoniously with the Board and ultimately accept its will.
 - b. Trustees should limit their trusteeship role to policy governance and advocacy.
5. Trustees are expected to take responsibility for their personal development through continuing education opportunities and participation in provincial and national library associations.
6. Trustees should support intellectual freedom in the selection of library material.

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