



### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN ALTERNATE OR TRUSTEE?

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Whipple Free Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board is a non-paid citizen board consisting of seven members elected for three-year terms. Trustees are elected at town elections held in March. Alternates are appointed to one-year terms that expire in March.

Do you have the interest, energy, and expertise necessary to be a Board member? It requires a sincere commitment to the library, the ability to represent it well in the community, some leadership and business skills, a talent for working well in a team environment, the ability to bring community needs to the attention of the library and library needs to the attention of the community, and dedication to spending the necessary time to do the job well.

Library Trustees and Alternates are legally and financially responsible for what the library does and does not do. They **must be able to attend and actively participate in monthly meetings on the third Tuesday at 7 pm** as well as any special meetings. They must share with other board members a common concern for the well-being of the library. Trustees discuss and debate matters before making decisions, but once decisions are made all board members support them. Trustees promote and advocate for the library by lobbying lawmakers, communicating the library's mission to the community, and actively participating in public relations functions. Furthermore, Trustees educate themselves by participating in orientation and other learning opportunities.

If you are interested in running for an elected three-year seat on the Library Board of Trustees:

- Review the "Job Description of a Library Trustee"
- Review "How the Roles of Trustees and Library Director Differ"
- Review the Board of Trustee Minutes posted online
- Attend meetings of the Library Board of Trustees to meet the current Board and get an idea of what is involved
- Ask questions! Email Board Chair at [trusteechairwfl@gmail.com](mailto:trusteechairwfl@gmail.com).

If a three-year commitment is too long, consider volunteering for a one-year Alternate position:

- Read the "Review the materials listed above for Trustees"
- Review the "Alternate Trustee Policy"
- Attend meetings of the Board of Trustees to meet Board members and see what is involved
- Complete an Alternate Application.
- Alternate Trustee applications are available online at [whipplefreelibrary.org/category/job\\_openings/](http://whipplefreelibrary.org/category/job_openings/) or pick up a Trustee Application form at the Whipple Free Library. Completed applications can be e-mailed to [trusteechairwfl@gmail.com](mailto:trusteechairwfl@gmail.com), dropped off at the library to the attention of Chair, Board of Trustees, or mailed to: Whipple Free Library, 67 Mont Vernon Road, New Boston, NH 03070.