



Please return completed application to:
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

All information provided in this application is public information pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act.

The Library Board submits a 5-year comprehensive library plan; makes recommendations concerning library policy and procedure, programs, services, grants, and fundraising. The Library Board is composed of 7 regular members serving 2-year terms and 1 alternate member serving a 1-year term. The alternate member may vote if a regular member is absent.

Candidates are required to be registered voters of the City and to have resided within the corporate limits for at least twelve months preceding the appointment and must not be employed by or hold any other position in the City's government. All appointments are made by and at the discretion of the City Council. Because vacancies may arise before the next regular appointment period, all applications are kept on file until the next application period.

Name: Jeanette Larson Telephone:

Residential Address: 813 Great Sand Dunes

E-mail Address: Alternate Telephone:

Resident of the City of Pflugerville for 6 years.
Are you are a registered voter of the City of Pflugerville? Yes No Voter Registration No. 1140610276

Have you attended a meeting of the Library Board? Yes No

Does any potential conflict of interest exist which may interfere or inhibit you to carry out the duties of a Library Boardmember? Yes No (If Yes, please explain.)

[Empty dashed box for conflict of interest explanation]

Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board?

I have served two terms on the library board and would like to continue serving as we finish construction of the expanded building. I am a retired librarian and an avid library user. I continue to work with libraries around the state as a consultant and being on the library board provides me with opportunities to see how libraries are serving the public and allows me to continue working to enhance library service in Pflugerville.

Do you have any previous board service, leadership, or volunteer experience?

I have served on the Pflugerville Community Library Board for four years. I am also an officer for the Highland Park HOA Board of Directors and have served on several other boards including the Austin Public Library Foundation, the Texas Book Festival, and Travis County Reach Out and Read. I have served in leadership positions for the Texas Library Association and the American Library Association. I am an adjunct professor for Texas Woman's University and regularly mentor students.

What kinds of skills or expertise can you offer?

My expertise includes long range planning, grant writing, policy development, collection development, and services for youth. As a professional librarian for more than 30 years, I gained expertise in a variety of areas while working for the Texas State Library, Austin Public Library and Mesquite Public Library. I currently teach for the library school at Texas Woman's University and am a freelance trainer and consultant for librarians around the country. I have a great deal of experience with library management. I am also a published writer of books for librarians, as well as books for children (such as would be found on the library shelves).

How will the organization benefit from your participation?

I continue to bring a broad perspective on the management of libraries and the provision of library services to the library and the board. I have direct experience with construction of and move-in to newly renovated library buildings. In addition to my 30+ years of paid employment in libraries, I continue to keep up with trends and new methodologies in public libraries through teaching, training, and consulting.

What do you expect from us so that your experience is satisfying?

I've been pleased with the respect shown for the board by the Council and city staff and would expect that to continue. The library staff keeps meetings on time and on task. I would continue to expect staff to keep board members informed about issues and engaged in our work.

Please provide any additional information you feel would be useful to the City Council in considering your application. Please use additional sheets as necessary. A cover letter and/or resume may also be submitted with the application.

As both a member of the board and a library supporter and member of the Friends of the Library, I have actively promoted the library and its services through my HOA newsletter and Yahoo Group, and through Facebook and other social media outlets.

By signing this application, I hereby affirm that I am aware of the requirements for the position and certify that I meet those requirements.

Applicant Signature: Jeanette Larson

Digitally signed by Jeanette Larson
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