







- Support open access to information and resist moves toward censorship.

Finally, consider the benefits you will derive from serving as a library trustee. You will make new acquaintances and friendships with people who are passionate about, and dedicated to, values of public service. Some of these people will become personal friends; others will remain good professional associates. Whether you are a worker in a trade, a professional, a homemaker, an independent businessperson, or are engaged in some other life activity, the people network you establish during your tenure of trusteeship will likely prove to be of great benefit to you.

Then, of course, there is the obvious: you will be making an important contribution to the people in your community and to your community's future. A public library is one of the most universal and accessible institutions in our society. Your contribution as a public library trustee will help bring opportunity to all the people, irrespective of all the differences that sometimes divide communities in other spheres. Don't underrate the satisfaction you will derive from this endeavor.

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