

FRIENDS OF THE AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

What are the eligibility requirements for serving on the board?

Board member must be members of FAPL, support FAPL's mission and purpose, adhere to all policies and guidelines set by the Board, and be at least 18 years of age.

How long are the board terms?

Board terms are 3 years long. Board members can serve up to 4 terms, or a total of 12 years. New terms usually start in March, but this can be adjusted by the board.

How often does the board meet?

Currently, board meetings are held every month, on the second Monday from 1:00 – 2:30 at the Aurora Central Library. Board members are expected to attend in person whenever possible.

Is there any training or orientation for new board members?

When a new board member is elected to the board, they are assigned a "board buddy" who will be resource to them.

If a new board member has not recently been a volunteer at the Book Outlet, an orientation will be scheduled within 3 months of joining the board, so that they can be familiar with what volunteers do in the front at the cash registers, and in the back room, where the sorting occurs. If requested, additional training related to financial reports, will be arranged as well.

Are board members required to make a financial contribution each year?

Board members are required to be FAPL members. Annual membership dues are \$10 - \$300, depending on the membership category. This statement is included in the Board Agreement, "I will devote time, energy, and resources, to the extent I am able, to support this organization. I will take on additional responsibilities as needed by the Board and the organization."

How does the election process work?

At the end of the year, FAPL posts information about upcoming open board positions. This announcement is sent to FAPL's membership and posted on the website, along with information about board service. If someone is interested in learning more or running for a seat on the board, they submit an application – by mail, in person, or via email. Within two weeks, someone will be in touch to set up an interview with a couple of current board members. The interview provides an opportunity for applicants to learn more about FAPL, and for the board members to learn more about the applicant. If the applicant wishes to move forward, their name is included on the slate at the next election.