



Library Board of Trustees - Expectations of Advisory Board Members

The role of an advisory board member is a significant one, as the board's deliberations and recommendations are an important source of community input to the Library Director, and ultimately to the communities. As an effective advisory board member, we would ask that you:

- Take every opportunity to build goodwill for the Library. Champion the Library's mission, purpose, and services with your friends, neighbors, and community groups
- Maintain positive relationships with Friends of the Library and the Foundation
- Support the Library Director
- Educate yourself about the Library's policies, programs and services
- Educate yourself about the community's needs, Library capacities, and the need for future Library services
- Encourage community involvement with the Library
- Educate yourself about current and prospective issues affecting the Yuma County Library District, and public libraries in general

In addition, Advisory Board members are expected to:

- Attend and participate in monthly board meetings
 - Notify the Board President and Library Director in advance, if you will be unable to attend a board meeting
- Familiarize yourself and abide by the board's by-laws and policies
- Prepare for board meetings by reading materials pertinent to the agenda, which is sent out ahead of time
- Recognize that the board is advisory only, and has no approval or veto authority regarding decisions the Library Director may make
- Support the final decisions of the board and Library Director
- Attend Library community events whenever possible
- Actively participate in Library and board processes, such as strategic planning