

INTERESTED IN REIMAGINING THE LIBRARY?

The Redfield Public Library is recruiting new board members and we are delighted that you are considering joining.

We believe it's a great privilege to share in serving one of the most important cultural and informational resources in our community. The library is an access point for literature, science, history, discoveries, thoughts and dreams of our world and universe. It expands our knowledge, introduces us to ideas, feeds our curiosity and challenges our creativity. As a trustee with the Redfield Public Library, you will become a well-informed champion of our library and visibly support efforts as we **reimagine** and **re-brand** our library as a **vital community gathering place** and **resource in the digital era**.

Still interested? Well kiss your image of a library as a book warehouse goodbye, and say hello to a **community and gathering place of the 21st century**. Armed with knowledge and action, the Redfield Public Library Trustees are a formidable force.

You probably have a lot of questions. I have included several links to local, regional and national resources. Before you dive into the details, I'd like to share some essential information about our board. Below is a summary of what a six-year tour as a Trustee would involve.

As a member of the Board, you would serve for a six year term which can be extended to a second or third 6-year term. There are monthly meetings, usually on the first Monday of the month at 5pm, with the exception of December. A set of by-laws and policies guide our operations. The bylaws require that officers be elected including a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Trustees are also appointed to committees such as Executive/Personnel, Finance, Library Access and Collections and Marketing and Outreach.

Every Trustee makes a personal commitment to contribute time and energy to carry out our duties which include regular attendance at meetings, adopting the Library budget, adopting and revising policies as needed, planning and evaluating the Library's programs and securing adequate funding.

We are seeking new Trustees to help us create and implement our ever **improving strategic plan** for the future, as we strive to become an **Accredited** library.

If you are interested in learning more and receiving an application, please contact City Hall at 833-2512.

Sincerely,

Redfield Public Library Board

www.statelibraryofiowa.org

www.librarytrustees.org

www.iowalibraryassociation.org

www.ala.org/united.org

www.org.ala

www.ala.org.pla

**REDFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPLICATION FORM**

INFORM EDUCATE ENGAGE ENTERTAIN

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. You do not need to be a library expert or even hold a library card. You do need to be willing to learn, work as a team, make decisions about library policies, initiatives, and budgets and advocate for the Library in the community.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I am able to attend monthly board meetings First Monday at 5 pm and for special meetings	YES	NO
I am able to commit 4 hrs monthly to review the Packets, committees, advocacy, public relations, etc	YES	NO

Please complete the following:

- 1. I am interested in serving on the library board because:*
- 2. One thing the library currently does very well is:*
- 3. One thing that could be done this year to make library services even better is:*
- 4. What **BENEFITS** does a library bring to a community?*

Please list three different needs you believe Redfield has today or will have the next five (5) years. Then suggest one way the Library might address each need!!!

- 1. Community Need*

How the Library can address that need

2. Community Need:

How the Library can address that need:

3. Community Need:

How the Library can address that need:

COLLECTIVELY. (7) Library board members should possess a variety of expertise/skills and personal qualities, and should reflect the diversity of the library's constituency.

1. What is your personal style in a group setting?

Are you a Compromiser _____ Leader _____
Analyzer _____ Visionary _____

2. What professional skills/knowledge could you contribute

3. Age?

18-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61+

4. Education?

Grad Degree or higher Undergrad Voc/Tech College Some College HS/GED

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Please list organizations and relationships which could pose a potential conflict of interest during your service to the library board. Civic leaders are expected to have many ties to community organizations and people, this listing does not preclude appointment but is intended to provide transparency and accountability for board service.(ch13 Trustee Handbook)

Signature _____ Date _____