

FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

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1. How did you learn about the open position on the Library Board?

Saw the "Library Board Vacancy" banner notice on the Flathead County Library web site home page.

2. In what ways do you feel connected to the library's mission?

I am a regular (weekly) user of the library, mostly the Columbia Falls Branch. I frequently find and order books from the statewide library system. Being a committed lifelong learner, Flathead County Library provides me with an unlimited resource for books and information. I'm also impressed when I visit the library and see the throngs of children, from toddlers to teens, taking advantage of the many stimulating programs for youth—a profound community service.

3. Why are you interested in serving on the board?

There are few, if any, public services more vital and beneficial than the libraries that enrich our communities. I have the interest, the background and skills, and the time and effort needed to make a contribution to the Flathead County Library.

4. Do you have any previous leadership or board service experience? Please provide information about current and previous board experience.

Flathead County Library Foundation Board of Directors 2000-2005, President of Library Foundation Board 2003-2005. Whitefish Theatre Company Board of Directors, 2018-present. Gateway to Glacier Trails Board of Directors, 2021-present. Executive Director Northwest Montana Historical Society and Museum, 2005-2017. Debate Coach, Whitefish High School Speech & Debate Team, 2001-2007.

5. What kinds of skills or expertise can you offer to the Board? How will the organization benefit from your participation?

Besides constantly utilizing local libraries from high school through college and my entire working life, my six years as a Flathead County Library Foundation board member made me very familiar with the inner workings of library systems,

opportunities and challenges. My leadership service with Non-profits and Boards of Directors makes me well versed in the operation and administration of complex organizations. I possess strong written and verbal skills. My Bachelor's degree is in Language Arts—English, Speech, Theatre and Journalism. My Master's degree is in Theatre Arts from UCLA. I believe in working collaboratively for best results.

6. Will your schedule allow you to regularly attend board meetings? And participate in committee work between meetings?

Yes. I'm retired. My two other boards meet on different evenings from the Library Board, and while I have committee work and other activities with those boards, I have the time to devote to the Library.

7. Will your schedule allow you to attend Montana State Library trainings?

Yes.

References who could speak to your ability to serve on the Flathead County Library Board of Trustees:

Name: Lucy Smith

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