

DANIEL BOONE REGIONAL LIBRARY

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BOARD

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POLICY

In fulfilling their responsibilities as members of the Daniel Boone Regional Library (Library) Board, Trustees shall observe the highest ethical standards.

Trustees shall respect the opinions of their colleagues when opposing viewpoints are expressed during Board deliberations.

Trustees shall comply with all the laws, rules and regulations that apply to them and to the Library.

Trustees shall not be unduly swayed by partisan interests, public pressure or fear of criticism.

Trustees shall strive to ensure the equal treatment of Library patrons and shall uphold patrons' rights to privacy in the use of the Library's resources.

Trustees must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the Library, acknowledging and supporting the formal position of the Board even if they disagree.

Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained as a result of their position or access to privileged Library information, for themselves or others.

Trustees shall, without delay, disqualify themselves from Board deliberations and decisions when a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest exists.

Trustees shall not use their position on the Board to gain unwarranted privileges or advantages for themselves or others from the Library or from those who do business with the Library.

Trustees shall not interfere with the management responsibilities of the Executive Director or the Executive Director's supervision of Library staff.

Trustees shall support the efforts of the Executive Director and Library staff in opposing censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.

Trustees who accept Board responsibilities are expected to perform all of the functions of their office as described in Policy 2-618 (Responsibilities of the DBRL Board of Trustees).

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