

## Become a Library Trustee

On **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, the residents of the Mount Vernon City School District will have the opportunity to elect four trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library district that serves the same service area as the school district. The Mount Vernon Public Library must go to the public for funding and to elect trustees. The library presently has a board of five trustees.

There are currently four open seats on the library's board. The library is looking for committed individuals who are of voting age and residents of the City of Mount Vernon. These are unpaid positions. One seat will be for a full term of 5 years beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2028. One seat will be for a partial term of 4 years beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2027. One seat will be for a partial term of 3 years beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026. One seat will be for a partial term of 1 year beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes will assume the 5-year term, the candidate receiving the second largest number of votes will assume the 4-year term, the candidate receiving the third largest number of votes will assume the 3-year term, and the candidate receiving the fourth largest number of votes will assume the 1-year term.

[Candidate petition packets](#) are available for pick-up at the Administrative Office of the library from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. [Candidate petition packets](#) are also available to be printed from the library's website. **Please note that you must call Debra Harris in the Administrative Office at (914) 668-1840 Ext. 201 to complete your candidate registration if you choose to print out your petition packet from the library's website.**

If you are interested in running to become a Library Trustee, you must get at least **100 signatures** on a petition that will need to be filed with the **Office of the District Clerk at the Board of Education (165 N. Columbus Ave.) no later than Wednesday, April 26, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. You should drop off petitions at the Board of Education, not at the library.** We recommend that you get extra signatures, as all signers need to be registered Mount Vernon school district voters.

Being a Library Trustee is very rewarding. Trustee responsibilities are few in number but broad in scope.

Trustee responsibilities are:

- Develop and implement the mission of the library.
- Select, hire and regularly evaluate a qualified Library Director.
- Select, hire and regularly evaluate a qualified Treasurer.
- Secure adequate funding for the library's service programs.
- Exercise fiduciary responsibility for the use of public and private funds.
- Adopt policies and rules regarding library's governance and use.
- Maintain a facility that meets the library's and community's needs.
- Promote the library in the local community and in society in general.
- Conduct the business of the library in an open and ethical manner in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and with respect for the institution, staff and public.