



Our little rural library has seen many changes since its beginning in 1985.

One thing that has remained constant is the talented and dedicated volunteers who serve as Library Trustees.

If you would like to be part of the team that is shaping the future of our library, please call me and let's talk about your role as a Library Trustee.

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# THE TOWN OF IRRICANA LIBRARY BOARD

INVITES YOU TO  
BECOME A.....

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE

### What are the time commitments required as a board member?

The Board and each Committee meet monthly.

Board meetings typically are from 7:00p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Board members are expected to:

- attend meetings regularly
- make time available for the reading and preparation necessary for informed decision-making
- attend a variety of special Library and community events
- Chair a Board Committee and report monthly to Board.
- totaling approximately 10 – 12 hours per month.
- Help with fundraising endeavors

### What have we done in the last three years as a Board?

- Moved into a new larger library facility
- New policies & bylaws
- Plan of Service
- 700% program increase
- Artwork in Library
- Video Conferencing
- Professional Staff
- Had over 5000 library visitors annually

### Where are we going?

- Set up Friends of the Library
- Programs designed for all ages
- Updating & enlarging our collection of books, A/Vs, magazines, DVD's CD's and other collections
- Partnerships with community groups
- Continue to meet the needs of the community

## What do we do?

The Board is appointed by The Town of Irricana, and is governed by the Alberta Libraries Act, the Alberta Libraries Regulation, The Library's bylaws, and other relevant legislation.

The Board has the authority for full management and control of The Irricana Library, and assumes with that authority, the duty to develop policies related to the framework, governance, and operations of the Library.

## What is involved?

### **Strategic planning:**

Identifying needs and approving appropriate plans to ensure that Library services are responsive to changing circumstances and accessible to all.

### **Policy development:**

Determining and adopting written policies to govern the operations and programs of the Irricana Library.

### **Promotions:**

Active and ongoing promotion of Library services in our community.

## **Financial management and fund development:**

- Ensuring that community needs for Library service are met in a cost-effective manner.
- Developing and recommending required operating and capital budgets to Town Council.
- Seeking other types of funding to diversify the Library's funding base, including fundraising

## **Advocacy:**

- Ensuring that the important and essential role of the Library in the community is communicated clearly.
- Ensuring that the Library's value and contribution are understood and appreciated by all key stakeholders.

### **Our Mission Statement:**

**A place to...  
connect,  
learn,  
grow,  
play and  
stay.**