

Christian County Trustee District Map



West County	Clever area: West Polk, East Polk, Lincoln
East County	Sparta area: West Benton, East Benton, Sparta, Bruner, Oldfield, Lead Hill, Chadwick, Garrison, and Seneca
Ozark Area	Cassidy, Riverside, West Finley, East Finley, McCracken, and Linden
Nixa Area	Union Chapel, Northview, Rosedale and Garden Grove
South County	Highlandville area: North Galloway, South Galloway, Saddlebrooke, North Linn and South Linn

For any additional questions about the Christian County Library Board of Trustees, please contact Executive Director Will Blydenburgh by email at: wblydenburgh@christiancountylibrary.org.



**Board
of Trustees**
Christian County
Library

christiancountylibrary.org/library/trustees

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FAQ:

What is the Christian County Library Board of Trustees?

Library Trustees are influential advocates for the Christian County Library District. Through their dedication and coordination of the library's mission, Trustees play a critical role in setting policies that govern the library, approval of the annual budget, and oversee the general management of the library.

Who can be a Trustee?

Any registered voter in Christian County is eligible to serve. Trustees are appointed by the Christian County Commission when a term expires or a vacancy occurs.

What does a Trustee actually do?

The day-to-day operation of the library is the responsibility of the Executive Director and library staff. Trustees ensure that the library's mission of *engaging members of Christian County through expanding access to innovative, community-driven facilities, services, and lifelong educational opportunities* is met. Additionally, Trustees will make key decisions regarding:

Appointment and evaluation of the library
Executive Director

Approval and monitoring of the library budget

Setting of the annual tax levy

Establish and approve policies that govern
library functions

Advocate for Christian County Library to their
local communities

Represent the public's interest to the library

Attend and participate in regularly-scheduled
board meetings

While Trustees represent different communities and provide particular insight of those communities, they will consider all members of Christian County when evaluating library services and resources, even if it does not directly benefit their community.

When does the Board of Trustees meet?

Trustees generally meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month, with exceptions around the holidays. Location changes, dates of special meetings, and agendas will be posted in each library branch at least 24 hours prior to a meeting. Most Board of Trustees Meetings are open to the public.

What compensation do Trustees receive?

Trustees serve voluntarily without compensation. They are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred, such as mileage.

Are there legal issues that might affect Trustees?

Under certain circumstances, Trustees may be required to file financial disclosure statements with the Missouri Ethics Commission. All Christian County Library Board of Trustee meetings are subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law, with exceptions for specific real estate, personnel, or legal actions.

How many Trustees are there?

The Christian County Library Board of Trustees consists of five members each appointed by the Christian County Commission. Appointments last four years and are staggered among Trustees. Terms begin on July 1st or when filling a vacant seat.

How can I become a Trustee?

The Board of Trustees strives for a balanced representation of the entirety of Christian County. Any registered voter in Christian County is eligible with some exceptions:

Trustees may not be an elected official of
Christian County.

Trustees may not be related (up to fourth degree
relatives) of a current library employee

Where do I apply to become a Trustee?

Applicants can download an application online at

christiancountymo.gov/commissionlibraryboard

Qualifying candidates meet with each Commissioner individually and during open public meetings before being considered and voted on for board appointment.