

## Christian County Library Board of Trustees 2017

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### Trustee Districts by Political Township & Year Current Term Expires for Each District

**2020** - West (W. Polk, E. Polk & Lincoln)

**2018** - Nixa (Union Chapel, Rosedale, Union Chapel & Rosedale)

**2019** - Ozark (Cassidy, Riverside, Linden, E. Finley, W. Finley, Linden & McCracken)

**2019** - Southwest (N. Galloway, S. Galloway, Saddlebrooke, N. Linn & S. Linn)

**2017** - East (W. Benton, E. Benton, Sparta, Bruner, Oldfield, Chadwick, Lead Hill, Garrison & Seneca)

### For By-Laws, Statutes, Ethics, and Policies, see:

<http://christiancountylibrary.org/library/policies.html>

<http://www.mec.mo.gov/WebDocs/PDF/Complaint/ConflictofInterestFAQs.pdf>

If you have additional questions about board or library activities, please contact the board member in your area or the library director.



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## Answers to Your Questions about Serving on the Board of Trustees Christian County Library District

### How are Board members selected?

The library board attempts to have balanced representation from all of Christian County. Interested voters are encouraged to remove, complete and return the Board Nominee Information form online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HMTG37B>. After discussion, the library board recommends nominees from the appropriate area to the Christian County Commission, which makes the appointments in June of each year.

### Who can be a member of the Library Board?

Registered voters in Christian County are eligible to serve. Missouri county library districts have five members, appointed by the County Commission. Appointments are made when terms expire or vacancy occurs in each area.

**How long does a member serve on the Board?**

Terms for 4 years are staggered. Appointments may be renewed. Each June 30, terms for 1 or 2 members expire. New terms begin July 1. Appointees for incomplete terms begin service upon notification of appointment.

**What compensation do Board members receive?**

The library board is a voluntary board. Members are not paid for their time. The library reimburses board members for mileage, based on the rate paid by the State of Missouri, which is set each July or more often.

**When does the Board meet?**

The Board generally meets on the last Monday of every month, with exceptions around the November and December holidays. Each year's meeting dates are decided by the Board at the end of the previous year and posted in the library. Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Netzer Meeting Room. If needed, an earlier start or a special meeting may be called, such as for the annual tax rate hearing each August.

**What are the responsibilities of the library board?**

Library board members...

- ❖ Appoint and evaluate the library director
- ❖ Approve and monitor the budget and set the annual levy
- ❖ Establish the policies by which the library district is governed
- ❖ Represent and support Christian County Library to their local community.
- ❖ Represent the public to the library
- ❖ Attend and participate in regularly-scheduled board meetings

Day-to-day operation of the library is the responsibility of the director and other library staff.

While trustees may provide particular insight on the communities in which they reside, library board members must evaluate library services and make decisions based on the needs of the entire library district, even if it does not directly benefit their community.

**What legal issues might affect Board members?**

Under certain circumstances, library board members may be required to file financial disclosure statements with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

All meetings are subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law, with exceptions for specific real estate, personnel or legal actions.

Board members are protected from most lawsuits because of sovereign immunity. Christian County Library district does provide Directors' and Officers' Insurance coverage.

Board members cannot be a parent, spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin or other kin within 4th degree by blood, step or in-law of a library employee.

Board members cannot be an elected official of Christian County. An elected official of a city or school or other district within Christian County is eligible to apply to be considered for appointment to the board.