



## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE LIBRARY BOARD?**

Kentucky statute limits the number of years a library trustee may serve. In the coming month the Graves County Public Library board will have a vacancy. So, the library is seeking to identify a pool of dedicated individuals who have a passion for public libraries and the ability to effectively advocate for them. This is a volunteer position. Trustees are never compensated for their service.

Do you have the interest, energy, and expertise necessary to be a trustee? It requires a sincere commitment to the library, the ability to represent it well in the community, some leadership and business skills, a talent for working well in a team environment, the ability to bring community needs to the attention of the library and library needs to the attention of the community, and dedication to spending the necessary time to do the job well.

Library trustees are legally and financially responsible for what the library does and does not do. They must be able to attend and actively participate in all monthly meetings on the **third Monday at 5 pm** as well as any called special meetings. They must share with other board members a common concern for the well-being of the library. Trustees discuss and debate matters before making decisions, but once decisions are made all board members support them. Trustees promote and advocate for the library by lobbying lawmakers, communicating the library's mission to the community, and actively participating in public relations functions. Furthermore, trustees educate themselves by participating in orientation and other learning opportunities.

Library trustees are appointed by the fiscal court from a list provided by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. The term is four years, with eligibility to serve a second term. If you are interested in joining, pick up a Trustee Application form at the Graves County Public Library and submit it by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be dropped off at the library to the attention of Deana Gschwind, Library Director or mailed to:

Graves County Public Library  
Deana Gschwind, Director  
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Mayfield, KY 42066