SmartBoards

SmartBoards training is provided by NYLA staff and consultants to library and library system boards.

Training can take place in half-day (3 hours) or full-day (6 hours) sessions.

Fees are on a sliding scale based on your library’s budget. NYLA organizational members receive a 10% discount on program fees.

Fee Schedule
Library Budget          1/2 Day   Full Day
Less than $3Million    $650   $1000
$3Million or More      $1000   $1500

Above stated fees do not include speaker travel expenses.

Contact director@nyla.org for scheduling and details.

What will you gain?
+ Skills to evaluate your board / director within a proven frame of reference.
+ Awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of your library board and its director.
+ Improved communication within your board leading to clearer expectations, more efficient time management and effective board practices.
**Board Basic Training**

A half-day or full day program targeted for new board members or a refresher course for experienced board members.

Board Basic Training covers the following topics:

- **Library Governance**
  Role of board, committees, director and development/implementation of policies, procedures and bylaws that govern the library.

- **Library Infrastructure**
  Overview of types of libraries, library systems, and State Library.

- **Library Law**
  Overview of state education law and commissioners regulations.

- **Library Funding**
  Sources of funding for libraries, property tax, bonding, state aid, and fundraising.

**Board Advanced Training**

A half-day or full day program targeted for experienced board members or those previously taken Board Basic Training.

Board Advanced covers the following topics:

- **Director Evaluation**
  Overview of tools and measurements used to evaluate your Library Director.

- **Community Assessments, Mission Statements and Strategic Plans**
  Overview of tools and measurements used to obtain community feedback and develop mission statements and strategic plans.

- **Fundraising**
  Overview of tools available to raise funds for library, such as friends groups, foundations, grant writers, and more.

**Customized Board Training**

A half-day or full day program that can cover any topic in either the Basic or Advanced Training courses, or other subject matters of interest to the library or system board.

- **Board Evaluation**
  NYLA consultant will work with your board to create and implement a customized board evaluation tool.

  The consultant will work with entire board, and if it chooses, its director, to evaluate the board and develop a reflective report to guide the board in the future.

  Includes a complete evaluation of board practices, identify strengths and weaknesses and suggestions for improvements in a follow-up written report.

Call NYLA today for information on how you can bring SmartBoards to your library! 1-800-252-NYLA (6952)