OUR MISSION

Library Trustees Association, (LTA), is a section of the New York Library Association (NYLA) that represents, assists, educates, and honors public library boards and their trustees as providers of universal library service.

Our core activities include:

Connecting with library trustees to inform them of issues affecting libraries and library service;
Advocating support of libraries and their programs;
Recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of library trustees
Educating trustees about their role in the library
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October 2022

Dear Trustee,

Welcome to the **Library Trustee Association, Section of NYLA**. As a trustee you have VERY important roles and responsibilities and we hope the 2022-2023 year is a great one for you serving on your library board.

The Library Trustees Association (LTAS) is now a Section of NYLA; we are excited about this transition from a stand-alone organization into the NYLA structure, which has changed most of the ways we do things!

You are one of thousands of library trustees in New York and your voice can be amplified beyond your local library and community by joining the state professional library organization, the New York Library Association whose motto is Voice of the Library Community. NYLA has many units representing various aspects of libraries and the Library Trustees Association Section is one of those units. When you join NYLA and LTAS you get these benefits:

1. You are a voting member of NYLA with all the benefits of membership.
2. You will receive LTAS services: a newsletter, continuing education activities specific to library trusteeship, participation in advocacy efforts for libraries (and their systems!)
3. You will have access to advice from trusted legal authorities, and the ability to talk in person or virtually with your trustee peers around the state.
4. Members will have access to discounts at NYLA and LTAS events.
5. You can join your colleagues in advocating with state legislators on library issues.

**Library trustees can become members of LTAS in one of two ways by going to**

**A. Join as an individual:**

- Join as a personal member and choose LTAS as your primary section. This annual membership is currently $30.
B. Join as a trustee of a NYLA member library or system:

• The first step is to contact your Library Director. The Library Director is the person who will know if your library is a member of NYLA and could add the trustees.
• When your library joins NYLA as an organizational member, it can go one extra step and by paying a little additional based on the library budget, the library can add all the trustees so as to become full and voting members of NYLA and LTAS!

If you have further questions, you can email Lauren Hoyt membership@nyla.org or call 518-432-6952, X104

The Board of LTAS hopes you will join us in the Library Trustees Association Section!

Jean Currie Suzanne Stockman
President Vice President
From the President, Jean Currie

Hello fellow trustees,

I hope you had a great summer and that your Summer Reading Program was a huge success along with all the other programming and services your library offered.

As we move into the fall, the Library Trustees Association Section is excited about our participation in the NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs, November 2-5, 2022. We are sponsoring two programs on legal issues for trustees and we will also have a booth in the trade show. I hope to see you there on Thursday or Friday.

For many years, LTAS (under two previous names!) has offered the Velma K. Moore Award to someone, usually a trustee, who has provided exemplary service on behalf of public libraries. For the 60th anniversary in 2022, we are very pleased to make three awards. The recipients will receive a plaque and a check for $1,500 for the library or system of their choice at the Inaugural Banquet at the NYLA Conference. You will need to be there to find out the winners! We received many excellent nominations and it was hard making a choice. Watch early next year for the information about how to nominate a person, persons, or organization for this award.

We are very sad to hear that Carol Ann Desch is retiring from the NY State Library. Carol was the Acting Coordinator of Statewide Library Services and Director of the Division of Library Development. Carol has been a longtime, great supporter of trustees and our association. We will miss her long institutional history, her great advice and her calm and cheerful approach to everything! All the best for whatever comes next Carol!

We are always looking for trustees or anyone interested in the governance of public libraries to serve on our board. Please contact me at jean@ovidlibrary.org if you would like to know more.
Carol Ann Desch to Retire from New York State Library in September 2022

Carol Ann Desch, Acting Coordinator of Statewide Library Services and Director of the Division of Library Development will be retiring from the New York State Library in late September 2022.

During her 38-year tenure at the State Library, Ms. Desch has provided leadership and vision for statewide programs, policies and services designed to improve library services for 19 million New Yorkers through a comprehensive network of 72 library systems and over 7000 public, school, academic and special libraries.

Ms. Desch currently manages the most comprehensive program of statewide library development services in the nation, including over $140 million annually in diverse state and federal funding programs. Since first taking on the role of Acting Coordinator in 1996, she has engaged in extensive policy work with diverse constituency groups and high-level decision makers on priority issues such as statewide technology planning, equity of access to library services, digital literacy, higher service standards, diversity of the profession and legislative advocacy. She advises the State Librarian and others concerning state and federal library programs, policies, and services. She has also represented the State Library and the State Education Department within State government, with the Federal government, with national library organizations and with other outside groups and agencies.

In addition to her work at the State Library, Ms. Desch has been active throughout her career in the New York Library Association, serving as NYLA Treasurer and as President of NYLA's Reference and Adult Services Section. As President of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a former division of the American Library Association, she led efforts to reauthorize the federal Museum and Library Services Act.

Ms. Desch is the recipient of the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award in Information Science and Policy from the University at Albany, State University of New York. She also received ASCLA's Cathleen Bourdon Service Award for outstanding service and leadership in 2015 and the NYLA Above and Beyond Award in 2019.

Ms. Desch received a BA in Education and Social Sciences from the State University College of New York in Oneonta. She received her Masters in Library Science in 1977 from the University at Albany. She is a certified teacher, school library media specialist, and public librarian. Before joining the staff of the New York State Library in 1984, Ms.
Desch worked at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar, New York, where she spearheaded a nationally recognized job and career information service.

Carol has thoroughly enjoyed working with her talented colleagues at the State Library and with library leaders from across the State and nation. She said, “As a librarian and as an individual who loves libraries and all they do to enrich the lives of New Yorkers, I could not have wished for a better job! It is so exciting to see the many opportunities that New York’s library leaders now have before them to make long-lasting positive impacts on their libraries, their communities, and the people they serve.”

The New York State Library has served New Yorkers, state government and researchers from throughout the United States since 1818. In its leadership role, the State Library works in partnership with the State’s 72 library systems to bring cost-effective, high-quality library services to the millions who use New York’s 7,000 libraries. The State Library’s Division of Library Development works with librarians, trustees, school administrators, public officials, and local leaders to solve problems and find new ways of supporting the development and improvement of public, school, academic and special libraries across New York State. One of the nation’s leading library development agencies and research libraries, the New York State Library is a program of the Office of Cultural Education in the New York State Education Department. The New York State Library is located in Albany, New York.
Effective Meetings Utilizing Parliamentary Procedure Webinar

The Library Trustees Association Section of NYLA is pleased to be co-sponsoring with PULISDO, an important Webinar: Effective Meetings Utilizing Parliamentary Procedure Webinar.

This webinar is focused on supporting library trustees who want to better understand and implement parliamentary procedure as defined by Robert's Rules of Order. The webinar will be recorded and available for those who cannot attend the October 27th webinar. The webinar is free, but registration is required.

- October 27, 2022 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Online
- Presented by Adrian Stratton, PRP

Register here: https://midhudson.org/events/effective-meetings-utilizing-parliamentary-procedure

A workshop to discover how parliamentary procedure, also known as Robert’s Rules of Order, can assist with better meetings. Robert’s Rules of Order is a tool that will give trustees and library staff the knowledge and framework to conduct effective, fair and equitable meetings. Attendees will:

- Gain an understanding of Robert’s Rules of Order
- Learn how to conduct more effective, fair and equitable meetings
- Encourage respectful discussions and debates
- Utilize time management to fulfill the business of the library

Our presenter: Mr. Adrian Stratton, MBA, PRP, CP is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Institute of Parliamentarians. An active parliamentarian, Mr. Stratton advises organizations on procedure and governance and has conducted workshops for diverse participants on fundamental issues impacting contemporary deliberative participation. His ideas on parliamentary law have been published in several journals including the National Parliamentarian and the Parliamentary Journal. Mr. Stratton currently serves as President of the New York Association of Parliamentarians and was recently named the parliamentarian for the American Library Association:


SPECIAL OFFER: Mr. Stratton will be donating free consultations to two lucky attendees! 1) a bylaws review session and 2) a one-hour board consultation. The winners will be selected from among those in attendance. The time of these consultations will be coordinated with the winners.
Does your board have a committee structure?
It should. By Ron Kirsop

Earlier this summer, a library board was working on mapping out a budget strategy for the next few years to bring them up to an ideal funding level. A long-standing tradition of waiting several years between tax levies had left them in the precarious position of falling behind in facility maintenance costs and personnel minimum wage increases. This was certainly a manageable situation, however, they were also dealing with significant board turnover due to expiring terms and burnout, which made planning a bit difficult.

During the initial conversation when the board was planning out the next steps, I recommended that the Finance Committee create a budget projection that aligns with the library’s current long-range plan to see what their funding needs will be over the next three years. Surprisingly, this idea was met with resistance, not because of the work but because they were against having a Finance Committee or any committee structure.

The argument was that having a Board as small as theirs (five members) meant they did not need committees. They felt it more productive to discuss each issue as a full board during their monthly meetings. This is not the first time a library has used this argument. Boards with five, seven, and even nine members have asserted that committees are unnecessary. Some of you may agree with this sentiment, while others (like me) are a bit bewildered and thinking, “how long does that make their meetings?” In my experience, too long.

So, whether your Board has a pre-existing committee structure or is looking at putting one in place, here are a few points of justification on why this is the right thing to do.

The first, and probably most important, reason to have committees is that it divides up the work among Trustees. You can shorten your meetings considerably by allowing a smaller working group to take on the task of researching, problem-solving, analyzing, and finding a solution for a particular problem.

Take policy development as an example. Each library must have internal and external policies that must be reviewed every five years. To do this task properly, the policies should be read, tested, and considered within the context of the library. Debating the introductory work at a full board meeting seems tedious when two or three people could be assigned to research appropriate policies and do the work of drafting or suggesting edits. The full board will have final approval, but before that, having a smaller group do the work saves significant time.

The second reason to implement committees is to mitigate board burnout. If each Trustee is required to participate in every task of the Board for three to five years, it is no wonder Trustees would rather not run for another term. Yes, committee meetings mean another meeting, but this will ultimately shorten your monthly meetings or, at the very least, divide up the critical work so the board is reviewing each item rather than debating it for the first time.
Thirdly, Trustees govern the library. They are required to be involved with the critical activities of planning, policy development, hiring a director, securing funding, maintaining a facility, and conducting library business. Committees help Trustees stay involved. Voices can get lost in a full board meeting; working with smaller groups makes it much more likely that Trustees will take an active role in these critical activities.

A fourth reason is that having a smaller group means they can keep track of things that need to happen. The Policy Committee takes care of making sure that every five years policies are reviewed. The Personnel Committee tracks the Director's performance during their annual evaluation. The Facilities Committee keeps an eye on when things need to be updated in the building. The Finance Committee tracks expenditures and considers increases in levies each year. Having all of these items in one centralized place is good; making sure they are assigned to a group to get them done is better.

Your library will have standing committees appointed by the Board President each year. These typically include the abovementioned committees: Policy, Personnel, Finance, and Facilities. The Board should also consider a Planning Committee and other special, ad-hoc committees if needed.

A common question that is asked when scheduling committee meetings is how they are impacted by Open Meetings Law. The answer to this question comes right from the Trustee Handbook.

For “public” library boards (municipal, school district and special legislative district libraries) the requirements of the Open Meetings Law also apply to all committees and sub-committees of the board. In the opinion of the Committee on Open Government, if two or more trustees are members of such committees; even if they number less than a quorum of the entire board, Open Meetings Law applies.

Note that board committees of association libraries outside of New York City are not subject to these provisions since they are not considered “public bodies” under the law. (Public Officers Law, Article 7; Education Law § 260-a)

- Trustee Handbook, pg. 29

Complying with Open Meetings Law is certainly not a deterrent to having committees. On the contrary, this is another way the library can show its transparency to the community.

Finally, each committee will develop a report to go out to the full board before monthly meetings so the entire board knows what each committee has been working on. Remember that committees are meant to amplify the Board's work by dividing the workload. Committees are not taking over any activity that is not explicitly assigned by the full Board.
FROM JOE: DO YOU KNOW?

by Joe Eisner

1. In those cases where the Library Board has a negotiated a labor contract covering the staff, the Library Director and certain other staff members may be designated as Management Confidential and their benefits can be different than other employees. However, it is within the Library Board’s discretion to choose to provide the same benefits to the Library Director and other Management Confidential staff as are provided to non-Management Confidential employees. These can be stipulated in a separate contract.

2. When a Library Board decides to enter into Executive Session, it must first convene in public session, and then pass a resolution to enter into Executive Session. This resolution must include reference to the subject or subjects to be discussed and must be carried by majority vote of the Board’s total membership before such a session may validly be held. The provisions of Public Officers Law s105(1) specify and limit the subjects that may appropriately be discussed or considered during an Executive Session. To indicate that “personnel matters” will be discussed is not a sufficient explanation. An acceptable statement is “to discuss the performance of certain personnel”.

3. **Rational for requiring mandatory training for public and association library trustees**

   The senate sponsor of the or the original bill wrote the following justification when it was enacted in the 2021-22 legislative session:

   Over 6,000 library trustees in New York State are responsible for governing 756 local public libraries with 1,100 facilities. Library trustees are required by law to be good stewards of $1.4 billion in public and private annual income and several billion dollars of critical public assets such as library buildings and equipment. New York is a diverse state and the scope of this responsibility is wide ranging, from diverse urban libraries serving millions of people with budgets over $100 million to rural libraries serving small, geographically isolated communities with budgets of less than $10,000. Regardless of the size of the community, size of the library or size of the library’s budget, library board members need basic training. Library governance grows increasingly more complex every year, and library board members need training throughout their service in order to understand and effectively carry out their mandated duties and responsibilities and to be accountable for the appropriate use of public funds.

   Public and association library trustees and board members are an essential element in providing oversight and guidance to help maintain the effective and efficient administration of a local library. Library board members, who are versed in the powers, functions and duties of their positions, including their fiduciary
responsibilities, will be better able to provide effective oversight and help a library meet its mission and be accountable to the local community, thereby protecting the public interest.

[At the time of enactment] There are no ongoing, comprehensive State-approved education or training programs for appointed or elected library trustees in New York State to inform them as to their fiscal oversight and stewardship responsibilities and to provide them with the current information and tools necessary to successfully carry out this critical policy and fiscal oversight role.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

2019-2020 - S.7285 (May) Referred to Education JA.9551 (Ryan) Referred to Libraries and Education Technology
Trustee Education Policy by Ron Kirsop

Purpose

The purpose of the Trustee Education Policy is to comply with New York State Education Law Section 260-d\(^1\) to require members of library board of trustees, beginning January 1, 2023, to complete a minimum of two hours of trustee education annually from a provider approved by the commissioner that addresses the financial oversight, accountability, and fiduciary responsibilities and the general power and duties of library trustees.

Each member of the OWWL Library System Board must demonstrate compliance with this policy by filing evidence with the Board President annually.

Administration

Each year Trustees are required to complete two hours of continuing education during their term on the System Board.

According to Section 260-D, each Trustee shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements by filing with the President of the Board of Trustees evidence of completion of Trustee Education from an approved provider. Such evidence shall include one of the following:

1. certificates of completion issued by one or more approved providers; or

2. a signed self-assurance of completion (included at the end of this policy).

   a. Such assurance shall identify the approved trustee education providers, a description of the format and content of the completed instruction activities, the date and time such member began and completed each instruction activity and an explanation of why a certificate of completion was not available from such approved providers.

Evidence of completion shall be submitted to the Board President by December 31 of each year.

Should a Trustee fail to submit evidence of completion by the above date, the Trustee will be suspended from duty until evidence of completion is filed. Should a Trustee in suspension fail to provide evidence of completion within 90 days, they will have assumed to have resigned from the board.

Compliance will be tracked through the System’s Annual Report to the State.

\(^1\) SECTION 260-D Board of Trustees Continuing Education, Education (EDN) CHAPTER 16, TITLE 1, ARTICLE 5, PART 2, [https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/260-D](https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/260-D)
Approved Providers

At the state level, trustee education providers and activities (topics and formats) are approved by the New York State Library acting on behalf of the Commissioner of Education.

In addition to pre-approving public library systems as trustee education providers, the State Library has delegated authority to public library systems to approve additional trustee education providers and activities (topics and formats) for their member libraries.

Pre-approved providers:

- New York State Library/Division of Library Development
- Public Library Systems
- WebJunction
- New York Library Association (including the Library Trustees Section and other Sections/Roundtables)
- Reference and Research Library Resources Councils
- Empire State Library Network (formerly New York 3Rs Association)
- PULISDO (Public Library System Directors Organization)
- ALA including United for Libraries and other Divisions

Allowable Formats:

Trustee education may be delivered online or in person. The format of this education may include any of the following:

- Lectures
- Workshops
- Webinars
- Online courses

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• Educational programs held at in-person or virtual regional
• State or national library association conferences

Costs of Continuing Education

Modest and reasonable costs incurred by a Trustee in complying with the trustee education requirements may be reimbursed by the System in accordance with the Conference and Travel Policy in the Employee Handbook. All continuing education requesting reimbursement must be pre-approved by the System Board.

1 SECTION 260-D Board of Trustees Continuing Education, Education (EDN) CHAPTER 16, TITLE 1, ARTICLE 5, PART 2, https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/260-D

Family Bible by John McCarthy

As much of the world as a library tries to stuff into its collection, it is bound by the reality of its four walls. While expansions and Interlibrary Loan can help to alleviate some of the pressures, libraries have to make choices. Sometimes the choices are easier. Eventually, you don’t need as many copies of Harry Potter on your shelves as you did when the books came out. Sometimes the choice is perplexing to outside observers.

This was the case for me when I noticed a large, ancient looking tome on the ‘Free Books’ shelf of a small, rural library on the Eastern side of the Hudson River that I was visiting. I picked up the six plus inch thick book gingerly to avoid further damaging the spine, and realized I was holding a family bible. The title page revealed the book was 150 years old, and the pages in the center dedicated to family records were filled out enough to give me a head start. Also stuffed inside was a telegram from 1920 that confirmed that some of the family had definitely been local, well at least a century ago.

At this point you might expect me to brag about my Bruce Wayne-like detective skills in my journey to reunite the book with its rightful owner, but this was 2021, so I Googled the youngest person listed in the records. His obituary, he was born in 1915 after all, led me to his wife’s. Her obituary led me to their surviving children’s names. A little more Googling led me to a phone number for one of their descendants who lives outside of Rochester. I called him and left a detailed message about what I had found. No one answers their phone anymore, do they? A few days later, after I had been checked out online I’m sure, I got a call. It turned out that one of the family members still lived in the area, less than 15 miles from the library.

The next call came from Dale. We chatted a little about the find and he offered to pick it up from my house. The rub was that Dale had told me a little about his family history, some of which could be traced back to the 1600s, and that he was the (I’m pretty sure I’m remembering this correctly) thirteenth generation to live on the farm. I asked if I could deliver it to him and see the farm.

That weekend, my daughter and I drove out to Dale and Laura’s farm and returned the bible to its natural home. They met us in the driveway and offered us coffee and donuts inside their home. (I think that should be more of a thing) When we walked inside, I realized that the book was only the tip of the iceberg. Their home, passed down from generation to generation, was filled with antiques, photographs of family members from before people started smiling in them, and the piece de resistance, the original deed for the farm. This large, framed, velum document was roughly ninety years old already.
when the bible was fresh off the printing press, and the amounts were in pounds, not dollars, because dollars weren’t a thing yet.

We spent at least an hour talking to Dale and Laura. Dale thought the bible might have been sold to an antique dealer in the early 1970s by his father. He remembers the incident because they sold the radio, and he really liked that radio. Enough that he replaced it when he got the chance.

If I had merely returned the book, I would have been happy enough. Instead I was able to glimpse a slice of the history of the area and share that with my daughter. All because sometimes a library needs a little more space on the shelf.
Friends Organizations in Rural Libraries
by Lisa C. Wernett

A white paper from the Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) of the New York Library Association explores the needs of Friends organizations that assist small and rural libraries and provides recommendations to sustain these volunteer groups.

Authors Lisa C. Wemett and Erica Freudenberger first shared the survey results at a virtual session presented at the 2021 conference of the Association for Rural & Small Libraries in October.

The report, “Beyond Younger Volunteers: White Paper on What Rural Friends Groups Need to Thrive,” is the result of a 2021 survey of libraries in New York and outlines the services offered by NYLA's Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) in response to the challenges identified in the study. Sixty-five percent of the survey respondents were from libraries serving less than 10,000 people.

The project was undertaken to learn more about volunteers who support under-resourced libraries and how a division of a state library association could better meet the needs of their constituents. The white paper can be accessed for free, along with the original 40-question survey and a summary of the data. “We hope this white paper encourages discussion among staff and library civic leaders and advances their important work to support the needs of their local communities,” said Kerstin Cruger, FLS President.

Over the past year, FLS has developed a variety of support materials to assist Friends by highlighting a set of best practices to not just survive but thrive. FLS has a new segment of their webpage, “Resources for Friends Groups Supporting Small and Rural Libraries.” There is much here to help all Friends organizations, regardless of their size.

Each division of the page has resource sheets for topic areas which address the challenges raised in the FLS 2021 survey. There are handouts developed by FLS members which relate to each subject, along with links to pertinent resources, templates, and work sheets.

Whether your library is thinking about starting a Friends group or working to sustain a current group long-term by planning succession strategies, the resources here will help
staff and library civic volunteers reach their goals. Help guide new volunteers as they step into important roles for your Friends group by carefully reviewing job descriptions or writing them for the first time using the examples and templates on the resource page.

We know that representation matters. The resources on diversity may encourage people to get involved in an organization where they can see themselves. It is vital to the ongoing viability of Friends groups to recruit diverse members who can share their experience and expertise. The tips from the popular “Membership in a Minute” weekly subscription offered to FLS members in 2021 were compiled into a handout on membership-raising.

And the ever-present need for fundraising is addressed with many suggestions of fundraisers, online resources, and archived articles from FLS newsletters. Included is a handout to encourage Friends groups to draft guidelines for using the funds they raise on behalf of the library. There is a section on programming and tips for becoming a “Library Champion” to support NYLA’s important funding initiatives and legislative goals.

The Friends of Libraries Section’s Executive Board wants to thank the FLS Task Force on Friends and Rural Libraries, chaired by FLS Secretary Lynne Madden, for their work over the past two years to develop the resource sheets and bring these materials together under one banner. Members included Erica Freudenberger, Outreach and Engagement Consultant at the Southern Adirondack Library System; Carole Kupelian, Friends of the Osceola Public Library; Karen Sperrazza, FLS Immediate Past President; Vince Sperrazza, Member At Large, NYLA’s Rural Library Roundtable; Betsy Sywetz, Friends of the Richfield Springs Public Library; and Lisa Wemett, FLS Coordinator for Professional Development. The Board also wants to acknowledge Web Editor Terry Mulee who made it all come together by designing the masthead for the resource sheets and publishing all the content on the FLS webpage. Learn more about the Friends of Libraries Section at www.nyla.org/friends.

**Author statement:** Lisa C. Wemett volunteers as 1st Vice President of the Friends of Libraries Section/NYLA and is the Coordinator for Professional Development for the Section. Wemett is a resident of Macedon in the OWWL Library System (formerly the Pioneer Library System).
The Velma K. Moore Award was established to honor the memory of Velma Moore, one of the charter members of The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB), now the Library Trustees Association Section (LTAS) of NYLA. Mrs. Moore worked actively for the improvement of library services in New York State from 1947 until her death in 1961. She served two terms as president and was a member of the NYSALB Board from its establishment and, for 33 years, she was also a Trustee of the Kenmore Public Library near Buffalo, New York. The Award was originally established in 1962 with a gift from the Moore family and carries a $1,500 prize, which will be given to the library or library system of the recipient’s choice.

Any volunteer--individual or group of individuals--who has made exemplary contributions to the development of library services in New York State is eligible for nomination. Nominees may include trustees, a community member, library boards, or any individual or group who supports libraries, and nominations can be made by anyone in the library community. The Awards Committee of LTAS then reviews the nominations and selects a recipient each year.

In honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Velma K. Moore Award, LTAS has selected three recipients for the Award in 2022. Each recipient will receive the Award and be able to select a library or library system to receive a $1,500 check.

The three recipients for 2022 will be announced and the Awards presented at the Inaugural Awards Banquet at the 2022 NYLA Conference, Back to the Future, to be held on Friday, November 4, 2022 in Saratoga Springs, New York. As a library trustee in New York State, we invite you to attend this presentation in support of three recipients who are being honored for their extraordinary service to libraries in New York State!
Library Trustees Association Section of the New York Library Association

Resources for Library Trustees

New York State Library, Division of Library Development:

https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/

NYS Requirements for Trustee Training:

https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/trustees/education.htm

Library Trustee Handbook:

https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/trustees/handbook/

Trustee Handbook Book Club:

https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/

New York Library Association:

https://www.nyla.org/

LTAS Web Site:

https://www.nyla.org/ltas/?menukey=lta

NYLA Advocacy:

https://www.nyla.org/2022-legislative-session/?menukey=advocacy

Joining LTAS:

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NYLINE (NYLINE: since 1985! Daily messages of interest to New York library folk – easy to delete those not of interest or set to the digest version that is offered)

Join by sending an email to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.NYSED.GOV with “SIGNON NYLINE” (without the quotation marks) in the body of the message. Check out Archives of NYLINE

Useful resources including model policies:

https://midhudson.org/topics/

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