

BRING YOUR PASSION & EXPERIENCE

Volunteering as a member of the Brantford Public Library Board would be a great fit for anyone that has an interest in:

- Making a difference in the community
- Library services
- Working collaboratively with other Board members and the Library CEO
- Lifelong learning

Beneficial skills and experience:

- Previous Board or advisory committee experience
- Financial management, legal, or human resources background
- Advocacy experience

The Library Board seeks members that reflect the diversity of the community.



To Find Out More

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend one of the following information sessions at the Library's Main branch (173 Colborne Street):

- Tuesday, June 25, 2024
at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 3, 2024
at 3:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend an information session and have questions, contact:

Rae-Lynne Aramburo
CEO/Chief Librarian
lboard@brantfordlibrary.ca
519-756-2220 x. 3319

Locations

Main Branch: 173 Colborne St.
St. Paul Branch: 441 St. Paul Ave.
Online: brantfordlibrary.ca

become a
**LIBRARY
BOARD
MEMBER**



KEY FACTS

The Library Board is comprised of nine members. Two of these members are Brantford City Councillors.

The Brantford Public Library is governed by the Ontario Public Libraries Act.

The Brantford Public Library provides an economic return of \$31.5-million to the community.

There are nearly 500,000 visits to the Library each year.

The Library was established in 1884 (that's 11 years before the New York Public Library!)

Currently, the Library has 60,000 square feet of space between its two locations: the Main Library and the St. Paul Branch. A new branch in the southwest is currently being planned!

APPLICATION, SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY

Application:

- To submit an application, use the online form on the Library's website.
- To find the online form, go to brantfordlibrary.ca and look for the **Library Board** page under **About the Library**.
- Paper application forms are also available at each Brantford Public Library branch and at City Hall. Submit completed paper forms to Library staff.
- The application deadline is July 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Selection:

- Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee of Library Board members and staff.
- Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview.
- Brantford's elected City Council will appoint Library Board members.

Eligibility for Board:

A person must be:

- At least 18-years-old
- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- A resident of the Municipality of Brantford
- Not employed by the Municipality of Brantford or the Brantford Public Library

WHAT DOES A LIBRARY BOARD DO?

The Library Board is a formal, policy-setting board that sets the Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives of the Library to respond to community needs. The Board makes informed decisions on matters of governance that include: overall strategy, CEO oversight and support, financial accountability, and employer obligations. The Library Board appoints a CEO, who manages and controls Library operations.

The Board has three sub-committees:

- Governance Committee
- Planning and Policy Committee
- Review Committee (covers HR and Finance-related matters)

Board members spend at least six hours a month on Board business, which includes preparation for and attendance at Board and Committee meetings.

Board members are also encouraged to be advocates for Library services in their daily lives.

A Board term is four years. This term runs concurrently with the term of Brantford's municipal council. Vacancies are filled, when necessary.