

How is the Otonabee - South Monaghan Public Library Funded?

Like other public libraries in Ontario, the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan provides the majority of the operating money for the OSM Public Library. The Library also submits proposals for other grants when they become available and are appropriate. To help with the cost of Library programmes and collection development, the Library also depends on fundraising, donations from the community and local social clubs.

Public Libraries are service oriented, yet are not money-generating as stipulated by the Public Libraries Act. The Board is accountable for leading the fundraising efforts for the Library, supporting the budgeting process, and making presentations and requests to the council.

What Time Commitments are Required as a Board Member?

Board members participate in one or more subcommittees and attend a regular monthly meeting. Members of the Board should prepare to dedicate up to 3 hours every month. Depending on the responsibilities of various committees and impending projects, time requirements may change each month.

The Otonabee-South Monaghan Public Library Board does not meet during July & August.

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What is a Library Board?

All public libraries in Ontario are governed by the Public Libraries Act (PLA). The act spells out the responsibilities and requirements of both the Library and its Board. The Board is responsible for determining the purpose via strategic planning for the Library and ensuring that it achieves these goals.



Our Mission

The Otonabee-South Monaghan Public Library is a welcoming place and vibrant community hub, dedicated to connecting people through stories, services, and lifelong learning.

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Learn More About The

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What is the Term of a Library Board member?

4 years – Library Board terms coincide with the terms of municipal council. In the event of an early vacancy, the Library Board will work with the municipality to appoint a new member to any vacant position for the remainder of the term.

We would love to have you!

Is the Board Volunteer-Based?

Library Board positions are volunteer positions, and therefore, members are not paid for their time.

BECOME A MEMBER



For further information please contact Carolanne Nadeau, CEO of Libraries at 705-295-6814, or email: ceo@osmpl.ca and or visit our Library Board page on our website.

What are the main tasks of the Library Board?

The Board is responsible for determining the purpose via strategic planning for the Library, and ensuring that it achieves these goals. It must define new directions in response to changing environmental conditions and broadly draft a course of action to be undertaken by staff to meet the needs of the community. Tasks include:

- Provide strategic direction and governance of the OSM Public Library
- Act as an advocate for the Library in the community and the municipal council
- Support fundraising efforts
- Attend Library events and provide volunteer support
- Evaluate the strategic direction of the Library & adjust as necessary
- Evaluate their own effectiveness and adjust as necessary

When Does the Library Board Meet?

Currently, the OSM Public Library Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm. These meetings may be held in person, via Google Meet or in a hybrid format.

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Do Library Board Members have a say in the day to day operations?

The Board is responsible for ensuring the Library is staffed by qualified professionals, beginning with appointing a CEO capable of managing daily operations and leading the Library's overall direction. While the Board does not oversee day-to-day operations, it ensures adequate financial resources are in place to support effective library services for the community.

What kinds of committees do Board members sit on?

Board members serve on either standing or ad-hoc committees, with additional committees formed as needed for special projects. Standing committees include Strategic Planning and Policy. Ad-hoc committees may include functions such as Human Resources (e.g., CEO hiring and evaluations). Members may also represent the Board on external committees, such as Ontario Library Services Trustees.