

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.



Info Sessions and more info

Attend an information session in the Board Room at the Main Branch:

- Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

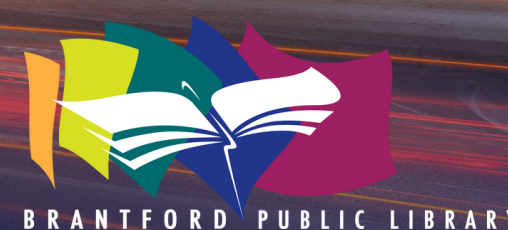
If you are unable to attend, email lboard@brantfordlibrary.ca

CEO/Chief Librarian Contact:

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Locations

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



KEY FACTS

The Library Board is comprised of nine members. Two of which 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 (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:

- Applications can be submitted through the City of Brantford's Clerk's Office
- Public notices will be posted when the application period opens
- Typically, the application period occurs shortly after the municipal election

Selection:

- Brantford's elected City Council will appoint Library Board members
- According to the Public Libraries Act, Library Board members will be appointed within sixty days of a the new Council's first meeting

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.