

# WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## *Board of Trustees*

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY POLICY

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The Library Board of Trustees looks upon the establishment of a "Friends of the Library" organization as a worthwhile community endeavor that benefits both the Library System and the community.

#### MISSION

Friends of the Weber County Library will:

- Maintain a membership of persons and businesses supportive of the Weber County Library System;
- Support and cooperate with the Library Board and Library Development Fund Board in maintaining and enhancing facilities, resources, and services for the public;
- Stimulate the use of the Library's facilities, resources, and services;
- Encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests for the benefit of the Library;
- Focus public attention on the library, and;
- Support the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights.

Friends of the Library projects should be undertaken only with the knowledge and approval of the Library Director. It is also the wish of the Board of Trustees to receive information about Friends meetings, officers, plans, and purposes.

Public relations work undertaken by the Friends on behalf of the Library System should be coordinated through the Library Director. The Library Director may assign staff members to assist the Friends with public relations activities and to handle their checking/savings accounts. Library staff may work with the Friends in an advisory capacity.

Expenditures of public funds for public relations is limited in scope by law. Therefore, public relations programs adopted by "Friends" will not be tied to the public Library budget, and Friends funds shall not be co-mingled with Library operating funds. As the advocacy arm of the Library, donations to Friends of the Library shall not be tax deductible.

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