

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

To enrich community life by fostering the joy and love of reading, encouraging lifelong learning, and providing a welcoming environment.



"The heartbeat of your community."

Learn More About The

Otonabee - South Monaghan Public Library Board

www.otosoumon.library.on.ca

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



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 3:30 pm. These meetings may be held in person, via Zoom or in a hybrid format.

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

The board must ensure that the library engages the best possible staff. This requires the board to put in place a CEO who is capable of managing the daily operations as well as developing and implementing a comprehensive framework for the library. The board does not have direct responsibility for library operations. The board must, however, ensure that the financial resources are available to provide library service to the community.

What kinds of committees do Board members sit on?

Library board members serve on standing or ad-hoc committees. The board may strike any new committee as needed for upcoming projects. Standing committees include Strategic Planning, and Policy Committees. Ad-hoc committees can include but are not limited to Human Resources (for CEO hiring and evaluations), etc. Board members may also be asked to join other committees on behalf of the Library board such as Friends of Otonabee – South Monaghan Public Library, the Ontario Library Services Trustees, etc.

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