



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: MAY 18, 2023

SUBJECT: Friends of the London Public Library
PURPOSE: For Approval
PREPARED BY: Senior Team
PRESENTED BY: Michael Ciccone – CEO & Chief Librarian

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Library Board approve the Friends of the London Public Library policy

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this policy is to establish the conditions under which the Friends of the London Public Library (Friends) is established and operates.

NEXT STEPS

This policy will be re-reviewed in four years as part of the Library's policy review process.

CURRENT POLICY

PURPOSE:

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DEFINITIONS:

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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Friends of the Library may only be established and operate with the approval of the London Public Library (“LPL”/ “the Library”) Board.

The organization, purposes, executive, membership, and operations of the Friends of the Library are governed by the Constitutions and Bylaws of the Friends, as approved by the Library Board. All amendments and changes to the Friends Constitution and Bylaws are subject to Library Board approval.

The relationship between the Friends of the Library and the Library is:

- The Library Board is responsible for Library policy, strategic planning, setting of goals and objectives, and operations.
- The Friends supports and furthers the goals and objectives of the Library through its activities and projects.
- The Friends will be task-oriented, with tasks related to particular projects, fund-raising activities, or special situations.

The Friends’ purposes are to:

- Promote and publicize library services in the community,
- Advocate for the Library at local levels of government,
- Recruit members, and
- Fund-raise.

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The Library Board is not obligated to carry forward suggestions, recommendations or proposals of the Friends.

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Donations to the Library from the Friends will focus on non-core service enhancements and other items that are not addressed in the Library's operating budget.

Friends' Volunteers will be trained and managed in consultation with Library Administration and in accordance with the Library's volunteer policies and guidelines, and best practices for volunteer services.

The Friends of the Library, through the Board representative, will report to the Library Board on a regular basis.

The Library CEO will determine an appropriate level of resource support to the Friends, including:

- Library staff support as advisors, personnel support to projects and events, or other appropriate roles for specific Friends initiatives and
- Library facilities and equipment support (including office space, photocopying, furniture and equipment, etc.).

The Library Board shall not be liable for debts or obligations of the Friends except by prior agreement.

INQUIRIES:

CEO & Chief Librarian

KEYWORDS:

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

DOCUMENT CONTROL:

Approved: June 17, 1992 (L92/54.5)

Reviewed: February 21, 2007 (L07/12.4)

Reviewed: April 28, 2011 (L11/29)

Reviewed: April 23, 2015 (L15/27)

Reviewed: April 25, 2019 (L19/23.5)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- Basic formatting changes

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