



THE ROLE OF THE CORPORATOR PATTEN FREE LIBRARY

Patten Free Library transforms lives, inspires lifelong learning, preserves local history, and builds community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue.

The Patten Free Library is a private library set up by charter in 1847 as a non-profit corporation. Corporators are elected members of that Corporation authorized to operate the Patten Free Library. They are selected representatively from communities supporting the Patten Free Library based on their experience, skills, relevant background as well as their readiness to devote time, resources and energy to the Library and willingness to represent the Library to the community in a positive and active way. Corporators may be considered by the Nominating Committee to become Trustees or Officers of the Corporation.

A Corporator has the responsibility as prescribed by the By-Laws to:

- Attend annual and special meetings of the Corporators
- Hear and act upon the annual reports of the Library Director, Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs
- Elect Corporators to fill vacancies
- Elect Trustees to fill vacancies
- Elect Officers for the coming year.

Corporators have additional responsibilities to:

- Support the library's growth and development
- Review communications from the Director and Trustees
- Submit suggestions, comments or complaints to the Trustees or the Liaison Corporator, as appropriate
- Promote the Library, its programs and policies in their community
- Speak in support of the Library's fund raising efforts with individuals, groups and municipalities, including at city and town meetings
- Contribute financially to the Library's annual fund raising campaign
- Assist actively with fund raising activities, including identification and solicitation of potential contributors
- Be willing to serve on a committee of the Board of Trustees, be a member of the Friends of the Library and volunteer to help with Library projects
- Recommend potential Corporators to the Nominating Committee.

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