

East Fishkill Public Library District Board of Trustees Ethics Statement

Trustees of the East Fishkill Public Library District, hold the Library in trust for the community. This trust is an expression of civic leadership. Trustees represent the community as a whole without preference to individuals or groups of people.

Trustees are volunteers and do not receive compensation for their service.

Once the Board adopts a position, trustees will support it in public settings, regardless of their personal opinions.

Trustees commit to attending meetings and participating fully in the deliberations.

Trustees will attain and maintain the level of competency appropriate to library trustees including continuing education and professional development.

Trustees will treat their fellow trustees with respect and courtesy.

Trustees will respect the confidential nature of library business while being aware of and in compliance with applicable laws governing the freedom of information.

Trustees will avoid situations in which personal interests are in conflict with their role as trustee; they will disclose any such situations; and they will recuse themselves immediately whenever the appearance of a conflict of interest arises.

Trustees will comply with Open Meetings Law.

It is a function of the Board to set broad policy direction and monitor adherence to policy. Trustees are not involved in the day-to-day operations of the Library.

Trustees recognize their role as a fiduciary and as a steward of public trust, and will always act for the good of the organization.