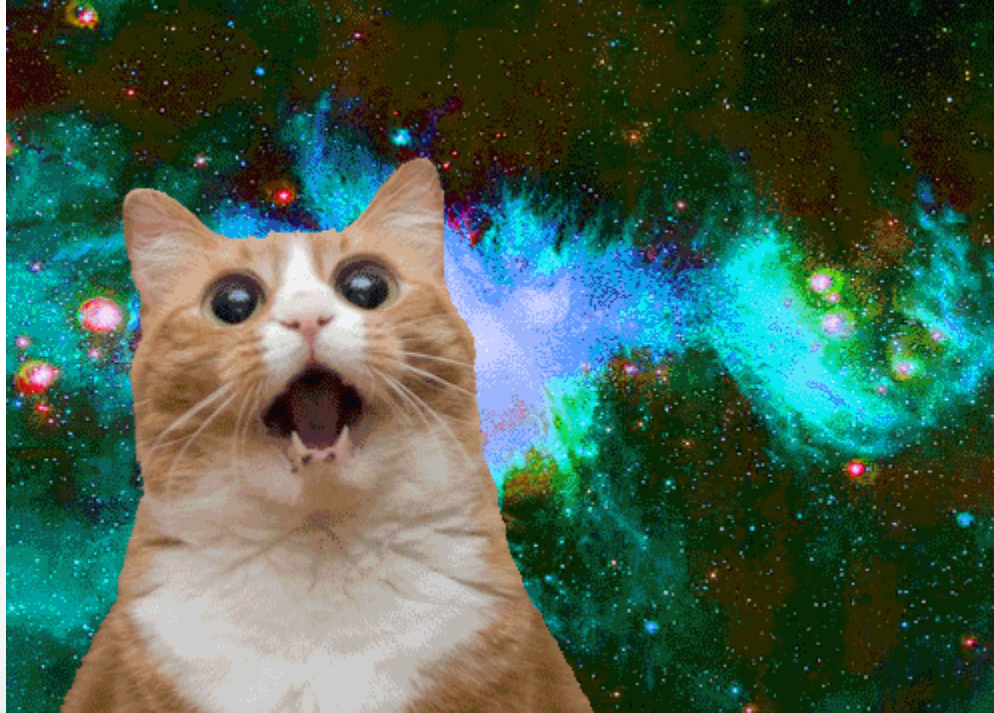


Who Runs the Library?

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Session Objectives:

- Create a successful board.
- Work productively with your town, village, or city.
- Get support from your Friends.



Meet the Board



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Partner



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Plan

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Protect

Board Orientation

What to give them before the first meeting:

- Copy of Chapter 43
- Open Meeting Laws
- Trustee Essentials
- Board By-laws
- Library organizational chart
- Copy of the strategic plan
- Copy of the current budget as submitted to the municipality
- Calendar of upcoming meeting times and library events
- The most recently submitted annual report
- Copy of DLT Library Standards

Board Orientation

What to show them before (or soon after) their first meeting:

- The library - give them a tour
- The library website
- Previous meeting minutes
- Employee handbook
- Policy handbook
- Librarian reports from previous years

The Board Meeting



The Board Meeting

Preparing for the meeting:

- Develop the agenda with the board president
- Make sure that the agenda is legally posted according to open meeting law
- Compile and distribute board packets
 - Librarian's report
 - Bills
 - Financial statements
- Prepare clear, concise updates
- Have definite recommendations on action items

The Board Meeting

During the meeting:

- Provide recommendations on action items
- Assist the board president in running the meeting
- Facilitate discussion and ask questions of the board
- Be a resource and answer any questions that arise

Never Stop Developing Your Board



Working with your municipality



Working with your municipality

Get to know:

- Village or city administrator
- Public works
- IT Department
- Law Enforcement
- Human Relations
- Accountant
- Lawyer

Working with your municipality

Things to do:

- Attend village board meetings and give updates when it ISN'T budget time
- Encourage your board to attend village meetings and advocate for the library
- Prepare an easy to understand and fun annual report
- Find out about any charges you might incur for services
- Offer to help
 - Provide space
 - Connect the village with community groups
 - Provide technical support
- Ask for help when you need it



Our collection is mighty!

71% of checkouts are locally owned

Loaned 47,401 items and only borrowed 42,042

2012

28,247 Website Visitors

185 "Likes" on Facebook

Sauk City Public Library

515 Water St.

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
Friday: 9 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm

2012

10 Teen Programs

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Working with your municipality

Things to learn:

- Commissions, committees, and meeting times.
- How do they like to communicate?
- How can you make their job easier?
- Who are the “regulars” at board meetings?

Get by with a little help from your Friends





Thanks!

