

# History of ARLS

The history of the library system in the Hopewell, Prince George, and Dinwiddie areas has undergone significant developments throughout the years. It all began in 1930 when Thomas B. Robertson initiated the establishment of a Library Association, aiming to bring together individuals interested in forming a library. In 1974 the Appomattox Regional Library was formed joining the City of Hopewell with the Counties of Prince George, and Dinwiddie. The library's name was carefully selected to reflect the shared geographical connection among the three localities, as the Appomattox River gracefully flows through each of them. This collaboration allowed for an expanded reach and enhanced library services for the community.

## Applications

### **Hopewell: Boards and Commissions**

**Application.** <https://hopewell-va.municodemeetings.com/bc/application>

### **Prince George: Citizen Boards and**

**Commissions.** [https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/government/citizen\\_boards\\_and\\_commissions/index.php](https://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/government/citizen_boards_and_commissions/index.php)

**Dinwiddie: Citizen Boards, Commissions and Authorities.** <http://dinwiddieva.us/111/Citizen-Boards-Commissions-Authorities>

**Contact Library Administration if you would like a print copy of the application associated with your community.**

## Make a difference in your community!

## Get In Touch



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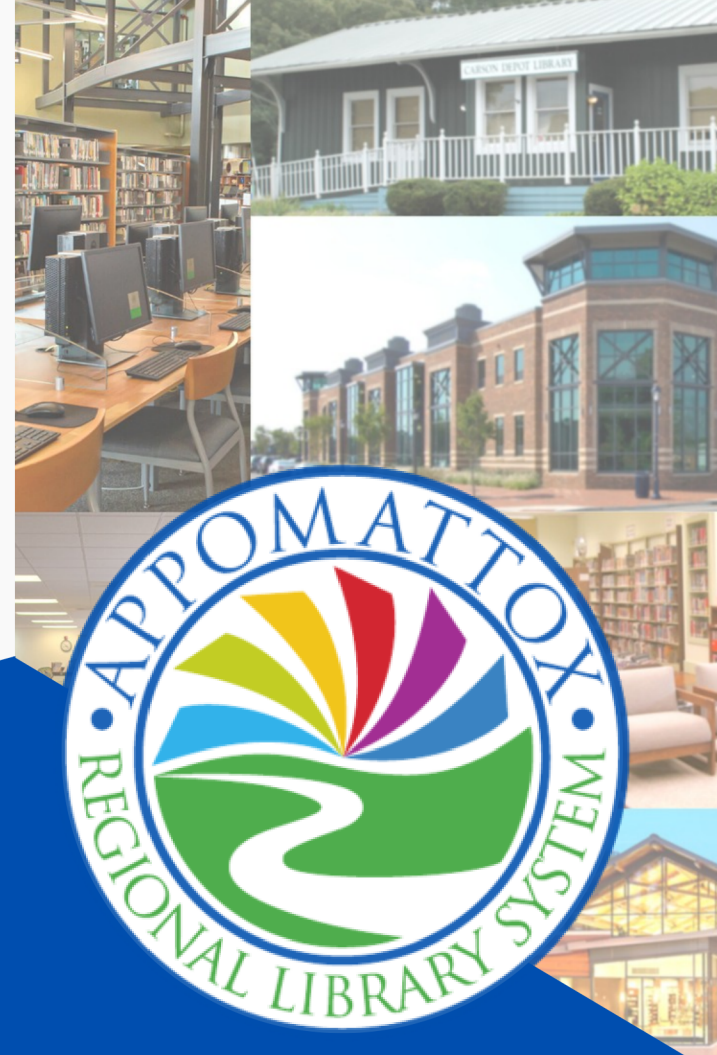


**Website**

[www.arls.org](http://www.arls.org)



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**There are several reasons why someone might choose to serve as a Library Board Trustee. Here are a few potential motivations.**

**Love for Libraries:**

If you have a genuine passion for libraries and believe in their importance within the community, serving as a trustee allows you to contribute directly to the growth and development of your local library.

**Support for Education and Literacy:**

Libraries play a crucial role in promoting education and literacy. By serving on the library board, you have the opportunity to advocate for and support programs that enhance learning opportunities for people of all ages.

**Community Engagement:**

Volunteering as a library board trustee is a way to actively engage with your community. You'll have the chance to work closely with library staff, community members, and other stakeholders to ensure the library meets the needs and interests of the local population.

**Decision-making and Governance:**

Serving on the library board allows you to be part of the decision-making process regarding library policies, budgeting, programming, and long-term planning. It's an opportunity to contribute your skills and expertise to shape the library's direction and make a positive impact on the community.

**Networking and Skill Development:**

Being a trustee provides opportunities for networking and skill development. You'll collaborate with other board members, library professionals, and community leaders, allowing you to expand your connections and knowledge in various areas, such as governance, finance, community development, and public relations.

**Civic Responsibility:**

Volunteering as a trustee demonstrates a commitment to civic responsibility and community service. It's a way to give back to your community and actively participate in the democratic process by ensuring that the library remains a vital resource for all residents.



# We Need You!

The governance of the library system lies in the hands of a dedicated Board of Trustees. The Library Board of Trustees assumes the responsibility of adopting essential policies required for the smooth operation of the regional library system, ensuring its continued success in serving and enriching the community it proudly serves. There are nine volunteer trustees appointed by the respective City Council or Boards of Supervisors.

- Four-year terms, with no more than two successive terms.

**City of Hopewell:** Three volunteers are appointed by the Hopewell City Council.

**Prince George County:** Three volunteers are appointed by the Prince George County Board of Supervisors.

**Dinwiddie County:** Three volunteers are appointed by the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors.