

Essential Trustee Duties and Responsibilities

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Target Audience

Especially for new board members, but open to all. Library board members looking for essential, baseline information to increase their effectiveness in serving on a library board will benefit from attending this session.

Learning Objectives

Attendees will learn effective ways to carry out the nine essential library trustee duties and responsibilities (everything the library board does either falls within one of these duties or is done in support of them). **Note: these sessions feature the updated content that was introduced last year.**

There is a \$100.00 incentive grant to libraries if they send at least three trustees in 2009 to a MHLS trustee essentials and/or advanced workshop. The System will mail checks based on attendance. Light food will be served.

Action

Register for one of the following sessions:

Thursday, September 17
6pm – 8pm at MHLS Auditorium
105 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
OR
Saturday, September 26
10am – 12pm at Morton Memorial Library
82 Kelly Street, Rhinecliff



Registration is required. Register online by going to midhudson.org and clicking on Calendar
OR get there directly at calendar.midhudson.org OR call **845-471-6060 x246**

Comments from last year's attendees 

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Comments from last year's attendees about MHLS Essential Trustee Duties and Responsibilities:

- *I expected this to be very dry & frankly a bit boring. Not so. It was absolutely enlightening. Enjoyed it & learned a lot. Thanks so much!*
- *Now I have a much better understanding of my role as a trustee!*
- *My attitude towards the job of trustee has been jolted to a higher level. You made me aware of the responsibility associated with this job. I need to study this information and try to contribute to our meetings to elevate the level and enhance the library. Thank you so much.*
- *Since I have only been a Board member for 1 month, I found this information useful, eye opening and thought provoking.*
- *Reinforced (review) of much information I have read but needed to hear again to help sink into my head.*
- *Terrific job! Great pace! Well worth my time. Thank you!*
- *Workshop is well executed as usual. Put in a way that is easy to understand and ask questions. Thank you very much!!*
- *This is very helpful to me as a new board member who doesn't even know the questions yet, let alone the answers!*
- *Overall the workshop has helped me to better understand how a library operates. It has also helped me to understand what my role as a trustee is.*