

**East Fishkill Public Library District
Board of Trustees Ethics Statement**

As a Trustee of the East Fishkill Public Library District, I understand that I am responsible for holding the Library in trust for the community. This trust is an expression of civic leadership and, as a member of the Board, I am accountable to the community as a whole.

I will receive no compensation as Trustee.

Once the Board adopts a position, I will support it in public settings, regardless of my personal opinion.

I will attend Trustee meetings and participate fully in the deliberations.

I commit to attaining and maintaining a level of competency appropriate to library trustees.

I will treat my fellow Trustees with respect.

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

I will avoid situations in which personal interests are in conflict with my role as Trustee, will disclose any such situations, and will disqualify myself immediately whenever the appearance of a conflict of interest arises.

I will comply with Open Meetings Law.

I understand that the function of the Board is to set broad policy direction and monitor adherence to policy and not to interfere with the day to day operations of the Library.