

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Who We Are

The Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) is a statutory board, whose vision is to change lives through community connections, engagement and inclusivity.

With values of honouring Indigenous perspectives, creating inclusion, building community connections, and upholding intellectual freedom, SPL helps connect the citizens of Saskatoon to lifelong learning. The SPL Board fills a governance role for the municipal library system as outlined in *The Public Libraries Act*, and is responsible for ensuring that library programs, services and facilities meet the needs of the citizens of Saskatoon.

Potential Board Members

The SPL Board seeks to represent a variety of skills and strong community connections, and reflect the diversity of the community it serves. We welcome applications from individuals with a variety of experiences and backgrounds that represent the full range of visible and non-visible diversity of peoples living in Saskatoon.

All SPL Board applicants should have:

- Knowledge of the public library and its services;
- A valid library card;
- A reputation for personal integrity;
- A willingness to listen carefully and understand others' views;
- An ability to think independently and conceptually and to analyze effectively;
- An openness to learn and to adapt to change;
- A commitment to holding themselves and others accountable;
- An ability to contribute to helping the Board develop trust and consensus;
- An ability to 'take the long view' in providing oversight and direction and in anticipating future threats and opportunities;
- A willingness to advise and mentor new members and to build partnerships; and,
- A passion for building a better community and a commitment to the values and vision of the Library.

In order to fill identified needs in the present SPL Board, we are currently seeking candidates with one or more of the following specific competencies as an asset:

- Connections with the Indigenous community and commitment to Truth and Reconciliation;
- Connections to the arts and literary communities;
- Involvement with early childhood literacy;
- Experience with capital campaigns/fund development;
- Experience with capital project development;
- Legal expertise.

Commitment

The Board holds a minimum of eight meetings per year, on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. except in July, August and December unless time-sensitive Board decisions are required. Additional meeting time is scheduled in advance as needed. Committee work is scheduled over and above regular and special meetings. There is no remuneration paid to SPL Board members.

How to Apply

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application following completion of the recruitment process. City Council will consider its appointments at its December 16, 2026 Regular Business Meeting and all applicants will be notified of the status of their application following that meeting.

Note: Upon applying to this Board, your application/résumé/reference letters may be shared with current Board members as part of the review process.

Contact the City Clerk's Office at **306-975-3240** or at **online.appointments@saskatoon.ca** for more information on the application process.