

The Friends of the SPL Volunteer Board Member (Director) Application

Name:	
Preferred Phone:	Other Phone:
Preferred Email:	

The Friends Board is a working board (in contrast to a fundraising or advisory board). Primarily we raise money by collecting books and other donations that we sell --along with Library withdrawals-- in our Bookstore and at our book sales. We have two large multi-day book sales and several one day sales each year. All of this requires lots of sorting and boxing of books for storage pending sales or for stocking our Bookstore. For the most part, we do this work ourselves including moving things to and from storage. Of course moving books is not all we do. We have a membership and we need to have a membership drive. We have a website and a Facebook page and we need to have a newsletter. We sell books online. We manage the money we bring in and consult with the Library regarding their needs for the funds we supply. We do community outreach in support of Library programs as well as to garner support, donations, and volunteers. We have a professional bookkeeper, a tax accountant, and a paid Store Manager; in addition we have a number of volunteers who staff our Bookstore and the book sales. Supervision of the professionals as well as the volunteers falls under the purview of the Board.

Please check the area(s) of expertise/contribution you feel you could make as a Director to further the mission of the Friends of the Salem Public Library (the Friends). Add any notes you think would be helpful.

- Physical Labor: Packing/Lifting/Transporting Boxes of Books (not a requirement, but a priority)
- Website Management/Facebook/other Computer Skills
- Working knowledge of a language or languages in addition to English
- Knowledge of Book or Collectibles Valuation
- Communications/Marketing/Social Media/Membership or Community Outreach
- Special Event Planning/Working
- Accounting/Tax Preparation
- Bookstore Administration
- Board and Leadership Cultivation
- Other:

Why are you interested in serving on the Board of the Friends?

Please list prior experience serving as a volunteer or Board member for other non-profit organizations; please include any leadership positions:

What other volunteer commitments do you currently have?

Are you interested in serving in a leadership role?

Please share any other information you feel important for consideration of your application to serve as a Friends Volunteer Board Member. Feel free to attach your resume, CV or biographical statement.

If you were to be invited to join the Friends' Board, please identify how you see yourself being involved in the Friends' efforts. Assume that you will be provided training and support as needed.

*Please note that all Board members (Directors) undergo background checks by the City of Salem