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## Information for Candidates for the Library Board

Thank you for your interest in the County of Prince Edward Public Library Board. This package has been created to provide information in brief on the services and operations of the Board and the roles and duties of members of the Board of Directors.

Library boards in Ontario operate in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, RSO 1990. A board's duty is to provide library service that reflects the community's unique needs.

The Mission Statement of the County of Prince Edward Public Library reads:

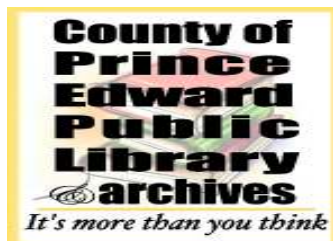
*The County of Prince Edward Public Library is committed to providing excellence in library services to the community. Access will be free, available to everyone and will provide the full range of modern library functionality. Information will be provided through both traditional resources and the latest in modern technology.*

The Board of Directors includes eleven persons appointed by Prince Edward County Council. Three are appointed members of council and the balance are applicants from the community. Executive positions include: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer (the library CEO). Committees of the Board are: Finance and Personnel.

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The library board is an independent body that works closely with the municipality. Funding for library services comes mainly from the County of Prince Edward with some funding provided by the Province of Ontario.

The County of Prince Edward Public Library and Archives consists of six branches amalgamated as one library system in 1999 and the Prince Edward County Archives affiliated in 2007.

The library receives advice and support from Southern Ontario Library Service, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture. The library is also a member of AMPLO the Association of Medium Public Libraries in Ontario, an associate member of the Ontario Library Consortium, and partners with the County of Lennox and Addington and several other area libraries to share the cost of the circulation system and online catalogue.

The library draws on the assistance and support of many community volunteers who help to deliver programming, with shelving materials, and many other tasks. Volunteers contributed 7500 hours to the library in 2009.

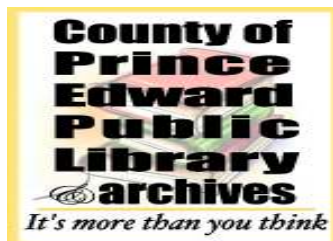
A copy of our latest Annual Report to Council is enclosed with this package. Please see the library website at [www.peclibrary.org](http://www.peclibrary.org) for further information about the library and Archives and its branches. The Picton Branch is the main branch of the library and it is located at 208 Main Street, Picton, ON.

Thank you for your interest in the library. Please call Barbara Sweet at 476-5962 with any questions.

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