In keeping with the Library's purpose of serving the community, and in recognition of our status as a community-funded institution, the Board welcomes and enthusiastically encourages the interaction of and support of local residents throughout such avenues as library volunteering and Grimes Friends of the group, or a Library Foundation.

The Library Director, Board Members, Friends, and the Foundation Group may recruit library volunteers, cooperatively, on either a one-time project of a long-term, scheduled basis. Volunteers will be trained as needed to do specific, non-professional library tasks (unless the volunteer has professional library skills), and will be supervised. Records of individual and total volunteer hours will be kept to assist in evaluating library activities, and individual volunteers in receiving credit for their service. Volunteer's service will be recognized by the Grimes Public Library. Volunteers will be supervised by the Director or the Head Librarian on duty.

Some examples of tasks that might be assisted by volunteers follow:

- Shelving, shelf reading and inventory
- Book mending
- Displays
- Children's story hours and programs
- New materials processing
- Publicity
- Fundraising projects
- Building projects
- Computer projects

Friends of the Library

The Library Director and the Board of Trustees will support the Friends of the Grimes Public Library and a Foundation group as necessary. A free flow of information and support with the groups will be encouraged, and the groups will be seen as a course of community input and opinion as well as an auxiliary source for publicity, fundraising, programming and volunteers.

The Board will appoint a member to serve as liaison to the groups. This liaison Trustee and/or Director will attend all General Session meetings and meetings of the Groups' Executive committee to provide general legal and professional resources for the group. The Board secretary should receive a copy of the minutes of the groups meetings.

The group's activities and projects on behalf of the library will be actively promoted by the library via signs, publications, word-of-mouth, etc. The Executive committees will be notified of regular board meetings.

The groups, as an auxiliary organization, are not authorized to set Library policy, speak on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, or commit library funds. Ideas from the groups operations must be submitted to and decided by the Board or the Director if the purchase is Library Materials.

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