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Friends of the Long Beach Public Library

It is the policy of the Long Beach Public Library to encourage and support a formally organized Friends of the Library established upon an appropriate legal foundation. It is the belief of the Library's Board of Trustees that such a group is to be encouraged because of the benefits that may accrue to both the Library and the Community.

The Friends of the Long Beach Public Library is a volunteer group separate and distinct from the elected Board of Trustees. The Trustees have duties and responsibilities delegated to them under Charter Number 3772 granted by the State of New York. Friends are an incorporated Library support group with duly adopted goals. Since funds for the public library are obtained through taxation and are audited each year by a certified public accountant, such funds cannot be commingled with those of the Friends organization. Friend's activities; therefore, cannot receive Library monies. Friends funds, however, may become part of the Library's disbursements through gifts for specific purposes.

Library staff and Trustees may be dues paying and participating members of the Friends of the Library; however, such staff and Trustees may not hold any office in the Friends organization.

All Friends activities and/or projects should be undertaken with the full knowledge of the Library. To ensure such information between the Library and the Friends, the Friends should report regularly to the Board of Trustees. Such reports may be written and include in the monthly Board informational packet or verbally presented at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. To further augment communication and to act as an advisor to the Friends, the Library shall appoint a staff member who will attend scheduled meetings of the Friends and provide advice on issues affecting the Library. This liaison can act in an advisory capacity only.

Public relations and programming activities of the Friends should be coordinated with library administration. As time and work permit, other staff may share ideas, offer suggestions and consult with Friends.

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