

**La BIBLIOTHEQUE de BEAUMONT LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY**

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**CODE OF ETHICS FOR LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES**

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Board Chair: 

Library Boards exist to develop, promote, and monitor library services as a public trust. Library trustees shall be committed to the following principles:

1. The primary goal of public library trustees is to ensure that the public has access to high quality library services.
2. Trustees shall ensure that each person has access to the most complete library service possible compatible with quality service for others.
3. Library trustees shall observe ethical standards.
  - A. Trustees shall avoid situations where personal advantage or financial benefits may be gained at the expense of other library users.
  - B. Trustees shall distinguish between their personal views and those of the institution by respecting the position of the Board, even though they may disagree.
  - C. In compliance with FOIP regulations, Trustees shall respect the confidential nature of library records within the framework allowed for the monitoring of material usage and the need for public accounting.
4. Trustees shall respect the established structure of the library.
  - A. Trustees will work collaboratively with the Board and shall ultimately accept its' will.
  - B. Trustees shall limit their trusteeship role to policy, governance, and advocacy.
5. Trustees are expected to take responsibility for their development as library board members through continuing education opportunities and participation in provincial library organizations.
6. Trustees will support the intellectual freedom of patrons in the selection of library material.