



## South Central Regional Library Council Trustee Job Description

Do you love libraries and would like to have an impact on regional and statewide library programs and services? Consider becoming a South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) Board of Trustees member!

SCRLC is one of nine Reference and Research Library Resources Councils chartered by the Board of Regents and funded under NYS library law. Based in Ithaca, as a multitype library consortium we serve nearly 80 members across 10,000 square miles and 14 counties-- academic libraries, hospitals, historical societies and museums, 3 public library systems and their members, and 6 school library systems and their members. You can find more information about us including our mission, vision, members, programs, and services [here](#).

South Central Regional Library Council's (SCRLC) 15-member Board of Trustees is often in need of Board members. The Board reflects the multitype membership of the Council. There are also two lay seats that must be filled by people who do not or have not worked in a library or library system for most of their careers. Time spent as a student worker in the college or public library would be ok. Candidates must be over the age of 18.

### Board Information:

**Meetings:** 6-7 per year. About half of the meetings are in Ithaca, with the others in other communities. In-person is ideal, but Board members can attend meetings remotely via webconferencing. Some members carpool to the out-of-town meetings with us.

**Time Commitment:** Meetings generally last 2 hours or less, not including drive time. Members may spend an hour reviewing material prior to the meetings. They are also expected to serve on one Board committee. Committees meet infrequently, often just twice per year for an hour or less. They may require a few more hours of work per year (including meeting time), depending upon the committee and the year. The pieces that have required extra work are behind us (e.g., *Bylaws* and the *Employee Handbook*). The Committees almost always meet via webconferencing.

**Expectations:** Members are expected to attend most meetings and to become familiar with the Council's mission, vision, goals, plan of service, and library trends as possible--other Board members and the executive director are happy to help with this. New members participate in a 2-hour Board orientation.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** SCRLC is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our operation from the Board of Trustees and guiding principles to staffing, programs, and services. Having representation and engagement from people of diverse and underrepresented groups - including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender identity or

expression, sexual orientation, age, ability, nationality, religion, skill sets, and experiences - can effectively position us to address the changing needs of our members and their communities. No one will be denied consideration for or participation in any of our programs, services, committees, special interest groups, or Board of Trustees on the basis of any legally prohibited discrimination involving but not limited to such factors as those mentioned above. SCRLC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer

The SCRLC membership is strengthened by the diversity of resources, expertise, ideas, and perspective of its multi-type membership, bringing together library interests across library type. SCRLC is the means through which its diverse membership coordinates, networks, learns, advocates, discovers, and builds on their commonalities. Together, members can achieve a level of service for their users that would be impossible to do alone or as any one type of library. Multi-type library organizations like SCRLC strengthen library services, programs, and access to information for the benefit of all library users, the region, and society as a whole. Multi-type library organizations ensure everyone's success.

### **Interested?**

If you are interested, email the following information to the Executive Director Mary-Carol Lindbloom [mclindbloom@scrlc.org](mailto:mclindbloom@scrlc.org) with some biographical information, which might include:

Your Name

Address

Email/Phone

Employer (if employed)

Education, training, or certification that you might want to include

Any special skills you'd/they'd bring to the Board

Anything else you/they would like to share