



December 5, 2018

Dear High School Juniors and Parents:

The Baldwin Public Library Board in Birmingham supports student leadership development, community service, and future citizen participation in local government. The BPL Board invites interested juniors who reside in the City of Birmingham, the Villages of Beverly Hills or Bingham Farms, or the City of Bloomfield Hills to apply to be the **Student Representative to the Baldwin Public Library Board**. This opportunity requires a commitment to serve a one-year term on the Baldwin Public Library Board. The term of service runs from February 18, 2019 to February 16, 2020. Board meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Library's Rotary Room on the lower level, except in January when the Board will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Packets for each Board meeting are available on the Library's website the Friday prior to the meeting. The commitment to this position requires that the BPL Student Representative review the monthly agenda, minutes, and reports prior to the meeting.

The selected student will be appointed as a non-voting member on the Library Board, but will be asked to perform all other meeting duties of the elected City of Birmingham trustees. The Student Representative will receive all materials, participate in discussions, and help shape decisions by lending a high school student's perspective. In addition to participating in Board meetings, the Student Representative will also be required work with Library staff and either assist with a service project or coordinate and implement a teen program during the year.

This position requires that the appointed student will be comfortable speaking in public and appearing on cable television. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/staff-board to review past meetings and minutes.

The completed application, essay, and two letters of recommendation are due on Friday, January 11, 2019 to Associate Director, Rebekah Craft at the Baldwin Library, 300 West Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009 or via email to rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org.

We hope you will give serious consideration to this unique learning opportunity. This provides a wonderful way to develop leadership skills, earn community service hours, and to experience first-hand how local city government operates and libraries make decisions, as well as the chance to learn more about careers in libraries.

Sincerely,

Melissa S. Mark
Library Board Secretary