Baldwin Public Library – Opening on Board of Directors

The Baldwin Public Library is the public library of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Bloomfield Hills. It is a Class V library with a service population of 35,350 people. In addition to an annual operating budget of $4 million, it has a $2.3 million trust. Its staff consists of 20 full-time employees and 67 part-time employees. The total number of full-time-equivalent staff is 34.7. The Baldwin Library prides itself on providing excellent customer service, a wide range of collections, extensive and varied programs, and a diverse, welcoming, and inclusive environment for patrons and staff. Baldwin just completed Phase 2 of a three-phase building improvement project and anticipates moving on to Phase 3, a renovation of the front entrance in the near future.

The Library Board of Directors is currently looking to fill a vacant position. Understanding the importance of Board composition and refreshment for effective oversight, the Library Board strives to maintain an appropriate balance of tenure, diversity, skills, and experience on the Board. The person selected for this position will be required to fill the final nine months of a partial term that ends in November 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Members of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors are expected to attend monthly Board of Directors meetings held at the Library on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with occasional exceptions. A list of upcoming meeting dates can be found on the Library Board’s webpage. The candidate is also expected to participate on Library Board sub-committees.

REQUIREMENTS

Each member of Baldwin’s Board of Directors also serves as a Trustee of the Baldwin Public Library Trust, which currently has assets of $2.3 million. For more information about Library Trustee responsibilities, read the American Library Association’s tip sheets.

Applicant must be a registered voter in the City of Birmingham, MI.

All members of City boards and commissions are subject to the provisions of the City of Birmingham City Code Chapter 2, Article IX, Ethics and the Filing of the Affidavit and Disclosure Statement.
APPLICATION  Please submit a [City of Birmingham Application Form for City Board or Commission](#), a resume, and your answer to the question: “How would my involvement on the Library Board of Directors benefit the Baldwin Public Library?” by 11:59 p.m., on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The application form is available on the [Library’s volunteer webpage](#).

INTERVIEW DATES:  Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m. (Special meeting of Library Board prior to the February Library Board meeting); Tuesday, February 16, 2021; and/or Wednesday, February 17, 2021

SEND APPLICATION TO:  Baldwin Public Library
Attn: Rebekah Craft, Library Director
300 W. Merrill St.
Birmingham, MI 48009

The application can be submitted electronically to: [rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org](mailto:rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org)

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Library Director: 248-554-4681.