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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: June 9, 2015

DATE: May 21, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Arnie Maurins, Library Director, on behalf of Sara Sattler, Washoe County Library Board of Trustees Chair
SUBJECT: Appoint Two of Seven Individuals—Wendy Alderman, Karen Hudson, Debbie Jacobs, Robert Kirk, Zanny Marsh, Theodore May III, or Jennifer Swiergiel—to Fill Two Vacant Seats on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with Both Terms Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019 (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees recommends that the Board of County Commissioners appoints two of seven individuals—Wendy Alderman, Karen Hudson, Debbie Jacobs, Robert Kirk, Zanny Marsh, Theodore May III, or Jennifer Swiergiel—to fill two vacant seats on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with both terms effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

County Strategic Priority supported by this item:

Public participation and open, transparent communication

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

As of June 30, 2015, Fred Lokken will be completing his second four-term term on the Library Board, and pursuant to NRS 379.020(2) he cannot serve a third consecutive term. In addition, John Kupersmith, whose term of office ends on June 30th, is not seeking reappointment to the Board due to an eye condition that impedes his ability to effectively serve. In response to notices in local newspapers, the County web site and the Library web site, seven individuals submitted applications, which are appended to this report.

NRS 379.020(1) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to appoint members to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees. Individuals appointed must be residents of Washoe County and must be competent. In addition, the Board of Trustees has approved the following criteria to be used when evaluating applicants:

- Demonstrated use and appreciation of libraries
- Experience working with libraries, especially public libraries
- Other work experience
- Volunteer experience
- Community involvement
- Commission district where the applicant resides

The Library Board has also specified that elected officials cannot serve as Trustees.

The respective County Commission District in which each of the seven applicants resides is listed below:

Wendy Alderman	District 1	Zanny Marsh	District 4
Karen Hudson	District 1	Theodore May III	District 1
Debbie Jacobs	District 1	Jennifer Swiergiel	District 2
Robert Kirk	District 2		

The Commission District in which each current Library Trustee resides is as follows:

Sara Sattler	District 4
Alfred Stoess	District 1
Derek Wilson	District 2

At its meeting on May 20, 2015, the Library Board voted to recommend the following applicants to the Board of County Commissioners (District number in parentheses):

Wendy Alderman (1)
Debbie Jacobs (1)
Zanny Marsh (4)

Please take note that, with my impending retirement as Library Director in January 2016, the two individuals selected by the BCC will join the other Trustees in appointing a new Director.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint two of seven individuals—Wendy Alderman, Karen Hudson, Debbie Jacobs, Robert Kirk, Zanny Marsh, Theodore May III, or Jennifer Swiergiel—to fill two vacant seats on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with both terms effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the Library Board of Trustees recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to appoint _____ and _____ to fill two vacant seats on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with both terms effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.”

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 1

Salutation: Ms **First Name:** Wendy **Last Name:** Alderman
Address: 975 Marsh Ave. **City:** Reno **State:** NV **Zipcode:** 89509
Phone: 7758431599 **Email Address:** w.alderman29@gmail.com
Contact Preference: email

Education Background

School Name: Northwestern University **Graduated:** yes **Graduation Year:** 1983
Course of Study: ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING
Degree Earned: MBA
Notes

School Name: Cornell University **Graduated:** yes **Graduation Year:** 1979
Course of Study: Mechanical Engineering **Degree Earned:** BSME
Notes

Professional Background

Employer: Self **From Date:** 02/01/08 **To Date:** 05/12/15
Status: contract

Job Title: Mentor, Entrepreneur, Consultant

Duties: Consult on product and business development projects for companies in the area of energy efficiency, manufacturing and channels of distribution.

Employer: Independent Power Company **From Date:** 11/01/06 **To Date:** 02/01/08
Status: contract

Job Title: Solar System Sales and Design

Duties: Initiate customer contact, provide customer education, conduct site evaluation, evaluate production/ROI analysis, design system specifications.

Employer: Wesko Industries **From Date:** 09/01/88 **To Date:** 09/01/00
Status: contract

Job Title: Vice President

Duties: Business and product development for international manufacturer of stainless steel food service equipment.

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Agency: Future Cities Competition **From Date:** 09/01/05 **To Date:** 06/01/08
Volunteer Title: Engineering Mentor

Duties: Work with middle school students who participate in teams participating in the national Future Cities program. Goal is to encourage students to explore the STEM fields.

Agency: Temple Sinai **From Date:** 04/01/06 **To Date:** 04/01/07
Volunteer Title: Chair Building Design Committee

Duties: Work with Architect, congregation and committee members to generate a building design to meet growing congregational need. Project came in on time and on budget.

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Agency: Friends of Washoe County Library **From Date:** 01/01/89 **To Date:** 01/01/93
Volunteer Title: Board Member
Duties: Allocation of funds to libraries, fund raising support.

Agency: Tech Is Good **From Date:** 04/01/13 **To Date:** present
Volunteer Title: Board Member
Duties: Connecting with community members, planning, fund raising. Tech is Good provides a technology package, scholarship and support to students from Wooster, Hug, Sparks and North Valley high Schools attending TMCC or UNR.

Additional Information:

When we moved to Northern Nevada in 1988 one of my first actions was to join the WCL. My family and I are active supporters and users of the library. Over the years we have participated in reading times, lectures, fund raisers, tutoring, and of course checking out library materials. The library system is one of our few truly accessible community resources. There is such a wide range of service and opportunities available through WCL, community outreach, reading programs, life long learning opportunities to just mention a few. Looking toward the future I believe it is imperative that the library system continues in this role. As a board member it would be my pleasure to use my experience in business development, coalition building and problem

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 1

Salutation Mrs **First Name** Karen **Last Name** Hudson
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Email Address karena.hudson@gmail.com **Contact Preference** any

Education Background

School Name University of Michigan **Graduated** yes
Graduation Year 1968 **Course Of Study** political science **Degree Earned** B.A.
Notes Also attended the University of Michigan graduate school of Social Work before moving to Nevada where my husband took a position at Desert Research Institute.

Professional Background

Employer self **From Date** 08/01/91 **To Date** present

Status part-time

Job Title Owner of Piano and Brass Studio

Duties Teaching music to pupils ranging in age from 6 to 80. Board Member and Newsletter Editor, Northern Nevada Music Teachers' Association (the local branch); Board Member and Newsletter Editor, Nevada Music Teacher's Association (state branch)

Awards and Honors

I have been listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who Among American Women, and Who's Who in American Education.

Volunteer History

For the past forty years I have volunteered in many different areas of community activities: Coaching youth sports, the Girl Scouts, music ministries at church, political involvement, League of Women Voters, volunteering at schools. I have worked with others to build an enriching cultural community.

Additional Information

When we came to Reno in September of 1970, one of the first things I did was to apply for a Washoe County Library card. Our four children grew up using the library frequently. I am enthusiastic about many programs the library offers; most recently, online downloads of audio and e-books, and tax help. I enjoy the art exhibits, community meetings, and using the library as a convenient polling place. It's always pleasant dealing with the friendly, helpful staff I find at the various locations.

Over the course of many years, I used the downstairs auditorium at the downtown branch for piano recitals. As a passionate lifelong reader, I'd like to be involved in making decisions that involve the library, and helping it to continue as a vibrant community resource.

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 1

Salutation: Ms **First Name:** Debbie **Last Name:** Jacobs
Address: 10580 N. McCarran Blvd. #115-111 **City:** Reno **State:** NV **Zipcode:** 89503
Main Phone: 775-746-6380 **Email Address:** dajacobs@live.com **Contact Preference:** any

Education Background

School Name: University of North Texas **Graduated:** yes **Graduation Year:** 2009
Course of Study: Library Science **Degree Earned:** MLS
Notes: Master's in Library Science

School Name: Washoe County School District **Graduated:** yes **Graduation Year:** 1996
Course of Study: Specializing in Reading and Library
Degree Earned: Master's Equivalency
Notes

School Name: University of Nevada, Reno **Graduated:** no **Graduation Year:** 1996
Course of Study: Certification in Elementary Education K-8
Degree Earned: Teaching Certificate
Notes: To be a librarian at the secondary level you must hold a current teaching licensure. I also received my Media Specialist Endorsement K-12 and Computer, use of.

Professional Background

Employer: TMCC **From Date:** 05/01/06 **To Date:** 07/31/06
Status: per diem
Job Title: Reference Librarian

Duties: Summer temp position as the reference librarian and instructor at TMCC. The Reference Librarian will provide reference services to students, faculty, and staff. He/she will teach library instruction classes, and foster the development of library and information literacy.

Employer: Washoe County Public Library **From Date:** 01/01/02 **To Date:** 01/01/06
Status: per diem
Job Title: Library Temp

Duties: Works the circulation desk, re-shelve and shift materials, operation of automated library system, assists patrons in checking out, returning, locating materials & information, using computers, registering patrons, answering the telephone. Explains library policy and procedures.

Employer: Washoe County School District **From Date:** 08/01/86 **To Date:** present
Status: per diem
Job Title: Librarian/Media Specialist/Reading Teacher

Duties: Provide students with appropriate learning activities and experiences designed to fulfill their potential for intellectual, emotional, physical and social growth; enable students to develop

competencies and skills to function successfully in society. Use technology to strengthen the teaching/learning process. Assist in selection of books, equipment, and other instructional materials.

Awards and Honors

Honor: NSEA Good Ideas Grant

Honor Date: 04/01/14

Details: (NSEA - Nevada State Education Association) I wrote a grant because I wanted to see my students become successful with reading by getting CD players so they could listen to books on tape.

Honor: Beta Phi Mu

Honor Date: 08/01/09

Details: International Library and Information Studies Honor Society

Honor: WEA Dedicated Service

Honor Date: 05/01/09

Details: This award is for being a dedicated educator for 20 or more years.

Honor: Wal-Mart Outstanding Teacher/Librarian of the Year

Honor Date: 05/01/06

Details: The award is given to an outstanding educator using the written nominations received by students. This award included a plaque and \$1,000 for the library.

Honor: WEA Distinguished Performance

Honor Date: 05/01/06

Details: This award is given to teacher/librarian who have done an outstanding and exemplary job in their field.

Honor: Award for Excellence

Honor Date: 10/01/02

Details: For outstanding contribution to librarianship for youth throughout your career in Nevada. This award is given by NSCLS of the Nevada Library Association and is presented at the annual library conference.

Volunteer History

Agency: Nevada Library Association

From Date: 01/01/90

To Date: 12/31/10

Volunteer Title: NYRA Chairperson 2005 and committee member 1990-2010

Duties: (NYRA - Nevada Young Readers' Award) As chairperson you facilitate all communications within the interest group; submits information regarding group activities to the editor of Nevada Libraries and to the Webmaster; coordinator for business meetings of the interest group; planned programs for the NLA annual conference; contact winning authors and picture book illustrators and their publishers; submit a budget request and program justification to the NLA Finance Committee.

Agency: Nevada Library Association

From Date: 01/01/06

To Date: 12/31/08

Volunteer Title: Nevada Library Association President

Duties: The President selects a theme for the conference and for the year; represents the association before the other groups and organizations in the State; directs the operation of the association, it's projects, meetings and professional responsibilities; registers as a lobbyist and testifies before legislative committees; plans and attends the Nevada Legislature Library Day in Carson City; goes to Washington D.C. to represent Nevada on National Legislature Library Day;

hosts the NLA annual meeting; maintains continuous input to official association publications and works with the finance committee to create a budget for the association.

Agency: Nevada Library Association **From Date:** 01/01/01 **To Date:** 12/31/01

Volunteer Title: NSCLS Chairperson

Duties: (NSCLS - Nevada School and Children Librarians' Section) The purpose shall be the promotion and fostering of the development of school libraries and children's services in the libraries in Nevada; plan and conduct the annual meeting; shall prepare a budget request and submit it to the Finance Chairperson and plan a few workshops for the annual conference.

Agency: Washoe County School District **From Date:** 09/01/12 **To Date:** present

Volunteer Title: Committee Member

Duties: I volunteered to be a committee member for the Balanced Calendar Committee, Bus/Bell Schedule and Cultural of Respect Committee.

Additional Information:

I am seeking a new opportunity to use my experience and skills while making a difference in my community. I have such a strong bond to libraries that I want to contribute my time to make them a place that is the focus of a community. My experience is unique because I have worked at public libraries, academic libraries and school libraries which can bring many different views about the role and importance of the library. When the economy is struggling citizens depend more on the public library for access to information both within the building and outside the walls. I hope that you will give me an opportunity to become part of the library community because libraries are my passion. Thank you for considering my application.

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 2

Salutation: Mr First Name: Robert Last Name: Kirk
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Email Address: robk911@yahoo.com Contact Preference: any

Education Background

School Name: California State University San Bernardino Graduated: yes
Graduation Year: 1992 Course of Study: Business Economics
Degree Earned: BA- Business Administration
Notes

School Name: Jack Welch Management Institute Graduated: no
Graduation Year: 0
Course of Study: MBA Degree Earned:
Notes: Enrolled in April 2014 with a projected graduation date of June 2017.

Professional Background

Employer: Charles Schwab & Co. From Date: 01/20/92 To Date: present
Status: full-time Job Title: Branch Manager
Duties: I have managed Charles Schwab & Co branches in Reno, NV and Southern California the last 22 years.

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Agency: Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada
From Date: 2010 To Date: present
Volunteer Title

Duties: I have taught JA in a day for Lincoln Park Elementary School, sponsored by Charles Schwab Bank.

Additional Information:

As a lifelong learner, I have a passion for the public library system and the wonderful opportunities it brings to a community. I have run many successful businesses over the last 22 years and with my leadership skills and perspective, I feel I can add to a team of people in promoting a successful and highly utilized library system.

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 4

Salutation Ms **First Name** Zanny **Last Name** Marsh
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City Sparks **Zipcode** 89435-1926
Main Phone (775) 843-7297 **Secondary Phone** (775) 354-1265
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Education Background

School Name University of Nevada, Reno **Graduated** yes
Graduation Year 2009 **Course Of Study** Justice Management
Degree Earned Master's
Notes

School Name
California State University, Sacramento **Graduated** yes **Graduation Year** 1987
Course Of Study Journalism **Degree Earned** Bachelor's
Notes

Professional Background

Employer Renown Health **From Date** 06/04/12 **To Date** 06/03/14
Status full-time

Job Title Development Officer, Public Funding

Duties: Establish the first centralized federal and state fund initiative for community's only integrated health network. Develop collaborative partnerships and create programs and projects for the Department of Homeland Security, HRSA, and CDC; City of Reno and Washoe County (Nev.); State of Nevada Departments of Energy and Office of the Attorney General; the Governor's Office of Economic Development; University of Nevada, Reno and Desert Research Institute; and community not-for-profits (Nevada Urban Indians), and for-profit stakeholders (biomedical companies). Develop and execute cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship strategies for individuals, corporations, and foundations with the capacity to make a major gift or investment. Brief, work with, and strategically involve health system administrators, senior executives, health care professionals, and volunteers to develop and promote projects that advance patient care and safety, organizational efficiency, and infrastructure. Use accepted fundraising principles to maintain timely and consistent contact with current and prospective donors and develop action plans to secure investment and support. Direct and coordinate staff in the production of research, creative design, and outcomes reporting to funding sources. Meet deadlines and benchmarks; demonstrate flexibility with plan changes; and, problem-solve issues. Represent the health system in the community by participating in appropriate civic organizations and maintain active membership in professional associations. Outcomes: Write and submit federal grant applications requesting \$3.7M in federal support, with the second application earning priority score from agency. Develop and deliver strategic initiative presentations to senior administrators, staff from the U.S. Senators and Representative, city council, county commissioners, the Governor's office staff, board members and community volunteers. Collaborate with university administrators, deans, and directors on key projects for energy efficiency, public safety, simulation research, data development centers, and hospice and palliative care. Receive an employee recognition award for performance and commitment to quality and service.

Employer University of Nevada, Reno Graduate School
From Date 11/18/12 **To Date** 01/18/14 **Status** full-time
Job Title Adjunct Faculty

Duties: Develop and teach graduate course "Elders in Correctional Environments" to introduce students to the dynamics of aging offenders in correctional environments by examining gerontological, sociological, administrative, sociological, administrative, judicial and medical ethics. Outcomes: Delivered instruction for two semesters. Facilitated key relationships with content experts from health care, mental health, higher education, the judiciary, and corrections.

Employer University of Nevada, Reno Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism
From Date 08/18/08 **To Date** 06/30/12 **Status** full-time

Job Title Special Projects Director

Duties: Collaborate with University administrators, faculty, and external stakeholders to create new initiatives, identify priorities, and coordinate resources among existing programs and events to fulfill organization's mission. Identify funding sources and other resources for programs and curricular development. Administer operations for Reynolds National Center for Courts & Media during 5-month leadership transition. Organize and administer regional quarterly education conferences from Washington, DC to Santa Clara, California. Develop project budgets and generate status and outcome reports to philanthropic donors. Design and administer public and community relations campaigns. Coordinate employment searches for two staff positions. Develop innovative projects, programs and special events that support key academic emphases: ethics, entrepreneurial and innovative journalism, and strategic communication. Serve as content manager for website and manage implementation of electronic and social media campaigns. Outcomes: Introduce program to promote academic achievement and cultural diversity. Leverage outreach programs to achieve strategic milestones with multiple stakeholders. Establish new partnerships Washoe County High School District, Journalism Educators Association of Northern California, the Scholastic Journalism Institute, the California Scholastic Journalism Program, the Northern Nevada International Center, U.S. State Department, Nevada Humanities. High school student and teacher participation doubles at on-site events.

Employer University of Nevada, Reno Office of Communications
From Date 06/01/06 **To Date** 08/18/08 **Status** full-time

Job Title Director of Communications

Duties: Develop and administer community and media relations programs (traditional, new and social media) for 49 departments and programs and more than 250 full-time faculty members. Research and develop recommendations for, and brief University administrators, deans, and faculty about issues management. Develop, write, and disseminate reports, presentation scripts, media releases and features, annual reports, and public service announcements. Outcomes: Work quality and effectiveness led to recruitment to serve as Reynolds School's Special Projects Director full-time.

Employer University of Nevada, Reno Sanford Center for Aging
From Date 05/01/98 **To Date** present **Status** full-time

Job Title

Duties: Administer and co-author an average of \$400,000 in federal and state grants annually. Administer the RSVP of Washoe County program, including supervisory responsibilities for RSVP director and RSVP Community Advisory Board. Establish unit's first development and stewardship programs, raising more than \$100,000 in the first year. Recruit, deliver orientation to, and secure leadership gifts from community advisory board. Administer unit operations for up to 21 faculty and staff. Supervise six additional positions. Co-produce and serve as on-air host of bi-weekly "AARP Presents..." television broadcast. Assessment documents 100,000+ annual community contacts (i.e., networking, service delivery, direct mail, media, etc.). Collaborative volunteer projects increase 50 percent in six years. Delivery of community education programs increase 70 percent in three years. Center name recognition increases 30 percent. Initiated extensive outreach to develop innovative projects including but not limited to: Improving the Criminal Justice Response to Elderly and Vulnerable Adults—Interpret data collected at

stakeholder focus groups and contribute to curriculum as member of the statewide advisory team to the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. Consult on Office on Violence Against Women Act grants in collaboration with Nevada Office of the Attorney General grants administrators. Senior Power–Provide free weatherization service to very-low income seniors, education component reduces stigma of enrollment in federal energy assistance programs. Partners include Sierra Pacific Power (now NV Energy) and Retired and Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). Project implemented from concept to launch in two months and is proposed as national model by the Corporation for National and Community Services. Reaching for the Stars Luggage Drive–Replace garbage bags used by case managers for the belongings of children taken into foster custody following incarceration of parent or primary caregiver. Partners include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada, WrapAround in Nevada, and RSVP. Collection exceeded goal in less than four months. Project featured at National College of District Attorneys’ 15th Annual National Conference on Domestic Violence, 2005. Birthday Buddies–Recruit volunteers to bake and deliver cupcakes for school district’s homeless students, ages 6-9. Partners include RSVP and Washoe County School District. Within two years, more than 24 volunteers participate, and local grocery stores contribute supplies and/or baked goods to underwrite the program.

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Agency Truckee Meadows Tomorrow **From Date** present **To Date** present
Volunteer Title Board Member

Duties: Among the duties I have performed, Youth Risk Behavior Task Force Chairman (2009); President (2007); Quality of Life Task Force Chairman (2004-2006); Board member (2003-present). Community Indicators Consortium selects my Truckee Meadows Tomorrow ‘Real Story’ as one of four (out of 35 state entries) for publication in 2010, raising national awareness of governmental partnership in community quality of life initiatives. Present at international and national conferences. Sponsor performance indicator, “Community Responsiveness to its Most Vulnerable Populations,” to support data collection about the under-represented. Deliver presentations advocating for quality of life before fraternal, not-for-profit organizations, and professional associations. Solicit participation in and lead focus groups during indicator review and update from non-traditional community stakeholders: youth ages 5-17, Spanish language speakers/readers, LGBT community, seniors, persons and families economically at-risk, faith groups; CEOs, government employees, and elected officials. Results include creation of four new quality of life indicator categories and indicators. Implement first public relations campaign. Present before 800+ attendees.

Agency KNPB Community Advisory Board **From Date** present **To Date** present
Volunteer Title Board Chairman

Duties: I have served on the board as a participating member until April of this year when I began my first term as Chair. Board duties include cultivating and soliciting programming suggestions, outreach to potential partners, developing new member survey tools, and assisting the CEO in outreach to communities in the broadcast area.

Agency Seniors in Service **From Date** present **To Date** present
Volunteer Title Board Chairman

Duties: I assumed my role as Chairman in January 2014. Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents operate in Washoe County under the auspices of Seniors in Service, which engages in volunteer service seniors (55 years and older) with very low incomes. The board provides administrative oversight and perform the performance evaluation of the Executive Director, reviews the operating budget, participates on Fund Development and Communications subcommittees, and offers strategic direction to enhance programmatic growth.

Agency City of Reno Police Department **From Date** present **To Date** present
Volunteer Title Domestic Violence Victim Advocate

Duties: I completed 40-hour volunteer training to serve as an on-call (overnight and weekend) advocate to respond to officer requests for assistance with domestic violence survivors. I am the only elder abuse volunteer advocate.

Agency City of Reno Arts and Culture Commission **From Date** present **To Date** present
Volunteer Title Co-Chairman of Leadership, Collaboration and Coordination ad hoc study group
Duties: Our work involved engaging the community and stakeholders in updating the City of Reno's plan for arts and culture programming, facilities, resources, and future direction.

Agency City of Reno Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
From Date present **To Date** present

Volunteer Title Committee Member

Duties: Work with Recreation and Community Services staff to communicate senior needs to City of Reno Council members.

Agency American Red Cross **From Date** present **To Date** present
Volunteer Title Chairman of Volunteers

Duties: I served in a several roles before becoming Chairman of Volunteers. In each of my roles, I represented the organization within the community, administered training programs from the corporate curriculum to ensure volunteer worked cooperatively with staff on preparedness and emergency assistance. I was active on the board when this community experienced the 1987 flood that displaced Red Cross headquarters operations and triggered response from national disaster volunteers.

Additional Information:

I am applying for this position because my earliest memories of the library were, well, magical. I grew up my local libraries and some of my earliest memories include going to the library for story time. My father died two weeks before I was born. I was raised by a single mother who worked so very hard to give me every advantage, beginning with my education. Reading was revered in our home and I learned to read at an early age. Nearly every weekend, my mother took me to our local library for story time. As a very young girl, I was intrigued with the card catalog. I once asked the story time librarian about "that big piece of furniture." She told me that each card inside was a key that could unlock the whole world for anyone with imagination and curiosity. That exchange happened more than 40 years ago, yet I remember it distinctly. I will be forever grateful for the wonder that she instilled in me as a child. I'm an interested in becoming a Trustee because I want to ensure that local libraries remain a community hub for generations. Libraries complement learning that takes place at home and in our schools. When I chaired the Truckee Meadows Tomorrow task force that performed an 18-month review and update of community quality of life indicators, we asked respondents to identify and prioritize indicators they considered important. Libraries serve a unifying role in the four indicators in the category of Education and Lifelong Learning: • Educational infrastructure to meet community needs, • Educational success, • Community-wide involvement in education, and a • Literate community Trustees offer essential administrative oversight to ensure efficient and effective operation of our network of libraries. Further, I believe we can support the director and staff with visioning, marketing, outreach, impact and outcomes reports, and best practices. I would appreciate this opportunity to serve Washoe County and members of this community as Library Board Trustee. Thank you.

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 1

Salutation: Mr **First Name:** Theodore **Last Name:** May, III
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Phone: 860-682-2054 **Email Address:** tjmay3@gmail.com
Contact Preference: any

Education Background

School Name: University of Hartford **Graduated:** yes
Graduation Year: 1997
Course of Study: English Creative Writing, Journalism, Sports Information
Degree Earned: BA Creative Writing

Professional Background

Employer: MA Public/ Private Schools
From Date: 01/25/95 **To Date:** 06/21/13 **Status:** full-time
Job Title: Special Education Teacher

Duties: Developed and adapted curriculum for students/clients pre-school-adulthood in all academic and life skills areas. I worked extensively in helping typical peers interact and learn how to include peers with disabilities. Provided in-home training to parents and siblings of students with various physical and developmental disabilities. Advocated for students rights, after school inclusion and best interest while developing IEPs.

Employer: Self
From Date: 11/01/98 **To Date:** present **Status:** full-time
Job Title: Writer

Duties: I wrote for various magazines from 1998-2001. From 2000-2002, I co-created and wrote two webcomics that were among the first of all time. In 2000 I founded SUMM Publications with illustrator Jason May. We developed two critically acclaimed webcomics, two one-shot comic books and one Graphic Novella. I have had over a dozen short stories published. Served on the board of the New England Horror Writers and was a judge for the best screenplay of the 2011 Bram Stoker Awards.

Awards and Honors

Honor: Best Poem **Honor Date:** present
Details: Honorable mention best poem, University of Hartford literary awards

Honor: Bram Stoker Award **Honor Date:** present
Details: My short story, CHASING EMPTINESS, made the preliminary (top 10) ballot of the Bram Stoker Awards.

Volunteer History

Agency: Boy Scouts of America **From Date:** 09/21/11 **To Date:** present

Volunteer Title: Cub Master

Duties: I have served as a Den Leader, Committee Member and Cub Master in Boston and Reno during the last five years.

Agency: New England Horror Writer **From Date:** present **To Date:** present

Volunteer Title: Director of Events

Duties: I sat on the committee of the NEHW and was chiefly responsible for organizing convention and public appearances for our authors.

Agency: Little League Baseball **From Date:** present **To Date;** present

Volunteer Title: Coach

Duties: I have served at various levels of coaching in Boston and Reno since 2012.

Additional Information:

I am an avid supporter and user of the American library system. I believe it is an essential hub of literacy, cultural, education and democracy. It is one of the finest rights awarded to our citizens. I would consider it a great honor to serve as a trustee.

Application for Library Board of Trustees

Personal Information

Note: Applicant resides in District 2

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Contact Preference: any

Education Background

School Name: University of Arizona Graduated: yes Graduation Year: 1995
Course of Study: Molecular and Cellular Biology Degree Earned: PhD
Notes

Professional Background

Awards and Honors

Volunteer History

Additional Information:

My family and I enjoy the library and the many programs and services it offers. We are all avid readers and have been a part of libraries since we were children. I have a varied background in academia, private sector biochemistry research, and government service, and I hope to put my skills to work for the library.