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PURPOSE

Board members must have sufficient knowledge of provincial library board governance matters. Through ongoing training, Board members can understand their remit whilst also ensuring access to detailed information governance and policy matters is readily available.

SCOPE

To ensure ongoing education, the Board will:

- schedule time for Board training
- maintain membership in the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario Library Boards' Association
- fund at least two Board members to attend a relevant conference (e.g. OLA SuperConference) annually

In the first year of its term, the Board will review and discuss the content, in its entirety, of the Board Orientation portal.

The Chief Librarian will provide ongoing information on training and networking opportunities, offered by various organisations in Ontario, as they are made available. While the cost of any training will be covered by MPL, all such costs must be approved by the Board before being undertaken. Board members are to provide a report on their participation in any training undertaken, at the next scheduled Board meeting, following the training and Board members are particularly encouraged to participate in training opportunities that include, but are not limited to:

- effective governance
- planning
- advocacy
- funding development
- decision making

Related Documents:

Milton Public Library. GOV – 07 Board Orientation

Ontario Library Service – Governance Portal <https://librarygovernance.ca/>