

### Shorewood-Troy Library District Trustees Ethics Statement

Shorewood-Troy Library District Trustees are accountable for the resources of the Library and are bound to oversee that the Library provides the best possible service to its Community. Each Trustee makes the personal commitment to contribute the time and energy to faithfully carry his or her duties and responsibilities with absolute truth, honor, and integrity.

- Trustees will display civility to each other and the Director in Board meetings. While open dialog and a diversity of thought are encouraged, trustees respect each other.
- Trustees will comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations in regard to themselves and the Library.
- Trustees will not be swayed by public pressure or fear of criticism.
- Trustees will uphold patron privacy and will not engage in discrimination of any kind.
- Trustees will always uphold the formal position of the Board, even if they personally disagree.
- Trustees will respect the confidential nature of library business and not disclose it. They are aware of and in compliance with Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act laws.
- Trustees (and/or their families) do not personally or financially benefit from the Library or from access to Library information.
- A Trustee will disqualify him/herself in the case of a conflict of interest.
- Trustees shall not interfere with the Director's management responsibilities or the Library staff's supervision.
- Trustees support the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_