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ARE YOU A GOOD LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER?



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Do you attend board meetings regularly?

Do you use your library?

Do you visit the library to learn what is going on?

Do you study the policies of your library before voting "Yes" or "No" at board meetings?

Are you aware of all the services your library offers?

Are you aware of the services it could offer if it were properly supported and staffed?

Does the library board, through the librarian, give the community the service it pays for?

Is the library operated for the interest of the community or for the librarian?

Do you use every opportunity to boost the library in the community?

Do you make it your business to let the appropriating body know the needs of the library?

Are you familiar with the laws pertaining to library service?

Do you visit other libraries to inform yourself of library practices?

Do you attend library association meetings?

Are you a member of the Alabama Library Association?

Are you a member of the American Library Association?

Do you read the bulletins of these Associations?

Do you make use of the advisory services of the Alabama Public Library Service?

If your answer to these questions is "Yes", you are indeed a good library board member.

Serving on a library board is a responsibility. It is within your province to offer a great service to your community if you are interested, conscientious, and willing to sacrifice time and energy.

The Library Board is charged with the responsibility of administering the library through its designated channels. Among your duties are: The appointment of a librarian, the making of a budget and seeing that it is observed, interpreting the library to the community, entering into agreements with other agencies for service, and presenting the needs of the library as a vital force in the community to the appropriating bodies. Libraries cannot give good service without good support.

Careful records of the board must be kept so that the above functions can be carried on. Membership on a library board is a privilege to those who believe in better community living and a better Alabama. It offers a rare opportunity to give service to all the people.