Charlevoix Public Library
Code of Ethics for the Charlevoix Public Library Trustees
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1. Trustees shall observe ethical standards with truth, integrity, and honor.

2. Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interest might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of the library users, colleagues, or the situation.

3. It is incumbent upon any trustee to disqualify himself/herself immediately whenever the appearance or a conflict of interest exists.

4. Trustees must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution, acknowledging the formal position of the board even if they personally disagree.

5. A trustee must respect the confidential nature of library business while being aware of and in compliance with applicable laws governing freedom of information.

6. Trustees must be prepared to support the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.

7. Trustees are expected to perform all of the fiscal, legal, and moral responsibilities of library trustees.