

APPENDIX 4A—The Role of the Board of Library Trustees

The powers of the Board of Library Trustees (Board) are governed by the Public Library District Act (the Act) of the Illinois State Statutes [75 ILCS 16/30-55], including, but not limited to, the following summaries:

- enact, amend, and rescind ordinances and make and adopt such bylaws, rules, and resolutions for their own guidance and for the government of the Library as may be expedient and not inconsistent with the Act
- have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected for the Library and deposited to the credit of the Library funds
- have exclusive control of the construction of any Library building and of the supervision, care, and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart for that purpose
- purchase or lease real or personal property, and construct an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the Library according to 75 ILCS 16/30-55.20
- remodel or reconstruct a building erected, purchased, or leased by the Board, when such building is in need thereof or is not adapted to its purposes and needs
- sell or otherwise dispose of real or personal property that it deems no longer necessary or useful for Library purposes under such terms as the Board deems best, but in no event on contracts extending over a period of more than 20 years, and to lease to others any real property not immediately useful to the district but for which plans for ultimate use have been adopted
- appoint and fix the compensation of a qualified librarian to act as administrator of the Library's operations including the authority to hire such other employees as may be necessary, to fix their compensation, and to remove such employees
- retain counsel and professional consultants as needed
- contract with any public or private corporation or entity for the purpose of providing or receiving Library service or performing any and all acts necessary and proper to carry out the responsibilities, the spirit, and the provisions of 75 ILCS 16/30-55.40
- join with the board(s) of one or more public libraries within this state in maintaining libraries or for the maintenance of a common library or common library services for the participants upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by and between the participating library boards

- enter into contracts and take title to any property acquired by it for Library purposes
- exclude from the use of the Library any person who willfully violates the rules prescribed by the Board
- extend the privileges and use of the Library, including the borrowing of materials on an individual basis by persons residing outside of the District upon such terms and conditions set forth in Illinois Library law governing use of the library by nonresidents [75 ILCS 16/30-55.60]
- undertake programs for the purpose of encouraging the addition to the District of adjacent areas without local tax-supported library service and to expend funds for this purpose
- establish fines and penalties for
 - damage to any library material
 - damage to any property belonging to or in the custody of the Library
 - failure to return any book, material, or property belonging to or in the custody of the Library
- invest funds pursuant to Illinois state statutes
- exercise the power of eminent domain
- accumulate and set apart as reserve funds portions of the unexpended balances of the proceeds received from taxes or other sources, for the purpose of providing self-insurance against liabilities of the Library
- purchase membership for the Library or its Trustees in the Illinois Library Association, the American Library Association, or any nonprofit, nonpolitical, 501(c)(3) associations, as designated by the federal Internal Revenue Service, having the purpose of improving library development and librarianship
- participate in the maintenance of a historical museum and library organized and maintained for the promotion of historical education within the District by any historical society or other civic body or corporation, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the Board and the governing board of such historical society or other such civic body or corporation

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