

MORRILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE

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Questions:

1. Tell us about yourself and how your experiences will make you a good candidate for this office.

I've lived in Norwood since 2014 with my husband. We have two daughters who attend the Prescott Elementary School. I'm the room parent for both of their classrooms, which has helped me stay connected with other families in the community, attend PTO meetings, and help at school when possible.

My family frequents the library - we usually have many books out, attend events, and leverage library services, such as passport assistance. I love that the library is a place for our community. We have a diverse population and our resources and programs should reflect that.

I'm interested in serving on the Board of Trustees because I value the role the library plays in supporting families, learning, and community connection in Norwood. I'd love the opportunity to contribute my time and perspective to help the library remain a strong community resource.

2. In your view, what is the public library's role in a community?

The library is part of the public good, ensuring that knowledge is accessible to everyone at no cost. From book collections and a "library of things" to community programs, it should serve all members of the community by providing resources, learning opportunities, and shared public space. Libraries help reduce barriers to information, and create a welcoming place where people of all backgrounds can connect, explore ideas and participate in community life.

3. What programs or services would you like the library to provide in the future?

The library already provides a variety of services that I love and serve the community. Additional services I'd like to see the library offer are events for children outside of traditional work hours of 8-5 for working parents (evenings and weekends). I'd also like to see if there is an opportunity for additional services for those that cannot visit the library in person or who need language assistance.

4. How do you plan to be an effective advocate for our library at local, state, and federal levels?

I'd be an effective advocate for our library by advocating for all voices of Norwood and representing our community and the library at all government levels. I'd expect to work with local municipal leaders and community partners to ensure the library is well supported and

responsive to community needs. It also means supporting candidates and programs at the state and federal level who share similar views on the value of the public libraries.