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Rock County Board Chair Seeking Persons Interested in Serving on the Prairie Lakes Library System Board

Rock County Board Chair Rich Bostwick is seeking persons interested in serving on the Prairie Lakes Library System Board.

Interested applicants must be a resident of Rock County and must not be an employee of a public library that is a member of the system. Board trustee terms are 3 years. Meetings typically occur monthly on the 4th Wednesdays.

The goal of library systems has been to provide all Wisconsin residents with access to the high-quality library service needed to meet personal, work, educational, and community goals. No county or public library is required to be a member of a library system; yet, all of Wisconsin's 72 counties and 380+ public libraries are library system members. There are 15 public library systems in Wisconsin.

The basic dynamic of library system membership is simple: a public library agrees to certain membership requirements, including the agreement to serve all system residents; in return, the library system provides a wide range of primarily state-funded services that enhance local library service. Ideally, through this relationship, all residents of the state gain improved library service, as well as the ability to use whichever library or libraries that best serve their needs. Municipal libraries participate in library systems because their communities' residents benefit from this arrangement.

As a member of the Prairie Lakes Library System Board, you will assist in developing policies that support the mission of the library system, approve an annual operating budget that supports the mission of the library system, and oversee the performance of the library system director.

Rock County residents are encouraged to submit their interest to serve as a trustee on the Prairie Lakes Library System Board by 8:00 am on January 2, 2024, through the online portal on the Rock County website. The portal can be found at this link <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/join-a-committee> or by clicking on "Residents" at the top of the County's website and following the link to join a committee. This portal can be used by residents to express their interest in serving on any committee that has community representatives.

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of the Prairie Lakes Library System Board can be directed to the Rock County Administrators Office, at countyadmin@co.rock.wi.us.

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