

Deseronto Public Library

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The purpose of the Deseronto Public Library Board is to govern the affairs of the public library in service to the community. This policy sets out the work of the board and the ways in which the board achieves its purpose.

1. The board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library service by:
 - a) Developing and expressing the library's philosophy and values
 - b) articulating the library's mission , vision, service priorities , and long term strategy
 - c) setting policies on governance and service
 - d) delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and evaluating her/his performance
 - e) planning for further library development
 - f) advocating for library service
 - g) securing the resources to achieve the intended results
 - h) exercising financial control
 - i) evaluating results and assessing outcomes and impact

2. The board governs effectively by:
 - a) setting an annual board agenda that reflects current goals and strategic issues
 - b) working proactively and making decisions that focus on the library's future and place in the community
 - c) providing opportunities for board development and training
 - d) working effectively as a team
 - e) working collaboratively with the CEO and the council
 - f) evaluating the board's performance
 - g) engaging the community in determining responsive and dynamic library service
 - h) behaving with integrity

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