Library Mission

To inform, enlighten, entertain, enrich, empower, inspire, and engage the community

In 2018, the library is focused on

- Evaluating library services
- Gathering input regarding community needs and aspirations
- Reviewing policies
- Continuing to grow our digital presence through increased ebooks, online magazines, one-click reference help, interactive website and search aids, and the development of digital video content
- Creating access to the Eanes History Center resources
- Providing a platform for community conversation
- Providing continued outstanding services and hospitality

Trustee Competencies Include:

**General Knowledge**—understanding the role of Trustees and the Director, the library’s mission, current library issues, and laws governing our libraries

**Board operations**—including Roberts Rules of Order and Open Meetings Act

**Advocacy**—participating in community events and promoting the library and its needs to elected officials, decision makers, and the media

**Decision Making**—using up-to-date information to participate in Board actions

**Strategic Planning**—working with the Library Director to develop long-range plans with input from the community and staff

**Finance**—understanding the Board’s role in keeping the public trust, understanding budgetary concerns and the impact of decisions on services

**Fundraising**—developing community partnerships and promoting fundraising activities

**Policy Making**—working with the Director to develop policies for guiding administrative practices and ensuring the rights and responsibilities of users

*Adapted from Tools for Trustees, Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF)*

The Westbank Community Library District is seeking dedicated individuals to serve the community as a Trustee. Trustees promote and safeguard Westbank Libraries by advising the library director and overseeing finances & policy.

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The Westbank Community Library District is governed by an elected five-member Board of Trustees, each serving two year terms. Every year in November, two or three of those positions come up for re-election.

In the 2017 election, there will be two positions open. Candidates for the office of Trustee must be a resident of the district and a registered voter. They must file an application for a place on the ballot in accordance with Chapter 144 of the Election Code. The filing deadline this year is August 21, 2017.

The District’s Election Coordinator, Colleen Cunningham, will assist you with your election questions or otherwise refer you to the appropriate agency. Candidates are responsible for their own campaign; the library cannot assist.

**Who Can Run**

**Library History**

- **1983** Eleanor Drake and Doris Walcutt advertise for interested people to start the library
- **1984** Library opens its doors in donated space in Texas Commerce Bank Building with Beth Fox at the helm
- **1985** Fundraising yields $100,000; 14,000 people visit the library; collection grows to 13,000 items
- **1986** Library gets its first computer
- **1989** Library opens 4600 sq ft facility on land leased from Eanes ISD for $1 per year
- **1993** Visitation reaches 53,000 and circulation 76,000; Board continues to campaign for funding
- **1997** The State Legislature passes Library District Legislation
- **1998** Westbank becomes the first Library District in Texas, with dedicated funding of 0.5% local sales tax
- **2000** Expansion of the library to 15,000 sq ft completed
- **2001** Circulation hits 250,000; 22 computers are added
- **2005** Scott Thornton of TRI donates land for a branch library; library helps develop ILS software
- **2009** Laura Bush Community Library completed
- **2012** Beth Fox retires after 29 years; circulation 600,000; collection 100,000; visitation 300,000
- **2015** Westbank Library completes $2M renovation

**Board Facts**

- Trustees usually meet once a month on an agreed date at 8:30 in the morning
- Trustees elect officers from among the Board: President, Vice President, and Secretary
- Meetings are held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order
- Board activities are bound by the Public Information Act, the Open Meetings Act, and the Public Funds Information Act
- The Board adopts the annual budget, approves investments, establishes bank accounts, authorizes contracts, authorizes the borrowing of funds, provides for an annual audit, establishes policies for the library, and hires and reviews the Library Director
- Board members are not compensated for services