

Trustees shall observe ethical standards with absolute truth, integrity, and honor.

Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of the Library or its users.

Trustees may not benefit either personally or financially from a relationship with any vendor serving the Library.

Trustees may not make decisions for the Library based solely on personal or financial relationships with vendors.

Whenever the appearance of or a conflict of interest exists, it is incumbent upon any trustee to disqualify themselves immediately as outlined by the GPL's *Conflicts of Interest Policy*.

Trustees will receive reimbursement for Library-related expenses only with the approval of the Board.

Trustees must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution, acknowledging the formal position of the Board, even if they personally disagree.

The Board will not make any decisions regarding challenges to Library materials or programs. Instead, Trustees will support to the fullest the efforts of librarians in all Library operations, including, but not limited to, resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.

Trustees who accept Library Board responsibilities are expected to perform all the functions of Library Trustees.

A trustee must respect the confidential nature of Library business while being aware of, and in compliance with, applicable laws governing freedom of information.

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