

# ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Mission Statement

**The Board of Trustees works in partnership with library staff and support groups to represent, inform, educate and enrich the Orange community, and ensure the preservation of local history.**

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To fulfill this mission, and strengthen the Orange Public Library's position in the community, the Board sets annual objectives that work in conjunction with their ongoing actions and activities.

## 2020-21 Objectives

1. Work with the Library Director and the community to develop a vision for the Library's future, with special focus on community library locations.
2. Advocate strengthening programs to achieve literacy for all ages.
3. Partner with the Library Historian to help promote and expand the unique, community generated local history collection.

## Ongoing Actions & Activities

1. Continue to develop relationships with local educational organizations, including but not limited to: Orange Unified School District, Santiago Canyon College, Chapman University, and any other public or private education institution or homeschooling families.
2. Approve policies and regulations that reflect the needs of the community, and govern library services.
3. Seek input from the public to determine their wants and desires.
4. Collaborate with library staff for local community outreach.
5. Extend the scope and reach of the Library, beyond its traditional collection and facilities, including developing alliances with local businesses, civic groups, and educational organizations.
6. Work with the Friends of the Orange Public Library and the Orange Public Library Foundation to coordinate resources and library support.

## Board Authority

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees consists of five trustees serving in an advisory capacity, and is established under the California Education Code Sections 18910-18927. The Orange City Council appoints trustees to staggered three-year renewal terms. Although the Board generally functions in an advisory capacity, it is responsible for library policies and regulations. Monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to the public, and are subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act<sup>1</sup> and the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees By-laws.

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 9 [commencing with Section 54950] of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code