

Trustee Education and Training

Overview of Continuing Education Resources for
Library Trustees in Vermont

Library Trustees

A board provides:

- Governance
- Overall well-being

They must know:

- Laws
- Responsibilities and expectations

Library Services and Technology Act

LSTA Grant Five-Year Plan

Goal 1: Strengthening Libraries

- Project 1.1: Staff and Leadership Development and Training
- Project 1.2: Professional Consulting Assistance

Vermont Title 22

§ 606: Other duties and functions –

- (2) Shall provide consultative services to other libraries in the State
- (5) May conduct seminars, workshops, and other programs to increase the professional competence of librarians in the State

VTLIB Resources & Training

- Trustees' Manual
- Recorded videos
- Additional videos in Trustee Niche Academy
 - <https://my.nicheacademy.com/friendsandtrustees>
- Additional print resources available
- Available at no cost
- https://libraries.vermont.gov/services/public_libraries/trustees

VTLIB Resources & Training

- Individual board trainings available on request
- Consulting service
- Trustee and Friends Conferences
- Librarian CE participation
- Available at no cost

Feedback from Trustees

Past evaluations show that most trustees find training to be beneficial.

- “Very informative, well organized, and helpful.”
- “Concise, topical, and well-presented.”
- “I felt much more confident on what my role is as a trustee.”
- “You are all wonderful and always so helpful!”

Other State Resources

- Vermont Secretary of State resources
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns*
- Vermont State Archives and Records Administration
- University of Vermont Extension: Vermont Public Libraries Educational Program

Resources & Training Outside of VTLIB

- United for Libraries, American Library Association
 - Annual Conference – cost of registration, potential travel cost
 - Webinars, recorded videos – requires membership (\$60-\$70/year; some require additional registration fee)
 - Trustee Academy – available to trustees in states with State Library/United partnerships (\$200-\$250)

Resources & Training Outside of VTLIB

- EveryLibrary
 - Recorded and live trainings/webinars and guides
 - Not necessarily specific to trustees
 - Guides, some recorded webinars are free
 - Premium webinars include a cost

Resources & Training Outside of VTLIB

- BoardSource
 - Provides support to nonprofit boards through written resources, guides, and publications
 - On demand certificate program for Nonprofit Board Education
 - Annual membership fee ranges from \$500-\$3,250