

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF  
FRIENDS OF THE MOORESVILLE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1- NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Friends of the Mooresville Public Library.

### **ARTICLE II-PURPOSES**

1. The general purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in public libraries. The specific purposes shall be:
  - To focus the attention and interest of the Mooresville community on the Mooresville Public Library;
  - To stimulate wider use of the resources and services of the library;
  - To receive gifts on behalf of and encourage gifts and bequests to the library;
  - To support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities.

### **ARTICLE III- ORGANIZATION TYPE AND OPERATION**

1. This organization shall act solely for charitable and educational purposes as a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the same may have been and may be from time to time amended.
2. None of the earnings or receipts of this organization shall benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, director, officer or other private person. Provided that reasonable compensation or reimbursement may be paid for services rendered or funds advanced in furtherance of the stated purposes of this organization.
3. This organization shall not lobby or participate in political activities, including the support of, or opposition to, a political candidate, or candidates, for public office; or any other activity not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as the same may have been and from time to time may be amended, or by any organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) 2 of said tax code.

### **ARTICLE IV- PERIOD OF EXISTENCE, CHANGE OF FORM, DISSOLUTION**

1. The term of existence of the organization shall be perpetual.
2. This organization may be incorporated as a Not-For-Profit corporation under the laws of the State of Indiana.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph (1.) above of this Article IV, this organization (or its successor corporation) may be dissolved by action of the three-fourths majority vote of the Board of

Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors called to consider the dissolution of the organization (or its successor corporation).

4. In the event of the dissolution of this organization (or Successor Corporation) all of the assets held thereby shall, after payment of debts and liabilities, be transferred and paid over to the Mooresville Public Library for its unrestricted use.

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**SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP – DUES**

1. Membership shall be open to any person who supports the stated purposes of the Friends of the Mooresville Public Library as outlined in its Constitution.
2. Membership classes and annual dues therefore:
  - (1) Student \$5.00 (student ID required)
  - (2) Individual and/or Family \$10.00
  - (3) Business or organization \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_ (to be determined by donor)
  - (4) Lifetime \$500
  - (5) Honorary (presented by action of the Board of Directors for meritorious services to the library).

**Section II- MEETINGS**

Roberts Rules of order shall guide the conduct of all meetings.

1. There shall be such meetings of the Board of Directors and stated public meetings as shall be decided by the Board of Directors. There shall be a public annual meeting in January of each year (which may be on the date of the regular or stated meeting) for the purpose of electing members to serve on the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the general membership. Written notice of a special meeting shall be communicated via mail/email/telephone call to members 10 days prior to the meeting. A quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors, stated public meetings, the annual meeting and any special meeting shall be a majority of those present, providing at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors are present, at any such meeting.

**Section III- BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DUTIES, NUMBER AND ELECTION**

1. The Board of Directors shall set policy and administer the affairs of the organization.
2. There shall be nine (9) members on the Board of Directors. The Library Director may serve as an advisor to the Board of Directors.
3. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve for a term of three (3) years. Each year three (3) directors shall retire, three (3) shall be elected.
4. A slate of three (3) candidates may be presented by a nominating committee named by the President. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor. No one may be elected without his or her consent. A director may serve in succession no more than two (2), three 3-year terms or with the Board's option to extend officers one year at a time.

5. A director may have his or her position declared vacant by the Board of Directors for missing three (3) meetings in any year without reasonable cause. Such vacancy may be filled by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION IV-** BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS' DUTIES

1. There shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected immediately following the annual election.
2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all other meetings.
3. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President
4. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
5. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the organization, keeping record of all receipts and disbursements and make a report of the same when asked to do so.

**SECTION V-** AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by the majority vote of members present at the meeting for which written notice of the meeting included notices of intent to amend the By-laws.