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Attention County Residents:

Library Board Vacancy

Whatcom County residents are encouraged to apply for a vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Whatcom County Library System (WCLS); term begins July, 2011.

THE LIBRARY:

Whatcom County Library System is an independent service district established by county voters to provide public library service in unincorporated areas, and in incorporated areas that have annexed or contracted for service. WCLS offers service through nine community libraries (in Blaine, Deming, Everson, Ferndale, Lummi Island, Lynden, North Fork, Pt. Roberts and Sumas), as well as through a bookmobile and an outreach program. Additionally, under a cooperative borrowing contract with the City of Bellingham, all county residents are entitled to use the resources of the Bellingham Public Library. The 2011 operating budget is approximately $6.7 million dollars.

THE POSITION:

Being a library trustee is an honor and a major responsibility. Generally, trustees serve a 5-year term and may serve two consecutive terms. However, this vacancy is the result of a trustee needing to resign for health reasons and so will cover the balance of that trustees term which ends 1/31/2016. Duties include attending meetings, strategic planning, setting policy, approving expenditures and payroll, and adopting an annual budget. Day-to-day management of WCLS is entrusted to the director, who is hired by the Board. This position is not compensated, except for mileage costs to attend meetings.

MEETINGS:

The Whatcom County Library Board holds regular monthly public meetings and occasional special meetings. Regular meetings typically run about 2-3 hours and are currently held on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at approximately 9:00 am. Meetings are held at the WCLS Administrative Center (5205 Northwest Road) and at branch libraries on a rotating basis.

TO APPLY:

Application forms are available at WCLS branch libraries, WCLS Headquarters (384-3150), on the internet at http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/boards/boardsapplication.pdf or by contacting the County Courthouse (676-6717). The appointment of Library Board Trustees is the responsibility of the Whatcom County Executive and County Council.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY JUNE 8, 2011 TO:

Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive
County Courthouse,
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108
Bellingham, WA 98225-4082

For more information about this vacancy and the work of the Library Board, contact Joan Airoldi, Library Director 384-3150 x 201 or joan.airoldi@wcls.org