

Geauga County Public Library  
Operating Policy Manual

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The Board of Trustees encourages comments, questions and suggestions from the public. The most effective way for members of the public to express themselves is by talking with Library Managers and Station Supervisors. Part of their job is to meet with the public as well as to represent the Library to the community. In addition, the Library Director is available to meet with citizens concerning all aspects of library service in Geauga County.

At each regular Library board meeting, the Order of Business (see Policy 210 BYLAWS) includes time for Comments from the Public. The main purpose of Board of Trustee meetings, however, is to conduct the business of the Library and only a small amount of time (usually five to ten minutes) is available for Comments. Members of the public who would like to speak at Board meetings are encouraged to contact the Library Director prior to the meeting. If possible, the Director will discuss the meeting agenda with the President of the Board before the meeting. The Board may amend the agenda at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate persons who wish to speak to the Board. Comments by an individual may be limited to five minutes or less, by the President of the Board. If more than one person wishes to address the Board, the total time for comments may also be limited.

After receiving comments, questions or suggestions, the Board may refer consideration to a Board Committee, to a future Board meeting, or to the Library Administration.

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