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### Library Board of Trustees Commission

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 12:00 Noon on the 4th Monday of each month at the Main Library- 25 Heritage Green Plaza, Greenville.

Name: Sheryl Guarniero

Occupation: Consulting

Employer: Self

Highest Degree Earned:

School Attended: Rutgers University

Year of Graduation:

Field of Study:

Linked In Profile:

Social Media Profile:

#### Military Experience:

N/A

#### Certifications:

#### Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

WBENC  
Greater Good Greenville  
Make GVL Greener  
GWBC  
B-Corporation

#### Volunteer Experience (Please List & Describe):

Village Launch - Mentor for the small business cohort & participant in the non-profit cohort  
GVL Starts - Mentor for 2 cohorts  
Make GVL Greener - community outreach and engagement, Program development and execution, effective partner relationship development with corporate sponsors  
Equine therapy for children with disabilities  
Additional experience upon request

**My interest in serving on the Library Board of Trustees Commission:**

Libraries have always held a special place in my heart. As a child, I looked forward to weekly trips to the local library, eager to discover new books and explore new worlds. Now as an adult, I still find joy wandering the stacks and uncovering hidden gems - not just books, but programs, classes, and community events.

I was thrilled to learn of the open position on the Library Board of Trustees Commission. I believe strongly in public libraries as essential community spaces that promote learning, connection, and growth. Serving on the board would be an opportunity to give back to an institution that has shaped me since childhood.

In particular, I'm drawn to the chance to support the library's growth and evolution for the future. How can we adapt services, modernize resources, and better reach all segments of our population? How can we secure funding to maintain excellent programs with today's challenges? I have experience in community engagement and strategic planning that I believe could help strengthen the library's offerings.

Ultimately, if selected for the Library Board of Trustees Commission, I will bring dedication, fresh ideas, and a user's perspective to the role. I want to do my part to ensure the library remains a vibrant, welcoming hub for Greenville County residents for generations to come. This position would allow me to combine my passion with my skills in collaboration, communication and community building. I can't imagine more meaningful or rewarding service.

**Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:**

As a member of the board, I would be responsible for making informed decisions about library policy, budgeting, services and direction. I would work collaboratively with other board members, library staff, and community stakeholders to ensure that the library is meeting the needs of the community. As a board member, I would be expected to attend board meetings, participate in committee work, and stay informed about current trends and best practices in library services.

Overall, my understanding of the Library Board of Trustees Commission is that it is a vital role in ensuring that the Greenville County Library System is meeting the needs of the community. Board members are responsible for making informed decisions about library policy, budgeting, and direction, and should be committed to intellectual freedom, access to age appropriate information, and providing services to those in need in our community.

**Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:**

As a lifelong learner with a passion for education, I believe I have the skills and experience to make valuable contributions to the Library Board of Trustees. Communication has always come easily to me - I enjoy listening to different perspectives and facilitating effective discussions to find common ground. My entire career has been built on collaborating with teammates, officials, clients, and community members to solve problems. I take pride in bringing people together behind a shared vision.

If selected for the Board, I would draw upon my ties in this community. Through volunteering with local nonprofits, I've learned the importance of seeking diverse input to enhance decision-making. I would actively connect with library users, educators, businesses and more to ensure we're meeting the full community's needs. At the core, I believe public libraries should be welcoming and appropriate spaces for all ages.

Through professional roles, I've developed experience open communication, establishing partnerships, and advocating for community resources. I understand the complexities that the board faces and how to leverage creativity, empathy and persistence to expand services. Libraries have been treasured resources in my own life, which inspires me to give back however I can.

I would be honored to bring this blend of communication, collaboration and community focus to the Library Board. If selected, I will work diligently to keep our libraries vibrant hubs of connection, education and possibility for all Greenville County residents. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly, and I am excited by the opportunity to serve our community.

**My community topics of concern that relate to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:**

Library resources and services: The library board of trustees has a responsibility to deliver the best possible library resources and services for the local community.

Library policy, budgeting, and direction: They are representative of our community that they serve and must be able to respond to the needs of our community

**Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission?**

- Yes       No

If yes, please list:

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission?

- Yes       No

If yes, please list:

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?

- Yes       No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

- Yes       No

If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?

- Yes       No

If yes, please give details:

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check?

- Yes       No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Library Board of Trustees Commission

- Yes       No

Have you attended a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Commission

- Yes       No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to County boards and commissions?

- Yes       No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?

- Yes       No

*It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.*

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?

- Yes       No

Do you or a member of your immediate family benefit from the action of this board?

- Yes       No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?

- Yes       No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

- Yes       No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

- Yes       No

By signing your name and turning in your application, you agree to and attest to the following:

*All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

*I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the Clerk to Council's office.*

*I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the position for which I am applying.*

*I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a 12-month period may result in my removal from the board.*

*I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq. Any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act, may be subject for removal.*

*I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.*

Applicant Signature:

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Date:

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*Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.*