



Staff Report

February 13, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Sarah Comstock, Library Board
DATE: February 13, 2023
RE: Mayor's Appointment on the Loomis Library Board

Recommendation

Approve the mayor's recommendation of Sarah Nitta as library board member.

Issue Statement and Discussion

On February 14, 2017 Mayor Black appointed a five-member library board of trustees. California Education Code Sections 18910-18927 set forth the manner by which the board is to be appointed and the duties of the board. Those sections are attached for your reference.

EC §18910 provides that the mayor appoints the five members with the consent of the council. The terms of office are three years; however, the first appointed board per ED§18911 establishes the terms of the first board by drawing lots for one member to serve until the end of the current fiscal year, two at the end of one year thereafter and two at the end of two years thereafter. From that point forward, all members serve three-year terms. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made.

CECA Requirements

There are no CEQA implications associated with the recommended action.

Financial and/or Policy Implications

None with the recommended action.

Attachments:

- A. Education Code
- B. Applications

ITEM 12 ATTACHMENT A

EDUCATION CODE SECTION 18910-18927

189J0. The public library shall be managed by a board of library trustees, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the mayor, president of the board of trustees, or other executive head of the municipality, with the consent of the legislative body of the municipality.

189I1. The trustees shall hold office for three years. The members of the first board appointed shall so classify themselves by lot that one of their number shall go out of office at the end of the current fiscal year, two at the end of one year thereafter, and two at the end of two years thereafter. The legislative body of the municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the compensation of such trustees; provided that the respective compensation for such trustees shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per month.

189I2. Men and women are equally eligible to appointment as trustees.

189I3. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments are made.

189I4. Boards of library trustees shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as they may fix by resolution.

189I5. Special meetings may be called at any time by three trustees, by written notice served upon each member at least three hours before the time specified for the proposed meeting.

J89I6. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

189I7. The board shall appoint one of its number president, who shall serve for one year and until his successor is appointed, and in his absence shall select a president pro tern.

189I8. The board shall cause a proper record of its proceedings to be kept.

189I9. The board of library trustees may make and enforce all rules, regulations, and bylaws necessary for the administration, government, and protection of the libraries under its management, and all property belonging thereto.

189I20. The board of library trustees may administer any trust declared or created for the library, and receive by gift, devise, or bequest and hold in trust or otherwise, property situated in this state or elsewhere, and where not otherwise provided, dispose of the property for the benefit of the library.

189I21. The board of library trustees may prescribe the duties and powers of the librarian, secretary, and other officers and employees of the library; determine the number of and appoint all officers and employees and fix their compensation. The officers and employees shall hold their offices or positions at the pleasure of the board.

18922. The board of library trustees may purchase necessary books, journals, publications, and other personal property.

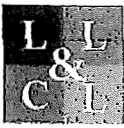
18923. The board of library trustees may purchase real property, and erect or rent and equip, such buildings or rooms, as may be necessary, when in its judgment a suitable building, or portion thereof, has not been provided by the legislative body of the municipality for the library.

18924. The board of library trustees may request the appropriate state officials to furnish the library with copies of any and all reports, laws, and other publications of the state not otherwise disposed of by law.

18925. The board of library trustees may borrow books from, lend books to, and exchange books with other libraries, and may allow nonresidents to borrow books upon such conditions as the board may prescribe.

18926. The board of library trustees may do and perform any and all other acts and things necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

18927. The board of library trustees, or if there is no board of trustees, then the administrative head of the library shall, on or before August 31st, in each year, report to the legislative body of the municipality and to the State Librarian on the condition of the library, for the year ending the 30th day of June preceding. The reports shall, in addition to other matters deemed expedient by the board of trustees or administrative head of the library, contain such statistical and other information as is deemed desirable by the State Librarian. For this purpose the State Librarian may send to the several boards of trustees or administrative heads of the library instructions or question blanks so as to obtain the material for a comparative study of library conditions in the state.



Library Board of Trustees Application

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Name Debona Crosby

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Yes No

Is this a re-appointment?

Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

Having served as the Program Coordinator for 5.5 years, I have a strong commitment to the Loomis library and I want to ensure that the library remains a vibrant community-based institution.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

I bring my grandchildren to the library on a weekly basis and pick up materials for myself while I'm there. I also participate in library programs such as the UCMaster gardeners workshops. And I volunteer as the Spice Club coordinator as well as a storytime leader for toddlers.



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Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

libraries are the quintessential Democratic institutions. They strive to serve all members of the community regardless of age, race, gender, and economic resources.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

Because the Loomis library is small, it struggles to provide all the resources that are desired from the community.

One example is that people who require quiet study space have a difficult time meeting their needs when the library is being used for programs.

My 5.5 years as the program coordinator make me uniquely qualified to understand the operation of the library & the needs of the community.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I am retired, a grandmother of 2 children who live in Loomis, a former self-employed marketing & web design provider, and a regular library user. I'm also an avid gardener.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

No

Please add any other information you would like to share.

Living in a town with a vibrant library is important to me. As I move further into my "senior" years. Having resources available to me that I might not have access to otherwise, is essential to my wellbeing.

Signature

Debra Spink Crosby

Date

12/1/2023



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Name Sarah Nitta

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Yes No

Is this a re-appointment?

Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

I am a lifelong lover of books. I am proud of our town library and want it to continue to succeed. I am interested in helping my community with something I am passionate about.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

I use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center monthly. I am familiar with and hold library cards for Placer County Library, City of Roseville Library, City of Lincoln Library, and the Sacramento Solano County Genealogical Society Library in Vacaville.



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Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

Libraries are the cornerstone of a thinking public and democracy. Libraries even the playing field, make information and resources available to all. They are sources of imagination, creativity and fun. They stimulate the mind and soul.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

I think most of the challenges probably come from people wanting to ban books. This issue has existed for centuries, and seems especially heightened at this time.

Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.

I have research skills from my education and interest in family history and genealogy. I have managed employees while owning a business, raised three healthy sons, and spent many hours volunteering. I listen carefully.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I represent: parents of adult children, grandparents, book lovers (I am a 30 year member of a book club), retirees, spiritual seekers, crafters, travelers, active seniors. I am a (37 year) citizen of Placer County.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

No,

Please add any other information you would like to share.

I earned a BS in Psychology at UC Davis in 1977, and a MS in Physical Therapy at USC in 1979. My husband and I started, owned and managed a 50 acre wholesale nursery in Loomis for 43 years, employing up to 50 people. I am excited for this opportunity

Signature

Sarah H. Tuttle

Date

12/14/23



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Name Maria Duncan

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Yes No

Is this a re-appointment?

Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

I love the Loomis Library and would like to offer support by participating on the board.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

As a young child growing up in the Bay Area, I spent hours in my public library every week. I found refuge and peace quietly reading in the Suisun City Library. I visit the Loomis Library in person quarterly but I daily use an online library. I have used the Lincoln Library many times as a resident of Rocklin. I have also actively used libraries in other states when I didn't live in California.



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Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

I believe that offering a quiet place to read and learn is a necessary and valuable part of every community. The library can bring people together and offer them chances to read and explore content they would otherwise not be able to.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

Libraries everywhere are in peril because of the digital world and its ease of use. Our Loomis library has the added challenge of being supported by a rural population.

Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.

The best way to connect the families of Loomis to our library will likely be through our schools. As a parent volunteer in the LUSD school district, I can help facilitate these connections. I also have a bachelor's degree in Technology Systems and am very familiar with the digital components of this work.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I am the parent of young children, teens, and English learners. I have six children in Loomis ages 3-17. I also have a Ukrainian refugee that I care for who is 16 and attending Del Oro.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

I currently sit on the board of LEOA (food distribution organization in Loomis).

Please add any other information you would like to share.

I have lived in a community that went a few years without a public library due to funding. It was challenging and has left me with a strong desire to keep that from happening anywhere I live ever again.

Signature

Maria Duncan

Date

11/30/2023



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What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

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Please add any other information you would like to share.

Signature

Joanne Legamari

Date

Nov. 15, 2023



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Name

Joanne Ligamari

Address

Phone

Email

Yes No

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Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

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Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustee?

Libraries have always been a significant, important part of my life. I lied to get my first library card! (I was seven at the time!) When I travel, I often make visiting the local libraries a valuable aspect of my travel itineraries. To me, libraries are intrinsic to communities. They serve by providing a crucial resource. For example, they play an important role in English language learning and educational opportunities. Furthermore, libraries create a safe space for members to meet and exchange ideas and skills. Libraries bring people together to appreciate literature and related media. Libraries can offer free educational resources to everyone. Lastly, libraries preserve history with collections, memorabilia and speakers. Libraries help connect communities. I can't imagine living without access to a reliable library system, and that's a fundamental reason that I want to serve on the Loomis Library Board of Trustees.

How often do you use the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center? What other libraries are you familiar with?

I usually stop by the Loomis Library & Community Learning Center at least once a week. I helped initiate the Seed Library, so that needs regular attention and care. I also provide story time for children once a month, attend the monthly Spice Club and assist with library events whenever needed and that has included baking treats to performing magic tricks! I am familiar with many local libraries including San Francisco, Sacramento, Roseville, Auburn, and Rocklin. I have library cards for all of them; another bit of "insider" knowledge that others are surprised to learn. Many libraries offer library cards to nonresidents and it allows them to use their online services and databases.

Please share your opinion on the importance of libraries.

To me a library is one of the most important commodities a town or city can have. It provides a safe, comfortable environment for literacy, education, entertainment, and community awareness. Libraries are for all members of the community, from the youngest to the oldest.

What challenges do you think our library faces?

Libraries are changing all the time. It is challenging to develop new programs, secure new technology, offer activities and services, and add to the collection. All depend on an adequate, secure budget. Getting word out to our community about all that is available through the Loomis Library and Community Center is another challenge. I still meet people who have no idea that the Loomis Library is a town of Loomis entity, one we can contribute to and change as we see fit. Being aware and reacting to community concerns and culture is another challenge.

Please describe any experience or expertise you have that you feel would be beneficial to the Board of Trustees.

I spent the last twenty-five years of my teaching career serving as a credentialed teacher librarian. My first fifteen years, I worked at elementary schools and for the last ten I was assigned to Foothill High in Sacramento. During my tenure as a school librarian I set up new libraries, developed collections, planned programs, ran book clubs, collaborated with teachers, wrote library standards and library lessons. These experiences all were helpful when I joined the original community committee that helped to save the Loomis Library. Often there are many bibliophiles willing and interested in supporting libraries, but few have had real experience running or setting up a library. I believe I was very helpful in creating a sturdy foundation for our new library and community center. This same experience was extremely helpful when I served on the Loomis Library Board of trustees as no other member had true library experience to apply when decisions are being made to improve the library for our community.

What segment(s) of the Loomis community do you feel you represent? (possible examples: retiree, parent of young children, small business owner, etc.)

I retired after 42 years of teaching, from preschool to college; it's hard to put a finger on the "exact" segment of the community I represent. If you went by years I'd fit the retiree label, but I spent many years teaching reading to elementary students and to mature adults so I'd be remiss if I didn't confess to caring about literacy for new learners and people with life experience. A library has something to offer for all members of the community and I'd support and help anyone who presents a suitable, supportable proposal or new idea for our library.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a Board, Commission or Committee? If yes, what position? If no, do you have previous experience on a Board or Commission?

None at this time. I have previously served two 3-year terms as a Loomis Library Board member. According to their bylaws after two consecutive terms a member has to step off for a year before reapplying. Come February 2024 I will have been off the Board for the required time and would like to serve again.

Please add any other information you would like to share.

Being retired, I have the time, energy, interest and knowledge to give back to my community. I believe my love and respect for libraries needs to be shared. When I talk about libraries to friends and acquaintances, they are often surprised with my enthusiasm and always come away with a changed attitude towards libraries. People often have no idea how libraries have changed over the years or how many services and resources are available through them. One of the best moments is seeing a person light up when they learn of an item or service that the Loomis Library provides and they can partake of it..