

Mountain View Library Foundation

Why a Foundation?

The City of Mountain View provides a level of public funding to the Mountain View Public Library that allow it to operate as a full service library. However, help from the private sector will enable our library to meet the growing needs of our community and to flourish. Today, more communities are discovering that a nonprofit foundation can play an important role in this endeavor.

What does the Foundation do?

The Mountain View Library Foundation was incorporated in 1996 as a nonprofit organization. We operate with the recognition from the City Council and in cooperation with the Library Services Director, who serves on our board. The construction of a new library building in Mountain View was the event that sparked the formation of the foundation. We view the building project as an excellent opportunity for fundraising and to increase public awareness of the need for supplemental private funds. Our goals are to assist the Mountain View Public Library in providing outstanding library services' to support the pursuit of knowledge using the resources of the library; and to prepare for the future by helping to equip the library with advanced information technology. Our fundraising activities include soliciting donations from individual donors, servicing as a catalyst in attraction corporate gifts, and applying for grants from grant-making foundations.

Mountain View Public Library

The Mountain View Public Library is a thriving and much appreciated community resource. It attracts over 447,863 visitors each year, and circulates over 697,552 items. The library was first established as the City's Public Library in 1905 and was located in an upstairs room of the Rogers and Rogers General Store building on Castro Street. The current library is over 60,000 square feet and has the capacity of 330,000 books. The Library includes a computer center with Internet access and each sitting location in the building allows for computer access. The Pioneer Room contains historical documents and photographs that chronicle the history of the community.

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Mountain View Library Foundation is to raise money to benefit the Mountain View Public Library. Private gifts made through the Foundation are used to enhance library materials, facilities and services by supplementing the library's public funding.

Mountain View Library Foundation
Board of Directors
Job Description

Purpose

To serve as a voting member of the **Mountain View Library Foundation** Board of Directors, a501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, with authority and responsibility to develop policies, procedures and regulations for the administration of the Foundation, to promote the **City of Mountain View Public Library** as a premier agency of the City of Mountain View, and to raise funds to carry out the mission of the Foundation.

Term

The term of office for each elected director shall be two years, or as determined in the bylaws.

Meetings

Regular meetings will be held monthly. Special meeting will be held as required. Board members are subject to removal if, without proper excuse, they are absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board.

Responsibilities & Powers

1. Establish policy for administering the Foundation
2. Oversee the financial operations of the Foundation.
3. Select and remove agents and employees of the Foundation.
4. Solicit funds to carry out the purposes of the Foundation.
5. Promote the Mountain View Public Library

Specific Duties

1. Attendance at meetings
2. Be informed about issues concerning the Mountain View Public Library, its needs and the public attitudes concerning it.
3. Serve on committees of the Board
4. Represent the Foundation at community events, with organizations and private individuals
5. Provide leadership in fund raising activities

Qualifications

1. Have significant interest in the **Mountain View Public Library**
2. Have public service experience with nonprofit organizations
3. Be a public spirited person, with a demonstrated interest in serving the residents of Mountain View
4. Have experience or expertise in fund raising, community outreach, marketing, finance, library operation or law

Compensation

Directors will receive no compensation

