

8. Attend regional, state, and national trustee meetings and workshops when practicable and affiliate with appropriate professional organizations.
9. Consider gifts, donations, endowment funds, or any other monies for the library and deposit all funds so received with the City Finance Treasurer's Department on the same day in which it is received. Money shall be drawn from such account only for public purposes in relation to the maintenance of the library and its services and only upon approval and order of the Board of Trustees. Such expenditures shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the City Council or for the purpose designated.

Article 8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Library Board of Trustees acknowledges that public participation at Board meetings provides necessary input on various matters of concern to the public and contributes to the effective operation of the library. Members of the public are encouraged to participate at Board meetings in accordance with this Policy. The Library Board of Trustees hereby states its intention to comply with the laws of Illinois concerning provisions for public comments at open meetings.

1. Public participation shall be permitted at any regular or special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees or any committee thereof which is required to be open to the public under the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (Illinois Rev. Statutes, ch. 102., par. 41 et seq.). The Board shall not, however, permit public participation during any meetings or portions of meetings which are deemed closed sessions under the Open Meetings Act.
2. A portion of each meeting required to be open to the public shall be reserved and set aside for purposes of public comment and participation. In addition to that portion of the meeting set aside for public participation, the president of this Board, in his discretion, may permit public comment at any other time during the meeting.
3. The Board shall permit any member of the public, including non-residents and employees of the library, to comment to or ask questions of the Board during that portion of the meeting designated for public participation. The Board has no obligation, however, to respond to any comments or answer any questions raised by members of the public.
4. Members of the public shall be permitted to comment on any subjects or issues of public concern, with the exception of matters discussed and acted upon at a prior meeting. If the subject falls within the statutory exceptions to the Open