

Code of Ethics for Conway Library Trustees

As a Conway Library Trustee, I will...

Abide by all state and federal laws that apply to NH public libraries, including the provisions of the Right to Know Law (RSA 91-A) whereby ensuring that all meetings are open to the public, except where executive session is allowed by the law, and that records of those meeting are available for public review.

Sustain the core freedoms of our democracy and the principle of intellectual freedom by providing equal access to a broad diversity of viewpoints, beliefs, information, and the various forms of media and will provide unbiased and courteous responses to all requests.

Respect the confidential nature of Library business by not disclosing this information to anyone. This includes each library user's right to privacy and business discussed in meetings that are held in executive session, where the minutes are sealed.

Actively participate in board and committee meetings and will recognize that all authority is vested in the board as a whole, when it meets in legal session, versus with individual board members. Show respect, fairness and good faith toward all board members, library employees, and patrons.

Avoid conflicts of interest, including financial, when making decisions for or about the library by disqualifying myself from those decisions.

Strive for excellence by maintaining and enhancing my own knowledge and skills through participation in professional development and by encouraging staff to do the same.

Respect the director by not undermining his/her authority in the supervision of staff and in the day to day management of the library.

Maintain the financial integrity of the library by creating a budget that meets the financial needs to operate, by overseeing and protecting the library's investments, by participating in fundraising events that perpetuate the library, and by advocating for the library with town officials and residents to keep their support of the library.