



Library Trustee Candidate Questionnaire

Name of Candidate: Amy Stone

Tell us about yourself.

I have lived in Hopkinton since 2006 with my husband, Andy and 3 kids who are now middle and high schoolers. I grew up and lived for many years around Los Angeles, CA. I met Andy, who grew up in Dunbarton, right as I was starting 8 years of medical school and residency. As is not uncommon, when our children arrived we wanted grandparents closer. When looking for our new home, the library was what convinced me that Hopkinton was our new hometown. I work as a Hospitalist, initially at Elliot Hospital and now at Concord Hospital. We enjoy all the outdoor activities the area has to offer and we all like to have our next book ready and waiting.

Please explain why you want to be a Library Trustee.

I have been filling the position since December 2020 when the opportunity to serve as a Library Trustee was presented to me following a member's retirement. My family and I have benefited greatly from the contributions of members of our community throughout town and I was happy to have a chance to reciprocate that by joining the Library Trustees. During the past months, I have learned a lot more about the library and how much it has to offer our community. I would be glad to be able to continue on in the position for a full term.

What skills and/or experiences do you bring to this role?

I work in a field that is changing constantly, which equips me to learn and adapt to new information and situations quickly. I am good at working collaboratively with a variety of people and finding common ground among diverse opinions. I have spent countless hours in libraries for research, studying and recreation and value them highly. I am a strong advocate for maintaining a thriving library that meets everyone's needs.

What do you see as the biggest issue and opportunity facing the library trustees and how would you respond?

The library has adapted quickly and effectively to COVID-19 conditions right on the heels of recovery from the fire. It was exciting for me to learn that our community is using the library resources heavily during this time, especially digital resources. However, as we haven't been able to be together as a community we have lost connections and some people may be more isolated than others due to circumstances. The magic of a library is that it can connect people across generations, backgrounds and varying interests. Going forward, the Library should continue to work to ensure that all community members who are interested have adequate access to resources, especially as more of those become available electronically. As restrictions eventually loosen, I hope that the return of community programs can be part of helping us all reconnect and support each other as we recover from the effects of this past year.

Do you have a photograph/head shot you would like to include?

