

103 Membership in Community & Professional Organizations

103.1

The purpose of maintaining memberships in community and professional organizations is to strengthen the Library's role in and knowledge of the community. It also provides important continuing education and networking opportunities for trustees and staff, which are crucial for library accreditation and librarian certification.

103.2

The Library will maintain institutional membership in groups such as Greater Iowa City, Inc. and in professional groups such as the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS). The Library Director determines memberships in these organizations.

103.3

The Library will pay annual dues of the Iowa Library Association (ILA) and trustee subdivision for all trustees. The Library will pay annual dues of the Iowa Library Association and one subdivision for any permanent employee who requests reimbursement.

103.4

The Library will pay annual basic membership in the American Library Association (ALA) for any trustee who requests it. The Library will pay one half of basic membership, plus one roundtable membership to any permanent employee who requests reimbursement. Employees may be asked to share journals they receive through ALA membership for use in the Library's professional collection.

103.5

The director may approve in full or part membership in other professional or community organizations that provide continuing education and networking opportunities to library staff.

103.6

The Library will pay membership in one local service club for the director and up to three other library employees designated by the director.

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