



Section: Board Policies	Number: LIB-B-PP-1	Approved: May 25, 2018
Advocacy		To be reviewed: 2023

**Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy is to determine the Library Board's role in advocacy for the Huron County Library.

In accordance with the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44 s 3(3), the Huron County Library is under the management and control of its board. Policies set the framework for the governance and operations of the library and provide direction to board and staff. The policies are the tool for achieving the library's purpose and advancing the mission.

**Responsibility for Implementation**

Board members and staff are responsible for knowing, understanding and complying with the policies of the Huron County Library.

**Definitions**

Advocacy is the active support of an idea or cause.

**Board Advocacy**

1. The board shall seek to ensure that:
  - a. The community is aware of the importance of the library
  - b. The provincial and federal legislators respond to the needs of the public library community
  - c. The budget will reflect the use of advocacy tools

**Advocacy targets**

1. Community:
  - a. The board shall work collaboratively with staff to build and maintain good relationships with individuals and community organizations and ensure continued support for the Library.
2. Provincial and federal levels of government:
  - a. The board shall work collaboratively with staff to bring issues forward relating to public libraries at the provincial and federal levels of government and ensure support for the Library.
3. Municipal Councils:
  - a. The board shall work collaboratively with municipal councils on a continuous and consistent basis to ensure support for the Library.

**Related Documents**

Ontario. Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990