

Candidate Statement - Susan Kurys for Hopkinton Board of Library Trustees (3-year seat)

My name is Sue Kurys and I am excited to be running for a contested seat on the Hopkinton Board of Library Trustees. Our new library will be a rallying-point for the community spirit that makes Hopkinton special. I have lived in Hopkinton for nearly 20 years and would be honored to give back to the community by serving as a library trustee.

In 2012, I began volunteering through the public library system as a Basic Literacy and English-as-a-Second-Language tutor. That experience spurred my interest and I've continued to educate myself about the vast range of issues that community libraries face - from setting fines to managing digital collections to protecting patron privacy. I have tremendous respect for the skills and experience the Hopkinton Public Library staff brings to such challenges.

The primary mission of our board is to support the library director and staff, particularly during this time of tremendous change. My top priorities would include representing the interests of residents, collaborating with the other organizations that support the library and doing the legwork to help all involved make informed decisions.

As a professional, I've worked in business development and strategy consulting. My skills include long range planning, financial management and marketing communication. I've led teams of 50+ people and managed \$90M+ budgets. I earned my MBA with a concentration in public management and have put it to use as a volunteer and pro-bono consultant to many organizations in our area. I am known for listening thoughtfully, bridging disparate groups and making sound and fair decisions. I have a knack for finding realistic, low cost solutions to complicated problems.

I am excited about the future of our library and respectfully ask for your vote.