

CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY
BOARD POLICY

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ETHICS FOR
CARVER COUNTY LIBRARY
BOARD MEMBERS

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Board members, in the capacity of trust upon them, shall observe ethical standards with absolute truth, integrity and honor.

Board members must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained at the expense of library users, colleagues, or the situation.

It is incumbent upon any board member to disqualify himself/herself immediately whenever the appearance of a conflict of interest exists.

Board members must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution, acknowledging and supporting the formal position of the board even if they personally disagree.

A Board member must respect the confidential nature of some aspects of library business while being aware of and in compliance with applicable laws governing freedom of information and open meetings law.

Board members must be prepared to support to the fullest the efforts of staff in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.