



Information for Prospective Steering Committee Members January 2023

The Friends of the Roslindale Branch Library support, promotes and enriches library services and programs. Our all-volunteer organization works to:

- Promote the use of the library by residents of Roslindale and nearby neighborhoods
- Advocate for facility maintenance and improvements
- Advocate for funding, programs, and services for our library
- Generate programming
- Raise funds for the library staff for supplies and programming.

What is the overall purpose and structure of FORL's Steering Committee?

- Currently seven members
- Sets goals, makes plans, coordinates with staff, and makes funding decisions
- Strives for diversity: geographic, generational, gender, race, economic
- Meets approximately monthly

What are the responsibilities and roles of Steering Committee members?

- Attend and participate effectively in SC meetings or let someone know when they cannot attend, in which case, stay up to date on decisions.
- Respond promptly to SC email, especially when it involves decision-making
- Help to carry out tasks in support of the Friends' activities
- Promote library activities among neighbors and friends
- Choose officers to serve as chair, clerk, and treasurer
- Make a commitment to serve for at least one year; may serve indefinitely
- Time commitment ranges from 2 hours/per month to more depending on program needs and SC members' availability.

Process for selection

- Current volunteers and members of the public are welcome to express interest.
- People unknown to the current Steering Committee will sit down with two members to discuss their interests.
- In 2023 we are seeking up to 5 new members