

Responsibilities and Authorities of the Library Board

Refer to Chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated (particularly section 12-1287), the Kansas Public Library Trustee Manual and individual library bylaws to provide basis and framework for the responsibilities and authority of the library board and individual trustees.

- A)** The Board is responsible for maintaining compliance with *Kansas Statutes* and Independence City Ordinances pertaining to libraries.
- B)** The Board is responsible for conducting the Library's business on a regularly determined basis in open meetings with the Library director in attendance.
- C)** The Board is responsible for hiring a professional Library director, setting the Library Director's salary, evaluating on a regular basis, and removing the Library director, if necessary.
- D)** The Board adheres to the Statement of Ethics for Library Trustees as endorsed by the Boards of Directors of the American Library Trustee Association and the Public Library Association.
(<http://www.ala.org/united/sites/ala.org.united/files/content/trustees/orgtools/Ethics%20Statement.pdf>)
- E)** The Independence Public Library encourages each library trustee to take advantage of training opportunities for trustees offered by the regional library system or statewide agencies and organizations. Likewise, the Library encourages trustees to be active in the state library organization and its efforts to inform the governor and legislature of the benefits and needs of public libraries.