

Trustee Organization

New York Libraries Trustees Online

Public library trustees today are dealing with the effects of new technologies, new formats, and new user groups often with limited funding. As a result, now more than ever, trustees need access to tools and resources that will help them grow and learn. www.nylto.org

Trustee Associations

There are at least two statewide associations for library trustees in New York and there is also a national library trustee association. Membership in one or more of these associations will provide you with a number of benefits. First and foremost, associations are a great place to meet your peers and share ideas and challenges. Associations provide a variety of training opportunities for their members including webinars, in-person training programs, and conferences. Library trustee associations are strong advocates for libraries and provide a framework for working together to build and sustain support for libraries.

New York State Trustee Associations

New York Library Association: “The New York Library Association is the Voice of the Library Community in New York. NYLA, established by Melvil Dewey in 1890, is the oldest state library association in the country and represents school, academic, special and public libraries and library staff from around the state.” You can purchase an individual membership or an organizational membership. “Organizational membership entitles all trustees of the library and library system to become non-voting members of NYLA and each will receive our weekly News You Can Use email newsletter and Legislative Alerts as well as discounts to attend conference and workshops.”

Library Trustees Association of New York State: “We are a statewide organization that represents, assists, educates and honors public library boards and their trustees as providers of free and universal library service.” You can purchase an individual membership or an organizational membership.

National Trustee Associations

Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF): ALTAFF is a division of the American Library Association. “ALTAFF is a national network of enthusiastic library supporters who believe in the importance of libraries as the social and intellectual centers of communities and campuses. No one has a stronger voice for libraries than those who use them, raise money for them, and govern them. By uniting these voices, library supporters everywhere will become a real force to be reckoned with at the local, state, and national levels.” You will need to join the American Library Association to join ALTAFF. You can join as an individual or as an organization