

**Public Expression at Library Board of Trustees Meetings**

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Library Board meetings are for the conducting of library business and are open for observation by the public. They are not public hearings about library affairs. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, public participation is not required. However, the Library Board has set aside a period for public expression in the agenda. In the interests of time and the effective conduct of business, individual public comment will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes each so that all members of the public attending a board meeting will have an equal opportunity to speak. Under no circumstances will the public participation portion of the meeting exceed sixty (60) minutes. Board members are not required to respond to questions or statements made during the public expression portion of the meeting. Written questions will be responded to in writing by the Director prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. The Library Board requests that an individual wishing to speak sign in before the start of the meeting. Statements made during meetings are expected to be civil, respectful and relevant to Library business. Cross conversation between members of the public during the meeting is prohibited.