

Winooski Library Committee – Youth Advisory Position

The Winooski Library is currently accepting applications for a new, Youth Advisory Position to serve alongside current members of the Winooski Library Committee! Are you interested in learning more about the library? Knowledgeable about all things books and youth culture? Have a talent that you'd love to share with the Winooski community? If you answered yes to any or all of the above, we'd like to encourage you to apply!

All Library Committee Members work with the Library Director and City Management to ensure that the Winooski Memorial Library enriches lives, builds community and fosters success by bringing people, information and ideas together. To best represent our diverse community, we are especially seeking youth applicants who identify with New American and BIPOC populations. Those who speak English as a second language are encouraged to apply as well - what programs, services, and changes do you want to see in your library?

Benefits of serving on the Library Committee as a Youth Advisor:

- have an equal voice among all committee members and help to promote the library among our community and to your peers
- bring a youth perspective to library services and programs
- work with other committee members to shape the strategic direction of the library
- develop communication, teamwork, time management, and leadership skills
- gain valuable experience for college and employment applications

Eligible applicants must:

- live or go to school in Winooski
- be in grades 7-12
- be able to serve a nine-month term (September '23-June '24)
- commit to meeting on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 PM (meetings are both in-person and virtual)
- understand that no more than two meeting absences are permitted
- support basic library tenets, such as intellectual freedom, Freedom to Read, confidentiality of patron records, Library Bill of Rights, and the public's right to information
- must follow the expectations and guidelines outlined in the City's Volunteer Handbook (provided during application process)

Charter Changes (in red and as applied to section 1):

1. The Library Committee

A. The Library Committee will serve as representatives of all the residents of Winooski.

B. The Library Committee will consist of five **adult** members appointed by the City Council to serve staggered three-year terms, **and one youth member (grades 7-12) appointed by the City Council to serve a nine-month term (September-June)**

C. The Library Committee will provide City Management and the City Council with a list of skills needed by the Library Committee to aid City Council as they select and appoint new Library Committee members.

D. The Library Committee will have a Chair, Vice-Chair, **Youth Chair**, and Secretary elected annually by the Library Committee. Their responsibilities will be defined in Library Committee bylaws.

E. The Library Committee will operate in accordance with all applicable State laws and City guidelines for commissions, boards, and committees.