

## **PURPOSE OF THE BOARD**

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The purpose of the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry County Library Board is to govern the affairs of the county library in service to the community. This policy sets out the work of the Board and the ways in which the Board achieves its purpose.

1. The Board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient county library service by:
  - a. Expressing the library's philosophy and values
  - b. Articulating the library's vision, mission and priorities
  - c. Evaluating results of activities and services used to achieve goals
  - d. Setting policies on governance and service
  - e. Delegating authority to the Director of Library Services and providing comments on his/her performance to the CAO
  - f. Planning for further library development
  - g. Securing the resources to achieve the intended results
  - h. Advocating for library service
  
2. The Board governs effectively by:
  - a. Representing the interests of the community
  - b. Engaging the community in determining responsive and dynamic library service
  - c. Acting as a bridge between the library and Council
  - d. Working collaboratively with the Director of Library Services and the Council
  - e. Setting an annual Board agenda that reflects current goals and strategic issues
  - f. Working proactively and making decisions that focus on the library's future and place in the community
  - g. Evaluating the Board's performance