

Constitution of the Friends of the Eager Free Public Library

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Friends of the Eager Free Public Library.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts and bequests to the library; and to support and cooperate with the Library in developing library services and facilities for the community.

The purposes of this organization are exclusively charitable and educational and no substantial part of its activities shall involve attempts to influence legislation or political campaign by propaganda or otherwise, except as allowed within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of this organization shall be open to all persons interested in the library.

Section 2. Each membership shall be entitled to one vote. A family membership entitles each member of the family (including children in grades K-12) to one vote.

Section 3. The membership shall have the option to sponsor a Junior Friends group involving young people up to the age of eighteen.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be vested in an Executive Committee; which shall consist of a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and chairpersons of all standing committees. NOTE: Eager Free Library staff and Library Board members should not be members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. All officers and chairpersons of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the High School Liaison Person, shall be elected for three-year terms. One officer and one chair shall be elected each year: Treasurer and Program Chair (2008, 2011, etc), President and Volunteer Chair (2009, 2012, etc.), and Secretary and Membership Chair (2010, 2013, etc). The High School Liaison Person shall be elected yearly.

Section 3. The election of officers and chairpersons shall be held at the annual meeting, and they shall assume the duties of that office immediately following election. Officers and chairpersons shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the annual meeting.

Section 4. Officers and chairpersons shall be nominated by either a member of the Executive Committee, a chairperson, or from the membership at large. Nominations will be made either verbally or in writing at the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies occurring on the Executive Committee shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by the majority of the members at a general membership meeting voting on such an amendment.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1. Monies received from memberships, projects, gifts and memorials shall be used to further the purpose of this organization.

Section 2. All expenditures from these funds shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30 each year.

Section 4. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION.

Upon dissolution of the organization, the Executive Committee, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities and obligations of the organization, shall transfer all remaining assets to the Eager Free Public Library as exempt under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any assets not so included shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County of Rock, to an organization or organizations as the court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, in keeping with the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3).