

Frankfort Public Library District – 2025 Trustee Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate: Margaret Clemons-Adams

1. Describe your qualifications for the position of Frankfort Public Library District Trustee:

Per the guidelines set out by HB 1589 from 2020, I meet the qualifications required by the state to run for the position of trustee.

- 1. I have continuously resided in the Library district since 2017
- 2. I have no debt to the library taxation district
- 3. I carry a valid library card per the proposed amendment to HB1589 introduced 1/25/25
- 4. I collected the signatures required or registered voters within our taxation district prior to filing my candidacy.
- 2. List your motivation for seeking a position as a Library Trustee:

Libraries have been a vital part of my education and personal development throughout my life. Having lived in several places, all of which were vastly different, the library was always a space that gave me peace, fed my creativity and quenched my thirst for critical thought without ever asking for anything in return. I now am able, and would appreciate giving my time and experience back to an institution that has served so many as faithfully.

Libraries are more than just books. They are a vital community touchpoint that provide services and learning opportunities to all they serve. The people representing them must be willing to work to advocate for, protect and build on those things to ensure the Library's community presence for generations to come.

I intend to be a vocal advocate for our library system so that it can remain a vital part of our community.

3. What do you see as the Library's role in the community, both now and in the future?

My view of the Library's role within the community is to provide a place for the public to cultivate and nurture curiosity and creativity, build community bonds through mutual learning and understanding whilst being absent of political bias and fully respecting the rights and tenets of the constitution.

I hope to continue creating systems of engagement within the community and widening the base of support for the services the library and its partners provide.

4. Do you currently have a Frankfort Public Library District library card?

Yes, I have been a member since we moved to IL in 2017