

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY

Policy Manual

Policy No. 406

Subject: Friends of the Crawford County Library

The Friends of the Crawford County Library is an organization of persons who value the public library services in Crawford County and who volunteer their assistance in behalf of the library. They allow the community at large to be involved and active in the Crawford County Library. The Friends support the library board's policies and decisions and guard against infringing on the administrative responsibilities of the trustees and staff in running the Crawford County Library.

The Friends should report to the Director their observations of the needs of the library and their suggestions. With approval of the library board or Director, the Friends contribute funds, materials, equipment, services, etc. to supplement what can be provided by the budget.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library can use their unique position to influence public opinion and governmental action on local, state, and national level in behalf of public library services. Individually and collectively they can use their influence to assist the board in getting desired financial support.

A representative of the Friends of the Crawford County Library should attend library board meetings to promote understanding and aid in coordination.

It is appropriate for library trustees and staff members to belong to the Friends of the Crawford County Library. Care should be exercised to keep clear the respective responsibilities and prerogatives of trustees, Friends, and staff. To avoid possible conflict of interest, current trustees and staff should not hold office in the Friends of the Crawford County Library.

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