

**Highlights of Contributions of Two Candidates for Reappointment
To the Calgary Public Library Board
October 28, 2016**

Debra Giles:

- Since her appointment in 2014, Debra has been a very active member of the Board, and her financial background is invaluable to the Board.
- Chaired the Board's Standing Committee on Audit & Finance since November 2014.
- Worked closely with the Library's Controller and other Executive Leadership Team members to develop and refine the Library's Risk Register and Risk Heat Map, an extremely useful governance tool that has been earning acclaim from the Public Library Services branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs, and other library boards in the province.
- Oversaw a review of the Board's Directors' and Officers' Insurance Policy.
- Contributed to a major revision of the Board Policies, with particular input to the Debt Management Policy and the Delegation of Authority Policy.
- Met with the Library's external auditors annually upon the completion of their annual report, to make sure the Board had an extensive knowledge of all aspects of the Library's financial status.
- Met with the Controller for a full understanding of the Library's operating and capital budgets.
- Presented the Library's Annual Report to The City of Calgary's Audit Committee in 2015 and 2016.
- Examined and presented options for ongoing effective financial information and education for the Board to manage its large fiduciary responsibility.
- An active representative of the Library Board, with a high level of involvement and attendance at meetings, special Library events, and public events and volunteer activities where Board advocacy and presence is valuable and appreciated.

Judy Gray:

- Since her appointment in 2014, Judy has made many positive contributions to the Board.
- Attended Alberta Library Conference to represent the Library Board and to promote the Library at its numerous advocacy opportunities, including meetings with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Director of Alberta Public Library Services.
- Worked extensively on Board governance matters, including the development and refinement of the Board's Skills Matrix and Roles and Responsibilities documents to reflect the Board's evolving and ongoing aspirations.
- A skilled negotiator and consensus-builder, who frequently takes the lead in moving the Board positively forward through difficult discussions in progress towards its goals.
- Always ready to volunteer to sit on temporary committees, such as the CEO Compensation Committee.
- Has taken the lead on planning and preparations for the 2016 annual Board Retreat.
- Has taken a leadership role to represent the Board on the Alberta Library Trustees Association during a time of much change in that organization's dynamics and mandate to bolster relationships and unite libraries in the province.
- Comprehensive knowledge and experience of best practices which support robust Board governance.
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