

Candidate's Form

Consolidated Election Office April 4, 2023. Candidates, please respond with short sentences (like bullet points/numbered lists). Your canvassers and community members need to describe your candidacy concisely. The information we are gathering may be present on the DGTD website.

For what position are you running? List the position and the district or municipality (examples: School Board District 99, Mayor Downers Grove). *

Westmont Public Library Board of Trustees, 4-year term

How is your name listed on the ballot? *

Heather Booth

What is the best way for voters to learn more about you (website, facebook or other platforms)? *

4ForWestmontLibrary.com, "4 For Westmont Library" on Facebook,

What experiences do you have to help you succeed in the position (e.g. employment, volunteer)? *

I have been a librarian and worked with libraries for over 20 years. I have a Masters degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois, and am a nationally recognized speaker and writer on issues related to teens in libraries. I bring to the board a wealth of knowledge and experience about how libraries work, the ethos behind library services, and how the library policies that we set might play out in reality if/when implemented. My tenure on the Westmont Library Board began with a mid-term appointment in 2015 and I am currently the Secretary of the Board. I have strong ties to the community through other volunteer experiences (e.g. Girl Scouts, PTO), and through the rich life my family has built in Westmont since 2005.

What do you want to accomplish (list your top three)? *

As a Board member, I want to

1. Ensure stability and a secure future for the library through support of exceptional staffing, fiscal responsibility, and strong community ties.
2. Continually voice support for all of our taxpayers' freedom to read and ability to find public library materials and services that reflect their needs and interests.
3. Work with other community organizations to keep library services attuned to and connected with our changing Village.

Why are you running (list three short reasons)? *

1. The recent wave of book challenges is an unsettling reminder that we should never take for granted our freedom to read. My presence on the Board will be a strong voice in opposition to censorship.
2. As a longtime Westmont resident, I understand what a valuable resource our great public library is; I want to support its growth and development.
3. I wish to use my volunteer time and library experience by serving on the Library Board as a way to give back to this community that I love.

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