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Library Board Chairperson
Newmarket Public Library
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Dear Board Chairperson,

With the appointment of new library boards following the municipal elections, it is once again time to appoint a member to represent your library at your area Trustee Council. I am writing to give you a brief orientation to this group and to ask your board to make its appointment.

Trustee Councils provide library board members with opportunities to share information and hear how other boards deal with issues similar to the ones you face in governing your library. Trustee Councils also offer suggestions and support for trustee training and serve as a communication link between SOLS and boards. Once a term, Trustee Councils also elect members to the SOLS board.

Trustee Councils are highly valued by the participants. Here is some of the feedback we have received:

- "The trustee meetings have been so important to my growth as a trustee, from information about SOLS and OLBA to round table discussion. We have listened and learned of wonderful success and gave our support to people working through tough problems. I think the trustees have become friends with a common bound, their love and dedication to libraries."
- "I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank SOLS for their commitment to the trustee council meetings. My experience has been great discussions and a wealth of knowledge around the table. I would encourage any library boards not participating in these meetings to make it a priority to send a representative. It is time well spent."
- "I've enjoyed my time at the SOLS meetings and particularly benefitted from the exchange of ideas at the roundtable."



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There are eight Trustee Councils in SOLS and each library is assigned to one. Trustee Councils meet twice a year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring. The next round of meetings is scheduled for April. Please see SOLS' website (www.sols.org) under Share & Collaborate - Networking and Meetings - Trustee Councils for details about the Trustee Councils, including the list of libraries within each Council.

Once the Board has decided upon the member who will represent your library, please send the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of this member to Gelja Wegman (gewegman@sols.org), 416-916-1669/1-800-387-5765, extension 5170. We will send an introduction letter at that time and all meeting notices will be sent directly to the member. We will also add him/her to the local Trustee Council listserv. The list is designed to facilitate communications among the library boards in your area.

I hope you will make your appointment to the Trustee Council soon. We look forward to welcoming you to your area Trustee Council.

Yours truly,



George Hodgkinson
Chair