

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Library Board of Trustees – Please Print

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By Donna Gordon at 7:57 am, Jul 30, 2025

Name: Mary Hochboen

Residence Address: 1627 SW Foxpoint Trail, Palm City FL 34990
Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: Same
(if different) Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 5th Staff will complete.

Are you available year round to attend meetings? ☒ yes ☐ no If **no**, what months **are** you available?

Telephone numbers: daytime: 978-314-5357 alternate: 772 888 3343 alternate: _____
~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: MB HICHBOEN@gmail.com

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☒ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES: _____

DATES: N/A

PLACES (city/state): _____

SENTENCES OR FINES: _____

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

Length of time lived in Florida? 13 years

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: I use the library system constantly and I treasure it!

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What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? _____

Knowledge, entertainment, comradie services, freedom,
books, audie maps ~ So much Fabulous stuff

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☒ yes ☐ no

Education: All available in more detail on my resume.
(BS in Education & a Masters in Education)

Employment Experience: Taught for 35 years in the Reading, Ma.
School system

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: _____

More details in my Resume.

Community Experience and Affiliations: Martin ACTS, Hospice/Volunteer.
More details in Resume

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: None

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or do you or a company that you are an officer or employee of have an existing contract with Martin County? If yes, please explain:

None

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

PAULA HUNT (pkayhunt@gmail.com) John Doherty - Retired Supt. of Reading
Schools (MA.)

- Applicant may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Sections 112.313(3) and (7), Florida Statutes. However, upon full disclosure by the Applicant, the conflict may be waived at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners by a supermajority vote. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes.

→ Signature: Mary A. Hickborn

Date: July 27, 2025

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, July 15, 2025. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

1627 SW Foxpoint Lane

Palm City, Fl, 34990

July, 2025

Board of County Commissioners

Martin County, Florida

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my interest in a position on the Library Board of Trustees for Martin County. I am passionate about books and learning and believe that my skills and experiences align well with the goals of library usage.

I have previously volunteered in Massachusetts on the Cultural Council in Amesbury, where I thoroughly enjoyed working with people dedicated to the arts in our local community. Having retired from education, we moved to Palm City 12 years ago. I am currently volunteering with Treasure Coast Hospice and also with MartinArts. These groups are adding positive experiences in my life. And I like getting a bit more involved in the community that I now call home.

I am particularly drawn to this role at the library because books and reading have always been a big part of my life. When I was a little girl, I remember walking to our local library branch twice a week to get my hands on every Nancy Drew book they had!!! I went on to get a Bachelor's Degree in Education and then a Masters with a concentration in Library and Media. I taught school as a classroom teacher and then as a media specialist and then as director of Media Services in the school system. As you can tell, this was not only a job but a passion. I love book clubs and I take advantage of many of the things that the Martin County Library system offers. I am excited about the prospect of contributing to our library and making a positive impact in our community. In this very important time in our country, public libraries, media services need all the support that we can give them.

Thank you for considering my enclosed application. I have also included my resume.

Sincerely,

Mary Hickcox

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References available upon
request

PROFILE:

Born in Massachusetts in 1948. Retired Teacher and Library Specialist. Widowed, two adult sons, two grandchildren. Home is in Palm City, Florida. Enjoy reading, listening, gardening, technology, needlepoint, cultural activities and volunteering.

EXPERIENCE:

Library Media Consultant 2006-2007 worked with architect in designing new high school media center in Massachusetts (St. Mary's in Lynn and Matignon, Cambridge)

June 2004- Retired from Reading Massachusetts School District

Library Media Specialist 1981-2004 Coolidge Middle School, Reading, Mass.

Library Media Specialist 1974-1979 Parker Middle School, Chair of Coolidge Middle School Culture....Advisor/Advisee Committee, Mass.

Classroom Teacher 1970-1974 Woburn St. School, Reading, Mass.

Member of the Amesbury, Ma. Cultural Council 2003-2006

Designed and maintained my website....www.leapfrogma2.com

Monarch Country Club Women's Board member- 2019-present time

Volunteer with Treasure Coast Hospice 2025- present

Martin Arts Volunteer 2025- present

Additional experiences:

- **PUBLISHED ARTICLES ON LITERARY CLUB IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS.....TWENTY PLUS CLUB**
- **PARTICIPATED AS A MEMBER OF A TEAM FOR NEW ENGLAND ACCREDITATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS**
- **BOARD MEMBER—CHAIRPERSON FOR NMRLS YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NORTHEAST MASS. REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM)**

- **COORDINATOR FOR THE LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST
DEPARTMENT FOR THE READING MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT**
- **MEMBER OF LEADERSHIP TEAM AT COOLIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- **TEAM LEADER FOR DISCOVERY TEAM**
- **ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR FOR COOLIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

EDUCATION

- **SALEM STATE COLLEGE 1966-1970**
- **B.S. IN EDUCATION SALEM STATE COLLEGE 1970**
- **MASTERS IN EDUCATION WITH INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
SPECIALIST 1973**
- **INSTRUCTION LIBRARY MEDIA TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST**
- **CERTIFIED- TEACHER K-8**
- **CERTIFIED- SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST**

SKILLS:

Teaching experience, website development, coordinator for 10 professional media specialists, library experience

Supervision of student teachers

Department head supervision responsibilities

AWARDS

- **RECIPIENT OF MANY MASSACHUSETTS AND LOCAL CULTURAL
GRANTS**

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