

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

Check One: ☐ Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr.

Name: Katharine F. Spurgeon **Incumbent**

Residence Address: 47 S.W. Osceola Street, #301, Stuart 34994
Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(if different)

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By Donna Gordon at 11:07 am, Jul 24, 2025

Commission District in which you reside: 1^{dg} Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 486-9737 alternate: 320-9701 alternate: _____
Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: soundsec@aol.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: _____

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? +/- 75 years

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: Current member, Library Board of Trustees; volunteer, Hobe Sound Library; former member and secretary, Friends of the Hobe Sound Library; library advocate and card holder

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What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? When I was a child, Hobe Sound was served by a bookmobile. Now, with six branches each library reflects the pulse of its community and makes the community better for its existence. Our libraries enhance each community's sense of well-being, offering information, imaginative escapism and creative opportunities in comfortable, secure and friendly environments.

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: Please see attached

Employment Experience: Please see attached

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

Please see attached

Community Experience and Affiliations: Please see attached

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: Please see attached

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: NO

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Phyllis Parker

Suellen Millroy

- 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: Katherine J Spurgeon

Date: July 24, 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.

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RESUME

WORK EXPERIENCE

Most Recent Sound Secretarial Service, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL
 Founder and Owner

Previous Financial Planning Associates, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL
 Clerical

The Courier, Jupiter, FL
 Reporter

 City of San Jose, San Jose, CA (San Jose Police Department)
 Library Clerk, Drug Information Center

 Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., Sunnyvale, CA
 Librarian, Computer Systems Library

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Current Library Board of Trustees, Martin County, FL
 Member, 2022-2025

 Library Volunteer, Hobe Sound Library

 Apollo School Foundation, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL
 Founder and President

 Hobe Sound Community Chest, Inc., Hobe Sound, FL
 Director Emeritus

Previous Preservationist of the Year, Martin County Historic Preservation Board
 2024

 Florida Historical Commission, Tallahassee, FL
 Board Member 2018-2021

 Impact Review Committee, Town of Jupiter Island, FL
 Member, 2011-2017

 Hobe Sound Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Hobe Sound, FL
 Member and co-Chair

 Friends of the Hobe Sound Library, Hobe Sound, FL 33455
 Member and Secretary

 Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce, Hobe Sound, FL
 Member and Secretary

EDUCATION

San Jose State College, San Jose, CA
Courses

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Bachelor of Science, Journalism

Martin County High School, Stuart, FL