

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

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Name: Deloris Mertz

Residence Address: 4707 NW Winter Oak Ct., Jensen Beach 34957  
Street - City - Zip Code

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

Commission District in which you reside: 1 <sup>04</sup> Staff will complete.

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

Telephone numbers: daytime: 407 846 8643 alternate: 333-5612 alternate: \_\_\_\_\_  
~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: mertz.djr@yahoo.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? 46 yrs

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: See attachment

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Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board of Trustees? To add my passion and joy for libraries, literacy, literature and life long learning to the other dedicated members of the Library Board of Trustees to benefit Martin County.

What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? To provide a place where every resident can find the opportunity to learn something new, to enrich their life and thereby strengthen the community.

**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: See attachment

Employment Experience: See attachment

**Other experience** you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

See attachment

Community Experience and Affiliations: See attachment

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: N/A

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain: No

**REFERENCES:** Please list two references:

Mr. C. Butler - Ass't Superintendent Osceola School District - Retired

Mr. R. Schnare - Director of Libraries Naval War College - Retired

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- Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla Stat.

➔ Signature: Delois Muth Date: 3/8/2020

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 **by Friday, March 20, 2020.** All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to [dgordon@martin.fl.us](mailto:dgordon@martin.fl.us).

# **Deloris J. Mertz**

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## **Objective**

To serve on the Martin County Library Board of Trustees

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## **Education**

1963-1967 BA in American History Education with a minor in Library Science

1971-1974 Attended Syracuse University/Cornell University – Library Science

1986-1988 MA Library and Information Science, University of South Florida

## **Professional Experiences**

1969-1972 Librarian West Junior High School, W. Middle Avenue, Binghamton, NY 13905

1972-1974 Librarian Eagle Hill Junior High School, 4645 Enders Rd., Manlius, NY 13104

1974 Assistant Manager, Rustic Owl Bookshop, Casselberry, FL 32707

1974-1975 Secretary to Assistant City Manager, Mr. Bob Berlinsky, Kissimmee, FL 34741

1975-1977 Library Media Specialist, Osceola High School, 420 Thacker Ave., Kissimmee, FL 34741

1977-1992 Library Media Specialist, Denn John Middle School, 2001 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee, FL

1992-2008 Library Media Specialist, Cypress Elementary School, 2251 Lakeside Dr., Kissimmee, FL

2008 – Retired

## **Selected Highlights**

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Twice presented at annual meetings of the Florida Association for Media in Education

Twenty years of leadership roles in Osceola County Library Association

Twice Chaired Principal Selection Committee and also Chaired Vice-Principal Selection Committee

Served five years as Chair/Instructor/Mentor with Non-Profit GiveBack Orlando [TBI assistance program]

**Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date:**

- Attend Board of Trustee meetings
- Borrow materials
- Reference searches
- Use Online Resources
- Donate books for Christmas Children's book drive
- Donate books for sale/ Purchase books

**Other Experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment:**

1990 Selected for Walt Disney Teacher Merit Award

In keeping with my personal life long learning goals:

1995 Passed state exam to be certified as Behavior Analyst

1996 Took and passed class to take Florida Real Estate License exam

1997-1999 Took PreAlgebra through Calculus classes at Valencia Community College

2008 Florida Master Naturalist

**Community Experience and Affiliations:**

2003-2008 One of the original organizers, treasurer, Board Member and leader of Non-Profit  
GiveBack Orlando which assisted people recovering from Traumatic Brain Injury [TBI]

2018-current Jensen Beach Garden Club member who actively participates in maintaining  
Butterfly Garden at Hoke Library as well as Indian River Park and Log Cabin  
at Langford Park

2019-current Once a month sews pillow cases for hospitalized children as part of  
"Ryan's Case for Smiles"