

Trustee Candidate Biography

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BACKGROUND: (Your connection to Clifton Park and the Library)

I have lived in Clifton Park and Halfmoon since 1999. I moved to my current home in Clifton Park in 2002, right around when it became the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library. In 2006, when the new Library was built, I was thrilled that it was less than 2 miles from my home. I have become a member of Friends of the Library to offer my further support.

I now have two very good reasons to visit the Library on a regular basis – my daughter and my son. They both love books and have greatly enjoyed the many programs for children we've attended at the Library. As an avid reader myself, I couldn't be more pleased that they will have a relationship with libraries and the wealth of resources our wonderful Library provides.

QUALIFICATIONS: (Jobs/Schooling/Interests)

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Hartwick College, 1997.

I briefly worked for the City of Utica as the Assistant Director of Urban Renewal in 1997 and 1998, where I often had to work with the Common Council, Police Department, Fire Department, and numerous State and County officials on various real estate development projects the agency was responsible for.

I have worked for CSEA since 1998, first in the Information Systems Department and more recently in the Communications Department. As the Deputy Director of Communications, I currently directly supervise 12 staff members, oversee a \$4.2M budget, and am an integral part of all publicity and press relations for the organization.

I am also an Adjunct Instructor with HVCC since 1998, where I have been recognized for my teaching skills with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching in 2014.

I am an avid reader. I enjoy listening to music, cooking, running and being outdoors.

I am a very devoted father to my two children. I greatly enjoy watching them develop and doing everything I can to be a positive role model for them.

INTENTIONS: (Why are you seeking the Trustee position/your interest in libraries?)

Whether it is books, music, movies, or quality programming, our Library offers amazing opportunities to those in our community. I have always been a supporter of libraries and especially ours, as a long time patron. I believe in the course of my life, I've acquired a set of skills that would be extremely beneficial to helping with all facets of the operation and continued success of the library. I think it is important to attract patrons by continuing to offer quality services and programming. Equally important is finding more ways to let the public know about all that, which in the day and age of information overload, has become increasingly challenging. Our Library has done so much for me and my family, so I'm thrilled to seek this office so I can give back through my knowledge and talents, and have our great Library expand its reach even more!