

Toward Tech Savvy Trustees

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Take-Away Worksheet

Annual NEKLS Trustee Training

Event Description: Library staff are expected to embrace technology advancements, keeping their skills sharp to keep library service relevant. But what about library boards—how tech savvy is your board? When trustees are more dialed into technology themselves, when they commit to applying techier practices to their trusteeship, they become stronger advocates for the library's technology needs. Learn some fun and practical ways to inspire greater tech savviness in your trustees. You don't need a board of IT specialists, just a board that has a sharper set of digital tools.

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Workshop Reflections:

As you think your current roster of trustees, consider these questions and how you could determine the answers:

- What strengths—including tech skills—do they bring to the board table?

- What tech skills or knowledge could they further develop?

- What do they want to learn more about?

Activity 2

Have board members answer the bullet point questions individually. Then summarize everyone's answers in the storytelling space below.

- My aspirations for our library board's ongoing tech-savvy development are:

- I believe the challenges we face in reaching these aspirations are:

- I believe the changes our board needs to make in order to reach our aspirations are:

Once these three questions have been answered individually and responses recorded for the group, summarize everyone's thoughts by telling a story. Example:

We began by sharing our aspirations for ongoing tech-savvy development, where we envision (note aspirations here)

But we face (note challenges here)

So if we want to achieve our aspirations, we need to change (note needed changes here)

Activity 3

Bonnie offered a number of ways to lead trustees toward more tech savvy practices. Prioritize her ideas for yourself: in working with your board, what will you try first-second-third-etc?

Reminder:

- Green Your Board Meetings
- Include Demos & Presentations at Board Meetings
- Share News, Articles, Websites at Board Meetings
- Connect Tech with Trustee Tasks (apply tech practices to board duties)
- Lighten Up & Have Fun Learning (include games, quizzes, video clips, etc)

Activity 4

Brainstorm and make a list of at least 2 additional strategies that you could use to inspire more tech savviness with your trustees