

Ballston Community Public Library

Trustee Candidate Biography

NAME:

Casandra Venditti

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BACKGROUND: (Your connection to Ballston and the Library)

I graduated from Burnt Hills- Ballston Lake Highschool in 2014. My husband and I moved into a house on Blue Barns Road after I graduated high-school and have been there ever since. I care about children's education and community projects. I am always looking for more ways to be involved in this community while using my skills to bring something else to the table. While I do not have as many connecting to this Library, I have a lot of experience to help with projects in the future.

QUALIFICATIONS: (Jobs/Schooling/Interests)

I worked for the Glenville YMCA in childcare from the age of 16 to 25. I've had a variety of jobs in childcare-running childcare afterschool programs at Stevens, Charlton Heights, and Pashley. I have worked at the Glenville Summer Camp as a Camp Director, a CIT Coordinator, and a Counselor. I was responsible in finding community involvement, developing projects for the kids, and training staff. We often partnered with local businesses for a variety of events. I have a background in developing new curriculum for organizations. I worked for CAPTAIN as an Outreach Program Manager in Clifton Park. I was responsible for running the center with a mixture of volunteers and education programs. I worked with the Shenedahowa School Districts Directors to make the Outreach Program more successful. Running that center included constant program coordination for the kids with local contacts. Being creative was a very important part of that job along with connecting with the community on a regular basis. I have organized multiple community service projects with CAPTAIN. I was also responsible for developing curriculum for the homework help program in all subjects. I am currently working at the Albany County District Attorney's Office. Part of my job is supervising/hiring the interns that come into our unit each semester. We also do 2 major community events for victims of crime that I assist in putting together and organizing with the community partners. We have a Book Club that I am heavily involved in as well. Boards I am on: Burnt Hills Education Foundation- from June 2023 to Current Responsibilities include monthly meetings and being on the Taste of Burnt Hills Committee. I help with their social media platforms including Facebook, Givebutter, and their website. Giving Tree Foundation Events Committee- Renewed for this year I am on the committee that plans events within the foundation for the year. I helped with their Christmas Polar Express event by organizing certain stations and getting volunteers for face painting. I also helped with Gala event that happens every year with a minor role in setting up or getting donations for the silent auction. I graduated from Siena College in 2019 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science with a Pre- Law Certificate and Minors in Sociology and Criminal Justice. I also have a Paralegal Certificate from Schenectady Community College.

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

"Trustee/board members owe allegiance to the institution and must act in good faith with the best interest of the institution in mind. The conduct of a trustee/board member must, at all times, further the institution's goals ... " Statement on the Governance Role of a Trustee or Board Member, Board of Regents Having a local Library is such a gift, especially when everyone puts their best efforts into making it better. I would be excited to collaborate with those passionate about the success of long-term projects in the community. As an avid reader and long-term child advocate, I would strive to be a voice for public and a partner with local agencies. The complexity of this institution means trusting those to manage it making sure those individuals will protect the integrity of the practice. My mission will be to build off of the foundation laid out by our predecessors to ensure policies and procedures are followed, with the hope to grow with new ideas.