

# Bylaws of the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library

## Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library, Inc. and shall be a non-profit organization.

## Article II. Mission

The Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library, Inc. [Friends] is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Its specific purposes are:

- a.) To develop a group of Dodgeville Public Library Supporters;
- b.) To encourage gifts to the library and support fundraising efforts;
- c.) To support the library's goals;
- d.) To provide a channel for individuals and organizations to express ideas and make suggestions for library use and services; and
- e.) To sponsor library events and programs.

## Article III. Membership and Dues

1. All persons or organizations interested in joining Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library are welcome as Members.
2. Membership dues from Members shall be assessed within one year of incorporation.
3. Deposits and Disbursements of Members membership dues
  - a.) All dues shall be made payable to and deposited in the account of the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library.
  - b.) Funds shall be disbursed by the Treasurer as authorized by the Executive Board.

## Article IV. Officers

1. Officers of the Friends of Dodgeville Public Library shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Officers of the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library shall be elected by majority vote at the annual organizational meeting for a term of two years.

## Article V. The Executive Board

1. The Executive Board shall consist of seven members:
  - a.) Four members shall be officers of the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library
  - b.) One member shall be a librarian or library representative appointed by the library director
  - c.) One member shall be a representative of the Library Board of Trustees selected by the Library Board of Trustees
  - d.) A teen representative shall be appointed for one year by the Library representative.
2. The Executive Board shall oversee the mission of the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library.
3. The Executive Board will set up committees and sub-committees as needed for terms to be as needed.

## Article VI. Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of Members and the date of the meeting shall be determined by the Executive Board.

- a.) The Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly
- b.) Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board
- c.) Public notice of annual or special meeting of Members shall be given not less than seven days prior to the holding thereof

- d.) All decisions before the membership or the Executive Board shall be decided by majority vote, each Member having one vote, except that amendments to these by-laws shall be voted on as provided in Article IX
- e.) A quorum of Members at any meeting shall be seven
- f.) A quorum for any meeting of the Executive Board shall be four members.

## Article VII. Vacancies

Vacancies of the Officers on the Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board at the meeting thereof. Appointed representatives on the Executive Board shall be replaced as needed.

## Article VIII. Activities Disallowed

No part of the net earnings of the Friends shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose described in Section 501(c)(3). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## Article IX. Amendments

These constitution by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing that notice of such proposed amendments is mailed to all members, or published in the local newspaper at least two weeks prior to said meeting.

## Article X. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.