

## FLETCHER FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

### ANNUAL REPORT FY2018

The Commission strives to support the Library's efforts informing, enriching and nurturing a community engaged in lifelong learning. The Commission helps to reinforce the Library's principles of being open to all; dedication to intellectual and personal freedom; being responsive, adaptive and accountable to the needs of the community; and being a steward of materials and space. The Commission helps the library administration and staff in their efforts enabling and facilitating learning; empowering the community through the generation and sharing of knowledge; and sustaining and growing the resources that the Library has to offer. The Fletcher Free Library Commission is composed of four Commissioners appointed by the City Council; four self-sustaining Trustees; one Commissioner appointed by the Mayor; and in what may be unique among City Commissions one Commissioner appointed by Library staff; in addition to one non-voting representative of the Friends of Fletcher Free.

During FY18, the Library Commission engaged with the Library Director and Staff to move forward various initiatives important to the future management and governance of Burlington's public library.

#### **FY18 Projects:**

**Winter Breakfast:** The Friends of the Fletcher Free Library hosted the first Winter Breakfast with the Commission in January 2018. This event connected the two groups working on behalf of the Library and paved the way for greater collaboration in the coming year, including joint committees such as the Finance Committee.

**Memorandum of Understanding:** The Library and Friends of Fletcher Free Library worked together during FY19 to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the City. The Commission supported this endeavor. The MoU expands the role of the Friends to include managing the annual appeal as a valuable non-profit partner providing generous financial support to the Library through fundraising efforts.

**Ordinance:** The Commission has been working with the Library and the City Attorney's office to finalize the Trespass Ordinance for the Library. The purpose of the revised ordinance is to provide a tiered and focused approach to addressing inappropriate behaviors on Library property.

**Art Exhibition Policy:** The Commission has contributed to crafting a new Art Exhibition Policy that is currently being reviewed by the City.

**Special Event:** The Fletcher Free Library held its first fundraising benefit, the Jazz Brunch, welcoming 50 people to the Library and building visibility and goodwill toward support needs for the Library.

**Strategic Plan:** The Commission helps implement the Library’s Strategic Plan. The next phase will involve a survey to the community to demonstrate that the goals are on track and to record evolving needs.

The Commission is pleased to continue assisting Director Danko and her staff in fulfilling the mission of the Library and assisting the Library in continuing to meet ever-changing community needs.

Members	Seat	Term Start	Term End
Molly Loomis	Library Commissioner	07/01/2018	06/30/2021
Patrick Halladay	Library Commissioner	07/01/2018	06/30/2021
Glenn McRae	Library Commissioner	07/01/2016	06/30/2019
Amy Mellencamp	Library Commissioner	12/01/2018	06/30/2021
Peter Ireland	Library Trustee	07/01/2016	06/30/2019
Patrick Kinner	Library Trustee	07/01/2017	06/30/2020
Cate MacLachlan	Library Trustee	07/01/2017	06/30/2020
Mary Ellen Manock	Library Trustee	07/01/2015	06/30/2019
Megan Butterfield	Library Staff Commissioner	07/01/2018	06/30/2019
Jessica Nordhaus	Mayoral Designee	03/01/2018	03/01/2021