

256.66 Powers and duties of regional trustees.

In carrying out the purposes of section 256.60, each board of trustees:

1. Shall appoint and evaluate a qualified administrator who shall have a master's degree in librarianship from a program of study accredited by the American library association and who may be terminated for good cause.
2. Subject to the approval of the annual plan of service by the director of the department of education, may receive and expend state appropriated funds.
3. May receive and expend other funds and receive and expend gifts of real property, personal property or mixed property, and devises and bequests including trust funds; may take title to the property; may execute deeds and bills of sale for the conveyance of the property; and may expend the funds received from the gifts.
4. May accept and administer trusts and may authorize nonprofit foundations acting solely for the support of the library service area to accept and administer trusts deemed by the board to be beneficial to the operation of the library service area. Notwithstanding section 633.63, the board and the nonprofit foundation may act as trustees in these instances. The board shall require that moneys belonging to a nonprofit foundation be audited annually.
5. May contract with libraries, library agencies, private corporations or individuals to improve library service.
6. May acquire land and construct or lease facilities to carry out the provisions of this part.
7. Shall provide consultation and educational programs for library staff and trustees concerning all facets of library management and operation.
8. Shall provide interlibrary loan and information services throughout the area and across area lines according to the standards developed by the commission of libraries.
9. Shall develop and adopt, in cooperation with other members of the library service area and the director of the department of education, a long-range plan for the area.
10. Shall prepare, in cooperation with all members of the library service area and the director of the department of education, an annual plan of service.
11. Shall provide data and prepare reports as directed by the director of the department of education.
12. Shall encourage governmental subdivisions to maintain local financial support for the operating expenses of local libraries.
13. Shall assume all of the outstanding obligations of the regional library and be liable for and recognize, assume, and carry out all valid contracts and obligations of the regional library that the library service area replaces. Each regional library in existence prior to July 1, 2001, shall transfer its assets and title to any real estate owned by the regional library to the library service area that replaces the regional library.
14. May perform other acts necessary to carry out its powers and duties under this part.