

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Appointment of the Shoreline Library Board Members
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Dick Deal, PRCS Director
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

On March 31, 2014 the terms of three Library Board members expired. The regular members whose terms expired include Susan Hoyne, Corey Murata, and Eileen Wood-Lim. Ms. Hoyne has reached the term limit on the Board after serving two consecutive four-year terms. Ms. Wood-Lim was appointed to fill a two-year unexpired term in 2012, and she has applied for reappointment. Mr. Murata did not apply for reappointment.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City advertised the three Library Board position vacancies in *Currents*, the City website, Shoreline Area News, and on Facebook, and subsequently received applications from five residents. A City Council Subcommittee comprised of Councilmembers Hall, McConnell, and McGlashan were appointed by the Mayor to review qualifications and interview candidates. The City Council Subcommittee chose to interview all five candidates on March 20. The interviews were advertised and open to the public.

The names of the residents who applied for appointment to the Library Board and were subsequently interviewed are as follows:

- Judith Hajek
- Brooke Shirts
- Robert Smith
- Ruth Ann Stevens
- Eileen Wood-Lim (current Board member)

Based on their deliberations, the Council Subcommittee is recommending that the Council appoint the following three candidates to the Library Board:

- Brooke Shirts
- Robert Smith
- Eileen Wood-Lim (re-appointment)

Candidate bios for these three recommended candidates are attached to this staff report as Attachment A.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact created as a result of this Council action.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council move to appoint Brooke Shirts, Robert Smith and Eileen Wood-Lim to four-year terms that will run from Council appointment to March 31, 2018.

Approved By:           City Manager ***DT***   City Attorney ***IS***

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Recommended Library Board Candidate Bios



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

### *For Membership on the Library Board*

*(Please type or print)*

Name Brooke Shirts

Are you a Shoreline resident or property owner? Yes

Length of residence 1 ½ years

1. **List your educational background.** I hold a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Utah, and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh.
2. **Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.** I am currently unemployed, choosing to spend time raising my children at home. Previously, I was a children's librarian for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (2001-2008) and for the Murray Library (of Murray, Utah 1999-2001). At both positions, I answered library patrons' reference questions, developed library programs, and contributed to library collection development and maintenance. Concurrent with my position at the Murray Library I was also employed as a librarian by Reach Out and Read, a non-profit organization dedicated to literacy education and outreach to low-income families with young children.
3. **Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community.** I give volunteer work through many different organizations in Shoreline: I volunteer in the school library at Echo Lake Elementary; I serve as a leader in a local Girl Scout troop serving girls in grades 2-4; I write book reviews for the Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's Media (I was recommended to this by Geneva Norton, head of the school library system for the Shoreline School District; their website is pscreviews.org); and also volunteer through the Shoreline congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints teaching early childhood music education. Recently, I have become involved with the Hillwood Neighborhood Association.
4. **Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be applicable to the position for which you are applying.** Currently, my most relevant expertise would be my background as a public librarian and book critic. In addition to my specific library experience listed above, I also have experience serving on the boards of some non-profit organizations: from 2003-2007 I was on the board of Story Swap, a 501c3 non-profit that organized storytelling festivals, workshops, performances, and instigated educational grants for storytellers in the Pittsburgh area. Currently, I am on the board of

Northwest Pilgrims, a Washington State non-profit that offers educational retreats for women in the Pacific Northwest.

5. **List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial).** Residential property:
6. **Are you an official representative of a homeowners' association or other group? If so, please name the group.** I have recently applied to serve on the board of the Hillwood Neighborhood Association, and may be asked to be an official representative of the group. However, if this presents a conflict of interest with being a library board member, I would be happy to volunteer with the Hillwood Neighborhood Association in some other capacity. The library board would be my priority.
7. **Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.** In today's media-heavy environment, there is nothing so valuable as access to information, whether for education, entertainment, employment, or personal enlightenment. I have always been passionate about this cause; it is why I became a librarian. Although I have only lived in Shoreline a short while, I have been a frequent library user, and I've always been impressed with how busy, vibrant, and service-oriented both Shoreline libraries are. They are not only sources of information, but also community gathering places, a refuge as well as a resource. I want to help ensure that the Shoreline libraries remain just as relevant and useful in the future as they are today.

**Appointment to this board or commission will require your consistent attendance at regularly scheduled meetings.**

Are you available for evening meetings? Yes Daytime meetings? Sometimes

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17500 Midvale Avenue North  
Shoreline, WA  
98133 (206) 801-  
2230

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE

Shoreline Library Board  
City Board or Commission

(Please type or print)

Name Robert L. Smith

Are you a Shoreline resident or property owner? Yes

Length of residence 48 years

- List your educational background. Duke University Trinity - 1950-53  
Duke University School of Medicine - MD Degree 1957  
U/W School of Medicine - Residency Training  
in Obstetrics and Gynecology - 1961
- Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.  
1) Semi Retired Physician - Self Employed  
2) Teach at U/W School of Medicine - part time  
3) Member of Seattle King County Medical Reserve Corps
- Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community.  
For the past 15 years I have been a  
volunteer for the Seattle Summer Soccer  
League as an official timer and judge
- Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be

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applicable to the position for which you are applying.

- 1) State Air Surgeon State of Washington for the Air National Guard - 12 years
- 2) Working on Continuing Medical Education Comm. Fee for 20 years for physicians at Northwest Hospital

5. List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial).

Residential - home

6. Are you an official representative of a homeowners' association or other group? If so, please name the group.

No

7. Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.

- 1) I have always been an avid reader and feel that I could well represent the users views in the library
- 2) I use the library at least once a week and am well versed in its function

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

### *For Membership on the Library Board*

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Name Eileen Wood-Lim

Are you a Shoreline resident or property owner? Yes

Length of residence \_\_\_\_\_ 1986 - present \_\_\_\_\_

1. List your educational background. \_\_\_\_\_  
1983 B.A. University of Washington (International Studies)  
1985 M.A. University of Washington (Librarianship)

2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer. \_\_\_\_\_

**(1997 – present) Shoreline School District Elementary Paraeducator.**

Currently I work for Title 1 funded and Special Ed programs for reading and math. However, in past years I have also served the English Language Learning program. I have worked at Echo Lake, North City, and now Briarcrest Elementary.

**(1986 – 1993) PATH Librarian.** Served the information needs of an international, Seattle-based, private nonprofit organization.

3. Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community. \_\_\_\_\_

For the past two years I have had the privilege of serving on the Shoreline Library Board to finish out the term of a member who moved away. I have enjoyed getting to know so much about the City of Shoreline programs as well as about library operations.

I have also participated in the Lake Forest Park/ Shoreline READS program which promotes a book for summer reading for the cities, and then sponsors a talk by the author.

My husband and I have lived here most of our married life. We chose to live here because this is where we wanted to raise our family. I am proud to call Shoreline my home. I feel connected to the schools, both as a parent and employee, and connected to this community and the wonderful resources (such as the libraries) that we enjoy.

4. Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be applicable to the position for which you are applying. \_\_\_\_\_

I now have two years experience serving on the library board, and would like to continue.

I have a degree in Librarianship, and experience in the profession.

I also currently serve on the Representative Council of the SESPA (Shoreline Education Support Professionals Association) union as a building representative, which gives me experience representing others. \_\_\_\_\_

5. List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial). \_\_\_\_\_

Residential:

6. Are you an official representative of a homeowners' association or other group? If so, please name the group. \_\_\_\_\_ No.

7. Describe why you are interested in serving in this position. \_\_\_\_\_

I have had a continued interest in literacy issues and access to information throughout my professional life as a librarian and an educator. I believe community libraries are in a unique position to make a difference by ensuring families at all income levels have equal access to information and resources. KCLS is one of the busiest library systems in the country, and I have enjoyed being involved in Shoreline's two branches. \_\_\_\_\_

This is one important way I can contribute to my community. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you available for evening meetings? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Daytime meetings? \_\_\_ Possibly \_\_\_

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