

Junior Board Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CPLF Junior Board Mission?

As the Junior Board of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, we are dedicated to the lifelong pursuit of learning and discovery for all. We seek to support the creation, promotion and growth of private resources for the benefit of the Chicago Public Library, particularly programming geared towards young professionals. As young leaders, Junior Board members are committed to engaging Chicago's young professional community and supporting the library's efforts to best serve the community. The Junior Board plays a unique role in maintaining the connection between the Library, the Foundation and Chicago's young professionals in the context of emerging cultures, trends and technologies.

How long has the CPLF Junior Board been around?

The Junior Board was officially formed in September 2012. 2013 began the first year of activity.

What is the Junior Board's structure?

There are currently over 50 members on the Junior Board with everyone participating on one of six committees.

Leadership Committee is comprised of the appointed positions of President, Vice President, Chair of Communication, Chair of Events and Programming, Chair of Finance, and Chair of Membership. The Leadership Committee is responsible for delegating responsibilities for implementing the direction and goals set by the general body.

The Communications Committee is responsible for updating and maintaining all of the Junior Board communication assets, including the website and social media. The committee is also in charge of marketing all Junior Board events to ensure high attendance.

The Events and Programming Committee is in charge of envisioning and executing Junior Board events and programming with the goal of raising awareness, engaging young professionals and fundraising in a creative and meaningful way.

The Finance Committee is responsible for working with Junior Board members to reach annual fundraising goals.

The Membership Committee serves to promote membership growth and retention within the organization.

The ad hoc Strategy Committee recommends strategic initiatives that will help guide the direction and activities of the board's future goals and growth.

What are the membership requirements?

There are currently five main requirements to join the Junior Board:

1. Members should be between the ages of 21 and 40.
2. Members should hold a valid Chicago Public Library card.
3. Members must attend at least two of the quarterly member meetings annually.
4. Members are required to join and participate in at least one committee.
5. Members are required to pay the annual membership dues of \$250 with an additional Give/Get of \$500.

What is the membership process?

Interested candidates should email the Membership Chair to express interest in joining the Junior Board. The Membership Chair will forward an application or you can download the form at cplfoundation.org/jbapplication. Interested candidates will be invited to a Recruitment Event. This is a casual, informal opportunity to meet other Junior Board members, learn more about the Junior Board, and ask questions. This is also an opportunity for the Junior Board to get to know you. After the Recruitment Event, the Membership Committee will convene a selection meeting to review applicants and select those who will be invited to join the Junior Board. Selection is based upon candidates being able to meet (and exceed) the minimum requirements listed above, commitment to being ambassadors for the work of the Library Foundation, and ability to generate support (financial and attendance) for Junior Board activities.

Are there any events coming up that I can participate in?

Upcoming Events:

- July 17, 2016 – Member Meet Up: Latin Jazz Festival at Humboldt Park
- August 25, 2016 – Get Carded: Trivia Night
- September 21, 2016 – New Member Recruitment Night
- October 26, 2016 – Carl Sandburg Literary Awards Dinner
- November 2016 – Get Carded: Breakbeat Poets Poetry Reading with Kevin Coval
- December 12, 2016 – Junior Board & Junior Board Society Holiday Party

I have more questions. Who can I speak with?

For more information on how you can get involved, contact Kim Kocek, Membership Chair at membership@cplfoundation.org.