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The State Library of Ohio is seeking nominations for appointment to a five-year term on the State Library Board. Ms. Krista Taracuk of Columbus will complete her first five-year term on December 31, 2017. The successful appointee will serve January 1, 2018 -December 31, 2022.

The nominated candidate should have experience in at least one of the following areas:

- As a board member or an employee of a public organization or institution.
- As a board member or former employee of a school, public, academic or specialized library.
- In the development of equal access to information for all Ohio residents.
- Changing technologies and their impact on libraries.

The State Library Board consists of five members appointed by the State Board of Education. The Board typically meets six times a year beginning in January. The upcoming schedule can be found here: library.ohio.gov/about/state-librarian-board/#panel-schedule. For information on the specific powers and duties of the State Library Board, please see Section [3375.01](#) of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board will evaluate candidates' diversity, geographic locations, and relevant experience and forward candidates' information along with a recommendation to be considered for appointment by the State Board of Education.

Current State Library Board members are:

Krista Taracuk, President, of Columbus (term ends 12/31/17)
Laurie Gemmill Arp, of Columbus (term ends 12/31/18)
Melissa Hendon Deters, of Mason (term ends 12/31/19)
Michael Merz, of Dayton (term ends 12/31/2020)
Dr. Tracy Najera, of Columbus (term ends 12/31/2021)

Current or past board members or former employees of school, public, academic or special libraries will be given first consideration for nomination. However, it should be noted that a person cannot serve on a public library board and on the State Library Board concurrently.

The State Library Board has identified the following top strategic goals for the agency:

- Goal 1:** Support digitization efforts to widen access to the State Library of Ohio's collection and increase resource sharing throughout the state
- Goal 2:** Position the State Library of Ohio to state government as the preferred channel for information
- Goal 3:** Brand the State Library of Ohio to reflect its promise to stakeholders for "A Smarter Ohio"
- Goal 4:** Expand access to resources in cost efficient ways through electronic channels
- Goal 5:** Lead innovation and development efforts for libraries to ensure ongoing relevance to communities across Ohio

Please complete and return the attached State Library Board Nomination Form, plus any supporting information such as a resume or curriculum vitae and letters of support, by September 29, 2017 to:

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