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CHAPTER 6: LIBRARY BOARD

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The Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees is established under the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and derives its powers from section 43.58 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. The Library Board of Trustees establish policies in an effort to ensure that the public receives quality library service at a reasonable cost. The Board does not "run" the Library on a day-to-day basis, but rather guides it through the creation of policies and the setting of financial priorities. The Board of Trustees performs the following functions under Wisconsin State Statutes:

- 1. Controls the expenditure of all monies collected.
- 2. Audits and approves expenditures.
- 3. Considers legal claims filed against the Library.
- 4. Appoints a head librarian and authorizes the hiring of such other assistants and employees as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Library.
- 5. Prescribes the duties and compensation of employees.
- 6. Promotes Library use through the provision of programs, services, and cooperative efforts with other agencies.
- 7. Reports on the services and financial standing of the Library to the City Council, the County Board, the State, and to the public.