## LIBRARY BOARD CODE OF ETHICS



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- I. Board members shall uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and other Federal laws, the laws of the state of Michigan and the city of Inkster, and the Bylaws of the Inkster Library Board, and any other law, rule or regulation governing the conduct and duties of Library Board members.
- **II.** Board members in the capacity of trust upon them shall observe ethical standards with absolute truth, integrity and honor.
- **III.** Board members must avoid any and all conflicts of interest and/or the appearance of impropriety and never use their position for personal gain and/or financial benefit or for the personal gain and/or financial benefit of their family, friends or business acquaintances.
- **IV.** Board members must recuse themselves immediately and take no part in any Board decision or action in which they have an actual conflict of interest.
- **V.** Board members must distinguish clearly in their actions and statements between their personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution, acknowledging the formal position of the Board even if they personally disagree.
- **VI.** Board members must respect the confidential nature of Library business while being aware and in compliance with applicable laws governing freedom of information.
- **VII.** Board members must be prepared to support to the fullest the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship of Library materials by groups or individuals.
- **VIII.** Board members who accept Library Board responsibilities are expected to perform all of the functions, duties and responsibilities to the best of their ability.