

Application for Appointment to Library Board

This information is requested to assure that a cross section of the community is represented.
Buncombe County residency is required for appointment to any board or commission.

Are you a resident of Buncombe County?

Yes



Residence County Commissioner District

1



How many years have you been a resident of Buncombe County?

23



Pronouns

She/Her



My Pronouns

Prefix

None



First Name

Laina

Last Name

Stapleton

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Email Address

Address

Suite/Apartment #

City

Asheville

State

North Carolina



Zip Code

28803

Mailing Address (If different from above)



Suite/Apartment #

City

State

North Carolina



Zip Code

For the purpose of diversity and balance, please complete the following questions.

Race

White



Gender

I identify as female



My Gender

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

No, not Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin



My Ethnicity



Age Group

35-54



What is your current employment status?

Employed



Employer Name

Eaton

What position do you currently hold?

technical writer

Employer Address

175 Vista Blvd

Suite/Unit #

City

Arden



State

North Carolina



Zip Code

28704

Employer Phone

Extension

Employer Email Address

How did you hear about this board vacancy?

From a board member. I had previously applied when there was an opening.



Are you currently serving on any other Buncombe County board or commission?

No



Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e. property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain:

No



Please indicate the area of expertise you can bring to the board, then list education, experience and reason for your interest.

Though I'm currently not employed as a librarian, my background and education are in schools and libraries. I think I bring a strong sense of the purpose of libraries, as well as connections to the community they serve and businesses and local schools to help build partnerships and continue the growth trajectory for BCPL.

Masters of Library Science, UNC-Chapel Hill

Why are you interested in serving on this board?

I'm interested in helping BCPL maintain its excellence and further its growth and outreach. I think that because of Asheville's historic growth levels, BCPL stands able to be a library model for cities with a strong sense of community but that are experiencing gentrification along with growth and aren't sure how to handle that. Now that I am not employed by Buncombe County Schools, I plan to run for school board as soon as possible, and would love to build a stronger connection between those two organizations beyond what already exists. Additionally, I now work for a large, international corporation that employs a large number of locals in their Arden office and feel strongly that they would be very interested both local partnerships and charity.

What would you like to achieve if appointed?

I would really like to see BCPL introduce mobile libraries to reach those communities who do not have quick access to a branch library. I think BCPL has done its best to put branches where they were able, but we have some communities that are historically underserved (in many ways, not just by the library), and I'd love to see a partnership program that does outreach to those communities. That's a very big idea, but I feel strongly that BCPL stands at a crossroads and needs to address that discrepancy now.

Attachments

Download a zip (/Application/DownloadById/604) of this application to view attachments.

StapletonBasicResume.pdf



LAINA STAPLETON

EDUCATOR | ORGANIZER | LEADER | LIBRARIAN

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
| 2013

Thesis: *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Web Resources - Are Positive, Appropriate Websites Available Behind School System's Filters?* (adv. Sandra Hughes-Hassell)

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LITERATURE -
EDUCATION CONCENTRATION**
University of North Carolina at Asheville
| 2005

North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship
Recipient
Dean's List Fall 2002, Summer 2003, Spring 2004,
Fall 2005

Thesis: *"Atticus is a gentleman, just like me":
Morality in To Kill A Mockingbird* (adv. Peter
Caulfield)
Education Research Project: *Literature Circles in
English Classrooms* (adv. Sandra Byrd)

PRESENTATIONS:

"Help for 1:1 Devices School-Based Managers." BCS
STEAM 2018; Asheville, NC. August 2, 2018.
Prepared with Rachel Edwards.

"Informational Texts and NC's Digital Heritage
Center with LEARNNC." North Carolina English
Teacher's Association; Charlotte, NC. September 29,
2012. With Kimberly Hirsh and Jonathan Bartels.

"Digital Resources for Secondary teachers from
LEARNNC." Catch the Wave Tech Conference for
Orange County Schools; Hillsborough, NC. June 26,
2012. With Jonathan Bartels.

"LEARNNC Through a Humanities Lens." NC Digital
Humanities Conference; Chapel Hill, NC. June 18,
2012. With Cheryl Mason Bolick and Kate Allman.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

TECHNICAL WRITER
Eaton | 2/2023 - current

LIBRARY MEDIA COORDINATOR
Clyde A. Erwin High School | 11/2014 - 2/2023

LIBRARY SUBSTITUTE
Buncombe County Public Library | 8/2014 - 2/2016

LIBRARY MEDIA COORDINATOR
Hawthorne Academy of Health Sciences | 8/2013 -
6/2014

RESEARCH ASSISTANT
LEARNNC | 1/2012 - 5/2013

ENGLISH TEACHER
T.C. Roberson High School | 8/2006 - 6/2011

ENGAGEMENT:

- NC PreK-12 Literacy and Equity Summit. Virtual.
January 19, 2022.
- BCS BEST STEAM 18. Asheville, NC. August 8-9,
2018.
- BCS BEST STEAM 17. Asheville, NC. August 9-10,
2017.
- The Amazing Connection: NC DPI Connect Event;
Asheville, NC. April 28, 2017.
- EdCampAvl. Asheville, NC. April 22, 2017.
- BCS BEST STEAM. Asheville, NC. August 11, 2015.
- EdCampWNC. Cullowhee, NC. April 18, 2015.
- Building a Bridge to Literacy for African-American
Male Youth: A Call to Action for the Library
Community. Chapel Hill, NC. June 3-5, 2012.