

# 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?

## Residence County Commissioner District

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

## Pronouns

## My Pronouns

## Prefix

## First Name

## Last Name

## 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**

**Zip Code**

North Carolina

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.

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## Attachments

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

**StapletonBasicResume.pdf**

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# 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.