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Library of Virginia provides statewide access to “Short Takes for Trustees” video series from United for Libraries

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RICHMOND, VA – The Library of Virginia has purchased access to a series of training videos entitled “Short Takes for Trustees” for all Virginia libraries.

From United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, Short Takes for Trustees offers a series of 10 short training videos that can be shown during library board of trustees meetings to stimulate discussion about the important role that trustees play in the governance of their libraries. Trustees and library staff members may also watch the videos independently at any time.

Topics in the series explain basics such as what it means to be a trustee (including the fiduciary responsibilities of governing boards, as well as the limits of an advisory board), how to set policy, how to evaluate library directors, board self-evaluation, and the ethical and parliamentary standards for boards—both governing and advisory. Each course runs approximately 8 to 10 minutes.

“We are very pleased to be offering these short webcasts for library trustees as well as directors to use to further their understanding and communication on key topics such as board ethics, library advocacy, strategic planning, and more,” said United for Libraries executive director Beth Nawalinski.

The courses are:

- What It Means to Be a Trustee
- Board Meetings
- Board Ethics
- Library Advocacy
- Library Policies
- Working with Friends
- Evaluating the Library Director
- Board Self-Evaluation
- Succession Planning & New Board Orientation

Virginia library trustees and library staff members can find more information about Short Takes for Trustees on the Library of Virginia’s Library Development and Networking Division InfoCenter website:

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vpl.virginia.gov/tff/trustees. You can also sign up for direct access to the series by visiting ala.org/united/login-request/virginia.

The Library Development and Networking Division of the Library of Virginia works to bring consulting and support services to Virginia public libraries in the areas of technology, youth services, stakeholder and community development, and the administration of state and federal aid to libraries. The Virginia General Assembly and the Institute of Museum and Library Services fund this work.

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