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## Hastings Highlands Public Library

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**Area :** Board Bylaws

**Policy Title:** Powers and Duties of the Board

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The Board bears legal responsibility for the Hastings Highlands Public Library. The powers and duties of the Board are prescribed in the ***Public Libraries Act***, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44, to which this bylaw adheres.

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1. In accordance with the ***Public Libraries Act***, s. 20, the Hastings Highlands Public Library Board:
  - a) shall seek to provide, in co-operation with other Boards, a comprehensive and efficient public Library service that reflects the community's unique needs
  - b) shall provide Library services in the French language, where appropriate
  - c) shall operate one or more libraries and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with this Act and the regulations
  - d) may operate special services in connection with a Library as it considers necessary
  - e) shall fix the times and places for Board meetings and the mode of calling and conducting them and ensure that full and correct minutes are kept
  - f) shall make an annual report to the Minister and make any other reports required by this Act and the regulations or requested by the Minister from time to time
  - g) shall make provision for insuring the Board's real and personal property
  - h) shall take proper security for the Treasurer
  - i) may appoint such committees as it considers expedient.

### **Related Documents:**

Hastings Highlands Public Library. ***Gov 01 – Purpose of the Board***  
***Public Libraries Act***, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44.