## **Mount Morris Library**

## 121 Main Street Mount Morris, NY 14510

## Trustee Ethics Statement

Every Trustee makes a personal commitment to contribute the time and energy to faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities effectively and with absolute truth, honor, and integrity.

- Trustees shall comply with all the laws, rules, and regulations that apply to them and to the library.
- Trustees shall respect the opinions of their colleagues and show civility when they disagree or oppose a viewpoint different from their own.
- Trustees shall not engage in discrimination of any kind and shall uphold library patrons' rights to privacy in the use of library resources.
- Trustees must respect the confidential nature of library business and not disclose such information to anyone.
- Trustees must be aware of and in compliance with Freedom of Information laws.
- Trustees must avoid situations in which personal interests might be served or financial benefits gained as a result of their position or access to privileged library information, for either themselves or others.
- Trustees shall immediately disqualify themselves whenever the appearance of or a conflict of interest exists.
- Trustees shall not interfere with the management responsibilities of the director or the supervision of library staff.
- Trustees shall support the efforts of libraries in resisting censorship of library materials by groups or individuals.
- Trustees will ensure that the resources of the library are responsibly and prudently managed.

Signature	Date