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## Fwd: BCPL trustee applications and resumes for County Commission consideration

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**Gaye Hasty** <ghasty@blounttn.org>  
To: Lauri Bell <lbell@blounttn.org>

Thu, May 1, 2025 at 4:28 PM

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From: **Amy Cowden** <acowden@blounttn.org>  
Date: Thu, May 1, 2025 at 4:02 PM  
Subject: Re: BCPL trustee applications and resumes for County Commission consideration  
To: Gaye Hasty <ghasty@blounttn.org>

Thanks Gaye,

These are Commission appointments, therefore we won't have a Mayor's memo for these.

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On Thu, May 1, 2025 at 3:55 PM Gaye Hasty <ghasty@blounttn.org> wrote:  
Just a reminder for the May meeting.

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From: **Stephanie Thompson** <sjthompson0256@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 8:52 AM  
Subject: BCPL trustee applications and resumes for County Commission consideration  
To: janderson@blounttn.org <janderson@blounttn.org>, Ed Mitchell <emitchell@blounttn.org>  
Cc: Dawn Reagan <dreagan@blounttn.org>

Commissioner Jared Anderson and Mayor Ed Mitchell,

Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees By Laws 2.1 states: By May 1, of each year, if vacancies will occur for the next fiscal year for the Library Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees shall recommend to the Blount County Commission, the Alcoa

City Commission or the Maryville City Council, based on the residency of the vacancy, a qualified individual for appointment or election to the Board in accordance with provisions in Tennessee Code Annotated 10-3-103.

Blount County Appointments:

Priority 1:

Our board has one solid recommendation. Shawn can serve another term.

- Shawn Graham has served one 3 year term as Trustee. Please renew his term for another 3 years. Until June 30, 2028. His experience as a lawyer has been invaluable for our Board of Trustees.

Priority 2:

The county commission needs to appoint 2 more replacements:

Lauren Emert term – expires June 30, 2025

Stephanie Thompson term – expires June 30, 2025

We have 4 applicants for 2 positions. See attached files for their information .

Here are my assessments and priorities of the 4. These are my personal assessments and do not necessarily reflect the feelings of the board at large.

1. Anna Graham (educational and leadership experience, served on the Director search committee)
2. Meghan Womack (fund raising experience.)
3. Kathleen Christy (retired reference librarian - BCPL)
4. Dawn Russell (educator)

Obviously, the County Commission is in charge of the process and selection, these were some residents who followed the BCPL process for indicating their interest and hope they will be considered. If you need any other information or documentation, let me know.

We have an incredible Library Board of Trustees who are fully committed to doing the daily work as well as staff. Let me know if I can assist in this process or help in any way.

Thank you for your help and support.

Stephanie Thompson

Blount County Public Library

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