

Trustee Bios

Bruce Barber

My family and I moved to Lansing in 1999 when I took a job in IT at Cornell. That fall my wife started teaching at Lansing Elementary where she still teaches. My wife and I have two grown sons. I have been involved in the community since we arrived. I have been a Scout leader, coached for various sports through the Rec. Department, been a member of the All Saints/LUMC youth mission group accompanying our youth on trips to Guatemala and John's Island, SC, organized the Lighthouse 5K to raise money for the school cross country program, volunteered at the Lansing Library, and I am member of the Friends of the Lansing Center Trail. You may have also seen me on the sidelines photographing sporting events in our community. I joined the Lansing Library Board in the fall of 2020 to finish out an open term. I am very excited about being involved in the library as I have been an avid lifelong reader and love books. I am equally excited about our plans for the future of the Lansing Library as it strives to meet the needs of our community and continuing on the board of trustees doing all I can to help our library meet its goals.

Elizabeth Gossett

Since beginning my first term on the Board of Trustees at the Lansing Community Library (LCL) in 2019, my appreciation for the services that they provide as well as respect for the staff has grown each year. The degree to which the library adapted to conditions during the Coronavirus pandemic is especially impressive.

I've been a Town of Lansing resident since 1992, and have especially enjoyed the LCL since moving to Lansing Station Road in 2014. Libraries have been an interest of mine since childhood, and visits to local libraries have helped instill a love of reading to my two grown sons and 3 grandchildren.

Since retiring from Kendal at Ithaca in 2020 I have the time and energy to devote to library activities. If elected, I look forward to working with the rest of the Board as well as the library staff to continue maintaining the library as a valuable community resource that it is now, and assisting in guiding its growth for the future.

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Maureen Trowbridge

I am seeking a second term as a trustee on the Lansing Library Board, I currently serve as the chair of the Policy Committee and also serve on the Personnel Committee.

Our family came to Lansing almost 25 years ago. My husband, Craig, and I are now empty nesters after raising our three daughters, Kelly, Colleen and Erin who all attended Lansing schools. Our daughters live and work outside of Denver, in New Orleans, and in Boston. Our older two daughters are married. Our eldest daughter is expecting their first child this spring and we have a 16 month old grandson, who has to “read” a book while in the bathtub!

I received my undergraduate degree from Cornell and master’s degree from Potsdam University in education. In 2016, I retired from Lansing Middle School as a 6th grade math teacher. Over the course of my career I have taught Family and Consumer Science, Health, and 5th grade math and social studies. Currently, I substitute teach at Lansing Middle School and tutor, mainly math, on the side. As a teacher, I have seen first-hand the importance and success that reading brings to the lives of my students.

Last summer I completed Ironman Lake Placid, a goal I didn’t know I had until I moved here. :) Along with exercise, I also enjoy quilting, knitting and traveling.

My other love is reading, which is why I am running to serve as a trustee again. Some of my most precious moments as a parent were reading books of all kinds to my daughters. And a regular family outing were frequent trips to the library, particularly in the summer. At the time it was to TCPL, but now with LCL, I feel fortunate to have a library in our community a mere ten minutes away.

Libraries provide a place for people and families to connect with resources, the joy of literature and learn new skills. None truer than in the past two years. Lansing Community Library has weathered the pandemic with minimal closures and curbside pickups. It has been my privilege to work with the staff and volunteers to be part of this success. I would be honored to serve on the library board again as the library continues to grow, meeting the needs of the Lansing community.

Thank you in advance for your vote.