



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 31, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

As per Mr. Trahan's request, please rescind the previous application of Barry Trahan to the Library Board of Trustees as replacement for Jill Horton Simms.

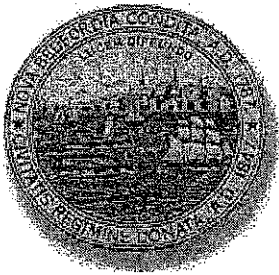
I am submitting for your approval the **APPOINTMENT** of **ANN R. O'LEARY** of 22 Edna Street, New Bedford, MA to the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**. Ms. O'Leary will be replacing Jill Horton Simms who has resigned. This term will expire in **APRIL 2020**.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

JFM/sds

cc: Ann R. O'Leary
Library Trustees



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION

The Mayor is seeking citizens who wish to serve on City Boards and Commissions established to assist and advise the City on specific matters. Please complete this application in full (attach a resume and other information which may assist the Mayor and the City Council in making its selection) and file it with the Personnel Office. The Mayor reserves the right to reject any application. Some appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Board/Commission applying for: (see reverse side) Library Trustees

Name: Ann R. O'Leary Email: a

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Residence Address: 22 Edna St., New Bedford, MA Zip: 02745

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: Library Media Specialist, Bishop Stang High School

Educational Background: Master's Library Science Simmons College;
B.A., Philosophy, Stonehill College

Memberships in Community Organizations or Professional Groups:

Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast, NBWM, 2017 to present.
Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, Advisory Board
See enclosed resume. 2010 to present.

City Boards and/or Commissions on which you have previously served:

SAILS Library Network, Board of Directors, represented New Bedford High School, 2003 to 2014.

The reasons why you wish to be considered for appointment by the Mayor:

I want to continue to support the city in my retirement from New Bedford Public Schools, where I served as librarian for 25 years. I am committed to keeping libraries relevant for all age groups.

Please detail specific areas of expertise:

Promotion of reading and online searching, collaboration with others to plan/implement programs, library standards compliance, grant writing.

Please detail specific areas of interest:

Equal access to all residents through strong main and branch libraries, diversity in materials and services, promotion of libraries as life-changing.

Available for meetings in the daytime ☐ evenings ☐ both ☒ (check one)

Resident of the City since what year: 1955

Appointees and incumbents may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, as required by the City Council Rules or the Mayor. The statement may require a declaration that you have no interest in conflict with the City of New Bedford. Please return your completed application to the Personnel Department, 133 William St., Room 212, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Applications will be kept on file for two years.

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING
INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Signature of Applicant: Ann R. O'Leary

Date: August 6, 2018

Ann R. O'Leary
22 Edna Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745

August 3, 2018

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

I am applying for a position on the Library Trustees Board. I hold a Master's in Library and Information Science from Simmons College and have worked as a school librarian for New Bedford Public Schools for over 25 years. As my enclosed resume indicates, I have retired as high school librarian at New Bedford High School and now hold that position at Bishop Stang High School.

I am also the Emily Bourne Research Fellow for the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Recently, we launched *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast*, a project that seeks to amplify local historic women's stories through a website, app, walking trail and school curriculum. I researched and wrote the text for this wonderful project, along with assistance from about a dozen volunteers. Enclosed is a copy of our trail map, truly a product that took a village.

Born and raised in New Bedford's South End to Portuguese American parents, I returned to New Bedford after graduate school and raised my own family here. For over 30 years, on a daily basis, I have supported New Bedford's students and teachers, and they have inspired me as well.

I believe that libraries can change lives, and I hope to be able to support and assist New Bedford Free Public Library as a trustee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Rodriguez O'Leary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ann Rodriguez O'Leary
Library Media Specialist, Bishop Stang High School
Emily Bourne Research Fellow, New Bedford Whaling Museum

Ann R. O'Leary
22 Edna Street

New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745

cell:

email:

twitter:

EDUCATION

Simmons College, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Boston, MA:
Master of Science in Library and Information Science, 1984

Stonehill College, Easton, MA: Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, 1977

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Massachusetts Educator License, Library Media Specialist, all grade levels, renewed through 2019

Massachusetts Educator License, Elementary Teacher, grades 1-6, renewed through 2019

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Emily Bourne Research Fellow, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 2017 to present.
Responsibilities include: research/writing profiles of historic women for NBWM project *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast*, a website, app, trail map and curriculum.

Library Media Specialist, Bishop Stang High School, 2014 to present.
Responsibilities include: direct instruction on searching and using information responsibly, collaboration with teachers in support of student research projects, technology support for student iPad initiative, use of social media (Twitter) to promote reading and library programs, library program design that empowers students.

Library Media Specialist, New Bedford High School, 2001 to 2014 (retirement).
Responsibilities include: interactive direct instruction of information literacy skills, collaboration with content teachers in support of student research projects, school library long range planning, implementation of grant-funded school library programs, selection of school library print and electronic resources, maintenance of online catalog, supervision of library media assistants and volunteers.

Library Media Specialist, Roosevelt Middle School, New Bedford, 1987-2001.
Responsibilities similar to positions at high schools.

Geometry/Algebra I Teacher, New Bedford High School Summer Program, 2009-2013.

Home Tutor for students on medical leave, 2009 to present.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Endowment for the Humanities, Sailing to Freedom: New Bedford and the Underground Railroad, Landmarks Workshop, 2015.

Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education, Workshops in Lesson Planning and Interactive Direct Instruction, 2014.

New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Visiting Team Member for Accreditation of North Kingstown High School, 2013.

Center for the Study of Children's and Young Adult Literature, Simmons College, Summer Institutes, 2009-2013.

New Bedford Public Schools, Web Design Workshop, 2012.

New Bedford Public Schools, Bullying Prevention Workshops, 2011.

COMMITTEE WORK

Bishop Stang High School, Co-Chair of NEASC Self-Study Committee, 2018 to present.

Bishop Stang High School, Academic Board and Leaders Board, 2014 to present.

Dream Out Loud Center for the Arts, President, Board of Directors, 2014 to present.

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, Advisory Board, 2010 to present.

New Bedford High School NEASC Self-Study Committee, Chair, Standard 6, 2014.

New Bedford High School Literacy Committee, 2011 to 2014.

New Bedford High School Anti-Bullying/School Climate Committee, 2011 to 2014.

SAILS Library Network, Board of Directors, 2003 to 2014.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Researcher/writer for SPARK Movement's Women on the Map database on Google's Field Trip app: "Polly Johnson" biography accepted, 2016.

REFERENCES

Amanda McMullen, President/CEO, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740

Olivia Melo, Director, New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740

Peter Shaughnessy, President/Principal, Bishop Stang High School, 500 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth, MA 02747