

RECEIVED



DEC 18 2025

BY: KB

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
110 N Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450
352-341-6560 Fax: 352-341-6539

APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Name: Terry Morriston Home Phone 724-941-2618

Address: 3271 N Spyglass Village Path Lecanto FL 34461 Cell Phone 724-941-2618

Business Phone: NA Fax: NA Email msm114@gmail.com

Place of Employment: Waynesburg University, Waynesburg PA

Board/Committee Applied for: Library Advisory Board

Specific Position on Board/Committee Applied for: Board Member

How long have you lived in Citrus County: Years 10 Months 0

In which commission district do you reside? 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one)

Do you currently hold public office? Yes No X

Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Citrus County board or committee? Yes X No

Please list the Committee/Boards: Library Advisory Board, 2019-2020

Please list your community activities (civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc. and positions held)

Education: Please see attached resume.

Experience: Please see attached resume.

Some of the boards/committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement? YES X NO DATE 12/17/2025 SIGNATURE Terry Morriston

Appointees to Advisory Boards/Committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in Administrative Regulation entitled Board Appointments.

If you have any additional information such as a resume, please attach. Applications will be kept on file for a period of one year from date of receipt by the Board of County Commissioners. Should a vacancy occur, during that time, on the Board to which you have applied you will be notified to confirm your interest in being reconsidered for that Board

December 17, 2025

Citrus County Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration
3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267
Lecanto, FL 34461

To the Members of the Special Library District Governing Body:

Please accept the attached application and resume for the position of Board Member on the Citrus County Library Advisory Board. I believe I can contribute to Citrus County by serving on this board.

My resume shows that I have experience in the library field, an asset for this board. However, my work as a Citrus Library volunteer best illustrates my strengths and how I would contribute to the LAB.

In my current volunteer leadership roles as the President of the Friends of the Coastal Region Library and as a member of the steering committee for the Library's "Booked" fundraising events, I have developed unified teams consisting of library staff, community members, and other volunteers who work to expand library facilities and services, while keeping out of the fray of culture wars and politics. This is important if the LAB is to achieve its purpose.

My belief in team building, mission development, and the expertise of library staff has resulted in successful projects to support the library. In 2025 alone, the Coastal Region Friends contributed \$55,000 to pay for the library's new furniture as well as the new mural. In addition, our group also volunteered hundreds of hours at the library this year and donated more than \$10,000 to books and audiobooks, along with funding for seed library supplies, book club materials, and much more. My contribution as a member of the 2025 Booked committee includes bringing together the five different Library Friends groups in Citrus County to become a joint Platinum sponsor of the event. The Booked event was not only a successful fundraiser, but it was a time for the community to celebrate together.

These successes happened because we became teams focused on enhancing our already successful library system. While we group members often had different opinions, we learned to discuss respectfully and develop plans that addressed our concerns and supported the library-- and did so without conflicts, politics, or headlines.

My volunteer history within the Citrus Library System shows that the *only* agenda I would bring to this position is helping the library meet its mission of serving the literacy and information needs of Citrus County. My experience and education demonstrate that I have professional credentials and past successes. If selected, I will work to support the library's mission within a framework of objectivity, professionalism, listening, and civility.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Terry Morriston

Mrs. Terry Morriston
3271 N. Spyglass Village Path
Lecanto FL 34461

Terry Morriston

3271 N Spyglass Village Path
Lecanto FL 34461

Phone 724/941-2618
msm114@gmail.com

Objective:
Citrus County Library Advisory Board Member

Experienced in
Library Policy Development, Library Services to Youth, Public Library Oversight, Library Renovation Projects,
Community Involvement with Libraries, Educational Technology; K-12 Education; K-12 Literary

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

**2012-
Present** **Adjunct Professor, Master's in Education Program, Online**
Waynesburg University
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Duties and Experiences include:

- Instructing master's candidates in creating learning environments for grades preK-12 in all content areas.
- Special certification program instructor for Educational Technology, including artificial intelligence.
- Emphasis on Literacy Development, STEAM, and Emerging Technologies
- Preparing teaching candidates to meet the needs of underserved student populations
- Supporting the school mission to encourage students to serve God by committing to the community.

2016-2017 **Reference Librarian, Part-Time**
Austin Community College
Austin TX 78701

Duties and Experiences include:

- Assisting all students with research, assignments and reading guidance
- Supporting special need students (ESL, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, First-Generation College) with one-on-one services

**1978-2012
(Retired)** **Teacher-Librarian,**
Peters Township School District
McMurray, Pennsylvania 15317

Duties and Experiences include:

- Instruction of library and speaking curriculum; grades 9-12, all academic levels.
- Promotion of Literary and Independent Reading –integrated reading programs into content area curriculum, created schoolwide Drop Everything and Read program
- Technology Coach for Teaching Staff
- After-school tutor for striving learners

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

1984-2020 **Family-Run Businesses: Morriston's Restaurant; Southeast Machinery**

Duties and Experiences include:

- Manage, Assist, and Supervise employees, bookkeeping, customer service, general operations; HR, safety, logistics and supply chain management

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, School of Library and Information Sciences

Master's of Library Science Degree – 1982, Summa cum laude

K-12 School Media Certification

University of Pittsburgh, School of Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree: Language Communication—1978, Class Valedictorian

Secondary Language Arts Certification, University Scholar Award

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

- Friends of the Coastal Region Library, President, Jan 2024-present; Board Member, 2022-present.
- Citrus County Library Fundraising Committee, 2024
- Citrus County Library System: FOCCLS Board, 2021-2024, Vice-President 2023-24
- Coastal Region Library Volunteer, 2018-present
- Citrus County Library Advisory Board, 2019-2020.
- Mega Book Sale Volunteer 2021-2024.
- Black Diamond POA, Lecanto FL, Communications Committee, 2022-2024.
- One-day Citrus County volunteer activities such as Relief Share, Hurricane Clean-up, Highway Trash Clean-up, etc.
- Austin Public Library, Austin Texas, Volunteer, 2015-2016
- Peters Township Public Library, Board of Directors, McMurray PA, 2000-2010

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

PA School Librarians Association, School Library District Award, Best Library System in State, 2010

LIBRARY GRANT EXPERIENCE

- Literary Grant Peer Review Teams, 2002-2020.
- Innovation Approaches to Literacy Grant: 2014; 2016.
- Library Literacy Grant: 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST