



CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Library Commission

Name: Maria Capezio Crookes

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 1 year

Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer Business Name and your position: Faith Foundation Northwest, Exec. Assistant and Board Administrator

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

I am a Deaconess of the United Methodist Church (lay religious order), and currently an alternate delegate for the Alaskan Delegation of the UMC.

Explain your main reason for applying:

I love reading, the library, and what it can offer. I believe the library offers access that some families might not have, not only to books, but also to newspapers, board games, and many other resources. The library should be a place for the entire community, and I would love to support that work. 

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

I have an BA in Creative and Professional Writing, and finished the requirements for my MFA in Creative Writing. I have been in several committees in the Methodist Church, currently in the Commission for Deaconess and Home Missioner Services. I have also been recently elected to be in  **Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session.** In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.

I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.

Date: 06/20/2026

Applicant Signature: beb11931-c629-4710-888b-8cb1d197a1d0 Digitally signed by beb11931-c629-4710-888b-8cb1d197a1d0
Date: 2026.06.19 13:00:21 -08'00'

Sitka, AK
July 3rd, 2026

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting my application and this letter of interest for the Library Commission of the City and Borough of Sitka.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Creative and Professional Writing, and on July 16th I'll defend my thesis for my Master in Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Alaska Pacific University. My academic background is only one of the reasons I am interested in participating in the Library Commission. I believe libraries are part of the heart of a community. They welcome all, offer resources, academic material, and a safe space for our youth to spend time, a warm place for families with little kids when it's rainy outside, and a quiet space for guests visiting during the summer.

Also, the Sitka Library has become a great part of my family's life, allowing my children to explore their passion for reading and discovering new genres and stories. I am grateful for the work the library staff does, and the time they spend recommending books to them.

Because of this, my own love for reading and the work of the library and the positive impact Sitka Library had in my kids, is that I want to give back by participating in the Library Commission.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter and application.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maria Capezio Crookes".

Maria Capezio Crookes



Sitka, AK 99835



LIBRARY COMMISSION

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SANDRA FONTAINE PO Box 2114	907-623-0444 thimbleberrysam@gmail.com	3/22/22 3/26/25	3/22/25 3/26/28	Chair
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MARGIE ESQUIRO 108 Sand Dollar Drive	907-752-0567 907-747-6874 margieesquiro@gmail.com	12/8/20 1/14/24 3/10/26	12/8/23 1/14/26 3/10/29	Secretary
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<i>ALLISON LAWRIE</i> <i>100 Kaasda Heen Circle</i>	<i>907-738-1064</i> <i>allison.lawrie@gmail.com</i>	<i>4/13/22</i>	<i>4/13/25</i>	
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Established by Ordinance 72-50, Ord. 03-1730 added 2 more members
First Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED

Revised: April 28, 2026