

# Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions City and Borough of Sitka

Board/Commission/Committee: Sitka Library Commission  
 Name: Bruce Gazaway Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]  
 Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]  
 Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: N.A.  
 Length of Residence in Sitka: 11 years Registered to vote in Sitka?  Yes  No  
 Employer: retired

Organizations you belong to or participate in: American Legion / Sitka Maritime Heritage Society / Sitka Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship / ASEA Retirees Association / UAF Advisory Committee for the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension.  
 Explain your main reason for applying: Libraries are an important community resource that cultivates an informed citizenry.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?  
Most importantly, I am a lifelong library user. Also, as an educator I have seen that youth who regularly use libraries tend to do better in school and this experience gives me the conviction to advocate for libraries as a critical element in lifelong community education.  
 Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

No conflicts of interest at this time.

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 9/9/2024 Signature: John Bruce Gazaway

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, 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

Return to:  
 Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street  
 Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

September 9, 2024

Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz  
City & Borough of Sitka  
100 Lincoln Street  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Mayor Eisenbeisz,

I request appointment to a vacant seat on the Sitka Library Commission.

I was raised in Palmer, then just a small town in the Territory of Alaska. Some of my best childhood memories involve the public library still located there. I spent many hours in that library, and it was there that I was introduced to a larger world. Much has changed in the intervening decades, but public libraries remain a refuge and a creative resource to the children in the towns and villages across Alaska.

My generation grew up knowing that libraries were a valuable and convenient resource. whether I just needed to locate the want ads to find a job, or researching how to do things or simply seeking entertainment from a film or book then the local library could provide that service. Interestingly, even with the internet, these services are still utilized by younger Alaskans.

I am a retiree with work experience in the non-profit sector, with the State of Alaska and with the U.S. Military. Some of those work experiences are relevant to the Library Commission.

- As Museum Director for the Sitka Historical Society (1988 -1990) and the Museum of Transportation and Industry (2002-2003) I gained experience in archive management
- As an Emergency Management Assistant with the Alaska Division of Emergency Management (2003-2007) I saw firsthand how local libraries can be an important component in disaster preparedness and disaster recovery.

My other community involvements include.

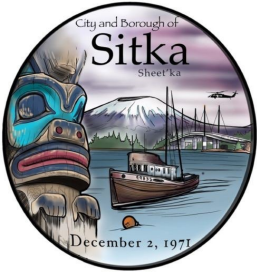
- Board member of the Sitka Maritime Heritage Society
- Board President for the Sitka Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship
- Advisory Committee member for the UAF Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Extension

Sincerely,



Bruce Gazaway





# LIBRARY COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
SANDRA FONTAINE PO Box 2114	907-623-0444 thimbleberrysam@gmail.com	3/22/22	3/22/25	<b>Chair</b>
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JEFF BUDD 100 Lincoln Street	907-747-4821 jbudd3500@gmail.com	6/23/20 12/27/22	1/28/23 12/27/25	
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<i>THOMAS MARTIN 700 Etolin Street</i>	<i>253-666-3399 tomdmartin11@gmail.com</i>	<i>10/14/21</i>	<i>10/14/24</i>	<i>Resigned 9/5/24</i>
Scott Saline PO Box 3183	907-738-7889 assemblysaline@cityofsitka.org			Assembly Liaison
Timothy Pike 100 Lincoln Street	907-623-7444 assemblypike@cityofsitka.org			Assembly Liaison
Elizabeth O'Donnell				Emeritus Member
Alice Johnstone				Emeritus Member

7 Members from Public - 3-year terms  
 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: September 9, 2024