



Henderson District Public Libraries **Board of Trustees Application**

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Henderson Libraries seeks to cultivate a literate community by providing every citizen free access to books and information resources, as well as state of the art technology that supports work, school and recreational activities. The mission of the Henderson Libraries is to imagine possibilities, discover opportunities, and connect with the community.

The Board of Trustees for the Henderson District Public Libraries (Board of Trustees) exists pursuant to NRS 379.025 (h). The Board of Trustees consists of five (5) competent persons appointed by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners and two (2) competent persons appointed by the Henderson City Council.

Among its duties (NRS 379.025), the Board of Trustees shall hire a professional librarian to serve as the Executive Director of the Henderson Libraries, review and approve an annual budget, establish and review policies, and attend Board of Trustees meetings regularly.

The Board of Trustees meets the third (3rd) Thursday of the month at 7:45am.

Members serve four-year (4-year) terms and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Members must reside in the City of Henderson.

Application Overview:

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Board of Trustees, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Board of Trustees or the application process, please email mlsmedley@hendersonlibraries.com

Full Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): Aaron Harri s

Home Street Address: 928 Lloyd George

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Henderson, NV 89052

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code:

Employer: Amazon Web Services

Occupation: Technical Curriculum Developer

Email Address: [Redacted]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [Redacted]

Relevant Affiliations: Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Director on the Board for Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch HOA (elected - 2 years)

Henderson Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (appointed by Ward II Councilmember - 4yr)

(See attached for explanation)

Skills and Experience: Please provide a brief description of your qualifications; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Board of Trustees. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

My professional background spans over a decade in the technology sector, where I have developed expertise in software development and STEM curriculum creation. In my current role as a Technical Curriculum Developer for an online cloud engineering bootcamp, I design programs that help individuals acquire valuable technical skills for career advancement. This experience has given me insight into the evolving needs of workforce... (See attached)

A resume or letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I certify that I am a resident of the City of Henderson. I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.

Aaron Harris

Digitally signed by Aaron Harris
Date: 2025.04.30 23:59:53 -07'00'

Signature

Date

Hand Deliver Application to:

**Henderson District Public Libraries
280 S. Green Valley Parkway
Henderson, NV 89012**

Mail Application to:

**Henderson District Public Libraries
280 S. Green Valley Parkway
Henderson, NV 89012**

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Addendum.

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I currently serve as a Director on the Board for Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch HOA, overseeing a community of over 1,800 homes, apartments, and businesses. This is an elected position with a two-year term extending through 2026. Additionally, I was recently appointed by Councilmember Monica Larson to serve on the Henderson Citizens Transportation Advisory Board for Ward II, where I hold a four-year term. Through these roles, I have gained valuable experience in public service and community governance, working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders to achieve common goals.

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My professional background spans over a decade in the technology sector, where I have developed expertise in software development and STEM curriculum creation. In my current role as a Technical Curriculum Developer for an online cloud engineering bootcamp, I design educational programs that help individuals acquire valuable technical skills for career advancement. This experience has given me insight into the evolving needs of workforce development and digital literacy.

My past involvement with community makerspaces and coworking environments has provided me with firsthand experience in fostering collaborative learning environments and building inclusive communities. Through my volunteer work with the Sierra Club, including participation in environmental advocacy at the state legislature, I have developed skills in public policy engagement and community outreach. These experiences have strengthened my ability to advocate for public resources and work effectively with various stakeholders.

April 30, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a member of the Henderson District Public Libraries Board of Trustees. As a passionate library patron and community advocate, I believe our libraries serve as essential pillars of democracy and education in our community, and I am eager to play a role in their continued growth and success.

Through my professional experience in education and technology, I understand the critical role libraries play in bridging the digital divide and its ability to transform lives and open up new opportunities. Libraries play an irreplaceable role by providing equitable access to technology and educational resources. As our society continues to change, libraries must evolve while maintaining their fundamental mission of serving as welcoming spaces for all community members.

The rapid advancement of technology, particularly artificial intelligence, presents both opportunities and challenges for our society. Our libraries are uniquely positioned to help patrons navigate these changes, ensuring that technological progress benefits everyone. Just as libraries help patrons navigate the early days of the Internet, today they must also help bridge the emerging "AI divide" by providing access to these tools and teaching their responsible use. Partnering with local businesses presents an opportunity to create educational programs that prepare our workforce for tomorrow's opportunities while strengthening Henderson's economic diversity.

Having attended the recent community feedback open house, I am impressed by Henderson Libraries' commitment to community engagement and service enhancement. The strategic focus on building inclusive spaces and fostering a sense of belonging particularly resonates with my experience in building community. If appointed, I would work to strengthen these initiatives while ensuring our libraries remain responsive to evolving community needs.

Public libraries represent one of our most valuable civic institutions, offering far more than just books and materials. They are spaces where ideas flourish, communities gather, and opportunities emerge. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Trustees and contribute to sustaining and enhancing this vital community resource for future generations.

Thank you again for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Aaron Harris

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Amazon Web Services, AWS Cloud Institute

2/2024 – Present

Software Development Engineer

- Designed interactive training modules featuring AWS services, educating 500+ cloud engineers.
- Identified risks in the AWS Labs learning environment, driving adoption of improved security protocols.

Amazon Technical Academy

12/2021 – 2/2024

- Rebuilt 9-month coding bootcamp curriculum, helping 400+ nontechnical employees transition to engineering roles with 99% retention rate.
- Developed 50 hands-on coding labs, scaling the program by 300% and improving learner outcomes
- Organized the team's first hackathon, earning first place for an AI learning assistant project

Amazon.com Learn Platform

2/2020 – 12/2021

- Led development of the internal eLearning platform, enabling remote training for 250k+ employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Improved system operations by developing a data pipeline service, reducing pay defects by 99.999%.
- Directed architectural reviews for 12+ new services, establishing quality standards as the team grew from 8 to 65 professionals.

Amazon Web Services

2/2018 – 2/2020

- Launched and grew a new AWS service, AWS AppSync, a real-time backend serving 4B API requests globally.
- Continuously contributed to reach operational excellence goals through effective alarms and metrics, including discovering a one-time 50% reduction in infrastructure costs.
- Met with customers and led workshops at AWS re:Invent conference, incorporating feedback into new features.

Amazon.com Fulfillment Services Technology

8/2015 – 2/2018

- Developed a collaborative web app for real-time global security incident response, handling 40k+ daily alarms.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to deliver 12 full-stack applications to automate redundant tasks.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory

6/2013 – 8/2013

Systems Engineer Intern, ISS-RapidScat

- Coordinated with multi-agency teams to draft engineering exceptions for a successful NASA mission in 2014

EDUCATION

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science Minor

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

VOLUNTEERING & LEADERSHIP

Henderson Citizens Transportation Advisory Board

4/2025 – 4/2029

- Appointed by Henderson City Councilmember for Ward II to receive public input concerning traffic matters and to make recommendations to the city council or planning commission regarding measures to improve traffic conditions.

Sunridge at McDonald Ranch HOA – Director

12/2024 – 12/2026

- Elected director on the board for Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch HOA, a community of over 1800 homes, apartments, and businesses in Henderson, NV which oversees an annual budget in excess of \$400,000.

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Volunteer

5/2023 – Present

- Guided visitors, hosted aid stations, and supported post-event cleanup during major events such as L'Étape Las Vegas by Tour de France and Las Vegas Super Bowl LVIII.

Dam Short Film Festival, Boulder City, NV

2/2023 – Present

- Coordinated attendee check-in, guided VIP guests, and facilitate smooth event operations for annual film festival.