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The New York Library Trustees Online site will be officially launched on February 15, 2013 at Pioneer's System Meeting. If you would like a log-in and password to access the site, or you would like to schedule a demo at your library board meeting, please contact your library director or email Cassie Guthrie at cguthrie@pls-net.org

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When you log-in to the site, you will see a category called *Welcome to NYLTO: First Steps*. You will find everything you need to get started there. If you have questions, your system staff will be available to help you.

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New York Library Trustees Online (NYLTO) is a joint project of nine New York library systems:

- Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System
- Mid York Library System
- Monroe County Library System
- North Country Library System
- Onondaga County Public Library System
- Pioneer Library System
- Ramapo Catskill Library System
- Southern Adirondack Library System
- Southern Tier Library System



For more information about NYLTO call Cassie Guthrie or Pat Finnerty
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Essential Tools and Resources for
Today's Public Library Trustees

WHY

“Effective and knowledgeable trustees undergo a constant process of growth and learning. Attending board meetings and voting on current questions is not enough. Continuing education, for trustees as well as staff, represents an important investment in the library's future.” *Handbook for Library Trustees in New York State*



Library trustees today must deal with the effects of new technologies, new formats, and new user groups – often with limited funding. As a result, now more than ever, trustees need access to tools and resources that will help them grow and learn. NYLTO provides the resources that trustees need to successfully meet these ever-changing challenges.

WHAT

Every library board is unique and so is every library trustee. Each has different experiences, relationships, perspectives, and skills. Because of this, every trustee needs a different mix of tips, tools, and resources to continue to grow and learn. NYLTO has been designed to provide that mix.

Discussion Groups

NYLTO provides a place for trustees and library directors to ask questions, share success stories, and discuss issues that affect public libraries in New York.

Quick Tips

Trustees are busy people. This section of NYLTO will include short (less than 10 minutes) podcasts and videos on a variety of topics of interest to trustees.

Policy Development Support

Setting policy is one of the most challenging trustee responsibilities. This section will include a variety of templates and tools to help trustees identify the most effective policies for their libraries.

Links to Resources

There are a wide variety of resources for public library trustees available on the web. This section will include links to the best of those resources.

WHO



NYLTO is currently only open to trustees, directors, and system staff from the nine sponsoring New York library systems.

Public Library Trustees

NYLTO was developed specifically for library trustees. New trustees will find orientation materials and information about New York public libraries.

Experienced trustees will have a chance to share information with trustees from other libraries. All trustees will find resources to help them to better understand and address the challenges facing public libraries today.

Public Library Directors

Effective library boards work closely with their library directors. Library directors will be participating in NYLTO both as resources for their trustees and to learn more about trustee issues and concerns.