

**Saranac Lake Free Library  
Saranac Lake, New York**

**CONSTITUTION**

Revised, 1985

**ARTICLE I**

The name of this Association shall be the SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY, said Association having been duly organized and incorporated on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1908, and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York.

**ARTICLE II**

It shall be located at Saranac Lake, Franklin County, State of New York.

**ARTICLE III**

Its object shall be to maintain a circulating library and reading rooms for the free use of the residents of Clinton, Essex, and Franklin Counties.

**ARTICLE IV**

Any person over 16 years of age may become a member of the Association with all the rights and privileges thereto, including a vote at the annual and special meetings, by signing a membership card and by paying an annual fee to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE V**

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of January to receive and consider the yearly reports of the Board of Trustees, Director, and other officers of the Library and to elect Trustees to succeed those whose terms have expired. Special meeting may be called by the President or any two of the Trustees. Ten members of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VI**

There shall be ten Trustees to serve a period of five years each with two Trustees chosen each year at the Annual Meeting. Retiring Trustees may not be re-elected for one year.

Within ten (10) days of each Annual Meeting, the Trustees shall elect to hold office for one year, a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Association. The latter two need not be members of the Board of Trustees. A vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees, other than by expiration of term of office, shall be filled until the next meeting of the Association by a vote of the remaining Trustees. At the Annual Meeting vacancies shall be filled by vote of the Association.

**ARTICLE VII**

The Trustees shall have the general management of the Library and its property. They shall provide ways and means for its maintenance and endowment, suitable rooms, furniture, books and magazines, for its equipment, and make rules for its convenient uses by the public. They shall appoint and fix the salary of a competent Librarian Director and of needed assistants and other employees. They shall make by-laws, have such other powers and duties as are prescribed for trustees of public libraries by State Law, and shall report to the Association annually.

**ARTICLE VIII**

(adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association 1/24/1990)

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting if written notice of the proposed amendment was contained in the call for the meeting. (

## ARTICLE VIX

(adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association 1/24/1990)

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the remaining assets of the corporation exclusively for one or more exempt purposes, within the meaning of section 501(C3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code). Or shall distribute the same to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the judicial district where the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations, organized or operated exclusively for such purposes, as said court shall determine.

The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.