

1.Full Name: Adam Gira

2.Town where you live: Lake Zurich

3.I have been a resident of the Ela Area Public Library District since: 1982

4.Do you have a library card? What do you like to use it for:

Yes! I enjoy checking out books on astronomy and science fiction as well as access to audio books through Hoopla that I can listen to during my commute.

5.Why are you interested in becoming a library trustee:

For my entire life the Ela Library has been a terrific source of learning and entertainment. I would like to help protect the benefits the library has to offer for current and future generations. I pledge to preserve our community's access to the vast assortment of available materials and to support the enhancement of home access.

6.Briefly describe any qualifications (work experience, education, leadership roles, attributes, skills/training) that you feel would provide positive input to the work of the library board.

I have an MBA from Northwestern University and have spent more than a decade in the corporate world managing product assortments designed to fulfill customer needs. I am familiar with how to manage business for both near-term results and long-term stability. I will use this experience to help the library govern itself as a service designed to fulfill the needs of its patrons.

7.Please describe any former or current public service activities and accomplishments, especially if they are related to libraries and library service, in the community (school groups, service clubs, other boards or commissions).

I have volunteered at Bernie's Book Bank by collecting, donating, and sorting books in effort to promote their cause, which is to provide free reading materials for children throughout the Chicagoland area.

8.What do you see as the library's role in the community now and in the future?

The library is an institution that should provide patrons of all ages with a place to learn and discover. I believe that in the future, the library should continue to expand its services as it evolves with advancements in technology and should always be striving to meet the needs of the community.