

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANDIDATES GUIDE

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Deborah J. Teal – Library Trustee (1 year)

Background and qualifications:

Deborah Teal (Debbie) has worked as a history teacher at Tyngsborough High School for the last five years. Debbie has been involved in the Westford community since her arrival in 1995. She volunteered as a Producer with Blanchard Productions for several years and also was active in the Theatre Arts program at Westford Academy. She has served on several search committees in the school system and is currently on the board of the Westford Youth Basketball Association.



Debbie graduated from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell with a degree in History and received her Masters of Secondary Education from Fitchburg State College.

With the experience of serving in the community, Debbie is able to bring to the position of Library Trustee the ability to work as a team player toward a common goal. As an educator, she understands the importance of the library as a resource to the public. As a parent, Debbie knows the value of the library to a family. Debbie, and her husband Ken, have raised two children and are proud to call Westford home.

1. What ideas do you have about moving the library forward in serving the community with the continual changes occurring in technology?

Technology is always evolving and the library needs to continually be addressing these changes. One of the library's greatest strengths and main focus is on service to the patrons. By keeping the patrons informed of technological changes and providing training, the library will be able to continue to offer the access to technology to all.

2. Do you have any creative funding ideas to keep the library open for more hours?

Last year's restoration of Sunday hours made possible by private and business donations is an example of creative funding. As budgets continue to shrink, more ways to keep the library and the programs intact will be necessary. Brainstorming needs to be done with the trustees, as well as the Friends of the Library, so that you continue to explore other creative options to fund the programs of the Library. This will be an ongoing process.