

Martha Watson was on the Woodlands Library Cooperative Governing Board. With her resignation from BDL, she also resigned from Woodlands. It is our responsibility to appoint a new representative from this board to fill out the remainder of her term. [Like we did in 2019](#), we'll need a motion passed for the appointment.

Martha was in the third year of her three-year term, which ends on September 30, 2022. The co-op Board is quasi-governmental, like a district library, so they are subject to the Open Meetings Act and must meet in person. They meet every other month at member library locations. They try to meet at central locations in the co-op, which works well for a BDL representative. Locations are often Homer, Marshall, Albion, etc. Trustees are allowed to turn in a reimbursement request to BDL for their mileage. Meetings typically start at 5pm.

There are 3 upcoming meetings that Martha's replacement would be expected to attend:

- Thursday, May 19, 2022 - Location to be Determined
- Thursday, July 21, 2022 - Location to be Determined
- Thursday, September 15, 2022 - Location to be Determined

Are there any volunteers? It's a great way to see another aspect of how library services are provided in Michigan. Co-ops provide vital support and group purchasing services to member libraries. Woodlands has long been one of the most dynamic co-ops in the state, and Director Kate Andrade is a thoughtful and energetic director.

Thank you for considering!

John Rucker