

Chapter 16

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Southampton 1-21-1986 as Ch. 12, Part 1, of the 1986 Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 16-1. Establishment.¹

The Township of Upper Southampton, under the provisions of the Library Code, the Act approved June 14, 1961, P.L. 324 (24 P.S. § 4101), hereby establishes as a free, public, nonsectarian library, to be known as the "Southampton Free Library," which shall be operated under the provisions of this chapter, and of the Library Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

§ 16-2. Board membership.

The affairs of said library shall be under the exclusive control of a Board of Library Directors composed of seven members who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors; the said Board of Supervisors shall have the right to fill any vacancies occurring from any cause. During the first year, two members of the Board shall be appointed for a one-year term; two members of the Board shall be appointed for a two-year term; and three members of said Board shall be appointed for a three-year term. All appointments to fill the places of those whose terms expire shall be for a term of three years. Any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term.

§ 16-3. Officials.

The Board of Library Directors shall organize as soon as may be after appointment, and shall elect from its membership a President, Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers and agents as the Board may deem necessary. The Treasurer shall give bond to the Township of Upper Southampton with satisfactory surety in such amount as the Library Board may direct. No member of the Board of Library Directors shall receive any salary for his services as a member of said Board.

¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I).

§ 16-4. Board to establish rules.

The Board of Library Directors shall be authorized to prepare and adopt its own bylaws, rules and regulations; subject, however, to the prior approval by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Southampton before any such bylaws, rules and regulations or amendments thereto shall become effective.

§ 16-5. Annual report.

The management and control of said free, public, nonsectarian library shall be vested in the Board of Library Directors; provided, however, that said Board of Library Directors shall report annually to the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Upper Southampton of their receipts and expenditures and the accounts of said library and the accounts of the Treasurer thereof shall be audited as in the case of other municipal expenditures.

§ 16-6. Library access.

The Southampton Free Library shall be free to the use of all the residents of the township, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Library Directors may adopt. Said Board may exclude from the use of the library a person who has willfully violated such rules and regulations. The Board may extend the privileges of such library to persons residing outside of the limits of such of the Township of Upper Southampton upon such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe.

§ 16-7. Funding.

The Board of Directors of Southampton Free Library is hereby authorized to accept any funds raised by popular subscription, any appropriations from time to time by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Southampton Township, either from current revenues or from special taxes levied in accordance with Acts of Assembly in such cases made, gifts, devises, grants, endowments, or benefit performances and fund-raising activities as may from time to time be sponsored by said Board of Directors.

§ 16-8. Library lot.

The Southampton Free Library shall occupy such building or buildings as may be acquired by the township for library purposes. The Board of Supervisors is further authorized to expend funds or to appropriate funds to purchase land and to construct, renovate, maintain and equip building or buildings in such amounts as it deems necessary and as may be permitted by said Library Code.