

**THE “THREE-LEGGED STOOL” OF LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SUPPORT:
Board of Library Trustees(BoLT), The Library Foundation, and Friends of the Wareham Free Library**

The **Board of Library Trustees** is one of the three groups whose primary function is the support and maintenance of the library for the Wareham community.

BoLT members have no fiduciary responsibilities, but oversee the library director and library policies. They promote the long term sustainability of the library and are a conduit for community library concerns and needs. They are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve three year terms. The trustees are considered unpaid town employees. There is a Board of Selectmen representative appointed to the BoLT as a liaison to ensure coordination and cooperation in the achievement of the town’s and library’s goals.

The **Friends** of the Library is a voluntary organization with many members who raise money thru many used book sales. The money is used to buy books and supplies that that go beyond the library’s budget.

The **Foundation** is a smaller volunteer group that raises money from grants and programs for capital expenses and other large ticket items.