Meetings
The DBRL Board meets on the second Thursday after the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. These meetings are held in the Virginia Young Room at the Columbia Public Library except during one month in the spring and one in the fall when they are held in the Friends Room of the Callaway County Public Library and a summer meeting at the Southern Boone County Public Library. The district boards meet as needed to discuss business or issues related specifically to their library districts and the districts’ services and/or facilities - typically about two times per year.

Committee Work
In addition to the monthly DBRL board meetings and the periodic district board meetings, all library board members serve on one or two committees. The DBRL Board has four standing committees that perform the detailed work of the board and make recommendations to the full DBRL Board. These committees are:

- Evaluation
- Finance
- Long Range Planning
- Nominating

Committees meet as needed and at least one time per year. The work of each committee fluctuates depending on the time of year or current business being conducted by the library and/or the board (the director’s annual evaluation, strategic plan implementation, or the audit of the library’s financial statements, for example).

Time Commitment
Board members can expect to attend one to three meetings per month (includes regular monthly meetings of the DBRL Board and other committee/district board meetings). The majority of these meetings are held at the headquarters of the DBRL, the Columbia Public Library in Columbia, MO.

More Information
For more information about the library board, please contact Margaret Conroy, Executive Director, at 573-443-3161. You may also visit www.dbrl.org/about/governance to learn more about the library’s service area and to view the board’s contract, bylaws, past meeting minutes, meeting dates for the current year and more.
About the Library

Established in 1959, the Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) serves two library districts: Columbia and Boone County, and Callaway County. The Columbia Public Library is the largest library and serves as the regional headquarters. DBRL also operates the Callaway County Public Library in Fulton and the Southern Boone County Public Library in Ashland.

Housed in Columbia, the Outreach Department operates two bookmobiles and serves numerous community organizations, retirement homes, child care centers, etc. The large bookmobile makes regular stops in eight Boone and Callaway County communities, and the smaller youth outreach bookmobile visits licensed child-care centers in the two-county service area and community centers around Columbia.

Governance

DBRL is governed by the DBRL Board of Trustees, which consists of 14 volunteers. As outlined in state statute, city/county library districts have nine members. Five members are appointed by the mayor and four by the county commissioners; trustees serve three-year terms. County library district boards have five members appointed by their respective commissioners and serve four-year terms with no limit. A contract binds our two member library districts into a regional library system.

The DBRL Board makes all library policy and budget decisions. DBRL’s fiscal year runs January-December. We are funded primarily through property tax income. State aid, interest income, grants, bequests and donations, and copier/printer income make up the rest of the system’s revenue.

The regional director oversees the day-to-day library operations and the staff. Margaret Conroy became the regional director January, 2018.

Vision, Mission and Values of DBRL

Vision: DBRL strives to be at the heart of the community, a trusted resource and partner known for excellence, creativity and open, equitable access, connecting every person to opportunities for a lifetime of discovery, learning and joy.

Mission: Your library: connecting you to ideas, information, community life and each other.

Areas of Strategic Focus:
A. Champion reading and support essential literacies that allow every individual the opportunity to learn and thrive in 21st century society and workplaces.
B. Enhance operational excellence, fiscal stability and sustainability to serve our patrons and communities more effectively.
C. Foster a community-focused culture of innovation, leadership and access for all.

About the DBRL Board

Main Duties
The and Columbia and Boone County, and Callaway County Library Districts are part of the Daniel Boone Regional Library System. As such, each member of these district boards automatically serves as a member of the DBRL Board of Trustees as well and is responsible for:
• Determining the library’s mission and purpose.
• Selecting and employing the library director.
• Setting library system policies.
• Supporting and evaluating the library director.
• Serving as a public figure for the library.
• Managing resources effectively, including approving the annual budget.
• Ensuring effective planning.
• Ensuring adequate financial resources.