

OPEN MEETING POLICY

This policy is for application to the Marilla Free Library.

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

In accordance with New York State's Open Meetings Law, members of the public are welcome to attend the Marilla Free Library Board of Trustees meetings. Library Board meetings are for the conduct of library business. New York State's Open Meetings Law confers upon the public the right to observe the performance of public officials and to attend and listen to the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy.

The Marilla Free Library recognizes its duty as a public entity to perform public business in an open and public manner and to enable the public to be fully aware of and able to observe the performance of the Board. The Marilla Free Library shall abide by Article 7 of the New York State Public Officers Law when conducting public business.

In addition, each regular meeting of Marilla Free Library Board of Trustees includes an agenda item for "Public Expression" during which comments from the public can be made. If unable to attend a meeting, comments from the public to the Library's Board of Trustees are welcome in writing, addressed to:

Library Board President Marilla Free Library Board of Trustees 11637 Bullis Road Marilla, New York 14102

All members of the public are expected to abide by the Marilla Free Library Rules of Conduct when attending or speaking at Board of Trustees meetings.

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