

**CONSTITUTION**  
**For the**  
**CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the library shall be the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library.

**ARTICLE II. HEADQUARTERS**

The headquarters for the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library shall be in Cusseta, Chattahoochee County, Georgia.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library shall be to offer a full program of library services to all citizens of Chattahoochee County to meet their informational, educational and recreational needs; to circulate materials to the public through the library in Cusseta or by other appropriate means of library extension; to develop existing libraries, and to establish and develop branch libraries, deposits, and bookmobile service as appropriate to the needs; to build a reference collection adequate to provide current and reliable information of a reference nature as demanded by the needs of the communities comprising the area served; and to promote the use of libraries by means of instruction, library centered programs, exhibits, and other public relations media. There is to be no conflict between provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws and those of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System. If inadvertent conflict occurs, the Regional Constitution and Bylaws shall govern.

**ARTICLE IV. CONSTITUENCY**

The Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library is a member of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System under the terms of the participating agreement. Membership in the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library provides the citizens of Chattahoochee County with reciprocal borrowing privileges in all libraries in the system. Likewise, the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library lends materials to the citizens of all other counties within the Regional Library System.

**ARTICLE V. COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Section 1.** The Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library Board of Trustees shall be composed of seven members from the governmental agencies financially supporting the library on a regular basis. The Commissioners of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County shall appoint five members and the Chattahoochee County Board of Education shall appoint two members, as specified in the Bylaws and the State Law.

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**Section 2.** Terms of office shall be for four years and no member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms without a lapse of one year. Trustees shall serve until their replacement is appointed. Terms shall be staggered so that two expire each year for the first three years and one the fourth year.

**Section 3.** Officers. Officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office shall be for one year. An officer may succeed himself. The treasurer shall be bonded for an amount commensurate with the amount of funds handled and a copy of the bond filed with the Georgia Public Library Services, a division of the Board of Regents.

**Section 4.** Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be the Finance Committee, Building and Grounds Committee and Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Other special committees may be appointed by the Chairman as needed.

**Section 5.** Executive Committee. An Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the Board of Trustees shall be entrusted to govern in the name of the Board of Trustees between meetings of the board.

**Section 6.** Any person appointed to the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library Board must be a resident of the county, which he represents. If he moves his legal residence outside the county, he shall be replaced on the board.

**Section 7.** Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointments made. If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a trustee's term, the new appointee shall complete the unexpired term.

**Section 8.** Board members shall receive no compensation. They may be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of library business or if stipulated in terms of any bequest or gift.

**Section 9.** The Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library shall appoint one of its members to represent it as a member of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System Board. He shall be entrusted with representing and interpreting the interests of the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library Board to the Regional Board.

## **ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice is made in writing prior to the meeting and provided that a quorum is present. All amendments to the Constitution will be filed with the Director of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System and the Georgia Public Library Services, a division of the Board of Regents, immediately upon adoption.

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