

Ms. Lane Talbot Sparkman

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## Status

### Name

Ms. Lane Talbot Sparkman

### Application Date

3/16/2023

### Expiration Date

3/16/2025

### Status

Received

Board	Vacancies	Status
Rogers Free Library Board of Trustees	2	Pending

## Basic Information

### Name

Ms. Lane Talbot Sparkman

### Cover Letter

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### I would like to be appointed to the position because:

I love libraries and am interested in deepening my engagement with Bristol, which has ebbed since I began working in Providence full-time.

## Contact Information

### Address

35 Central Street  
Bristol, RI 02809

### Resident

Yes

### Phone

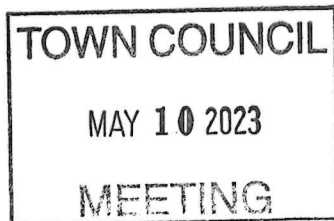
### Cell Phone

### Email

### Occupation

### City Employee

No





## Lane Talbot Sparkman

| | 35 Central Street, Bristol, RI

Bristol Town Council  
10 Court Street  
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Councilors,

I can't remember when I got my first library card, but I do remember bringing each of my daughters to Roger's Free Library to get their own cards as soon as they could begin to select their own books. We're all avid readers to this day and I credit public libraries as critical to forming this wonderful love and habit.

I have also had the pleasure of visiting a number of other Rhode Island libraries in my work for the Rhode Island Department of State. Moreover, my desk is in the magnificent State Library in the State House where I have seen first hand the many ways librarians serve the public.

Public libraries play a vital role in today's communities - offering a trusted resource, a non-partisan civic space, and a wealth of information for all patrons. I would welcome the opportunity to join the board of trustees of Roger's Free Library to support the library's growth as it continues to serve the residents of Bristol and explores new avenues to increase access and promote civic engagement.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my application.

Sincerely,

Lane Sparkman

# Lane Talbot Sparkman

| 35 Central Street, Bristol, RI

## EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

Gregarious, creative, results-driven professional with 20+ years experience creating products and programs to engage the public in arts and educational settings. I enjoy problem solving and bringing people together to achieve a shared goal. I am a strong communicator, meticulous editor, and confident public speaker.

- Project development & management
- Volunteer recruitment, training & management
- Team building
- Fundraising
- Event planning
- Public speaking

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### Rhode Island Department of State (DOS), Providence

2016-Present

#### *Deputy Director of Civic Education*

- Lead the creation of programs and materials (print, video, audio) to connect Rhode Islanders with the workings of state and local government and with Rhode Island's rich and diverse history.
- Build and maintain relationships with Rhode Island teachers and schools, government agencies, and community organizations through outreach and collaboration; expanded DOS reach with dozens of new partnerships across the state.
- Manage the RI State House tour program, recruiting and training guides, and overseeing all scheduling; program served over 17,000 people annually pre-Covid.
- Develop and manage in-person and virtual professional development sessions for teachers; bring in subject matter experts and provide experiential learning opportunities.
- Initiated and supported *XIX: Shall Not Be Denied*, a state-wide partnership to commemorate the centennial of the 19th amendment; held stakeholder meetings and facilitated branding and logo development.
- Project lead for *My State House*, a community design project focused on the RI State House; solicited and managed grant funds, developed community outreach strategies, and curated exhibition materials.
- Manage communication and logistics for the RI Civic Leadership Awards, an annual event that brings over 140 high school students and their families to the State House for an evening event.
- Site coordinator for Doors Open, an event that brought over 1,400 visitors to the State House in a single day; managed 20+ staff and volunteers.
- Curate State Archives exhibitions, including facilitating object loans from local partner institutions; curated six major exhibitions in the Archives gallery and 30+ pop-up exhibitions at the RI State House.

### Mosaico Community Development Corporation, Bristol, RI

2009-2016

#### *Coordinator, Sense of Pride*

- Coordinated all aspects of a heritage education program annually serving ~275 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Bristol Warren Regional School District.
- Expanded Sense of Pride into the town of Warren, establishing new partnerships to fund and staff program activities; increased enrollment by over 50%.
- Wrote grants and solicited sponsorships to support the program, ~\$16,000 annually.
- Recruited, trained, and managed over 60 volunteers to run the program.
- Delivered classroom talks on history and architecture; planned and led historic walking tours; planned and managed five community service projects per year.
- Scheduled and managed all program events (16-18 annually) including food and transportation.

### Mosaico Business & Community Development Corporation, Bristol, RI

2012-2016

#### *Historic Tax Credit Consultant*

- Submitted a successful \$4 million application for the Bristol Industrial Park.

**Princeton University 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Annual Giving Campaign** 2013-2014  
*Participation Committee*

- Solicited gifts from first time donors.

**Kickemuit Middle School, Warren, RI** 2013  
*Chair, Outdoor Space Project*

- Raised \$50,000 in six months from families and local businesses to purchase and install benches, pavers, and plantings for an outdoor lunch area.
- Recruited and managed 15 volunteers over five build days.

**Guiteras Performing Arts Committee, Bristol, RI** 2011-2013  
*Co-Director/Stage Manager, Willy Wonka and Seussical*

- Managed rehearsals, scheduling, and communications for two school plays with casts of 40-50 students.
- Wrote successful grant applications to fund productions.

**Guiteras Community Group, Bristol, RI** 2007-2009  
*Co-Chair, Guiteras Community Courtyard*

- Raised \$100,000 in 18 months through fundraising events, grants, corporate sponsorships, and donations.
- Coordinated 25+ volunteers in all aspects of fundraising, playground design, and installation.

**Red Brick School, Barrington, RI** 2005-2007  
*Auction Co-Chair and Board Co-President*

- Coordinated all aspects of the annual auction, raising over \$28,000, a record for the school.

**John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco** 1995-1998  
*Associate Director*

- Engaged visitors, introducing them to new artists and media; personal annual sales in excess of \$500,000.
- Communicated with artists to plan for exhibitions, catalogs, and related logistics.

**Hirschl & Adler Galleries, New York** 1990-1995  
*Associate, Sales & Exhibitions*

- Researched and wrote exhibition catalogs, and managed catalog production.
- Worked with museums and private collectors to secure loans for exhibitions.
- Personal annual sales in excess of \$300,000.

#### **BOARDS and COMMISSIONS**

- State House Restoration Society, Executive Committee 2021-Present
  - Interpretation Working Group, Co-Chair 2018-Present
- RI Civic Learning Coalition 2016-Present
- Rhode Island Historical Society, Ex-officio Board Member 2016-Present
- Mount Hope Farm, Executive Committee 2012-2016
- Bristol Art Museum, Exhibition Committee 2003-2006

#### **EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Princeton University, AB
- Rhode Island School of Design Institute for Design and Public Policy, 2016
- Conferences: Public History Conference 2016; Hacking Heritage 2016, 2018, 2019 (Session Leader); New England Museum Association Conference 2017, 2018, 2019 (Presenter), 2020, 2021

#### **LANGUAGE and TRAVEL**

- Working proficiency in Italian and French; basic Spanish.
- Have lived and traveled extensively in the United States, Europe, Australia, and Southeast Asia.