



Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville

CLD&J CHARTER

1. Incorporating Bernard D. Landers, David R. Walker, George S. Heine, Edward K. Beemer, Mary Elizabeth Smingler, Theodore Calver, Jean C. Hutton, Ralph Kharas, Bettie C. Roth, and John Root, and their associates and successors in office as a free association library, under the corporate name of Dewitt Community Library Association, to be located in Dewitt, Onondaga County.
2. The library shall be administered by a board of ten trustees, to be at first the persons who are named herein as incorporators, said trustees to serve in the order in which they are named hereinabove, for terms that shall expire December 31, two each in the years 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, and 1966. Thereafter, as such terms expire, their successors shall be elected by the members of the Library Association for a full term of five years, with power in the board of trustees, by a vote of three-fourths of the members of said board, to increase or decrease the number of trustees, to be not more than 25 nor less than five. Vacancies due to cause other than expiration of term shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by the board of trustees.
3. This provisional charter will be made absolute if within five years the corporation shall have acquired sufficient property available for its use and support and be maintaining, to the satisfaction of the Regents, a library of proper standard. Prior to the expiration of said five-year period an application for the renewal of this provisional charter or for an absolute charter will be entertained by the Regents, but, in the event that such application is not made, then at the expiration of said term of five years this provisional charter shall terminate and become void and shall be surrendered to the Regents.
4. The Library is organized exclusively for educational, literary and cultural purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
5. No part of the net earnings of the Library shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Library shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the Library shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Library shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Library shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

6. Upon the dissolution of the Library, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Library, dispose of all of the assets of the Library exclusively for the purposes of the Library in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Supreme Court of the county in which the principal office of the Library is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Amended to change the corporate name to "Dewitt Community Library Association," to designate the service area of the library to be the census tracts numbered 014600, 014700, 014800 and 014900 according to the 2000 U.S. Census, to specify the number of trustees be not less than eleven nor more than seventeen and to designate the Commissioner of Education as the agent of the corporation for the purpose of service of process.

Amended to designate the library's service area to be the census tracts numbered 014600, 014700, 014800, 014900, and census blocks numbered 360670157009010, 360670157009011, 360670157009012, 360670157009013, 360670157009021, 360670157009022, and 360670157009023 according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

Amended to change the corporate name to "Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville".

Provisional charter granted September 29, 1961

Absolute charter granted June 23, 1967

Amended November 18, 1983

Amended November 17, 2009

Amended June 21, 2011

Amended June 12, 2018