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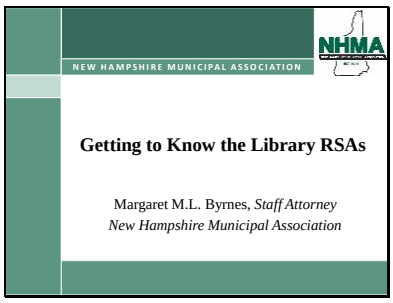

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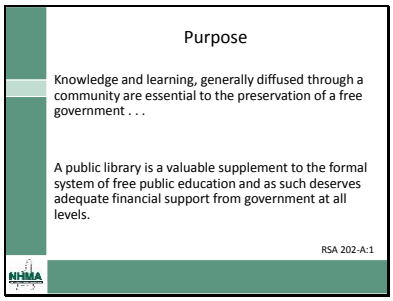

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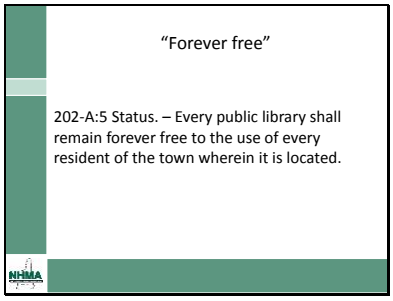

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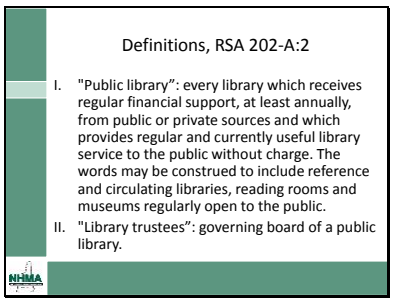

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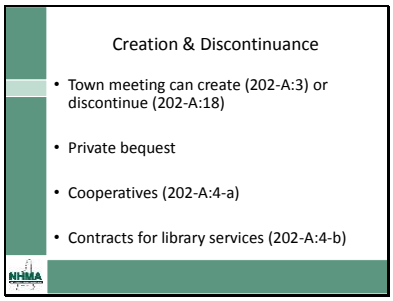

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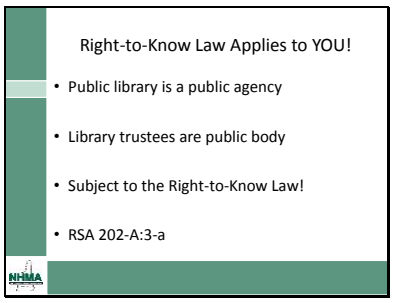

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Library Trustees

- Elected, three-year terms
- Odd number of trustees
- Up to 3 alternates (1-year terms)
  - →RSA 202-A:6, :10; RSA 669:16
- No compensation, RSA 202-A:14
- City Library Trustees, RSA 202-A:8
- Special library trustee, RSA 202-A:7

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Trustees' Authority & Duties
RSA 202-A:6, :11

- Entire custody and management of the public library and of all the property of the town relating thereto, including appropriations
- Adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations
- Prepare an annual budget (must comply with budget law!)
- Expend all moneys raised and appropriated for library
- Expend income from all trust funds for library purposes
- Appoint a librarian
- Appoint other employees, in consultation with the librarian, and determine their compensation and other terms of employment

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Trustees' Discretionary Powers
RSA 202-A:13

I. To authorize the payment from library funds for the necessary expenses of library staff members attending library courses and meetings for professional advancement;

II. To extend the privileges and use of the library to nonresidents upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe;

III. To deposit library funds for the purchase of books and related materials with the state treasurer to secure economies through pooling of purchasing with the state library.

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Income generating equipment

- May retain funds from income-generating equipment, nonlapsing fund
- Town meeting must adopt
- Public hearing required
- RSA 202-A:11-a, :11-b

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Annual Reports Required

- RSA 202-A:12
  a) Receipts
  b) Expenditures
  c) Property in trustees care/custody
  d) Bequests/donations
  e) Book numbers
  f) Statement on library use
  g) Submit also to state library
- RSA 202-A:12-a: Report to attorney general

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Donations

- Trustees' authority to accept and expend gifts (202-A:4-c)
- Trustees' authority to accept donated personal property (202-A:4-d)
- Trust funds for library purposes (202-A:22)

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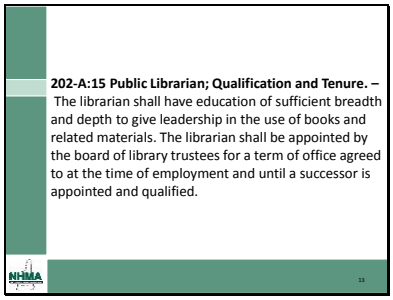

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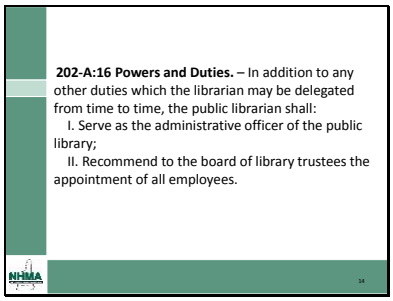

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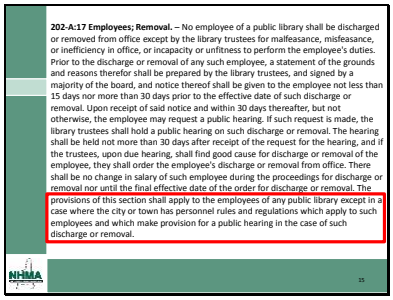

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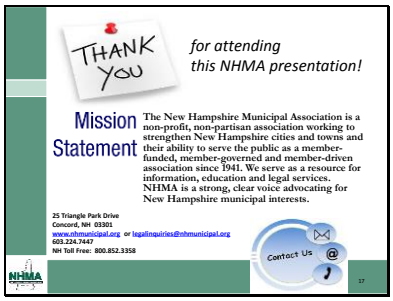
Penalties

- Damaging library property, misdemeanor (202-A:23)
- Detaining books, violation (202-A:24)
- Trustee violating law, misdemeanor (202-A:21)

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