

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Organization/Sector represented: **LPL**

Name: **Janet Pole**

Occupation: **Volunteer.**

Work experience: **VON – Friendly Visitor Program Volunteer (recently started) Visiting people, usually seniors, for a weekly visit to enhance their lives with some social contact. Girl Guides of Canada – Volunteer Librarian Literary Agent (South Western Ontario) for National Service Project – Words in Action Program 2015-16 Words in Action focused on United Nations Millennium Development Goal (MDG) - Achieving Universal Primary Education literacy. “Words in Action” embodies the spirit of service by putting girls in activities such as hosting a book drive, holding a book exchange, volunteering to read, and more. <https://nsp.girlguides.ca/> Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign (2008-2015) • In 2013 I volunteered a total of 400 hours between the Salvation Army Kettle Drive and knitting 102 scarves and hats for the 2013 Winter Warmth Campaign. In 2014 I volunteered over 900 hours as I made 800 scarves for distribution to various agencies for the Warmth Campaign, and I also helped with the Kettle Pick Up Team and manning the kettle. In 2015 I knit 208 scarves and manned kettles in both London & Welland. Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre (2011 – present) • Researcher, front desk/basic needs fulfiller, information dissemination, MSOffice problem solver. Researched food bank issues and created a booklet to promote healthy/affordable meals emphasizing whole foods and items made from ingredients in our emergency food kits. Currently running "Painting with Janet" - a painting class for a nominal fee (for supplies, not me) to promote community outreach and fun for the patrons that Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre services. Education: Bachelor of Library Studies, Lakehead University 1990 Volunteer Librarian for Goodreads and Volunteer book reviewer for NetGalley.com Skills: Knowledge of libraries (I may be your #1 user when it comes to book check-outs), Knowledge of needs in the community for resources of all kinds (from literacy to food banks)**

Interest reason: **Libraries are the most important thing(s) in my life: I read 350+ books a year and use the other resources there widely. If libraries disappeared (as Rob Ford wanted them to do) I don't know what I would do. Libraries are not just BOOKS ... they are a vital service and lifeblood of the community.**

Contributions: **A love for libraries and their services is inbred in me and my passion for learning and improving library services is extreme.**

Past contributions: **I am a steadfast and reliable volunteer who puts her all into her volunteer work and this would be a logical and ideal fit for my volunteerism.**

Interpersonal: **All my volunteer jobs have led me to do these things with ease. I am respectful of all viewpoints and others' personalities and skills.**

Interview interest: **Yes**