

## **POLICY RE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND**

All meetings of the Library Board of Rhode Island are conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Members of the public are welcome to attend all sessions. In order to assure the orderly conduct of all meetings, only Board members, the Chief of Library Services, and those persons reporting as part of the official meeting agenda will ordinarily speak during the formal meetings. A general comment period will be set aside before the adjournment of each meeting, during which members of the public may address the Board. Limitations on time, numbers of items brought up, and the like, may be set by the Chairperson of the Board as s/he sees fit.

Members of the public who wish to be heard by the Board on a specific issue should submit a request in writing to the Chairperson of the Board requesting time on the Board's regular agenda. Such requests should be submitted on a form available at the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services office, at least five working days before the next Board meeting. The Chairperson will decide whether to accede to the request or refer the person to the applicable committee for attention. The Chairperson's decision will be forwarded to the requestor within two working days of receipt of the request.