Seymour Library seeks new director

The board hopes to fill the position next month.

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The Seymour Library board is looking to fill the director position vacated by Mark Jaccarino last November. Jaccarino had been director since 1989.

Board president Sean Wilcox said the civil service is in the process of evaluating candidates and should have a list of potential applicants by the end of February. "Once that list is generated," Wilcox said, "we can begin interviewing for the job."

He said the civil service had already been compiling a list of candidates for library directors even before Jaccarino announced his resignation because a number of directors have retired in the past year.

Wilcox said the director is responsible for preparing the library's budget, ordering books and materials and overseeing the general operation of the library. "In the interim,"

he said, "the rest of the library staff has been continuing the operation of the library. They've done an outstanding job so far and I'm sure they will continue to do so."

The library board is conducting a confidential investigation of Jaccarino. But none of the members, including Wilcox, would comment on the nature of the investigation. He also refused to confirm that Jaccarino's resignation was a direct result of the investigation.

"It was a very general letter of resignation," Wilcox said. In September, the then-president of the library board, Leslie Zink, also refused to comment. She said the investigation involved a personnel issue.

Jaccarino, contacted at home, said very little other than that the investigation was completed months ago.

In other library board news, Cathy Henderson is now the full-time children's librarian, Sean Wilcox has been elected the new president, Sarah Hart has been elected vice-president, and Brenda Tremblay was reelected secretary.