## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: BOARD MEETINGS**

The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Heartland Regional Library Board of Trustees except those designated as executive (closed) session. Visitors as outlined in RSMO 610, the Heartland Regional Library Board of Trustees shall permit any interested person to observe any open meeting of the Board or a Committee of the Board either in person or online and as close to in real time as possible.

Residents of the Heartland Regional Library District may address the Board on any subject germane to the operation of Heartland Regional Library. Those wishing to address the Board shall notify the Heartland Business Office Manager at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. The Heartland Business Office Manager my use a form to manage public comments. This form may include (but not limited to) the speaker's name, subject matter, home address, and telephone number. The item "Public Comments" is included on every agenda and is an opportunity for members of the public to speak. Whether the person chooses to speak or not, all public comment forms will be added to the public record and will be distributed to all Board members.

The Board President shall allocate no more than thirty (30) minutes to this part of the agenda. Each person desiring to be heard, when recognized by the Presiding Officer, shall first state his or her name and address before commenting. The Presiding Officer shall rule "out of order" all comments which are irrelevant, repetitious, derogatory of persons, businesses, or organizations, or which include language or behavior that is unlawful.