



Job Description for Library Associate (Full-time)

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Job Title: Library Associate

Supervisors: Library Branch Manager, Director

Direct Reports: None

Salary and Benefits: This position is a full-time (40 hours a week) position. The starting salary is \$18,792 annually (\$9.00 / hour). A comprehensive state benefits plan includes personal and medical leave, 10 paid holidays, health insurance, life insurance, State of Mississippi retirement (PERS) and Mississippi deferred compensation programs.

NOTE: LCLS will hire from within the system if the candidate meets the job requirements.

Job Summary

This full-time employee serves as support staff in the library environment assisting patrons and fellow staff; performs circulation of library materials using the library's computerized system including check-in/check-out; maintains borrower records; reserves items; assists with fines and fees; organizes and maintains the library collection; assists Library Manager in maintaining a welcoming atmosphere and organized facility; performs all other duties assigned by Library Manager and/or Director.

Key Responsibilities

- Greet the public
- Assists patrons in using the library's electronic and print resources
- Create and manage patron accounts
- Check materials in and out using the library's computerized system
- Receives and shelves in-coming materials and preparing outgoing materials
- Collect and record fines and fees for services
- Ensure adequate supplies of office materials are available
- Collect statistical data
- Ensure a welcoming physical atmosphere while being considerate of patron and staff safety
- Perform maintenance or housekeeping as necessary
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of library policies
- Ability to exercise judgment in non-routine situations
- May serve as person in charge in Library Manager's absence
- Assists with or creates library displays when assigned
- Assists with or performs library programs when assigned

Requirements

A high school degree or equivalent is required. Excellent interpersonal skills are a must. The Library Associate must be able to deal effectively with the public and other employees. Familiarity with library databases, computer software, word processing, and the Internet is a plus.

Core Competencies

Work Ethic: Is productive, diligent, conscientious, punctual, and efficient; abides by policies and procedures; participates in professional development activities.

Service Orientation: Seeks to understand the needs and expectations of patrons and strives to meet or exceed the needs; treats customers with respect, responding to requests in a professional manner.

Communication: Concisely and accurately answers questions; explains or conveys information to the public and coworkers; demonstrates effective oral and written communication skills.

Self-Management Skills: Effectively manages emotions and maintains a positive attitude; works effectively and cooperatively with others; manages time wisely; prioritizes tasks appropriately and effectively multitasks.

Customer Relations: Understands the mission of the library and applies this while dealing with patrons; communicates the importance of library services to the public; treats all patrons and co-workers with courtesy and respect; projects positive image of the library.

Library Technology: Proficient in operating computer equipment and utilizing various software programs; proficient in electronic search techniques in the library catalog, online databases, and the Internet; proficient in operating other office technology including FAX, copier, printer, etc.

Professional Maturity: Manages conflict and diffuses situations; knows when to refer an issue to the appropriate management level or when to notify police or emergency services; maintains confidentiality.

Working Conditions

Evenings and occasional Saturday work required; may work all day, for consecutive days, alone in the branch; continual and demanding contact with the public. Tasks may be repetitive and may require sitting or standing for long periods; ability to work both independently and as part of a team; must deal with mathematical computations and money; tasks may require attention to detail; must work with all age groups from toddlers to senior citizens; will have to use step stools, book trucks, vacuums, and dollies; will have to lift upwards of 50 pounds; may encounter dusty situations or situations where climate control is not available.

Physical Demands

Locate and obtain books and materials throughout the library of a wide variety of shapes and sizes; stand or sit at a computer workstation for extended periods of time (high manual dexterity, limited movement or change of position); reach library materials at high and low levels (bending, stooping, squatting, twisting, turning, and reaching above head using a stool required); use of repetitive motion of hands and arms; push fully loaded book carts across the library room, lift and carry materials which may weigh up to 45 lbs. (boxes of books,

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Purvis, MS 29475
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Sumrall Public Library
L.R. Boyer Memorial Library
103 Poplar
Sumrall, MS 39482
601.758.4711

equipment, furniture), push/pull up to 100 pounds (on dollies or wheeled book carts) and do speed work with hands and forearm rotation; visual acuity needed to read computer screens, library material spine labels, etc.; may be exposed to dust and changes in temperature.

Disclaimer

The above declarations are not intended to be an all-inclusive list of the duties and responsibilities of the job described, nor are they intended to be such a listing of the skills and abilities to do the job. Rather they are intended only to describe the general nature of the job.

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