YOUTH SERVICES ASSISTANT

The Youth Services Assistant works under the direct supervision of the Head of Youth Services and the general supervision of the Library Director.

This is a part-time position, working 24 hours per week. The position involves working a varied schedule, including evening and Saturday hours.

Requirements:

A college degree is desirable. 1-3 years' experience working with children is required, preferably in a library setting.

- 1. Knowledge of library services, practices and procedures preferred.
- 2. Operational knowledge of computer hardware/software required.
- 3. Must enjoy reading children and young adult literature.
- 4. Must be able to use online Internet searching methods and information resources.
- 5. Must have thorough knowledge of common social media platforms.
- 6. Must possess a strong and excellent customer service attitude with the public.
- 7. Must be able to communicate clearly, diplomatically, and in a friendly and positive manner with staff and library users from diverse ethnic, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, and listen to, and understand and interpret the concerns of others.
- 8. Must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with all library staff and work collaboratively in a team environment to find solutions to problems.
- Must be flexible, able to handle multiple competing priorities and tasks, adaptable to change, and able to work effectively and meet deadline in a fast-paced and rapidly changing environment.
- 10. Must be able to work independently with limited supervision and to exercise initiative and good judgment in the performance of duties.
- 11. Must be able to accurately carry out complex procedures and pay close attention to detail.

Duties and Responsibilities:

 Collaborates with the Head of Youth Services to develop, plan and implement library programs in-person and online for children and teens.

- 2. Assists with providing outreach to schools, daycares and homeschoolers.
- 3. Provides reader's advisory to children, teens, family members, and teachers.
- 4. Recommends the purchase, replacement and weeding of children and young adult materials.
- 5. Assists with processing of library materials, including arranging displays.
- 6. Assists in marketing and promotion of library events and services, including in-library displays and digital, online displays, and creating written content for articles and social media posts.
- 7. Assists with special projects and the development of statistical reports.
- 8. Keeps informed of library policies and procedures, new and emerging technologies, popular literature and library trends.
- 9. Provides circulation services, including registering library users and placing user holds.
- 10. Performs related duties as assigned.

Physical Requirements:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to:

- Sit or stand for extended periods of time, to bend, stoop and walk, and to talk and hear.
- Use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; and to reach with hands and arms.
- Lift and carry books and other library materials up to 25 pounds, push loaded book carts with up to 100 pounds, and operate a variety of office equipment such as computers, copiers, fax machine, audiovisual equipment and other related equipment.
- Vision requirements include close vision, distance vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee will encounter hectic or demanding situations, including behavioral issues and frequent interruptions, with maximum flexibility required.