

Warren County Public Library
Public Service Associate
Programming Focus
Job Description

Job Status: Part Time/Bob Kirby Branch

Reports To: Team Manager

Work Schedule: 14-21 hours per week

Starting Compensation: \$15/hour

Schedule will include evenings and weekends (as needed)

Position Summary: Part-time position available for a team-oriented, community-minded individual who is enthusiastic about public service, accessibility, and lifelong learning. This individual cares about the values of WCPL and the story we are building through quality and equitable service and programming to patrons of all backgrounds. This individual displays strong emotional and interpersonal intelligence and enjoys working with people and providing exemplary customer service. This individual is comfortable serving and advocating for patrons of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities with dignity, respect, and nonjudgement. This individual demonstrates an ability to be flexible and open minded about the needs and goals of WCPL and displays excitement about opportunities to try and learn new things.

This individual is passionate about programming opportunities for adults and families, and is enthusiastic about providing educational and artistic programs and events for this demographic. Suggested programming opportunities for this individual include:

- Assisting in the Idea Lab with our pottery program and other Maker Space resources.
- Scheduling and hosting senior programming at the Bob Kirby Branch Library.
- Scheduling, hosting, and leading craft events at the Bob Kirby Branch.
- Scheduling, hosting, and leading Book Clubs.
- Scheduling, hosting, and leading lifelong learning opportunities and enriching community building opportunities for adults.

Essential Functions of the Job:

- Greet patrons when they enter the library and assist them with their individual needs and questions.
- Provide, create, and facilitate regular events and programs for adults and families at the Bob Kirby Branch Library or other locations as needed.

- Work with the Programming Department and Programming management to understand system-wide needs and goals.
- Work with the Outreach Manager to understand Memory Cafe goals and strategies for implementation.
- Maintain a welcoming and clean environment for patrons of all backgrounds.
- Check items in and out to patrons.
- Answer questions in person and over the phone, take messages when necessary and communicate these messages to management.
- Assist patrons in the use and discovery of all library resources.
- Ability to work independently and lead/facilitate classes independently.
- Guide patrons in materials selection and computer catalog use.
- Assist patrons with using public computers and related equipment.
- Assist with programming and activities as assigned.
- Perform clerical tasks as assigned.
- Shelve, shelf read and maintain the collection.
- Open and close the building.
- Promote regular and special library programs and services to users.
- Enforce library rules of behavior by being attentive and aware of patron behavior.
- Assist patrons with directional questions, access to library materials, reference requests, and related duties.
- Oversee student assistants.
- Assist with other library duties as assigned.

Knowledge/Skills:

- Able to use a computer comfortably and confidently and able to learn new computer programs such as our Integrated Library System.
- Strong organizational and communication skills and proven ability to problem solve independently.
- Exceptional customer service skills.
- Ability to be socially confident and energetic in large groups of people.
- Strong emotional and interpersonal intelligence.
- Ability to be self-aware, conscientious, and professional when working with our community and staff.
- Knowledge of best practices in public service and customer service.
- Cultural competence skills.

Abilities:

- Able to pivot to serve the needs of WCPL, willing to step in and support programming, outreach, and other service areas of the library when needed.
- Able to communicate effectively and respectfully with others, orally and in writing, including through email.

- Able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, patrons, user groups, community organizations, volunteer groups, and to serve the public courteously.
- Must be able to lift and carry bags of books or boxes weighing up to 40 pounds.
- Must be able to assist with meeting room and programming set up including, but not limited to: Setting up tables, chairs, etc.
- Must be available to work evenings and weekends.
- Must be able to drive a car and hold a valid driver's license.

Suggested Education, Skills, or Experience (One or more of the following):

- Experience working in a customer service capacity.
- Displays skills in an art form or special knowledge that could be translatable to an enriching library program for adults.
- Experience working with the public.
- Volunteer or community organizing experience.
- Experience working in a library, school, non-profit, government agency, public service organization, or other related field.
- Experience leading/facilitating art, craft, or educational classes.
- Bachelor's or Associate's degree in an applicable/related field.
- High School Diploma or equivalent.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned this classification. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all job duties performed by personnel so classified.