

# PART -TIME POSITION OPEN LIBRARY ASSOCIATE I-PUBLIC SERVICES, CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

(Grade UH)

## **Basic Function:**

Performs paraprofessional library tasks in the public library system.

### **Distinguishing Features of the Class:**

This classification requires the application of elementary principles of library and information science. Employees assigned to this class perform some of the duties that are done by beginning level Librarians and may oversee the work of Library Assistants. The distinguishing feature of this class is that the duties include direct public service reference and information responsibility, and planning and presenting programs to the public. Librarians are available for assistance on difficult problems or situations.

#### **Characteristic duties and Responsibilities:**

Assists patrons on the selection, organization and interpretation of library materials.

Answers reference questions in person or by telephone and conducts the needed research involved.

Conducts education and training of patrons and patron groups.

Reads and evaluates reviews and recommends materials for selection; continually reviews collection for the purpose of removing old or infrequently used materials.

Participates in materials selection for one or more subject fields.

Monitors and suggests corrections to the online catalog.

Plans and presents programs for children and adults.

Gives book talks to library and to civic groups and writes book reviews.

Attends professional meetings, pertinent workshops and serves on system-wide and professional committees.

Plans and prepares displays, bulletin boards, bibliographies, and webliographies.

May coordinate literacy program for adults.

May select books for rotating collections, home bound, nursing homes, books by mail, agencies, or other libraries.

May provide services to special populations.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of paraprofessional library principles, methods, techniques and procedures; knowledge of reader interest levels; tact and courtesy; ability to work in a team environment; sound judgment.

#### **Education, Training and Experience:**

Requires a bachelor's degree or equivalent and up to six months of related experience or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

SUPERVISOR: Youth Services Librarian Supervisor

#### **OTHER:**

Part-time position, up to 25 hours per week. \$15.305 per hour; limited benefits. Schedule will include daytime, evening and weekend hours (including Sundays), and may include six-day workweeks and split shifts. Bachelor's degree required. Good knowledge of library book collection, and organization desirable. Flexibility in covering the public service desks required. Detail- oriented program planning and story time experience with children of all ages desired. Good computer knowledge. Good knowledge of popular reading interests and materials for adults and children required. Excellent customer service skills required.

Closing Date for Internal Applications: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 Closing Date for External Applications: Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Apply to: Joanne N. Eldridge, Director, Lorain Public Library System, 351 Sixth Street, Lorain, OH 44052

\*LPLS EMPLOYEES MAY APPLY IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR PER ARTICLE VII OF THE CBA.

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