METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
Job Description

Job Title: Youth Engagement Specialist I
Reports To: Library Manager or Engagement Manager
Division: Public Services

Position Code: 1106-16
Classification: Non-exempt
Date: 04/2018

JOB SUMMARY:
Under the direction of the Library Manager or Engagement Manager, the Youth Engagement Specialist I works with staff to support the Library’s strategic goals and initiatives by assisting members. Provides technology assistance and education and helps colleagues provide relevant and timely programs and services for youth ages birth to eighteen, both inside and outside the library.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:
• Provides excellent customer service, including answering questions and helping members locate materials and services of interest.
• Uses effective techniques, good judgment and established organizational values, policies and procedures to resolve difficult situations with members.
• Executes short and long-term objectives within the context of the Library’s strategic and tactical plans.
• Champions the Library’s strategic goals and initiatives with the system’s mission, vision and core values in mind.
• Assists members by providing information about library programs, services, other departments, policies and procedures.
• Provides technology assistance and computer training to members, and assists members with self-service equipment and technology.
• Assists with the planning and delivery of local programs and services for youth ages birth to eighteen and their parents and/or caregivers.
• Assists with library displays and merchandises materials to showcase programs and special events.
• Make effective use of library resources and services to assist members.
• Promotes the use of Library materials, services and programs to members, and the community as a whole.
• Assists Engagement staff with planning and carrying out outreach, including processing new library accounts and replacing library cards at Engagement events.
• May assist in creating/editing/curating content for the web in the form of blog posts, bibliographies, etc.
• Participates in staff meetings, engages in committee/team work and completes training as necessary/required.
• Works in a manner safe to the individual and other people; follows safety rules and safe working practices; uses safety equipment as required.
• Defends the principles of the Citizen's Bill of Library Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, the privacy of library members' records and the code of professional ethics.
• Performs other related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY:
• This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

INTERACTION:
• Interaction with all levels of staff and the general public.

MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT USED:
• Computer(s)/Printer(s)
• General Office Equipment

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Education and Experience:
• High School diploma or GED required; and
• At least 6 months experience working with young people ages birth to 18.
HIGHLY PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES:
- Enthusiasm for public service and the ability to work well with a diverse patronage.
- Working knowledge of computer hardware, software, the Internet and peripheral equipment.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of:
- Current trends in library services for children and teens.
- Computer services, including online searching, social media, reference resources and databases.
- All computer applications and hardware related to performance of the essential functions of the job.
- Program planning and implementation.

Skill in:
- Communicating ideas and thoughts clearly, succinctly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Using exceptional Interpersonal skills with internal and external membership in order to give and extricate information in a courteous and friendly manner.
- Operating and troubleshooting a variety of technical computer equipment and peripherals.
- Using a computer to accurately and rapidly search, enter and retrieve data.
- Using tact, discretion, initiative and independent judgement.
- Organizing work, setting priorities, meeting critical deadlines, and following up on assignments.
- Using critical thinking, logic and reasoning.
- Utilizing effective and creative problem-solving skills.
- Preparing clear and concise reports, correspondence and other written materials.
- Demonstrating a flexible and collaborative work style.

Mental and Physical Abilities:
- Ability to effectively listen and problem solve.
- Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts and draw valid conclusions.
- Ability to manage time effectively.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to interpret a variety of instructions in written, oral, diagram or schedule form.
- While performing the essential functions of this job the employee is frequently required to sit, rove, stand, use hands to finger, handle, or feel, speak and hear, and lift and/or move up to 25 pounds.
- While performing the essential functions of this job the employee is occasionally required to stoop, kneel, reach with hands and arms, and lift and/or move up to 50 pounds.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:
- Works in a normal office environment where there are little or no physical discomforts associated with changes in weather or discomforts associated with noise, dust, dirt and the like.
- Schedule will include evenings and weekends.

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