

SUPERVISING LIBRARY ASSISTANT

JOB DESCRIPTION

Classification Responsibilities: A Supervising Library Assistant is responsible for supervising and directing the day-to-day Library activities over Shelving Services. A Supervising Library Assistant performs duties and responsibilities which may include, but are not limited to, any combination of the following tasks: recruiting, selecting, scheduling, training, supervising, and evaluating full-time employees, part-time employees, and volunteers; handling difficult patron situations or vendors (example: fine negotiation, collections and credit reporting, policies and procedures, explaining Library procedures and policies, determining charges for damaged books, etc.); supervising the sorting and shelving of books; performing opening and closing procedures; compiling and producing statistical reports; and depending on assignment, may perform some of the major tasks of Library Assistants or Pages to help meet heavy workload demands. This class performs related duties as required.

Distinguishing Features: A Supervising Library Assistant is supervised by a Branch Coordinator. This position requires schedule flexibility which may include nights and weekends. This class is FLSA nonexempt.

QUALIFICATIONS

Employee Values: All employees of the City of Mesa are expected to uphold and exhibit the City's shared employee values of Knowledge, Respect, and Integrity.

Minimum Qualifications Required. Any combination of training, education, and experience equivalent to a Library Technician Certificate or two years of college-level coursework in Liberal Arts, Library Science, or a related field. Considerable (3 - 5 years) library experience, preferably including some circulation, or shelving experience.

Special Requirements. None.

Substance Abuse Testing. None.

Preferred/Desirable Qualifications. Some (6 months - 1 year) experience in a lead or supervisory capacity is preferred.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Communication: Communicates with the general public and other City employees, contractors, subordinates, and volunteers to resolve problems, explain policies, and manage Circulation and Shelving Services activities. Interviews and selects new employees, instructs and trains subordinates and volunteers, regarding clerical and paging policies and procedures. Prepares written documents such as monthly reports, budget requests, policy and training manuals, and performance appraisals in order to express opinions and make recommendations. Conducts regular meetings with staff and volunteers and provides input to Library management on issues that concern work unit procedures and policies. Interacts positively with staff to enhance effectiveness of work unit and internal customers and to promote productivity of work team.

Manual/Physical: Reviews the work products of others to ensure compliance with standard operating procedures and policies. Inspects, monitors, and/or evaluates information, work-related conditions, or new equipment to determine compliance with prescribed operating and safety standards. Performs maintenance on equipment as needed (i.e., book carts, shelving). Operates a variety of standard office equipment such as a calculator, cash register, fax machine, laminator, and printers/copiers. Enters data or information into a personal computer (PC) in order to produce reports and performance appraisals. Prepares and updates work schedules to produce weekly and daily schedules. Performs physical inventories of equipment and materials. Moves book trucks and book return bins weighing 150+ pounds. Meets scheduling and attendance requirements.

Mental: Plans, organizes, and directs the activities of the Circulation and/or Shelving Services. Selects, supervises, trains, and evaluates the work of subordinate personnel. Prioritizes and assigns work to personnel and prioritizes own work. Resolves procedural, operational, and day-to-day problems with procedures and personnel. Coordinates work activities and program functions with other City departments, other cities, and other agencies. Develops departmental policies and procedures, short- and long-term objectives, and special projects. Conducts research and analyzes work flow data to facilitate work.

Knowledge and Abilities:

Knowledge of:

Library circulation or shelving functions, procedures, operations, and responsibilities;
state and federal regulations regarding privacy, collection practices, and credit reporting;
the principles and practices of employee supervision, training, and evaluation; and
clerical accounting, records maintenance, and bookkeeping principles and practices.

Ability to:

supervise the work of others through planning, organizing, instructing, motivating, and evaluating performance objectively;
plan, organize, and perform work assignments with initiative and judgement;
work independently;
work cooperatively with supervisory staff;
interact with subordinates to establish and maintain effective working relationships;
provide patrons with efficient, accurate check-out, check-in, fines and fees, and application procedures;
check shelves to ensure they have been shelf ready and straightened;
provide miscellaneous services, as needed, to the Library;
work accurately with detailed information; and
make simple arithmetic calculations, and balance and reconcile financial deposits.

The duties listed above are intended only as general illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. Specific statements of duties not included do not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position. Job descriptions are subject to change by the City as the needs of the City and requirements of the job change.

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