

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Youth Services Specialist

Job Summary

Under the general supervision of the Branch Manager, a Youth Services Specialist is a self-motivated, problem solving, individual who is responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating library services for children, teens, and their caregivers. With an emphasis in inclusive programming, digital literacy, community partnerships, and responsive collection development, responsibilities of this role include but are not limited to:

- development and execution of innovative programs for children (ages 0–12) and teens (ages 13–18),
 including storytimes, STEAM activities, book clubs, and teen advisory boards.
- building and maintaining relationships with schools, childcare centers, youth organizations, and cultural institutions.
- staying informed about emerging library trends, youth development research, and evolving community needs
- assisting in the selection, maintenance, and weeding of the youth collection to ensure diversity, relevance and alignment with community needs.
- fostering a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all youth.

A key aspect to success in this role is staying informed about emerging library trends, youth development research, and evolving community needs to ensure services remain relevant, innovative, and impactful.

Hours

This is a full-time (40 hours weekly) position scheduled based on the operational needs of the branch and library system. The Quisenberry Library is open from 10 am to 7 pm Monday through Thursday and 9 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday.

Educational Requirements

Master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from an ALA-accredited institution preferred, Bachelors Degree required. Minimum 1–2 years of experience working with youth in libraries, education, childcare or community settings.

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