

Southwest La Plata Library District
Library Director
Job Description

The Library Director is a full-time, salaried position with a salary range of \$50,000 to \$75,000, DOE. Benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, a PERA retirement plan, paid sick leave, holidays, and personal days.

Under the direction of the Southwest La Plata Library District Board of Trustees, the Library Director will be responsible for the following:

I. Intergovernmental Coordination and Community Outreach

The Library Director is the liaison between the Southwest La Plata Library District and Durango School District 9-R. The Library Director will coordinate building usage, library maintenance, and other items related to shared space while maintaining positive relations with the school district and building principals. The Library Director will advocate for the library district's best interests and goals in relation to the branch libraries. Additionally, the Library Director will act as a liaison between the library board, library employees, The Friends of the Southwest La Plata Library District, community groups and the general public. The Library Director will strive to ensure the success of the library's partnerships and other relationships. The Library Director, with the assistance of the branch managers, will promote and publicize the library's collections, services and programs.

II. Long-range Planning

The Library Director will establish the long-range plan for the Southwest La Plata Library District by defining goals and providing the leadership needed for the district to achieve those goals. She/he will develop a long-term capital budget that will help the district finance the goals established in the long-range plan. As part of long-range planning, the Library Director will oversee and plan for the library district's facilities. She/he will ensure that the interior and exterior of physical facilities are properly maintained, up-to-date and safe. She/he will schedule and supervise contract services and maintenance personnel. She/he will recommend implementation of additional facilities, including, but not limited to, relocation of branches, additional branches, bookmobile(s), offsite storage and pop-up libraries. The Library Director will provide the leadership and direction for major development projects.

III. Library Personnel

The Library Director will implement board-approved employment policies and procedures and recommend any required changes. She/he will monitor and evaluate staff performance, recommending changes when necessary. In conjunction with the branch managers, the Library Director will hire substitute library workers and approve new volunteers. She/he will maintain personnel files in a secure location. The Library Director will oversee the branch managers, assisting them as they work with library substitutes and volunteers.

The Library Director is responsible for staff development and will work to ensure that the library district attracts, retains and develops people to maximize the collective skills of the organization. She/he will create an atmosphere of cooperation and positive communication among staff members and within the organization. She/he will perform staff training and professional development and will identify and recommend opportunities for continuing education. The Library Director will also maintain up-to-date library procedures and policies.

The Library Director will demonstrate professionalism and will be attentive to current library trends and professional library standards. She/he will attend professional meetings to maintain contact with other professional and library-related agencies and make periodic reports to the library board. She/he will promote staff development and professionalism.

IV. Library Operations

With the assistance of the branch managers, the Library Director will oversee library services, including circulation, reference, children's services and adult services. She/he will provide systematic, objective evaluations of library programs and services, providing recommendations for improvement to employees and the library board when necessary. The Library Director will assist the branch managers in maintaining a relevant, balanced collection of print and non-print materials. The Library Director will work with the branch managers to maintain a welcoming, pleasant, safe environment at each branch, as well as a cooperative, courteous, and effective working relationship between staff, patrons, volunteers, community groups, and the general public. The Library Director will also compile library statistics and prepare reports for the board and state library.

In conjunction with technology professionals, the Library Director will ensure the proper operation of library technology, software and databases, maintain the public internet and library website, assist patrons with information research, facilitate the circulation of library materials and ensure proper circulation of library materials and borrower's records. She/he will generate cataloging, system and circulation reports according to the needs of the library board and staff. The Library Director will maintain the public internet and library website.

V. Library Finances

The Library Director will research and prepare the annual library budget in consultation with the board treasurer. She/he will administer and monitor expenditure of library funds within budgetary guidelines and will maintain the financial records, assisting the board treasurer in submitting timely reports to the library board, State of Colorado, federal government and auditors. The Library Director will oversee purchases for the branch libraries by the branch managers. The Library Director will also assess and select equipment and furniture for the library branches, with board approval.

The Library Director will work with The Friends of the Southwest La Plata Library District to ensure smooth implementation of fundraising activities and grant writing, including pursuing, writing and complying with grant requirements.

VI. Board Responsibilities

The Library Director should be the primary information resource for board members, providing support and information to promote a clear understanding of the many facets of library operation, including library legislation and trends in public libraries. The Library Director will collaborate and communicate regularly with the members of the board. She/he will provide professional expertise and guidance to the board and will review policies and recommend revision as needed. The Library Director will act as a liaison between the library board, the library branches, and the Friends of the Southwest La Plata Library District.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree required. MLIS/MLS or an advanced degree in a related field preferred. Five years library experience, demonstrating an increasing level of responsibility, and experience in library management and administration required. Experience in budgeting, public library finance, and applicable federal and state law preferred.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Ability and strong desire to meet and serve the community needs
- Ability to work independently, organize and prioritize work, respond to varied and changing work demands and to make decisions as required
- Ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships
- Ability to foster and maintain positive public image for the libraries
- Ability to understand, develop, interpret and enact library policies, rules and procedures and to make policy recommendations to the library board
- Ability to prepare comprehensive reports and present ideas clearly and concisely in written and oral form
- Knowledge and skill in the use of computers, the internet, and library software systems
- A comprehensive knowledge of library techniques, practices, services and procedures as they apply to public library administration

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Note: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to perform successfully the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to interact effectively with other individuals, (coworkers, public, children, etc.);
- Use and normal maintenance of office machines, (copier, computer, printer, fax, etc.);
- Handling of files weighing up to 10 pounds including floor to waist and overhead lifting;
- Ability to bend, stoop, stretch, reach, carry, grasp and turn objects;
- Ability to stand, sit and walk for up to 60 minutes at a time;
- Frequent use of phone handset and repetitive use of hand and fingers to operate office equipment, use computer keyboard and computer mouse and to perform other office tasks;
- Acceptable eyesight to read printed material and a computer monitor and to operate office equipment;
- Acceptable hearing to communicate with others in person or through telephonic means;
- Acceptable verbal and conversation skills to communicate effectively with others via the phone, at meetings and greeting and assisting visitors;
- Ability to withstand extensive VDT exposure.