

**Perkiomen Valley Library at Schwenksville**  
**A Branch of the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library**  
**Position Description**

<b>Title:</b> Branch Library Assistant	<b>Classification:</b> Support Staff II
<b>Primary Work Location:</b> Perkiomen Valley, PA	<b>Department:</b> Perkiomen Valley Library
<b>Supervisor:</b> Branch Manager	<b>Number of Employees Directly Supervised:</b> 0
<b>Status:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<b>Fair Labor Standards Act Status:</b> Non-Exempt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time	<b>Hours:</b> <u>37</u> hours/week (Days, Evenings, Weekends)

**Statement of Responsibilities:**

Responsible for providing outstanding public library service to patrons. Supports activities of the Library by staffing the public service desk, performing clerical tasks, and coordinating projects, programming, and volunteers. Act as substitute staff at main library, bookmobiles, and branches, as needed. Must be self-motivated and have a positive attitude towards customer service. Must possess personal integrity, a strong work ethic, and ability to work individually or on a team.

**Organizational Relationships:**

Maintain positive working relationships with other MC-NPL departments and branches. Represent branch to external agencies including, but not limited to: service providers, schools, nonprofits, consortiums, district libraries, local municipalities, and county government.

**General Responsibilities and Examples of Work:**

*General:*

- Carries out job functions without posing a health or safety threat to self or others.

*Public Service Responsibilities:*

- Opens/closes library.
- Registers patrons for library cards.
- Places patron hold requests.
- Circulates library materials.
- Collects fines and fees.
- Advises patrons on selection of library materials.
- Answers patron reference questions and/or refers them to appropriate resources.
- Answers patron account, policy, and technology questions.
- Performs various library clerical functions
- Markets library services and programs.
- Coordinates the work of volunteers.
- Represents library at municipal community days and other library outreach events.

*Back Office Responsibilities*

- Helps coordinate and publish the event calendar, newsletters, and social media posts.
- Ensures library collection is correctly shelved.
- Assists Branch Manager with the acquisition and weeding of library materials.
- Finds, processes, and ships item hold requests.

*Project and Program Responsibilities:*

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- Develop and deliver library programming.
- Coordinate special projects, as assigned.
- Perform other duties as required.

**Qualifications for Employment:**

- Must have completed at least one academic year of post-secondary school education, or possess at least 5-7 years previous work experience.
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills.
- Good organizational ability.
- Ability to deal effectively and pleasantly with the public.
- Excellent computer literacy.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications preferred.
- Working knowledge of Dewey Decimal classification system preferred.
- Must have valid PA driver's license and the ability to substitute at the library's other locations.

**Additional Eligibility Requirement;**

- Employment is contingent upon the submission of the following: PA State Police Criminal History, PA Child Abuse History Clearance, FBI Criminal Background Check, and PA State Mandated Reporter Training within 30 days from the date of hire and resubmission 60 months thereafter.

**Physical Demands or Requirements:** (\* indicates essential requirement)

Strength/movement requirements

- \*Able to lift or move 30 pounds
- \*Able to adjust to floor and/or overhead level
- \*Able to remain in a stationary position and/or traverse for 2 hours at a time

Manual/physical dexterity requirements

- \*Able to manipulate keyboard of computer, typewriter or other office equipment
- \*Able to manipulate mouse, pointing device or other input device
- \*Able to manipulate data cables, cords, connections, or similar power and data devices
- \*Able to manipulate pages of books, insert and remove disks, manipulate library materials

Communication requirements

- \*Able to use telecommunication devices to communicate with staff and public
- \*Able to observe, understand and create written material

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice. All employees must be able to perform the essential functions of this position satisfactorily and, if requested, reasonable accommodations will be made to enable employees with disabilities to perform the essential functions of their job, absent of undue hardship.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employee Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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