

POSITION:	Children's and Youth Library Officer
CLASSIFICATION:	Band 4
REVIEW DATE:	May 2018

Casey Cardinia Libraries

Casey Cardinia Libraries (CCL) is one of Victoria's largest public library services. We are funded principally by City of Casey, Cardinia Shire and the State Government. We support a rapidly growing and diverse community of more than 400,000 people.

Our libraries are located at Cranbourne, Doveton, Emerald, Endeavour Hills, Hampton Park, Narre Warren and Pakenham. The Cardinia Mobile Library provides a weekly service to Beaconsfield, Bunyip, Cockatoo, Garfield, Gembrook, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Maryknoll, Nar Nar Goon, Tynong and Upper Beaconsfield.

Our Vision

Inspiring spaces where everyone is free to discover possibilities.

Our Values

Teamwork

We excel when we all contribute. We are loyal and dedicated to each other. We always do our fair share.

Love of Learning

We love new things. We believe there is an opportunity to learn anywhere and everywhere.

Fairness

We treat all people fairly. We do not let our personal feelings bias our decisions about others. We give everyone a chance.

Creativity

Thinking new ways to do things is crucial to our success. We are never content doing things the conventional way if we believe a better way is available.

Social Intelligence

We are aware of the motives and feelings of other people. We know what to do to fit into different situations and we know what to do to put others at ease.

Humour

We like to laugh, bringing smiles to other people. We try to see the light side of all situations.

Behaviours

Expected behaviours of a Customer Experience Library Officer include:

- Consistent support of CCL values
- Great customer service
- Embracing new thinking
- Prioritising momentum not perfection
- Placing value on taking calculated risks
- Prepare to fail early, fail often
- Supporting a culture of collaboration and innovation
- Pay it forward
- Look after the neighbours
- Build confidence and resilience
- Share our stories

Position Objectives

Operational

- Deliver innovative and customer focused service consistent with CCL vision, values and objectives (CCL Strategic Plan)

- Actively engage and interact with the community in the library, online and outside the four walls
- Provision of support and assistance to all library users

Strategic

- Contribute to the innovative and customer focused library service, building capacity in our communities
- Contribute to development and achievement of CCL strategic goals and plan
- Contribute to the continuous improvement and development of CCL by participating in activities and service development such as: library and learning staff forums, training programs, team meetings and other meetings as required
- Nurture partnerships with other organisations including schools, community organisations and other local government services

Key Responsibilities and Duties

1. Customer Experience

- Provide friendly, approachable and efficient customer focused circulation service such as: returns, loans, memberships, overdue queries, cash management, branch run
- Provide leadership and oversee effective branch operations in the absence of senior on duty, operating within established policies and procedures

2. Children's and Youth Services

- Organise and present children's and youth activities – Tinies, Storytime, baby time and age appropriate reading clubs
- Liaise and work together with local kindergartens and schools to facilitate visits, support with school projects and access to collections
- Develop and run school holiday programs
- In conjunction with the Community Engagement Coordinator ensure children's and youth stock for the branch meets the needs of the local community, is relevant and in good condition
- Maintain the collection according to the Corporation's collection management policies

3. Community Engagement

- Develop, deliver and reflect on community programs
- Develop and maintain partnerships with internal and external organisations
- Actively promote information literacy and library services

4. Information Services

- Advise and assist library patrons to find materials/information within SWIFT or via ILL
- Have a good knowledge of CCL's collection and online resources and an awareness of Swift resources
- Contribute to CCL's online presences – photos, stories, suggestions and more

5. Digital Literacy

- Competency in the use of a range of information technology and software tools in the provision of library services
- Information technology troubleshooting skills
- Willingness to embrace emerging technologies
- Assist patrons to become self-sufficient in the use of catalogues, electronic services, and other information resources
- Knowledge of current and popular social media and online publishing platforms

6. Collection

- Display, shelve and promote collection
- Deliver digital literacy classes relating to library collections promoting e-resources
- Undertake collection management in line with CCL Collection Management Strategy under the supervision of Branch Manager or member of Collection Development Team

Selection Criteria

- Ability to effectively and efficiently provide quality customer service
- Demonstrated experience in the delivery of children's and youth services – activities programs and community events
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to communicate with all ages across all levels of community
- Sound organisational skills
- Strong information technology and problem solving skills in a range of information technology and software tools
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team to meet organisational strategic outcomes
- Ability to undertake supervisory responsibilities as required
- Relevant qualifications and Public Library experience desirable
- Driver's licence

Organisational Relationships

Reports to:	Branch Managers, Customer Experience Librarians, Community Engagement Coordinator
Internal liaisons:	Departmental Managers, Headquarters staff; branch staff
External liaisons:	Library patrons, members of the public; schools, community groups and training providers

Accountability and Extent of Authority

- Authority to operate within established policies and procedures
- To ensure patrons observe the conditions of use of the library
- Responsible for the quality and timely provision of customer service

Judgment and Decision Making

- Decide on appropriate response to difficult patrons and emergency situations and report to Branch Manager and/or Senior Officer
- Act in accordance with established policies and procedures

Specialist Skills and Knowledge

- Developed customer service skills
- Familiarity/awareness of the resources available in CCL collections
- Knowledge and ability to apply CCL policies and procedures
- Understanding of the function of the Library Officer position within its organizational context and goals of Casey Cardinia Libraries
- Knowledge of safe work practices for circulation work and branch operations
- Experience working with computers, photocopiers, information technology and social media
- Ability to run programs (youth and adult)
- Ability to source information across varied platforms
- Knowledge of library computer system with an emphasis on circulation and catalogue functions

Managerial Skills

- Ability to set priorities, plan and organise work
- Ability to train and supervise other staff in the execution of established procedures

- Ability to implement personnel practices including those related to equal opportunity, occupational health and safety and training and development

Interpersonal Skills

- Strong communication skills with all patrons and staff
- Good written communication skills
- Ability to handle dissatisfied patrons in a friendly manner
- Approachability and awareness of patrons' needs
- Ability to have a flexible approach to work and changing priorities

Qualifications and Experience

- Knowledge and skills gained through on-the-job training commensurate with the requirements of the work as listed
- Current Victorian Driver's license
- Post-trade or other post-secondary education

Conditions of Employment

Conditions of employment are as per the Casey Cardinia Library Enterprise Agreement, Corporation policies and procedures and the letter of offer.

- **Employment Status** – Prior to commencement of duties the successful applicant must provide proof of permission to work in Australia
- **Health Declaration** – the preferred applicant will be required to complete a Health Declaration form as part of the conditions of employment
- **Hours** – include rostered day, evenings and weekend shifts and are based on the full time 35 hour a week employment model
- **Multiskilling** – The employee may be directed to carry out any duties within the limit of his/her skills, competence and training, provided that such duties do not promote a narrowing of their skill base
- **Qualifying Period** – As per the Fair Work Act 2009 and Regulations – 6 months
- **Recreation Leave** – Annual leave must be taken at times that are mutually agreeable to both employee and employer, within twelve months of it falling due
- **Risk Management** – Employees are responsible for taking all reasonable steps to ensure they are aware of the inherent risks associated with their work and for taking appropriate action to minimise or eliminate such risks
- **Sick Leave** – A medical certificate may be required for any absence and must be provided for sick leave exceeding three working days or absence on the working day before or after a rostered day off (if applicable), annual leave, LSL or public holiday
- **Smoking** – Smoking is prohibited within all Corporation buildings and in Corporation vehicles
- **Working with Children Check** – mandatory (Child Safe Standards 2017)

Inherent Physical Requirements

It is important that an employee understands the physical requirements involved in carrying out the duties of the positions.

Requirements	Frequency		
	Possible	Occasionally	Regularly
Ability to stand for extended periods for the purpose of using a computer			✓
Ability to sit for extended periods for the purpose of using a computer, travelling		✓	

to various locations and attending a range of meetings			
Ability to read computer screens and fine print on documents for the purposes of researching various policy options			✓
Ability to communicate clearly both verbally and written			✓
Manual Handling			
Repetitive arm movements and manual dexterity for undertaking computer work and handling documents and files			✓
Issue and return of library materials using scanners and docket printers			✓
Lifting of stock and library materials onto and off shelving			✓
Pushing book trolleys			✓
Lifting and moving of boxes and files on a regular basis			✓
Agility			
Bending and stretching, including knee bending			✓

Note: This template does not represent an exhaustive account of all job factors however it forms a basis to guide staff and medical professionals as to the activities for which a personal capability must be sustained.

All staff are reminded that they should follow Health and Safety regulations and the Corporation's Health and Safety Manual Handling Policy when performing their duties.

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