Reserves Associate (LA III - R&L)

Under the direction of the Access Services Manager for Hayden Library, the ID&LA Reserves Coordinator manages the daily operations of the reserves service across 4 MIT Libraries. They develop expertise in communication and processing workflows, technical skills, running and working with data/reports, copyright and fair use. This position provides the opportunity for using and developing library skill sets related to access services, reference, and technology; it is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in a dynamic academic library setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Coordinating Role (60%)

- Working under minimal supervision to oversee course reserves operations including:
  - Collaborating with the Access Services Manager for Hayden Library to continuously improve and develop the service in response to the needs of the Institute’s teaching and learning as part of the larger course support ecosystem, which includes the Teaching and Learning efforts of the Liaisons, Information, and Reference Services (LIRS) department, student success initiatives outside of the libraries, and more.
  - Running and manipulating data/reports for missing or recalled items to ensure equitable access to materials.
  - Coordinating with staff in other units or departments to resolve questions or problems.
  - Scheduling, supervising the physical end-processing, and weeding across 4 libraries. Lewis Music Library provides separate, specialized reserves services for which the Reserves Coordinator may occasionally be ask to provide input.
  - Managing course records in the ILS.
  - Providing support in training reserve team members and the teaching community’s staff.
  - Maintaining internal and public documentation.
  - Answering or referring questions related to copyright and fair use, electronic reserves and the CMS (currently Canvas).

Access Services Work at Hayden (40%)

- Participating in local and library-wide committees, teams, groups or projects.
- Helping with planning, testing, and implementing new services, procedures, and systems in ID&LA.
- Sharing in-depth knowledge of library operations, procedures, and technical applications with other ID&LA staff.
- Shelving, retrieving requested items, handling financial transactions, and sharing responsibility for opening and closing the library.
- Some processing of materials as they are delivered to the collection and occasional triage with help from staff in other departments.
- Assisting in the use of the library’s electronic equipment and performs basic trouble-shooting as needed.
- May assist with hiring, training or directing the work of student assistants or temporary employees.
- May participate in training staff in policies, procedures, and technology.
• Contributing to the development of documentation and training materials related to processes and work-flows.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Required:
• High school diploma or equivalent combination of education and related experience
• Minimum of two years direct/related experience that provides an in-depth understanding of library workflows and service functions.
• Experience with automated library systems.
• Experience in training or teaching others.
• Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written.
• Demonstrated organizational, analytical and problem-solving skills.
• Demonstrated initiative, flexibility, and ability to work and learn in a rapidly changing environment.
• Strong experience with standard computer software and ability to learn and master new software, systems and technology as required such as MS Word, Excel, e-mail and calendar software.
• Ability to generate reports and work with data; ability to assist staff or library users in the use of such technology or library equipment
• Ability to work collaboratively, manage relationships and to interact effectively with a diverse group of people.
• Ability to identify problems and carry out solutions independently or in collaboration with others
• Aptitude for accurate and detail-oriented work and responsiveness to deadlines
• Ability lift objects weighing 20 to 50 lbs., shelving and shifting boxes and other library material, and to push book trucks weighing up to 150 lb.
• Ability to be exposed to dust.

We expect the candidate to be stronger in some qualifications listed above than others; we are committed to helping our future colleague expand their skills, as well as learning from their areas of strength

Preferred:
• Experience in an academic and/or research library.
• Experience in customer service environment.
• Experience working with Aleph, Alma or another integrated library system.

HOURS: 35 hours per week. Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Schedule subject to change depending on library hours (including evenings and weekends) and the service needs of the department. Library hours of operation change on a semester basis. May be asked to staff more than one service point or rotate assignments as needed.

HOURLY RATE AND BENEFITS: $20.48/hour minimum; actual based on qualifications and experience. MIT offers excellent benefits including a choice of health plans, a dental plan, tuition assistance and fully subsidized MBTA passes for local bus and subway service. The MIT Libraries affords a flexible and collegial working environment and provides opportunities for training and skill development.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Apply online at: https://hr.mit.edu/careers applications must include cover letter and resume. Priority will be given to applications received June 25th, 2021; position open until filled.

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