

PALOS VERDES LIBRARY DISTRICT
Technical Services Assistant IV
Acquisitions Clerk

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Salary Range: 42

PURPOSE

The Technical Services Assistant performs a variety of clerical and paraprofessional duties related to ordering, receiving, cataloging, and processing, and repairing library materials including books and audiovisual materials, such as CDs and DVDs, magazines, and newspapers. The Technical Services Assistant may also perform clerical or paraprofessional duties related to the general administration of the Library District or to the provision of library services to the public.

This is the advanced journey-level class in the Technical Services Assistant series and performs specialized and complex administrative, technical, and clerical work. Responsibilities include administering and expediting the purchase of library materials, processing invoices, receiving and reconciling shipments of library materials against purchase documents, and monitoring library materials expenditures and budget balances using complex software. Incumbents are required to establish and maintain effective working relationships with vendors. Responsibilities require the frequent use of tact, discretion, and independent judgment. Appointment to the Technical Services Assistant IV class requires a District opening and that the employee demonstrates the ability to perform the full range of duties of the higher class and meet the qualification standards for the higher class.

This position performs a variety of para-professional tasks in compiling and maintaining records of quantity, type, and value of books and other library materials stocked by the District; ordering, receiving and distributing books and materials, processing invoices and preparing reports; contacting vendors when necessary.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

Management reserves the right to add, modify, change or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so that qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.

Essential duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provides a high level of customer service.
- Administers the procurement of library materials, including placing and expediting orders.
- Receives and inspects shipments of library materials and reconciles shipment contents against purchase documents.
- Uses complex software to track expenditures on library materials and monitor expenditures against budgets.
- Assists with the transfer and reconciliation of expenditure data between the District's Integrated Library System and financial accounting software systems, working closely with the District's Finance Department.
- Delivers processed library materials to public service areas.
- Interacts with vendors to ensure timely and accurate procurement and delivery of library materials.
- Prepares library books, CD's, DVD's, audiobooks, and other materials for circulation.
- Provides budget reports and alerts responsible staff when purchases are nearing budget limits.
- Updates assigned library databases and reporting information, making full use of the District's Integrated Library System's functions for Acquisitions, such as reporting on cancelled or backordered orders or clearing out old orders with input from professional staff.

- Identifies, processes, and follows up on missing and damaged materials; files claims with the appropriate vendors; interfaces with vendors via phone, email, or other means of communication to resolve issues and claims.
- May organize incoming mail and prepare outbound mail including UPS and FedEx packages.
- Lifts and transports boxes of books and other library materials, and unloads and delivers materials from one area to another.
- May track inventory levels on supplies and materials required to perform work.
- Acts as a certified passport agent and processes passports in accordance with strict guidelines provided by the National Passport Office.
- Assist/cross train on other Technical Service position functions where appropriate. May provide general back up in other Technical Service areas.
- May train and assign work to assigned volunteers.
- May provide general clerical and administrative support such as assisting at the reception desk.
- Maintains and updates processes and procedures manual for assigned responsibilities.
- Maintains accurate and detailed records and reports.
- Participate in meetings, committees, conferences, or projects intended to enhance services or promote consistent policies and procedures across the District.
- Prepares statistical and other reports and submits reports to state agencies as required.
- Performs other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service to public, volunteers, vendors, contractors and District staff in person and over the telephone.
- Alphabetical and numerical filing.
- Purpose and functions of the library.
- Basic record keeping principles and procedures.
- Basic business mathematics.
- Modern office practices, methods and computer equipment.
- English usage, grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and punctuation.
- Principles and procedures of inventory control.
- Library classification and cataloging and bibliographic terminology.
- Applicable Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations.
- Purchasing principles and procedures.
- Basic principles and procedures of fund accounting and public agency budgeting.

Ability to:

- Perform a variety of technical and administrative library work with speed and accuracy.
- Access, retrieve, enter, and update information using a computer terminal.
- Apply and explain departmental policies and procedures.
- Use English effectively to communicate verbally and in writing
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Use tact, initiative, and prudence within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- Prepare and maintain accurate and complete records.
- Organize own work and set priorities within clearly defined procedural guidelines.
- Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software programs.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the work.

Education, License, and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications includes meeting all education/experience as listed below:

Equivalent to graduation from high school and one (1) year of experience in processing and shelving of library materials, providing library technical support, or similar experience. Must possess and maintain a

valid California class C driver's license and have a satisfactory driving record. One (1) year experience related to processing materials, creating and database maintenance, and providing library technical support. The completion of supplemental college level courses or an Associate of Arts degree is desirable. Some college level coursework in bookkeeping, accounting, or a related field, and three (3) years of experience maintaining accounting records, procurement, or performing general accounting. Library experience is desirable.

Physical Demands

Must be able to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone. Must possess the ability to move back and forth between work areas, sometimes for prolonged periods of time. Must possess the ability to retrieve, process, and store library materials as well as enter and retrieve data using a computer. Positions in this classification frequently bend, stoop, kneel, and reach, as well as push and pull heavy book carts. Positions in this classification frequently lift and carry library materials that typically weigh less than 50 pounds.

Environmental Elements

Employees work in an office environment with moderate noise levels, controlled temperature conditions and no direct exposure to hazardous physical substances. Employees may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

Working Conditions

May be required to work a flexible schedule including evenings, weekends, and holidays.