



LIBRARY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE ROLE DESCRIPTION

Position Overview:

The Youth Representative on the Rochester, MN Library Board plays a crucial role in representing the voices and perspectives of the younger members of the community. This volunteering position offers an exciting opportunity for a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to contribute to the decision-making processes of the library board, ensuring that the needs and interests of youth are taken into account.

Key Responsibilities:

1. **Voice of the Youth:** Act as a bridge between the library board and the youth community, actively engaging in discussions and advocating for initiatives that align with the interests and aspirations of young individuals.
2. **Community Engagement:** Connect with fellow youth, gather their feedback, suggestions, and concerns related to library services and programs, and effectively communicate these to the library board during meetings.
3. **Advocacy:** Serve as an ambassador for the library, advocating for its value and significance within the community, especially among your peers. This includes promoting library resources, events, and activities.
4. **Problem Identification:** Utilize networks and lived experiences to communicate challenges by youth in the community.
5. **Collaboration:** Collaborate with library staff, board members, and community partners to ensure that youth perspectives are integrated into library strategies and policies.
6. **Outreach and Promotion:** Contribute to the promotion of library events and programs through various channels, including social media, school networks, and community gatherings, with the aim of increasing youth engagement.

Qualifications:

- Age between 13 and 18 years old.
- Resides in Olmsted County, Minnesota. One youth will be within the City of Rochester, MN.
- Passion for supporting the community.
- Effective communication skills, both in listening to others' viewpoints as well as, articulating your own.
- Collaborative mindset, and being willing to work with diverse individuals to achieve common goals.
- Strong organizational skills to be able to manage responsibilities as a youth representative alongside academic commitments and extracurricular activities.