

Arabic Storytime Presenter

Job description:

Help Arabic-speaking families get their young children ready for kindergarten by presenting storytimes for Beaverton City Library. Storytimes always include reading books aloud and sharing stories in Arabic. They also include a variety of age-appropriate activities that are culturally relevant for Arabic-speaking families.

Qualifications:

- Speak and read books aloud in Arabic fluently
- Speak and read in English fluently
- Have experience taking care of or working with groups of young children
- Enjoy working with groups of children and their families
- Enjoy reading/storytelling, singing, and talking with children and their families
- Be actively engaged with the local Arabic-speaking community
- Have reliable transportation to and from Beaverton City Library
- Able to bend, reach, hold books, turn pages, and speak clearly and audibly to a large group of people

Responsibilities:

- Attend one storytime training and one training follow-up meeting, both provided by Washington County Cooperative Library Services
- Attend one meeting to help Washington County Cooperative Library Services staff select the books and materials that will be included in the Arabic storytime kits.
- Work with Beaverton City Library to schedule the storytimes you will be presenting
- Check out storytime kits and books from the libraries
- Prepare for storytimes by becoming familiar with the books and materials you select for the storytime
- Prepare for storytime by planning songs, rhymes, games, and other activities that support kindergarten readiness
- Arrive promptly on time, when and where you are scheduled to work
- Present 10 storytimes in Arabic for groups of children 0-6 years old and their families
- Incorporate talking, singing, playing, reading, and writing into storytimes in ways that are culturally relevant for Arabic-speaking families
- Develop and maintain meaningful relationships with children and families attending storytimes on behalf of the library
- Communicate and work effectively with English-speaking library staff
- Work with English-speaking library staff to promote your storytimes in Arabic to the local Arabic-speaking community
- Promote library services, programs, and offerings to families attending your storytime
- Provide as much advance notice as possible to library staff if you are unable to present a scheduled storytime so a replacement storytime presenter can be found or families can be notified the storytime is canceled

Time commitment: 40 Hours

- 4 hours to attend one storytime training before you present any storytimes
- 4 hours to attend one meeting at which you help select storytime books and materials
- 2 hours to attend one follow-up meeting after you have presented a few storytimes to share ideas, trouble-shoot problems, and talk with the other storytime presenters
- 3 hours per storytime, a total of 30 hours—including time spent planning, setting up, cleaning up, and building relationships with families
- These estimates do not include the time you spend traveling to and from the training, two meetings, and storytimes.

Compensation: \$1,000

- Contract work, no benefits
- \$100 to attend the storytime training
- \$100 to attend the meeting to select books and materials for the storytime kits
- \$50 to attend the training follow-up meeting
- \$75 per storytime, a total of \$750—including time spent planning, traveling to and from storytimes, setting up, cleaning up, and building relationships with families

Contact:

If you or someone you know is interested in the Arabic Storytime Presenter contract position and want to learn more about it, please contact:

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