

CITY *of* NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA



LIBRARY
SERVICES
DIRECTOR



THE COMMUNITY

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The Newport-Mesa Unified School District offers students a high-quality education with a variety of academic and athletic programs. UCI and other prestigious colleges are conveniently located within a few minutes' drive of city limits. Newport Beach's fine residential areas, contemporary shopping venues, thriving business community, quality school system, considerable recreational opportunities, and premium amenities all combine to make this truly the “shining city by the bay.”

CITY GOVERNMENT

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Newport Beach has a history of impressive fiscal strength with a consistently balanced budget, general fund reserves of \$80 million, and an investment portfolio exceeding \$170 million. For FY2013-14, the City has a total operating budget of \$219 million and a Capital Improvement Program of \$70 million. The City's top three revenue sources – property tax, sales tax, and transient occupancy tax – are all expected to increase in FY2013-14.

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The Library Services Department experiences an annual circulation load of over 1.6 million and is visited by upwards of 1.1 million patrons each year. The Department's services and programs are supported by a FY2013-14 budget of \$6.8 million and are enhanced by the generosity of a broader loyal community. This extended community includes the Friends of the Library, a very active volunteer organization which runs the Friends Bookstore inside Central Library, with all Bookstore revenue directed at funding various library needs and projects.

In addition, the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, one of the most successful 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the country, was founded in 1989 as a collaborative public-private partnership with the City. Its efforts raise roughly \$1 million a year in generous financial support that uphold the Library's priorities and drive innovative community programs and services. Today, the Foundation sponsors a variety of programs including The Witte Lectures, a world class series that attracts high caliber speakers on a wide variety of subjects; Library Live, which brings authors, lectures, conversations and workshops to the Library; Making Memories for Children, designed to engage, educate and inspire children ages 5-12 through a series of different programs; and a book club and financial workshops. More information can be found at www.nbplfoundation.org.

The Director of Library Services provides staff support to two City Council-appointed bodies. The Board of Library Trustees, consisting of five members, is responsible for reviewing the Department's annual budget, assessing needs and resource acquisitions, accepting donations, considering contractual relationships and approving the appointment of the Director. A seven member body, the City Arts Commission is charged with stimulating the enjoyment of the arts and enhancing opportunities to partake in cultural activities.

Given the incomparable quality of services, resources, and programs, it's no surprise that Newport Beach Libraries are the second most popular destinations in the City, second only to the community's popular beaches!

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE

The City of Newport Beach is interested in attracting a sophisticated and visionary professional who has the demonstrated capacity to maintain the City's current state ranking and the proven ability to build the organizational momentum necessary to remain a leader in the profession. The ideal candidate will be a progressive thinker who is open to new ideas and stays current on best practices and emerging trends in library services and cultural arts arenas, but still takes pleasure in reading a good book. Further, he/she will be knowledgeable regarding contemporary uses of technology in the industry and be committed to staying abreast of digital age advancements appropriate for Newport Beach.

A versatile manager who is a key member of the City Manager's Executive Team, the ideal candidate will exhibit an agile style that enables him/her to interact with and respond adeptly to staff, community leaders, volunteers, business representatives as well as generous donors. He/she will be a passionate and credible advocate for his/her department's valued programs and services, and the future direction of the City's libraries and cultural arts activities. The individual selected will also display the finesse necessary to strategically anticipate and balance the interests of a broad and diverse range of stakeholders.

The ideal candidate will be a superior communicator with outstanding interpersonal skills who enjoys interacting with internal as well as external customers while serving as the Library's key ambassador. He/she will be comfortable participating in a wide variety of events that define the admirable culture of a community devoted to preserving its treasured assets. The candidate's history of fostering and maintaining mutually beneficial partnerships will be carefully evaluated.

He/she will be a highly effective manager of people supported by a history of setting very clear expectations and holding staff accountable to those expectations. In addition, the individual selected will be a proven mentor with the demonstrated ability to inspire, develop and grow staff and have a history of taking a genuine interest in the accomplishments and advancement of subordinates. The ability to sincerely convey contagious enthusiasm for reading and cultural arts and activities is highly desirable.

The candidate selected will be expected to have excellent critical thinking skills and a track record of designing and identifying creative alternatives to large-scale challenges and opportunities in the best interest of a community.





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