

Patron Helper

Handley Library, Information Services

3 hours per week

Assist people who need extra assistance when confronted with technology for which they do not have the necessary skills. Such skills may include using the computer keyboard, navigating the internet, understanding directions (i.e., they have been issued written or verbal direction by a government agency or employer but do not know how to proceed), creating an email account, uploading a document to a web portal, etc. When not helping a patron, the volunteer could help staff members with general organizational tasks.

This position requires the ability to find, read, understand and explain information or procedures presented on a government, employer, or education website. The volunteer must have basic computer skills, including keyboarding, computer navigation and internet navigation etc., along with the ability to create and edit documents in MS Word, and the ability to transfer, download, and upload documents from/to email and web portals. Above all, the volunteer must have patience in explaining and demonstrating procedures and tasks, as well as empathy and tolerance in understanding a person's frustration in trying to function in an unfamiliar situation with unfamiliar tools.

This position will provide the volunteer with the opportunity to offer meaningful assistance and hope to individuals who often feel lost and left behind in our technologically defined culture.

For questions about this volunteer position, please contact Alyssa Grant, Information Services Coordinator

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