

Assistant Director
Davenport Public Library

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I am writing to express my interest in the Assistant Director position at Davenport Public Library. Currently, I am the Director at Lincoln Library in Medicine Lodge, KS. This is a multifaceted position where I have gained great knowledge in all aspects of library administration, as well as compilation, organization and curation of a new digital history collection.

In my current position, I work with the Library Board, City Manager, Chamber of Commerce and school district to move not just the library but the community forward through collaborative initiatives based on the library and city missions and goals. Keeping abreast of new developments in the library community, I am an enthusiastic crusader for technological advancements in discovery, curation, and programming.

Libraries are about lifetime learning and exploring new technology. This is a strong part of my philosophy. Librarians have a responsibility to move their library forward in all aspects of community. This includes forward thinking ideas and technology but also empathy, kindness and open mindedness. In this culture of hate, it is more important than ever for libraries to provide materials and programming that expose community members to diverse race, cultures, religions and ideas, in order to instill a sense of inclusiveness, empathy and tolerance.

None of the above is possible without the support of the board, the staff and the community. Keeping invested parties abreast of all aspects of the library and its funding and programming are very important. You want an enthusiastic staff who understands and supports the library's mission and goals. A staff that has a passion for their community and library and is willing and open to keeping an eye toward the future.

I believe with my enthusiasm and passion for libraries and the communities they serve that I make an ideal candidate for this position. My experience in fiscal and strategic management, community collaboration and public relations work, matches this position perfectly. I have compiled five years of supervisory experience not just in libraries but also in the mental health field. I am currently working toward completing a grant writing and grant consultant program through Kansas City Kansas Community College.

I look forward to speaking with you further concerning this position. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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