



**JOB POSTING**  
**Library Assistant 3**  
**43 Hours Biweekly, Term**

**Halifax Public Libraries** invites **INTERNAL and EXTERNAL** applications for the part-time position of **Library Assistant 3** at **Halifax Central Library**, 5440 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax. This is a term position up to April 2018, unless the incumbent returns earlier than expected.

**WHO WE ARE**

Community is at the heart of all that Halifax Public Libraries undertakes. Comprised of 14 branch libraries, we serve the 400,000 citizens of Halifax with our collection of 1 million items and a wide range of programming. Halifax Public Libraries blends the best of traditional library services with innovative programs, spaces and technologies, attracting more than 3 million in-person visits each year.

**POSITION SUMMARY**

Under the direction of the Circulation Supervisor, this position provides circulation services to the public.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

*The following duties and responsibilities are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.*

- ▶ Checks-in and checks-out materials
- ▶ Packs and unpacks library materials
- ▶ Works with automated material handling system
- ▶ Registers customers in the database
- ▶ Accepts payments of cash, credit card and debit transactions
- ▶ Answers and directs customer enquiries
- ▶ Processes holds
- ▶ Searches shelves and retrieves items
- ▶ Tidies branch/department and cleans equipment
- ▶ Shelves library materials
- ▶ Maintains library materials in proper order
- ▶ May repair library materials (e.g., replaces damaged labels, barcodes)
- ▶ May set up rooms for programs/meetings according to the necessary requirements
- ▶ Assists with preparation and performance of programs for youth of all ages

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education & Experience:** Grade 12 plus 6 months related experience

**Specific Knowledge & Technical Experience:**

- ▶ Numerical and alphabetical skills required
- ▶ Basic math skills to handle cash
- ▶ Previous work experience in a library an asset
- ▶ Familiarity with Dewey Decimal system an asset
- ▶ Basic computer skills an asset
- ▶ Familiarity with an automated library system an asset

***(Please state whether the above application requirements are met in your resume and/or cover letter.)***

**COMPETENCIES**

- **Problem Solving and Decision Making** - Recognizes patterns, uses analytical skills to draw logical conclusions, and makes recommendations for action. Uses a successful and appropriate approach to issues and solving problems. Uses sound judgment in making decisions, despite obstacles or resistance. Recognizes when to seek guidance.
- **Communication Skills** - Listens effectively, transmits information accurately and clearly, in both written and verbal form. Solicits and provides feedback.
- **Creativity / Innovation** - Looks for appropriate opportunities to generate and to apply new and evolving ideas, methods, designs, and technologies. Shows initiative, energy, and enthusiasm.
- **Knowledge of Work** - Pursues and demonstrates expertise. Acquires broad, in-depth, and up-to-date knowledge of the trends and developments in relevant fields.
- **Technological Competence** - Pursues and demonstrates expertise in technology and can apply it as required. Understands the critical and evolving role of technology.
- **Adaptability** - Responds effectively to changes in direction and priorities (both long-term and short-term), and accepts new challenges and responsibilities.
- **Interpersonal / Group Skills** - Builds strong work relationships; is sensitive to how individuals and organizational units function and interact. Respects the dignity and ability of co-workers. Works co-operatively with colleagues both inside and outside formal organizational units. Participates in and contributes to group efforts, supports consensus building efforts. Works effectively with external partners.
- **Leadership** - Ensures achievement of strategic objectives. Establishes and demonstrates high performance standards. Earns trust and respect. Respects and trusts others. Shows integrity. Motivates by coaching, empowering and recognizing the work of others.
- **Organizational Understanding and Global Thinking** - Shows a commitment to the HRL mission. Demonstrates an understanding of the organization, its services and the materials it provides. Understands and accepts his/her role in accomplishing branch or department priorities and the HRL Strategic Plan.
- **Accountability / Dependability** - Accepts responsibility for actions and results. Accomplishes goals, completes tasks and meets deadlines, or gives reasonable notice and explanation. Is productive, while maintaining accuracy and quality.
- **Planning and Organizational Skills** - Identifies and analyzes data. Sets appropriate priorities and objectives, devises effective methods and allocates resources accordingly. Anticipates internal and external changes, trends and influences.
- **Resource Management** - Manages resources, including his or her own time, in a manner consistent with organizational and departmental objectives. Demonstrates a consistent focus on delivering services in a cost effective manner.
- **Service Attitude** - Understands and meets the needs of customers. Addresses their interests and concerns. Is friendly, polite and approachable.
- **Respect for Diversity** - Respects the diverse opinions and beliefs of library customers and co-workers. Appreciates the need to respond to, and reflect, the various communities we serve. Implements the appropriate measures to respond to, and reflect, the communities served.

***These are unionized positions. Preference will be given to internal NSUPE Local 14 employees  
While subject to change in accordance with the collective agreement, the normal scheduled hours of work will be:***

**Hours:** 43 hours biweekly, term up to April 2018

<b>Schedule:</b>	<b>Week 1:</b>	<b>Week 2:</b>
	Sunday 2pm-5pm	Tuesday 9am-5pm
	Monday 9am-5pm	Wednesday 9am-5pm
	Thursday 8am-3pm	Saturday 9am-5pm
	Friday 9am-4pm	

**Hourly Rate of Pay:** \$18.16 - \$20.84

**Applications must be received in the Human Resources Office no later than:** Saturday, May 20, 2017

**Applications (quoting competition #) should be addressed to:**  
Amy Bradley, Human Resources Coordinator  
Halifax Public Libraries  
60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 4P8  
FAX: (902) 490-5850  
**Email:** [careers@halifaxpubliclibraries.ca](mailto:careers@halifaxpubliclibraries.ca)

**Current Employees of Halifax Public Libraries:** Please indicate **INTERNAL APPLICANT** in the subject line of your email application if you are a bargaining unit (NSUPE 14) member.

All appointments are conditional upon an acceptable criminal record check including a vulnerable sector search. More information and the required forms will be provided at an interview and are available at all Halifax Public Libraries branches, including [www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca).

**Halifax Public Libraries hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply and self-identify.**

During the recruitment process, applicants have the right to request accommodation. Applicants invited to participate in an interview or other form of testing and who require accommodation, should discuss their needs when contacted for an interview and/or testing.

We thank you for your interest in employment with Halifax Public Libraries, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.