



PRAIRIE RIVER LIBRARY DISTRICT

Volunteer Policy

Prairie River Library District

Mission

The Prairie-River Library District is comprised of small-town libraries in Nez Perce, Idaho and Lewis counties and is a partner in the Valnet consortium, sharing resources and technology with libraries in north-central Idaho and south-east Washington. The mission of the Prairie-River Library District is to provide appropriate materials, resources, and staff to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the patron. Toward that end, the staff of the Prairie-River Library District will endeavor to provide prompt, friendly service with courtesy and respect to all.

Purpose

The Prairie-River Library District welcomes the support of a friendly and passionate volunteer community. Working alongside district staff, volunteers can expand and enhance our library services and support our mission. Volunteer opportunities offer citizens a way to contribute to the community, fulfill personal goals, achieve a sense of satisfaction, and learn more about the library.

Definition of a Volunteer

A volunteer is an individual who contributes, time, energy, and talents directly on behalf of the Prairie River Library District without payment by library funds. All volunteers act in accordance with the policies of the Prairie River Library District.

Volunteer Opportunities

Branches accept volunteers on an as-needed basis under the direction of library staff. Volunteers are selected based on their qualifications in relation to the needs of the library. Volunteers are given tasks best suited to their skills, interests, and availability. The library is not able to guarantee a position for each prospective volunteer and has the right to decline any application without cause.

Volunteers are selected based on the following criteria:

- a) Needs of the library at any given time
- b) Qualifications of volunteer applicants
- c) Availability of staff time to train and supervise volunteers

Participation in Volunteer Activities

Any individual interested in volunteering within the Prairie River Library District will be asked to fill out a volunteer application. Individuals who are qualified to volunteer must sign the Prairie River Library District volunteer position description and the volunteer agreement form.

Friends of the Library Groups

Friends of the Library groups are a separate volunteer entity. Regular volunteering in the library by any member of Friends of the Library groups will require the processes as outlined in this policy to be completed.

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