Bexley Public Library

Library Director

The Board of Trustees of Bexley Public Library is seeking a creative and innovative Library Director who can continue to grow the success of a vibrant public library. The successful applicant must be enthusiastic, visionary, and public service-oriented with excellent management skills, traditional library skills, and be committed to the core values of librarianship. The Director of the Bexley Public Library must embrace the library’s mission to provide the highest standard of service to the diverse patron base that the library serves.

Under the guidance of the Library Director, the Bexley Public Library management team works together to ensure a culture of collaboration, innovation, and patron-centered service among the entire staff. The successful Library Director will be able to provide necessary direction, guidance, and coaching to the management team while empowering them to take risks, innovate, and collaborate to further the library’s mission. Comprising 39 employees (30.18 FTE), the Bexley Public Library team has accomplished great things through its ability to be both nimble and collaborative. With a small, innovative staff, the successful Library Director will be able to lead continued growth and innovation through strong vision and collaborative leadership.

In the past seven years, Bexley Public Library has become an outward-facing library with a focus on creatively bringing library programs and services into the community. The successful Library Director will build on this priority and continue to cultivate the library’s outreach and community initiatives. The Library Director will also sustain and build upon strong community partnerships that have positioned Bexley Public Library at the heart of lifelong learning and education in this community. These partnerships include The City of Bexley, Bexley City Schools, Capital University, the Bexley Community Foundation, the Bexley Area Chamber of Commerce, the Whitehall Bexley Rotary Club, the Bexley Lions Club, The Ohio State University, local assisted and independent living facilities, the Jewish Community Center, and many more key community stakeholders and organizations.

The Bexley Public Library is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance, and we are an equal opportunity employer. We welcome qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Fast Facts:
- Population of Bexley: 13,336
- 11,704 registered library borrowers
- Median household income: $87,553
- 38% of households have children under the age of 18
- In 2013, Bexley passed a 2.8 mil continuing levy with support from 74% of the voters
- Bexley Public Library is a member of the Central Library Consortium
- The Bexley Public Library enjoys the support of a thriving Bexley Library Friends Group

**Bexley, Ohio**
The City of Bexley was founded in 1908 and is currently home to approximately 13,000 residents. Bexley’s excellent schools, rich cultural heritage, and deep sense of community pride and are among its many strengths. In addition to the Bexley City Schools, the Columbus School for Girls, St. Charles Preparatory School, Capital University, and Trinity Lutheran Seminary are located within Bexley’s borders. A city with thriving religious institutions, Bexley is also home to several churches and synagogues. These and other institutions within Bexley, as well as surrounding neighborhoods such as Eastmoor and Berwick, are important influences on the life of the community and on the services, programs, and resources provided by Bexley Public Library. Blending the old and the new and surrounded by the City of Columbus, Bexley is a balance of the traditional and the modern, the urban and suburban. In a community that highly values education and lifelong learning, Bexley Public Library is a cherished and well-respected institution.

**Director’s duties & responsibilities include:**
- Serves as chief executive of the library
- Responsible for the developing and implementing the library’s strategic plan
- Implements and manages a $3.12 million-plus budget
- Builds positive relationships with patrons, local officials, community leaders and library donors
- Review full director job description at [http://www.bexleylibrary.org/director](http://www.bexleylibrary.org/director)

**Education & Experience:**
- Master’s degree in Library Science (MLIS) from American Library Association (ALA) accredited library school
- Minimum of 3 years’ experience as a public librarian with supervisory & administrative experience
- Strong interpersonal and written communication skills
- Excellent public speaking skills
- Experience and facility in working with diverse constituencies

**Benefits & Salary:**
- Medical, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance
- Participation in Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
- Salary is commensurate with experience and education

Additional information about this position and the Bexley Public Library has been posted at [http://www.bexleylibrary.org/director](http://www.bexleylibrary.org/director)

Applications received before **July 22** will receive priority consideration. Please send cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to:

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