The White Plains Public Library has an opening for a Librarian I specializing in reference service. One of the busiest public libraries in New York State, the White Plains Public Library values excellent customer service as well as innovation and experimentation in services and programs. As a Librarian I, you will provide reference and reader’s advisory services, plan programs, lead classes and workshops, and work with community groups, among other responsibilities. The candidate will also have the opportunity to create new programs. Experience in instruction is a plus, as is fluency in Spanish. Must be available to work evening as well as weekend hours.

Candidates should genuinely like people, appreciate working with a diverse, multilingual population, and be able to work effectively with colleagues. They need to be able to think critically about library patrons and help them resolve their information needs and realize their goals. Likewise, they need to be outward looking, helping to ensure that the Library remains responsive to the White Plains community.

In its 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, the Library committed to equity, diversity and inclusion, holding them as core values. We welcome all people and provide equitable access to Library services, programs and resources. We offer programs, services, materials, and resources that respect, support, and represent the diversity of White Plains and are informed by engagement with our community. We provide a diverse and inclusive workspace and seek to attract and retain staff that reflect the diversity of White Plains. For the Library’s complete Strategic Plan, visit https://whiteplainslibrary.org/policies/plan.

The City of White Plains is located 25 miles north of New York City in Westchester County. Home to 57,000 residents, the City’s population expands to 150,000 every workday as thousands of people travel to the City for work or school. The modern downtown has enjoyed ongoing revitalization with expanded shopping, dining and residential options. With a Metro-North commuter railroad station—the busiest in the lower Hudson Valley—and a bus transit center, people from all over Westchester County and beyond make White Plains a destination for work, leisure and study.

The White Plains Public Library, with a staff of 42 FTE, serves the City through one facility, located in downtown White Plains. Recently the Library opened the Hub, a library for adults that includes a café and bookstore and a renovated gallery and studio/auditorium space.

Starting salary is $57,671 with excellent benefits.
Minimum Qualifications: Master’s degree in library or information science (MLS) from a program that is accredited by the American Library Association or recognized by the New York State Education Department as following accepted education practices. Spring 2022 graduates are welcome to apply.

Special Requirements: Eligibility for a New York State Public Librarian’s Professional Certificate at the time of application; possession of certificate at the time of appointment. The successful candidate will also be required to submit a training and experience questionnaire and be reachable for permanent appointment.

The City of White Plains is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

If interested, please email cover letter and resume by June 15, 2022 to: Tim Baird, Manager of Adult Services, tbaird@whiteplainslibrary.org. Please put “Librarian Opening” in the subject line.