JOB TITLE: Reference Assistant I

LOCATION: History Center - 345 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

COMPENSATION: $19.10 hourly minimum

STATUS & HOURS: Full-time, regular (approximately 2,080 annual hours) position.

BENEFITS: Eligible to participate in State Employee Group Insurance Program and a retirement program with employer contribution. Generous vacation and sick time accruals with additional paid holidays.

DESIGNATION: Bargaining Unit AFSCME Local 3173

POSTING DATE: July 24, 2024

DEADLINE DATE: August 7, 2024

TO APPLY: Interested applicants must apply online at the Minnesota Historical Society's career center at www.mnhs.org/jobs and include a resume and cover letter by the application deadline date.

DESCRIPTION: This position exists to serve library researchers’ needs through retrieval, duplication, digital scanning and re-filing of materials in the MNHS collections and to provide support service help on departmental projects.

SUMMARY OF WORK: 1) Digital Scan/Photocopy materials as requested by researchers according to the Reference department’s policies and copyright law; 2) Retrieve materials from the stack or storage area for researcher use; 3) Re-file materials used so that items are available for use; 4) Staff copy services and materials request windows; 5) Process Death Certificate Orders; and 6) Provide support staff assistance on departmental projects.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Experience following alpha-numerical filing systems.
- Customer service experience.
- Must be able to regularly lift up to 40 pounds and occasionally 40-60 pound boxes.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and politely.
- Demonstrated ability to handle rare and fragile items with due care.
- Demonstrated ability to learn tasks quickly and adapt to changing priorities.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- BA for an accredited 4 year college or equivalent.
- Experience working or volunteering in a library or archives setting.
- Knowledge of library systems.
- Experience using a cash register and processing credit card transactions.
- Knowledge of copyright restrictions.
Should you have questions with the application process, email humanresources@mnhs.org or call MNHS Job Line at 651-259-3181.

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