

STORYTELLER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for selecting, preparing and presenting stories to children. The work is carried out using a variety of methods and involves reading, telling or dramatizing stories. Presentations may utilize music, films, filmstrips and a variety of equipment. The incumbent normally works in a recreational or educational setting such as a municipal recreation program, a municipal library or a school. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee with wide leeway allowed as to the method of presentation. Supervision of others is not normally a function of the class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Presents stories to children using a variety of methods;

Plans and prepares each story hour with attention to age appropriateness;

Orders and utilizes materials in conducting programs such as films, filmstrips, books, puppets, songs, crafts, etc.;

Attends various meetings, seminars and workshops on creative storytelling ideas;

May clean and straighten up areas used for presentations.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of children's literature and learning processes; ability to tell stories and related presentations to children; ability to relate well and keep the interest of children; empathy with children; physical condition commensurate to the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

A. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma; **OR**

B. One year of paid or volunteer experience leading a group of children in recreational or educational activities.

ULSTER COUNTY
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