

## **Library and Digital Media Specialist, Part Time (approx. 0.5 FTE)**

Blue Oak School in Napa, CA is seeking an experienced, innovative Librarian to join our dynamic faculty. The successful applicant will enjoy working in a highly collaborative environment of exuberant young people and will embrace a developmental teaching-for-understanding approach. While classroom management skills are a must, so too is a comfort with the messiness of a child-centered process. The ideal candidate will understand how to provide differentiated and extended learning experiences within the context of a progressive school and use a variety of teaching strategies to engage students in learning. We pride ourselves on being a supportive, devoted, and collegial organization, and we seek skilled, collaborative, and cheerful colleagues who care deeply about the education and the welfare of children and families and are committed to diversity and equity.

### **Attributes:**

- Commitment to professional development and a growth mindset
- Hardworking, organized, communicative, and reliable
- Ability to model professional and ethical standards when working with students and families
- Sense of humor, authentic empathy, warmth, and collegiality
- Desire and ability to contribute to student and community life inside and outside the classroom
- Commitment to social justice, and fostering culturally competent and inclusive classrooms

## **Responsibilities:**

- Design lesson plans for and lead weekly library classes K-5 and support 6-8 media literacy classes
- Assist Homeroom teachers in their implementation of 3-5 keyboarding classes
- Implement a comprehensive information literacy curriculum for all grades
- Develop, disseminate, and oversee a literacy media program including an acceptable use agreement for K-2, 3-5, and 6-8
- Empower students to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers and skillful researchers
- Create a joyful, vibrant, and welcoming environment in the library
- Provide reading support for students
- Collaborate with teachers in classes, in the library, and during planning times to teach project-based research skills and develop curriculum incorporating the use of information literacy and technology
- Work with teachers and admin to align existing resources and practices with curriculum
- Promote a lifelong love of reading and a robust reading culture

- Schedule and lead book clubs, book talks, book fairs, author visits, displays, etc.
- Ensure the library collection represents a diverse and multicultural range of authors and topics
- Maintain the library collection (print and online), including circulation, collection development, inventory, and evaluation with an eye toward diversity and multiculturalism.
- Assist with supervisory tasks, library monitoring, recess duties, and other duties as assigned

#### Requirements

- BA required, MLS preferred
- Minimum 3 years of teaching/library experience in a K-8 environment
- Flexibility, curiosity, enthusiasm, and an extensive knowledge of young children's and young adult literature
- Experience with progressive pedagogy, student-centered teaching, project-based learning, integrated curriculum planning, and authentic measures of student learning
- A commitment to creating an inclusive classroom community that allows for a multitude of perspectives to be heard and respected
- A love of working with students and creating a joyful learning environment
- Knowledge of content area, teaching methods, and learning styles related to Lower School and Middle School learners and readers
- An understanding of the scope and the sequence of library and information literacy curriculum
- Experience in evaluating and selecting print and digital resources with a commitment to equity and inclusion
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to proactively collaborate with students, faculty, and parents
- Knowledge and experience with appropriate technology including: G Suite for Education,
  Microsoft Office, iPad usage, Follett Destiny Library Manager, LibGuides, social networking,
  database and digital content.

# To Apply

Please send cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to Linda Hoopes at jobs@blueoakschool.org

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