

The Learning Place is the community's gateway for learning and literacy. Markham Public Library's Learning Place offers programs for all ages that expand experiences and enhance life skills. Engaging programs for children and teens feature developmentally appropriate curricula that align with Ontario's Ministry of Education performance standards. Markham Public Library (MPL) offers the following opportunities for Learning Place programs:

Learning Place Program Developers

Under the direction of the Programming Strategist, MPL Learning Place program developers design curriculum resources for use in MPL programs. The individual(s) prepare lesson plans for use by program instructors to teach literacy or skill based programs aimed at children and teens.

These programs will be designed to provide opportunities to enhance literacy and language skill development and support the library's mandate and objectives. The Learning Place programs feature developmentally appropriate curricula for 8 weeks of hour long sessions that are designed to support the learning outcomes identified in the Ontario school curriculum.

These programs incorporate activities and lessons to support a variety of learning styles. Program curricula feature complete lesson plans, including all relevant activities and handouts, and meet the specific objective and learning outcomes identified by the library. Program developers work independently to established deadlines. Compensation is commensurate with qualifications payable upon completion of project. The curricula and all lesson plans become the intellectual property of MPL and are subject to the appropriate copyright protection.

Markham Public Library is currently seeking program developers for the programs below. Curriculum is to be delivered by September 3 including all lesson plans and teaching activities. Program developers will work independently to established deadlines. Compensation commensurate with qualifications.

Please send resumes by August 9 to:

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Program Developer Responsibilities:

- Design curricula resources consisting of age-appropriate lesson plans and teaching activities that support provincial standards
- Develop resource lists that include library resources
- Produce lesson plans for 8 interactive one-hour sessions that map to the identified learning objectives and their expected learning outcomes
- Develop and prepare all learning activities, handouts, etc. that include a variety of original examples, themes, ideas and questions and that emphasize the use of library resources

Program Developer Qualifications:

- Bachelor of education, Early Childhood Education or equivalent with teaching credentials for the relevant subjects and grades

- Teaching experience highly desirable
- Previous curriculum development experience desired
- Demonstrated understanding of developmental stages in children, including literacy and language skill acquisition
- Strong content knowledge in education
- Ability to deliver to strict and tight deadlines
- Understanding of the role of the public library in supporting children's literacy development
- Excellent communication skills and strong English language proficiency
- Sensitivity to ethnic, gender-related and socio-economic concerns

Writing Programs

Essay Writing (13 to 16 years)

Math and Science Programs

High School Math (Grade 9)

Language Skills Programs

Fun with French (4 to 6 years)

High School French (Grade 9)

Skills Development Programs

Baby Music World (ages 3 to 12 months)

Creative Baby (3 to 12 months)

Creative Toddler (18 – 36 months)

Get Ready for School (3 to 5 years)

Play and Read (18 – 36 months)

Teen Public Speaking (13 to 16 years)

Junior Public Speaking (Grades 2 to 3)

Creative Drama (8 to 11 years)