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Ms. Suzy Thomas

Sno-Isle Libraries

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Dear Ms. Thomas,

I am delighted to submit my application for the Youth Services Librarian position with Sno-Isle Libraries. As a student in library science and a patron of the Sno-Isle system, I have become familiar with the branches and populations served by the libraries and find that my personal goals and professional values align with those of the system. The skills and experiences that I have cultivated throughout my degree program have prepared me for success as a Youth Services librarian. I am excited by the possibilities of projects and activities that can be created to serve the populations of your branches.

Some of my most recent experience working with youth has occurred during my Youth Services directed fieldwork with the King County Public Library. I delivered storytimes both in the library and at partner organizations, supported outreach projects, and engaged with patrons at the reference desk. While working in this position, I focused my development on reference experience, customer service, program delivery, and outreach. Additionally, my capstone project involves working with the BiblioTEC program at Kitsap Regional Library to create a sustainable, replicable model that includes outcomes based curriculums. I enjoy working with children and teens from all backgrounds and look forward to providing these services as a Youth Services Librarian.

Other experience I have working with youth populations include work as a summer camp counselor for 5th and 6th grade girls. In that role I served as the main care provider for camp attendees; I also created and led group programs such as arts & crafts and song time. Prior to starting my MLIS degree, I spent a few years developing my communication and instructional skills as an English teacher in Japan. In this position, I created and delivered curriculum for students between the ages of 8 and 12. I also helped provide resources for parents so that they were able to incorporate some of the activities we were doing in the classroom at home.

As a student and professional specializing in youth services, my resume reflects the diversity

of experiences that make me a great candidate for a Youth Services Librarian. I am passionate about working with youth and hope to bring my experience and skills to your team. I look forward to speaking with you further about my candidacy. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Gail Graduate