## Course:

# Library, Information & Archive Services Assistant

#### What is the role?

Supporting the needs of existing and potential users for access to information in an ethical and fair or appropriate manner.

#### Knowledge, skills and behaviours

#### The core skills to be developed include:

- Interpret and implement policy, e.g. communicating clearly the basic copyright restrictions and reasons for not sharing personal data.
- Undertake regulation and compliance checking, e.g. in order to ensure data protection is not breached.
- Solve user problems in a range of situations using their knowledge and interpretation
- Use teamwork and collaboration to achieve goals, e.g. with stakeholders and partners beyond the organisation
- Develop information and digital skills to support users to identify, find, access and evaluate information, to share knowledge and to promote self-help
- Use information provision to enable users to access materials, e.g. through lending books/artefacts, emailing documents, accessing original archives, signposting links to information
- Exercise communication skills oral, written, presentation, interpersonal, listening, assertiveness (online and face to face).

#### What are the entry requirements?

Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the End-Point Assessment. For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement, the apprenticeship's English and maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3. A British Sign Language (BSL) qualification is an alternative to the English qualification for those whose primary language is BSL.

#### What can I do after this apprenticeship?

This apprenticeship is designed to prepare successful apprentices to meet the requirements for registration as:

- Certified Member of CILIP (ACLIP), subject to becoming a member
- Foundation Member of the ARA (FMARA), subject to becoming a member

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Total Duration: 20 months\*

Practical Period: 18 months

**EPA Period: 2 months** 

**Apprenticeship Level: 3** 

Total Cost: £6,000

#### **EPA Organisation: -**

End-point assessment (EPA) organisations ensure that all apprentices following the same standard are assessed consistently.

#### **Assessment Method**

Project Report and Presentation with Q&A Professional Discussion

\*Based on a 52 week contract at a minimum of 30 hours a week.

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#### Continued:

#### Knowledge

- The organisation's place within the wider, national library, archive, knowledge and information management sector and the regulations regarding information use such as copyright, intellectual property, licensing and data protection.
- The nature of information and the value of its various forms, i.e. primary and secondary sources, print and digital (including databases); current, semi-current and archival
- The management of information resources and the importance of organising information, e.g. labelling, storing and the role of catalogues and search tools.
- The methods for storing analogue and digital collections and which media serves the purposes best, e.g. packaging of physical resources, use of online repositories.
- The means of acquiring, maintaining, disposing of and locating documents, according to the organisation's collection management guidelines and legal obligations
- The specific features of archives, media, etc., (as distinct from other forms of collection), their legal and historical value, and archival principles
- The nature of knowledge, intellectual capital and the social networks through which they are shared and exploited
- The use of collaborative tools and activities such as Google Drive and Groups, Sharepoint and Enterprise Social Media
- The role that information professionals and services play in developing knowledge and literacy (reading, writing and numeracy) and general cultural enrichment.
- The capabilities of web-based technologies and content management systems of particular relevance to the sector, e.g. to provide alternatives, to store and search for information]
- Users' needs and information-seeking behaviour and how different information services cater to different types of user and how services might impact users differently, depending on their age, disability, ethnicity, etc.
- Methods for promoting services and collections to users and nonusers and how to guide them through their information-seeking / learning journey
- The impact of online environments/spaces and physical spaces on the provision of services
- How to evaluate existing services against benchmarks / standards / customer need

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#### **Skills**

- Use information management processes to store, manage and retrieve records and data to support collaboration, exploitation and the organisation's Information Management (IM) practices
- Describe and arrange material/resources, by observing and applying identified cataloguing standards in order to create online catalogues and other finding aids to meet users' needs
- Employ information retrieval techniques to identify and use relevant media and systems, e.g. searching online databases, catalogues or physical stores, and EDRMS (electronic document record management systems).
- Perform preservation (analogue/physical and digital) practices to keep collections physically safe using institutional/sector guidelines, and supporting work that provides digital access by creating alternatives that meet a range of user requirements
- Use enquiry techniques to clarify and meet users' information requirements and manage expectations, e.g. by signposting to alternative resources and providing solutions
- Develop knowledge sharing with users, cultivating an environment where knowledge is freely shared and sought within a 'safe' environment, including online solutions
- Use relevant approaches to learning support to contribute to the development of learning activities for different audiences to enhance knowledge and literacy, e.g. reader development
- Select and use appropriate tools and technologies to support users in researching and disseminating information, e.g. databases, search engines, digital libraries, repositories and social media

#### **Behaviours**

- Adaptable to change, solutions focused and practise in an ethical and legal manner
- Respect for the integrity of information items and for the intellectual effort of those who created them
- Demonstrate leadership and initiative within the boundaries of specific tasks and work collaboratively with others
- Attentiveness, ensuring resources provided and access are most appropriate to user needs
- Concern for the public good in all professional matters, including respect for diversity within society, and the promoting of equal opportunities and human rights
- Protect the confidentiality of all matters relating to information users
- Informative and supportive, ensuring users are aware of the full scope and remit of the service
- Act as an advocate for the benefits and value of the services delivered and adpot concern for the conservation and preservation of our information heritage in all formats



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