

Hardin County Public Library

Address: 100 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Website: <https://hcpl.info/>

Internship Description/Duties

Library Social Work interns can perform these and other roles at their public library internship site:

- Creating a welcoming environment by greeting patrons warmly and giving excellent customer service. Demonstrate commitment to the mission, vision, and values of the library as well as demonstrate professionalism by adhering to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.
- Identify and engage with individuals who may benefit from social service resources.
- Provide basic information and referral on social/human service resources, mental health supports, health and social determinants of health, crisis supports, and other resource specific to library community service area and populations and their needs;
- Collaborate with community organizations to bring patrons and staff relevant training and learning opportunities, implement joint programming, and evaluate needs.
- Provide basic case assessment support to library patrons around information and referral per above to allow for community level follow-up as needed - however, this will be only short term case support;
- Assist Library staff in community outreach and assessment, as well as analysis of those assessments relative to library programs and activities;
- Assist in developing and implementing programs and activities in response to community needs, especially in areas of mental health, health/social determinants of health, human/social service issues, children and youth, employment & education/training, among other areas as identified.
- Perform other duties in support of library community programming, outreach, special events, fundraising, and related activities that help students understand community, organization, and patron context of the library.

Participation Commitments:

Ongoing participation is crucial to the success of this training program. Students will also participate in a weekly supervision session with an off-site field instructor. A field supervisor will be on sight.

Eligibility: Full time students enrolled in the MSW Program. Must be in a Specialized year (year 2 in MSW or Advance Standing).

Application Requirements

1. Updated Resume
2. Cover Letter addressed
 1. Why are you interested in library Social Work?
 2. What should the role of a library be today?
 3. How do social workers help this role?
 4. What experience do you have in community outreach and program planning?
3. List of 3 professional or academic references
4. Email resume, references, and cover letter to hcplreneh@gmail.com and shameka.hardin@hardin.kyschools.us