

Tillamook County Library Volunteer Position Description
Community Conversation Facilitator

Job Summary:

Community conversation facilitators assist library staff with community conversation programs. Community conversations are events aimed at bringing together residents of Tillamook County to discuss local, state, and national issues in a respectful environment. The goal of community conversations is a broader understanding of the diverse perspectives on these issues instead of agreement. The role of the facilitator is to moderate the discussion, provide structure and keep participants on topic, and to make sure all participants feel heard. This position will report to the Community Conversation Coordinator.

Duties:

- Facilitating community conversations, which are small group discussions, usually lasting 90 minutes and consisting of less than fifteen people
- Preparing for conversations by researching topics

Skills required:

- Active listening skills
- Willingness to leave personal beliefs outside of the event and listen in a respectful and nonjudgmental manner to all participants
- Be willing to spend time creating/developing appropriate programming

Requirements:

- Be 18 or older
- Pass a background check
- Complete an interview with the Community Conversation Coordinator
- Must undergo community conversations training (online, self-paced)

I have read the above and agree to participate in the library volunteer program:

Print name _____

Signature _____