**Director of Government Relations and Advocacy**

The New York Library Association is seeking candidates for this full-time salaried, position of Director of Government Relations and Advocacy. The position is primarily responsible for the development and delivery of ongoing advocacy and communications to elected officials and library advocates about the value of libraries to education, economic development and as centers of community. This individual will develop and maintain positive relationships with policy makers and library community leaders, working with them to improve library funding, services and resources through advocacy, public policies, programs, and regulations. While the primary activities of the position are related to advocacy, the individual is expected to integrate with the NYLA staff, and assist with general organization functioning and activities.

The successful candidate will be enthusiastic and have excellent interpersonal communication skills; they will be comfortable presenting to both small and large audiences. They will have a passion for library issues affecting the profession and the public and will have an entrepreneurial spirit seeking to find new and creative ways to meet the dynamic needs of the association’s members. A working knowledge of the library infrastructure of New York State is desirable. The position will report directly to NYLA’s Executive Director.

**Qualifications & Qualities**

Candidate must have experience with government relations, advocacy, and legislative-related initiatives. They will have a demonstrated level of experience developing and successfully advancing policy initiatives. Candidates must also have exceptional written and oral communications skills and possess a strong attention to detail and accuracy. Preference will be to candidates with 3-5 years professional experience in the area of non-profit association government affairs. Minimum Education Required: BA/BS. Government experience welcomed; those subject to a lobbying ban need not apply.

**Compensation**

Salary: $65K Annually

NYLA offers a competitive benefits package including employer-paid health insurance, a 403-b retirement plan, paid holidays, vacation, and sick time.

**About NYLA**

The New York Library Association (NYLA), an Albany based 501(c)3 non-profit membership association, representing over 4,000 public, college, school, and special librarians and libraries throughout New York State.

Submit Resume and Cover Letter as PDF by December 16:

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