



Science in Play2Go Play Specialist (Seasonal Temporary)

Location: LaRue County Public Library, 215 Lincoln Dr, Hodgenville, KY 42748

Employment Dates: Early May 2024 through Mid August 2024

Job Overview:

Designed by Kentucky Science Center and coming soon to a library near you, Science in Play2Go is a state of the art progressive exhibit with the express purpose of encouraging children to be discoverers of knowledge and champions of their own growth. Through play, this exhibit puts a strong emphasis on the act of scientific thinking rather than scientific content.

Children have superpowers. They are experts at play. The successful Play Specialist will be somebody who loves to play and is excited about supporting and encouraging play in children. Play is at the heart of everything that children do, so it should also be at the heart of everything we do to support their learning and development.

As the Play Specialist, you will be responsible for helping to get the library ready to receive Science in Play2Go, maintaining the exhibit, and implementing and facilitating programs for school groups, families and teachers.

Our Story:

Already recognized as a leader in inquiry-based learning, Kentucky Science Center is advancing a statewide science literacy campaign to encourage people of all ages to explore science in everyday life. Its flagship location in Louisville, KY's historic Museum Row, welcomes visitors from across the globe with 3 floors of interactive exhibits and movies on a 4-story screen. With daily programming for children, families, and adults, the Science Center plays an ongoing role in the region as a resource for caregivers and teachers, a gathering place for the science community, and a chosen source of entertainment for all. Its designation as the State Science Center of Kentucky in 2002 underscored the Science Center's history of reaching all audiences through its mission to DO SCIENCE in ways that are engaging, educational, and entertaining to inspire a lifetime of learning.

Reports to: Manager of Early Childhood Education, Kentucky Science Center

Areas of Concentration:

- 60% - Playing in Science in Play2Go with visiting children, families, and field trips
- 20% - Cleaning, restaging, and maintaining Science in Play2Go
- 10% - Reaching out to and scheduling potential field trips
- 5% - Administering surveys to visitors
- 5% - Communicating with the Manager of Early Childhood Education at the Flagship

The Play Specialist is responsible for:

- Creating a fun and welcoming environment for visitors to Science in Play2Go
- Working prior to the arrival of Science in Play2Go at the library to ready the community, library staff, and yourself.
- Helping to set up field trips, special programs and events around the Science in Play2Go experience.
- Keeping track of and communicating about the maintenance and materials needs of the exhibit.
- Presenting programs and activities associated with Science in Play2Go that accurately reflect the mission of the Kentucky Science Center and conform to strategic goals, objectives and outcomes.

- Assisting in the training and coaching of library staff and volunteers assigned to the exhibit.
- Communicate daily with the Manager of Early Childhood Education
- Encouraging visitors to complete evaluation forms regarding Science in Play2Go

Hiring Process:

Kentucky Science Center celebrates diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees and guests. All employment decisions are based on qualifications, potential, merit, and business needs. To apply, send an email to chris.mceachron@kysciencecenter.org, go to the following website , or scan the QR code below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv2-KTVqPHTyh-RKtcAVkeFdkQX7W5KQrrXO7X4sHEunIKg/viewform?usp=share_link

**The ideal candidate will:**

- Enjoy playing and having fun.
- Enjoy working with children and their families.
- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of hire.
- Be able to work comfortably with the public of all ages and backgrounds.
- Be organized, efficient, and adaptable; good critical eye for spotting small issues before they become problems.
- Have the ability to work proactively with little direct supervision.
- Appreciate working in a dynamic environment.
- Be excited about learning - both when it comes to themselves and others.

Physical requirements of the job:

The Play Specialist must be able to read and closely examine items and information. They will spend a considerable amount of time interacting with children, moving, picking items up off of the floor, stretching, and manipulating objects with fingers and hands. They must be able to lift up to 40 lbs.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Starting pay at \$16 per hour
- Non-exempt position, working 25-40 hours per week depending on availability

Reasonable accommodation may be made to those who are able to perform the essential duties of this job. The Kentucky Science Center reserves the right to revise this Position Description, as it deems necessary.