



Family Book Connector

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The Oakland Literacy Coalition (OLC) is seeking a self-motivated and personable Family Book Connector to distribute books and promote literacy with children and families around Oakland.

This is a new, part time position based in Oakland, CA. Hours will vary by week (ranging from 3-15) depending on the number of scheduled events and may be on evenings and weekends.

This is an hourly position with compensation from \$18-20 an hour. The position includes sick leave.

In this role you will:

- Represent the OLC at in-person book distributions at events around Oakland for a wide range of communities.
- Assist with event set up, making sure books are stocked and organized, and interacting with families (adults and children age 0-18) to help them choose books to take home.
- Lead story-times at events.
- Share information and resources with families about how to support children with reading and literacy at home.
- Collaborate with the OLC team and organizational partners to ensure smooth operations and a positive experience for families.
- Communicate with supervisor and partners about what went well at events and what needs arise.

Knowledge, skills, and experience you'll bring to the OLC:

- First and foremost, you are an outgoing, enthusiastic, and hands-on individual who is excited about reading and literacy.
- Bilingual in English and Spanish preferred; at a minimum, the ability to understand and to make one's self understood to all Spanish speaking individuals.
- Experience interacting with or providing services to families with children, formally or informally.
- High standard of excellence, accuracy and consistency, personal integrity, and accountability.
- A commitment to collaborate, communicate, and engage effectively with people and communities of diverse backgrounds and histories, including communities where English is a second language.
- You are a self-starter with the drive and enthusiasm to navigate through ambiguity to produce high-quality results, and to work independently.
- You are a creative thinker, bold and confident with your ideas, and welcoming of feedback.
- You are passionate about the OLC's mission and committed to educational equity and justice.

- Ability to lift boxes weighing up to 50 lbs, unpack books and move them.
- Ability to get to locations all around Oakland, so having your own vehicle is beneficial.

ABOUT US

Building a future where all Oakland students are afforded their civil right to literacy will take all of us. That's why the OLC fosters a diverse coalition of community organizations and agencies with the mission of working together to ensure that every Oakland child learns and loves to read.

For over a decade the OLC has convened practitioners and providers from across the literacy and education field in Oakland. We continue to build our network as trusted partners, forging collaboration and pushing for educational excellence and equity. This position will primarily work with our new partnership with Eat.Learn.Play and the Alameda County Community Food Bank, on the [Eat Learn Play Bus](#), but may also be asked to work at other community events that the OLC participates in.

We are in an exciting phase of strategic growth and organizational development to deepen our impact as an innovative, effective, and sustainable literacy hub for Oakland. Our passionate and entrepreneurial team, led by two women Founding Co-Directors, is committed to fostering collaboration and continuous learning internally and across our network to advance our mission.

TO APPLY

Please send a resume and cover letter to Julia Sen at jobs@oaklandliteracycoalition.org. Please put "Family Book Connector" in the subject line. Priority deadline to apply is Friday, August 26th, 2022.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY + COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

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