

## DIRECTOR OF MERIDIAN-LAUDERDALE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Organization: Meridian-Lauderdale County Public Library

### Responsibilities:

The Administrative Board of Trustees of Meridian-Lauderdale County Public Library seeks a director who honors the value of public libraries, understands the importance of partnering with community agencies, fosters open communication with the residents and empowers staff by encouraging collaborative efforts. We are looking for a director who can articulate, support and promote the Library's mission as well as work in a highly effective manner with the Administrative Board of Trustees.

### Qualifications:

An American Library Association accredited Masters of Library Science or Masters of Library and Information Science degree is required and a minimum of five (5) years of public library experience, and at least three (3) years supervisory and administrative experience. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated record of outstanding customer service, leadership, vision, staff development, consensus-building, fiscal and facilities management. The new Director will be adept at creating and maintaining strong community relationships and knowledgeable about current library technology and trends in library service.

### Salary/Benefits:

Entry level salary \$60,000- \$70,000 depending on education and experience. Benefits include accrued vacation and medical leave; annual state approved holidays; participation in the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS); health, dental, vision, and state life insurance.

### Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, college transcripts, three (3) professional references and one (1) page description of his/her public library philosophy to: Mr Russell Keene, Board President, 3451 Rufus Martin Road, Meridian, Mississippi 39301, email: rkeene@lauderdale.k12.ms.us.

### Environment:

Established in 1913, the Meridian-Lauderdale County Public Library is located in the historic downtown Meridian, MS. The library serves a population of over 75,000 in the city of Meridian and Lauderdale County with an operating budget of \$ 1.3 million and an annual circulation of 205,071.

Meridian is the sixth largest city in Mississippi and Lauderdale County is located in east central Mississippi, bordering the State of Alabama. The area is served by two military facilities, Naval Air Station and Key Field, which provide over 4,000 jobs to the surrounding area.

Posted: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Library Web site: [www.meridian.lib.ms.us](http://www.meridian.lib.ms.us)