California Center for the Book Advisory Council - Job Description

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The California Center for the Book (CCFB) Advisory Council:

- provides essential input and feedback on current programs
- advises on the development of new programs, such as Californians: Community Conversations and the Adult Services Symposium for Librarians
- ensures that CCFB stays in touch with the needs of librarians across California
- helps CCFB promote programs and resources to librarians across California

We strive to create a council that is representative of the libraries and communities across California. We are seeking several dynamic library, literacy, or arts professionals who have a strong background (or interest in expanding their knowledge of) ADULT programming, grants, partnerships, outreach, and community engagement. Please review our mission and Library of Congress affiliation information below.

The Council was formed in the fall of 2015. We strive for full capacity at 10 council members. There is no established term of service. We rely on active, open, engaged council members. Meetings are held twice a year in March and September. Starting in 2017, meetings will alternate between Northern and Southern California. Attendance at one of the in-person meetings is required. Members are reimbursed for meeting travel expenses and provided with working lunches, but no additional compensation is offered. In addition to our in-person meetings, we communicate via email and social media a few times a month.

If you are interested in joining the Advisory Council, please email jrobbins@calbook.org with the following info in the body of the email by JULY 10, 2017:

- Name, Title, Library, Email, Phone
- Library Demographics - a short description of your community and your library/system
- Your Professional Background - No more than 1 paragraph summarizing your professional background and what you wish to bring to the Advisory Council

Applications will be reviewed and selections made by the CCFB Program Manager, in consultation with the current council members. Thank you for your interest!

California Center for the Book: Our mission is to help the librarians of California get their community reading and connecting. We help librarians develop and expand programs geared toward adults that promote civic engagement, reading, and lifelong learning. We also offer professional development and resources to achieve these goals. The public library is increasingly recognized as a trusted space at the heart of the community. We help California librarians align their traditional “brand” – books and reading – with their ever-expanding role as community builders.

Library of Congress Affiliation: We are part of a network of state Centers for the Book across the nation, all affiliated with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, promotes books and libraries, literacy and reading, and poetry and literature knowing that they are strong tools for creating and sustaining informed and engaged societies.

http://calbook.org/about/advisory-council/