

The Nashville Public Library has several internships available for Fall 2018. These all sound like great opportunities for a wide range of students. The following opportunities are available:

Archives Project: Werthan Bag Company

The Metropolitan Archives in the Nashville Public Library seeks an intern to assist with archival processing of records for the Werthan Bag Company, a family-owned firm that initially specialized in bag-making and textiles, and is significant in the business history of Nashville. Responsibilities include cleaning, arranging and describing an unprocessed collection of daily records, shipping information, correspondence and financial records. This internship provides an excellent introduction to archival preservation and processing.

Community Development

Adult Literacy is a dynamic facet of the Nashville Public Library's award-winning Bringing Books to Life outreach program, and the Library is seeking a qualified intern to assist Adult Literacy staff with new long-term, capacity-building projects. The intern will play a role in developing collaborative and innovative approaches to professional development, teacher training and volunteer management, in support of partner non-profits that rely on part-time staff and volunteers to teach ELL classes. Projects may include researching and recommending electronic resources; developing a series of podcasts about common teaching challenges; or serving as a catalyst for starting conversations about collaborative approaches to recruiting, training and retaining volunteer teachers.

Family Literacy

NPL's award-winning "Bringing Books to Life" literacy outreach program seeks a qualified intern to assist with Family Literacy initiatives. Responsibilities may include attending staff-led parent workshops to facilitate the distribution and collection of information, preparing literacy kits and other workshop materials, drafting copy for the program's literacy blog and updating blog photos and layout, and assisting with program evaluation. This internship is an excellent opportunity to gain insight into all aspects of educational outreach programming, and to build skills in outcome-based evaluation and assessment.

Gender Studies Archival Researcher

The Special Collections division of the Nashville Public Library seeks an intern to assist with research on new projects on gender studies, spanning topics in LGBTQ history and women's history. A qualified intern will assist staff with researching collections, developing materials, and planning future programming. The project may include assignments such as conducting research in archival collections and evaluating available sources; developing materials for an add-on module for civil-rights training; assisting with the collection of oral histories for a women's history project commemorating women's suffrage; and suggesting ideas for future programming based on research.

For more information, and to apply online, visit <https://library.nashville.org/support/internships>