

Customer Services Librarian

This role provides primary customer service support across Central and Outreach library branches, ensuring a welcoming, inclusive, and culturally responsive environment for all patrons.

Our Tikanga

Whanaungatanga

(fostering relationships and a sense of connection)

- We build on relationships established through shared experiences and working together.
- We get to know each other and take time to greet each other.
- We create opportunities to build relationships and share knowledge with a diverse range of people.
- We value the people around us and their unique contribution to the organisation.

Manaakitanga

(showing respect and care for others, hospitality, kindness and support)

- By showing manaaki we lift the mana (prestige) of all involved.
- We are part of the community and care about outcomes for external and internal customers.
- Our interactions with customers will respect and support their needs.

Kotahitanga

(unity, solidarity, togetherness and collective action)

- We have one shared direction and we all work together towards achieving it.
- We will stop doing anything that strays us from the agreed path to success.
- Our processes lead us to unified outcomes for our customers.
- We speak as one voice.

Atawhaitanga

(protection, stewardship, trust and a responsibility for long term outcomes)

- We deliver our responsibilities in the management and sustainability of our District in a trustworthy way.
- We collaborate and establish partnerships that enhance our role in the social, environmental, economic and cultural wellbeing of our communities.

Our expectations

As part of the Whangārei District Council we want to work as a team to deliver the best outcomes for our district. We are building our organisational culture around the principles of delivering for our customers, our organisational tikanga, working together, and focussing on outcomes rather than tasks.

That means we will:

- provide strong customer service to all our customers
- operate collaboratively as a total Council team
- deliver our services in a way that is best for the district (as opposed to best for the Council), and
- use our organisational tikanga to guide our decision making.

In short, we want you to think about what we are trying to achieve, and then work as a team to provide great services to the residents of our district.

Customer Services Librarian – that’s your primary task at Whangarei District Council. But working with us is much more than simply completing the task – it’s about how you go about doing the task, how you make a difference to the organisation, the ways you work with others, and how you deliver the best services to the district.

We’re continually looking at better ways of working together here at Council. We think each of us has a key role to play in making our district a great place to live. We do that by giving superb service to our customers; we do it by working together as a group; we do it by building a culture where we can all contribute our ideas; and we do it by focusing on our outcomes.

Where appropriate, we want you to be part of cross organisational teams, to bring your solutions to the table, and to work with those teams to implement them.

What you will do

- Promote a welcoming and inclusive environment to all library patrons; confidently relating to people of all ages and cultures.
- Provide primary customer service across Central and Outreach branches on a rostered basis throughout the working week, including but not limited to:
 - Processing check-ins, check-outs, and renewals.
 - Assisting with shelving and retrieving books.
 - Supporting patrons with photocopying and computer usage enquiries.
 - Handling general customer support tasks such as answering phones, responding to queries, and handling payments.
 - Delivering contracted support services to Library patrons (e.g. skinny jump).
- Be proficient in using library management systems and technology to assist users in locating and utilising library resources.
- Participate in the weekend roster.
- Optional involvement in supporting the Mobile Library as an additional driver.

All Team Duties:

- Work internally with colleagues to support each other, your team, the department and the wider organisation.
- Work internally with colleagues and externally with the public in a way which demonstrates our organisational Tikanga.
- Demonstrate flexibility and a high degree of team co-operation in all library activities.
- Actively engage in the creation of innovative ideas and actions to improve library services.
- Promote and support library programs, events, and services.

What we all do

- Demonstrate a commitment to cultural awareness in all aspects of work and development.
- Demonstrate a commitment to Council's Diversity policy in all aspects of work and development.
- Embrace training and professional development opportunities for continuing improvement.
- Undertake Civil Defence Emergency Management responsibilities if required

Customer service

- Demonstrate a "customer first" culture within the team, department and in the wider organisation.
- Act as a Customer Advocate in the team, department and in the wider organisation.
- See customer feedback as an opportunity to improve service.
- Develop partnerships within the organisation to meet customer needs.
- Contribute to the development of customer focused policies and procedures.

Health and safety

- Accurately and promptly report all accidents, incidents and risks by the end of the working day.
- Keep yourself and others safe.
- Adhere to all Council Health & Safety policies, procedures and guidelines.

What you will bring

- Strong customer service focus.
- Demonstrated work ethic.
- Friendly and professional communication.
- Ability to work flexibly in a rostered environment.
- Confidence using ICT systems.
- Organised approach to prioritising tasks in a fast-paced environment.
- A genuine interest in Library services.
- Physical fitness/the ability to be on your feet for most of the day.
- Full driver's license.

Additional Information

Financial responsibilities – Nil

Position Grade – 10

Organisation Chart – see below

