

TITLE/CLASS: County Librarian/Manager V

LIBRARY: Wilkes County Public Library, part of the Appalachian Regional Library

CITY: North Wilkesboro

BEGINNING SALARY: \$50,000. Generous benefits.

The Appalachian Regional Library is seeking a dynamic individual to become the next county librarian of the Wilkes County Public Library. Wilkes county is located south of Alleghany County in the northwest corner of North Carolina and in proximity to the Virginia state line. The Wilkes County public library consists of a main library in the town of North Wilkesboro and a branch library in Traphill. It has approximately 45,300 cardholders, which is nearly 68% of the total population of Wilkes County.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A master's degree in library science from an ALA accredited library science program, with a minimum of three years of public library administrative/management experience and certification by the North Carolina Public Library Certification Board. Excellent oral and written communication skills and management skills are necessary. Experience with managing a budget is required. Must have the ability to plan and direct the work of staff engaged in carrying out generalized and specialized library functions.

DUTIES:

The County Librarian provides professional guidance to a staff of twenty-one and is directly responsible for all public services, budget management, and internal operations (including facilities maintenance) necessary to the efficient management of a county library. This employee is the library's ambassador and is responsible for promoting the library and its services in the community. The County Librarian also participates in planning and budgeting with the Director, works with the other County Librarians in regional activities, plans and facilitates the meetings of the local library board, and maintains a good working relationship with the local library board, local Friends groups, and local funding agencies. The County Librarian directly supervises five departmental managers and indirectly supervises other employees. The county librarian reports to the ARL Director of Libraries.

AVAILABLE:

June 2026

APPLY BY:

Open until filled. Review of applications will begin May 4, 2026.

TO APPLY and for further information:

Send a cover letter addressing your qualifications for the position, a current resume, and a list of four professional references to hr@arlibrary.org. Questions about the position may be directed to HR.