POSITION OPEN: Librarian

The Miquon School is seeking a full-time librarian beginning in the 2018-19 school year. Miquon is a community that values racial, ethnic, economic, religious, gender, and social diversity and we seek applicants who represent and broaden that diversity.

Miquon is dedicated to preserving childhood, using innovative student-centered teaching practices, and developing children's knowledge of and appreciation for the environment. Time spent outside on our 10-acre campus including woods, fields, and creek is an integral part of every child’s Miquon experience. We value independent thinking, varied individual and collaborative approaches to learning, authentic assessment methods, and creative, child-focused approaches to curriculum development.

Founded in 1932 in a tradition of Progressive education that is strongly upheld today, Miquon is an independent, coeducational elementary school just outside Philadelphia for children in Nursery through the 6th grade. The school enrolls approximately 150 students in eight mixed-age groups, typically 16-22 children in size.

The Library Program
It is the mission of the library program to support students in their growth by developing an appreciation of literature and the skills to seek information. We want our students to view themselves as readers. We want our students to develop a love and appreciation for stories, and to recognize the value of great literature, and to love reading and books. We want our students to be competent library users and researchers; able to successfully present questions and seek out the answers. We want our students to confidently present their knowledge and creativity in a variety of ways; writing and illustration, multi-media presentations, and art projects are commonly used.
The Role
The librarian is responsible for supporting students as they become lifelong readers and learners. S/he functions as a traditional librarian, responsible for maintaining the Miquon Clisby Library and its collection. S/he also serves as one of our specialist teachers, maintaining a schedule where classroom groups from Nursery (age 3) through 6th grade attend library specialist class 1-2 times per week.

In the teaching role, the librarian designs and curates a library curriculum that is responsive, engaging, and Progressive. S/he is responsible for providing a supportive environment that is rich with learning materials -- print, digital, and visual/tactile; promoting and encouraging students to be critical thinkers and effective users of information; and building connections across disciplines to enrich our students’ learning experience. S/he also collaborates with classroom teachers and other specialists on curriculum and school-wide projects and participates actively in the life of the school, including teaching electives, leading assemblies, chaperoning school trips, and supporting student-led projects and clubs like Yearbook.

Qualifications
Minimum of Bachelor’s degree; Master’s degree preferred. Strong candidates will possess an MLIS or similar degree/certification and experience in independent schools and/or libraries.

The person we are seeking will have:
- An understanding of the value of progressive education
- A strong interest to help nurture and develop young children’s individual and healthy identities
- Knowledge of current Children’s and Young Adult Literature
- A dedication to social justice and equity, and the capacity to understand and reflect the diversity of Miquon’s families
- Experience with technology integration that supports teaching and learning as well as social media experience and digital citizenship
- The skills to communicate well, in writing and interpersonally, with families and colleagues
- A continuing desire for professional development and growth
- High energy, a strong work ethic, and a positive attitude

Salary and Benefits
The salary will be commensurate with experience. Miquon offers a benefits package that includes health, dental, and life insurance, retirement plan, tuition remission, and vacation.

How to Apply
Please send your resume, a cover letter that addresses your skills and experience in the areas listed above, and a list of three references to resumes@miquon.org.

The Miquon School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation in the employment of staff, admission of students, granting of financial aid, or the administration of school policies.