Training Course on Customer Service Excellence for Library Staff

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Library Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this Customer Service Excellence for Library Staff training, participants will be able to:

1. Master effective communication techniques for clear and empathetic interactions with library users.
2. Develop active listening skills to accurately understand user needs and inquiries.
3. Apply professional telephone etiquette to provide positive remote assistance.
4. Utilize positive language and framing to enhance communication and build rapport.
5. Confidently handle challenging customer interactions and resolve conflicts effectively.
6. Employ problem-solving strategies to address user issues efficiently and creatively.
7. Understand and implement library policies and procedures with a customer-centric approach.
8. Provide excellent service to diverse user populations, including those with special needs.
9. Utilize available library resources and technologies to enhance service delivery.
10. Promote library services and programs effectively to the community.
11. Contribute to a positive and collaborative team environment within the library.
12. Understand the importance of user feedback and its role in service improvement.
13. Continuously develop their customer service skills and adapt to evolving user expectations.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced service leads to happier and more engaged library users.
- Positive interactions build a stronger reputation within the community.
- Satisfied users are more likely to advocate for the library.
- Well-trained staff can handle inquiries effectively, saving time and resources.
- Proactive and effective service minimizes negative feedback.

- Empowered and confident staff experience greater job satisfaction.
- Staff can guide users to the right resources, maximizing their impact.
- A shared focus on service excellence fosters a more cohesive work environment.

Target Audience

1. Front Desk Staff
2. Circulation Desk Personnel
3. Reference Librarians
4. Library Assistants
5. Branch Managers
6. Technical Services Staff (with public interaction)
7. Children's and Young Adult Librarians
8. Outreach and Engagement Staff

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Module 1: Foundations of Customer Service Excellence in Libraries

- Defining customer service and its importance in the library context.
- Understanding the unique needs and expectations of library users.
- The role of library staff as community ambassadors and information navigators.
- Building a customer-centric mindset and professional attitude.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a library scenario where excellent initial interaction significantly impacted user experience.

Module 2: Mastering Effective Communication Skills

- Verbal communication techniques: clarity, tone, and pace.
- Non-verbal communication: body language, eye contact, and personal space.
- The power of positive language and empathetic phrasing.
- Active listening skills: paraphrasing, clarifying, and summarizing.
- **Case Study:** Examining a situation where miscommunication led to user frustration and how it could have been avoided.

Module 3: Handling Diverse User Interactions

- Providing service to users with varying levels of technological literacy.
- Communicating effectively with users from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Understanding and addressing the needs of users with disabilities.
- Strategies for assisting multilingual users.
- **Case Study:** Reviewing a successful approach to assisting a user with a complex information need requiring diverse resources.

Module 4: Addressing Challenging Situations and Conflict Resolution

- Identifying common challenging user behaviors and their underlying causes.
- Remaining calm and professional under pressure.
- De-escalation techniques for managing angry or frustrated users.
- Finding mutually agreeable solutions and setting boundaries respectfully.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a conflict situation in a library and evaluating different resolution strategies.

Module 5: Effective Telephone and Email Communication

- Professional telephone etiquette: answering, transferring, and message taking.
- Crafting clear, concise, and professional email responses.
- Maintaining a positive and helpful tone in written communication.
- Ensuring timely and accurate responses to remote inquiries.
- **Case Study:** Comparing effective and ineffective email communication examples in a library setting.

Module 6: Utilizing Library Resources and Technology for Enhanced Service

- Navigating the library's online catalog and databases effectively.
- Assisting users with digital resources and troubleshooting common issues.
- Leveraging library websites and social media for user support and information dissemination.
- Introducing new technologies and services to users in an accessible way.
- **Case Study:** Demonstrating how a library successfully used technology to enhance a specific user service.

Module 7: Promoting Library Services and Building Community Engagement

- Highlighting library programs, events, and resources to users.
- Creating informative displays and promotional materials.
- Engaging with the community through outreach initiatives.
- Collecting and utilizing user feedback for service improvement.
- **Case Study:** Examining a successful library outreach program and its impact on community engagement.

Module 8: Continuous Improvement and Professional Development

- The importance of self-reflection and identifying areas for growth.
- Seeking and utilizing constructive feedback from users and colleagues.
- Staying updated on best practices in customer service and library trends.
- Developing a personal action plan for ongoing skill enhancement.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing how a library implemented user feedback to make significant improvements to a service.

Training Methodology

This training program will employ a variety of engaging and interactive methods, including:

- **Interactive Lectures and Discussions:** Facilitating knowledge sharing and peer learning.
- **Role-Playing Exercises:** Providing practical experience in applying learned skills.
- **Group Activities and Collaborative Problem-Solving:** Encouraging teamwork and creative solutions.
- **Case Study Analysis:** Examining real-world scenarios and developing effective strategies.
- **Video Demonstrations:** Illustrating best practices in customer service.
- **Individual Reflection and Action Planning:** Promoting personal growth and application of learning.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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