

# Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory

## Volunteer Job Description

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<b>Title:</b>	Observatory Docent
<b>Supervisor:</b>	Astronomer
<b>Job Description:</b>	Docents participate in a wide range of activities for the visiting public such as leading tours, ushering for both day and night programming, and representing the Observatory at external community events.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	A minimum 4 – 6 hours per month
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<p>The qualities of the desired docent include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interest in astronomy (need not be an expert)</li><li>• Willingness to learn and ensure safe operation of facility</li><li>• Ability to communicate clearly and courteously with visitors</li><li>• Ability to ensure safety of equipment</li><li>• Comfort with simple facility maintenance</li><li>• Ability to commit to scheduled hours</li></ul>
<b>Training:</b>	Will include several shadowing tours, studying of observatory systems and specific astronomical objects.
<b>Evaluation:</b>	Continuing Review