Senior Bindery Operator

**JOB PURPOSE:**

Operates or tends binding machines that round, back, case, line stitch, press, fold, trim, and performs other binding operations on books and related articles.

**CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Operates or tends machines that perform binding operations, such as gathering, folding, cutting, stitching, rounding and backing, supering, pressing, and trimming on books and related articles.

Moves controls to adjust and activate bindery machine to meet specifications; selects, loads, and adjusts work pieces and machine parts, using hand tools and digital adjustments.

Feeds books and related articles into binding machines; threads spirals in perforated holes of items to be bound; punches holes in paper sheets and fastens sheets, signatures, or other materials; creases or compresses signatures before affixing covers, and places paper jackets on finished books.

Rolls, bends, smooths and folds sheets by hand; stacks sheets to be returned to binding machines; applies materials on books or related articles, using machine.

Stitches or fastens endpapers or bindings, stitches signatures, and applies glue along binding edge of first and last signatures of books.

Inserts illustrated pages, extra sheets, and collated sets into catalogs, periodicals, directories, and other printed products, and applies labels to envelopes, using hands or machine.

Examines printed material and related products for defects and to ensure conformance to specifications; removes books or products from machine and stacks them; wraps product in paper or plastic, using machine, and packs products in boxes.

Observes and monitors machine operations to detect malfunctions and makes required adjustments; cleans and lubricates machinery parts and makes minor repairs; cleans work area and maintains equipment and work stations.

Manually stocks supplies such as signatures, books, or paper; maintains records of daily production, using specified forms.

Trains workers to set up, operate, and use automatic bindery machines.

Performs other tasks as needed.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**
Ability to interpret and follow simple oral and written instructions.
Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools used to perform job duties.
Ability to operate the specific tools used in the area of expertise, including related tools and equipment.
Ability to operate a personal computer.
Ability to work in safe and efficient manner.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

**Education:** High school diploma or GED

**Experience:** Four years experience in high speed automated bindery operations.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Sitting, standing, walking, driving, climbing ladders, squatting/kneeling, reaching, grasping, pushing/pulling, twisting/bending, lifting/carrying up to 50 lbs. multiple times per shift, fingering, talking, hearing, and seeing.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Most time spent indoors with possible exposure to extreme hot or cold temperatures for one hour plus. Possible exposure to distracting/uncomfortable noise levels and vibration of body or extremities. Risk of bodily injury from mechanical parts, electricity, etc. Possible exposure to fumes, odors, etc. that may affect respiration and skin.

The intent of this job specification is to provide a representative summary of the types of duties and responsibilities that will be required of positions given this title and shall not be construed as a declaration of the specific duties and responsibilities of any particular position. Employees may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this specification.

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