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The public library has always been a significant resource for me throughout my years of attending public school. Through my volunteer work in the library, my role as the National Honors Society (NHS) Public Relations Representative, and my social interactions with others within the library, I have gained experience and knowledge that I plan to carry into my college education.

During my time as a volunteer in the library, I had the opportunity to engage in various activities that taught me how to organize efficiently and to pay attention to detail. Putting away books and Chromebooks required me to understand the importance of staying organized. The world of healthcare requires a fast-paced environment in which professionals must be able to stay organized. For example, this is important for medical professionals when organizing medical texts and patient records. Volunteering in the library helped me develop these skills and also helped me reach 120 community service hours and obtain a community service endorsement.

In my role as the NHS Public Relations Representative at my school, I helped host meetings in the library to keep people informed about service hour opportunities. Hosting these events in the library helped me develop my ability to organize events, lead discussions, and communicate ideas to others. I also worked under pressure, responding to the evolving needs of my peers. These experiences are similar to situations within healthcare because leading is

important and the medical world can change rapidly and often. The ability to convey information ensures that I will be able to advocate for my patients and work effectively with a team.

I would also often study in the library for my classes, in which we would participate in small study groups. Socializing in the library provided me with opportunities to build relationships and practice talking to others. Nursing is a very people-oriented profession so being able to connect, collaborate, and empathize with others is crucial. The interactions of reading, studying, and chatting with peers in the library have sharpened my social skills and my ability to work and converse with others which are vital for nursing where understanding a person's perspective can significantly affect patient care and satisfaction.

Overall, my time spent in the public library has taught me many different skills that I will carry on into my college education and future nursing career. From organizational and communication skills to building lifelong relationships, each experience has played an important role in my professional and personal growth. As I embark on this journey, I remain grateful for the experiences within the library that have helped me grow, knowing they will help me make a positive impact in the lives of my future patients.

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