### Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer 2017

#### Role Description

**Role Title:** Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer  

**Supported by:** Thurrock Library Service  

**Role Purpose:** To listen to children and young adults talk about the books they have read for the Summer Reading Challenge. Volunteers should ideally be between the age of 13-23 to apply for this volunteer role with parental/guardian consent to participate if you are under 16.

**Location:** Select up to 2 libraries which you can easily get to. Please note you may be given your second choice and travel expenses are not available.

### Tasks and responsibilities

- To assist library staff in encouraging children to join and complete the Summer Reading Challenge.
- To talk to children in the library about what they have read and help them to find what they want.
- Give out free stickers and reading rewards to registered children as they progress through the challenge.
- Record book information on basic registration cards as children progress through the challenge.
- Assist with some tidying within the children’s library.
- To attend the appropriate training session for the challenge.
- To ensure that reasonable care is taken at all times for the health, safety and welfare of you and other persons and to comply with policies and procedures relating to health and safety within the Council.

### Skills and experience

- Calm when things are busy, but able to cope when things are quiet.
- Good at talking to children about books and reading.
- Confident and enthusiastic about reading and sharing your enthusiasm with others.
- Good time-keeping.
- If you have previously worked with children please include details on your application form. This is not however an essential requirement.
- Volunteer hours can be put toward a youth award scheme, please include details in your application if you will be doing this.

### Time commitment

- Able to attend the initial training session and any follow-up feedback sessions
- A minimum of 15 hours during the Summer holidays (24th July-4th September).

### Council’s commitment

- Induction training and on-going support during the time(s) allocated.

**A DBS check will be required IF you are over 18 years of age.**