

Thurrock Council volunteer role description

Library Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer

Supported by	Thurrock Council Library Service
Role summary	To listen to children and young adults talk about the books they have read for the Summer Reading Challenge. Volunteers must be between the ages of 13 years-old and 18 years-old to apply for this role. You must have parent or carer consent to take part if you are under 16 years-old.
Location	Choose up to 2 libraries to which you can easily travel. We will try to give you your first choice, but this may not be possible. We don't pay travel expenses.
How to apply	Complete the application form at www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering-vacancies

Tasks and responsibilities

You will be expected to:

- assist library staff in encouraging children to join and complete the challenge
- talk to children in the library about what they've read and help them to find what they want
- give out free stickers and rewards to children as they progress through the challenge
- record book information on registration cards as children progress through the challenge
- assist with some tidying within the children's library
- attend the appropriate training session for the challenge
- take reasonable care at all times for the health, safety and welfare of you and other persons
- comply with policies and procedures relating to health and safety within the council

Skills and experience

You must:

- be calm when things are busy, but able to cope when things are quiet
- be good at talking to children about books and reading
- be confident and enthusiastic about reading and sharing your enthusiasm with others
- be good at time-keeping

You should include details on your application form if you:

- have previously worked with children, although this is not an essential requirement
- intend to put your volunteer hours towards a youth award scheme

Time commitment

You must be able to attend an initial training session and any follow-up feedback sessions.

You must commit to a minimum of 15 hours during the summer holidays, from July to August.

Support you will get

We will:

- provide induction training
- provide on-going support during the times allocated

This role requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for volunteers who are aged 18 years-old or older.