

# Thurrock Council volunteer role description

## Library Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer

<b>Supported by</b>	Thurrock Council Library Service
<b>Role summary</b>	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.
<b>Location</b>	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.
<b>How to apply</b>	Complete the application form at <a href="http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering-vacancies">www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering-vacancies</a>

### 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 reading rewards to registered children as they progress through the challenge
- record book information on registration cards as children progress through the challenge
- assist with some tidying and other duties as agreed 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 with 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