

Summer Reading Champions

Main purpose

To support children taking part in the summer reading challenge and assist with activities with children.

What would I be doing?

- Encouraging children to join and complete the Summer Reading Challenge in partnership with staff.
- Talking to children taking part in the challenge about the books they have read.
- Assisting children in choosing new books to read and encouraging children to explore different reading choices.
- Handing out stickers and other incentives to children who are completing the Summer Reading Challenge in partnership with staff.
- Assisting library staff with running activities for children during the summer.
- Creating book displays.
- Assisting library staff with reminder letters encouraging children to finish the Summer Reading Challenge.
- Contributing your ideas to the libraries on activities that we could run for children or events you would like to see taking place.
- Optional: Writing a short review, blog post, article or creating a short film on your experiences or on the summer reading challenge.

When can I do my volunteering?

We would like you to commit to either a 2-hour slot each week in your local library or 2 hours each day in a chosen week. However, this arrangement can be flexible.

Where will I be volunteering?

The Bristol City Council Library of your choice.

Who will be there with me?

Possibly other Summer Reading Champions.

Library staff will be on hand for support and guidance.



Support and review

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Parents will also have a second contact to discuss any special requirements, issues and feedback.

Training, resources and information

An induction will be given to the library, the summer reading challenge and the role. Ongoing mentoring will be given by the library staff.

Am I right for this opportunity?

This opportunity would suit someone who:

- Is aged 14- 24
- Enjoys being around young children and families
- Is confident speaking to children and adults
- Has good communication skills
- Is passionate about books, reading and libraries

What will I get from volunteering?

Some of the benefits are:

- Gain experience of planning, delivering, promoting and helping with events/activities
- Gain experience of working with children and families
- Opportunity to increase self confidence
- Socialising with local people with shared interests
- Gaining experience for CVs and job applications
- Have fun spreading your passion for reading
- Have the opportunity to continue supporting the libraries in further young volunteer roles

