Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national reading scheme which takes place every year during the summer holidays. Children sign up at their local library then read six library books of their choice to complete the challenge, collecting rewards as they progress. Volunteers will encourage children to take up the challenge, talk to children about the books they have read, help with administration duties and give out rewards. You may also be able to help out with other library activities such as supporting craft events and creating displays. The Summer Reading Challenge is very popular in Enfield and this is a great opportunity to encourage even more children to take part and develop their literacy skills.

What you will do

• Encouraging children to participate and complete the challenge
• Joining children up to the challenge and keeping track of the number of books they have read
• Promote the Summer Reading Challenge by giving out publicity and talking to children
• Respond to enquiries from parents and children about the Challenge, referring more complex enquiries to a member of library staff
• Encourage children’s reading through listening to them talking about the books they’ve read and/or reading to them
• Supporting the Library in the delivery of any Summer Reading Challenge related activities being run
• Putting up displays of children’s reviews/drawings

You will love this position if you have

• An interest in working with children
• The confidence to talk to children and their parents about the scheme
• An awareness of facilities and resources in Enfield Libraries
• Good literacy skills
• The ability to work without supervision

www.enfield.gov.uk/libraryvolunteering
What’s in it for you?

- Gain new skills and work experience around customer care and working with children in a professional setting
- Help children improve their quality of life
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Engage with your local community
- Have fun while learning new skills and helping others
- Volunteering can also help you stand out from the crowd which can make you more desirable to prospective employers
- Experience in engaging with the local community and children to put on your CV
- A reference for you when apply for a job

What do you need to know?

- Where will it be? You can volunteer for this role in all of our libraries across the borough. If you are under 18 you can volunteer for this role at our four hub libraries – Edmonton Green, Enfield Town, Ordnance Unity centre or Palmers Green
- When will I start? The Summer Reading Challenge runs between mid-July and mid-September each year
- How much time will it take? We can be flexible with the time and dates you can commit to this volunteer role although the Summer Reading Challenge runs from mid-July to mid-September each year
- Travel expenses can be reimbursed if required
- Previous library volunteers have successfully interviewed and are now employed in Enfield Libraries

If you are interested in the role please apply via our volunteer page