

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering

Covid-19: We hope to welcome Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer into our libraries. The evolving and uncertain nature of the Coronavirus pandemic, however, means Inspire may need to adapt the role from the one described. Any changes will be in line with government restrictions and will be fully discussed with prospective volunteers.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Every year all libraries in Nottinghamshire take part in the national Summer Reading Challenge. Children, aged 4 – 11, are challenged to read 6 books over the summer holidays. They collect stickers and other rewards for every book they read and are awarded a medal and certificate if they finish the challenge.

What does a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer do?

- Shares their own enthusiasm for reading by listening and chatting with children about the books they read on their challenge.
- Explains to children and their parents/carers how the challenge works
- Joins children to the challenge and encourages them to complete.
- Hands out stickers and rewards as children progress.
- Keeps our challenge records up to date by completing and filing registration cards.

Volunteers may also be asked if they would like to help out at children's activities run in the library. They may also help to re-shelve books in the children's library.

We'll give you full training before you start and there will always be someone on hand to help you.

What's in it for you?

- Gain experience of working with children
- Gain new skills and build confidence
- Meet new people

- Work as part of a team
- Receive a certificate for taking part.
- Volunteering shouldn't leave you out of pocket so we are able to cover reasonable travel costs to and from the library

Where are volunteers needed and when do they work?

There are several libraries in Nottinghamshire looking for volunteers (the full list is on the application form). You choose which library you want to volunteer in.

We ask that you try to commit at least 12 - 15 hours (but you can do more!) during the school summer holidays. Usually this means a 2 or 3 hour slot each week.

Interested?

Fill out an application form and send it to back to us by **15 June 2021**

Application forms are available online at www.inspireculture.org.uk/volunteers

Or you can contact:

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What happens once I send in my application?

If we think you might be suited to the role we'll arrange a short informal telephone interview with you.

Training sessions will be arranged early in July to ensure volunteers are ready for the start of the summer holidays.

We regret that we may not be able to meet with, or offer a volunteer place to everyone who applies.