

Reading Quest

Volunteer role profile

Background

Suffolk Libraries is an independent charity which is contracted by Suffolk County Council to deliver the library service throughout Suffolk. Volunteers play a key role in enhancing the services we deliver.

Are you passionate about supporting Libraries and young people in your local community? This volunteer role involves encouraging children to engage in conversation and share experiences through a journey of discovery throughout the summer.

2024 will see the launch of Reading Quest for children and their families with activities and challenges to take part in and then share with our volunteers

Commitment

The level of commitment for this role is up to 3-4 hours per week for a minimum of 6 weeks over the summer holidays.

Key elements of the role

Working under the direction of the Library Manager and Library staff, volunteers will:

- Join children to the Reading Quest and explain how it works
- Have the ability to adapt and tailor discussions with a range of ages and abilities
- Encourage children to share their views and experiences
- Hand out weekly rewards and prizes
- Help in the library with shelving and tidying when the time allows
- Agree to our volunteer terms and conditions

Person Specification

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Enthusiastic about libraries and encouraging children to learn
- Reliable and committed, attending all booked sessions and notifying staff in good time if unable to attend
- A good team worker, able to work with library staff and other volunteers
- Able to relate to children and interact in a positive manner
- 12 years of age and over (parental consent required for ages 12-18)
- Approachable, patient and able to listen carefully

If you are interested, please contact your local library manager or complete the online application form at suffolklibraries.co.uk/volunteer