**Challenge (title of role):**

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer

**Brief Description:**

We are looking for volunteers to support the Summer Reading Challenge, a national scheme challenging children aged 4-11 to read 6 books over the summer holidays.

**Role descriptor (what does the role involve in more detail?):**

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.

We are looking for volunteers aged 14+ to support the Summer Reading Challenge in a number of our libraries. As a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer, you will:

* Encourage children, aged 4 – 11, to join and complete the Summer Reading Challenge.
* Explain to children (and their parents and carers) how the challenge works.
* Listen and talk enthusiastically to children about the books they have read, and help them to choose new books to read.
* Hand out incentives to children as they progress through the challenge.
* Keep challenge records up to date by filling out and filing registration cards
* Help children use the Summer Reading Challenge website if required.

Volunteers may also be asked if they would like to help out at children’s activities run in the library. You 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!

In general, a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer should be prepared to commit to a regular time - a two or three hour session a week during the six week school summer holidays.

**Why get involved**

Volunteering in a library is a great way to meet new people, make new friends, enhance existing skills and develop new ones.

As a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer, you will gain experience of working with children, gain new skills and build confidence, and work as part of a team. You’ll even receive a certificate for taking part!

You’ll also make a huge difference to children in your local community, helping them to achieve their reading goal and building their confidence along the way. Each year the Summer Reading Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure, and you can be part of that as a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer!

**How to get involved**There are several libraries in Nottinghamshire looking for volunteers - you choose which library you want to volunteer in and click ‘accept challenge’ below. Once you’ve done this and filled in your details, you will be sent an application form to fill in.

If we think you might be suited to the role we’ll arrange an informal 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.

**Which time category?**

Regular

**Ideal skill(s)**

Customer Service

Reading/Storytelling

Working with Children 0-5yrs

Working with Children 6-12yrs

**Ideal interest(s)**

Books and Reading

Visitor Service/Front of House