



Role Profile - Reading Champion Volunteer – In Branch and Outreach

The role is about encouraging reading for pleasure by connecting it to the things people already enjoy, in the library environment and in everyday places like, homes, workplaces and communities. No specialist knowledge or previous experience is needed.

In the library environment

The library service runs a range of events in libraries aimed at different adult audiences. The aims of these sessions are to

- attract the widest range of library users and non-users to events
- promote the library as a community space
- promote reading and related activities
- promote our online resources
- celebrate our community and its diversity

Responsibilities

This is a role where you will be supporting other residents with reading for pleasure.

- to help set up the venue before the event
- to help prepare and distribute multiple copies of supporting materials if necessary
- to assist residents arriving for the session.
- to record the numbers of people attending events
- to distribute and collect event evaluation forms as needed
- to help with clearing away at the end of the session
- to assist with accessing our online resources & Apps
- to promote library services and encourage library membership.

Direct report

Library Manager or Assistant Library Manager would oversee your work. Generally, you would report to the person in charge on the day

In everyday places

Whether you are at a local social gathering or visiting friends, you are finding opportunities to promote how reading for pleasure can enhance their hobbies and lifestyle.

- promote the library as a community space
- promote reading and related activities
- promote our online resources (audio books, e-books and magazines)

Skills and attributes required for this role

- Enjoy reading for pleasure
- You must be able to relate well to others; this includes individuals of all ages.
- You must have a passion for hosting events within communities.
- You must have good communication and organisational skills and be able to engage with a range of diverse individuals
- You are responsible, confident, dependable and enthusiastic
- You are happy to lend a hand to most things



- Basic knowledge of using Apps on digital devices

Potential outcomes for the volunteer

- The volunteer will gain experience of working with residents
- Developing skills in working as a team, communication and customer care
- The volunteer will gain an understanding of how library services work and the role they can play in developing services
- The volunteer will receive any training necessary