Information about volunteering for Summer Reading Challenge 2016 “Big Friendly Read”

Are you a reading fanatic? Would you like to inspire young children to share your passion? Over the summer holidays Access Trafford libraries will be running The Big Friendly Read, challenging children aged 4 to 12 to read six books, receiving rewards along the way. As a volunteer you can help library staff run the challenge by talking to children about their reading, helping to run events and helping children to explore the Big Friendly Read website.

- **This opportunity is open to young people aged 16 to 24.**
  If you want to volunteer you need to download, complete and hand in a signed application form. You can also pick up a printed form at any Trafford library. The closing date for applications is Friday June 10th
  **Note: We may not accept late applications.**
- You will need to provide details of someone we can contact for a reference, and you will not be able to volunteer if we do not receive a satisfactory response from them.

**Role Title:** Summer Reading Challenge “Reading Hack” Volunteer

**Where:** Access Trafford Libraries

**When:** July to September 2016

**Commitment:** Volunteer in the library for at least 10 hours. This could include:

- Two hours each week, on the morning or afternoon that the library children’s story and craft session takes place, during the school summer holidays. (*Arrangements can be made to accommodate holidays*)
- Help at a medal presentation event on either Saturday September 10th or Saturday September 17th - *(Optional).*
What is involved?

As a Big Friendly Read Reading Hack Volunteer your activities could include:

- Sorting the Big Friendly Read materials and putting up displays
- Signing children up to the challenge
- Helping children to find and choose books
- Listening to them talking about their books
- Helping children to use the Big Friendly Read website
- Helping with children’s activity or craft sessions
- Using activity sheets and other ideas to help children share their reading choices with their peers
- Collecting data for evaluation
- Helping with the medal parties

To become a Reading Hack Volunteer you will need to attend a training session at Altrincham Library at 6pm on Tuesday June 28th or at Stretford Library at 6 pm on Thursday June 30th.

Abilities you need to demonstrate and experience you will gain.

You will need to be able to explain things to children and to adults in a clear, friendly and enthusiastic way. You do not have to be very loud and outgoing as long as you can help and talk confidently to different kinds of people. There will, of course, be library staff there to help and support you.

The help of our volunteers is a very important part of our activities. This means we need you to be reliable and to turn up when and where you say you are going to.

The Benefits of volunteering for young people.

- Valuable work experience; especially good for those thinking of a career working with children.
- A reference for employment and CV evidence
- Develops confidence, social skills and literacy skills
- Making a positive contribution to your community
- A chance to make new friends