

Reading Friends Volunteer



Reading aloud to adults at a regular group, using library resources.

What would I be doing?	<p>You would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist in the preparation of themed readings for a regular Reading Friends sessions; • welcome people/person to the session; • partner staff and/or volunteers in reading aloud; • record the session on a log sheet.
Am I right for this opportunity?	<p>This opportunity would suit someone who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enjoys being with people and is a good communicator, comfortable to interact with others in a respectful and sensitive manner; • has a confident, outgoing personality; • is interested in books, reading and libraries; • is confident in using Zoom if volunteering online.
What will I get from volunteering?	<p>You would gain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • valuable training and experience that can be included in CVs and job applications; • the opportunity to meet and support others in the local community, or online.
When can I do my volunteering?	<p>Reading Friends sessions meet monthly, fortnightly year round, or at specific times to suit you and the person receiving Reading Friends support. Each session lasts one hour plus 15 minutes for set-up and 15 minutes for tidy up. You would also spend time identifying and reading extracts in preparation – 2 to 3 hours per month depending on frequency of sessions.</p>
Where will I be volunteering?	<p>You will normally be expected to volunteer in a library. This may be your local library or another library of your choice if the opportunity is only available there. This role could also be completed virtually through Zoom, or over the phone.</p>
Who will be there with me?	<p>You will initially be supported by a member of library staff. Once experienced, you may be expected to run a session with either a staff member or another volunteer. Library staff will always be present in the building. You'll be working independently if delivering sessions through Zoom or phone.</p>
Support and review	<p>Regular support and guidance will be given by a named library contact.</p> <p>There will be an agreed trial period to ensure that all is going well – another volunteer role may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties.</p>
Training, resources and information	<p>A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate.</p>

