

## Being a Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) Volunteer

### What it involves

Your main role will be to staff the Summer Reading Challenge desk/point (points 1-5). This year we will have a drop-in simple, craft activity available at the Library. Volunteers will distribute craft materials and explain to children and parents what they need to do. The activity will change each week (point 6). You may also be asked to assist with administration of the challenge if the library is quiet (points 7-8). You will receive training and you will be supervised while volunteering in the library – library staff will be continuing with library routines and are there to help as necessary.

SRC	Main Responsibilities
1	Ensuring all the Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) materials are out on SRC desk/point
2	Staffing the SRC desk/point
3	Welcoming families to the SRC
4	Joining children to the SRC
5	Listening to children talking about the books they have read at each of their 3 visits; recording progress; awarding the appropriate incentives; explaining the next step.
6	Facilitating children and parents with a prepared craft activity & tidying up afterwards
7	Assisting staff with the general upkeep and tidiness of the children's library area (and courtyard at the Core)

### Desirable Skills

- Being approachable; relating to children/ young readers with understanding and confidence
- Listening well and knowing when to make suggestions for children's reading
- Talking with children about their reading with respect and without judgement; treating them as individuals and as equals
- Good team player – able to work independently and as part of a team with attention to detail
- Being aware of children's safety and well-being in the library at all times.
- All applicants aged 16 or over will be required to apply for an enhanced check with the DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service)

### Training and Support will be given by Library Managers

Managers will welcome the Volunteer into the library, provide an induction and orientation programme around the library, health and safety information and training for the specific task