

Being a Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) Volunteer

What it involves

Your main role will be to staff the Summer Reading Challenge desk/point. 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 |
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| 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 | Assisting staff with the general upkeep and tidiness of the children's library area as required |

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.