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Volunteer Position Description

Storytime Volunteer

Position Overview and Impact:
Lead a half-hour program of stories and activities that introduce preschoolers and toddlers to the delights of the library.

Key Responsibilities:
1. Plan storytimes that include age-appropriate books, rhymes, songs and activities.
2. Engage young children with stories and activities during scheduled library storytimes.

Qualifications:
- 18 years of age or older
- Enthusiastic about children's literature
- Able to perform three key early literacy activities: reading aloud (and using other formats, such as flannel stories, after training), singing (no special skill required; chanting okay), and playing (fingerplays and action rhymes).
- Possess a clear, expressive reading voice
- Able to entertain a group of young children and their parents
- Dependable
- Successful background check

Training and Support Provided:
- Orientation to the library and its policies; initial training
- Yearly workshops with other storytime volunteers
- Storytime and theme handbooks as well as a special collection of books, puppets, flannel stories, and more
- Access to Children Service's staff as needed

Benefits of Volunteering:
- Bring joy, wonder, and stories to children
- Increase parents' knowledge of library resources for early learning
- Share your enthusiasm for children's literature
- Experience fame among the preschool set

Time Commitment:
- An initial visit to a library storytime to observe.
- 3 hours per storytime (includes planning, set-up and clean-up)

Length of Commitment:
A minimum of five story times

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