Volunteer with Neighbourhood Services (Libraries and Community Centres) to support…

Space Chase
our 2019 Summer Reading Challenge

We are thrilled to announce our Summer Reading Challenge theme this year – Space Chase.

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual scheme designed and supported by The Reading Agency and delivered by local libraries all over the country. The aim of the challenge is to encourage and support children to read during those long summer holidays.

We have the libraries. We have the books. We have the expertise.

We need you!

To give our children a Summer filled with the magic of books and stories we need enthusiastic, motivated and reliable volunteers. In return, we can promise you a fun filled, rewarding summer of exciting opportunities and challenges as well as a chance to gain valuable work experience and build confidence and knowledge. You’ll be working in a fun and supportive environment and be invited to attend one of our SRC volunteer project briefings.

Interested? Please read on for all the details…

We are looking to build a core team of volunteers to help us take a ‘Family Fun Day’ event on tour around our 16 libraries. We need volunteers who are available to help at a number of events (not necessarily all 16) in libraries around the city and will pay travel expenses. Events will take place throughout July and August; specific dates to be confirmed.

You will need to be…

- **Reliable** – turning up at agreed times. We know things happen but, if you can’t come to an event you have agreed to take part in, please let us know as soon as possible.
- **Enthusiastic** – about children’s books, reading and stories, and about providing good opportunities for all children to access these.
- **Confident** – in talking to children and adults.
- **Flexible** – willing to carry out a variety of tasks at our events, including setting up and packing away.
We will provide…

- **Knowledge** – our project briefing will give you a basic introduction to children’s literature and show you how to help children to choose appropriate books.
- **Expertise** – working alongside library staff will further enhance your knowledge and skills and give you a good experience of an important aspect of our work.
- **Support** – if you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your volunteer role, there will be someone you can talk to.
- **Experience** – valuable work experience for anyone keen on working with children, in children’s literature or any related field or anyone else who wants a fun filled working experience in a warm, friendly and professional environment.
- **A reference** – this is your chance to gain a glowing reference from a respected professional organisation. You’ll have to earn it but you'll have fun doing so and we promise that your effort will not go unrewarded.
- **A chance to** – be part of a team, make new friends, share your skills, learn from others and engage with local communities

We strongly encourage all volunteers to attend **one** of our project training sessions in preparation for volunteering. The sessions are on:

- Saturday 11th May - 11am - 1pm
- Tuesday 14th May - 5 - 7pm
- Wednesday 22nd May - 5 - 7pm

All sessions will be held at:

School Development Support Agency  
Alliance House,  
6 Bishop Street,  
Leicester  
LE1 6AF

**To apply please fill in our online expression of interest form.**

* If you are interested in volunteering in a particular library, it is still worth getting in touch, we may have an opportunity available for you.*