




Story Time Volunteer Job Role

Location

Countywide – in most libraries throughout Gloucestershire

Purpose





-  To assist the library staff in providing weekly story time sessions for pre-school children enabling an increased capacity for parents and carers and their children to participate
-  To help very young children develop a love of books and reading
-  To encourage families to join the library and borrow books

Time





Sessions vary at each library – please ask locally for details

This is an ongoing activity

Duties

-  To assist in preparing the children's library for the session – putting out chairs, toys and books
-  Meeting and greeting parents/carers and their children
-  Assist library staff with the weekly programme of story time activity
-  Assist with clearing the area once the session ends

Skills & Experience

-  Warm, friendly and patient personality
-  Able to relate to very young children and their families and interact with them in a positive manner
-  Imagination and creativity to aid lively and enjoyable story time sessions
-  Able to work as part of a team and on own initiative

Training

Gloucestershire Libraries & Information will be responsible for welcoming the volunteer into the library, providing an induction and orientation around the library, including health and safety training

Supervision

A member of library staff is the main contact person for the volunteer. To be identified in each individual library

Review date

All volunteer placements are subject to a review which usually takes place after 3 to 4 sessions, depending on the frequency. This is to ensure the volunteer and activities are properly matched

Accessibility

Libraries & Information strives to make volunteering accessible to all but some of the library buildings do not have full access and few have toilets for people with a disability. Parking facilities are variable. Additional information on individual libraries available

Additional information

If you require any additional information please speak to a member of library staff or access our volunteer webpage <https://gloslibraries.uk/volunteer-library>