

Teen Summer Reading FAQ

WHAT IS THE TEEN SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM?

The Teen Summer Volunteer program is a seasonal program at the Princeton Public Library for students entering 8th through 12th grade in the fall. It is coordinated with our summer reading programs. Our volunteers are library ambassadors that help us connect with teens in the community as well as promote summer reading.

HOW WILL VOLUNTEERING WORK THIS SUMMER?

Due to Covid-19, summer volunteering is going virtual.

All rising 8th - 12th graders are automatically registered in our volunteer program when they sign up for our 2020 Summer Reading.

Participants can earn up to 23 volunteer hours.

HOW DO I EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS?

There are two ways you can earn volunteer hours this summer.

Activity Badges: Each badge has five activities to choose from. You only need to complete 3 out of the 5 activities to earn a badge.

Each completed activity equals 1 hour of volunteer time.

You can earn a max of 3 volunteer hours per badge.

Review Badges: You can earn badges and volunteer hours for reviewing books. There are 5 book review badges. To complete a review badge you must read and review 3 different books. For every review badge you complete, you will earn 1 hour of volunteer time.

HOW DO I GET MY HOURS VERIFIED?

Participants must complete the 20 day reading challenge to be eligible to receive a letter verifying their volunteer hours.

If you have completed the 20 day challenge, you will automatically receive a letter verifying hours in September.

If you have additional verification forms you would like us to complete, you may send them to teenvolunteer@princetonlibrary.org.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

The first step is to register for the 2020 Summer Reading program at princetonlibrary.org/summerreading.

If you are a rising 8th - 12th grader, you are automatically registered in our volunteer program when you sign up for summer reading.

WHAT TYPES OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES CAN YOU EXPECT?

Each badge has 5 activities to choose from. You only need to complete 3 out of the 5 activities to earn a badge.

Types of activities include:

Testing your knowledge of the library's resources

Connecting you to the community

Disconnecting from technology

Getting creative

Promoting reading and learning

The Teen Summer Reading and Teen Summer Volunteer programs run from June 15 to August 15.

You must log your reading as well as activities and/or reviews by August 15.