

Would you like to be a STORYTIME VOLUNTEER?



Dependable adult volunteers are needed to help librarians set up and monitor children's storytimes, club activities or film programs at Manhattan Public Library.

Good customer service skills are essential, with the ability to maintain a courteous and professional manner with children, adults and staff. Previous experience working with children is desired. Potential volunteers will be asked to participate in a short interview and to provide information for a background check.

Volunteers should be able to commit to a schedule for a semester at a time. Volunteer shifts are usually 1½ -2 hours long. A specific schedule will be set after volunteers are selected, depending on schedules and availability.

Storytimes, clubs and other programs take place in either the Children's Room or in the library auditorium. Examples of the tasks/duties include:

- setting up or cleaning up tables, rugs, chairs, crafts, or snacks
- helping children get nametags and get settled in the room
- handing out instruments, newsletters, or other items
- assisting children with craft projects
- assisting with puppetry, flannel boards, or group activities
- helping children find their parents if they wish to leave a program
- encouraging children to participate with the group and behave appropriately

Children's staff will provide training on how to help manage group programs and the expectations for volunteers.

Interested adults should fill out a volunteer application form and bring it to the Children's Room. Online volunteer applications are available from the library's web page.

Teens (ages 13-17) can participate in the library's Teen Volunteer program. Check the "Teens" page for current volunteer information and application forms.



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