



Lead Book Start Volunteer

Position Overview and Impact

Douglas County Libraries elevates our community by inspiring a love of reading, discovery and connection. Volunteers are an invaluable resource in improving the quality of living in Douglas County.

As an experienced Book Start volunteer, Lead Volunteers assist new volunteers with the procedures of the program and guide them in best practices. Helping to build confidence, support learning, and promote engagement, Lead Book Start Volunteers will participate in a high quality outreach program that aids in the development of early literacy practices for young children.

Key Responsibilities

- Trains and guides volunteers on how to navigate the Book Start space and materials within the library
- Allows shadowing by new volunteers as part of the Book Start training
- Works with the Book Start Coordinator and staff members to recruit new volunteers
- Attends quarterly volunteer meetings
- Makes recommendations to improve processes, volunteer staffing, and Storytime experiences
- Presents a positive image of the library in communications and appearance while performing duties in the Early Learning Centers and In-home Childcare environments

Qualifications

- Ability to interact with new volunteers
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Expertise and ability to work independently as well as train/guide others
- Must have reliable transportation
- Background check passed

Training and Support Provided

- Orientation and review of lead role expectations with the Book Start Coordinator
- Support from Douglas County Libraries Book Start Coordinator and Book Start Staff

Benefits of Volunteering

- Our volunteers enjoy personal growth and interaction, a sense of community involvement, potential physical benefits of activity, work experience, and development of job skills.
- Book Start volunteers are key contributors to the success of children's academic, social, and emotional development.
- We provide a safe, pleasant environment and the opportunity to meet people and children from diverse backgrounds.

Time and Length of Commitment

- Minimum one hour a week for three months
- Shifts are during the weeks, during preschool hours

Staff Connection

- Kristin Davidson, Book Start Coordinator, kdavidson@dclibraries.org
- Designated Book Start Staff members at each of the Douglas County Libraries