



Senior Reader

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. Volunteers are an invaluable resource in the growth and sustenance of Douglas County Libraries (DCL). With your help, we provide resources for learning and leisure to improve lives in Douglas County.

DCL is invested in providing read-aloud programs to senior citizens at local assisted-living facilities and nursing homes, bringing literature and enjoyment to those often unable to visit their library branches and unable to read on their own. DCL provides enjoyment to our customers in the form of books, magazine, daily papers, internet, music and more. We encourage you to utilize all these resources as you best see fit with your listening audience.

Key Responsibilities

- Reads aloud to senior citizens housed in assisted-living homes or care centers within Douglas County
- Shares stories and converses with senior citizens with aging issues
- Represents Douglas County Libraries
- Interacts with senior citizens, staff at assisted living facilities, and library staff
- Reports monthly to Branch Volunteer Coordinator with volunteer hours and number of listeners at each session

Qualifications

- Love of reading and passion for senior citizens
- Loud reading voice, ability to enunciate, strong oral speaking skills
- Ability to work independently
- Patience and flexibility – you will be interrupted from time to time by members of the group.
- Dependability
- Must provide own, reliable transportation
- A background check will be performed.

Training and Support Provided

- Orientation to the library
- Training materials
- Ongoing staff support, including assistance with choosing material to read, if needed

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.
- Community volunteers are key contributors to the success of our libraries.
- We provide a safe, pleasant environment and the opportunity to meet people from diverse backgrounds.

Time and Length of Commitment

- Approximately two hours a week for three months
- Shifts are arranged with the senior-living facility and usually occur during weekdays

Staff Connection

Adult Literacy Specialist and/or other assigned staff member

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