

Teen Book Reviews!

Application Form

Want volunteer hours? Enjoy sharing your opinions? Earn hours by creating reviews about a book you've read by blogging, vlogging, or podcasting about it on VPL's Teen Vortex. All teens must complete an orientation session before they can start blogging, vlogging or podcasting.

Participants will earn one hour of volunteer time per blog/vlog/podcast that they create. However, volunteers may choose to use their already created review and apply it of another portion of the program and earn an additional half hour (30 minutes) for the same review but via a different format. For example, you will earn 1 hour for creating a blog post review and then an additional 30 minutes if you use the same review and create a podcast as well.

Blog Submission Criteria:

- Must be a review about a book you have read
- Must include the title of the book (and series title if applicable), the author, a summary, and your opinion of the book (did you like it? Not like it? Why?)
- Link the book to the VPL Catalogue
- Have appropriate tags
- Length of blog post: 300-500 words
- Be respectful and engaging
- Be creative!

All submissions will be subject to approval before posting. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in your dismissal from the program. Blog entries may be submitted at any time.

Vlog (Video Blog Posts) Submission Criteria:

- Must be a review about a book you have read
- Must include the title of the book (and series title if applicable), the author, a summary, and your opinion of the book (did you like it? Not like it? Why?)
- Must use royalty free images and/or music (or be original footage filmed by the video creator) if you choose to use images or music in your vlog
- Have appropriate tags
- Must be between 45-90 seconds
- Be respectful and engaging
- Be creative!

All submissions will be subject to approval before posting. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in your dismissal from the program. Vlog entries must be uploaded onto YouTube first. Vlog entries may be submitted any time.

Podcast Submission Criteria:

- Must be a review about a book you have read
- Must include the title of the book (and series title if applicable), the author, a summary, and your opinion of the book (did you like it? Not like it? Why?)
- Length of blog post: 300-500 words
- Be respectful and engaging
- Be creative!

All submissions will be subject to approval before recording. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in your dismissal from the program. Podcast reviews may be submitted at any time.

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Please complete all sections of the form:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email (**print clearly**): _____

Which program are you interested in? (check all that apply):

- ☐ Blogging
- ☐ Vlogging
- ☐ Podcasting

Name of School: _____ Grade/Year: _____

VPL Library Card #: _____

Home Branch: _____

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