

Preschool

Outreach

Project

Buncombe County Public Library

Volunteer Job Description: Read-aloud Volunteer

Volunteers will visit day care classrooms at least twice each month to conduct storytime programs for preschool children, ages 3-5. Storytime programs may include reading aloud from picture books, songs, fingerplays, and other age-appropriate activities. Read-aloud books and other materials will be provided by the library.

Training:

No experience or special talents are required. Training is provided in the spring and fall.

Requirements:

- ◆ A love of books and a commitment to the importance of reading aloud
- ◆ An appreciation of young children and their needs
- ◆ A sense of playfulness, patience, and flexibility
- ◆ Respect for cultural diversity
- ◆ Willingness to cooperate with child care providers, other volunteers, and library staff
- ◆ Ability to read fluently in English to groups of 10 or more children
- ◆ Attend training prior to placement
- ◆ Ability to provide your own transportation
- ◆ Willingness to submit to a criminal records check as required for volunteers working with young children

Time Commitments:

- ◆ A minimum nine-month commitment is required, with a one-year commitment preferred
- ◆ Training will take approximately 5 hours
- ◆ 4-5 hours per month, including travel time, preparation, & actual reading aloud