

Barnet Libraries Young Volunteers 2019

An opportunity for 14-17 year olds to help with summer activities!

General information

Every year Barnet Libraries run the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge. This is a national scheme to encourage 4 to 11 year olds to read during the summer holidays. The challenge is to read at least 6 books from the library. The theme for 2019 is **Space Chase**, inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

We launch the challenge on **Saturday 13 July** and it ends when the children go back to school in September. Children will visit the library to tell us about what they have read and to collect their free stickers and prizes. When they have read 6 books we give them a special award and a certificate for completing the challenge.

The challenge is always very popular in Barnet and we would like to give you the chance to help deliver this great scheme. It is very rewarding listening to young children and you will have fun with them sharing their joy of reading.

We would like you to help us by encouraging children to:

- Sign up for Space Chase – be enthusiastic!
- Fill in their details on a registration card – you can help them fill it out
- Borrow a range of books from a recommended list
- Complete the challenge – talk to children about books they have been reading

We would also like you to help us with:

- Giving out the free stickers and prizes
- Filing and organising the membership cards
- Shelf tidy in the children's library
- Help children to use the Space Chase website:
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
- Hand out and collect evaluation forms

Optional activities you could be involved in:

- Act as reading buddies – supporting children's reading
- Assist staff with art and craft activities for children during the summer
- Help with library displays

You must be aged 14 – 17. You will be expected to volunteer for 2 hours per session for 4 sessions (8 hours in total). This will usually be either 10am – 12 noon or 2.30pm – 4.30pm Monday – Saturday by arrangement with your chosen library. We are flexible and can work round any holidays you might be taking in the summer.



Please remember

You will not be alone. Experienced staff will always be there to help you!

What can we do for you?

- We will provide you with training before the challenge starts
- We will keep a record of the hours you volunteer for us
- We will make sure you are happy with the tasks you are asked to do and feel ready to carry them out
- There will be recognition for the volunteering you have done
- If you are working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award or Arts Award, this volunteering opportunity may count towards the hours you are required to do
- We can provide you with a reference for employment

Person Specification

We are looking for young people who are:

- Able to keep calm during busy periods at the library
- Not afraid to ask for tasks to do if the library is quiet
- Good at talking to young children
- Passionate about reading
- Committed to helping libraries and our customers

If you are still interested in volunteering with us, please fill out the application form available on the link from our Space Chase webpage and return it to us by **Friday 28 June 2019**.

You can send your application by email to natalie.pavlou@barnet.gov.uk or you may hand your application in to any Barnet Library.

We look forward to hearing from you!

www.barnet.gov.uk/spacechase

