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# ATTLEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Teen VOLUNTEER Application

(Applicants must be in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Work/Volunteer Experience:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Talents/Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time/days to volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

- Reasons for Volunteering: Love the Library \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Community Service \_\_\_\_\_ Other (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_
- If you are applying because of required service hours what is the number of hours you must complete \_\_\_\_\_ and when is the date you must complete them by \_\_\_\_\_.
- What Volunteer Position(s) are you interested in?  
Children's Room Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Book Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Teen Advisory Board \_\_\_\_\_  
Book Club Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ (See side two for definitions)

### Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that not every applicant will be chosen for a volunteer position at the library and a 6 month commitment is required of teen volunteers. Due to the high demand for teen volunteer positions the library is not able to offer positions to teens who need a very limited number of hours in a short period of time.

Please attach a one page or less personal statement detailing why you are interested in applying to volunteer at the APL. Return this completed application and your personal statement to the Attleboro Public Library.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Definitions of Positions:

## Children's Room Aide:

All teen volunteers fall in to this category. As a Children's Room Aide, volunteers learn how to shelve items in the children's room of the library and organize and maintain the collections. Other duties include occasional dusting, preparing crafts for story time, picking up toys in the play area, pulling books for displays and other tasks as needed. This is the main position every volunteer will participate in when they sign up for a volunteer shift.

## Book Reviewer:

A volunteer book reviewer works from home, reading and writing short book reviews that will be used on the library's website and social media accounts. The volunteer may choose the books they wish to review, the requirements are that they come from the library's middle-reader or young adult collections and that the book was published in the last 3 years. Reviews are submitted by email whenever they are completed and generally each review is worth 5 volunteering hours each.

## Volunteer Teen Advisory Board-

A few times a year the librarian holds a volunteer meeting which is open to all current volunteers. This group serves as the library's teen advisory board. During the meeting participants will hear about upcoming volunteering opportunities, provide feedback on library related questions posed and work on content for the library's YouTube page. Attendance at the meeting counts as one volunteer hour.

## Book Club Assistant:

Volunteers in middle and high school are welcome to act as a book club assistant for the APL's tween/teen book clubs. Book club assistants are required to read the chosen book club book for that month and attend the meeting where they will ask 3-4 discussion questions to initiate conversation within the group. Book club assistants earn 7 volunteer hours for their efforts.