Books Aloud Volunteer

**Reading aloud to adults at a regular group, using library resources.**

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| What would I be doing? | You would:   * assist in the preparation of themed readings for a regular Books Aloud group; * welcome people to the group; * partner staff and/or volunteers in reading aloud; * record the session on a log sheet. |
| Am I right for this opportunity? | This opportunity would suit someone who:   * enjoys being with people and is a good communicator, comfortable to interact with others in a respectful and sensitive manner; * has a confident, outgoing personality; * Is interested in books, reading and libraries. |
| What will I get from volunteering? | You would gain:   * valuable training and experience that can be included in CVs and job applications; * the opportunity to meet others in the local community. |
| When can I do my volunteering? | Books Aloud groups meet monthly or fortnightly year round.  Each session lasts one hour plus 15 minutes for set-up and 15 minutes for tidy up. You would also spend time identifying and reading extracts in preparation – 2 to 3 hours per month. |
| Where will I be volunteering? | You will normally be expected to volunteer in a library.  This may be your local library or another library of your choice if the opportunity is only available there.  This role could also be completed virtually using digital technology. |
| Who will be there with me? | You will initially be supported by a member of library staff. Once experienced, you may be expected to run a session with either a staff member or another volunteer. Library staff will always be present in the building. |
| Support and review | Regular support and guidance will be given by a named library contact.  There will be an agreed trial period to ensure that all is going well – another volunteer role may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties. |
| Training, resources and information | A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate. |

