

Volunteering in Youth Services

The Youth Services Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library offers the following volunteer service opportunities for students in middle school and high school.

Volunteers who complete their service will receive service hours for school, organization, and religious education requirements, as well as letters upon request.

Please note: Anyone seeking to fulfill court-mandated community service may inquire at the Library's reception desk.

Throughout the Year

Junior Friends of the Library (Age 11-15; 10 hours)

Junior Friends perform a variety of services in the children's area, including assisting with programs, preparing materials, and some light cleaning and straightening. Volunteers must commit to one scheduled hour per week for ten weeks. The Library offers four sessions of Jr. Friends: Winter (January to mid-March), Spring (mid-March through May), Summer (June to mid-August), and Fall (September through November or early December). Registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis. All new Jr. Friends must attend a brief orientation.

Group Volunteering (Age 11-15; 2 hours)

From time to time, Youth Services may offer short two-hour volunteering sessions for groups of up to 10 students. Group volunteering will most likely be scheduled during winter or spring breaks from school; check the calendar for availability.

Summer Only

Book Buddies (Age 12-15; Summer only; hours)

Book Buddies are students who are paired with, and read to, preschool-aged children who are not yet reading. Registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis, and all older Buddies must attend an orientation in early June. Volunteers cannot miss more than one session.

Summer Reading Assistants (Age 12-18; June through July; 20+ hours)

Summer Reading Assistants take reading reports and hand out prizes during the Library's summer reading program. Due to the detailed nature of the service, all interested students must complete and submit an application by May. Selected

volunteers must also attend an orientation at the beginning of June and agree to work at least two shifts per week during the seven weeks of reporting.

Print a copy of the application from:

http://www.oaklawlibrary.org/YSpages/YS_Teen_Volunteer_Application.pdf

For questions about volunteer opportunities in Youth Services, please contact us at 708-422-4990 or at [Contact Us web form page, same as from landing page leaf].

For other volunteer opportunities, go to:

http://www.oaklawlibrary.org/teen_volunteer.shtml.