

Reading to Children Volunteer

- Reports to:** Children's Librarian
- Time Commitment:** Approx. 1-2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months and 4 hours of training.
- Purpose:** Give children the joy of reading by reading aloud to either a small group or individual youngsters at a branch library. Reading occurs in the library's children's area at designated times throughout the day. Specialized training is provided to all incoming volunteers. This position requires fingerprinting.
- Qualifications:**
- Age 15 or older.
 - Desire to work with children.
 - Responsible.
 - Dependable.
 - Able to work independently.
 - Comfortable in front of a small group.
 - Strong oral communication skills.
 - Bilingual a plus – Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese.
 - Willingness to have fun.
 - Volunteers must be fingerprinted.
- Duties:** Selecting appropriate books for reading aloud
(Training provided).
Reading aloud to a group of 1-12 children at designated times (Training provided).
- Training:** 2 hours each day for two days. Training includes:
- Tips on selecting books for children of all ages, interests, and backgrounds.
 - Information on why it is important to read to children.
 - Strategies for working effectively with children and parents.
- Location:** Various branches of the San José Public Library.

If interested:

Pick up a volunteer application at any branch of the San José Public Library or print one from our website:
www.sjlibrary.org/about/sjpl/volunteers.

Return completed application to the library or mail to: Coordinator of Volunteer Services, San José Public Library, 150 E. San Fernando St., San José, CA 95112. Applications may also be faxed to (408) 808-2133.

Please contact the Coordinator of Reading to Children at 408-808-2171 or volunteer.sjpl@sjlibrary.org if you have questions.