

## **KEEP THIS TOP SHEET.**

### **VolunTeens—Entering grades 7-12 in Fall of 2025**

Thank you for your interest in our VolunTeen program. The work of our volunteers is valuable to us as well as to the community. BPL VolunTeens help keep the Youth Services Department neat and organized, prepare program materials, aid in supervising children's programs, and assist with other needed tasks. As a volunteer, you will be subject to the guidelines listed below. Please review these responsibilities and guidelines and make sure that you are willing to comply with them all.

The VolunTeen program is open to students in grades 7 - 12. VolunTeens commit to helping the library once a week for the 9-week summer session beginning **June 2** and ending **August 9**. Volunteer hours are scheduled around teens' availability. VolunTeens can expect to work 10 to 15 volunteer hours during the summer.

The Reading Mentor program is open to students entering 9-12th grade. Reading Mentors will share books and reading activities with new readers in the Read with a Buddy program. Mentors will commit to working 4-6 1-hour shifts on Monday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 from June 16 thru July 21.

Both VolunTeens and Reading Mentors will be given opportunities to help at children's programs in June, July and August. All are invited to help at the Annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 7.

***Registration begins April 1. Forms must be received by May 12th. Late forms may not be considered.***

All applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of their status by May 19th. If you have not heard from Ms. Carol please call 630-924-2744.

**ALL Volunteens MUST attend a mandatory informational meeting on one of the following dates/times.**

**Monday, May 19 - 7:30– 8:30 p.m. OR Thursday, May 22 - 4-5 p.m.**

**All Teen Mentors MUST attend a mandatory informational meeting on June 2 at 6:00 pm or schedule a meeting with Ms. Carol.**

## Advantages of the VolunTeen Program

- If you do your job properly, you are gaining valuable job experience.
- You have the opportunity to demonstrate good attendance, dependability, creativity, and interpersonal skills while you work with us.
- You are eligible to receive letters of recommendation for job references, Honor Society, as well as school and community awards. You may fulfill service hours for school, honor society and organizations.
- Your work serves people of all ages and is a valuable contribution to the community.
- Special events, perks, and treats for VolunTeens ONLY.
- It is rewarding and FUN!

## VolunTeen Guidelines

- Keep to your schedule and please be on time.
- Check in when you arrive and wear your badge.
- Complete tasks quickly and cheerfully.
- Dress appropriately.
- Keep your timesheet accurate.
- Do **NOT** bring friends, siblings, or children you are babysitting with you during your shift.
- Respect all rules regarding behavior.
- Remember YOU represent the library.

## 2025 Summer VolunTeen Application

VolunTeen \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Reading Mentor \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Medical Information (allergies, medication, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Taking: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergic to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to be a VolunTeen? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered in another location? (If yes, where?) \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this application, you state that you have received and read a copy of the VolunTeen Guidelines and agree to abide by the rules as set forth within, as well as those set out in the mandatory orientation meeting. Please remember that the staff relies on VolunTeens to assist with many programs and activities. It is extremely important for all VolunTeens to be on time and prepared for their assigned shift. Please also note that all assignments are important and should be completed in a professional manner. VolunTeens who do not show up for their assigned shift without giving advance notice to the VolunTeen coordinator will be released from the VolunTeen program after two occurrences.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
VolunTEEN Signature and Date

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Parent Signature and Date

**\*\*This application must be signed and returned to the Youth Services Department before any volunteer hours will be assigned.\*\***

**VolunTeens only: please indicate the days and times you are available to work:**

Grey shaded areas are times the library is not open for volunteering. Do NOT select any of these.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00-10:00						
10:00-11:00						
11:00-12:00						
12:00-1:00						
1:00-2:00						
2:00-3:00						
3:00-4:00						
4:00-5:00						
5:00-6:00						
6:00-7:00						
7:00-8:00						

Last day of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any known vacation dates, holidays, etc. on which you will NOT be available for work:

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Are you available to work the Ice Cream Social on **Thursday, August 7, from 4:30-8:30**? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

What strengths do you bring to the library's volunteer program?

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What are some areas of personal growth you'd like to work on?

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What kinds of projects interest you? (Circle all that apply)

Preparing art and craft supplies and projects

Technology

Maintaining the environment of the library

Working with library materials/organization

Assisting with programs

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Working with children