

Volunteer role description

Role Shared Reading Group Leader

Organisation Leicestershire Libraries in partnership with Leicestershire Shared Reading (LSR)

Activities

Bring great literature to life through the practice of Shared Reading!

The Reader's (www.thereader.org.uk) shared reading model uses a range of great literature to encourage the sharing of thoughts and experiences, allowing personal & social connections to be made.

As a volunteer you will take turns to lead a weekly Shared Reading Group for adults. This will involve:

- Selecting and preparing literature to read
- Reading aloud with the group and taking the lead in discussions
- Keeping and reporting a brief record of each session

Personal development opportunities

- Opportunity to put literary skills to work
- Enhance your communication skills
- Meet new people and engage with your local community
- Regular contact with the volunteer team, and mentor
- Access to ongoing support from The Reader to build on your initial training
- Be part of the wider libraries team across Leicestershire County Council

When? One session a fortnight, Wednesdays 10.30-12 plus preparation time

Where? Earl Shilton

Supported by Library staff / Nicky Bennison & Ruth Pointer for LSR

Is this you?

- Enjoys reading for pleasure
- Excellent reading ability and spoken English
- Good verbal communication skills, and confident reading out loud to a group
- A 'people person', interested in people and their stories. Kind, tolerant and engaging
- Willingness to learn new approaches to sharing literature and work in new environments
- Able to offer the necessary time to preparing and running a fortnightly session, and attend training
- Friendly and able to work as part of a team
- Aged 18 or over

DBS check needed Yes ☒ No ☐

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