

# 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](http://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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