



## **Title: Reader is In Volunteer**

Reading to children is one of the best volunteer jobs around! How can you resist reading to energetic, adorable, little kids? When you share the joy of reading with young children, you not only enrich their language and literacy skills, you have an opportunity to bond with them and teach them social skills.

Most importantly, you inspire them to become lifelong learners.

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### **Job duties:**

- Approach parents and children introducing yourself and sharing information about the program.
- Commit one hour weekly on a regular recurring schedule to read in the Youth Services Department.
- Read a variety of children's books with clarity and enthusiasm based the age and development of the child.
- Read to children one-on-one and/or in small groups.
- Develop and apply innovative and appropriate reading techniques that create interest, understanding and enthusiasm amongst children.
- Maintain and record number of program participants.
- Maintain regular reading schedule of one hour weekly.
- We may ask you to attend a regularly scheduled staff reading before beginning to read.

### **Requirements:**

- You must love to read.
- Enjoy young, energetic children with wide ranging attention spans.
- Be on time and committed to the program.
- Be able to positively redirect unpleasant behavior in a gentle, nonjudgmental way.
- Be able to read favorite books over, and over, and over again.
- Must be free of all communicable diseases

**Level of Commitment:** Reader is In Volunteers are expected to maintain a regular, weekly schedule for at least three months. **Volunteers are expected to give the Volunteer Coordinator as much notice as possible if they are unable to fulfill their obligation.**

### **Impact of your Volunteer Services as a Reader in the Reader-is-In Program**

*Annually volunteers in the Reader- is-in program read to about 500 children, promoting early literacy and making it easier for parents to do such things as check out library materials.*