

Leading to Reading

Volunteer Profile

Accessibility Statement

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Summary

Toronto Public Library encourages and fosters an interest in reading and life-long learning. Volunteers are paired with elementary school students from grade 1 to 6 who have reading difficulties. Volunteers help children build confidence and motivation by providing a positive reading and learning experience, and by developing improved skills and habits, using the library as a resource.

Locations

The Leading to Reading service is available at 28 Toronto Public Library locations.

- Agincourt
- Albert Campbell
- Albion
- Barbara Frum
- Bridlewood
- Cedarbrae
- Downsview
- Eatonville
- Ethennonnhawa hstihnen'
- Evelyn Gregory
- Fairview
- Flemington Park
- Jane/Sheppard
- Kennedy/
Eglinton
- Lillian H. Smith
- Malvern
- Maria A. Shchuka
- Mount Dennis
- Parkdale
- Parliament
- Richview
- Sanderson
- Scarborough Civic Centre
- St. James Town
- Thorncliffe
- Weston
- Woodside Square
- York Woods

Please visit tpl.ca/Ltr for more details, including session dates and times.

Responsibilities

- Respect the child and provide positive encouragement
- Meet the same child for one regularly scheduled hour per week at the library
- Encourage independent reading and learning by reading together and engaging in a variety of literacy-based games and activities

- Familiarize the child with the library and assist them in borrowing library materials
- Assist the child in the selection of appropriate reading material
- Work in cooperation with other volunteers and library staff to run sessions
- Keep weekly written notes regarding the session
- Keep parent/guardian and library staff informed on the child's progress

Qualifications

- Speak and write English fluently
- Relate and communicate well with children
- Work independently
- Act as a mature role model for reading
- Vulnerable Sector Check (completed after the interview, arranged and paid for by the Toronto Public Library)

Orientation and Training

Training, provided by Library staff, covers:

- Basic reading theory & reading help techniques
- Service structure, procedures and expectations
- Complete mandatory AODA training (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act)

A separate on-site orientation, provided by Library staff, covers:

- Local service procedures
- Local library and service resources

Commitment

Minimum 6-month commitment, one hour per week

Onsite Supervision

Library staff members provide assistance and on-site supervision.

Privileges

- Receive confirmation of volunteer hours, upon request, in accordance with TPL's recognition practices
- Volunteers may make personal photocopies at the staff rate
- Non-resident fees are waived for current volunteers with six months or more of active service

For more information about Leading to Reading and/or becoming a volunteer,
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