

Reading Volunteer roles at Doorstep Library



What does Doorstep Library do?

We are a community-focused charity dedicated to bringing the magic of books and the joy of reading directly into the homes of children, either in person or online, across London and beyond who need our support.

1 in 4 children are now going to secondary school unable to read properly and because we know that reading for pleasure helps broaden children's opportunities in life, we use books to fuel children's natural love of stories, fire their imaginations, and encourage their appreciation of reading.

We are a small yet connected charity who really care about making a difference in the world by narrowing the gap between those who can and can't read.



Why volunteer with Doorstep Library?

- It's incredibly fun! You get to explore your inner child and share your passion for books and reading.
- We invest in our team of volunteers to ensure they are valued, supported and are developing.
- You will be a part of the Doorstep Library community of families, volunteers and staff members.
- You can make a real difference to the lives of others. Providing you with a real sense of purpose and achievement.
- You give back to the community you live in or the community you visit every week.
- You build your confidence and improve your self-esteem and mental well-being.
- You will develop skills and enhance your C.V.

Watch our video to see what being a volunteer involves

"I've been trying to find a volunteering role for 3 years and nothing materialised because other charities weren't as organised. I nearly didn't apply to Doorstep Library because I thought I can't go through that again – but whatever [they] are doing, they are doing it right! The children are happy, my Project Leader is lovely. I can't fault it, five stars. I am enjoying it, everybody enjoys it!" - Hammersmith Volunteer



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What will I be doing?

Home Reading Volunteer (in-person):

- You can volunteer on either a **Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday** during school term time **starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 7.00pm.**
- Regular Volunteers can either volunteer on a weekly basis or every 2 weeks - it's up to you. There are plenty of school holiday breaks throughout the year as well as volunteers being entitled to 2 absences per term.
- We also have our **Stand-in Volunteer** role which is a once every 3 week opportunity where you would be standing in for when Regular Volunteers aren't volunteering.
- You will volunteer at one of our projects in either Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Camden or Lambeth.
- We visit families either inside their homes or on the doorstep, depending on family preference.
- You volunteer with the same volunteer partner each week and read with up to **five families** for 20 minutes each.



Online Reading Volunteer:

- You can volunteer on either a **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** during school term time **starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 6.30pm.**
- Regular Volunteers can either volunteer on a weekly basis or every 2 weeks - it's up to you. There are plenty of school holiday breaks throughout the year as well as volunteers being entitled to 2 absences per term.
- We also have our **Stand-in Volunteer** role which is a once every 3 week opportunity where you would be standing in for when Regular Volunteers aren't available.
- You will volunteer with the same volunteer partner each week and read with **three families.**
- Each reading session with the family lasts 20 minutes and will happen over **Zoom from your own home and device via the Doorstep Library database and Zoom account.**

What to expect from Doorstep Library?

- You will be **fully trained** in all aspects of becoming a Reading Volunteer so that you feel confident before starting sessions with families.
- You will receive regular contact with Doorstep Library staff members so that you are fully supported throughout your volunteer journey, especially during your trial period.
- You can receive additional training opportunities to develop your skills.
- We celebrate and recognise your time volunteering with us.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more information and to register your interest.

Or email Olivia at volunteer@doorsteplib.org.uk for more details or any questions you may have, she is more than happy to help. We hope to see you there soon!

