

**Rockaway Township Library
Teen Volunteer Summer 2021**

Teen Summer Volunteering is open to Rockaway Township residents entering grades 7-12 in the fall.

Teen volunteering will continue to be remote. No registration is necessary.

For each hour of activity, you will receive 1 hour of community service credit unless otherwise noted. You can print out a new activity log each week if you would like.

Teen Summer Volunteering runs from Monday, June 28 through Saturday, August 7, 2021.

Submit your Activity Log every Saturday by emailing a copy to darlene.steinhardt@rtllibrary.org to be entered into a raffle for that week for a \$15 Amazon Gift card.

I will keep track of the volunteer hours you submit and will prepare a volunteer letter at the end of the summer verifying your volunteer hours.

If you have questions, please email Darlene Steinhart at darlene.steinhardt@rtllibrary.org or call 973-627-2344 and ask for Darlene.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Teen Summer Volunteering 2021 Activity Log

The activities below can be performed for an hour or more. You can break the hour up into smaller periods of time until they total 1 hour. For example, you can read to a child for 20 minutes on 3 different occasions for a total of 1 hour and you will receive an hour of community service credit.

- Read to a child. Record the amount of time read this week _____
- Read to a pet. Record the amount of time read this week _____

Document your experience during the coronavirus pandemic.

Some questions you might want to answer are: How did you feel? What things were easier to adjust to than you expected? What were some of your frustrations? Was there anything funny that happened to you during the pandemic? How has the pandemic changed your life?

You can document your pandemic experiences in writing, with photos, drawings, paintings or videos. Please submit by 9/5/21 to darlene.steinhardt@rtlbrary.org with the number of hours you spent working on your pandemic essay and you will get volunteer credit.

Write a Review

You can earn volunteering credit by writing reviews about books, movies, tv shows, podcasts, etc. that you have read, watched, or listened to recently. The more in-depth and thoughtful reviews will receive 30-60 minutes of volunteering credit, due to the amount of time and consideration spent on these items. However, these reviews should only be for things that you read/watched for pleasure and not as school assignments; these reviews are to encourage other teens to read or watch these resources.

A few tips and tricks to writing reviews:

- Provide the name and author of the book, movie, podcast, etc.

- Provide a brief description of the movie/book
 - This description should be as if you are talking about the book to a friend.
 - No more than 2 paragraphs.
- Focus on what you did or did not like about it - for example The plot was good; it moved fast or This character X was a bad character, they did nothing but whine the entire book
- Wrap up the review with if you would recommend or not recommend this book/movie to others.
- Ideally, the reviews should be long enough to get your point across, but not too long because I would like to post them on the library's website (I won't use your name unless you give me permission).
- Also, if it includes spoilers, please note that at the beginning of the review.

Volunteer hours earned will be based on the content submitted. A book review that is only a sentence won't earn any hours. Longer, well thought out reviews will earn 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on the content. You may review books, movies, TV shows, or podcasts.

Email your reviews to darlene.steinhardt@rtllibrary.org

Picture Book Banner Project

This is a good project if you like drawing, sketching, or painting and enjoyed picture books when you were younger.

Choose a picture book you enjoy. I have attached a list of children's books you may use that are available for loan in our library. Or you can choose another children's book you enjoyed.

We will supply the paper. **We will have samples of banners outside of the library and in the children's room later in June to inspire you.**

Take an 8 ½ x11 piece of paper which we will supply and draw or paint your interpretation of the cover of the book or a scene in the book that means something to you.

Write the title and author of the book on the picture so children viewing the picture know what book it is. You can put your first name on the picture if you like.

Turn in your completed picture to Darlene Steinhardt by dropping it off at the circulation desk. We will laminate the pictures and hang them as banners inside the library and outside the library on banner hangers.

Also, email darlene.steinhardt@rtllibrary.org with the number of hours you spent working on your banner and you will get volunteer credit for your banner.

Examples of Children's Book Banners painted by one of our teen volunteers. These banners will be hung up in the children's room. This will give you an idea of what we are looking for.



Suggested Children's Books for Banner Project

You may use other books not on this list. Please see Darlene if you choose another book.

Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown

Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle

The Snowy Day, Ezra Jack Keats

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, Bill Martin

The Polar Express, Chris Van Allsburg

No, David!, David Shannon

Strega Nona, Tomie DePaola

Curious George, Margaret & H.A. Rey

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Bill Martin, Jr.

The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein

Oh the Places You'll Go, Dr. Suess

Harold and the Purple Crayon, Crockett Johnson

Wonder, R.J. Palacio

James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Judi Barrett

Dragons Love Tacos, Adam Rubin

The Rainbow Fish, Marcus Pfister

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Joffe Numeroff

Corduroy, Don Freeman

Clifford the Big Red Dog, Norman Bridwell

Berenstain Bears, Stan Berenstain

Planting a Rainbow, Lois Ehlert

Love You Forever, Robert Munsch

The Cat in the Hat, Dr. Seuss