Books Aloud Volunteer

**Reading aloud to adults at a regular group, using library resources.**

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| What would I be doing? | You would:* assist in the preparation of themed readings for a regular Books Aloud group;
* welcome people to the group;
* partner staff and/or volunteers in reading aloud;
* record the session on a log sheet.
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| Am I right for this opportunity? | This opportunity would suit someone who:* enjoys being with people and is a good communicator, comfortable to interact with others in a respectful and sensitive manner;
* has a confident, outgoing personality;
* Is interested in books, reading and libraries.
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| What will I get from volunteering? | You would gain:* valuable training and experience that can be included in CVs and job applications;
* the opportunity to meet others in the local community.
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| When can I do my volunteering? | Books Aloud groups meet monthly or fortnightly year round.Each session lasts one hour plus 15 minutes for set-up and 15 minutes for tidy up. You would also spend time identifying and reading extracts in preparation – 2 to 3 hours per month. |
| Where will I be volunteering? | You will normally be expected to volunteer in a library.This may be your local library or another library of your choice if the opportunity is only available there.This role could also be completed virtually using digital technology. |
| Who will be there with me? | You will initially be supported by a member of library staff. Once experienced, you may be expected to run a session with either a staff member or another volunteer. Library staff will always be present in the building. |
| Support and review | Regular support and guidance will be given by a named library contact.There will be an agreed trial period to ensure that all is going well – another volunteer role may be suggested if the trial period has shown that this would be better for both parties. |
| Training, resources and information | A full induction will be given, and further training offered where appropriate. |

