

## Bedford Borough Libraries Summer Reading Challenge Champion

<b>Role:</b>	<b>Summer Reading Challenge Champion</b>
<b>Hours:</b>	<b>Flexible: minimum of 15 hours July – September</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Bedford Borough Libraries</b>
<b>Responsible to :</b>	<b>Library Manager</b>

### What does this involve?

To work alongside library staff to help run and promote the Summer Reading Challenge to children, parents and carers.

### What we would like from you?

To be aged 14 – 19 years because the Champion role is about young people promoting books to other young people.

### What we would like you to do:

- Help run the Summer Reading Challenge – join children, give out Summer Reading Challenge materials and rewards
- Encourage children to join the Summer Reading Challenge
- Talk to children about the books they have been reading and hand out rewards
- Help children choose books to read for the Summer Reading Challenge
- Help children use the Summer Reading Challenge website and the Virtual Library
- Help with library activities and events
- Photocopy and prepare SRC activity sheets
- Help library staff shelve library stock and keep the children's library tidy.

### When will you be needed?

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July and finishes on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Session times will be available during staffed library opening hours. Please see the Volunteer Session Times sheet for details of session times at the library you would like to volunteer at.

It is up to you how many hours you volunteer for – although we ask you to commit to volunteering for a minimum of 15 hours. We are flexible and can work around any summer holidays you may have booked.

## Where?

Summer Reading Challenge Champions are needed at the following libraries: Bedford Central Library, Kempston Library, Putnoe Library, Bromham Library and Wootton Library.

## What we are looking for:

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Skills/Abilities	Good at listening to people. Enjoy talking to people. Able to follow instructions. Able to make clear and accurate records of information. Basic computer skills.	
Personal Skills	Enjoy working with others. Friendly, helpful and reliable.	Enjoys reading and talking about books. Interested in working with children.

## What we will do for you

We will provide you with training so that you understand what we expect Summer Reading Challenge Champions to do.

We will check that you are happy with the tasks you have been asked to do and support will be provided by the Library Manager/Supervisor. Support for the Summer Reading Challenge Champion scheme will also be provided by the Senior Librarian: Youth.

There will be recognition for the volunteering you have done. If you are 16+ you will be able to register online with vInspired and log your volunteering hours towards vInspired awards.

## What will you gain from this experience?

- Experience of working with and promoting books and reading materials
- Experience of working with children and families
- Experience of working in a library
- Experience of being in a work environment and the opportunity to develop confidence and social skills
- Opportunity to make new friends
- Opportunity to participate in Reading Hack – share what you have been reading, enter competitions, pick up tips on volunteering, record your volunteering hours online and gain skills badges – sign up at [www.readinghack.org.uk](http://www.readinghack.org.uk)