

Role Profile

Rhymetime Volunteer

These fun-packed rhyme and song sessions take place in libraries throughout the year. Everyone joins in with singing rhymes and doing the actions, and afterwards families stay to chat, join the library and to choose books to take home. As a volunteer at such events you will deliver sessions and support the development of children by sharing your enjoyment of books and rhymes

What will I be doing?

- Preparing and organising the library space, including arranging furniture, instruments and books and clearing the area after the session
- Meeting and greeting families and making everyone feel welcome
- Joining in or delivering the sessions: singing, sharing nursery rhymes/songs, sharing books, handing out musical instruments
- Encouraging parents/carers to join in with their child
- Chatting with families about the benefits of early book sharing, the importance of talking and singing rhymes with their children and encouraging them to join the library
- Helping plan future sessions

What skills do I need?

- Friendly, helpful and reliable
- Enthusiastic about working with under-fives, parents and carers
- Practical and 'hands on' approach
- Comfortable singing in public (but no voice skills needed)
- Enthusiasm to promote sharing books and reading with families
- An enthusiasm for libraries and awareness of the range of services offered

When will I be needed?

A commitment of 1 – 3 hours a week, Monday 11:15am-12:15pm, Tuesday 1:45pm-2:45pm and Thursday 11:15am-12:15pm

Location

Bedford Central Library

What will I gain from this role?

- Experience of helping children and families
- Being part of a library team
- Experience of being in a work environment and the opportunity to develop confidence and social skills
- The opportunity to make a difference and contribute to a local library

What support will I be given?

- An Induction session and ongoing support will be provided by library staff
- The Induction session will include awareness training of Health and Safety and Safeguarding Children policies