

**Volunteer Role Description
Summer Reading Challenge: Space Hop
West Berkshire Library Service**

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

**Newbury Library,
The Wharf,
Newbury
RG14 5 AU**

Tel: 01635 519900 (Or possibly another West Berkshire Public Library)

Volunteering Opportunity title :

Summer Reading Challenge: Space Hop

Description of Role: To encourage children to take part in and complete this year's Summer Reading Challenge, **Space Hop**.

West Berkshire Libraries have challenged all West Berkshire's 4-11 year olds to participate in the 2009 National Summer Reading Challenge, **Space Hop**. The goal is for the participant to read six books from the library throughout the summer, encouraging a lifelong love of books, reading and of course libraries

Previous challenges have included The Reading Planet, The Reading Voyage, Quest Seekers – maybe you remember them?

Your role: You will encourage the children to take up and complete the Reading Challenge. You will explain how the Challenge works, give out the Space Hop Log Book, Stickers, Book Marks and eventually the Certificates. It's up to you, but perhaps you will suggest new authors, or different books by the same author. Perhaps books on a similar theme, or maybe books with the same illustrator. What about poetry books, hobbies, fascinating facts, history, picture books for older readers. Perhaps you could make up quiz questions?

It is possible that no children come into the Library whilst you are volunteering. We don't want you to be bored, so you could tidy up our trolleys of books, ready to for our staff to put the books back on the shelves.

Preferred skills/qualifications/experience :

Minimum age of 16

Training/Support:

You will be introduced to staff, shown around the library, provided with training to undertake the role. We will include key, such as health and safety, data protection, equalities and diversity. Fire evacuation and health and safety procedures will be explained.

Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) Check requirement / References:

You will need a current West Berkshire Council CRB certificate. We will arrange this for you. We will ask for two references.

Time Commitment:

Duration: Expectation of around 20 hours throughout the Summer Holidays. More if you like!

Times: The Space Hop Contact Point will be staffed from about 3:30-5:00 from Monday July 5th and then from 10:30 – 4:00 from Friday 23rd July until Wednesday 1st September. You may choose your days to suit, but we would like you for a minimum of two hours at each session.

Location:

Newbury Library, The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5AU
Also: Thatcham Library, Bath Road, Thatcham, RG RG18 3AG
Hungerford Library, Church Street, Hungerford RG17 0JG
Possibly other West Berkshire Libraries

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