

## Chatterbooks childrens' reading group Volunteer

### WHERE

This opportunity is available at our Explore Library Learning Centres in York, Acomb, Haxby and Tang Hall

### WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

You will help in the delivery of Chatterbooks groups, working alongside a member of staff.

Chatterbooks are children's reading groups that take place in Explore Centres weekly or fortnightly. Each session is coordinated around a theme, activities throughout the year focus on having fun with book-related games, crafts, quizzes, competitions and sharing book reviews. Chatterbooks groups are also invited to take part in shadowing the York Children's Book Awards and the CILIP Kate Greenaway Award, as well as helping to select library books and create library displays.

### HOW WILL I BE HELPING YOU?

You would be helping our library service to deliver an interactive and fun reading group session for children aged 6-12. Chatterbooks groups are a great way to encourage children to talk about what they are reading, take part in fun activities inspired by the best children's books, and choose new books to take home and read. Chatterbooks groups have proven to increase a child's confidence both in speaking in a group and with reading

### TASKS

- Help with planning sessions
- Help to gather the session materials
- Assist the Chatterbooks group leader to deliver the session

- Help and encourage children attending the session to enjoy themselves
- Help children choose books
- Help with evaluating the session
- Promote the group to parents and children
- Help tidy up after the session
- Create and maintain Chatterbooks displays

#### WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

- Good communication skills
- Friendly and approachable
- Enthusiastic and passionate about working with children
- Interest in children's books, which this role will help develop

#### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- Gain confidence in communicating and working with children
- Increased knowledge of children's books
- Planning skills

#### HOW MUCH TIME DO I NEED TO COMMIT?

Chatterbooks groups last approximately an hour and are held weekly or fortnightly depending on the library. Volunteers are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before each session and to stay for up to 30 minutes afterwards, by mutual agreement with the relevant library manager and Chatterbooks group leader. If you are helping to prepare activities for a session this can be done at a time to suit you.

You will be invited to one of our Explore induction sessions which happen twice a year.