

'Explore a Story' children's activity Volunteer

WHERE

This opportunity is available at our Explore Library Learning Centres in York, Acomb, and Tang Hall, where Explore a Story sessions are delivered, though you can do the preparation at home if you prefer

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

You will help prepare Explore a Story sessions. You can also volunteer to help deliver the sessions. Explore a Story is for children aged 4 and under and each session is based on one children's picture book. The session lasts about 50 minutes and starts with games, songs and activities based on the theme/s of the book to help the children to be excited about reading, and to get the children talking, learning and having fun. The role gives you the opportunity to plan and be a part of an interactive storytelling session by bringing a book to life.

HOW WILL I BE HELPING YOU?

You would be helping our library service to deliver an interactive and fun session for children aged 2-4. Explore a Story is a great way to encourage children to want to learn to read, to help them communicate and interact with others and to love stories. Parents tell us that these sessions help increase their child's confidence both in speaking and interacting in a group and with reading.

TASKS

- Put together a session of games and activities based on the chosen book that staff can deliver.
- List the materials needed for the session
- Discuss with library staff the ways in which this can be delivered
- Assist in the delivery of the sessions themselves (optional).
- Help and encourage children attending the session to enjoy themselves

Make posters to promote sessions

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

- Good communication skills
- Enthusiasm for working with children
- Interest in children's books, which this role will help develop

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- Gain or increase confidence in working with young children
- Planning skills
- Broadening of knowledge of children's books
- Event planning skills

HOW MUCH TIME DO I NEED TO COMMIT?

We would like you to commit to producing one session initially. As you are helping to prepare activities for a session you can work at a time to suit you. You can work at a library or at home to do the planning but you will need to share what you have done with a member of staff in a library where the sessions are delivered.

If you would like to help to deliver the sessions you would need to commit to helping for approximately 2 hours once a month

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