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New Volunteer Application

University City Public Library
6701 Delmar Blvd.
(314) 727-3150

Join our **Volunteer Team** to help with **U City Library's 2026 Summer Reading Program: Unearth a Story!**

What do our volunteers do? Volunteers work one 1-hour shift per week for at least 4 weeks in May, June & July.

They also:

LISTEN to young readers and award them prizes

WIN prizes for themselves

MAKE friends and have fun

EARN community service hours

Reporting /volunteering starts Friday, May 15 and ends Friday, July 17.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUTH SERVICES AT U CITY LIBRARY BY APRIL 24

Instructions: Please print neatly in black or blue ink.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Volunteer Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____ Are you able to receive text messages? Yes/No

School Next Year: _____ Grade Next Year: _____

Do **you** have a U. City Library Card? Yes/No **What's the best phone number to reach you? My Cell / My Home Phone**

AVAILABILITY: New volunteers will be assigned 1 shift per week. You must commit to at least 4 weeks.

NOTE CHANGE: Cross out the days/times below that you are NOT AVAILABLE. You will not be scheduled for those times.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3:00-4:00	3:00-4:00	3:00-4:00	3:00-4:00	3:00-4:00	2:00-3:00	2:00-3:00
4:00-5:00	4:00-5:00	4:00-5:00	4:00-5:00	4:00-5:00	3:00-4:15	3:00-4:15
5:00-6:00	5:00-6:00	5:00-6:00	5:00-6:00	5:00-6:00		
6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15	6:00-7:15		

What day can you begin volunteering? _____

List any days you can't volunteer due to day trips, camp, vacation, etc. _____

Are you available to pick up more shifts (for a total of 2 or 3 shifts per week), if needed? Yes / No

TRAINING: To become a volunteer, you must circle and complete one of the volunteer orientation/training sessions below. To register for one of the below dates and times, please call 727-3150 by the day before the orientation you plan to attend. Feel free to tell your friends about volunteering and have them call to reserve a space at orientation, too!

New Volunteer Orientation & Training			
Sat., May 2 10:30-12:30	Wed., May 6 4:00-6:00	Thurs., May 7 4:00-6:00	Sat., May 9 1:00-3:00

Please discuss with your parent(s) your commitment to volunteering and the best times to volunteer before filling out your application. Have your parents sign the back of this form and bring the completed application to the training.

Volunteer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The University City Public Library has a tradition of strong summer teen volunteer program. Our summer reading program is unique because children report/talk to teens about what they have read and teens offer encouragement and rewards to the children. This year we are back in our 6701 Delmar location for in person reporting.

There are many benefits to being a teen volunteer. They get the positive feelings of helping young children. They make new friends. They earn community service hours. We think of this experience as training for a real job. We need your support to help them maintain their commitment to our program and to help nurture a budding work ethic. This is why we require your signature. Please review our requirements and the schedule that you and your child are submitting.

Volunteer Expectations

- Volunteer at least once a week for a minimum of four weeks.
- Have a University City Public Library Card or MLC Library Card. (Available for free!)
- Enjoy working with kids.
- No distracting family, friends, or electronics while volunteering.
- May bring a book to read during down time.
- Complete our reading program by reading a minimum of 12 hours and report and/or blog 3 times.
- Arrive on time for your shift(s).
- **Call the Youth Services Dept. at (314)727-3150 as soon as possible if you cannot make your shift.**

We understand that especially in summer schedules can change. New opportunities can come up, camps may become available, and youth may get other jobs. However, we need adequate advance notice of a schedule change. We view our volunteer program as a job training experience and expect teens to treat it with the same level of dedication as a job.

Potential Concerns - which may result in losing community service hours and place in the program.

- Missing 2 shifts without calling the library.
- Repeated tardiness.
- Significant, repeated disruptive behavior.

Shifts are assigned **after applications are turned in** and the volunteer has **attended training**.

We will call and let your child know their **first day of volunteering** and printed schedules will be provided.

Volunteers who complete the program (read and report 12 hours) may attend the volunteer party with free food and prizes!

I give my child _____ permission to volunteer in the 2026 Summer Reading Program. **I understand that failure to meet the expectations will result in him/her being released from the program without volunteer service hours at the discretion of the library.**

***Parent/Guardian's Name:** _____ **Signature:** _____
Parent/Guardian's Phone: _____ **Parent/Guardian Email:** _____

Video/Photo Release: Your signature grants permission to take photographs or use video footage of your child. We will not use the photographs or video images for commercial purposes or release your child's name unless we get separate permission.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____