

FAQ @ teen volunteering at Lake Hiawatha Branch

Can my parents or my friends sign me up for volunteering?

No! Each teen should make the time to complete their own application. **Parents or guardians needs to sign application form as well as the teens themselves.** Email Karen O'Malley and she will email you the application. Karen.omalley@parsippanylibrary.org

How old can I be to start volunteering?

Teens need to be going into 8th grade. Meaning if you want to start volunteering in the summer, you must be finishing up 7th grade and starting 8th grade the following September.

Do I have to live in Parsippany?

Yes, you do. Our teen volunteer program is ONLY for teens who reside within Parsippany-Troy Hills Township.

Do I need to complete an application at both Lake Hiawatha Branch and the Main Branch if I want to volunteer at both?

Yes, you do. We do keep separate records of our volunteers.

When can I sign up to volunteer for a time slot?

The summer schedule is emailed the 2nd Monday in May each year.

The school year schedule for Sept – Dec is emailed the 2nd Monday in August each year.

The school year schedule for January – June is put emailed the 2nd Monday in December each year.

Can I sign up online to volunteer at Lake Hiawatha Branch?

Yes, please email Karen O'Malley, and she will email you the teen volunteer application to complete. Karen.omalley@parsippanylibrary.org

How long can I volunteer for and how many times per week?

We offer teen volunteer opportunities 3 sessions per year. A summer session, a September-December session and a January-June session. During virtual volunteering, teens may sign up for 1 – 2 pre-designated tasks or come up with their own volunteer idea and ask Ms. Karen if it is acceptable @ karen.omalley@parsippanlibrary.org.

How long does the Lake Hiawatha Branch keep records of when I volunteered for?

The answer is until you graduate from high school or 5 years. Whichever comes first.

What are some of the teen volunteer tasks that would be acceptable OR done in the past?

Teen tutoring – be a tutor to students in grades 1-6 in a Live weekly tutoring program done in Google Classroom.

Math enrichment program – a Live Zoom teen facilitated fun summer math program.

Cut out materials for upcoming programs.

Pre-record instructional origami video and piano lessons (done in 2020/2021)

Decorate and distribute Kindness Rocks within our community.

Create attractive Facebook/Instagram posts for upcoming programs/new books, etc...

Facilitate a virtual art contest (summer 2020)

Pre-record video book reviews to be posted on social media.

Facilitate Live virtual bingo program or other game program.

