



From helping someone find the perfect read to bringing stories to life, supporting someone to use a computer to delivering activities for families, helping someone find trusted information to hosting groups to bring people together. Libraries are at the heart of their communities. They play a vital role connecting people, combatting loneliness, supporting people's health and wellbeing and creating a safe and inspiring space for all.

What skills do I need?

- Basic computer skills - you may be helping someone with email, showing someone how to use a computer and the internet, and placing holds on books using the library catalogue
- Interpersonal skills - you will be communicating and supporting a diverse range of library members, including families, and volunteering as part of a team supported by library staff
- Enthusiasm - you will share a love of books, and enthusiasm for everything a library has to offer, you will encourage people to join the library, help them make the most of their membership, signpost people to activities, and promote national initiatives such as the annual Summer Reading Challenge
- Basic literacy and maths skills - you will put library book stock in order, help people explore the library book shelves, handle cash and use the library till
- Organisation skills - you may be unlocking and locking up of the library building and setting/un-setting the intruder alarm
- We are looking for volunteers for our popular Repair Cafe at Mickleover Library. We want people who can repair small household items, fix bikes, complete admin tasks, host the refreshment table.

Where can I volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers across Derby Community Libraries: Allenton, Allestree, Alvaston, Blagreaves, Chellaston, Derwent, Mackworth, Mickleover, Normanton, Chaddesden Park, Riverside, Sinfin, Spondon, Springwood, Library Hub at Derby Racecourse Football Hub, Derby Local Studies and Family History Library

How much time do I need to commit?

We realise that people have various commitments but what we do ask is that you commit to either a morning or an afternoon per week (approx. 3 and a half hours) Develop your CV, show off your skills, meet people, support your community, make a difference. Full training will be given, you will be well supported and will be joining a friendly and welcoming volunteer team supported by library staff. Contact libraries@derby.gov.uk so we can send you more information. We look forward to meeting you.