

Teen Advisory Group Volunteer Profile

Summary Statement:

Teen Advisory Group members support staff with the delivery of programs for children, teens, and adults at Milton Public Library. A wide range of opportunities are available and are divided into the following five streams:

Creative Puppet Stream

- A multi-week program in which volunteers work collaboratively to prepare, rehearse, and perform puppet plays for children in the library.
- A fall and a winter session are available, program held at Main Library
- No previous performance or theatre experience required.

Event Stream

- Volunteers work closely with MPL's staff to assist in the delivery of programs for children, teens, and adults. These are one-time only programs, and can include book themed craft sessions, author visits, technology programs, P.A. Day programming, March Break programming...etc.
- Opportunities in this stream occur on a variety of dates and times.

Advisory Committee

- Volunteers in this stream meet monthly with the Adult & Youth Services Librarian, acting as representatives of the larger teen community.
- Members advise staff on the current needs of youth as well as how MPL can work towards fulfilling these needs, assist with program development by advising on current trends and interests, and advocate on behalf of MPL within their teen communities.
- Members will meet at Main Library, on the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Leading to Reading

- Volunteers assist staff in the delivery of a reading practice program, working one on one with school age children in order to help develop their reading skills. The volunteers also deliver fun, learning based games that help to reinforce the joy of reading.
- Sessions are presently planned for Winter and Summer.

Responsibilities:

- To attend scheduled shifts regularly and on-time, and to communicate with staff in advanced regarding any absences or conflicts.

- To be fully engaged in their opportunity, participating to the best of their ability and demonstrating enthusiasm for their assigned event.
- To act as a positive role model and teen advocate within the community, and as representatives of Milton Public Library.
- To provide feedback to staff about volunteer opportunities and the program in general.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Completed Grade 8 but not graduated from High School
- Passion for community involvement, especially within a library setting
- Conscientious and reliable
- Friendly and welcoming attitude
- Strong communication skills
- Openness to learning new skills and taking on new opportunities
- Able to work independently in order to fulfill assigned tasks
- Able to work well as part of a team in order to fulfill assigned tasks
- Able to illustrate empathy and patience with others, regardless of age group

Orientation, Training & Supervision:

On site orientation will be provided by library staff and will cover the following:

- Program overviews
- Library safety procedures
- Program resources
- Distribution of printed materials, where necessary
- Library staff will also oversee and provide ongoing program assistance throughout the duration of each program.