

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Student Summer Volunteer Program

In the Huntsville Madison County Public Library Student Volunteer Program, students gain real job experience in a fun and educational environment while performing a valuable community service. Volunteers will be assisting in the Youth Services area, and they will have varied task responsibilities such as shelving books, preparing crafts, aiding teen programs, and participating in story hour at the direction of the librarian.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. At least 14 years old.
- 2. Must have parent/guardian's permission.
- 3. Must have a genuine desire to volunteer (independent of parental consent and wishes).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- 1. Complete the application and return it to the library location at which you wish to volunteer by May 4th 2013.
- 2. Give the reference form with a stamped, addressed envelope to one of your teachers and ask him or her to fill out the form and mail it back. If you are homeschooled, please have an adult other than your parent fill out the form. Applications without teacher reference forms **will not be accepted**.

Mail the Teacher Reference Form by May 4th to:

New Hope Elizabeth Carpenter Public Library c/o Ms. Laura Washburn PO Box 441 New Hope, AL 35760

- 3. You will be notified via phone, mail, or email as to whether you have qualified for a volunteer position, and/or if you will be interviewed. Interviews will take place during the week of May 6, 2013 through May 11, 2013.
- 4. If selected as a volunteer, you will attend a **<u>REQUIRED</u>** orientation/training session. The orientation/training session will take place on Saturday, May 18th, 2013.

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Student Volunteer General Instructions



Dress Code:

During your scheduled volunteer hours or when helping at any of the special events, you must wear your volunteer badge. We also ask that you wear clothing like what is appropriate for school. It can get chilly in the library, so bring a light jacket or sweater!

Appropriate:

khakis Long walking shorts jeans (in good repair) polo shirts unprinted T-shirts comfortable shoes

Inappropriate:

athletic shorts mini-skirts short shorts or super low rise jeans ripped jeans bandanas halter/tank tops or muscle shirts product T-shirts (i.e.: alcohol, lewd phrases)

Attitude:

Smile! Welcome to public service! You are representing both yourself and the library so **good manners, good manners, good manners** is your new motto. Your job is to help the staff and the public, so be prepared to be pleasant, friendly, and helpful. Volunteering should be a fun experience for you, but you may not enjoy all the tasks you are asked to perform. You are welcome to tell us what activities you prefer, but you will still need to accomplish those tasks that you find less enjoyable.

Attendance:

You need to be prompt and present for your scheduled work hours. We will be expecting your help at that time and need to be notified in advance when you are unable to make it to the library. Please remind the Branch Manager Librarian the week before you go on vacation or other previously scheduled commitments.

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IMPORTANT: If you are scheduled to volunteer and cannot come in for whatever reason, call the library and let us know. We'll need to change the schedule - and we'll be worried about you if you don't show up!

Duties:

When you arrive to volunteer you need to:

- sign in and check with a staff member
- check your time sheet for special instructions or tasks
- shelve books and other library materials (varying by location)
- help with scheduled programs as needed
- HAVE FUN HELPING AT THE LIBRARY!

If you have any other questions, please contact the location at which you wish to volunteer. Remember only the Bailey Cove, Bessie K. Russell, Gurley, Hazel Green, Madison, Main, Monrovia, and New Hope will be accepting volunteers.

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library 2013 Student Summer Volunteer Program Application Form

Date Returned

PLEASE PRINT!

Name	
Birth Date	★ ↓
Street	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone	
Email	E
School and current grade	HUNTSVILLE
Parent's or Guardian's Name	MADISON
Parent's or Guardian's Ph #	PUBLIC LIBRAR
Branch location at which you wish to volunteer	

Please use reverse side if you need additional space to answer the following questions:

1. Please list school and community activities in which you participate regularly:

2. Have you done other volunteer work? Where/for whom?

3. Have you volunteered in a library before? If so, where?

4. Why would you like to be a student volunteer?

5. What are your special interests and skills?

6. As a volunteer, you will be expected to volunteer at a regular time(s) each week. What day(s) and time(s) do you plan to come in? List all that apply. Also, list the days and times you will be unable to work because of lessons, practice, Vacation Bible School, family vacation, etc. Use the back if needed.

7. Occasionally we have special event programming in the evenings and weekends. Would you be interested in helping with special programs (pajama story times, holiday parties, craft events, movies, etc)?

Student Signature:	Date:	
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date:	

Teacher Reference Form Huntsville Madison County Public Library Student Volunteer Program

is applying to be a student volunteer at the Huntsville Public

Library, New Hope location.

Teachers: In order to ensure confidentiality between you and myself, please make sure you personally mail this evaluation to the address listed at the bottom of this page.

The student should supply you with a stamped, addressed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance!

Always Usually Seldom Never Regular class attendance On time – to class On time – with assignments 10.1 Careful and thorough with work Attentive to detail Able to follow oral & written instructions Dependable Pleasant & helpful attitude toward peers Pleasant & helpful attitude toward teachers Flexible and adaptable Eager to learn Able to take initiative on assignments Able to take constructive criticism Honest Neat, clean, and dressed appropriately Acts in consideration for younger students Interacts with adults confidently and respectfully

* Please evaluate this student in the areas listed below.

Signed: Date:

Position: ______ School: _____

Please share any additional comments you may have on the back. We appreciate your input!

*A student need not have all "Always" marks to be accepted – please be honest! We want to help instill a valuable sense of community and civic duty in all of our young adults, not just honor students.

> New Hope Elizabeth Carpenter Public Library c/o Ms. Laura Washburn 5496 Main Drive New Hope, AL 35760

HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN VOLUNTEER CONTRACT

(volunteer's name)

_____ has permission to participate in duties assigned as a

volunteer for the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. I, as a parent or guardian, am aware that this volunteer assignment may present a risk of injury. In consideration for allowing him/her to participate in this project, I agree to assume all risks for injuries arising out of his/her participation as a volunteer. I agree that the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library and all employees shall NOT be responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss or expense of his/her person and/or property incurred while working as a volunteer.

Student Signature:	Date:
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Parent or Guardian Signature_____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature_	Date:
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name:		
Address:		
Telephone: (home)	(cell)	

Emergency Contact in addition to parent or guardian:

Contact person:	
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Relationship:	Phone: