Volunteer with Friends

Friends of the Library members are Library supporters and advocates. They contribute time, expertise and other resources to help enrich the Library experience, encourage the use and enjoyment of the Library, fund events and programs of interest to our community, and raise money for the Library through the Friendshop, book sales and other activities.

For information about volunteering for the Friends, call the Friendshop at (248) 232-2234 or download an application form online. Visit www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org, click “Friends of the Library” and then “Volunteer.”
Volunteer Opportunities

Adults and teens contribute valuable services to our community by volunteering their time and expertise at the Library.

We welcome volunteers with different interests, skills and abilities. Opportunities are available at the Main Library in various departments, including Adult Services, Youth Services, Support Services and Circulation. Volunteer opportunities are also available at the Westacres Branch.

Help with a one-time special project or volunteer on an ongoing basis. If you have an idea for another way to help, please contact the Library to discuss it.

**Help Care for Collections**

*Adopt book and media shelves* in a favorite section of the Library and help keep the materials in their proper order and place.

*Keep magazine and newspaper shelves current,* straightened and organized.

*Assist staff with updates to the Library’s online catalog* to keep information current.

*Help identify, locate and pull books* and other materials that need to be repaired or replaced.

*Maintain the media collection* by cleaning discs and cases.

*Work on other projects* that keep collections in good shape.

**Assist Behind the Scenes**

*Process new books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs* so they are quickly available to check out.

*Help organize and maintain adult and youth Book Kits* for book clubs.

*Use crafting skills* to prepare displays and activities for the interactive learning environment in Youth Services.

*Assist with mailings* and other special office projects.

**Assist with Programs and Events**

*Help with special events* like author visits, the annual Reception for Book Groups and Summer Reading Kickoff.

*Assist with technology workshops* to help answer participants’ questions one-on-one.

*Prepare materials and activities* for youth programs.

**Lead “Let’s Talk” Discussions**

*Facilitate “Let’s Talk” sessions* where English language learners practice and improve their listening and speaking skills. Facilitators introduce topics, encourage everyone to participate and help keep the conversation going. Volunteers don’t need teaching or tutoring experience.

**Volunteer with your Therapy Dog**

*Participate in the Read to a Dog program* with your certified therapy dog and provide elementary students with the opportunity to practice independent reading skills. Call the Youth Services Department at (248) 232-2250 to learn about eligibility requirements and the application process.

**Help with Outreach Services**

*Drop off and pick up books and other materials* at one of the senior facilities served by the Library’s outreach program.

*Assist with book clubs* at senior residences.

*Assemble information packets and other materials* for schools, pediatrician offices and other community institutions.

*Help prepare and deliver* collections of books and materials to preschools and Little Libraries around West Bloomfield.

For more information about these and other volunteer opportunities – and to suggest additional ways you might volunteer – call the Main Library Branch Manager at (248) 232-2307 or email mainbranchmgr@wblib.org.