

# Volunteer Opportunity

## Children's Reading Support Tutor

### *The Program*

In all of our children's and teen programs, Halifax Public Libraries provides a safe, supportive and fun environment for youth to strengthen academic skills both formally and informally, explore creativity, play, connect with others and develop life skills that can have a lifelong positive impact.

Reading Support does all of these things, through a one-on-one weekly tutoring program for youth in Grades 4-8 that focuses on reading and math with a customized learning program for each student. The extra support provided by this program can be the boost needed to break down barriers to learning and lead to greater school success.

### *How Volunteers Can Help*

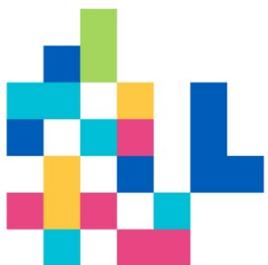
As a Reading Support Volunteer, you will:

- Expand the library's capacity to offer this essential program, providing accessible, community-based learning
- Be matched with a young student with whom you will take a learning journey together!
- Be a mentor and role model as well as a tutor
- Enrich connections between the Library and families in the community

### *The Volunteer Role*

Under the supervision of the branch Reading Support Coordinator, you will:

- Develop a learning plan for your student based on their identified learning needs ( with a focus on reading, writing and math) and their personal interests and experiences
- Use a wide variety of materials (books, games, crafts, art, puzzles, technology etc.) that will motivate the student and make learning fun and engaging
- Meet with your student at the library for one hour each week (the library will help to facilitate online sessions if COVID-19 restrictions are still in place
- Continually monitor the students' progress by reviewing report cards and other progress reports and adapt learning plans if needed



- Act as mentor and role model to the student and support the development of life skills in addition to the academic program

### *We are looking for volunteers who:*

- Are at least 19 years of age
- Have great interpersonal and communication skills
- Have a passion for working with youth and guiding them to reach their potential
- Are friendly and outgoing and enjoy meeting new people
- Have excellent planning and organizational skills
- Are flexible and can adapt learning plans to meet changing needs
- Are reliable and punctual
- Enjoy teaching people new things

### *Time Commitment*

2-3 hours per week from September –June ( One hour with the student and 2 hours preparation)

### *NOTE:*

All volunteers will require a Criminal Records Check. The library will initiate these through MyBackCheck.com and will also cover the cost.

### *Contact:*

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