

Halifax Public Libraries **Volunteer Opportunity** **“In the Kitchen” Delivery Volunteer**

The Program

One community challenge that Halifax Public Libraries is committed to addressing is food insecurity – 1 in 5 people in Halifax do not have access to affordable, healthy food. Our “In the Kitchen with Halifax Public Libraries” program seeks to provide this essential access by:

- Providing direct access to healthy food by delivering food kits and pantry boxes directly to participants’ homes
- Providing people with ingredients, recipes and instructions on how to create affordable and healthy meals at home.
- Removing barriers and promoting food literacy by providing everything needed for children, teens and adults to learn to cook healthy, delicious and affordable meals at home together

How Volunteers Can Help

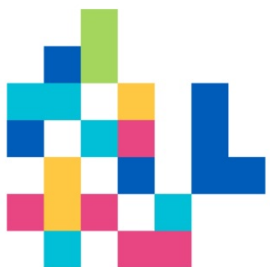
As an “In the Kitchen” Delivery Volunteer, you are someone who wants to:

- Increase our capacity to offer these essential programs and services
- Enrich connections between the Library and the community
- Contribute to the health and wellbeing of your community
- Gain skills and confidence and interact with others

The Volunteer Role

- Under the general direction of the branch program supervisor, once a week, you will pick up your “In the Kitchen” delivery boxes from your assigned library and deliver them to the registered participants in the program
- Act as a liaison between library staff and program participants, relaying messages, concerns and issues to library staff.

NOTE: Guidelines outlining safety procedures for preventing the spread of COVID-19 have been developed and will be followed as long as they are required. Also, food safety protocols will be closely followed.



We are looking for volunteers who:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have a Nova Scotia Driver's License with a clean driving record
- Reliable access to a vehicle
- Are able to lift and carry boxes of food items up to a maximum weight of 20 lbs.
- Have great interpersonal and communication skills
- Are passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others
- Are friendly and outgoing and enjoy meeting new people.
- Are reliable and punctual
- Have a good knowledge of the local community
- Understand the role good food plays in contributing to overall health

Time Commitment

Over the 8 weeks of the program, the time commitment will be about 2-3 hours per week and a delivery route would be no more than 20 km/ week.

NOTE:

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

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