Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer Role Description

Volunteer Title	Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer
Where is the role based?	We have opportunities at Southwater, Wellington and Newport Libraries
What is the aim of the role?	The aim of the role is to help the Library Service with the delivery of the Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 – 11 years to read six books during the summer holidays. Throughout the Summer Reading Challenge, library staff and volunteers encourage children, helping them to discover new authors and explore different types of books.
What would I be expected to do?	There are many ways to help with the challenge including: • Joining children up to the challenge • Talking to children about the books they have been reading • Helping children choose new books • Helping with activities taking place in the libraries • Creating displays in libraries
What training will I be offered?	There will be a full induction including how the Summer Reading Challenge is run, how to help children choose books, and what activities will be taking place. Group training will take place on Saturday 1 July 2-4pm at Southwater Library. Volunteers are required to attend the session.
What kind of person are they looking for?	We are looking for someone: • Reliable • Friendly and enthusiastic • With good communication skills • Who has an interest in working with children • Aged between 14 and 17 years

	• If you are aged 16 to 17 a basic DBS check will be required.
How much time would I need to commit to the role?	You will need to volunteer for at least 12 hours over the summer holidays but there is some flexibility on how often you would volunteer. Volunteering sessions are for two hours at a time. The days vary depending on which library you are volunteering at.
What support would I be given?	In addition to the training, you will have a member of staff as a contact. There would always be other staff in the library when your session is taking place.