

<b>Volunteer title</b>	Shared Reading Volunteer
<b>Where is the role based?</b>	Community Locations: Residential and Nursing Homes, Day Centres
<b>What is the aim of the role?</b>	<p>Shared Reading Volunteers facilitate Shared Reading Groups to engage people who are living with dementia in reading to improve their wellbeing. Groups are held at residential/nursing homes and day centres around Telford &amp; Wrekin.</p> <p>This is a very rewarding role, sharing memories and finding out about people's life histories and hearing life stories that may not have been told for many years.</p>
<b>What would I be expected to do?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To read aloud poetry and book extracts accurately, in a clear and understandable voice.</li> <li>• To communicate effectively with carers and their clients.</li> <li>• To prepare sessions and discussion points in advance.</li> <li>• Record session feedback on the session log sheets provided.</li> <li>• To facilitate a group of 2-12 people or on a one-to-one basis.</li> </ul>
<b>What training will I be offered?</b>	<p>You would receive training in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of shared reading and why we do it.</li> <li>• Preparing for a session</li> <li>• How to facilitate a session.</li> <li>• How to respond to challenging behaviour.</li> <li>• How to record session feedback.</li> <li>• Relevant health and safety procedures.</li> </ul> <p>This would be in the form of face to face learning and shadowing. You would not be left on your own until you are confident in facilitating your group.</p>
<b>What kind of person are they looking for?</b>	<p>We are looking for someone reliable and friendly who can read fluently and accurately. A love and basic understanding of poetry and literature is important. A conversational manner is an asset.</p> <p>At times the role can be challenging so the ability to remain calm and patient in challenging circumstances would be beneficial.</p> <p>Experience in helping someone living with dementia would be helpful as you will need to be able to communicate effectively and be able to relate to them.</p> <p>This role is suitable for people over 18 years old and requires an enhanced DBS check.</p>
<b>How much time would I need to commit to the role?</b>	Two hours per week/fortnight/month depending on your availability.
<b>What support would I be given?</b>	A member of library staff is always available when needed either face to face, phone or email. There are also regular volunteer meetings where you can meet other volunteers in the Library Service.