



Volunteer Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Youth Services Teen Puppeteer Volunteer

DIVISION: Youth Services

SUPERVISOR: Youth Services Volunteer Coordinator and Puppeteer Storytime Librarian

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT: September through April (annually)

TIME INVOLVEMENT: Typically two hours, one day each month (usually Saturday).

POSITION SUMMARY: Volunteers perform with puppets behind a puppet theater, lip-syncing to music with Muppet-style puppets. Performances typically include puppets “singing” three to five songs per storytime. Puppeteers operate the puppets from behind the stage. They do not need to sing themselves. All programs are at the James City County Library (7770 Croaker Road).

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: Once a month perform a puppet show at the James City County Library. Training/rehearsal is required prior to performing puppet shows. Puppeteers who are interested may bring puppets out to meet children after the storytime, however, this is not required. This is a fun program for puppeteers and their young audience.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Administers work with regular walking, bending, light to medium lifting, and other limited physical activities. Ability to operate puppets. Regular contact is made with other volunteers, employees, and library users.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ability and willingness to understand and carry out oral and written instructions efficiently. Ability to maintain good work habits, work under minimal supervision, follow through on numerous details and meet deadlines. Ability to work well with other volunteers, employees, children and young adults. Willingness to undergo training. Volunteers may not have conflicts of interest.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Volunteers must have completed the seventh grade. Volunteers must attend one mandatory two (2) hour training session.