



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

### REACH OUT AND READ STORYTIMER - CARPINTERIA

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Reads aloud to children at the Carpinteria medical clinic in Carpinteria, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.
- Prepares for the session which includes: choosing books to be read from the Carpinteria library or the in clinic reading collection, familiarizing yourself with the books chosen, and practicing reading out loud.
- At the session: reads the selected books; interacts with participants and parents; provides library card applications and information on using our local public library; informs parents about ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in the local area and one on one Adult Literacy tutoring; and counts and logs the number of participants and parents.
- Sorts and organizes books; fills the appropriate bins with giveaway books; prepares publicity handouts and displays.

#### THE DIFFERENCE YOU WILL MAKE TO THE LIBRARY

- Help to introduce young people and their parents to the library and assist them to learn the joys of the library and reading. Provide local children and their parents with the opportunity for fun, enjoying each other, and meeting new people.

#### VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS

- Is honest, reliable, punctual, enthusiastic, energetic and flexible. Is courteous and friendly to storytime participants and their parents.
- Enjoys working with small groups of children and parents.
- Is familiar with children's literature.
- Able to work in the indoor medical clinic.
- Ability to speak and read Spanish is desirable.

#### COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- Two (2) hours per week for a minimum of one (1) year.

#### CONTACT

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