

Summer Volunteer Opportunities at The Cedar Rapids Public Library

Each summer, thousands of community members join the Library for our Summer Dare reading and learning program. Readers of all ages get engaged in reading on a whole new level by reading 600 minutes and exploring new learning opportunities.

This is summer learning at its finest - and we want you to be a part of it! Check out these great summer volunteer opportunities!

Dare Desk – *Dare readers to explore the Library's summer reading and learning opportunities*

Does visiting with other library lovers and encouraging young readers sound like the perfect job for you? Well, this is your chance! The Library's Dare Desk volunteers will champion the Summer Dare program by registering readers of all ages in the program at the Library. You'll greet patrons, use a simple online form to register them in the program, help them track their completion progress, and give out beginning and ending prizes to participants. It's fun to encourage and reward reading!

- Opportunities are available Monday-Thursday from 9 am-8 pm; Friday-Saturday from 9 am-5 pm; Sunday from 1-5 pm.
- You can volunteer at either the Downtown Library or Ladd Library.
- Weekly two-hour commitment for the months of June and July. We'll work out a regularly scheduled day and time that works for both parties.

Summer Dare Everywhere – *Bring the excitement of the Library beyond our walls*

If you enjoy working with children, encouraging reading and learning, and combatting the educational summer slide, this is a great opportunity to reach out and make a difference for the next generation of readers! The Summer Dare Everywhere is designed to bring the Library's Summer Dare program to kids who have barriers to coming to the Library. Each week, we will visit offsite partner organizations to bring books, tablets, crafts, and activities to kids at the YMCA and Jane Boyd summer care locations. You'll work with other volunteers and staff to deliver the fun of the Library and reading to kids eager to be a part of the adventure.

- Opportunities are available Tuesdays or Wednesdays with varying times between 9 am-2:30 pm.
- Weekly commitment from June 10-July 31.
- You will only need to volunteer for one day each week. We will look at the schedule, open opportunities, and locations to see what will be a fit for both parties.



Volunteer Corps – *Join our on-call volunteer crew*

Do you have the desire to volunteer but struggle with being able to make a regular commitment? Are you excited to get involved but worried about making a weekly obligation? Look no further - we have the perfect opportunity for you! Join our on-call Volunteer Corps and be eligible to help at special programs and events. Many of these programs fall during evenings or on the weekends. Say "YES" as often as you like...but rest assured that saying "no" is also an option!

- Opportunities are extremely flexible!
- To be an active Volunteer Corps member, you must volunteer a minimum of two times per year.
- Some major events for volunteers this summer are:
 - Summer Dare Kickoff Party – Sunday, June 2
 - Train-Up in the Park/Pokemon GO Event – Saturday, June 15
 - Summer Circus Party – Saturday, July 27

For more information about these summer-only volunteer opportunities or any of our ongoing volunteer opportunities, please visit:

www.CRLibrary.org/summervolunteers

