

Dorset Libraries Volunteer Role Description: Reader Leader (Shared Reading)

Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be leading a shared reading session on a weekly basis, ideally for no more than 12 adults. A group session will last for up to 1.5 hours • Choose and prepare texts in advance of each reading session • Creating a safe and welcoming environment • Offering a quality shared reading experience which seeks to improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation. • Liaising with library staff to promote Shared Reading sessions • You may be asked to work with other volunteers to deliver Shared Reading. • Maintaining and submitting records about each reading session • Collecting evaluation data, as required
Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to commit to leading a regular group for a suitable period. • Able to read aloud confidently and with clarity (full training will be given). • An understanding of what constitutes quality literature. • Have a warm, calm and friendly manner that reflects the ethos and values of Shared Reading. • Patience with those who are unable to communicate clearly and/or are less confident • Ability to remain resilient and show compassion to members of the community. • Able to ask for help when needed and communicate with the library contact any concerns or difficulties. • Able to access The Reader Member Support Hub and use the resources available.
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer will be offered Read to Lead course from The Reader Organisation. • Dorset libraries offer regular review sessions and support as required. • Dorset Library Service will be responsible for welcoming the volunteer into the library, providing an induction and orientation around the library and health and safety training.
Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Library Manager is the first point of contact for the volunteer. • Volunteers will liaise with the Shared Reading co-ordinator and Dorset Library Service for review sessions. • The Reading & Learning Team are responsible for volunteer recruitment, liaising with other organisations and development of shared reading within the library service.
Review date	All volunteer placements are subject to regular review.