



Love reading?

Book Volunteer

Time Commitment: Flexible

Save the Children are opening a book area in shops and are looking for people who are passionate about books to help us run them. You'll be involved in sourcing donations of books from the local area, categorising and reviewing them and working as a team to think of innovative ways to maximise sales.

You'll be given the creative scope to develop and advertise the area and to build up its' reputation in your local area. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a new project which, if successful will be rolled out across the rest of the UK. Save the Children charity shops bring in £6 million each year which goes towards our work with disadvantaged children in the UK and overseas and we hope to increase this figure by opening bookshops and improving book areas within existing shops.

What does the role involve?

- Sorting donations of books, categorising into different genres and pricing
- Identifying collectable/antique books and pricing competitively for sale in shop or posting on 'ebay'
- Keeping book area well organised and creating attractive displays and
- Finding ways to encourage book donations from local community
- Forming relationships with local book retailers/publishers to encourage donations of surplus/seconds stock.
- Reviewing books with other volunteers and displaying reviews on books
- Create contacts with local literary people (authors, literature lecturers etc) to encourage readings in the shop or books reviews
- Helping out with other tasks within the shop where necessary
- Ensuring other volunteers understand how to run the book area so it runs efficiently in your absence

Will the role suit me?

Yes, if you.....

- Have a good knowledge of books
- Have good organisational skills
- Feel happy working as part of a team
- Have a good sense of business, experience of working in a shop and/or creativity to think of ways to increase profits

What will I get out of it?

- All the training and support you need
- The chance to use your skills to raise money for our work with children world-wide
- Retail and Marketing Experience
- The opportunity to share your skills and experience and learn new skills
- Working as part of a team of dedicated volunteers to make sure the shop is a success