



Success starts at home with a parent, a child and a book.

Volunteer Opportunities

Classroom Ambassador

Duties: Manage weekly rotation of book bags (check in and check out) in a preschool or kindergarten classroom and interact with students.

Time requirements: 45 minutes per week, typically on the same day each week. It is possible for two volunteers to job share – alternating every other week. 15 minutes of classroom time with the students to read a storybook, lead a song or help with an activity.

Comments: Children “check out” a Raising A Reader book bag each week, typically on the same day of the week. Each bag has four books and is kept by the child for one week. Classroom volunteers record incoming bags from the previous week and assign new bags for the upcoming week. Volunteers also briefly check the condition of each book.

Assist at Parent Talks (Co-facilitate, Interpret English/Spanish or Assist with Children’s Activities)

Duties: Volunteers assist our on-site staff. These events center around a Raising A Reader established topic presented in a small-group format. Help with set up and break down. Depending on comfort levels and skills, co-facilitate the parent discussion, interpret English/Spanish or help entertain the children during the parent presentation.

Time Requirements: Events are usually 30 minutes to an hour plus set up and break down. We facilitate up to 60 of these per year, heavily concentrated in Sept/Oct and in March/April, but also occurring throughout the year. You can volunteer based on your availability and the event locations most convenient for you.

Comments: For parent discussions, another perspective is always helpful. We host these events at schools and other program sites for purposes of parent education. For the children’s programs, several adults work as a team to read to and engage a small group of children.

General/Office Help/Social Media/Web/Video/Public Relations

Duties: The projects involved here will vary based on your skill set and willingness/interest in helping. Could range from social media posting (facebook, pinterest, linkedin) to creating web content, writing articles/producing advertisements for newspaper or radio, or helping develop video content for parent education or public awareness. If you’ve got the energy and the talent, we welcome the help!

Time requirements: 15 minutes a week and up!

Comments: Each assignment will be tailored to Raising A Reader’s needs and your skill set.

Board Member

Duties: Attend six board meetings per year. Help build and expand our network of relationships to improve awareness and/or create support. Use personal and/or professional skills to advise and assist the organization (public relations, marketing, finance/accounting, education, presentation/facilitation, fund-raising, event planning, human resources, writing/editing).

Time requirements: 2 hours a month (meetings every other month)

Comments: We want our Board to be advisory and also interactive so that each board member fully understands our work and impact. We seek to dramatically increase community awareness of the critical importance of parent engagement and books for a young child’s development.