



The Wichita Public Library Teen Library Ambassador program is a fully virtual volunteer experience and will run June 1-August 2. If you are entering 8th Grade in the fall and you are at least 13 years of age by June 1, you are eligible to apply!

Teens will be expected to complete 16 volunteer hours over the course of the program and can earn up to 32 hours credit (no more than 4 hours per week of the program). Hours of credit given is solely at the discretion of library staff and may vary based on whether projects meet minimum requirements or go above and beyond expectations.

Parental permission is required to volunteer. Parents, please answer the questions at the end of the form, and we will contact you separately for signed permission.

Teen Name (first/last): _____

Nickname (if preferred): _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Teen's age (as of June 1): _____ Teen's email address: _____

Teen's grade (fall 2021): _____ Teen's school (fall 2021): _____

Wichita Public Library location teen visits most: _____

Teen's mailing address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Teen Library Ambassador Program Requirements

The Teen Library Ambassador program will run June 1-August 2, 2021. The Teen Library Ambassador program is new to the Wichita Public Library, and looks much different than our previous summer volunteer experiences. It is a fully virtual volunteer experience that asks teens to become Library Ambassadors who learn about the library and promote using the library and its events and services in their local community.

I can attend a virtual orientation on Zoom on one of these dates (check all that apply):

- Saturday, May 8 (2-5 p.m.)
- Thursday, May 13 (5-8 p.m.)
- These dates won't work for me.

I can complete at least 16 volunteer hours during the eight weeks of the program:

- Yes
- No



I will use the Discord app or website to communicate with Library staff regarding volunteer assignments and to turn in digital documents:

- Yes, I have used Discord before.
- Yes, but I will need training on using Discord.
- No, I won't be able to use Discord.

Do you have a vacation or camp scheduled between June 1-August 2?

- Yes, and here are the dates: _____
- No

The Teen Library Ambassador program will ask you to do tasks like:

- Write interesting book reviews to entice teens to read something new.
- Take well-composed photographs on your smartphone or device to be used for Wichita Public Library media content, including web, print and video.
- Create unique art to illustrate your favorite teen book events or Library locations, which can be featured at the Library or on the Library website and social media.
- Create content that can be posted to the Wichita Public Library's social media accounts.
- Use your own social media accounts to promote the use of the Wichita Public Library to friends.

Have you completed tasks like this before? Tell us a little about your relevant experience from school clubs or social groups: _____

Have you taken a class at school or for fun in which you've learned creative software skills? Tell us about the projects you have worked on: _____

Teen Library Ambassador Digital Media Skills Test

As part of your application, please create a bookmark that could be used to promote the Library's Summer Reading Program. Summer Reading is an important part of library services because it promotes literacy, helps students retain knowledge and skills over the summer away from school, and encourages children and teens to make reading a habit.

You can draw your own art or use stock art (make sure it's copyright free) to create the bookmark. The bookmark can be a physical item (please take a picture and attach it) or a digital item (email to smoesel@wichita.gov as a .png or .pdf file). The bookmark should be 2"x6" (if physical) or 600 pixels x 1800 pixels (if digital). You may use a free account on Canva and its blank bookmark template for the digital item.

If you would prefer a writing assignment, write an essay (300 words or less) on a significant memory you have of visiting or using a library, or a persuasive argument on why Wichitans should get a Wichita Public Library card.

Parent / Caregiver Permission

Here's what you need to know:

- To volunteer, your teen must be entering grades 8-12 in the fall.
- You must give permission for your teen to participate.
- Make sure your teen can commit to at least eight weeks of volunteering 2-4 hours per week.
- Your teen must be available to volunteer between June 1-August 2. Let us know if your teen has a camp or vacation scheduled.
- Your teen will use the free app/website called Discord to communicate with library staff on a closed forum, private server alongside other teen ambassadors.

If you have questions, call (316) 261-8500 and ask for Teen Services Librarian Sara.

I give permission for my child to be a Teen Library Ambassador for the Wichita Public Library during the 2021 Summer Reading Program. I understand that my child will not receive monetary compensation or be insured by the Library. I have read and understand the requirements outlined in this application. My child will be available a minimum of four weeks and complete at least 16 hours of volunteer time.

___ I give permission.

___ I do not give permission.

Guardian Name (first/last): _____

Guardian Phone Number: _____

Guardian Email Address: _____

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PHOTOGRAPHS:

I, _____, being over 18 years of age, do hereby authorize and consent to the City of Wichita, its agents and employees, including those at the Wichita Public Library, taking, reproducing, publishing, circulating, or otherwise using video pictures, photographs or a portrait of myself and/or my child(ren) for the puprose of publicizing article(s) containing information on the services provided by the Library. I also authorize Wichita Public Library to identify me and/or my child(ren) in captions, stories and other publicity promoting Library services and programs.

I understand that neither I nor my child(ren) will receive payment for this activity. My decision to enter into this agreement is completely voluntary and is not contingent upon receiving or obtaining any services from the Library.

This consent shall remain in effect until written notice withdrawing such consent is actually received by Wichita Public Library. Withdrawal of this consent will not affect the ability to receive services from the Wichita Public Library.

Date: _____ Name: _____