

Why Volunteer?

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There are many good reasons for sharing your time and talents at the Paso Robles City Library!

- Meeting new, interesting people
- Making new friends
- Working in pleasant surroundings, surrounded by books
- Learning new tasks, developing new skills
- Providing a much-needed, much-valued service to the community

Since its inception in 1995, the Paso Robles Library Volunteer Program has grown to become one of California's most innovative models of volunteerism in library service.

Today, volunteers are essential to the daily operation of the Library with over 100 trained volunteers contributing over 18,000 hours of their time and talent each year!

Library volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds and their contribution to the Library staff and to the community is immeasurable.

Join us! The Library Volunteer Program will bring you new opportunities, challenges, camaraderie, and fun!

Suzanne Robitaille, Volunteer Coordinator

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Welcome!

The Paso Robles Library offers volunteer opportunities in many areas of library service, from "up front and personal" to "behind the scenes" and several areas inbetween. Here is just a sampling:

High Energy Needed Here!

If you are a people person, are detail-oriented, and aren't afraid to learn new computer tricks, the Circulation Desk may be the place for you. This is a great position for discovering wonderful books, CDs, DVDs and other materials.



Got Answers?



Do you have a little Sherlock Holmes in you? Do you love solving mysteries? Can you think outside the box?

Sometimes it takes a library patrons find

bit of sleuthing to help library patrons find the information they need and Reference Desk volunteers are at the ready!

If you work well with the public, are patient, and can think creatively, then the Reference Desk might just be the job for you!

Family Volunteering?

You bet! Adopt-A-Shelf (or a special area) is a great way for parents to teach their children civic responsibility and have fun doing it!



A behind-the-scenes job, Materials Processors prepare materials for circulation—a great way to see what's new in the library collection before anyone else! And our



Menders keep materials clean and in good working order.



I Know It's Here Somewhere

If you've ever looked for a book that is supposed to be on the shelf and you just can't find it, then you know how important correctly

shelved materials are to the user-friendly library. Shelving is a great position for discovering all the wonderful materials the library has to offer.

If You Love Children

There are several positions in the Children's Library that may appeal to you—all require patience and a good sense of humor! Storytime volunteers plan and present weekly storytime programs. If you enjoy reading aloud, the *Grandparents and Books* program makes visiting the library an enriching experience for children. And if you haven't made a diorama in years, you just might need to brush up on your skills if you



help in the Study Center, a satellite facility, open Monday-Wednesday after school. Library staff and volunteers are on hand to help students with

homework, research, and reports, to read to them, or to just play games together.



Like Shopping?

If you like to shop, then you've probably wondered what's involved in selecting, purchasing, and arranging those items you see displayed in your favorite stores.

The Paso Robles Friends of the Library is looking for a few good men and women to help run their gift store, located just off the Library/City Hall lobby. Energetic seniors are perfect for this job!

Friends can always use help with their monthly book sales, too.

For most Library volunteer positions, the commitment is 2-4 hours, one day per week. All require a positive attitude and a desire to have fun!



The adventure begins at www.prcity.com/library