

TEEN VOLUNTEERING AT MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY



TAKE-HOME PACKET

Hello!

Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering at Memorial Hall Library. We're so happy that the library is a place that you'd like to give your time to. Due to COVID-19 safety measures, we are not currently offering our Crafts for a Cause program or any other in-person volunteer opportunities.

But here are some volunteer projects you can do at home on your own schedule, to help the library or other members of our global community!

If you need to keep track of your volunteer hours for an assignment or for another organization, color in these blocks for each 5 minutes you spent working on these projects.

5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
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Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

We will also be happy to sign any forms you may need to show your school, scout troop, or other organization that requires proof of volunteering.

Projects for Any Time:

- Write a book review for the MHL Teen Room Instagram. This will help other teens find great books to read!
- Write a letter to thank a soldier for their service.
- Make a card to send to our homebound library patrons.
- Fill out our library survey and return it to the Teen Room to help us improve.

There may be other time-sensitive projects available at different times. Look in this packet for materials to help you with these and potentially other projects.

If you have any questions about volunteering at MHL, or if you'd like to suggest another volunteer project for inclusion on this list, you can drop by the teen room to talk about it in person, or you can contact teen librarians Anna & Renata:

Email: ya@mhl.org **Phone:** 978-623-8432

Thanks for your interest in volunteering!

Write a Book Review for the MHL Teen Room Instagram!

- This will help your fellow teens find good books to read. You don't have to recommend a book that you got from the library, but it must be a book that MHL owns.
- (If you're not sure if the library has a copy of the book you'd like to review, search our catalog at https://mvlc.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/andover1 or ask a librarian!)
- We'll take a photo of the book you picked (or you can email us a photo if you took one on your phone! Please, only a picture of the book itself, not your face) and post it on Instagram (@mhlteenroom) with your review as the caption.
- You can type this out and email it to ya@mhl.org or you can handwrite it on this sheet of paper and turn it in.
- Your review should be at least 50 words and should tell people a little bit about what the book was about, what you liked or didn't like about it, and who you might recommend the book to. For example, "I read Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling and really liked it! It's the story of a young boy who learns he has magical powers and goes to learn magic at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. This book is funny in some places and scary in some places. I'd recommend it to readers who like fantasy stories."

Review form:

Book Title	
Book Author	
Book Review (including a short summary, what you liked or didn't like about it, and who you might recommend the book to). (Continue on the back of page if needed)	

Write a Letter to a Soldier

Do you want to let a member of the US armed forces know that you appreciate their service? You can write a letter and MHL will pass it on to the A Million Thanks project, which will distribute your letters to active duty military members.

DON'T:

- Address your letter to any particular person. These letters will be distributed with care packages.
- Seal letters in individual envelopes.
- Include anything else with your letters (like photos or magazine clippings).

DO:

- Be kind and uplifting
- Include your address IF your parents/guardians say it's OK and IF you'd like for a soldier to try to respond to your letter. (They may not respond!)
- Include drawings or poems if you feel so inspired!

<https://amillionthanks.org/letter/>

Make a Cheerful card for a Homebound Library Patron

Our homebound library patrons are people who can't come into the library in person. Our staff deliver books to them. You can make a card to spread a little sunshine along with their next book delivery! You can use a blank pre-made card or simply fold a sheet of paper in half and decorate the front and write a short message inside.

DO:

- Be positive!
- Say something like, "I hope you enjoy your library book!" or "I hope you have a great day!"

DON'T:

- Address them to any particular person. You can say something like, "Dear Reader" or "Dear Friend"
- Give your contact information. You can sign it as being from "A MHL Teen Volunteer."
- Say "get well soon" in your card; people who get books delivered to them are not necessarily sick.

We're always looking for teen input for our library programs and events! Do you have an idea for an event you'd like to virtually present at the library via Zoom or Discord? Tell us about it!

Your Name: _____

Your phone number or email address (whichever way you'd prefer for us to contact you about planning this program): _____

Proposed Program Name: _____

Type of program (circle): arts/craft, discussion, game, other: _____

Proposed program platform (Discord, Zoom, other?)

Theme of program (for example, a particular author, a movie) :

Describe what would happen at this program (for example, "We would all watch a Harry Potter movie and make our own wands while we watch" or "We would make this craft that I found on Pinterest"):

Describe what supplies you would need for this program: _____

Tween and Teen Library Survey

Fill out this form and return it to the Teen Room Desk.

We want to hear from YOU about how we can make the Teen Room better!

1. How often do you visit the Teen Room? (circle one)
 - a. More than once a week
 - b. Once a week
 - c. Once a month
 - d. A few times a year
 - e. Rarely/never

2. What grade are you in? (circle one)
 - a. 6th
 - b. 7th
 - c. 8th
 - d. 9th
 - e. 10th
 - f. 11th
 - g. 12th

3. What brings you into the Teen Room? (circle all that apply)
 - a. To find books for school
 - b. To find books for fun
 - c. To attend programs
 - d. To get help with homework
 - e. To hang out/socialize
 - f. To use the computers
 - g. Other:

4. If you attend programs, what kind of programs are you interested in?
 - a. Crafts
 - b. Book groups
 - c. Movie nights
 - d. Food programs
 - e. Gaming (video games and tabletops/RPGs)
 - f. Lock-ins
 - g. Other:

5. What do you like to read?
 - a. True stories
 - b. Science Fiction
 - c. Historical Fiction
 - d. Mysteries
 - e. Romance
 - f. Comics and manga
 - g. Realistic fiction
 - h. I'm not sure; I need help finding books to read
6. What is one thing you really like about the Teen Room?
7. What is one thing you don't like about the Teen Room?
8. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?