

TECHStorytelling Volunteer Role Description at Redbridge Libraries

Brief description of TECHStorytelling children's reading club

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Would you like to be involved being part of fun learning activities with our young customers? In this role you will assist us to deliver activities and learning experiences for our younger customers and help them to fully enjoy and participate in these activities.

TECHStorytelling is a new idea which is based around exciting creative activities and reading. It is for children 8 to 12 years old who are interested in becoming storytellers and also using new technologies. Children participating in TECHStorytelling are tasked with reading a book of their choosing at home and then come together once a month to share its storyline using coding, robotics or video special effects.

At **Lab Central (Redbridge Central Library)** the children are using a programming language called Scratch in a Raspberry Pi computer. This is a free and child-friendly language perfect for creating interactive stories, games and animations.

At **Gants Hill Library** the children are using the free iMovie app and special green screen effects on iPads.

At **Fullwell Cross Library** the children are using the incredible Ozobot which can be programmed to speed and spin with exciting fire sounds and flash lights and using iPads.

Who you are

- You have basic knowledge of iMovie (for the Gants Hill Library group) or coding (for the Lab Central and Fullwell Cross Library groups)
- You enjoy working with children and are friendly
- You have a good command of spoken English and good communication skills
- You are responsible, reliable and dependable, taking pride in your work
- You are at least 14 years old.

As a TECHStorytelling Volunteer you will

- Support staff at the chosen library to run the activity and help to make it a success
- Assist staff setting up the space and tidying up afterwards
- Work with children on a one-to-one basis or in small groups on specific projects – there will always be a member of staff so they will be there to help
- Be a role model showing the kids your enthusiasm for technology
- Encourage the children attending a group to borrow library books and get really excited about this new way of expressing themselves!
- Refer library customers who need further information onto library staff.

What we require from you

- A completed volunteering application form
- You will need to have a satisfactory Identity check carried out
- You will need to provide the contact details of two referees who are over 18, know you well but are not a member of your family
- Undertake any other training as required by the Libraries.

Why you should volunteer with Redbridge Libraries

- You will be involved with training children to think about how books can be turned into tech
- You will increase your confidence dealing with children in a professional setting
- You will learn skills around customer care, confidentiality and health and safety
- You will gain valuable experience for your CV and a reference if you volunteer continuously and reliably for several months.
- Personal satisfaction at helping younger children realise their potential.

When and where you would be volunteering

- This opportunity is currently only available at Redbridge Central, Gants Hill, and Fullwell Cross Libraries.
- These groups run once a month and we will need you with us for about 2 hours :
 - on the first Saturday of the month at Fullwell Cross Library
 - on the third Saturday of the month at Lab Central
 - on the third Wednesday of the month at Gants Hill Library
- All volunteers are required to undertake a trial period of up to 10 hours