



2026 VolunTEEN FAQ

Why should I become a VolunTEEN? Volunteering at KCPL will give you the opportunity to learn new skills, gain public service experience, and become familiar with the operations of a public library. It's also a great way to meet new people and make new friends while earning required service hours for school.

Who can become a VolunTEEN? Teens ages 12 (by May 30) to 18 (not a high school graduate) may apply for the VolunTEEN program. *High school graduates are ineligible. We are unable to accept volunteers in need of court-ordered community service.*

How do I apply? VolunTEEN applications will be available at www.kcpls.org/teens/volunteer and at all KCPL locations beginning April 1, 2026. Returning VolunTEENS are required to complete a new application. *Applications received after end-of-day on April 30, 2026 will not be considered.*

What would I do as a VolunTEEN? VolunTEENS are responsible for a variety of tasks that vary based on location or department. The following are examples of typical VolunTEEN work:

- Assisting with or preparing for special events, programs, and displays
- Pulling or shelving approved library materials
- Tidying assigned areas of the library

When would I start/finish? The VolunTEEN program runs concurrently with Summer Library Club, May 30 – July 31. VolunTEENS may be contacted for volunteer opportunities throughout the rest of the year.

How will I know if I've been accepted? Applicants selected to serve as VolunTEENS will receive an email and/or phone call by May 15th, 2026. *Acceptance will not be finalized until the potential VolunTEEN attends a brief orientation in May with one of their guardians.*

How many hours would I work? VolunTEENS have the opportunity to work up to 20 hours a week, depending on the needs of their assigned location. VolunTEENS must work a minimum of 10 hours during the summer in order to complete the program and to receive an invitation to the reward party. *VolunTEENS are not permitted to work longer than 4 hours in a day and 20 hours in a week.*

What sort of training would I receive? New VolunTEENS will receive general training at the required orientation in May and training for specialized tasks during their individual volunteer shifts.

For other questions or concerns, contact:
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