



Burlington Public Library

TEEN VOLUNTEER SQUAD



HOW DO I JOIN?

- Look through this guide for ways you can contribute community service virtually! Opportunities are open to ages 12 and up.
- We have options for all types of time commitments – 30 minutes, 1 hour, and 2 hours or more!
- First, submit a library [volunteer application](#). Then you'll get the go-ahead from Jenny to begin.
- Contribute whatever you want, as often as you want. Rack up those hours!
- Follow guidelines on how to submit each project. Most submissions will be entered through a Google form or sent to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with a specific subject line in your email. That's it!
- Don't forget to log the hours you spend on volunteer projects. It's your responsibility to keep track of your hours, and it's really important to do this if you hope to request a reference letter from BPL.
- Questions about anything? Ideas for virtual community service we haven't thought of yet? Email Teen Librarian Jenny at jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov.

30 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Follow BPL on social media

- BPL Teen Department on Instagram: [bpl_teens](#)
- BPL on [Facebook](#)
- BPL on [YouTube](#)

Guidelines: For every account you follow, earn 30 minutes of community service. You must stay following for the entire school year. No following and unfollowing! That ain't cool. Email jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Follow BPL on social media" when completed.

Mini Book Review [photo]

Create a mini-review for the library's teen Instagram feed. Using whatever software you like, using whatever images you like, write a SHORT and snappy one-sentence review for any book you've read in 2020. The image could have a pic of the book cover and your words included with it, and can even be as simple as, "This book totally rocked my world!"

Guidelines: Your image should be a square and in .jpg format. Include in the body of the email your name as you'd like it to appear and the grade you are currently in. Email to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen Instagram book review." // worth 30 minutes community service //

Bookface [photo]

Create a "bookface" image for the library's teen Instagram feed. "Bookface involves strategically lining up your face or another body part alongside a book cover that features a matching body part so that there appears a melding of life and art." [See here for examples.](#)

Guidelines: Your image should be a square and in .jpg format. Email the image to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen bookface" // worth 30 minutes community service //

Book Spine Poetry [photo]

Create a book spine poem and snap a picture of it. Book spine poetry is made by using several books and arranging them so that their titles make a poem. For ideas, check out these [book spine poetry examples.](#)

Guidelines: Your image should be a square and in .jpg format. Email the image to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen book spine poem" // worth 30 minutes community service //

Chalk the Walks [activity + photo]

Chalk the Walks is all about spreading joy, optimism and inspiration through the magical power of sidewalk chalk. Visit [this website](#) for more information about this project and ideas of what to draw or write. Grab some chalk, go outside, and cheer up the neighborhood with an inspiring message!

Guidelines: Take a photo of your work. Send image in .jpg format. Email your photo to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Chalk the Walks" // worth 30 minutes community service //

Mask Up! Selfie [photo]

Show us how you are keeping safe and wearing a mask (properly! - over your mouth AND nose!) Snap a selfie, or have someone take a photo of you. We'll post your photos on our social media to promote mask awareness!

Guidelines: Send your photo in .jpg format to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen Mask Up" // worth 30 minutes community service //

1 HOUR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Teen Interest Survey [Google Form]

BPL wants to hear from you. Let us know what you are interested in and what you want to see at the library. Your input Matters! Submit the survey and watch as we input your ideas into action.

Guidelines: Complete the survey found [here](#). // worth 1 hour of community service //

Teen Blog Post [writing]

Take the opportunity to express your voice in an effective matter: the written word. This is your chance to express your opinions. Write about the current political climate, the quarantine orders, your interests, etc. Just write about something you are passionate about. Please use appropriate language. If you can't show it to your parents, you shouldn't submit it. Your entry could be posted on BPL's website or blog. Blog posts must be at least 250 words to qualify. Submit as many posts as you like.

Guidelines: Submit your blog post [here](#). // worth 1 hour of community service //

Themed Book List [email list with links]

Create a themed book list for us to post on social media and/or our website. Curate a list of books you'd recommend with a theme that pulls them together. Examples are "Best Apocalyptic Fiction" or "Road Trip Novels For When You Have to Stay Home" or "Books With Happy Endings for Hard Times." Be creative with your themes!

Take a look in the [library's catalog](#) and check to see if BPL has the book in print or in [digital format](#) [ebook or audio]. Include links to each book to make it easier for others to find. If the book isn't available, you can still include it on your list!

Guidelines: Each list should have at least 10 books. Make sure to include the book's title and author's name for each item on your list. Email your list in the body of your email to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen book list." Please do not send links to Google Docs. Attachments are ok. // worth 1 hour of community service //

Recreate a Book Cover [photos]

Your mission is to recreate a book cover. Use whatever household items you can find to stage your photo. Take a look at the [#recreateabookcover](#) hashtag on Instagram for ideas and inspiration.

Guidelines: Send two images in .jpg format. Send the book cover (a photo of the book or a pic from a Google search will do just fine) and your re-creation of the book cover. Please include the title of the book in the body of the email. Email to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen book cover" // worth 1 hour community service //

Make a Playlist [link to Spotify]

Channel your inner DJ and create a playlist for us! For a **Book-Themed Playlist**, choose a book you love and create a playlist using songs that make you think of that book. Check out [this playlist](#) that inspired Angie Thomas' book [On the Come Up](#).

Another option is to create a **QuaranTunes Playlist**. What songs remind you of what's going on right now? What have you been listening to a bunch right now? What new music has come out lately that you're totally into? Make me a playlist, 'cause I want to hear all about it.

Guidelines: Keep your playlists to about an hour in length. Please use "radio friendly" tunes as opposed to explicit versions when possible. When sending along a book-themed playlist, please put in the body of the e-mail the title of the book your playlist is for. Email link to the playlist to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen playlist" // worth 1 hour of community service //

Create a Trivia game [link to Kahoot]

Create a [Kahoot!](#) Game (or other similar trivia site) based around a theme of something you love. It can be books in general, a specific book or series you enjoy, or even a TV show or movie. Be creative ... but don't be too limiting with your audience! We will use these at future teen events or volunteer meetings.

Guidelines: Your game should be 10-15 questions in length. Please don't make them too difficult or obscure - but not too simple either! Email the link to your game to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen trivia game" // worth 1 hour of community service //

Share Your Artwork [photo]

We want to see your art! What can you draw, paint, doodle, sculpt, etc.? Show us your skills! We want to share it on our social media. Create a piece of art using whatever medium you like for all to enjoy!

Guidelines: E-mail your submission in .jpg format to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen artwork." // worth 1 hour of community service //

2+ HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Teens Recommend! [video]

Record yourself recommending a YA book that you love. Check out this video submission for [Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard](#).

Guidelines: Upload your video using [WeTransfer](#). This is the simplest and fastest way to deliver large files like videos. Email the link to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teen video review" // worth 2 hours of community service //

Book Review [writing]

Read and review a book you borrowed from the library or from one of our [digital library services](#). Submit your review [here](#). Reviews must be between 250-500 words. No spoilers! Reviews may appear on the library's website with your first name and last initial.

Guidelines: Submit your review in this [form](#). // earn 1 community service hour per 100 pages (i.e. 3 hours for a 350-page book) + 1 hour for your book review (example: 350-page book = 3 hours for reading + 1 hour for review = 4 hours) //

Teens Teach [video]

Do you have an awesome skill you want to share? Make a video! Show us how to draw Pokemon, or how to make a grilled cheese sandwich. Can you do the Cha Cha Slide? Can you crochet amigurumi? You've got STEM skills, I just know it. The possibilities are endless! Show us, we want to see! For an example, check out this video on [How to Extract DNA from a Strawberry](#).

Guidelines: Start by filling out the [Teens Teach Proposal form](#). Then upload your video using [WeTransfer](#) and email the link to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov with the subject line "Teens teach video" // earn 1 hour per minute of video (not to exceed 10 minutes) //

COVID-19 Community Memories Project [writing, art, etc.]

Contribute a piece of personal writing or art about what life has been like since the pandemic started. Don't know where to start? Check out our interview in the [Skagit Valley Herald](#) for ideas.

Guidelines: Submit your work on the [Community Memories](#) page of our website. // worth 2 hours of community service //

SUGGEST A TEEN CLUB

Do you have an interest that you think would be fun to share with others? Have a group of friends obsessed with art, movies, writing, activism, etc.? Want to take charge and turn this interest into a community? You could get volunteer hours for this, too!

Fill out [this form](#) with the details about your club. Filling out the form is not a guarantee that your club will be approved. Email Teen Librarian Jenny (jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov) with any questions.