

Summer Volunteering Opportunities  
July 1 - August 14, 2026 - (Grades 8-12 - your grade in September)  
**Open to Bergenfield Residents Only**

Summer Volunteering offers quick opportunities for those who are unable to participate in our school year structured program, the Junior Library Council. Various projects, tasks, events and activities arise for chances to earn volunteer hours so students earn hours as they go. **There is no set amount of tasks or required hours to meet.** Any volunteer hours accrued will not carry over into the Fall Junior Library Council program. Students will receive a certificate with the amount of completed hours or a letter if needed. Currently some opportunities are:

**Remote Opportunities**

**Book Reviewer Options:** 1. **Film a book review.** Make a 50 second video about a book you have read within the last 3 months and one that the Bergenfield Library owns - check the BCCLS catalog to confirm. Book reviews are subject to approval and must follow an opening script that will be given to you prior to filming. Your video could be posted on the library's Instagram account. 2. You can also **write a 2 paragraph book review** giving a summary of a book and why you did or didn't like it. Email your review to us on a Google Doc, 3. **Video game reviewer.** Use the same criteria as a book review on new games rated E, E10+ or T(teen). You can submit multiple reviews and earn 30 minutes per review.

**Sci Starter:** This offers you the best option if you will be away at camp, on vacation or working because it allows you to complete a project at a time convenient to you from wherever you are. How it works: Go to [SciStarter](#) website and create a free account and profile then go to the "Projects" tab to view all available science projects or use the "Find A Project" pop-up box on the homepage. Once you input your zip code (anywhere in the world) the site will harvest all scientific activities in the area. You must follow all of the instructions to complete your chosen activity and then send us proof of completion via email which may be a site generated email, certificate or other notification. Complete as many projects as you like. Each completed activity will be converted into volunteer hours.

**In-Person Opportunities**

**Craft Room Organizer:** Assist with organizing, sorting and labeling various craft supplies and materials. You will be contacted with potential dates and times. This is not a drop in opportunity. Earn 30 minutes of volunteer service time.

**Kindergarten Welcome Postcards:** Help write short welcome notes to incoming Kindergarten students. All supplies are provided. Cards are written at the library and not to be taken home. Write 4 cards and earn 30 minutes of volunteer service time.

**Math Bingo:** Lead a small group of children in Grades 1-3 in two rounds of math bingo and award small prizes at the end. Basic addition and subtraction skills are needed. Choose to host a game on Friday, July 17, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm or on Wednesday, August 5, 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm. This

is not a drop in volunteer opportunity. You must indicate which day you prefer. Earn 1 hour of volunteer service time.

**Program Prepper:** Help a Youth Services Librarian prepare for different programs by cutting, sorting, collating and organizing various materials for crafts and distribution to program attendees. This is not a drop in opportunity. You will be contacted with potential dates and times. Volunteer time earned depends on the task.

**Reader Leader 1 & 2:** Help children practice reading in a group setting by listening to them read for 20 minutes and helping them with challenging words by using a dictionary. You must commit to a 30 minute session on one of these pre-selected dates: Reader Leader 1: (Grades K-1st) on Tues. July 14, 21, 28 at 1:30 pm or Reader Leader 2: (Grades 2nd & 3rd) on Thurs. July 9, 16, 23, 30 at 1:30 pm. This is not a drop-in volunteer opportunity. You must choose a date from the one listed. Earn 30 minutes volunteer service time per date.

**Story Time Guest Reader:** Come in to read two stories to children ages 0-5. Story Times are 30-45 minutes long on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in July. You will conduct a portion of story time (reading) and assist with a craft or open play time with the Youth Services Librarian. This is not a drop-in volunteer opportunity. Dates must be pre-arranged/approved. Earn 1 hour of volunteer service per date.

**Young Adult Book Display:** Create a book display based on an approved theme along with a promotional flyer. This is not a drop-in volunteer opportunity. Dates must be pre-arranged/approved. Earn 30 minutes volunteer service time.

**Document Shredder:** Help the library prepare documents for secure shredding in compliance with confidentiality and data protection standards. You will be sitting down and operating a shredding machine. Only for 11th or 12th graders. Earn 1 hour volunteer service time.

If you are interested in any of the above-mentioned volunteer opportunities, please contact Celia Meana, Summer Volunteer Coordinator at [cmeana@bergenfieldlibrary.org](mailto:cmeana@bergenfieldlibrary.org) or Denise Lester, Youth Services Department Supervisor at [dlester@bergenfieldlibrary.org](mailto:dlester@bergenfieldlibrary.org) with:

Your name and phone number  
School  
2 program preferences

Grade in September  
Available dates and times  
[Parental/Guardian Permission Form](#)

**Parents/Guardians must complete the Permission Form and return it to us in the Children's Room or you can scan/email it to one of us.** You will be contacted via email if there are volunteer opportunities available. Please know the above in-person opportunities are limited and not everyone will be placed. These are first come, first served opportunities.