

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Volunteering: 6 months

Bronze or Silver Award

You may need to commit to six months of volunteering to complete your Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A volunteering placement of this length of time gives you the opportunity to get to know your library and challenge yourself a bit more. You could find an activity you like to return to on a weekly basis and make your own, or you could decide on a long-term project that you can work on over several weeks.

In this role you might:

- Plan a series of craft or activity events for children
- Help with recruitment for summer volunteering
- Support library staff when organising larger events
- Promote the Reading Well for Young People book list to other library users
- Run a short drop-in activity each week, such as tech support, Lego club or similar
- Act as a Book Doctor; talk to children about when they have read and make recommendations
- Make a short film showcasing what the library has to offer
- Visit local schools to talk about upcoming library events
- Crowdsource recommendations from other young people for a themed booklist
- Plan a one-off library event such as a spoken word night or author visit

Record your volunteering hours

You can record your volunteering hours on www.readinghack.org.uk.

1. Select sign up/register in the top right corner of the homepage
2. Use the 'Duke of Edinburgh's Award' search option to search for hack ideas
3. Join the hacks that you'll do during your volunteering time e.g. 'read with another library user' or 'make a display'.
4. If you can't find a hack you want to do, add your own!
5. For each hack, scroll down to the activity log and add the number of hours you spent on it
6. At the end of your 12-18 months, download a skills letter to use as evidence.
7. Select 'People' then 'Profile'. Click 'Activity' to see all the hacks you've completed, then choose 'Download Skills Letter.'