

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Volunteering: 3 months

Bronze Award

You'll need to complete 3 months of volunteering (sometimes more) to achieve your Bronze DofE. Most of the activities below are all things that you can do during individual sessions at the library, but you could also try taking on a long-term project over several weeks if you want to challenge yourself.

In this role you might:

- Help library staff run story or rhyme time sessions
- Help library staff run Chatterbooks clubs or similar
- Be a digital buddy; help visitors use library technology at set times during the week
- Be a reading buddy; spend an hour a week talking to children about what they have been reading and making recommendations
- Create library displays
- Design posters for library events
- Promote the Reading Well for Young People scheme in a creative way
- Help library staff during busy times such as the Summer Reading Challenge
- Take photos and draft posts for social media

If you want to challenge yourself:

- Plan an event for the library, such as an author visit, open mic night or workshop
- Plan craft or activity sessions
- Make a short film promoting the library

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 3 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.'