

Visiting Library Service Volunteers

FAQs

How can I help?

Pick up bagged items of library material from your local library branch deliver the bags to clients who are unable to visit the library themselves. Then you return the client's read items back to the library where staff will check them in.

How often?

Volunteers are requested to devote 4 hrs per month (morning, afternoon or evening). Exact date and time to be arranged by the Volunteer Coordinator

How many people would I deliver to?

Up to 4 or 5 clients.

How widespread would my delivery area be?

Volunteers will be paired with clients who are geographically as close together as possible.

How heavy are the bags?

Volunteers do need to be physically able to lift and carry bags of library material. *On average*, the bags weigh between 5 and 10 pounds and each patron takes an average of 2-4 bags.

Do I need any special skills?

Yes we are seeking people who have good interpersonal skills and understand the importance of respecting confidentiality. Due to the vulnerable nature of the position, volunteers will be required to undergo a Criminal Records Check.

Our volunteers will provide their own transportation and need to have a valid Ontario Driver's License, clear driving record and adequate insurance.

Do I have to have any special training?

The Volunteer Coordinator will provide training and orientation.

How do I apply?

Please download the printable version of the application form, fill it in and drop it off at any branch of the Hamilton Public Library. The Volunteer Coordinator will call you to set up an interview time.

What if I have more questions?

Please call the Volunteer Coordinator at 905-546-3200 ext 2158.