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Reader's Theatre Troupe

FOR TEEN ACTORS AGES 14-18

Do you want to have fun while earning service learning hours? Here's your chance to become an awesome actor and make new friends at the Chicago Public Library while earning community service learning hours for school at the same time!

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY READER'S THEATRE PROJECT IS:

Teen actors bringing books to life through dramatic readings

Exciting glimpses at scenes adapted from classic and contemporary books for teens

Programming for teens ages 14 and older, parents, and educators



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is

reader's theatre?

Short "teaser" scenes from popular and current teen fiction.

Dramatic readings of scripts adapted from titles in the teen collections at the Chicago Public Library.

Entertainment by teens for teens.

What do teen

volunteers do?

Attend rehearsals and performances monthly.

Learn acting skills from Promethean Theatre Ensemble mentors.

Earn community service volunteer hours

Spread the love of reading and libraries

What is the

time commitment?*

One rehearsal per month at the Harold Washington Library Center.

One performance per month at a Chicago Public Library branch location

Special event performances throughout the year

***All rehearsals and performances are eligible for service learning hours!**

For more information or to get an application, e-mail teenvolume@chipublib.org



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CURTAIN CALL

For Teen Actors Ages 14-18

Here's your chance to become a Reader's Theatre actor
at the Chicago Public Library while earning community service learning hours!

WHAT IS READER'S THEATRE?

- ◆ Bringing your favorite teen books to life through dramatic readings of poignant excerpts using voice, facial expressions and hand gestures
- ◆ Original programming performed by teen volunteers for other teens and adults to introduce a variety of literature from the new teen collections at the Chicago Public Library
- ◆ Flexible and adaptable entertainment that showcases both teen performers and new and classic teen collections at the Chicago Public Library

WHAT DO TEEN VOLUNTEERS DO?

- ◆ Attend rehearsals, which consist of theatre games led by Promethean Theatre Ensemble, practicing scripts for performance and helping revise, review and suggest new adaptations
- ◆ Perform scripts aloud for teen audiences at branch libraries throughout the city
- ◆ Earn community volunteer service learning hours

COMMITMENT:

- ◆ Teen volunteers must attend one rehearsal a month at the Harold Washington Library Center.
- ◆ Troupe members will travel by bus from Harold Washington Library Center to perform at Chicago Public Library branch locations (performances will be scheduled once a month).
- ◆ Please contact Robin Willard, Young Adult Specialist by calling (312) 747-4780 or sending an email to teenvolume@chipublib.org, to find out when the next rehearsal will be held.

YOU SHOULD JOIN THE READER'S THEATRE TROUPE IF:

- ◆ You love books and libraries and are excited about promoting them
- ◆ You are 14-18 years old and in high school
- ◆ You are interested in acting and performing for an audience
- ◆ You are committed to attending performances and rehearsals

We are always looking for new Reader's Theatre Troupe members! Contact us today or find more information by going to our website chicagopubliblibrary.org and clicking the "For Teens" tab.



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Please briefly describe your previous acting experience (if any):

Reader's Theatre rehearsals are held on Saturdays, generally from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. once a month and performances are scheduled once a month in the evenings,* generally from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Are you able to commit to attend monthly rehearsals and performances? Please list any conflicts you might have.

*Performances are generally scheduled Wednesday and Thursday evenings, though there are some special day-time programs on occasion or schedule changes due to special guest authors.

PARENTAL APPROVAL

The following information should be completed by the parent or guardian of the teen.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms.
Last First

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address _____

I approve _____ (daughter's/son's name) application to serve on the Chicago Public Library Reader's Theatre Troupe, for which he/she will be offered community service learning hours (pending school approval). I understand that serving as a Troupe volunteer will require him/her to commit to the Reader's Theatre Project at least twice a month. Rehearsals will take place at the Harold Washington Library Center, located at 400 S. State Street, and programs will take place at this library as well as off-site. I understand that parental approval will be requested and necessary via permission slips for every program scheduled off-site.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications must be returned to:

Robin Willard, Young Adult Specialist, Chicago Public Library
Harold Washington Library Center
400 South State Street, 10-S
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Fax: (312) 747-4077
rwillard@chipublic.org

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THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Parent Consent for Children Under 18 Years of Age

_____, give permission for my

(Parent/Guardian's Name)

son/daughter to volunteer for the Chicago Public Library's *Teen Volume Reader's Theatre Project*.

I understand this is at least a year-long commitment for which my son/daughter must attend bi-monthly gatherings for which he/she will either be rehearsing performances at the Harold Washington Library Center (400 South State Street) or taking a bus to and from the Harold Washington Library Center to perform for teens and adults at various Chicago Public Library branches.

_____ may volunteer for a maximum of

(Child's Name)

fifteen (15) hours per week. I will not hold the Chicago Public Library or the Chicago Public Library Foundation responsible for any accident occurred on or en route to any library premises during volunteer service hours with the Reader's Theatre Project. I understand that my son/daughter will not be insured.

Signature:

Parent/Guardian's Name

Date

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VIDEO AND PHOTO RELEASE AUTHORIZATION FORM

I _____ (TEEN), hereby authorize the Chicago Public Library and the City of Chicago to take, use or publish photographs and video recordings with/without restrictions, if any as noted herewith:

_____.

I release the library, its governing body, appointees, officers, agents, servants, employees from all responsibility in connection with the foregoing release of photographs and video recordings and any publicity which might ensue.

I confirm that I have read and fully understand the above and that all blank spaces were completed prior to signing.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

GUARDIAN/RELATIVE (if under 18):* _____

WITNESS: _____

*If the individual whose photograph is being taken is an unemancipated minor under the age of 18, a relative or guardian must sign this photo release.



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