

## Reading Hack Volunteers in Cumbria Libraries - Summer Reading Challenge 2019

## Space Chase

Every year Cumbria Libraries run the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a national scheme to encourage young people (usually 4 to 12 year olds) to read during the summer holidays. The challenge is to read 6 books. There is a different theme each year and for 2019 it is **Space Chase**, inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing.

We launch the challenge in July and it ends in September so we would want you to volunteer over the summer school holidays. Children visit the library to tell us about what they have read collecting free stickers along the way. When they have read their 6 books we give them a certificate, medal, and kit bag for completing the challenge.

The challenge is always very popular in Cumbria and we would like to give you the chance to share in this great scheme. It is fun and rewarding; listening to young children and experiencing their joy of reading.

### Here is what we want you to do:

- Join the children – you will help them to fill in their details on a registration card
- Talk to them about what they have read and help them to find what they want
- Give out the free stickers
- Encourage them to complete the challenge
- Help staff with any activities for children during the summer
- Organise an activity with other volunteers
- Celebrate with us your achievements during the summer.

You will be needed for a minimum of 2 hours per week – although we would like you for longer if possible. 13 and 14 year old volunteers can do a maximum of 25 hours per week\*\* and 15 + can do a maximum of 35 hours per week\*\*

\*\* This will depend upon the opening times of your local library. You will not be expected to work before 9:30 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. We are flexible and can work round any holidays you might be taking in the summer.

### What we will do for you

- We will provide you with training before the challenge starts
- We will keep a record of the hours you put in for us
- We will make sure you are happy with the tasks and are able to carry them out
- There will be countywide recognition for the volunteering you have done. If you are working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award, this volunteering opportunity could contribute towards it.

### Remember

You will not be working alone; staff will always be there to help you.

You can volunteer to help throughout Cumbria; most libraries are looking for young volunteers to help support the challenge.