Andersen Horticultural Library Story Time Readers: Volunteer Opportunity

Description
Help young children and their caregivers enjoy stories from the Library’s collection of children’s books. While Story Time is geared toward young children and their caregivers, all are welcome and elementary school children may come during summer and school breaks. Held weekly, the Story Time reader selects which books to read, sometimes around seasonal themes. The Reader is welcome to lead additional activities, if desired, e.g., puppet play, clapping rhymes, etc., but this is not required.

Responsibilities
- Lead Story Time – choose the books, read books to the group and show the illustrations; assist the children and their caregivers in any way they need to fully enjoy and experience the activity.
- Assist Library staff in setting up for and cleaning up after program.

Required Skills
- Enjoy working with young children and engaging with their caregivers
- Desire to share knowledge about plants and nature (majority of our children’s collection)
- A bit of patience and a good sense of humor

Time Commitment and Schedule Details
- Story Time is scheduled Thursdays, year-round, 10:30 – 11:00 or 11:15 (depending on interest and attention spans)
- Commit to a minimum of 1 shift per month; approximately 1 hour each

Responsibilities
- Greet children and their caregivers, direct them to seating
- Represent the library by presenting a brief welcome statement at the start
- Liaise with Library staff for last minute needs (Audio/Visual equipment, copies, lighting, room set up, etc.)

Requirements
- Be a patient, energetic, and outgoing person
- Be comfortable welcoming participants and engaging them in conversation
- Be comfortable speaking in front of small groups of people (up to 20)

Benefits
- Enjoy some fun time with children
- Learn more about the Library and its collections
- Contribute to the Arboretum’s mission and support the Library

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