

# Volunteer Opportunities



## Adult Literacy Program

Adult Literacy Tutors: 15 hour training required. No experience necessary. Tutor for 1-2 hours per week. Ongoing commitment for at least nine months. Volunteers work one-on-one with adults 18 and over to help learners achieve their literacy goals.

Trainers: Adult training experience preferred. Orientation/training required. Trainers will present the designated curriculum to volunteers training to be tutors. Training topics include: knowing that literacy includes the four language components; the needs of the individual learner; appropriate assessment and goal setting; phonics, word patterns and language experience approach; lesson planning; RTS tutor materials. Sessions are 3 hours each.

ESL Teachers: Experience required. Training required. 8 week time commitment. Do not need to be bilingual. Volunteers to teach multi-week ESL classes.

R.E.A.D. Evaluators: Educator experience preferred. Training required. As needed availability. Volunteers to assess learners in the Adult Literacy Program using the R.E.A.D. test.

Administrative: No experience necessary. Weekly or as available commitment. Volunteer to assist with data entry, research, managing resource library, assembling training materials, filing and copies.

## Programs

Families That Read, Succeed: Family program experience preferred, but not required. Training available. Program provides reading time and supervised literacy activities for families. Families meet for 1 to 2 hours weekly, in the evening, for four consecutive weeks at their school. MTSU education students create and lead fun art, music, and literacy activities related to a carefully chosen book. MTSU, Success By 6, and *Read To Succeed* staff and Council members provide guidance, support, and supervision.

Imagination Station: Education experience preferred. Training available. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program for children and their parents to encourage reading as a family. Weekday availability needed.

Volunteer Readers: Orientation required. No experience necessary.

Administrative: No experience necessary. Weekly or as available commitment. Volunteer to assist with assembling materials, copies, filing, managing reports, data entry and other work as needed.

## Special Events

Annual Fundraising: Volunteers to stuff and label envelopes for mailing.

Community Booths: Limited commitment on an “as needed” basis. Volunteers to work Read To Succeed tables at various community events to distribute literacy materials and information.

Express Yourself Teen Writing Conference: Held in October each year. Volunteers to help with assembling materials and helping the day of the event. Professionals in the areas of writing, creative arts, graphic arts, photography etc. to lead workshops and participate in panel discussions for the conference. Conference is designed to encourage teens to be creative in visual and performing arts.

Reading in the Schools Day: Held in September each year. Rutherford County elementary schools, private schools, and Murfreesboro City Schools participate in this annual event. Over 1,000 classrooms and 20,000 children have volunteer readers in their classrooms sometime during the day. Volunteers to read in the classroom on the day of the scheduled event. Pre-event assistance to help with assembling packets and materials for schools.

Read To Bee: is open to all 6th grade students in Rutherford County: private schools, Rutherford County, Murfreesboro City Schools, and home schoolers. 6th grade students must compete in school bees with those winners advancing to represent their school at this championship event in March. Volunteers needed for sign-ins and event personnel.

Reading Rally: Held in September each year. It is a midday festival to celebrate the written word. Events are held at Linebaugh Library at the Murfreesboro Civic Plaza, Smyrna Library at Old Rock School Park, and at LaVergne Library at Bicentennial Park with great music, entertainment, storytelling, face painting, and other fun activities for the family. Volunteers to assist with planning and implementing events and activities associated with the event.