



Looking to add some oomph to your résumé, college application, or scholarship opportunities? The West Bend Community Memorial Library is now offering a remote volunteering program for teens and preteens ages 11-18.

Complete activities to earn points, wherever and whenever you like. 10 points = 1 volunteer hour. Complete 100 points (10 hours) to earn a certificate! You can volunteer as much or as little as you like.

There are TWO WAYS to register and participate. Pick the one that works for you!

1. Visit westbendlibrary.beanstack.org and follow the instructions to register for the West Bend Library Teen Volunteer Program (easiest option)
2. Use the attached activity log to keep track of your volunteer hours. If you choose this option, please email Hannah at hkane@westbendlibrary.org from the email you check most frequently, and include the following information:
 - a. Your name (and pronouns, if you like)
 - b. Your age/grade/school

Hannah will use the contact information you provide to check in periodically, so please use an email address you'll actually check.

Volunteers may still participate and earn prizes in the Summer Learning Program; if you register for the Beanstack volunteer logging option, feel free to sign up for the Learning Program as well!

Thanks for all your help!

Please contact Hannah at hkane@westbendlibrary.org with any questions.

TEEN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

There are a variety of tasks you can complete to earn volunteer hours. Not all activities are worth the same amount of points, and most activities you can do over and over again.

1. **Developer** – It's fun pointing out when adults are wrong, so spend some time finding errors on the library's website! Review pages on the site for spelling errors, images that won't load, and broken links. Please fill out and return a copy of the attached form for every page you review to get credit.
Points: 5 Hours: 1/2
2. **Helping Hand** – Help out at home! Once your parent, guardian, or other in-charge-ish adult type feels like you've helped them out for at least half an hour, have them email Hannah to confirm the number of hours. Keep track at home, and your adulty person can email Hannah as frequently as they like, or just once at the end of the summer. Please note what you did in your volunteer log if not keeping track on Beanstack.
Points: 5 earned every 30 minutes
3. **Listener** - The youth of West Bend are missing our in-person Reading with Rover program. Create and upload a video of you (or a pet) "listening" to a child while they practice reading aloud! (I know it's a little weird, but it'll be cute, I promise.) A sample video is available on the West Bend Library's YouTube channel.

Introduce yourself - and your pet, if they're participating - nod along for 15 minutes, then tell the kid they did a great job and you hope they keep practicing. Then, upload the video and send me the link! (Alternately, just send me the video itself.) You can do more than one, but you will only get credit for a maximum of three videos. If you and your parent/guardian/responsible adult are cool with it, let me know if the video is okay to share publicly. If you don't specify, I will assume you don't want it shared.

If you are not using Beanstack, please include the video title/date in your volunteer log.
Points: 10 per video Hours: 1 per video

4. **Memester** - Make us a meme! Whether it's about libraries, a book you've read, reading in general, video games, anime, superhero movies... if you can relate it to libraries, or anything that might be in the library, it counts! Keep it PG, please. The highest quality memes will go on display on the bulletin board in the Young Adult Fiction section. If you don't want your meme displayed publicly, please note that when you submit.

Because it is possible to earn all 10 volunteer hours by just making 50 memes, please provide evidence of memes you've created. Email them to Hannah at hkane@westbendlibrary.org, post it to the library's Facebook page, tag @westbendlibrary on Instagram, or return physical copies to the library (with your name on) to submit.

If you are not using Beanstack, please briefly describe your meme in your volunteer log.
Points: 2 per meme Hours: 1/5 per meme

5. **Neighbor** - Do something nice for a neighbor! Mow their lawn, walk their dog, make them a card or a care package - you (probably) know them better than I do. Just do something nice! If you are not using Beanstack, please briefly describe what you did in your volunteer log.
Points: 5 per thing Hours: 1/2

6. **Pen Pal** - Write a letter, make a card, or draw a picture to share with someone in an assisted living facility. You make it, and the library will deliver it! (This is also one of the Summer Learning Challenge activities; you can use the same letter/card/picture for both.) Email these to Hannah, or drop them off at the library. If you're going the physical route, make sure I know who to give volunteer credit to; if you don't want the recipient to know your full name, you can sign it with your first name and last initial, or attach that info on a separate piece of paper.
Points: 10 Hours: 1

7. **Picker Upper** - Grab a bag and gloves and head to the park! With so many people using parks and trails these days, not everyone is considerate about their trash. Maintain social distancing and carefully help keep our public spaces clean! (Yes, the library park counts.) For those not on Beanstack, please use your volunteer log to note the location of your pickup endeavors, and whether you found anything particularly gross or interesting.
Points: 10 per hour – can be done in smaller increments

8. **Reviewer** – Review books, movies, video games, anime – whatever you like! Review length is up to you, but it is worth an hour of volunteer time, and the length/quality should reflect that. Reviews don't have to be written! Draw a comic, sketch out your impressions, record a podcast – it's up to you! If you do not submit your review on Beanstack, email it to Hannah and include the book title/author. If your review format is not accepted by Beanstack, email it to Hannah, who will manually add it to your Beanstack profile.
Points: 10 Hours: 1

All activities can be repeated as many times as you like, except Listener, which you can do three times maximum.

Have an activity idea that isn't listed? Email Hannah to get it approved.

WEBSITE REVIEW FORM

Please fill out and return this form for every page of the library's website you review. The library's website is www.westbendlibrary.org - you can choose any page on the site to review!
Contact Hannah at hkane@westbendlibrary.org with any questions.

If you need more copies of this form, please feel free to pick up more, or make your own!
An online version of this form is available on our website at westbendlibrary.org/teens

Volunteer Name: _____

Page Reviewed: westbendlibrary.org/_____

Did you find any broken links?

- Yes No

If yes, what's the link text? _____

Did you find any spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors?

- Yes No

If yes, what were they? _____

Did all the images load, or does it look like there might be broken images on the page?

- Yes, everything looks fine
 No, Hannah, please go fix this poor page.

Any other comments about this page? Anything you think could make it better?

Thank you for your help! Please return completed forms to the library.

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