

## Summer Sidekicks

★ **Overview:** *Summer Sidekicks* is a passive programming series developed to increase teen volunteer engagement and participation during *Summer Reading*. Teen volunteers prep, set up, facilitate (with librarian supervision), and clean up the programming. Additionally, *Summer Sidekicks* encourages young library customers to play, create, socialize, and use library resources with the help of teen volunteers. *Summer Sidekicks* supplements the library's core programs, occurring during "off times." Each passive program lasts for one week and occurs for one hour daily. For example, mask making would be for the first week of *Summer Reading*, from 2-3 on M & T and from 10-11 on W & R (see attached calendar for rotation schedule).

### ★ Summer Sidekick Programming Examples:

- ★ **Mask Making:**

- **Preparation:** Teens cut out mask templates from brightly colored card stock.
- **Set up:** Teens set up masks, glue sticks, and crayons on tables in children's area.
- **Facilitate:** Teens encourage participation from customers in the children's area, assist with mask making, encourage creativity, and engage customers in an enthusiastic manner.

- ★ **Power Bands:**

- **Preparation:** Teens cut paper towel and toilet paper rolls in half and length wise.
- **Set up:** Teens set up card board segments, glue sticks, and band decorations (jewels, etc) on tables in children's area.
- **Facilitate:** Teens encourage participation from customers in the children's area, assist with power-band making, encourage creativity, and engage customers in an enthusiastic manner.

- ★ **Coloring:**

- **Preparation:** Teens make copies of coloring sheets and organize.
- **Set Up:** Teens set up coloring sheets and crayons on tables in children's area.
- **Facilitate:** Teens encourage participation from customers in the children's area, assist with power-band making, encourage creativity, and engage customers in an enthusiastic manner.

- ★ **Book Marks:**

- **Preparation:** Teens copy bookmark templates onto white card stock and cut.
- **Set up:** Teens set up bookmarks and crayons on tables in children's area.
- **Facilitate:** Teens encourage participation from customers in the children's area, assist with coloring, encourage creativity, and engage customers in an enthusiastic manner.

- ★ **Superhero Academy:**

- **Preparation:** Teens set up power-breathing station (bubbles), super strength (bar bells made out of paper towel cardboard and balloons, and fire jump (Hula hoop with tissue paper flames attached). This is a more physical activity and may be better facilitated outdoors or in a program room.
- **Set Up:** Teens set up agility stations with safety in mind.
- **Facilitate:** Teens encourage participation from customers in the children's area, assist customers through "obstacles", encourage agility and good sportsmanship, and engage customers in an enthusiastic manner.

- ★ **Come Read with Me:**

- **Preparation:** Teens select books for children to choose from.
- **Set Up:** Teens set up reading area.
- **Facilitate:** Teens allow children to read to them or vice versa.

- ★ **Sensory Buckets:**

- **Preparation:** Teens prepare sensory buckets (elastic, storm, ice).
- **Set Up:** Teens set up buckets in children's area.
- **Facilitate:** Teens assist customers with buckets and help customer's analyze the contents, making connections to the super hero theme.

JUNE 2015					
Week/ Activity	MON	TUES	WED	THURS (Come Read with Me)	FRI
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Week 1/ Costumes</b>	2:00 Craft: masks/ power bands	2:00 Craft: masks/ power bands	10:00 Craft: masks/ power bands	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Week 2/ Bookmarks</b>	2:00 Craft: Spiderman	2:00 Craft: Batman	10:00 Craft: Wonder Woman	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Week 3/ Agility</b>	2:00 Superhero Academy (Super Breath)	2:00 Superhero Academy (Super Strength)	10:00 Superhero Academy (Super Skills)	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Week 4/ Sensory Buckets</b>	2:00 Storm	2:00 Elastic	10:00 Snow	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Week 5/ Coloring</b>	2:00 Good Guys	2:00 Sidekicks	10:00 Villains	<b>10:00</b>	
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	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Week 6/ Costumes</b>	2:00 Craft: masks/power bands	2:00 Craft: masks/power bands	10:00 Craft: masks/power bands	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Week 7/ Bookmarks</b>	2:00 Craft: Spiderman	2:00 Craft: Batman	10:00 Craft: Wonder Woman	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Week 8/ Agility</b>	2:00 Superhero Academy (Super Breath)	2:00 Superhero Academy (Super Strength)	2:00 Superhero Academy (Super Skills)	<b>10:00</b>	
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Week 9/ Sensory Buckets</b>	2:00 Storm	2:00 Elastic	10:00 Snow	<b>10:00</b>	

Dear Teen Volunteer,

Once hired as a volunteer at the Northwest Library, you become an important member of our team. We believe in your abilities, talents, and willingness to learn, and we feel that we can trust you and rely on you to make significant contributions to the library and library programs.

- As a team member, you will be asked to assist in program preparation and clean up. For instance, you may prepare, set-up, organize, and take down activity and craft stations. *It is vital that you adhere to your volunteer schedule to ensure that programs are ready for customers to enjoy.*
- Also, you may assist during youth programs by actively participating in activities and engaging with customers. For example, you might take part in games, reading, and crafts. It is important that you arrive on time and display enthusiasm and a willingness to help during your entire shift. *Remember, you are a role model for young customers. Kind, courteous, and dutiful volunteers reflect positively on the library.*
- Finally, you might be asked to help library customers sign up for Summer Reading, log progress, and claim incentives for reaching reading goals. Therefore, your presence at the sign-up area and celebration station are essential to library efficiency and customer satisfaction. *Your attendance and attentiveness to customers reflect the library's dedication to the community.*

THANK YOU for volunteering and becoming a member of the Northwest Library team! Please remember that **helpful and reliable** volunteers are essential to library efficiency and customer happiness. **Please keep your volunteer schedule in a safe place.**

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Teen Volunteer Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature