



The "why" of Summer Volunteers!

We've planned for months, trained for weeks, and Summer Reading is finally here! In the busyness of working with Summer Volunteers (or during the frustrating times when it seems they're not working at all) keep in mind our common goals. The lives of teen volunteers will be changed, skills developed, and relationships forged that will have a major impact on the Champions they become, and you and your co-workers play a major role in that transformation!

Goals for Summer Reading Volunteers:

- To gain job training and work experience
- To develop skills including self-motivation and taking initiative
- To increase connection to the Library
- To encourage camaraderie with like-minded teens
- To encourage reading skills
- To support the Library



Feel like it won't make a difference in the future? It does. Just ask the United Way Rep at a recent event I attended. He volunteered all through high school at the Belle Isle Library, and credited his experience there with getting a job at OSU's Library after he graduated. He now has worked for United Way a little over a year. Hearing him speak to high school students about his career path was so rewarding, because his story began where he started "working", at Belle Isle Library.

Let's take advantage of our awesome opportunity this summer to encourage the growth and development of 275+ teen volunteers!

As always, let me know how I can help!

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