

Attention All Haldimand County High School Students!

The Haldimand County Public Library is looking for high school students who are interested in earning volunteer hours by becoming a Peer Reviewer.

This is a volunteer opportunity that you can complete **at home** at a time that best suits your schedule. Students submit reviews of books, movies, ebooks, digital audiobooks, graphic novels, music, and/or video games that are owned by the Haldimand County Public Library. These reviews will then be used to promote the library's collection to other teens.

Registration for this volunteer opportunity is required and materials being reviewed must be approved by the Outreach Coordinator before you begin. For more information, please see below.

Volunteer Qualifications:

- Ages 14-18.
- An interest in reading, watching or listening to items from our library collections.
- An ability to communicate well with others.
- Strong writing skills.
- Have a Haldimand County Library Card (this can be obtained for free if you are a Haldimand resident)

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Pick library items, have them approved by the Outreach Coordinator, and check them out on your library card (can be a digital or print items).
- Write a meaningful and concise review consisting of **200-250 words**.
- Reviews must use inclusive and respectful language.
- Each individual is responsible for ensuring that any paperwork regarding volunteer hours is completed and submitted to their school.
- Meet deadlines for review submissions.

Volunteer Benefits:

- Earn volunteer hours toward your Secondary School diploma. Earn 2 volunteer hours per review!!
- Discover books, movies, music and video games from the curated list of HPL's print and digital collections.
- Amplify your voice in the library.

- Improve your writing and critical thinking skills.

Audience:

Teens - Ages 14-18

Application and Timeline:

- Teens can apply to participate anytime between the months of September and June.
- From the date a student submits a title to be reviewed, he or she, will have **three months** or until **June 1st, 2022** (whichever comes first) to submit the review to the Outreach Coordinator by email and in Word format.
- All participants must fill out the application, have their parent/guardian sign the media release form and submit them to your local library branch or email them to the Outreach Coordinator at kkrupicz@haldimandcounty.on.ca

Volunteer Hours Will Not be given if:

- The student failed to have the Outreach Coordinator approve the item(s) they would like to review.
- Reviews are not submitted by the three month deadline or by June 1st, 2021 (whichever comes first).
- The review contains offensive language.
- The review has significant errors in spelling/grammar.
- The review is not an original piece of work.