

Young volunteers and Bronze Arts Award

Young volunteers working with the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) or completing year-round volunteering in libraries will develop valuable skills and knowledge that can help them with future employment opportunities. Volunteers can also use their experiences towards achieving a [Bronze Arts Award](#).

Bronze Arts Award has four Parts: young people **take part** in an arts activity, **review** an arts event, **research** the work and life of an artist or craftsman that inspires them and **share their skills** with others.

Here are some suggestions for activities that volunteers can get involved with to complete each Part of their Bronze Arts Award:

- **Become a Social Reporter:** young volunteers may like to set up a blog, social media account or library display to share their own experience of being a volunteer. By showing how they have developed their interest, knowledge and skills in a creative art they demonstrate that they have **taken part in arts activities**, Part A of Bronze Arts Award.
- **Write and share a review:** Volunteers write a book review and share it. This could be in a video, on a poster, by creating a display, or on social media. Sharing their review completes **arts review**, Part B of Bronze Arts Award.
- **Interview a writer or illustrator:** As part of the Summer Reading Challenge artists often visit the library. Why not ask a young volunteer to interview the artists as part of their research for Part C, **arts inspiration**. Volunteers could use their research to create a book display, a poster or information leaflet about their favourite author for visitors to the library to enjoy.
- **Run a creative workshop for children:** Volunteers could help create and run a workshop to **share their arts skills** (Part D). They may like to run a craft session, a storytelling workshop or a writing workshop
- **Create a 'How to' guide** for other volunteers: What arts skills can they pass onto other young people volunteering? Why not get them to write a blog, create a video blog or diary about how to do the creative things they've learnt during their volunteering experience.

Tools to help young volunteers:

Reading Hack young volunteers have resources they can use to help record their journey, such as the [volunteering essentials booklet](#) or the [young volunteers website](#). These tools give volunteers the opportunity to record the tasks they've completed, hours spent volunteering and skills gained, as well as sharing their activity ideas with other volunteers.

Offer Arts Award in your library

In order to run Bronze Arts Award someone from your library will need to attend training. You can find dates at a centre near you at www.artsaward.org.uk/training.

Your training will include a copy of the Arts Award Adviser Toolkit, which provides all the information you need to run Arts Award, including what you and the young people you are working with need to do for each Part of Bronze, and what evidence they need to collect.

If you have any questions about Arts Award please contact the helpline on **020 7820 6178** or email artsawardenquiries@trinitycollege.co.uk



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