PCCLD has a special Volunteer opportunity for Preschool Storyreaders!

The Library District is searching for 5 – 10 Volunteers who feel comfortable promoting the major objectives of the Preschool Storyreader Program, which are:

- To provide opportunities for children to experience the joy of reading and to develop a love of books.
- To promote the use of the Pueblo City-County Library District among preschoolers and their families.
- To develop pre-reading skills among Pueblo's children.

The Preschool Storyreader Volunteers will:

- Visit and read to a preschool classroom for approximately 30 minutes once per month.
- Pick up the storytime books from one of the PCCLD libraries.
- Prepare for storytime by practicing reading the books and singing songs.
- Read the stories and discuss the books with the children.
- Discuss books and share read-aloud techniques with teachers.
- Promote library services and library card registration to children and their families.

Time Required

Because the program serves preschool classrooms, almost all volunteer opportunities are for <u>weekdays</u> between 9 am and 4 pm.

The volunteer commitments include:

Observe Preschool ST at library	30 minutes
Training session and orientation	2 hours
Observe coordinator do ST at school	30 minutes
Coordinator observe Your ST	30 minutes
Pick up and return book sets	10-20 minutes
Preparing for each storytime	30 minutes
Visiting and reading at classroom	Around 30 minutes
Travel time to and fro from classroom	15-20 minutes

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Qualifications

Volunteers for the Preschool Storyreader Program should have:

- A love of books and the library.
- A respect for children as unique, important individuals.
- A desire to help children learn about themselves and the world.
- A sensitivity to economically disadvantaged children and their families.
- Reliable mode of transportation.
- Must be 18 years old or older to volunteer.

Training

A training and orientation program will be provided in September, 2017 and the Preschool Storyreader Program will begin in October, 2017!

If you would like to become a Volunteer in the Preschool Storyreader Program, please complete an Adult Volunteer Application and forward to Kristin McLaren at <u>Kristin.mclaren@pueblolibrary.org</u>.