



Stratford Library

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STRATFORD LIBRARY CHILDREN'S, TEEN & uCREATE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION ----- SUMMER 2026 -----

PLEASE PRINT: *(Parents: This application must be completed by your teen. Thanks!)*

First & Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Pronouns *(optional)*: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Personal Email *(not school)*: _____

Year of Birth: _____ Grade *(grade entering Fall 2026)*: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name & Relation: _____

Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone *(in case of emergency)*: _____

► **WHAT IS YOUR AVAILABILITY THIS SUMMER?** (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Morning/ Mon-Fri	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon/Mon-Fri	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening/Mon-Fri	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday
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► **PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIFIC DATES THAT YOU ARE *NOT* AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER:**

► **DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR MANDATED COMMUNITY SERVICE INCLUDING COURT ORDERED SERVICE AND JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD SERVICE?** (IF YES, OPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING INCLUDE TEEN AND uCREATE ONLY.)

Yes No

► **ARE YOU VOLUNTEERING IN ORDER TO COMPLETE REQUIRED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS FOR CHURCH, SCHOOL GRADUATION, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, AND/OR SCOUTING?** Yes No

IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES,' PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name of organization: _____

Address of organization: _____

Total # of hours required: _____

Date by which hours must be completed: _____

► PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

► DESCRIPTIONS OF TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Children's Department Volunteer Program (Coordinator: Caitlin Augusta)

The Children's Department is looking for students in grades 8-12 to help with the Library's summer reading program. Activities include preparing craft materials, working at the Craft Table, putting up displays, organizing and straightening, and helping with various special events. Potential volunteers should be responsible, self-directed, like working with children, and be able to commit to 2-4 hours per week plus special events. Space is limited, and volunteers will be accepted based on their interview and availability. Unfortunately, the Children's Department does not have space for every teen who applies, and we appreciate the time it takes to apply and interview.

Teen Department Volunteer Program (Coordinator: Teresa Neville)

Teens in grades 8 through freshman year of college may apply. Volunteer activities include (but aren't limited to): assembling Grab 'n' Go Kits, shelving DVDs, shelf reading, and assisting with planning & executing on-site Teen Department & Library events. Volunteers can also expect to assist with moderating the Library's *just-for-teens* Discord server. Note: Volunteers in the Teen Department Volunteer Program communicate regularly via a separate, volunteers-only Discord group chat.

uCreate Volunteer Program (Coordinator: Chris Bacchiocchi)

Teens entering grades 8 through freshman year of college may apply. uCreate volunteer activities include (but aren't limited to): working in the Library's makerspace, the uCreate Space; assisting with recurring uCreate events (like *3D Printing for Beginners* and *Video Game Club*) as well as all-ages STEAM-themed activities; working on digitization projects (as needed); and assisting with virtual activities (e.g. *Game Chat Discord Meetup*). Note: uCreate volunteers communicate regularly via a volunteers-only Discord server. *No prior technology experience required to apply.

To submit your completed Children's/Teen/uCreate Volunteer Application (including your Personal Statement), please do one of the following :

- Drop it off directly at the Teen Desk in the Library.
- Email it as an attachment to teenvolunteer@stratfordlibrary.org.
(Please put "Volunteer Application" as the subject.)
- Mail it to: Stratford Library Teen Dept., 2203 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615.
- Seal it in an envelope labeled *Attn: Teen Dept.* and leave it in the outside book drop.

INTERVIEW & TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Teen, Children's, & uCreate applications must be submitted by 5 pm on May 22, 2026. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Teen & uCreate volunteer interviews are held weekly. Applicants will be notified of their interview date. Successful applicants will receive an email with next steps, including required training dates

and times. Please note that space is limited, and acceptance is based on the interview and volunteer availability. While we are not able to accommodate every applicant, we truly appreciate the interest and encourage all teens to stay involved by attending and participating in Teen & uCreate programs.

***Children's Dept.** Children's Dept. Interviews will be held weekly - applicants will be notified about interview dates. Successful applicants will be required to attend one training date in June - either June 13 from 2pm-4pm or June 15 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. If you know you cannot attend one of the trainings, please wait and apply for the fall session as training is mandatory.

NOTE: Due to high demand for all teen volunteer positions, late or incomplete applications will not be considered—no exceptions. Thank you for your interest and for your understanding!

Questions? Email teenvolunteer@stratfordlibrary.org or call 203.385.4167.