

Guidelines for YOUth Review

Session start and end date: July 2023-June 2024

What do you do?

Write reviews of library books, graphic novels, DVDs, and audiobooks for the Library blog www.tbplofftheshelf.com. You can also submit a video review following the same guidelines for our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/user/tbpl. Past student reviews can be read here: <https://tbplofftheshelf.com/tag/youth-review/>

How long is a volunteer session?

Each volunteer session is a year long. Volunteers must alert the program coordinator if they'd like to volunteer again in the next session.

Expectations of volunteers and reviews

- Reviews must:
 - Be in the Library's physical or digital collection (i.e., cloudLibrary)
 - NOT be a book you're reading for school. This is to prevent 30 reviews of Romeo and Juliet.
 - Be between 250-300 words in length
 - Contain both a summary of the book/movie, as well as a personal critique
 - Contain the title and creator of the book/movie
 - Not contain "spoilers"
 - Be suitable for publication
 - Include your preferred way of being credited (Johnny M., Johnny Munro, etc.)
- Volunteers will review at least 1 item during their volunteer session. The maximum number of hours that can be earned is 20 hours per session.

Expectations of the program coordinator

- The coordinator will check in with you periodically to keep track of your progress and as an opportunity to ask questions or get help.
- We will give you community service hours for every review, as long as it follows these guidelines and you have done a creditable job. If you have not, we will bounce it back to you and give you a chance to revise it.

How do I submit a completed review?

- Email your review to youth@tbpl.ca, either pasted into the body of the email or as a Word doc attachment

How many hours can I earn?

You can earn more or less hours depending on the type of item you review.

- 2 hours - a graphic novel / a movie
- 3 hours - a juvenile chapter book
- 4 hours - a young adult fiction / adult fiction / audiobook / adult non-fiction book / season 1 of a tv show (only review season 1)

Contact

Email or call to sign on as a volunteer:

Program coordinator - Kate Lorenowich (youth@tbpl.ca / 345-8275 ext 7306)