

Rhymetime Volunteer at Reading Museum



Location:

Wednesdays at Reading Museum

We are flexible and work around other museum activities, so locations vary within the galleries such as the Windows gallery or the Silchester gallery.

Volunteer Shift:

Rhymetime happens every Wednesday from 9.45am-11.30am. You don't have to volunteer every single Wednesday, but this role would suit someone who would like to attend regularly and get to know the popular songs!

Why we want you

Rhymetime sessions provide an amazing opportunity for children to learn popular childhood songs and stories along with their caregivers.

Led by a member of the museum team, this popular activity attracts 10-30 children each week, plus their accompanying adult care givers.

You will become part of the team to help ensure the smooth running of sessions.

These sessions allow children and adults to connect and build their confidence, while creating positive relationships with the museum environment, encouraging them to grow up as lovers of art, history and culture.

What you will be doing

- Setting up and tidying away activities
- Meeting and greeting families
- Helping encourage singing and reading stories
- Supervising some areas to ensure we are compliant with health and safety measures
- Helping new families to settle in

This role will suit you if you are

- A people person
- Enjoy singing
- Able to work as part of a team
- Enthusiastic, outgoing and polite
- Enjoy working with young children
- Willing to engage with members of the public
- Self-motivated and pro-active
- Have good communication skills

What you will gain in return

- Meet new people
- Work with a team of museum staff & volunteers
- Experience of working with children
- Gain knowledge of popular children's songs

How much time will it take up?

You will join a team of staff and volunteers

Wednesdays from 9.45am-11.30am. It is not essential to attend every week, you would just sign up for the shifts that suit your world. The volunteer shift includes set up and take down time. Visitors attend between 10:30 – 11:00am

What do I need to wear?

Smart casual wear – feel free to dress in bright colours if you like!

Who will I report to?

The overall supervisor of the role is **Lucy Griffin** (Visitor Services Officer)

The sessions are led by a member of the Gallery team who will allocate tasks and support you on the day.

To apply

New prospective volunteers - If you are not already registered to volunteer with Museums Partnership Reading, please register on our [volunteering platform](#), ensuring you tick the box next to **'Rhymetime Volunteer'** in your 'Interests' **by 9am on Monday 19 May 2025.**

Existing volunteers - If you are already registered to volunteer with Museums Partnership Reading, please [log in](#) to the volunteering platform, click on My Profile, select the 'Interests' section, and ensure you tick the box next to **'Rhymetime Volunteer'** **by 9am on Monday 19 May 2025.**

Matching to the Role

To help us select our volunteers, we will look through all the application/ registration forms of those interested, and we draw up a shortlist of those who most closely match our ideal requirements.

We will invite a limited number of prospective volunteers to shadow a session followed by a brief informal interview to discuss the role.