

# Virtual Teen Volunteering Opportunities at Crete Public Library District

## **PLEASE NOTE**

- The Library does not provide service hours for court-mandated issues.
- All virtual teen volunteering submissions need to be sent via email to Cassandra O'Connell at [coconnell@cretelibrary.org](mailto:coconnell@cretelibrary.org) no later than one (1) week before school volunteer service requirements, if applicable, are due.
- The Library cannot guarantee the ability to approve any service hour requirements if they are submitted the day they are due.

To earn virtual service hours, you must follow ALL listed directions. Hours are given out at the discretion of the library staff. If we deem your work to be insufficient or inappropriate, library staff can reject submissions. We do not provide Service Hours forms. They must come from your school or organization. All Service Hour forms can be brought in to the Adult Information Desk for signature confirmation after Service Hours have been approved via email. We will try to confirm service hours within 1 week via email, but cannot guarantee the time frame. Anyone in grades 6-12 can participate in our virtual service hour opportunities. Teens must be present in order for their service hour paperwork to be signed.

- Select a project from the list below.
- Follow all the directions for each project.
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## **“Your Pick Video” (Limit 3 Submissions/3 Service Hours)**

Do you like to recommend things to friends? Do you like making videos? If the answer is yes, then we've got a service hour opportunity for you.

- Create a 1 to 5-minute video where you do a review of your favorite teen book. (Books read for class will not be accepted for service hours.) All reviews must be books owned by the Crete Public Library District. The following book types are allowed: Young Adult (YA), Manga, and Graphic Novel book. If you are unsure if it counts, ask one of the librarians, and we'll be happy to check for you.
- Your goal is to try to persuade people to check out the item you're reviewing. Tell them a little bit about the story (no spoilers) and why it's so amazing. Use your own words. Do not read the summary off the back of the item or one you picked up online.
- For every approved video you do, you'll receive one service hour from the library. (Limit 3)
- All videos must be library-appropriate.
- When recording, be sure you use standard definition (don't send videos over 200,000KB). Submitted videos may be posted on the library's website and social media at staff's discretion, so by sending them to us you are giving us permission to use your material and likeness.
- Submit your videos by sending us a way to download the video file by either creating a free Dropbox account or by using a Google Cloud link. Send us those links by emailing Cassandra O'Connell at [coconnell@cretelibrary.org](mailto:coconnell@cretelibrary.org).
- Be sure you do not have any copyrighted material in your videos. (This includes but isn't limited to: music, video clips, photos, etc.)



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- Be sure that you include your full name (first and last), grade, and which service hour program you are submitting work for (in this case "Your Pick Video") in every email you send us. (It's like making sure your name is on your paper for school before turning it in.) If you do not have your name on your work, you will not receive credit for it. Do not add this information to the subject line of the email. Please add it to the actual body of the email.
- After a video has been submitted and approved via email, we will be able to sign your service hours form. (The Teen must be present with their form in order for it to be signed.)
- You can do more than one "Your Pick Video" (up to 3) but each one submitted must be about a different Young Adult (YA), Manga or Graphic Novel book. Each "Your Pick Video" must also be on different items than your "Bookstagram" and/or "Write-Up" options, if you choose to do those options as well.

## **Teen "Write-Up" Reviews (Limit 3 Submissions/3 Service Hours)**

Have you read something amazing lately?

- "Write-Up" a paragraph review (at least 7 sentences) about a teen book. (Books read for class will not be accepted for service hours.) All reviews must be books owned by the Crete Public Library District. The following book types are allowed: Young Adult (YA), Manga, and Graphic Novel book. If you are unsure if it counts, ask one of the librarians and we'll be happy to check for you.
- All reviews should start with the title and the author of the book. This is the "title" of your review and does not count as one of your paragraph sentences.  
Example: "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. If you do not include this information, we cannot give you service hour credit.
- Your goal is to try to persuade people to go check out what you've written about. Tell them a little bit about the story (no spoilers) and why it's so amazing. Your paragraph must be written in your own words.
- For every "Write-Up" review you do (up to 3) and that is approved, you'll receive one service hour from the library.
- All "Write-Up" reviews must be library appropriate. Submitted "Write-Up" reviews may be posted on the library's website and social media at staff's discretion, so by sending them to us you are giving us permission to use your material.
- Send all "Write-Up" reviews to Cassandra O'Connell at [coconnell@cretelibrary.org](mailto:coconnell@cretelibrary.org).
- After a "Write-Up" review has been submitted and approved via email, we will be able to sign your service hours form. (The Teen must be present with their form in order for it to be signed.)
- You can do more than one "Write-Up" (up to 3) but each one submitted must be about a different Young Adult (YA), Manga or Graphic Novel book. Each "Write-Up" must also be on different items than your "Bookstagram" and/or "Your Pick Video" options, if you choose to do those options as well.
- Be sure that you include your full name (first and last), grade, English teacher name and their email, and which service hour program you are submitting work for (in this case "Write-Up") in every email you send us. (It's like making sure your name is on your paper for school before turning it in.) If you do not have your name on your work, you will not receive credit for it. Do not add this information to the subject line of the email. Please add it to the actual body of the email. (*The Library reserves the right to verify with the teacher that the book is not on a required reading list.*)

## **Teen "Bookstagram" (Limit 3 Submissions/3 Service Hours)**

Do you love Instagram? Do you love to read? Why not mix the two together and earn service hours for it?

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- Read a Young Adult (YA), Manga or Graphic Novel book owned by the Crete Public Library District, then create a "Bookstagram" for us to post on the library's account. Books read for class will not be accepted for service hours. All "Bookstagram" must be books owned by the Crete Public Library District. The following book types are allowed: Young Adult (YA), Manga, and Graphic Novel book. If you are unsure if it counts, ask one of the librarians, and we'll be happy to check for you.
- Each post needs a photo with a Young Adult (YA), Manga or Graphic Novel book owned by the Crete Public Library District, in it. Be as creative as you can. Please don't just send us a picture of the book by itself. Try to make a cool background, add props, or use photo editing. You will also write a short review (at least 5 sentences) on why it's such a great read and why others should read it too.
- Each photo needs to be submitted in a PDF or JPEG format. Your review should be written up in an email.
- For every "Bookstagram" you do and get approved (up to 3), you'll receive one service hour from the library.
- All posts must be library-appropriate.
- Submitted work may be posted on the library's website and social media at staff's discretion, so by sending them to us you are giving us permission to use your material.
- Send all photos and reviews to Cassandra O'Connell at [coconnell@cretelibrary.org](mailto:coconnell@cretelibrary.org).
- After a "Bookstagram" has been submitted to us and approved via email, we will be able to sign your service hours form. (The Teen must be present with their form in order for it to be signed.)
- You can do more than one "Bookstagram" (up to 3) but each one submitted must be about a different Young Adult (YA), Manga or Graphic Novel book. Each "Bookstagram" must also be on different items than your "Write-Up" and/or "Your Pick Video" options, if you choose to do those options as well.
- Be sure that you include your full name (first and last), grade, and which service hour program you are submitting work for (in this case "Bookstagram") in every email you send us. (It's like making sure your name is on your paper for school before turning it in.) If you do not have your name on your work, you will not receive credit for it. Do not add this information to the subject line of the email. Please add it to the actual body of the email.