

About Volunteering for the Children's Book Fair

We are seeking volunteers to help with the Children's Book Fair in 2009!

When: November 14-15, 2009, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The 17th Annual Connecticut Children's Book Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 14-15, 2009, from 8:45 am to 5 pm. However, volunteers working the first shift are asked to arrive at 8:30 am for their assignments. This is an opportunity to meet and listen to children's authors and illustrators and purchase autographed books. The Book Fair benefits the [Northeast Children's Literature Collections](#) in Archives & Special Collections at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut.

As always, we need volunteers to help with this year's event. Volunteer shifts are usually two or more hours, mostly between 9:30 am and 5 pm. Volunteers' responsibilities may include:

- Working at the information desk
- Working with children's arts and crafts activities
- Serving as a door greeter
- Volunteering as a costume character or tour guide for characters

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, please print out and complete the attached form with your volunteering preferences. Please submit the form to Jen Weinland

9 Pequot Square
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

or

via email at j.weinland@gmail.com.

(If you e-mail Jen, please make sure you include the following information: your name, phone number, and your preference for a particular job or requested time period (e.g., 9:30 am-Noon, 1-2 pm, etc.)

Volunteer Registration Form for the Children's Book Fair

If you are interested in helping with this year's event, please fill out the form below.

Please note: Every effort will be made to place volunteers with their preferred tasks and times.

Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Address (Line 1):

Address (Line 2):

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Home Phone: Area Code Number

Work Phone: Area Code Number

Email Address:

Availability for Volunteering

Please select the date(s) that you are available to volunteer.

- Saturday Only---November 14, 2009
- Sunday Only---November 15, 2009
- Saturday and Sunday, November 14-15, 2009

Please select the time periods during which you would prefer to volunteer.
(Note: You may select more than one time period.)

- 9:30 am - Noon**
- Noon - 2 pm**
- 2 pm - 4 pm**
- 4 pm - 5 pm**
- Other (Please specify between the hours of 9:30 am - 5 pm)**

Volunteer Interests

Please select your preference for tasks during the event. (Note: You may select more than one task.)

- Art Table Monitor**---Help children with arts and crafts activities, refresh art supplies as needed
- Costume Character**---Dress up as a character! We supply the costumes and you walk around in them. You will actually spend about 30 minutes at a time in the costume. Breaks will be provided so that you will not be in costume for two hours consecutively. Also, if you agree to wear a costume, please bring a t-shirt and shorts to wear underneath the costume. You may also wish to bring along a towel. Please indicate your height so that we may match you with a costume that fits appropriately. I am approximately feet inches tall.
- Tour Guide for Characters**---Help guide costume characters as they walk around
- Door Greeter**---Hand out programs and direct people to activities
- Information Desk Staff**---Answer questions, provide general assistance

Other Comments

Please indicate below any questions or comments that you may have about volunteering.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Connecticut Children's Book Fair!