TO INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN LIBRARY VOLUNTEER WORK

- Volunteers are expected to be able to follow oral and/or written instructions. Accuracy is more important than speed.

- When volunteers are working, visitors are not permitted. Appropriate appearance and behavior is expected during a volunteer’s scheduled work time.

- The full Volunteer Policy is available online and by request.

- If you would like to be considered for volunteer work, please fill out the application as completely as possible and return it to any of the service desks. Applications will be kept on file for 6 months. The appropriate volunteer coordinator will contact you if there is an opening.

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(oversees adult and high school Brain Station coaches)

Applicants should keep this page.

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Milford Public Library Volunteer Application

Please hand in your completed application at one of the library’s service desks.

Your Info:
Full Name ____________________________________________ (Nickname? ______________________)
Phone # ________________________________
Email ________________________________________________
Street Address __________________________ City __________________________
Age (if minor) _______ Legal Guardian (if minor) ________________________________

Referred to the library by:  ___FRIEND  ___SCHOOL
___COURT  ___OTHER____________________

Why do you want to volunteer? Why did you choose the library? ______________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Total number of hours needed _______
Required completion date _______

What days and hours can you volunteer? Before noting availability, please consult library hours.

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Education:
Highest Degree Completed_______________________________________________________________
School Currently Attending__________________________________________________________ Grade _____
List any technology skills, special talents, or relevant experience ____________________________
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____________________________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact Info:
Name: ____________________________________________
Relationship: ________________________________
Emergency Contact Phone #: ____________________________
Check the box in the area that interests you and answer additional questions:

☐ General Library Volunteer (for adults and middle school students)  
(Adults may also become a member of our active Friends of Milford Library group. Ask how!)

Volunteers are assigned schedules that usually consist of 2 hours per day for 1 – 3 days per week. Hours are assigned based upon library needs. For additional information, please consult the policy manual, located in the Reference Department.

A volunteer may work in one or more departments of the Library performing basic library maintenance routines under the direction of the Library Staff.

EXAMPLES OF GENERAL VOLUNTEER DUTIES:

- Dusting shelves
- Cleaning books
- Putting magazines in order
- Putting newspapers in order
- Collecting books left on tables, ledges, etc.
- Straightening the books on the shelves
- Stamping edges of books
- Putting plastic covers on books
- Straightening chairs and putting away games
- Preparing books for withdrawal
- Cleaning DVDs and CDs
- Other duties as assigned

☐ Teen Advisory Group Volunteer (for high school students*)

Members of TAG may earn volunteer hours by helping the YA Librarian with programs, planning, displays, etc. at our group meetings. They can be assigned extra hours as needed, and are also invited to assist at certain library events.

*Additional questions for Teen Advisory Group applicants:

Do you prefer messages via email, text (no VoIP please), or both? _________________

The library provides snacks sometimes. Do you have any food allergies? ____________

☐ Brain Station Volunteer Coach (for adults and high school students**)  

The Milford Public Library is looking for session coaches in our makerspace, The Brain Station. Come join us and get to “play” with a number of fun things like our 3D printer, Snap Circuits, littleBits, green screen, button maker, and more. We are looking for high school students and adults who can commit to a few hours each week. Session coaches should be outgoing and enjoy demonstrating, talking, and teaching new skills to the public.

**All high school applicants must also have a current teacher, who is in a position to evaluate their suitability, sign off on this application.

Teacher’s name: ________________________________

School: ___________________________ Department: _____________

Teacher’s signature: ______________________________________

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________________________  Date _____________________

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