

Become a virtual book club Reading Mentor with The Shadow Project

Virtual book club Reading Mentor volunteers will work with small groups of 3-5 students with learning challenges, motivating them to set and achieve weekly reading goals using assistive reading technology and an extensive audiobook library. You'll mentor virtually during the regular school day, working with children that attend Portland metro area public schools. Please be sure to read the following information carefully.

Commitment:

We are looking for volunteers (18+ years old) that will serve for 2 hours per week. Shifts are either in the mornings or afternoon during school hours. Volunteers must specify daytime availability, and a commitment to at least one cycle, with the option to continue mentoring for the duration of the school year. Cycles are as follows, select one or more of these cycles:

- Sept/Oct through Dec
- Early Jan through mid-March
- mid-March through end of school year

On-boarding, training, and placement may take up to 4-6 weeks:

- **The process for on-boarding:** First you will complete a volunteer interest form, the link is in this posting, below. Then Shadow staff will contact you for a virtual interview. During the interview, you will also receive an overview of The Shadow Project and the program for which you will volunteer. If you are selected to volunteer you will also complete a criminal background check. This part of the on-boarding process takes approximately 1-1.5 hours.
- **The process for training:** Volunteers will complete a total of 3 training modules that consist of a general orientation and training before getting started, a Trauma-Informed module at the 4-6 week mark, and an Equity in education module at the 8-10 week mark, with ongoing, optional training opportunities TBD. Each module takes about an hour to complete, and an additional 15-30 minute discussion of reflection questions with the Program Manager, either via email or zoom. Taking part in these trainings is a benefit that we offer to volunteers, as well as an opportunity to provide feedback about participation and programming, which ultimately contributes to our effectiveness in serving children with learning challenges.
- **The process for placement:** Placement with a group will occur after on-boarding and general training is complete, and will be contingent on scheduling coordination between teachers, groups, and volunteer availability. This process may take several weeks.

If you are interested in volunteering as a virtual book club Reading Mentor, please fill out this interest form <https://forms.gle/XAwRctVVQ8kE7TEZ8>. If you have any questions, please email us at serve@shadow-project.org. We look forward to hearing from you!