

REGIONAL CHILDREN LIBRARY

Number of volunteers: **1**

Dates: Volunteer 1 – 01/09/2018 – 30/06/2019 – 10 months

Task:

The project will give the experience of international work for the volunteers, as well as practice in communication with people from different background. During the project the volunteers will practice public presentation skills, project management, individual consulting, and work in a team. Besides the volunteers will improve their linguistic skills. The project will help volunteers to break stereotypes.

The volunteer would be an additional person who could add his/her ideas to create an intercultural and multilingual dimension for the library. Intercultural learning from the childhood can be only achieved by means of personal contacts and communication. The daily work with children offers a wide variety of exchange possibilities (music and songs, dance, story telling & of course, literature). Creating an open mind and an interest in discovering other languages and countries is achieved so in a very natural way based on a daily contact and exchange - it becomes a sort of natural effect of becoming familiar with each other.

The children will have access to other languages, other cultures and will naturally learn intercultural openness and positive interest. The employees of the library will get an intercultural surrounding at their work place. The volunteer and the children can benefit from each other. The work with children offers many ways of exchange.

The main process of the project is learning process. Volunteer will learn by non-formal way with support of staff of the library, mentor and coordinator. They will evaluate together regularly and speak about competences, which the volunteer reached and is going to reach. Mentor and coordinator will help volunteer to realize her/his learning process and at the end of the project create Youthpass certificate.

The volunteer will have a social role in the library, and be in contact with children. S/he will assist in the daily work in the library, including administrative and informative tasks.

The primary activities of the volunteers are:

1. Helping with organization of a study group for the smallest readers of the foreign literature, including games, competitions, songs and dances.
2. Participation in the events and actions organized by employees of the library. Take an active role in communication with children, in preparation materials, in inventing new ideas.
3. Visiting some schools, orphanages together with representative of the library with presentations, interesting games.
4. Taking part in the projects, realized in different departments of the library.
5. Helping with preparation and realization of regional geography club.
6. Helping with technical tasks, as repairing books, decorating rooms, making order.
7. The volunteers will have opportunity to realize their own small project with help of library staff. Realizing their own project can influence the community by this way as well as involve Russian volunteers to participation of this project.

Example of typical working week of the volunteer.*

Monday

10:00 – 11:00 planning for the week
11:00 – 13:00 work in the library
13:00 – 14:00 break, lunch time
14:00 – 17:00 work with children in the library
18:30 – 20:00 Russian language course

Tuesday

10:00 – 12:30 presentations, games in the school/orphanage
12:30 – 13:00 trip to the library
13:00 – 14:00 break, lunch time
14:00 – 17:00 work with children in the library

Wednesday

10:00 – 13:00 technical work
13:00 – 14:00 break, lunch time
14:00 – 17:00 preparation for the event

Thursday

10:00 – 13:00 preparation materials for event
13:00 – 14:00 break, lunch time
14:00 – 17:00 preparation materials for event

Friday

10:00 – 13:00 event for children in the library
13:00 – 14:00 break, lunch time
14:00 – 14:30 trip to the office
14:30 – 18:30 time in the office (phone calls, Internet, meeting with coordinator, mentor, solving problems)
18:30 – 20:00 Russian language course

Saturday - weekend

Sunday - weekend

* It is just an example. Concrete plan will be made together with the volunteer after his/her arrival. The volunteer can be asked to work on Saturday and get second free day on Monday.