

Nurture Inspire Encourage

LITERACY FOR LIFE

Fostering a love of learning and a
desire to read
PRINCETON FAMILY YMCA

The goal of the **Literacy for Life** program is to provide literacy experiences for children so that they can have a better chance to experience success in the process of learning to read.

The primary role of the volunteer is not to teach reading exclusively, but rather to foster a desire to read. By working one-on-one with the same students each week, a positive relationship will develop that can help promote self-esteem, and also lead to success in school.

Volunteers read aloud, one-on-one, to two students (kindergarten through second grade), spending about 30 minutes with each student. During that time, the volunteer actively engages the child in the reading experience, which also helps improve the student's language development. Volunteers are trained in this reading technique, which is called dialogic reading. Afterwards, volunteers help the students keep a reading journal, a record of the stories they have read together, and the student's reaction to them.

Please e-mail Ann Vershbow at avershbow@princetonymca.org for more information.

Princeton Family YMCA
59 Paul Robeson Place
Princeton, NJ 08540



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

“If you change the world of a child, you change the world.”

Do you like reading stories to children?

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child?

- Training is provided.
- Only **one hour per week** is required.
- Program runs 3:45-4:45 pm:
 - Henry Pannell Learning Center on **Mondays**
 - Marcy T. Crimmins Learning Center on **Tuesdays**
- The experience is rewarding for both students and volunteers.



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Volunteer Interest Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (D) _____ (E) _____ (Cell) _____

Email address _____

How did you find out about **Literacy For Life!**?

Website _____ Flyer in town _____ Friend _____ Newspaper article _____
Other _____

Please indicate your choice of day and center.

_____ Mondays, Henry Pannell Learning Center, 3 Clay Street, Princeton, NJ
_____ Tuesdays, Marcy T. Crimmins Learning Center, Juniper Row, Princeton, NJ
_____ No preference

Briefly state why you are interested in being a volunteer with Literacy For Life! and list any relevant skills or experience.

Do you speak any foreign languages? (Please list) _____

Please return completed application to:

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The YMCA's Commitment to Child Safety

The YMCA maintains a "zero tolerance" for child abuse.

Criminal background checks and other federal or state screenings for child abuse will be conducted for staff and volunteers working with children.