

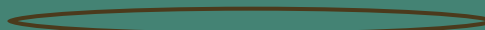


Volunteer Experience

1. Gather your crew and pick the week you want to roll up your sleeves and volunteer!
2. Next, choose the perfect time that suits your group's schedule for some feel-good fun that week.
3. Each superstar volunteer needs to fill out a waiver – nothing too scary, just a little formality!
4. Swing by the Library to lend a hand, and we'll have all the goodies you need to get the job done.
 - a. Get ready to dig in for 1-2 hours of joy in the Eat, Play, Read Garden!



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How to Sign Up!



Scan the QR Code for available spots!

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Schedule your group or find out more by contacting Brandon West.
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**Eat, Play, Read
 at the
 Independence Public Library**



Make a Difference

Sign your group up to help out this summer! Give back to the community while improving teamwork, health, and more!

Why



Participation **boosts physical & mental health** through movement and exercise, transforming participants' overall wellness.

Fostering connections among members **creates a vibrant community within your organization, empowering collaboration & strengthening teamwork.**

Your organization's participation boosts your reputation for **community involvement & creates a socially responsible image.**

Volunteering on this project helps members **build planning & organizing skills** while **improving problem-solving & collaboration.**

Engaging members in activities like gardening **sparks creativity & encourages innovative thinking.**

Strengthening ties within the local community nurtures relationships, **expands networks, & boosts your organization's appeal.**

What



Volunteer Group Size: 3-15 people
Time Commitment: 1-2 hours

Physical Requirements:

- Light labor, including bending, lifting, and pulling.
- Volunteers will work in varying degrees of heat, so please dress accordingly.
- Volunteer times are flexible and can be adjusted based on weather conditions.

Examples of Duties:

- Pulling weeds
- Staking and trellising plants
- Checking the watering system
- Watering smaller areas of the garden
- Cleaning up trash
- Harvesting crops
- Completing the garden log to record your volunteer hours
- Taking group photos while you work

We appreciate your commitment and look forward to your help in the garden!

Eat, Play, Read



The Independence Public Library's Eat, Play, Read initiative helps families with limited resources and chronic health conditions grow and prepare healthy food options, providing the skills and support needed for better nutritional awareness.

The library partners with local organizations to connect families with content experts who share easy, low-cost gardening techniques and hands-on learning. It also features an educational garden with indoor and outdoor spaces, including three hydroponic towers for patrons to learn about fruits, vegetables, and gardening methods.

The library's produce has three uses:

1. as a healthy snack for patrons
2. in cooking classes and demonstration videos
3. for patrons to take home fresh fruits and vegetables when available.

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