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If you have a volunteer opportunity that you would like to add to our list, contact Julia at jmaiuri@mnliteracy.org.

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Minneapolis Public Schools **Locations available throughout the Minneapolis School District** • Coordinator: Michelle Kellogg • E-mail: michelle.kellogg@mpls.k12.mn.us • Commitment: 1 hour per week through the school year. • Online application	K-12 volunteers provide additional support to students as they acquire academic, social, and cultural skills. Volunteers work one-to-one or in small groups of students with homework help, reading, writing and math skills under the guidance of our teachers. Volunteers are able to join the classroom at any point during the school year. Volunteers age 18 and under accepted with permission from parent or legal guardian. Volunteers accepted year round, including summer.
People Serving People **614 Third Street S, Minneapolis, MN 55415** • Coordinator: Tom Golembeck • E-mail: tgolembeck@peopleservingpeople.org • Phone: 612-277-0216 • Commitment: Varies. Contact program for more info. • Website • Online application	People Serving People offers many individual and group volunteer opportunities including K-5 tutoring, reading partners, teen programs and more. Volunteers age 12 and up accepted. Volunteers ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Project for Pride in Living **Locations available in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.** • Coordinator: Caitlin Dougherty • E-mail: Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org • Phone: 612-455-5108 • Commitment: 4 hours per week for the school year. • Website • Online application	PPL offers a 1:1 tutoring and mentoring program for youth in grades K-5th living in supportive housing. Volunteer Tutor-Mentors are matched with an individual youth, working throughout the school year on reading, relationship building, and academic engagement. Opportunities available in the afternoons and evenings, October – May. Volunteers age 16 and older accepted.
Reading Partners **Locations available throughout Minneapolis and Saint Paul.** **Full list of locations.** • Coordinator: Kelly Rynda • E-mail: volunteerTC@ReadingPartners.org • Phone: 651-362-0430 • Commitment: 1 hour per week for 1 semester. • Website • Online application	Reading Partners is a national nonprofit dedicated to closing the opportunity gap by helping elementary students from low-income communities boost their reading confidence and competence. They collaborate with Title I schools and community volunteers to increase the amount of time and personnel available during the school day to deliver data-driven, one-on-one tutoring to students in grades K-5. Volunteers age 14 and older accepted. Opportunities available during the school day, Monday – Thursday. Limited summer opportunities available.

Athletes Committed to Educating Students (ACES) **Locations available throughout Minneapolis and Saint Paul.** • Coordinator: Emma Crumley • E-mail: emmacrumley@aces4kids.org • Phone: 612-387-943 • Commitment: 2.5 – 5 hours per week for one semester or school year • Website • Online application	ACES Volunteer Classroom Leaders will improve the academic progress of students in grades 4th-8th by helping in the facilitation of hands-on activities focused on reading, writing, math, and art. Relationship building is a fundamental part of the program – because of this, ACES stresses regular and consistent attendance at the program over an extended period (one semester minimum). Previous classroom or one-to-one experience is suggested, but not required. The ACES Volunteer Classroom Leader position is an opportunity ideal for prospective future educators. Volunteers age 17 and older accepted.
South High School **3131 S 19th Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407** • Coordinator: Sharon Rush • E-mail: sharon.rush@mpls.k12.mn.us • Commitment: Flexible, depends on volunteer availability • E-mail Sharon to apply	There is a need for volunteer literacy tutors at the high school level. No experience needed, we can train you in effective research based, intervention reading techniques.

Twin Cities Tutoring **Locations available throughout Minneapolis.** • Coordinator: Thomas Madsen • E-mail admin@tctutors.org • Phone: 612-242-2358 • Commitment: 2 hours per week for 8 weeks. • Website • Online application	At Twin Cities Tutoring, you can volunteer as a reading coach, homework helper or ELL tutor with learners in grades K-6th grade. Additional opportunities are available with learners in grades K-12. Volunteers age 14-17 accepted with parent or guardian consent. Volunteers are accepted year-round, including summer. Opportunities available after school hours and on weekends.
Minnesota Internship Center (MNIC) **Locations available in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.** • Coordinator: Amy Libman • E-mail: alibman@mnic.org • Phone: 612-414-4777 • Commitment: Minimum 2 hours per week during school hours. Preferred 1 day per week for one semester. • Website • E-mail Amy Libman to get involved.	The Minnesota Internship Center (MNIC) is a public charter high school that is sponsored by Pillsbury United Communities. MNIC opened in 2003 with the goal of providing high-quality educational and career development experiences to learners with multiple challenges or those who have encountered difficulties in traditional public school settings. Today MNIC serves nearly 500 learners at four Minneapolis and St. Paul sites. **Classroom Support Volunteer** You can help students settle in and focus, complete assignments, and graduate high school. Get to know our incredible students in a classroom setting and gain real-world experience in an urban high school.

CommonBond Communities **Locations available throughout the Twin Cities and surrounding suburbs. Contact CommonBond to find a location near you.** • Coordinator: Arbor Otalora-Fadner • Email: arbor.otalora-fadner@commonbond.org • Phone: 651-291-6266 • Commitment: 1-2 hours per week for 1 year. • Website • Online application	Become an academic mentor or tutor for youth at CommonBond Communities affordable housing in Minneapolis, St. Paul, or the surrounding suburbs. CommonBond has many sites in many neighborhoods, and their programs serve youth from pre-K through high school graduation and into young adulthood. Work 1:1 with youth through tutoring and mentoring, drop-in homework centers, small-group learning and social development supported by experienced staff and a strong network of volunteers. Opportunities available in the afternoons and evenings.
Experience Corps **Locations available throughout Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Contact program for placement.** • Coordinator: Erin Simon • E-mail: esimon@expcorpsmn.org • Phone: 612-708-5933 • Commitment: 6 hours per week minimum for one school year; volunteers who commit to 8-10 hours per week are eligible for a stipend. • Website • Online application	Volunteers age 50 and older work with kids as a tutor and mentor. Tutors serve K-3rd graders at 14 schools throughout St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as community sites like East Side Learning Center, CommonBond, and Reading Partners. Volunteers age 50 and older accepted. Volunteers must complete 20-25 hours of training provided by AARP Experience Corps. Pre-service training begins in September and tutoring takes place October – June. Opportunities available weekdays in the mornings and afternoons.

CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio) **720 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407** • Coordinator: Lydia Scroggins • E-mail: lscroggins@clues.org • Phone: 651-379-4267 • Commitment: 1 class period per week for 1 whole term. • Website • Online application	Paso a Paso is a kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3-5. While the children read stories and do related crafts in a bilingual environment, their parents are participating in CLUES Adult ESL classes. Volunteers work in pairs in a classroom setting. They supervise and educate multicultural students through literacy-based games and activities. Some of the responsibilities include leading group activities, reading stories, engaging students during their "choice" time, and communicating with parents. Volunteers age 14 and older accepted. Morning opportunities are available from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Volunteers accepted year round, including summer.
St. Anne's Place of Haven Housing **2634 Russell Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411** • Coordinator: Kathy Moe • E-mail: kmoe@havenhousing.org • Commitment: 3 months, every other week. • Website • Online application	St. Anne's Place is an emergency homeless shelter in North Minneapolis for women-led families. There are up to 16 families living at St. Anne's and the average stay is 45 days. Tutors help with K-12 homework each evening. Tutoring program runs during the school year with the possibility of summer opportunities depending on program needs. Volunteers age 18 and older accepted. Evening opportunities available from 7:00pm – 9:00pm Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays and 7:00pm – 8:00pm on Tuesdays.

Hennepin County Library (HCLIB) **Locations available throughout Minneapolis.** • Coordinator: Barb McKenzie • E-mail: bamckenzie@hclib.org • Phone: 612-543-8579 • Commitment: 1-2 hours per week for 1 semester. • Website • Online application	Work with youth after school on homework-related projects. Volunteers work once a week for at least one semester and must have experience with K-12 youth. Training is provided. Volunteers age 16 and older accepted. After school and evening opportunities available.

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Saint Paul Public Library (SPPL) **Locations available throughout Saint Paul.** • Coordinator: Wendy Neurer • E-mail: wendy.neurer@ci.stpaul.mn.us • Phone: 651-266-7420 • Commitment: 1-2 hours per week after school or on weekends. • Website • Online application	**Reading Together** Reading Together mentors meet weekly for one hour with a first through fifth grade student. All reading mentoring takes place at a Saint Paul Public Library location. The mission of the Reading Together program is to foster enjoyment in reading while boosting reading skills. **Homework Help Center** Tutors volunteer at any of six Homework Center library locations where students of all ages drop in to work on homework with the help of volunteer tutors or to work independently. Volunteers age 16 and older accepted. Summer opportunities are available.
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East Side Learning Center (ESLC) **Locations available throughout the east side of Saint Paul.** • Coordinator: Lauren Johnsen • E-mail: lauren.johnsen@spps.org • Phone: 651-793-7364 • Commitment: 1 hour per week. • Website • Online application	East Side Learning Center provides free, one-on-one reading tutoring to K-2nd graders. Tutoring opportunities are available at five different schools on St. Paul's east side. Volunteers are only asked to tutor a minimum of one child, once a week for about 45 minutes, but most people tutor much more! No experience? No problem! Training, materials, and on-site support are provided. Volunteers age 16 and up accepted. Opportunities available Monday – Thursday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Volunteers accepted year round, including summer.
Good Neighbor Center **441 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55103** • Coordinator: Amanda Jacobson • E-mail: goodneighborcenterstpaul@gmail.com • Phone: 651-587-3451 • Commitment: Varies. Contact program for more info. • Website • Online application	Good Neighborhood Center tutoring program provides academic tutoring for children in grades K-12. This program is free of charge to any child who has the desire to learn. The program is designed to help children who are behind academically or socially, while striving to build the individual child's self-confidence and instill in them the belief that they have value. Opportunities available Monday – Wednesday, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Free street and lot parking after 5:00pm.

CommonBond Communities **Locations available throughout the Twin Cities and surrounding suburbs. Contact CommonBond to find a location near you.** • Coordinator: Arbor Otalora-Fadner • Email: arbor.otalora-fadner@commonbond.org • Phone: 651-291-6266 • Commitment: 1-2 hours per week for 1 year. • Website • Online application	Become an academic mentor or tutor for youth at CommonBond Communities affordable housing in Minneapolis, St. Paul, or the surrounding suburbs. CommonBond has many sites in many neighborhoods, and their programs serve youth from pre-K through high school graduation and into young adulthood. Work 1:1 with youth through tutoring and mentoring, drop-in homework centers, small-group learning and social development supported by experienced staff and a strong network of volunteers. Opportunities available in the afternoons and evenings.
ThreeSixty **2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul MN 55105** • Coordinator: Bao Vang • E-mail: baovang@stthomas.edu • Phone: 651-338-4271 • Commitment: Varies. Contact program for more info. • Website • Online Application	ThreeSixty Journalism, a nonprofit program of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of St. Thomas, uses the principles of strong writing and reporting to help diverse Minnesota youth tell the stories of their lives and communities. Volunteers enjoy providing support as writing coaches, guest speakers and teachers, editors and photographers.

Open Door Learning Center – Preschool **1115 Greenbrier Street, St. Paul, MN, 55106** • Coordinator: Rachel Lyness • E-mail: RLyness@mnliteracy.org • Commitment: 2.5 hours per week for a minimum of 3 months. • Online application	Open Door Learning Center's Preschool, located on St. Paul's east side, provides preschool education for children ages 3-5. While children participate in the preschool classroom, their parent or adult caretaker attends adult English or GED classes just down the hall. Our day focuses on early literacy and consists of independent choice time, group songs and games, stories and hands-on learning activities. To learn more, visit their website. **All volunteer positions are currently full. Please contact Rachel to be put on a waitlist for future volunteer opportunities.**
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Keystone Community Services **West 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida Street, St. Paul, MN 55102** • Coordinator: Jamie Cooper • E-mail: jcooper@keystoneservices.org. • Phone: 651-797-7725 • Commitment: Minimum 4 months. • Website • Online application	**Community Kids Program** Volunteers provide homework help, basic tutoring and reading skills for elementary school age youth in their program. Volunteers can also serve as classroom assistants and help with enrichment activities. Opportunities available Monday – Friday, 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Volunteers age 16 and older accepted.
Horace Mann School **2001 Eleanor Ave, St Paul, MN 55116** • Coordinator: Angie Rust • E-mail: angela.rust@spps.org • Phone: 651-744-4292 • Commitment: 1 hour per week. • Contact Angie Rust to apply.	Tutors will work alongside students in grades K-5 who are not proficient in reading or math. Volunteers must be reliable, consistent, enjoy working with children, and have a desire to help students succeed. Training, lesson plans, and tutoring materials will be provided. Previous teaching experience is not necessary. Opportunities available Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 2:30pm, or after school Monday and Wednesday, 3:15pm - 4:45pm.

Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute (MOI) **2388 University Ave. W, St. Paul, MN 55114** • Coordinator: Natalie Bourman-Karns • E-mail: natalie@moi-msp.org • Phone: 612-367-7827 • Commitment: 1-2 hours per week. • Website • Online application	Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute (MOI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting under-resourced students ages 6-18 with their writing skills and homework, emphasizing cross-curricular activity. MOI seeks to inspire, cultivate, and broadcast students' creativity through after-school homework help, storytelling and book making field trips, in-school tutoring, creative writing workshops and the Young Authors' Book Project. Morning, afternoon and evening opportunities are available.
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Central Community Services, Inc. **Central Baptist Church, 420 Roy St. N., St. Paul, MN 55104** • Coordinator: Terri Hansen • E-mail: terrilhansen@ccsimn.com • Phone: 651-470-9697 • Commitment: 1 day per week, minimum. • Website • Online application	The Central Community Services program serves children in grades K-5 who live or go to school in the Midway neighborhood of St Paul. Tutors help with homework, reading, and math. Volunteer opportunities available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5:30 when school is in session. Tutors age 16 and older accepted.

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TORCH (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) **Northfield Middle School, 2200 Division St S, Northfield, MN 55057** • Contact: Natalie Amy, *TORCH Coordinator* • E-mail: namy@northfieldschools.org • Commitment: Varies. Contact program for more info. • Website • E-mail Natalie Amy to apply.	TORCH (Tackling Obstacles and Raising College Hopes) works with the school district and partner organizations to support youth as they work to graduate from high school and create a plan to pursue post-secondary options.
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Solid Ground **East Metro Place, 3521 Century Avenue North, White Bear Lake, MN 55110** • Coordinator: Hannah Parish • E-mail: volunteer@solidgroundmn.org • Phone: 651-846-9024 • Commitment: 1 hour per week. • Website • Online application	Solid Ground offers programs for homeless and low-income families in suburban Ramsey and Washington Counties. One-on-one tutoring serves youth in grades K-8 in reading, writing, and mathematical skills. Opportunities available Monday – Thursday, 3:15 - 4:15 and 4:15 - 5:15. Volunteers age 15 and older accepted. Opportunities available in the spring, fall and summer months.
Volunteer Connection **Locations available throughout the Bloomington Public Schools district.** • Coordinator: Sue Martell • E-mail: smartell@isd271.org • Phone: 952-681-6292 • Commitment: 1-2 hours per week for a school semester. • Website • Online application	Assist youth in grades K-12 in the Bloomington Public Schools district as a classroom assistant or one-on-one to build skills with reading, math, English language learning, homework help, confidence building and more. Opportunities available during school hours. After school homework help opportunities are available Mondays from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Penn Lake Library, Tuesdays from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Oxboro Library, and Thursdays from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Creekside Community Center.

Wayzata Public Schools **Locations available at all elementary schools in the Wayzata Public Schools district.** • Coordinator: Charlene Barghini • E-mail: charlene.barghini@wayzata.k12.mn.us • Phone: 763-745-5045 • Commitment: 30 minutes per week, minimum. • Website • E-mail Charlene Barghini to get involved.	The Literacy Volunteer Program is a reading program that focuses on improving the reading and comprehension skills of struggling readers in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Students read to the volunteers following a curriculum designed by the district's reading office using books specifically purchased for the program. In addition to improved reading skills, students build self-confidence when it comes to their ability in reading. Program runs from October to May during school hours. Volunteers who inquire after February will be considered for summer and the following school year. Volunteers age 18 and older accepted. Summer opportunities available.
Edina Public Schools **Locations available throughout Edina Public Schools District.** • Coordinator: Carynn Roehrick • E-mail: carynn.roehrick@edinaschools.org • Phone: 952-848-4923 • Commitment: Flexible, contact program for more info. • Website • Online application	Edina Public Schools is committed to using volunteers to promote and strengthen partnerships between the school and the community as well as to help personalize instruction and enrich curriculum for all learners. Volunteers at 9th grade level and above accepted. Morning, afternoon and after-school opportunities available.