

Ridgewood Public Book Review Volunteer Program

Read-Review-Earn Hours!

How does it work?

It's simple. Read a book, write a review, and earn 30 minutes of volunteer time.

Which books can I review?

You can review any book of your choosing. It can be fiction, non-fiction, biography, graphic novel, manga, even an audiobook-- as long as it is considered Young Adult.

What are the guidelines?

- 200-400 word count.
- Include a brief summary of the plot.
- Discuss various aspects of the material. Some topics you can think about (but not limited to):
 - What did you think of the characters?
 - How was the writing style?
 - If it was non-fiction title, how accurate was the information?
 - If it included images, how did it help with the progression of the story?
- Include whether or not you would recommend the material. It is completely acceptable to dislike the book, however you need to be able to explain why.

Where can I find examples of reviews?

We recommend finding Professional reviews, such as *Voya*, *School Library Journal*, *New York Times*, *Kirkus*, etc. for the best review examples. Some of these are available through the library catalog. Just search for a title, click on "Full Display," scroll down and click on, "Review".

I wrote my review, now what?

You must fill out the [online form](#). Give us a week to review your work. If it passes our guidelines and disclaimers, we will post it on our website as well as our [Goodreads account](#). You will then receive an email confirmation of your receipt of 30 minutes of volunteer work or added to your Volgistics.

Disclaimers

- All reviews must be written by the person submitting it.
- A limit of TWO per day.

- If you do not wish to include your name, please make sure you select the appropriate box on our online form. Otherwise we will indicate your first name and grade.
- We will only post **one** review of each title. Make sure you check our [Reviewed Books List](#) or Goodreads account before you write your review to ensure that the book you've chosen hasn't already been reviewed.
- You cannot reserve to review titles ahead of time.
- All reviews will not be edited or altered. However, if necessary edits are required, we have the right to ask for re-submission.
- Plagiarized materials will be immediately denied and returned without merit.
- If you need hours ahead of a certain deadline we ask that you submit your reviews two weeks prior to the due date.

Have more questions?

Email us teens@ridgewoodlibrary.org

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