Chester Children’s Chorus Andrea Knox Summer Reading Program 2016

Volunteers are needed one hour a day to read one-on-one with our 8 and 9 year old students. We would like men and women who can be here regularly during camp, as this allows us to pair the volunteer with the same child every day. This consistency helps the child educationally and emotionally and offers the volunteer the rewarding opportunity to bond with a child.

When:  
Monday, June 20 through Thursday, July 21  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where:  
Lang Music Building at Swarthmore College*

*please note: Volunteers must be able to walk stairs, and parking is limited at the Music Building.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLY WITH ACT 153
Volunteer clearances are valid for five years. If you are new to the program, please contact Kirsten Halker-Kratz at 610-328-8286 to start the process of obtaining clearances.

How it Works: The volunteer and child choose books together from our library of more than 300 titles, and volunteers may bring books they know and love. Each adult-child pair finds a nook in the building where they can read without interruption. We provide blank books for writing and illustrating and word games that children can play as a reward when they have finished the day’s reading.

We ask our volunteers to help the children with reading comprehension and vocabulary. We’ll provide tips about how to help a child read better and enjoy it more at our:

Reading Strategies Workshop  
Wednesday, June 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Lang Music Building

This workshop will include opportunities for discussion and questions, an overview of our guidelines for volunteers, and examples of our library books. **If you have previously attended this workshop, you do not need to attend. However, please feel free to come and share your experience with our new volunteers!**

To volunteer, please fill out the Reading Volunteer Information form and return it by email or postal mail. We suggest you keep a duplicate as a reminder of the dates you’ve offered.

If you have questions, please email Executive Director, Kirsten Halker-Kratz, at khalker1@swarthmore.edu or by phone at 610-328-8286. We will contact volunteers the week of June 6 with their reading schedules and children’s names.
Chester Children’s Chorus – Summer 2016 Volunteer Information

Name:______________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zipcode: _______________________

Best number to reach you: __________________________________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________________________

Preferred way to be addressed: __________________________________________________________________

☐ I was a reading volunteer last summer, and you have my clearance on file.
☐ I will need to obtain a child abuse clearance. Please send me the appropriate paperwork.

Our reading hour will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the following days. Please check the days that you will be available. **Be consistent with your availability.**

Week of June 20: Mon_____ Tues_____ Wed_______ Thurs______________

Week of June 27: Mon_____ Tues_____ Wed_______ Thurs______________

Week of July 4: Mon__NO____ Tues______ Wed_______ Thurs______________

Week of July 11: Mon_______ Tues______ Wed________ Thrus________________

Week of July 18: Mon_______ Tues______ Wed________ Thrus________________

If you are uncertain of some days, please mark them with a question mark.

Are you a teacher, reading specialist, or librarian?

Please return to: Chester Children’s Chorus-Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081, or khalker1@swarthmore.edu.