

TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE: TEEN BOOK REVIEWS

Turn your love of reading into community service by writing book reviews! To become a teen reviewer and **earn two community service hours per review**, choose a teen book from our collection and write a brief review. Please remember that books in the teen section cover a wide range of ages and vary in content and maturity level. If you need help choosing a book, ask a librarian. Your Community Service, if accepted, will be confirmed via email within 4 weeks of submission. **A maximum of 10 hours can be earned through book reviews per person per school year.**

To submit a review, follow these guidelines:

1. Complete and submit a City of Burlington volunteer application (available on our website). You can submit this via email to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov or in-person at the library. Once submitted, you do not need to wait for confirmation – you can immediately begin submitting reviews.
2. Choose a teen book to review – and make sure the library has a copy. You don't have to read our copy, but make sure others could find it at our library. Teen fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novels all count.
3. Reviews should be a minimum of 250 words, but no longer than 300 words. The review should summarize the content of the book without giving a blow-by-blow retelling of the entire story. Give enough details to make the person reading your review want to read the book. Be sure to:
 - Include information about the setting, characters and plot
 - Include a critical evaluation of the writing style
 - Consider if the book would appeal to a teen audience (Will teens like the book?)
 - Give your own rating on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)
4. Reviews must be original and reviewed carefully for spelling, grammar, and completion of review requirements. Reviews that are not original or not about a teen book will not qualify for service hours.
5. Reviews should not contain judgmental language. It is not your task to convey the presence of certain material as a warning to others not to read the book.
6. Reviews should not need extensive editing for spelling, grammar, content, understanding, or style. **PROOFREAD YOUR WORK!** Otherwise your review may not qualify.
7. Attach to your review:
 - Your name (and indicate if you want to be anonymous if your review is published)
 - Email address
 - Grade
8. Submit your review via email to jennyc@burlingtonwa.gov. Reviews may be subject to editing. Accepted reviews may be posted on the library website, Facebook pages, or displayed in the teen area. Please note: your privacy is very important to us. We will never disclose or publish your personal information. We will include only your first name alongside any published or displayed reviews.