

For the volunteers of the Martin County Library System

The Volunteer Vault

News from your Volunteer Manager

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Hello Library Volunteers- Spring is fast approaching! With the recent weeks of much cooler weather in our sunny state of Florida, I was beginning to wonder when it was going to warm up. It's been a real long time since I've had to scrape ice off my windshield. Here's to looking forward to Spring!



It's hard to believe we're approaching one year since the pandemic impacted our community closing our libraries for a few months. This is the time of year I look so forward to. Volunteer recruitment, team building, training, and getting to spend a fun filled day at our annual BookMania! event. As you all know, last year's event was canceled due to the pandemic & I truly missed getting to share that experience with all of you.

Exciting news: In case you haven't heard, this year's event **BookMania! Reimagined!** kicks off early March. Again, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we will not be hosting an in-person event, instead, we will be promoting virtual author opportunities to connect with authors. Although this doesn't bring us together, I wanted you all to know you could still feel as though you were there by participating on-line. Please follow our social media pages for more information and be sure to check out the awesome book bags for purchase in celebration of this year's event.
<https://www.martin.fl.us/all-about-bookmania>

Struggling with Your Technology Device? One-On-One Tech appointments are back! Sessions are facilitated by Library Public Service staff and volunteers. Sign up for your free 30-minute technology session by filling out our online form or call the library to request your one-on-one help session. Visit the library website for more information.
<https://www.martin.fl.us/idea-lab-one-one-tech-help>

Library Seeks Virtual Homework Helpers- The Martin County Library System is in need of committed volunteers looking to make a difference in the community by investing in students' education. Virtual Homework Helpers provide a welcoming learning environment with one-on-one homework assistance to students in grades K-12 during after school hours. Volunteers serve a minimum of **two hours per week** and must be committed to the nine months corresponding with the school year. Bilingual a plus! Please contact Volunteer Manager, Terry Dick at 772-219-4906 or tdick@martin.fl.us Visit the library website for more information about the program.
<https://www.martin.fl.us/homework-helper-program>



Volunteer Spotlight- Library staff **salutes** numerous volunteers who've returned to their library assignments mid-August 2020. Our volunteer team consist of 300 with approximately 100 of you re-joining us either on-site or working virtually to provide homework help & adult literacy tutor sessions! The Friends Book Depot has been able to offer services due to a small group of committed volunteers, thank you! We are slowly getting there and hope to have you all back with us real soon! Until then, thanks for all you do. We appreciate you!



Terry Dick, Volunteer Manager

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