



Welcome!

JPL would like to welcome all of the volunteers who have started volunteering with the library. We hope you find volunteering at the library to be exciting and rewarding.

JPL would also like to welcome our latest partners:

PSI Family Services
Junior League
VolunteerMatch
Merrill Lynch



The following are heart felt thank yous from Library employees!

I would like to thank Elaine Aspinwall and Marty Wallace for their steady and cheerful hard work over the past four months. Our sorting area has greatly improved since they began volunteering, and I feel daily efforts have had a direct impact. Thank you so much; we couldn't do it without you.

Virginia Martin, Regency Square Branch

New JPL Volunteer Opportunity

The Library is looking for volunteers with great customer service skills to give tours of the conference center. Anyone interested in this volunteer opportunity should call Sandra Stonestreet at 630-1632.

Mayor's Older Buddies Luncheon

The City of Jacksonville hosts the Mayor's Older Buddies Luncheon each quarter. Volunteers are needed to assist seniors with getting off the bus, being seated, and serving. If you are interested in helping at this event, please call Julio Lacayo in the City's Volunteer Office at 630-1020 ext. 5 for more information.

Volunteer Awards Program

The Library will be kicking off a new Volunteer Awards Program in February. One quarterly award will be presented based on greatest total points and will be named the JPL Volunteer of the Quarter. The Quarterly Award Ceremony will be held each quarter at the location the volunteer is assigned. Quarterly winners will compete annually for the JPL Volunteer of the Year Award. All award winners will be special guests at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event and the JPL Volunteer of the Year award will be presented at this event.

News You Can Use

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills — from working as part of a team to setting and reaching goals. It gives you a chance to discover what kinds of things you're best at and enjoy the most. A volunteer job that you love can even help shape your ideas about your career goals.

Volunteering can also provide you with a sense of responsibility because people really depend on you. In addition to all the other reasons for volunteering, it can look impressive on college or job applications. That's not the main reason for volunteering, of course — don't do it just to please other people or only to look good or you won't enjoy it. But volunteering does show others (and yourself!) that you are reliable enough to make a commitment and show up on schedule. Volunteering also shows employers and colleges that you believe in making the world a better place — and that you're willing to sacrifice your time and energy to do it.

Nemours Foundation Kidshealth.org/teen

Meet Will Daniels. He began volunteering in the Human Resources office in June of 2006. He demonstrated good work ethic and that made him a standout. He was dependable, hard working, and showed initiative. Will volunteered 40 hours per week in the Human Resources office at Main until he was hired part-time in late July to work in the Conference Center. Then he started applying for Civil Service positions and was hired as a CSA II in January of 2007.



Volunteering for the library is a great way to get your foot in the door. Anyone volunteering for the library who is interested in employment is encouraged to complete an employment application. All volunteers receive first consideration when a position becomes available. Will was fortunate that a position opened up as quickly as it did. In some cases it could take a while before a position becomes available. But rest assured if you are a volunteer who stands out and remain patient your opportunity will come.

Accolades

Congratulations to the following volunteers for their continued service:

1 Year of Service

Michael Bailey, South Mandarin
Sabrena Bobo, Regency
Joyce Charron, Regency
Jeanne Dunn, Beaches
Kia Lister, San Marco
John Macrae, Southeast
Flo Marquardt, Beaches
Arthur Martin, Mandarin
Ann Matassa, Regency
Jade Rembert, Highlands
Leeann Roberts, Argyle
Paula Sheffield, Maxville
Joan Stewart, San Marco
Jeannine Temple, Pablo Creek
Kathleen Weston, Southeast

500 Hours of Service

John Macrae, Southeast

100 Hours of Service

Shatara Bailey, Mandarin
Jeanne Dunn, Beaches
Mary Humbert, Main/Human Resources
Mark Johns, Murray Hill
Jacob Livsey, South Mandarin
Brenda Plant, Main/Human Resources
Oliver Rae, Main/Special Collections
Stephen Rockward, Pablo Creek
Joan Stewart, San Marco
Frances Sweeney, Mandarin