

Position title	Reader Leader (facilitator of shared reading group)
Location	Borough wide
Responsible to (Department/Library)	Children and Communities Librarian/Volunteer Coordinator
Role summary	<p>Shared Reading brings short stories, books and poems to life through reading aloud and group discussion. Evidence shows that Shared Reading leads to an improvement in wellbeing and combats loneliness and social isolation.</p> <p>The Reader Leader will be responsible for selecting weekly readings and facilitating and leading each session, during which attendees will read a short piece of literature together and discuss the text as a group. The Shared Reading groups will be managed by Richmond Libraries in partnership with <i>The Reader</i> organisation.</p>
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a welcoming, friendly and inclusive atmosphere at Shared Reading sessions. • Choose and prepare suitable reading material (short stories, poems and excerpts from novels) in advance of each session. • Lead the session, reading aloud and facilitating discussion. • Use <i>The Reader's</i> digital portal to submit weekly reading records. • Must be able to commit to a period of 12 months and be able to attend <i>The Reader's</i> 'Read to Lead' training course in Richmond. Library Annexe on Tuesday 21 – Thursday 23 April. • Take part in <i>The Reader's</i> evaluation process at the end of the 12-month period.
Skills/abilities/knowledge required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outgoing and emphatic personality. • Happy to interact with people of all ages and backgrounds. • Flexible attitude and prepared to undertake any reasonable task. • Be reliable and able to help on a regular basis.
Time requirement	Weekly (day and time TBC depending on volunteer and library availability)
Length of commitment	Minimum 12-month commitment.

