



Bernards Township Library Teen Virtual Volunteering Submissions

Volunteers can submit no more than **four (4)** hours of virtual volunteering submissions per **month; no more than one virtual submission per week**. Please submit each virtual volunteer submission on a separate submission form. ***Volunteers who volunteer virtually must also volunteer in person either at TAB meetings or in the different Library in person options.***

Please submit all virtual volunteering submissions on this form:

<https://www.bernardslibrary.org/virtual-volunteering-submissions-form>.

- Virtual Volunteering

- Reviews

- Volunteering hours will be earned based on the content that is submitted. A book review that is only a sentence won't earn any hours. Reviews have to be more than "the book was good/bad" to receive credit. The goal for these reviews are to be posted on the BTLteens_ Instagram page, please limit reviews to 250 words. All reviews will receive 1 hour of volunteering credit.
- You can write:
 - Book reviews
 - Movie reviews (must be PG-13 or below)
 - Please include rating (i.e. PG-13) in the review.
 - TV Show Reviews (must be the PG-13 equivalent or below)
 - Please include rating (i.e. TV-14) in the review.
 - Music Reviews - albums or music videos
 - Youtube Channel Reviews
 - Podcast Reviews
- Reviews of materials have to be current (published, released, etc.) within the last two years (since 2020) to receive full credit for volunteering hours.
Tips for Writing Reviews: (Examples below)

You can earn volunteering credit by writing reviews about books, movies, tv shows, podcasts, etc. that you have read, watched, or listened to recently. However, these reviews should only be for things that you read/watched for pleasure recently and not as school assignments; these reviews are to encourage other teens to read, etc. these resources. Any submission that looks like you have submitted it for school, or the wording comes from your English notes will not receive volunteering credit.

A few tips and tricks to writing reviews:

- Provide the name and author of the book, movie, podcast, etc.
- Provide a brief description of the movie/book
 - *This description should be as if you are talking about the book to a friend.
 - No more than 2 paragraphs. (~300 words or less)
- Focus on what you did or did not like about it - for example The plot was good; it moved fast or This character X was a bad character, they did nothing but whine the entire book

- Wrap up the review with if you would recommend or not recommend this book/movie to others.
 - Ideally, the reviews are long enough to get your point across, but not too long so I can post it on the Library's Social Media. (see details above)
 - Also, if it includes spoilers, please note that at the beginning of the review.
- Spotify Playlists (1 Playlist =1 hour of volunteer time, only one playlist per month is accepted) [BTL Teens Spotify Account Link](#)
- Submitted playlists must have a cohesive theme
 - Submitted playlists must have at least 10 songs to receive volunteer credit
 - Playlists cannot contain any explicit language or offensive content
 - Playlists with racism, sexism, demeaning messages, etc. will not be accepted
 - Ideas/Themes for playlists:
 - Book related
 - Songs that remind you of a book
 - Songs that you think characters from a book may like
 - Songs that you think would work in a movie adaptation of that book
 - Mood related:
 - Songs that make you feel better
 - Songs you listen to while doing homework/studying
 - Songs that motivate you
 - Mood -related songs - makes you happy, when you need a good cry, when you want to escape.

I'm Not Dying With You Tonight **by Gilly Segal and Kimberly Jones**

The contrasting and frequently-switching perspectives in this book were incredible and really eye-opening. As a younger reader, seeing the issues of racism and harmful stereotypes portrayed and discussed from the eyes of both a black woman and a white woman was really significant and I believe more people should get their hands on this book. It's essential, especially now, considering the tension in the world, that people take a walk in someone else's shoes, and take a glimpse of the world through someone else's eyes. Aside from the obvious importance of perspectives, I admired the tender, yet fierce friendship forged between two very different people among the rough circumstances. Despite coming from different backgrounds and having a few bumps in the road, Lena and Campbell looked out for each other until the end and really cared for each other when it got tough.

The Hate U Give

Rated: PG- 13

User Rating: ★★★★★

Starr Carter goes on an emotional journey when one of her closest friends, Khalil, is murdered by a police officer. Khalil and Starr were driving home from a party when they got pulled over; the cop thought Khalil pulled out a gun but it was really a hairbrush. Honestly, if I could rate more stars, I would. This film deserves beyond 5 stars and deserves to be heard. It is eye-opening and inspiring, and I essentially cried throughout the entire two hours. There's discrimination and separation that feels so real because of the amazing actors who each played characters significant in their own way and the realistic plot that is unfortunately too similar a story of what's happening today with police brutality and racism. However, at the same time, there's unity and hope. I hope you watch this at least once because it will speak volumes to you.