

Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2015

Molly Adams

OLV

I have recently started to volunteer at a few places. One of the places I volunteer at is the public library. A librarian that comes to talk to my class about books told me that the library needed volunteers.

I give up free time during the week to help out there, and sometimes I will stay after my shift is over if they still need help with anything. Because my sports practices are not on Thursdays, I volunteer my time to help the librarians. I help them put away books, movies, magazines, CDs and anything else the librarians need me to put back where they belong. Sometimes I make sure the paper with private information about someone is shredded. I also make sure the other papers without personal information on them are recycled. I also help organize the holds list. While I work, I help set up book clubs that the librarians have for kids. When the book clubs are over, I help take down the equipment they used for it.

Even though I am giving up my free time, I like helping the librarians. When I help them, I feel really great. The only personal gain I get is feeling good about doing what I can to help out. Volunteering is one thing I am doing for other people around me. I hope I can volunteer at the library again next year. It is so much fun working there, and the librarians are really nice.

Volunteering is not for yourself. It is simply helping to do something you want to do. When you volunteer, it is for the benefit of those around you. After you volunteer and help someone, you feel absolutely great. I encourage people to help others out because when I do the people are really happy.