Eugene Public Library is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to become part of their new early literacy outreach: Story-Time-To-Go. Volunteers will present a story time to children ages 0-6 in day care centers in Eugene. Volunteers should enjoy interacting with children and adults, be patient, flexible, and be comfortable in the spotlight. They should be able to read clearly. Volunteers must be able to provide their own transportation to get to their assigned day care.

Story Time is not just reading to a group of children. It promotes an environment that is language rich and encourages the daycare providers to create a culture of literacy. Activities, finger plays, and songs supplement and extend the stories. Training and story time materials will be provided by the Youth Services staff of the Eugene Public Library. You will be modeling early literacy skill building for the adult caregivers that will empower them in their jobs and have a lasting impact on our community.

Volunteers must agree to a background check and training is required to participate in providing story times. Volunteers can choose a weekly or semi-monthly schedule and must commit to six months service. Although there will be a Coordinator to help with assignments and training, volunteers must be reliable and self motivated.

Why do Story Times?

* Reading aloud to children is the number one way to ensure a child’s success in school. This program hopes to inspire caregivers to read to their children every day.
* Story Times engage children in language, songs, and games in a group setting.
* Children are introduced to fun inspiring stories with wonderful illustrations and rich language that will help their language skills grow.
* Children discover that adults from their community value and enjoy books!
* Caregivers and parents will be introduced to the wide array of library resources available to them, and to the importance of early literacy in their children’s lives.
* You will become a story time rock star to the children you visit!