Volunteer role

Cook or Chef volunteer
Books and Cooks Library Mobile Kitchen

Blacktown City Libraries

Purpose

As our cook or chef mentor, you can make a difference by supporting staff in delivering cooking sessions. You will support participants to determine a simple healthy recipe, follow instructions and cook safely. You will help them gain confidence in food and cooking and safe handling skills. They will leave with life-long skills that they have learnt in a safe environment.

We would like you to:

- Help with session planning
- Assist with setting up and packing away equipment and materials
- Help participants to
    - Choose appropriate simple and healthy recipes
    - Learn how to follow a recipe, for one or for many
    - Understand safe food handling techniques
    - Learn from your knowledge of cultural cooking
    - Learn from your knowledge of the cooking industry
- Help a specific audience with basic cooking techniques, such as young people
- Ensure all this work is done safely and sustainably
- Record attendance

Everything you do is in a voluntary capacity, and as such, there is no remuneration (pay).

Qualities we are looking for

Preferred qualities we are looking for are:

- Knowledge of safe food handling requirements
- Knowledge of how to use cooking equipment
- Knowledge of food for health, and use of food in a sustainable way
- Knowledge of food sensitivities
- Patient and supportive manner

Must have the following certificates:

- Valid NSW Working with Children Check (Volunteer)
- Current NSW Basic Food Handler certificate

You will receive support

Our Library Youth Development Officer or Library Youth Programs Worker is responsible for coordinating when you and other volunteers attend and making sure that you are safe. They will take you through a compulsory full induction program to introduce you to Books and Cooks Library mobile kitchen and your purpose.

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Our expectations

We expect all our volunteers to:

- be punctual and advise staff if they are unable to attend as agreed
- be able to engage with a diverse range of young people
- do all tasks safely by following our procedures and work instructions
- read Council's Work Health Safety (WHS) Handbook
- read Council's Volunteer Handbook
- comply with Council's Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- attend scheduled support and guidance sessions including Code of Conduct for Volunteers and WHS, and other sessions as required
- treat all people fairly and with respect
- discuss any concerns with the Library Youth Development Officer or Library Youth Programs Worker
- not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst volunteering
- not make media or social media comment about Council matters.

What's in it for you

- Making a positive contribution to your community
- Giving yourself a sense of achievement and purpose
- Developing new skills
- Meeting new like-minded people which can make you feel more connected and valued
- Being part of a supportive team

Acknowledgement and agreement			
Volunteer	**Name**		
	Signature	**Date**	