



Country Bookshelf

Established 1957

Teen Advisory Corps

At the Country Bookshelf we are passionate about books and reading. Fostering and encouraging a love of reading in youth is one of our most important goals. We're excited to host a group that will allow passionate young readers an outlet for something they love.

The Teen Advisory Corps at Country Bookshelf is a volunteer program that provides book loving teens with an opportunity to share their enthusiasm for books, and peek behind the curtain of the book industry. It's a fun, rewarding, and a great resume builder. Being a member of the corps is a yearlong commitment and we'll meet about once a month.

The mission of the Country Bookshelf Teen Advisory Corps is to encourage high-school aged students to become life-long supporters of independent bookstores and the literary arts through the promotion of reading, volunteerism, leadership, and collaboration to assist Country Bookshelf in serving local teens.

Members will have the opportunity use their creativity, social media skills and enthusiasm for books to:

- ★ Write book blurbs and reviews of books, and interview authors and other book people for the bookstores website, newsletters, and social media.
- ★ Read teen lit books that are not yet published and advise buyers on which books to bring to our shelves.
- ★ Suggest ideas for teen programming, and author visits, and help organize teen events.
- ★ Help host teen authors that visit the bookstore - introduce (and hang out with!) authors at events.

Qualifications

- ★ 12-18 years old
- ★ creative
- ★ excited about reading and talking about books
- ★ able to review at least one book a month
- ★ interested in meeting YA and children's authors who visit Country Bookshelf and volunteering to help during periodic events at the store
- ★ Miss no more than three meetings and author events

Our primary source of communication regarding meetings and events (and other fun stuff) will be via email.

The Country Bookshelf Teen Advisory Corps is a great opportunity to practice your written communication skills, learn about the world of publishing, and small business, make new book loving friends, read the most anticipated books before they're released and meet great authors. Added bonus it looks great on a college application!

Please complete the following application. You can return physical copies to the Country Bookshelf, or email your completed application to events@countrybookshelf.

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

School (+ graduation year) _____

Why do you want to join the Teen Advisory Corps? What aspect is most appealing to you?

What special skills or talents do you have that you can contribute to the Corps and Country Bookshelf?

Why do you think bookstores are important for individual people and the larger community?

What was the last YA book you read and loved? Why? Please leave a short review of the book.

What are your favorite types of books?

What are your top five books of all time?

Who is your favorite author? Why?

What are some ideas you have for teen event programming?

Do you already have a bookish online presence? Check all that apply.

Blog Booktube Facebook Twitter Instagram Tumblr

I can help with:

Hosting Making posters Writing book reviews Photographing events

Event setup/teardown greeting and directing event attendees

Blog/Website programming Other: _____

Do you participate in other clubs and organizations?

What else should we know about you?

I have parental/guardian permission to participate in the Teen Advisory Corps: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Consent

As the parent/guardian/conservator of this volunteer I hereby grant the Country Bookshelf, its representatives and agents, express permission to use the likeness of my child, recorded voice or image, and/or name in commercials and publications produced by or on behalf of Country Bookshelf, and/or the Country Bookshelf's website, and in other publications of an educational or promotional nature. In granting permission, I hereby relinquish all rights by myself, heirs, or survivors to seek recompense for such usage now or at any time. As the parent/guardian/conservator of this volunteer, I release the Country Bookshelf and its staff from any responsibility or liability while participating in volunteer activities sponsored by Country Bookshelf

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date _____