

COOL! Volunteering Programme

Designation	COOL! Volunteer
About COOL!	COOL! (Community Owned and Operated Libraries) is an attempt to open libraries in several communities throughout Delhi. These libraries learning centers are set up in people's homes—in rooms that these families have very kindly agreed to let us use. In our several visits to various community spaces in Delhi, we realized that there were no library facilities for the people. Books are a treasure that every child must have access to. Our country is in dire need of a 'reading revolution', in order to take the joy of reading to all children so that they grow up to be 'reader leaders'. We truly believe change is possible through young India—through their ideas, enthusiasm and commitment.
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To make books accessible to all ● Take reading to the smallest of alleys and make our children thoughtful, free-spirited, independent thinking, socially-responsible citizens of tomorrow. ● To get more children under COOL ● Help Katha Fellows in better management and execution of storytelling ● Interact with children to understand their needs and impact of COOL ● Indulge in creative activities to make reading more fun and holistic ● Spread the joy of reading
Duration	3 Months minimum (Can be extended as per convenience)
Responsibilities	<p>Key responsibilities include-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making the COOL library a place where children find fun and meaning in reading. Bringing together people of community together in unique and creative ways! ● Maximizing children's participation in the COOL Centres ● Devising and executing ways for children to discover the joy of reading so that they become lifelong readers ● Helping children and the Katha fellows (Katha fellows are from the community themselves, who have studied from Katha Lab School and are being trained to run these libraries) get more exposure - personally and academically

<p>Timings</p>	<p>Two times a week for two hours as per the schedule of COOL!</p>
<p>Rules and Regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The minimum duration of the volunteership is 3 months(minimum) ● Letter of Appreciation will be given after successful completion of the COOL volunteering program ● Volunteers working at COOL must visit the Centre on time and be in coordination with Reading mentors/Katha Fellows. Volunteers cannot click pictures/videos without the permission of the concerned authority. Volunteers are requested not to disturb reading mentors unnecessarily ● For any grievances/queries, contact Volunteer Manager ● Failure to follow these rules will result in termination of volunteership ● Volunteers must send monthly reflections to the Volunteer Manager ● Volunteers need to keep updating Google documents with all the necessary information which will be further cross checked by Reading Mentors/Katha Team
<p>Benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contribute to our 300 M challenge, so that every child reads for fun and meaning ● Learn soft skills like management, leadership skills, public relations etc ● Build on your existing knowledge and experience ● Certificate of Appreciation for your hard work ● NSS Hours- wherever applicable