

PrimeTime Team QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES



The PrimeTime team is comprised of a Library Coordinator, Scholar, and Storyteller. Each individual in the PrimeTime team must attend a training workshop in New Orleans before participating in the program. Training is held twice annually in January and July. FHC can also provide assistance to libraries to identify scholars and storytellers in their community. A brief description of the qualifications and responsibilities of each team member follows.

Individuals interested in becoming a PrimeTime scholar or storyteller should contact Patricia Putman at pputman@flahum.org or 727-873-2004.

Library Coordinator

The Library Coordinator is the primary contact between the library and FHC. The Coordinator is responsible for the fiscal management of any funds provided by FHC to the library to implement the PrimeTime program. The Coordinator is traditionally a library director or serves in an administrative capacity with the library district.

Responsibilities include:

- attend PrimeTime training workshop
- order and catalog PrimeTime books
- distribute promotional materials community-wide
- register 15 to 20 families and make weekly reminder calls to each family to attend
- recruit a pre-school coordinator and additional volunteers
- identify and arrange transportation for participants if needed
- promote library services and resources at each session (5-10 minutes)
- provide meals or snacks at each session
- obtain door prizes for each session
- administer participant surveys
- complete Coordinator Final Report and submit all additional required reports to FHC within four weeks of program completion

Scholar

In order to ensure appropriate analysis and discussion of the humanities, the scholar should have an advanced degree in a humanities field (i.e. literature, history, philosophy, etc...) as well as be eager to transmit a love of reading and talking about books to a family audience. The scholar must be comfortable working with participants who have limited reading skills and do not have experience talking about books. Scholar will spend 90 minutes per week for six weeks with PrimeTime participants in addition to preparation and reporting.

Responsibilities include:

- attend PrimeTime training workshop
- work as part of a team with the storyteller and library coordinator
- serve as discussion leader for each session
- model techniques for initiating and encouraging discussion of humanities themes
- submit a final report

Scholars should be paid a stipend of \$125/session at the end of the PrimeTime series and upon submission of their final report. Scholars should also be reimbursed for mileage.

Storyteller

PrimeTime storytellers should have a broad knowledge of children's literature and experience working with non-traditional audiences and individuals with limited reading skills. Storytellers should be able to demonstrate the inter-relatedness of the oral and literary traditions and model read-aloud techniques to parents while presenting stories. Storyteller will spend 90 minutes per week for six weeks with PrimeTime participants in addition to preparation and reporting.

Responsibilities include:

- attend PrimeTime training workshop
- work as part of a team with the scholar and library coordinator
- demonstrate storytelling and reading aloud techniques at each session that parents can easily replicate
- submit a final report

Storytellers should be paid a stipend of \$125/session at the end of the PrimeTime series and upon submission of their final report. Storytellers should be reimbursed for mileage.