

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES – GIVING INPUT AND BEING HEARD

Volunteers are beneficial but can create additional work during training and supervision. If community members are interested in volunteering, it may be best to create a volunteer committee.

- Volunteer committees can meet monthly or quarterly to come up with short-term and long-term tasks.
- As the librarian, you can share the First Nation and public library organizational priorities. For example, the First Nation may be focusing on supporting post-secondary students. The volunteer committee can come up with a few programs to help support this initiative.
- The volunteer committee should have a designated Chair or Lead. The Chair or Lead will take action to teach new volunteers about ongoing projects, and reports directly to the librarian.
- The volunteer committee can be as formal or informal as the library desires. The committee may only be interested in cataloguing books for one hour a week, or they may be interested in organizing long-term projects.
- As the librarian, the most crucial part of supporting volunteers is to make sure the volunteers are appreciated and heard.
- You may wish to invite them to an end-of-year celebration or highlight their projects and names in a community flyer and social media.

