



San Francisco Public Library

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is **YELL**?

A: YELL is a program designed for older teens, requiring a weekly commitment over the summer to work collaboratively with the local Librarian and assist with STEM programs. YELL members work as a team with other youth to create and present a public program.

Q: What is the **STEM** program assistant component?

A: Librarians lead STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs for youth throughout the summer; YELL participants will assist with these programs. There is no experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and to share fun STEM activities with youth.

Q: What is the **YELL** team project?

A: Teens will actively identify ideas for a public program, select one, and work throughout the summer as a team to create and present the program by early August. YELL teens will also present their projects at the Teen Volunteer VIP party for all summer volunteers on August 16th.

Q: How do you receive the \$500 scholarship?

A: Every participant who completes the requirements for YELL will be awarded a \$500 scholarship deposited into their [ScholarShare529](#) account in October.

Q: What are the dates of **YELL**?

A: Ten weekly or bi-weekly meetings will take place between June 8th and August 18th. It is required that you are present for all (or almost all) of the meetings. Check in with the Teen Librarian at one of the ten participating locations to find out when you'll need to be available.

Q: What are the requirements for being selected for **YELL**?

A: You must be going into 10th, 11th, or 12th grade next year. You must be able to make weekly meetings and commit time to the team project. You should be enthusiastic about volunteering at the library this summer, and excited about working with youth and helping to make your community and library better for teens!

Q: How does a teen apply for **YELL**?

A: Contact one of the ten participating locations and speak with the Librarian there to learn more about required meeting dates and times. Fill out the application, get a parent/guardian's signature, and submit to your preferred location.

Q: Where can I learn more about **YELL**?

A: Contact the Librarian at one of the ten participating branches – Bayview, Chinatown, Excelsior, Merced, Parkside, Portola, Richmond, Visitacion Valley, or Western Addition – to learn about the required meeting dates and times. For other questions, email volunteer@sfpl.org.

Q: How is **YELL** different from Summer Squad?

A: Summer Squad is our annual summer volunteer program for teens entering 8th to 12th grade. The time commitment is a minimum of 10 hours and can be completed in as little as a few weeks. The primary role of Summer Squad volunteers is to assist with our Summer Stride program. YELL requires a weekly commitment in addition to time helping with STEM programs, creating and presenting a public program and attending skill strengthening workshops.