

Join the Garden Volunteer Team

Visitors and local residents enjoy visiting our Heritage Trail and the Library grounds. To keep the grounds looking attractive we have a small team of volunteers who give up one morning a week to help maintain the gardens and grounds. If you enjoy being out of doors and would like to join us, do get in touch. No specialist knowledge is required, training and equipment is provided.

Other Opportunities

If being a guide or a gardener is not for you, we have many other roles where you may be able to help, for example:

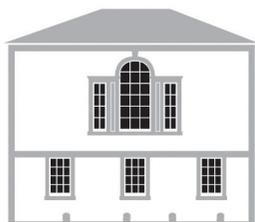
Serving refreshments for events or groups.

Selling merchandise, making up appealing displays in the shop.

Caring for the collection: dusting books, reshelving, sorting books for restoration, making up exhibition displays.

Helping write letters, stuff envelopes, filing, typing or other admin work.

Carrying out online research, using social media to promote the library.



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Researching and writing short pieces for our newsletter or the blog.

Getting in Touch

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer at Innerpeffray, please email or phone Lara Haggerty using the contact details below.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Volunteering at The Library of Innerpeffray



The Library of Innerpeffray is a very special place. Situated just outside of Crieff, it was founded 340 years ago as Scotland's first free public lending library: a radical idea at the time, but one that went on to revolutionise the accessibility of information and knowledge for everyone.

Today the Library is a historic library, museum, and a tourist attraction, still open to all. Visiting this beautiful place in rural Perthshire is not only a journey of discovery, it is a place to relax and absorb history and tranquillity.



What we do

Innerpeffray Library welcomes visitors from near and far. The collection of books here covers wealth of subjects: travel, history, witchcraft, gardening, cookery, natural history, astronomy, poetry, literature... and more besides.

Our most prized treasures are our Borrowers Records which date back to the 1740s, through which we can trace the lives of local people who have borrowed books here.



Becoming a volunteer guide will give you the opportunity to learn about this historic place and share its treasures with others. You'll be part of a small, friendly team of enthusiastic volunteers.

The Library runs a programme of events throughout the year; from exhibitions inspired by the collections, to concerts, theatre, and creative workshops. Many of these are held in the Schoolroom, which has also holds a pop-up café where visitors can seek refreshment. Alongside this, our Heritage Trail by the river and the woodland garden offer a picturesque spot for visitors to enjoy a peaceful stroll.

Perhaps joining the gardening team or assisting with events might be the things to catch your imagination. See the reverse of the leaflet for more ideas of the many ways in which you might be able to help.



Main tasks of a Volunteer Guide:

- ◆ Meeting visitors and showing them round the collection, giving an introductory talk and answering questions.
- ◆ Welcoming visitors for events and making them familiar with the site/venue.
- ◆ Taking and recording visitor entrance income and merchandise income.
- ◆ Answering telephone enquiries and taking messages as required.
- ◆ Supporting the Library Manager on busy days and at events, including serving refreshments.
- ◆ To stand in for the Library Manager when meetings occur during Library opening hours, or when their duties involve travel away from the Library during opening hours. *Note: Volunteers will always work as a pair, either with the Library Manager or another volunteer.*
- ◆ To assist in caring for the collection.
- ◆ To assist in assembling displays and exhibitions.

Enthusiasm and interest is more important than any qualification. Training will be given in learning about the Library's history, how to present to visitors, using the computer catalogue. Where possible, training in paper conservation and caring for rare books may be offered. Volunteers are also encouraged to develop and learn about their own particular areas of interest. Having your own transport may be helpful, as the Library is not easily reached by public transport.