



Websites for Seniors Looking to Volunteer



All libraries deal with patrons who want to volunteer in the community. The Library itself often has a Friends of the Library group but what else is available for Seniors who want to remain active and productive? In the Westchester section of **Librarians' Best Picks**, under the heading Volunteer!, there are several websites specifically aimed at Seniors who want to Volunteer:

AARP Volunteer Opportunities

www.aarp.org/about_aarp/community_service

There are several sections in this part of the AARP website that guide the user to volunteer opportunities in their community. Choose "Finding the Right Opportunity", "Volunteer Programs and Activities", or "Volunteering with AARP" to get all the information you need to get started with this national group.

RSVP: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Westchester

www.volunteer-center.org/rsvp.htm

Since 1972, RSVP of Westchester has been connecting people age 55 and over—retired or working—to meaningful volunteer opportunities that enrich their lives and the life of their communities. This group involves seniors in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their skills and lifelong experience. This is a great resource for finding volunteer opportunities right here in Westchester.

Senior Corps

www.seniorcorps.org

Senior Corps connects today's over 55s with the people and organizations that need them most. They can help them become mentors, coaches or companions to people in need, or contribute their job skills and expertise to community projects and organizations. Conceived during John F. Kennedy's presidency, Senior Corps currently links more than 500,000 Americans to service opportunities. Their contributions of skills, knowledge, and experience make a real difference to individuals, nonprofits, and faith-based and other community organizations throughout the United States.

Senior Corps offers several ways to get involved. Volunteers receive guidance and training so they can make a contribution that suits their talents, interests, and availability.

Find volunteer opportunities close to home with the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion and the RSVP programs of the National Senior Service Corps.

These are just three of the many Volunteer Opportunity websites that we have selected. To view them all, please visit the Volunteer section of Librarians' Best Picks at

www.westchesterlibraries.org/resources/westvol.html

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