

Virtual “Volunteer” Opportunity - Bookmarkz For Kidz

Teens in Grades 7-12

March 2, 2023 to March 30, 2023

For every **5 bookmarks** you decorate, you will earn **1 service hour**.

We can give you a **MAXIMUM of 2 service hours** for 10 completed bookmarks.

Cardz for Kidz is a Chicago-based organization that distributes cards and bookmarks to pediatric patients, veterans and seniors. They have partnerships in all fifty states and on every continent around the world.

There are three ways you can help this wonderful organization and earn community service credit:

1. Join us on March 2, 2023 at the New Lenox Public Library “Teen Scene” between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm for a drop in event. The library will provide supplies to create and decorate your bookmarks. Have fun and socialize with other teen volunteers!
2. Visit the Teen Scene to pick up pre-printed bookmark templates. Additional limited craft supplies will be available all month to create bookmarks. Bring them to the Adult & Teen Services desk when you are done.
3. [Download the provided template](#), decorate your bookmarks at home, and bring them to the Adult & Teen Services desk on the second floor.

Instructions:

- Decorate a bookmark!
- Write a message or joke on the back. See below for ideas.
- Sign first name & town/ location. (ex. AJ, New Lenox).

Don'ts

- Do NOT refer to patients' conditions.
- Do NOT say things like, “Get well soon,” “Stay Strong,” “Hang in there.”
- Avoid religious references.
- Avoid fuzz balls, pipe cleaners and glitter as they tend to not stick well and can sometimes interfere with medical equipment.

Do's

Make sure you sign the bookmark with your **first name only** and town/location.

Keep your messages uplifting. Some examples of positive messages are:

- “Sending you lots of big hugs” “You are special” “You rock” “You're a star”
- Or you could send jokes such as “What do you call an angry carrot? A steamed vegetable!”
- Or a cute picture and message such as “You are one in a minion” with a picture of a minion or “You're the coolest” with a picture of an ice cream cone.

These are just a few examples. Use your imagination to come up with anything you like!

Take your time and follow directions. Messy bookmarks and bookmarks without names will not receive community service hours. Please review details about making your bookmarks at this link: <https://www.cardzforkidz.org/post/bookmarks-people-need-encouragement>