

Virtual Volunteering Opportunities

Nonprofits are the backbone of our communities – some are more visible than others in their impact and the needs they meet. While COVID-19 is affecting everyone, nonprofits are particularly feeling the pinch. They must simultaneously adjust their work environments and policies to ensure the safety and well-being of their staff and volunteers while demand for their programs and services surges beyond the scale their networks are prepared to handle. We listed virtual volunteering opportunity categories below. If you are interested in a particular category, we encourage you to investigate these opportunities by selecting one of the links in that category. As you consider the many virtual/remote volunteer opportunities available to you, please keep in mind the nonprofit organizations may be delayed in responding to your expressions of interest and/or inquiries.

LITERACY OPPORTUNITIES

- [BookShare.Org](#) offers thousands of books to people with reading disabilities. As an [online volunteer](#) you can either scan books to be added to the collection or edit books that have been scanned. BookShare is a program of Benetech.
- [Distributed Proofreaders](#) These online volunteers turn public domain books into online books, mostly for [Project Gutenberg](#). Many volunteers work on a book at the same time and proofread each other's work.
- [CricketTogether](#) is an online mentoring program where students and their adult mentors read the same Cricket articles and then discuss them online.
- [Learning Ally](#) Many audiobooks are created with text-to-speech software that scans text from computer files and uses synthesized human voices to read the text aloud. However, illustrations or figures used throughout the books are not included. Online volunteers type those figure descriptions into the text, enabling students to receive ALL book material, not just the text.
- [LibriVox](#) is a nonprofit that coordinates online volunteers to record audio versions of public domain books.
- [Transcribe anti-slavery manuscripts](#) The Boston Library needs help transcribing their collection of handwritten correspondence between anti-slavery activists in the 19th century into texts that can be more easily read and researched by students, teachers, historians, and big data applications.
- [Translators Without Borders](#) recruits volunteers who want to translate texts into different languages for NGOs and nonprofits.
- [TED Translators](#) - a global community of volunteers who subtitle TED Talks, and enable the inspiring ideas in them to crisscross languages and borders
- [Smithsonian Digital Volunteer](#) - Become a Smithsonian Digital Volunteer and help them make historical documents and biodiversity data more accessible.