

Volunteer Background Checks

Thank you for volunteering your time to help out at the Kennett Library. Your help keeps the library running smoothly and allows us to provide the best possible service to our community.

By Pennsylvania State Law, all volunteers must pass a State Child Abuse and Police and Federal Criminal Background check. Volunteers will be expected to present completed "no record" certificates before the start of their first volunteer shift.

You may complete these checks online:

- PA State Child Abuse Clearance: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
- PA Access to Criminal History (PATCH): <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
- FBI Background Check: https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm

Please note that the FBI Background Check requires fingerprinting. The Kennett YMCA offers fingerprinting services from 4 PM – 8 PM, Monday through Thursday.

These background checks will have associated fees. Volunteers are expected to pay their own fees, which will be reimbursed after six (6) months of continued volunteer service at the Kennett Public Library. For volunteers with more than 6 months of volunteer service, you will be reimbursed as soon as you present your completed certificates. If you are seeking reimbursement, please present director Donna Murray with copies of your paid receipts when you deliver your completed certificates.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Linda Herrera, Library Programming Assistant, at lherrera@ccls.org or by phone at 610-444-2702.