

Volunteering at the National Marine Biological Library (NMBL)

Are you interested in volunteering within a specialist research library that's based right on Plymouth Hoe?

We are a small, friendly team at the NMBL and offered a varied volunteer role with the opportunity to focus on a specific project or help on general tasks in the library or archives.

Current volunteers have been involved in collection care, in the form of work on our Rare Books, as well as more general tasks, such as cataloguing our general collection, creating displays and even writing news stories for the MBA website, based on material in our archives.

You don't need library or archive experience, or to be an expert in marine biology as training and support will be provided.

By getting involved, you could:

- Join an enthusiastic and varied team and make some new friends
- Be part of the team providing our researchers with the information they need to support internationally renowned research projects
- Help us continue our heritage conservation efforts
- Help support and tell the story of marine biology; past, present and future

What's involved? Activities can include:

- Archive collection care
- Archival research to engage audiences
- Print collection maintenance –cleaning, cataloguing, displays etc
- Assisting with social media content

This role will suit you if you are ...

- Passionate about marine biology, conservation, books, historical objects, or trying something new!
- Looking for experience working in a library or archive
- Happy to work in a team and on your own
- Available on a regular basis - our main volunteer day is Tuesday, but we are open to people working with us on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Aged 18 or over, due to the nature of the site and the work carried out



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If you are interested in the role and would like to find out more, please email the library team at nmb1@mba.ac.uk

We look forward to hearing from you