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National Volunteer Week – celebrating a family who has given four years of service



It's National Volunteer Week from 9 – 15 May and the City of Nedlands celebrates and thanks all the fantastic volunteers who give their time and skills sharing happiness and enriching our quality of life.

Abhita Sinha and her daughters Aniketa and Vrishti, both 18, moved to Perth when Abhita's husband was posted here for work.

The mother and daughters trio have been volunteering with the Nedlands Library for four years but are moving back to the US shortly after helping the library to modernise its records, preserving local history in the process.

All three took on volunteer roles in the Local Studies collection at Nedlands Library, helping Local Studies Librarian Anthea Harris digitise paper documents and archive real estate filings for the benefit of future generations.

While they brought considerable organisational skills to the positions at the Library, they also gained valuable experience during their time. Abhita said she would recommend volunteering in areas where people had a natural interest and an environment where they felt comfortable.

“We all had such a feeling of accomplishment helping the Local Studies collection. We are proud that we could do something that contributes to future generations' understanding of local history,” said Abhita.

With Mr Sinha's contract up, it's time to move home to California, where Aniketa and Vrishti will join the College of Biological Science at the University of California at Davis.

They have enjoyed living in Perth and loved Nedlands for its beautiful location and its peace and quiet. They also found people helpful and the coffee great!

Want to know more about volunteering?

During National Volunteer Week 2016, Step into Volunteering Information sessions with guest volunteering organisations in attendance will be held at the Nedlands Library, the Claremont Community Hub and Library and The Grove Library and Community Centre for those wanting to know more about volunteering opportunities.

The Nedlands Volunteer Resource Centre, located upstairs in the Nedlands Library is your local “one stop shop” for finding out about volunteering and roles available. The centre offers you the opportunity to make an appointment and talk to somebody about volunteering opportunities available to meet your needs.

For more information go to www.nedlands.wa.gov.au or contact the Nedlands Volunteer Resource Centre on 9273 3640 or volunteering@nedlands.wa.gov.au.



Aniketa (left), Abhita and Vrishti (right) at the Nedlands Library
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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

For further information please contact communications@nedlands.wa.gov.au or 9273 3500