

How many people does it take to run a museum?

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How many people does it take to run a museum? More than you would think! There are several people that work in the background as volunteers doing many varied types of tasks. We have people who file, inventory, garden, bake and stuff envelopes. Cornwall Brothers Store Museum is holding its Volunteer Orientation on Tuesday June 7th at 11 am to talk about all the things we need volunteers for. If you can't make that date and time, and think you could donate some time, you may call us at 315-482-4586 or stop by the museum and we can talk.

Often, I hear, 'Oh, I don't want to speak to the public' or 'I'm too shy to help'. A percentage of our volunteer work is behind the scenes. Yes, we love to have chatty volunteers who can greet visitors, give tours, and answer questions, but that isn't the whole picture. We have volunteers who help with clerical tasks, do internet research, and only work special events.

If you have a few hours a week to offer, consider volunteering with the museum. Volunteers set the hours and dates they can work, and the type of work they feel confident doing. There are no minimum or maximum hours.