

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

MILLBURN, NEW JERSEY - ESSEX COUNTY

SEEKS QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT

"THEATER FOR EVERYONE"

AUTISM-FRIENDLY LIVE THEATER PERFORMANCES

JOIN OUR AWARD-WINNING TEAM!

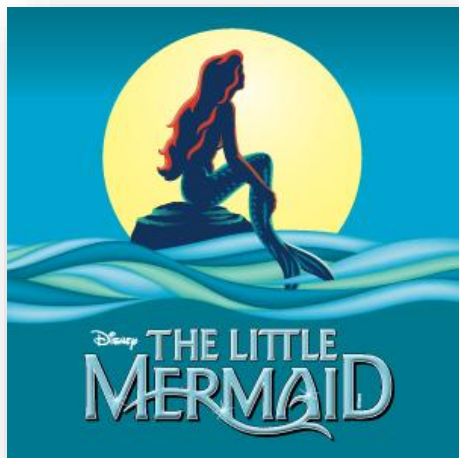


Paper Mill Playhouse provides comprehensive Autism-Friendly live stage shows designed for people with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. At these performances, the theater environment is altered providing a comfortable and judgment-free space that is welcoming for all individuals.

Autism-Friendly accommodation include keeping the theater lights dim; lowered volume; even sound levels; staffed Activity Area; BYO reinforcements and motivational systems, children may talk and walk under parental supervision; on-site support personnel, family-friendly restrooms, pre-show visit upon request; and online resource materials at papermill.org/access/autism-friendly-performances.

VOLUNTEER QUALIFICATIONS & DUTIES:

Autism-Friendly Volunteers provide support before, during and after each show. Volunteers with varying levels of experience are needed from general to expert. Qualified Volunteers should have a **minimum of 2 years of experience** caring for or supporting people with autism or other developmentally disabilities. Behavior analysts and Special Educators are preferred, but all interested and qualified Volunteers are welcome. Show day post assignments will be based on experience. First and foremost, our Volunteers must exhibit kindness and respect towards our patrons.



Volunteer duties may include:

- Welcoming the audience
- Providing assistance to parents or school staff, when requested
- Deliver motivational systems, when requested
- Engaging children in the activity center
- Set-up and clean-up of activity center supplies
- Monitoring exits to prevent elopement
- Encourage compliance with Covid protections protocols

Volunteer Training & Opportunities:

- Please attend a single training session at Paper Mill Playhouse on **TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 at 6:30PM**
- Volunteer at Paper Mill Playhouse on show day **Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 12PM-5PM** at a public performance of **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LISA COONEY: LCOONEY@PAPERMILL.ORG OR 973-315-1667

This program is planned with guidance from the award-winning **PAPER MILL AUTISM ADVISORY TEAM: LINDA S. MEYER Ed.D., MPA, BCBA-D, CPT; KELLY A. MAY, Ph.D., BCBA-D; and JEFFREY JACOBS M.A. BCBA**, and is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers. For their outstanding public service and advocacy for the autism community, the Paper Mill Autism Advisory Team is a recipient of the **NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S JEFFERSON AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**.

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For show ticket information:

