

Parkville-Carney Library Reading Buddies Program Volunteer Application

Fall 2017 Session (October 10 – November 30)

Application Deadline: September 18, 2017 at library closing



The Reading Buddies program at the Parkville-Carney Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library pairs a teen volunteer with an elementary student who is learning to read and would benefit from extra reading practice. Reading Buddies meet for an hour each week to read together and do fun language-oriented games and activities.

PART I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email Address:* _____

It will be **imperative for you to check this email account daily, as it will be a key method of communication during both the application period and the duration of the program.*

Phone: _____

Age: _____ (You must be at least 12 years old **and** be in eighth grade or higher to volunteer.)

Grade (please check): 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

School: _____

Please answer the questions below. If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet of paper. (Returning volunteers may skip these questions.)

Why are you interested in being a Reading Buddy?

Please tell us about your prior experience working with younger children. In particular, have you tutored before, worked as a babysitter, or read with children?

What are your interests and hobbies?

PART II: AVAILABILITY

Reading Buddy pairs meet for one hour, one day each week. Available times are listed below. Please check the days and times you are available.

- _____Tuesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- _____Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- _____Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

PART III: THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PROGRAM

How volunteers will be selected:

Volunteers will be selected based on a variety of criteria including proper and thoughtful completion of application, timely submission of application, and schedule/availability.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

If you are selected as a Reading Buddy volunteer, you will be expected to:

- Attend the initial training on Thursday, October 5 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM;
- Meet with your buddy **every week** from October 10 – November 30;
- Notify your buddy’s parent and the library if you will not be able to attend a session;
- Sign in before each session;
- Maintain regular communication with the Reading Buddies coordinators;
- Dress suitably for work in the library; be neat and well-groomed.

I have read and understand the requirements for volunteering as a Reading Buddy.

Applicant Signature

Date

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to apply to serve as a Reading Buddy Program volunteer. To the best of my knowledge the above information is accurate and meets with my approval.

Parent Signature

Date

Questions? Please contact Erin Chrvala or Eileen Kuhl at 410-887-5353.

**Applicants who are selected as volunteers will be notified via email
by September 22, 2017.**