

FAQ's



Q. What is a Reading Buddy?

A. A good reader who reads with a younger kid in the Library.

Q. When is the Reading Buddy program?

A. Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 to 11 am
It starts July 7th and ends July 25th.

Q. How old do I have to be to be a Reading Buddy?

A. 10 years or older

Q. How old are the kids I will read to?

A. Ages 2 to 7 (approximately)

Q. How many kids do I read with?

A. One at a time, ideally. It is a “drop-in” program, so we never know how many kids will show up. If we don't have enough readers on hand, you might have more than one Buddy.

Q. Can I be a Reading Buddy and do the Summer Reading Program?

A. Yes, your Reading Buddy time counts for you, too.

Q. Do I have to be a Reading Buddy every morning?

A. No. You may participate for one day or several days; for one week or several weeks. On any day you participate, you are expected to be here from 9:45 to 11:15.

Your Reading Buddy Day:

1. Check in at the Youth Services desk at 9:45.
2. Put on a Reading Buddy name tag and a reading sticker.
3. Practice reading the books you have chosen to use.
4. When a child comes in to read, introduce yourself and invite him/her to be your Reading Buddy.
5. Give your Buddy a sticker.
6. If there aren't enough Reading Buddies on hand, you may have 2 or more Buddies at one time.
7. If a Buddy wants to practice reading to you, arrange to work one-on-one so you can give your full attention.
8. Plan to read for about a half-hour per Buddy. You may end up spending more or less time than that, depending on the needs of the child.
9. Offer to help your Buddy sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Explain how the time you spend reading together can be traded for coupons for shopping in the Beehive Summer Reading Store.
10. The Beehive will be open on Reading Buddy days, to allow time for kids to shop after reading.



What do I need to do to be a Reading Buddy?

- 1) Fill out a Reading Buddy Helper form.
- 2) Sign up for the day(s) you will participate.

Reading Buddy Tips

Arrive when you are scheduled. Be on time.

Ask staff for help choosing books.

Practice reading a book aloud several times before you read it to a Buddy.

Hold the book so your Buddy can see the pictures and follow along while you read.

If your Buddy is learning to read, ask if he/she would like to practice reading to you.

Take turns reading a page.

Be patient.

Listen without interrupting while your Buddy reads to you.

Assist only if he/she is really "stuck"

If you have fun, your Buddy will have fun, too!



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Reading Buddies Summer 2009



Catch the Reading Bug!

Are you a good reader?

Do you enjoy reading aloud?

Do you like reading with young children?

If you answered YES to all of the above, you would make a good Reading Buddy!

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