



Reading Buddies Volunteer Information

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Description

KFPL's Reading Buddies connects teen volunteers with young readers, newcomer youth, and seniors to facilitate one-on-one reading, mentorship, and uplifting connections. After volunteers choose a group they would like to work with they receive specialized training tailored to the unique needs of that demographic. Teens working with young readers and newcomer youth collaborate with KFPL staff to provide one-on-one reading support and fun literacy activities for developing readers. Teens working with seniors read to and converse with seniors in Kingston and Frontenac. All programs are facilitated online with Zoom's videoconferencing service.

Length of Commitment

KFPL is looking for Teen volunteers to assist with the following Reading Buddies programs:

- Children in grades 1-3. Offered July 19 – 23 in 1.5 hour sessions (2:30 pm – 4:00 pm). Program is hosted virtually with Zoom. Volunteers must have a computer with stable Internet access, webcam, and microphone.
- Newcomer youth. Offered August 9 – 13 in 1.5 hour sessions (2:30 pm – 4:00 pm). Program is hosted virtually with Zoom. Volunteers must have a computer with stable Internet access, webcam, and microphone.
- Seniors. Dates TBD, but program will run once a week, in 1.5 hour sessions, for a period of 6 weeks.

Volunteers must also attend two 1.5 hour Zoom training sessions (see below)

Reading Buddy Responsibilities

- Attend a general training session covering volunteer etiquette and program technology (July 5, 2:30 – 4:00 pm)
- Attend a second training session that will focus on the specific needs of the community you will be volunteering with (July 12, 2:30 – 4:00 pm)
- Assist with delivery of virtual Reading Buddies content
- Create a positive, fun, and enriching environment for participants
- Support younger readers development of literacy skills
- Commit to all program dates

Training

Prior to the program start date, volunteers will attend online training sessions that cover program materials, working with younger readers or seniors, the technical requirements of virtual programming, as well as the roles and responsibilities of being a Kingston Frontenac Public Library Volunteer.

Benefits

- Meet new people and explore new opportunities
- Have fun and contribute to your community
- Develop interpersonal leadership, problem-solving, communication, and time management skills

To Apply

Email Graeme Langdon, Teen and New Adult Library, at glangdon@kfpl.ca with your name, contact information, and a short description of how you meet the volunteer qualifications.

Please also indicate which audience (children in grades 1-3, newcomer youth, or seniors) you would like to volunteer with.

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