

Wood Buffalo Regional Library Summer Reading Program Volunteer Position Description and Application Form



PURPOSE

By partaking in our Summer Reading program, you will volunteer as a mentor for young children between the ages of 6-8 years old. You will help facilitate a love for reading and literacy. You will use a variety of reading strategies, such as reading aloud, as well as other fun literacy related games and activities.

BENEFITS

By being a volunteer, you will enrich the lives of young children in our community. You will also:

- Assist with a fun craft program or fun weekly activity for kids;
- Gain volunteer experience hours;
- Work in a fun environment with staff at the WBRL;
- Meet new people and make new friends;
- Gain experience in working with children;
- Help spread the importance of reading and literacy to children 6-8 years old.

COMMITMENT

It is very important that if you choose to commit yourself to become a Summer Reading volunteer, that you make an effort to attend all sessions that you're available (a minimum of 10 sessions throughout the summer). If you have potential conflicts, or you are planning summer vacation, please let us know. While we appreciate your willingness to volunteer, only suitable candidates will be selected.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Volunteering would take place from 1:00pm-4:00pm Monday through Thursday and 1:00-3:30pm on Fridays, from July 3rd until August 25th.

Monday to Thursday sessions will involve a 1-hour craft project followed by 1 hour of Reading Buddies for the 6-8 year olds.

Friday sessions will involve a fun, 2-hour activity or theme day that takes place either in the Syncrude Program Room inside the Wood Buffalo Regional Library, or takes place at another location inside MacDonald Island Park (swimming pool, rock climbing wall, etc.) or an off-site facility (Borealis Park, Heritage Park, etc.).

A detailed list of dates, times, and sessions will be listed in the Summer Reading Program calendar.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be 14 years of age or older
2. Must be fluent in speaking and reading English
3. Must be able to attend a minimum of 10 Summer Reading Program sessions, as well as one mandatory orientation session
4. Must enjoy working with children, and have a passion for reading
5. Must be able to successfully complete a current Vulnerable Sectors Check by the RCMP, at the WBRL's cost. *If you already have a current Vulnerable Sectors Check, please let us know.*

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Gender: M ___ F ___

What school do you attend? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Relationship: _____

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

1. Why would you like to participate in the Reading Buddies?

2. Describe any past work, volunteer, or life experience that would make you the ideal candidate for Reading Buddies?

3. What do you think you will gain from volunteering in this program?

4. Do you have any experience working with children? If yes, please explain.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

***Applicants under the age of 16 must have a parent / guardian fill out the following information**

I, _____, am aware of and support my child/legal dependent's decision to volunteer.
(parent / guardian name)

Signature _____ Date _____

This personal information is being collected under authority of the Libraries Act and will be used to contact applicants when volunteer opportunities arise. The information collected is protected by the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, contact our FOIP Coordinator at 780-743-7800.