

Wood Buffalo Regional Library Summer Reading Program Volunteer July 3-August 24

Applications will not be accepted after Friday, August 7.



PURPOSE

The Wood Buffalo Regional Library (WBRL) Summer Reading program allows volunteers the opportunity to act as a mentor for young children. Help to facilitate a love for reading and literacy to kids 6-8 years old by using a variety of reading strategies, 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 fun craft programs and weekly activity for kids
- Gain volunteer experience hours
- 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 as a Summer Reading volunteer, that you make an effort to attend all sessions that you are available. A **minimum of 10 sessions** must be attended 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 24th**.

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

VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK

All volunteers must be able to successfully complete a current **Vulnerable Sector Check** by the RCMP, at the WBRL's cost. You will be provided with a Vulnerable Sector Letter on behalf of the WBRL to take to the RCMP. If you already have a current Vulnerable Sector Check, please let us know.

Wood Buffalo Regional Library
Summer Reading Program Volunteer Application Form

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Please return your completed application form to the Circulation Services Desk inside the library or email it to Calvin Pitt, Volunteer Coordinator at calvin.pitt@wbrl.ca.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Age: ____ Gender: M ___ F ___ What school do you attend? (If applicable): _____

Do you already have a current Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)? Yes No

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

AVAILABILITY

What is your availability from July 3-August 25? _____

Are you able to commit to at least 10 sessions/days? _____

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 an ideal candidate for the Summer Reading Program.

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, _____, (Parent / Guardian Name) am aware of and support my child/legal dependent's decision to volunteer. 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.