Volunteer Application

Reading Buddies is a Vancouver Public Library program that pairs teens aged 13 to 18 with young children who would like to improve their reading. We are looking for role models who can connect with children and help them become engaged with the library and develop a love of reading and learning.

The program includes a training component on the first scheduled session, and will have ongoing support from library staff.

Snacks will be provided, but it is recommended that you bring along a water bottle.

Name: ___________________________ Age: ______ School: ___________________________
Telephone: ______________________ E-mail: ___________________________

I would like to volunteer at (please choose only one):

- Collingwood Branch: Thursdays, Sept 26 to Oct 24; 4pm to 5pm
- Dunbar Branch: Thursdays, Sept 26 to Oct 24; 3:45-4:45
- Fraserview Branch: Fridays, Sept 27 to Nov 15; 4pm-5pm
- Hastings Branch: Thursdays, Oct 3 to Dec 5; 4pm-5pm
- Kensington Branch: Wednesdays, Sept 25 to Nov 13; 4pm-5pm
- Kerrisdale Branch: Fridays, Oct 18 to Dec 13; 3:45pm-4:45pm
- Marpole Branch: Wednesdays, Nov 6 to Dec 4; 4pm-5pm
- Renfrew Branch: Mondays, Oct 21 to Nov 25; 4pm to 5pm
- Terry Salmon Branch: Thursdays, Sep 26 to Oct 24; 4pm-5pm
- West Point Grey Branch: Wednesdays, Oct 2 to Oct 30; 4pm-5pm

Signature: ______________________ Date: ______________________

By signing you are giving VPL consent to contact you with information regarding the Reading Buddies program.

Because you will be working with young children, we must confirm that you are a good candidate. We require a signature from a person in a position of authority that we will be able to contact (such as a teacher, coach, pastor, or librarian).

I believe that __________________ is a good candidate for the Reading Buddies program.

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________
Telephone: ______________________ E-mail: ___________________________
Relationship to applicant: ___________________________________________

Please return this completed form to the branch you wish to volunteer for at least a week before the specified start date to be considered for the Fall 2019 session of Reading Buddies.
For VPL staff use only:

Date reference check performed: ______________________  Staff initials: ____________

Contacted applicant to confirm acceptance or waitlist status (✓): ______

Capacity in which reference knows applicant:

Does the reference feel comfortable with the applicant working with young children? Y / N

Does the reference recommend the applicant for Reading Buddies? Y / N

Other comments: