



Reading Buddies Volunteer Application Winter 2025

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):

- Fraserview Branch** | Fridays, January 24 to March 14 | 4-5pm
- Hastings Branch** | Tuesdays, January 21 to March 11 | 3:45-4:45pm
- Kensington Branch** | Thursdays, January 23 to March 13 | 4-5pm
- Terry Salman Branch** | Wednesdays, January 8 to February 26 | 5:30-6:30pm

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 Winter 2025 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: