



## STEAM Buddies Volunteer Application Winter 2025

STEAM Buddies pairs a child in Grade 2-4 with a teen “big buddy” for fun and informal STEAM learning. The goal is to give middle-years children opportunities to work with teen mentors, who will demonstrate their love of learning and experimentation while helping their little buddies develop curiosity, creativity, and a desire to explore.

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):

- Champlain Heights Branch** | Thursdays, February 6 to February 27 | 4-5pm
- Marpole Branch** | Saturdays, February 1 to February 22 | 2-3pm
- Britannia Branch** | Thursdays, February 6 to February 27 | 4-5pm
- Kitsilano Branch** | Tuesdays, February 18 to March 11 | 4-5pm

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing you are giving VPL consent to contact you with information regarding the STEAM 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 STEAM 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 STEAM Buddies.

**For VPL staff use only:**

Date reference check performed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Staff initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 STEAM Buddies? Y / N

Other comments: