



Reading Buddies

Teen Buddy Information & Application

A Douglas County Libraries–James H. LaRue, Highlands Ranch Community Service Opportunity

Return Applications to the library, at 9292 Ridgeline Blvd., by Friday, October 9, 2015.

A Reading Buddy is a teen library volunteer trained to read with a child in a way that helps encourage a love of reading. Selected volunteers will spend one and an half hours a week for seven weeks reading together with their little buddies and doing related literacy activities, games and crafts.

Qualifications

- Applicants should be between the ages of 13-18 and love to read!

Timeframe

- **Required** training session on Tuesday, October 20, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Weekly sessions: 4-5:30 p.m. Mondays **or** Tuesdays, October 26-December 8, 2015

Duties and Responsibilities of a Big Reading Buddy

- Mentoring a child (grades 1-3) who may struggle with reading
- Being a role model for a child by communicating your love of reading
- Committing to be a Big Buddy for seven weeks
- Selecting activities and materials for each session

Benefits of Being a Big Buddy

- An opportunity to earn community service hours for graduation
- A great activity to put on job and college applications
- Playing educational games and activities with a child
- Making a difference in a child's life

Selection

- Big Buddies will be notified by Thursday, October 15, 2015
- Available spots are limited; interviews may be used for candidate selection

I have read the job description and am interested in being a Big Buddy at Douglas County Libraries in Highlands Ranch.

Printed Applicant Name	Signature of Applicant
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Age	Grade in School (2015-16)	School Name	Male or Female
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Home Address	City	Zip Code
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Best Telephone Number	Best Email Address (<u>communication will be via email</u>)
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A parent's or guardian's signature is requested to demonstrate parental support of this commitment.

Printed Parent Name	Parent Signature	(continue on next page)
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Have you been a Reading Buddy Before? _____ If yes, when? _____

Why do you want to be a Big Buddy?

What are your interests, hobbies and activities?

Have you ever worked with children before? If so, please tell us about your experience.

Please share additional information about yourself as it relates to this volunteer opportunity.

Please check the time(s) you are available to be a Big Buddy. If you are available both days, check both and circle your first choice. All sessions meet once a week between October 20 and December 8, 2015. Each week, time will be spent preparing, reading and on activities such as art, writing and word games.

Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m. _____

Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. _____

Please list two local adult references (teachers, neighbors, coaches, etc.) who are not your relatives.

Name _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Relationship _____

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Questions? Please contact Jennifer Haberkorn at hireadingbuddies@dclibraries.org or 303-791-7323.