



2026 Reading Buddies Program for English Language Learners Reader Application Form

Dear Caregiver,

Thank you for your interest in the Library's Reading Buddies program for English Language Learners (ELLs). This letter includes important information and dates about the program.

This program gives young readers learning English (ages 6-13), the extra practice and encouragement to prepare for the new school year. A mix of games, speaking time, and reading with a volunteer make the experience fun!

After you complete the application, a Library staff member will contact you to understand your child's interests and literacy skills.

If we can pair your child with a volunteer, they will meet at the Library for 1 hour per week for 8 weeks (beginning the week of Monday, June 29 until the week of Monday, August 17). Readers, their families, and their volunteers are also invited to join two social events to encourage and celebrate their language learning.

If you cannot attend your meeting, please contact the Library.

Parents and caregivers must stay in the Library while the child is meeting with their Reading Buddy.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Youth Services Department.
Happy reading!

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Please mark all the days and times when you will be available to participate in the program.

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-11				
11-12				
12-1				
1-2				
2-3				
3-4				
4-5				
5-6				
6-7				
7-8				

Please return the completed application to the Library by Friday, June 5, 2026. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Please list any dates that you are unavailable during July and August: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Library Card Number (parent): _____

If parent does not have a Library card yet, please note on the line above and Library Staff will assist in creating a membership.



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There will be a Reading Buddies for ELLs Kick-Off Party on Tuesday, June 23 from 6:30-7:30 pm in Youth Services. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet their Reading Buddy for the first time. We strongly encourage all Reading Buddies participants to attend this event if possible.

My child and I will be attending the June 23 Reading Buddies Kick-Off

Yes No

There will be two social events for Reading Buddies, their families, and volunteers. Buddies will have an opportunity to give a 5-minute presentation on a topic of their choosing, play games, and do other fun activities with their fellow buddies.

Additional Support Person(s) Information if applicable:

Name of person(s) assisting child's family (ex. Sponsor, volunteer) _____

Signature of child's parent/guardian giving permission to Library staff to communicate with support person(s) about Reading Buddies program: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Library Card Number _____

In case of an emergency during Reading Buddies, please contact:

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____ Telephone: _____

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.