

Reading Buddy Program

READING BUDDIES is a program to assist young readers by pairing them with older students for weekly reading practice at the library.



BIG BUDDIES are good students in grades 5th – 12th who love books and want to volunteer to help read one-on-one with a Little Buddy for 30 minutes weekly at the library. Great leadership, service and mentoring experience for teens!

LITTLE BUDDIES are young readers in Kindergarten – 2nd grade who are paired with a Big Buddy to practice their reading skills and gain confidence. Read for 30 minutes weekly and have fun working on pronunciation and comprehension skills.

Please fill out the information below and return it to Sue Kirkpatrick in the Upper Merion Township Library Children's Department (skirkpatrick@mclinc.org) to become involved in this program. Once your application is received, we will email you with more information. Please confirm your interest by responding to the email. Please print clearly.

Which do you want to be (circle one): Big Buddy (5th – 12th) Little Buddy (K – 2nd)

Name: _____ **Sex (circle one):** Male Female

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please provide a parent/guardian or student email that will be used for communication and is checked on a regular basis.

When are you available to meet with your buddy at the library weekly for 30 minutes? (please check ALL that apply)

- Weekdays (Monday – Thursday: between 4 – 6pm)
- Weeknights (Monday – Thursday: between 6 – 9pm)
- Friday afternoons (between 3:30 – 5pm)
- Weekends (Saturdays and/or Sundays)

Do you have any special reading needs or requests we should know about?
