

**Dates to remember—
Fall 2007**

- Applications due September 21.
- Fall sessions:
 - *Mondays, 3:15-4:30 pm*
from September 17 through
November 26 at Sanchez
Elementary School (no meeting
November 19)
 - *Thursdays, 3:45-5:00 pm*
from October 4 through
November 29 at the Lafayette
Public Library (no meeting on
November 22)
 - *Saturdays, 10:15 - 11:30 am*
from October 6 through
December 1 at the Lafayette
Public Library (no meeting
November 24)

Submit your application by September 21.

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**Lafayette Public Library
Reading Buddies
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What's a Big Buddy?

Big Buddies are volunteers in grades 6th through 12th who meet with a younger child once a week to read together.



Big Buddies:

- Are readers and love books!
- Enjoy reading aloud.
- Enjoy working with younger children.
- Take turns listening to and reading to their little buddies read aloud.
- Do fun reading-related group activities with little buddies.
- Show their buddies reading can be fun!

What's in it for me?

- A great volunteer experience that you can put on your resume or college application.
- Getting to help a younger child read and succeed.
- The opportunity to work with other volunteer teens in carrying out games and other fun activities.

How Does Reading Buddies Work?

You will be part of a group of 6-10 buddy pairs.

- The first meeting will be time spent training and getting to know the other big buddies in the group.
- The second meeting, you will meet your little buddy and get started with the program.
- Usually, buddies will read one-on-one for 30-40 minutes, and then will come together as a group to do fun literacy enrichment activities. You and the other Big Buddies get to decide what to do each week.
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- The final meeting will include a mini party. All Buddies will get certificates of participation and free books.
- Special note about the Sanchez program: The Reading Buddies program at Sanchez Elementary School is part of the after school Dragon Discovery program and meets at Sanchez instead of at Lafayette Public Library.

I'm Interested—What Do I Have to Do?

- Fill out the application available at the library or online (www.cityoflafayette.com/library) by *September 21*.
- Sign up for one of the following summer sessions:
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- Commit to attending every week, unless the Reading Buddies coordinator is notified in advance.

Questions? Please email Sarah at sarahd@cityoflafayette.com or call 303-665-5200, ext. 3813.