

Important Attendance Policies

- A parent or caregiver must remain in the library (though *not* with the buddy pair) during the reading session.
- We ask that you and your child make a commitment to attend ALL of the scheduled meetings. If you must miss a meeting because of illness or a schedule conflict, please notify the Reading Buddies coordinator and your child's Big Buddy as far in advance as possible.

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

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Lafayette Public Library Reading Buddies Fall 2007

**A reading
enrichment
program for
kids entering
grades 1-3**



Information for Parents

Submit your application by September 21.

Reading Buddies 2007

Reading Buddies IS: a program that pairs trained teen volunteers with younger kids once a week for: 40 minutes of shared reading
20 minutes of group literacy enrichment activities.

Reading Buddies is designed to give your child extra reading practice with a caring older buddy, and to make the reading experience fun.

Reading Buddies IS NOT: a tutoring service for your child. Teen Reading Buddy volunteers are not trained to correct learning problems.

Reading Buddies DOES give participants positive reading experiences.

Who can participate?

- Children currently in grades 1-3 are eligible.
- Participants are expected to plan to attend every session during the program.
- A parent must be in the library during each session.
- Children will be admitted to the program on a first-come, first-serve basis, so apply early!

Reading Buddies Important Information

Who are the Big Buddies?

Students in grades 6-12 can volunteer to be reading buddies. Typically, they are teens who love reading, enjoy working with younger children, and want to help their community. They receive training before and during the program.

What do the Buddies do? Your child and his/her Buddy will spend some time choosing books together, and then they'll share their books! Buddies usually take turns reading to each other, and talk about what they are reading. The last twenty minutes of each session, groups of up to eight Buddy pairs get together for a group literacy activity. That might include words games, a simple reader's theater, and more.



Will everyone read in English?

We hope that we'll be able to match up buddies to read in either English or Spanish — whichever language they need to/want to practice.

I'd like my child to have a Big Buddy. What do I need to do?

- Submit the application to have your child matched with a Reading Buddy no later than **Friday, September 21**. Space is limited, so we strongly encourage you to apply early.
- Applications are available in the library, or online at www.cityoflafayette.com/library.
- This fall, Little Buddies will be able to participate in two sessions at the Lafayette Public Library:
 - *Thursday afternoons, 4:00-5:00 pm from October 4 through November 29*) at the Lafayette Public Library (no meeting on November 22).
 - *Saturday mornings, 10:15 - 11:30 am from October 6 through December 1* at the Lafayette Public Library (no meeting November 24)
- The last day of each session, we will recognize Reading Buddies volunteers and little buddies for their participation. Every Buddy will receive a certificate and free paperback book. Please plan to attend with your family and help us celebrate!