

Reading Buddies

A reading enrichment program pairing teen mentors with younger readers

Reading Buddies is a reading enrichment program that pairs kindergarten, first, second and third graders with teen volunteers. They meet once a week to read together, play literacy games, and do group activities.

Reading Buddies is designed to give kids extra reading practice one-on-one with a caring, creative teen mentor and to make the reading experience fun! Little Buddies can be strong readers, below grade readers, or kids just starting to learn—all levels are welcome! The Big Buddy volunteers develop responsibility, leadership and communication skills while they serve their community and make a difference in children's lives.

Reading Buddies is not a tutoring service. Teen volunteers are neither trained nor expected to correct learning problems or to teach children to read. The goal of the program is to encourage reading by making it a fun, enjoyable experience and to facilitate positive relationships between teens and younger children in the community.

Reading Buddies meet once a week at a regularly scheduled time at the Scranton Library. All Buddy pairs meet under the supervision of the Scranton Library Teen Librarian.

Want to become a Big Buddy?

Read the guidelines for Big Buddies. We are currently accepting new Big Buddies. All Big Buddy applicants interview with the Scranton Library Teen Librarian and complete a training workshop before being accepted as volunteers.

Want to become a Little Buddy?

Read the guidelines for Little Buddies. We are currently accepting applications for new Little Buddies.

The Reading Buddies Program is a project of the Scranton Library Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)

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