

Reading Buddies at Surrey Libraries

What is the Reading Buddies program?

This program is a chance for children grades 2-4 to practice and improve their reading skills in a non-threatening environment. The children will be paired up with a high school student volunteer to enjoy reading and playing literacy games together. This program does NOT teach children how to read.

Format

This after school program runs for 1 hour every week for 6 weeks. Parents must bring their children to the library and wait for them until the program ends. Children must attend all sessions unless they are ill. If they cannot come to a session, please phone or email before the program starts.

Audience

All children from grades 2-4 are welcome in this program. Children who speak a language other than English at home may benefit most from this program. Space is limited for this program and parents must fill out the following form. Parents will be contacted by Library staff if they are selected.

Volunteers

Each volunteer has received training to orient them to the resources available at the library, to learn about working with children and helping them to read, and to understand their responsibilities in keeping the children safe.

Branch Information

Branch	Weekday	Date Range	Time	Librarian	Contact
City Centre	Tuesday	April 16 – May 21	4:00-5:00pm	Stephanie	stephanie.baum@surrey.ca
Clayton	Wednesday	April 10 – May 15	4:00-5:00pm	Michelle	michelle.meech@surrey.ca
Cloverdale	Tuesday	April 16 – May 21	4:00-5:00pm	Mara	mrdickie@surrey.ca
Fleetwood	Tuesday	April 16 – May 21	3:45-4:45pm	Claire	claire.badali@surrey.ca
Guildford	Tuesday	April 16 – May 21	4:00-5:00pm	Yesenia	yricardo@surrey.ca
Newton	Tuesday	April 23 – May 28	4:00-5:00pm	Rei	rkitano@surrey.ca
Ocean Park	Tuesday	April 9 – May 14	5:30-6:30pm	Leslee	lagawthrop@surrey.ca
Semiahmoo	Thursday	April 11 – May 16	4:00-5:00pm	Sarah	sarah.mcneil@surrey.ca
Strawberry Hill	Wednesday	April 17 – May 22	3:30-4:30pm	Karen	karen.mcinnis@surrey.ca

SURREY LIBRARIES READING BUDDIES CHILD REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD INFORMATION: (Child must be in Grade 2 to 4)

Last Name (Surname): _____ First Name: _____

Grade: _____ Gender (optional): _____

Child's first language (if not English): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Library branches will stop accepting registrations once the program is full at that location.

Please return this application to the Youth Services Librarian at the branch where you want to attend the program at least two weeks before it starts.

Photo/Video Release

Surrey Public Library (also referred to as "the Library") has my permission to use photographs or video clearly showing my child's likeness for the Library's promotional purposes such as brochures, posters, annual reports, advertisements, website, and social media channels like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. I agree that the Library may also share this content with the City of Surrey for use in the City's publications and with Envision Financial, a division of First West Credit Union, the financial sponsor, for their promotions.

I expressly release Surrey Public Library, the City of Surrey, and Envision Financial, a division of First West Credit Union, from any claims, demands, or compensation arising out of the distribution, broadcast or exhibition of my child's image.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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