

READING TOGETHER PROGRAM: Volunteer Reader

Job Summary

Volunteer readers work one to one with elementary students that have fallen behind in their reading skills. Weekly sessions focus on building students' confidence, increasing comprehension and developing strategies in a supportive, low pressure environment. The goal of these sessions is not to teach reading, but rather to provide encouragement and to help foster a love of reading.

Program Description

The program operates from October-May within School District # 22 elementary schools during school hours. Each school's program is supported by a volunteer School Coordinator who ensures volunteer readers have the resources required to meet the students' needs.

Responsibilities

- Attend an orientation/training session
- Commit to one morning or afternoon session per week (approximately 2 hours)
- Arrive on time for sessions and arrange a substitute volunteer if absent
- Read with 3 students for 30 minutes each
- Complete a Daily Record Sheet for each student
- Report any concerns to the volunteer School Coordinator
- Follow all program protocols (health, safety, confidentiality & code of ethics)

Qualifications

- 18 years or older
- Enjoys working with children
- Enthusiasm for reading
- Excellent communication and record keeping skills
- Criminal Record Check (these will be submitted through the placement school)

Applicants must submit a completed volunteer application form with references for consideration. Applications are available <u>online</u>.

Please contact the Program Coordinator for more information or if you require a manual application.

Note: School placements are based on volunteer needs. When possible, placements will be made at preferred schools or locations.

Thank you for your interest in this program!