Reading Volunteers Needed at Newark Library

If you like working with children, enjoy reading, and want to make a difference to the community, we have an excellent opportunity for you!

Newark Library needs teen volunteers for the Reading Buddies reading program:

*Reading Buddies* is a one-on-one reading improvement program for children in grades 1-6. In a group setting, a child and their assigned volunteer helper meet at a scheduled time every week to improve reading. Each reading session is 30 minutes in length and there is a 15-minute break between the sessions.

*Current Schedule:* Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:30-4:00 P.M., 4:15-4:45 P.M., 5:00-5:30 P.M., Check-ins start 5 minutes before each reading session. You may volunteer for up to 3 reading sessions each day.

*Qualifications:*
We are looking for enthusiastic teens between the ages of 13 to 18 who can provide children with a positive and encouraging attitude towards reading. The volunteers must be responsible, reliable, and able to commit weekly for at least one semester. Their grade in English must be B or better.

*Community Service Hours:*
High school students will earn community service hours for volunteering at the Reading Buddies reading program.

*How to apply:*
Fill out an application, make sure you have your parent or guardian sign in the permission section. Turn it in to the Information Desk at the Newark Library. Be prepared for a short interview with the children’s librarian if she is available at the time, or you may make an appointment to meet with her later. You are required to attend a training session before start volunteering.

*Contact:*
Chien-Chun Chang, Children’s Librarian
Newark Library
6300 Civic Terrace Ave. Newark, CA 94560
Phone: 510-795-2627 ext. 23
Email: cchang@aclibrary.org

Thank you very much for volunteering to help with our reading program!
# Newark Library
## Teen Volunteer Application for Reading Buddies Program

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Check all the shifts you are available, we will arrange your schedule based on your availability.

- **Wednesday**
  - 3:30-4:00
  - 4:15-4:45
  - 5:00-5:30

- **Friday**
  - 3:30-4:00
  - 4:15-4:45
  - 5:00-5:30

How many hours per week do you wish to volunteer? __________ hours/week

Check and agree to the following statements:

- Yes, my grade in English is B or better. Please provide a copy of your most recent report card.
- Yes, I will be on time for all my shifts and give notice to the Library as soon as possible if I am unable to work my scheduled shift.

______________________________ Date __________________________

/signature

**Parent / Guardian Permission (Required for volunteers under 18 years old)**

______________________________ has my permission to volunteer at Centerville Library.

(name of volunteer)

______________________________ Date __________________________

/signature of parent or guardian

**Emergency Contacts**

Name __________________________ Phone __________________________

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**Note**

Application received: __________

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