



The Wolcott Public Library Book Buddies program partners younger children with teen reading mentors. The pairs will meet weekly at the library. If the Little is not yet reading, the mentor will read to them. If they are a reader, they may practice reading to their mentor.

Commitment:

- Book Buddies will meet **weekly for ~30 minute sessions**. Please arrive on time- your buddy is counting on you! It is suggested that mentors plan on arriving about 10 minutes before the start time.
- We will match & schedule buddies based on their availability.
- Parents must remain in the library while their children (under age 12) are participating in Book Buddies.
- We understand that things come up and plans change. If you find you can't make it one week, you will be responsible for communicating that with your buddy and Ms. Meghan. Contact info will be exchanged on the first day of the session.
- **Please fill out the application form** (there are two sides) and return it to Ms. Meghan at the Wolcott Public Library.

Dates:

Fall 2024- 9/16-11/8 (8 weeks)

Applications due: 9/10

Winter 2025- 1/26-3/21 (8 weeks)

Applications due: 1/17

Spring 2025- 4/28-6/6 (6 weeks)

Applications due: 4/18

BOOK BUDDIES APPLICATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

AVAILABILITY:

Think ahead to any commitments you may have in the coming months (like sports and other commitments) when you tell us your available days. If you know you will miss one week for a holiday or special event, that is okay! But we want you to be able to commit to most weeks.

DAYS

check all that apply

TIME:

list a range (example: 2-5 p.m.)

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

I have previously participated in Book Buddies

Please try to pair me with my previous book buddy: _____

PERMISSION

I give permission for my child to participate/ volunteer at the WPL for the Book Buddies program.

If my child is under age 12, I will remain at the library with them.

PARENT NAME (PRINT): _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

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TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

Parents can answer for young children, but older kids and Big Buddy applicants should answer for themselves.

What kinds of books do you like reading? OR What are your interests and hobbies?

Is there anything else you want Ms. Meghan to know? Write it below.