



Virtual Book Buddies Application ~ CHILD ages 5-10

Book Buddies is a fun, scheduled weekly reading support program that gives your child one-on-one reading practice with a caring Big Buddy who loves to read and enjoys working with children. Buddies read together once a week for 7 weeks and enjoy fun activities that promote confidence, interest and the joy of reading. Summer staff have been trained to keep children entertained and reading through various media while on Zoom.

The Globe and Mail stated early analysis from Canada's largest school board shows fewer Grade 1 students are meeting reading expectations so far this academic year 2021. These concerns stemming from the pandemic make reading an important skill to develop and Book Buddies can help children hone these literary skills.

For approximately 20 minutes, your child and their Big Buddy will spend time reading books together with whatever books you have on hand as well as scanned books that can be displayed on your child's screen to allow for easy/ visible reading experiences.

Space is limited and is first come, first serve. You will be contacted by phone to confirm participation dates and times. This will be done to ensure your child has been matched with a Big Buddy. The remainder will be placed on a wait list and will be contacted if another child is not able to attend.

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's home number: _____

Cell number: _____

Parent's address: _____

Parent's email address: _____

Are they in French Immersion?

Yes No

If yes, should we match them with a French Reading Buddy if possible?

Yes No



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Please indicate which **day** and **time slot** your child is available to participate (if you check more than one day, please also circle the day of the week you prefer most):

Pick one:

- Mondays July.12 – Aug. 23**
- Tuesdays July.13 – Aug. 24**
- Thursdays July.15 – Aug. 26**
- Fridays July.16 – Aug. 27**

Pick a Time for your weekday:

- 1:00 – 1:20 pm**
- 2:00 – 2:20 pm**
- 3:00 – 3:20 pm**
- 4:00 – 4:20 pm**

Please list any book genres that they enjoy reading:

Do they have any special interests, skills, or hobbies?

What three books has your child read recently and liked?

What is their favourite book or author?

Parent/Guardian Permission

I give permission for _____ to participate the Uxbridge Public Library's Reading Buddies program via Zoom.

Signature

Date

Relationship to child

Completed forms should be dropped off at any circulation desk of the Uxbridge Public Library or emailed to ethan.goldsmith@uxlib.com

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