



## BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

# READING BUDDIES

## Volunteer Application for Adults

**Reading aloud** to children over the age of 4 provides many wonderful opportunities for both an adult and a student. It affords an opportunity to discuss topics that might not otherwise come up. It models the behavior of reading and delivers the message that reading is an important activity. It expands the literature available to children and can be a source of new vocabulary and concepts. It is also a shared experience which can build trust.

**Reading Buddies** is a new program of the Bangor Public Library offered through a gift from the Katahdin Trust Company. The program targets students ages 4 to 14 and is designed to encourage students to find pleasure in books and reading. Volunteers from the community will be matched with an interested student. They will meet at the Library for at least a half an hour a week. The volunteer will read to the student—a novel, a short story, an essay, something of the volunteer's choosing. As time goes on, the adult may have the student read aloud to him or her. If time permits, the volunteer may assist the student with homework or research an interesting topic, read the newspaper, or listen together to an audio book at the library, any activity that encourages the young participant to enjoy reading and learning new ideas.

**If you are interested** in being a part of the program, please complete the following application and return it to the Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St, Bangor, ME 04401. An application is available on-line if that is more convenient.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How long have you been at this address?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If less than 5 years, please give your previous address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **From when to when** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes      No

If yes, may we contact your present employer? Yes      No

How did you hear about Reading Buddies?

**EMPLOYMENT DATA**

**Please list your last three employers, starting with the present or most recent:**

1. **Name of Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Employed from when to when? \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title and Work Description \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Name of Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Employed from when to when? \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title and Work Description \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Name of Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Employed from when to when? \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title and Work Description \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

**Education and Training**

**Formal education is not required to be a volunteer. We welcome experience of all kinds!**

High School Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

College Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Other School or Training \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: High School Associate Degree Bachelor Masters Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Skills you may have (Languages, Music, Sports, Photography, etc.) (This is to help us match you to your buddy.)**

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**REFERENCE DATA**

Please list three people besides relatives and employers whom you have known for at least two years and who know you well enough to provide us with a reference.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Are you 18 years of age or over? Yes No (If no, please have your parent or guardian sign the application, too.)

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No (If yes, please explain)

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Have you ever been convicted for child abuse or sex-related crimes? Yes No (If yes, please explain:

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Within the last 5 years, have you been convicted of, or ended a period of incarceration resulting from, a conviction for a misdemeanor other than first convictions for drunkenness, simple assault, speeding, a minor traffic violation, an affray or disturbing the peace? If yes, please explain:

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**Your Availability:**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>9:30-noon</b>						
<b>Noon—3</b>						
<b>2:30—5</b>						
<b>5—8 pm</b>						

Thank you for considering the Bangor Public Library as a place to donate your time and talents. Volunteers are vital to the Library. Without them we wouldn't be able to meet the needs of the children, students, families and adults who live in the Grater Bangor area.

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:**

The policy of the Bangor Public Library is to protect the privacy of all our patrons. By signing this application form you agree to keep all information about all library patrons and all participants of this program confidential.

**Your Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's Signature (if volunteer is younger than 18)**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Bangor, ME 04401

For questions call 947-8336 ask for the Children's Department

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