

# READING BUDDIES

## Student Application



**Bangor Public Library** invites you to become a **Reading Buddy**. This is a new program designed for students in sixth grade or younger. Why do we think that anyone in sixth grade would enjoy this program?

You probably went to story time as a small child. You probably liked it then, but think story times are for little kids. They are. This program is not story time, but it still can be fun.

This program pairs a student with an adult volunteer. It is a one-on-one experience. The adult will read to the student at an agreed upon time in the **Library** once a week. You may even share the experience and read to the adult. There are no rules about that. But, the idea of doing this came because studies have shown that students from 1st through 6th grade who are read aloud to on a regular basis develop a keener sense of reading comprehension than those who are not. We would like you to be an **excellent** reader. Having a **Reading Buddy** will expose you to works you may not find on your own. It will allow you to experience things that otherwise may be too hard for you to read by yourself. You may even find that this is an enjoyable experience.

If you would like to be a Reading Buddy, please fill out the following application. We will contact you with the time and date that your program will start.

Thanks for giving our program a try.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. McDade  
Director, Bangor Public Library

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest, for example sports, music, photography, etc. This will help us match you with your Buddy.

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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 to Noon</b>						
<b>Noon to 3</b>						
<b>2:30 to 5</b>						
<b>5 to 8</b>						Not available

**Thank you** for considering this program of the Bangor Public Library. We will get back to you with the time and date for the start of your program. We hope that you will tell us how you like this program and what can be done to make it better. Please remember that you can ask Library Staff for help at any time, help in finding a good book to read for yourself, help in getting information for a school project, or help in finding information on a topic of interest to you.

Please return this application to the Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St, Bangor, ME 04401. (This application is available on our Web site.)

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

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_