



Osage County Library

22 Library Lane

Linn, MO 65051

(573) 897-2951

Dear Parents/Guardians of Osage County Students:

We are excited to extend this invitation to your child to participate in a FREE reading program offered this summer at the Osage County Library! The Reading Buddies Program is a literacy-based program that pairs kindergarten, first, and second grade students with teen and community volunteers who have been trained to help young readers. Your child will meet with their Reading Buddy *once a week* to read together and do fun group activities in order to help boost reading levels and reading self-esteem. The Reading Buddies Program is designed to give children extra reading practice one-on-one with a mentor and to make the reading experience fun! We will be celebrating reading by doing creative projects, as well as providing snacks and literacy based games.

The first session will be Thursday, July 6th, 2023, and the program will end on Thursday, July 27th, 2023. You may choose to have your child attend one session each week on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00p.m. or 4:30-5:30p.m. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the Library.

Please complete the application included with this letter and return it to the **Osage County Library** by **Saturday, June 10th, 2023**, in order for your child to be included in the Osage Summer Reading Buddies Program. **Do not return the applications to your school!** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sarah Falter or Missy Jett at the Osage County Library at (573)897-2951, falters@mrri.org or jettm@mrri.org. Once you have submitted the application, we will contact you to confirm your child's participation in the program. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis. We hope to see you at the Library this summer!

Sincerely,

Sarah Falter & Missy Jett
Osage Branch
Missouri River Regional Library.



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READING BUDDIES APPLICATION

Application Deadline: June 10, 2023

Return to the Osage County Library

Please print clearly

Student name: _____

Grade level 2022-2023: K ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ Approx. reading level: ☐ Below grade level

Please check school year your child is currently in

☐ Grade level

☐ Above grade level

Child's interests: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female School: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Home Phone: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Parent Work Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

We will use an email list to send out information on the program throughout the summer.

Emergency Contact (in case parent is not available)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please choose the session time that you would like your child to attend each week. Please choose a time in July if you would like your child to attend the entire summer. Choose only one session.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the library.

JULY:

_____ Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

_____ Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.



**Missouri River Regional Library
Osage County
Reading Buddies Program**

_____ has my permission to participate as a Little Buddy in the Reading Buddies Program at the Osage Branch of the Missouri River Regional Library during July 2023. I understand that she/he will be required to attend at least one session offered each week, and that I will need to provide transportation to and from the library for the sessions. If my child is not able to attend a session, I will contact the Reading Buddies coordinator, so that my child's Reading Buddy can be notified.

Parent's Name *Printed*: _____

Parent's *Signature*: _____

Date: _____

**Release of information and picture form for
Missouri River Regional Library and
the Unterrified Democrat**

I give permission to The Unterrified Democrat and Missouri River Regional Library to publish copies of pictures taken of my child participating in the Reading Buddies Program in the The Unterrified Democrat or on the Missouri River Regional Library Website.

If you do not wish for us to use your child's photo, please let me know.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Name *Printed*: _____

Parent's *Signature*: _____

Date: _____

Please return this application by June 10, 2023 to the Osage County Library.

