

Missouri River Regional Library 214 Adams Street Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573) 634-2464

Dear Parents/Guardians of Jefferson City Students:

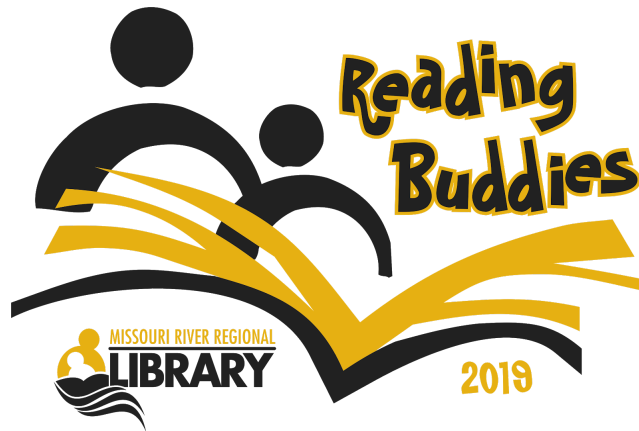
We are excited to extend this invitation to your child to participate in a **FREE** reading program offered **this summer at Missouri River Regional Library!** The Reading Buddies program is a literacy-based program that pairs kindergarten, first and second grade students with teen volunteers who have been trained to help young readers. Your child will meet with his/her 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 teen mentor and to make the reading experience fun! We will be celebrating reading by doing creative projects and programs, as well as providing some snacks and giving away prizes!

The first session will be Monday, June 3, 2019 and the program will end on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. You may choose to have your child attend one session each week on **either** Monday or Tuesday. You may also choose to have your child attend only the June session or only the July session or both sessions. All sessions are an hour and a half each week. Monday sessions are from 4:00-5:30 pm and Tuesday sessions are from 6:30-8:00 pm. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the library. We will have an awards ceremony at the end of each month to celebrate how well the kids are doing in the program.

Please complete the application included with this letter and return it to **Missouri River Regional Library** by **Monday, May 13, 2019** in order for your child to be included in the summer Reading Buddies program. **Do not return the applications to your school!** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie Bayne, Children's Librarian, at 573-634-2464 or baynea@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 and any child not accepted will be placed on a waiting list.

Sincerely,

Angie Bayne
Children's Librarian
Missouri River Regional Library



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READING BUDDIES APPLICATION

Application Deadline: May 13, 2019
Return to Missouri River Regional Library

Please print clearly

Student Name: _____ Grade Level 2018-19 school year: K 1ST 2nd
(Please circle the grade your child is currently in)

Gender: Male Female School: _____

Will your child be attending summer school? YES NO

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Home Phone: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____ Parent Work Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

(I 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 June and July if you would like your child to attend the entire summer. Choose only one session if you just want your child to attend in June or July only. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the library.

JUNE:

_____ Mondays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

_____ Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

JULY:

_____ Mondays, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

_____ Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Missouri River Regional Library Reading Buddies Program

_____ has my permission to participate as a Little Buddy in the Reading Buddies Program at the Missouri River Regional Library during June-July 2019. I understand that he/she 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 Jefferson City News Tribune

I give permission to Jefferson City News Tribune and Missouri River Regional Library to publish copies of pictures taken of my child participating in the Reading Buddies Program during the months of June and July 2019 in the Jefferson City News Tribune 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: _____

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