



MEDIA RELEASE

Call for Reading Buddies Volunteers and Participants

Owen Sound, Ontario – Friday, June 7, 2024–The Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library is now accepting applications for readers and volunteers for the Summer Reading Buddies Program.

Reading Buddies pairs a child in grades 1-5 who needs additional reading help with a volunteer mentor for one hour each week through July and August. Reading Buddy meetings can include choosing and reading books together, playing literacy games, and other literacy-based activities to make reading fun and supportive. Regular engagement with literacy throughout the summer helps children maintain and improve their existing skills and be ready to begin the new school year.

We are also in need of volunteer Reading Buddy mentors, in particular, mentors who can read and speak French. High school students can mentor a child for a minimum of one hour per week and can use these hours for their community involvement activities. We also accept adult mentors. All Reading Buddies undergo screening and receive training.

The deadline to apply is Friday, June 7. Applications and additional information can be found in Youth Services or on the Library website: www.osngupl.ca/reading-buddies/

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For more information, please contact the Youth Services Department at phone number 519-376-6623 ext. 4 or email ysinfo@library.osngupl.ca

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