

Title: *Summer Reading Buddies 'Big Buddy' Volunteer* **Reporting to:** Summer Literacy Coordinator

Works With: Program parents/guardians and Grade 1-6 Little Buddy readers

Role Description:

Share your love of reading and make a difference in a child's summer! Join Literacy Lambton's *Summer Reading Buddies* program at the downtown Sarnia Library and help young readers build confidence and fluency in a fun, one-on-one setting. As a Big Buddy, you'll support children in Grades 1–6 with engaging read-aloud and take turns sessions that boost their skills and ignite their love for reading. Flexible, rewarding, and impactful—this is a volunteer role where every half hour matters!

Primary Responsibilities:

- Greet Little Buddies at the library's main desk and select engaging books together
- Find a quiet reading spot and guide the child through a 30-minute read-aloud session
- Offer gentle encouragement and reading strategies to support the child's confidence
- Provide take-home literacy materials when applicable
- Encourage families to sign children up for their own library cards
- Tidy the reading area and return borrowed books after each session

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Help track reading sessions and share any concerns with program staff
- Promote a welcoming, inclusive environment for all young readers

Skills/Qualifications Needed:

- Patience, positivity, enthusiasm, and a genuine interest in supporting children's literacy
- Ability to work independently in a public space with awareness of surroundings
- Adults 18+ must complete volunteer onboarding, a clear vulnerable sector check

Desired Experience:

Experience working with children or in a library/learning environment is an asset, but not required.

Time Commitment:

- Program runs July 7 – August 29
- Volunteers select one two-hour shift (M/W/F 10am–12noon or Tu/Th 5-7pm)
- Must provide own transportation

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