



Be a Reading Buddy!

The **Bergen Volunteers' Bergen Reads** program helps elementary public school students learn to enjoy and improve their reading skills in a comfortable and friendly environment. Join a group of over 150 volunteers working one-on-one with more than 350 students each week. You'll need one hour a week between October and June. No prior experience is necessary as we will provide you the training you need. If you can read, you can help a child who can't. For more information please contact Melissa LaRobardier at melissal@bergenvolunteers.org or 201-489-9454, ext. 206.

Tell us about you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ mobile ____ landline ____

Can we text you if necessary? ____yes ____ no

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Tell us about your Volunteering Preferences!

Preferred Time to Volunteer: _____
(days, times, hours)

Second Choice Time to Volunteer: _____
(days, times, hours)

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Third Choice Time to Volunteer: _____
(days, times, hours)

Do you have a preference as to what school district you want to read in?

____ Hackenack ____ Teaneck _____ School choice

Do you speak Spanish? ____ Yes ____ No

Some schools do not have elevators; can you manage walking up and down
stairs? ____ Yes ____ No

Mandatory Background Check – In order to become a Reading Buddy you are required to complete a background check. Once we receive this application, you will receive an email invitation to complete a background check from theadvocates@verifiedvolunteers.com.

____ I agree

Notification of Withdrawal – If at any point you can no longer volunteer with Bergen Reads you MUST notify the school and Bergen Volunteers.

____ I agree

Absentee Notice – Reading Buddies have a weekly commitment to their school through the first week of June. It is in the best interest of the students, teachers, and other volunteers that you arrive at your school on time and regularly each week. If you are unable to be at your school on the assigned day and time, you are required to call or email your assigned teacher and notify your school captain.

____ I agree

Photo Release – I agree that my photo may be used for marketing by Bergen Volunteers and the Bergen Reads program.

____ I agree

Signature

Date