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Osage County Library

22 Library Lane

Linn, MO 65051

(573) 897-2951

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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.

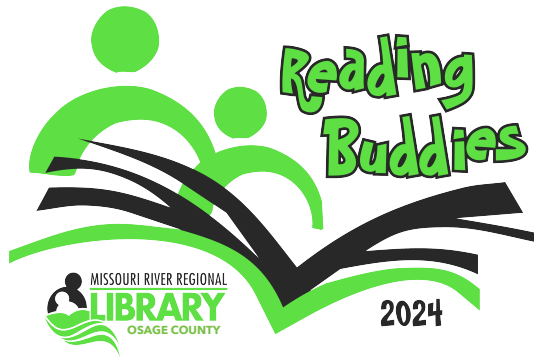
The first session will be Thursday, July 11th, 2024, and the program will end on Thursday, August 1st, 2024. You may choose to have your child attend one session each week on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00p.m. or 4:30-5:30p.m. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the Library.

Please complete the application included with this letter and return it to the **Osage County Library** by Saturday, June 15th, 2024, 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@mrrl.org](mailto:falters@mrrl.org) or [jettm@mrrl.org](mailto:jettm@mrrl.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 15, 2024

Return to the Osage County Library

Please print clearly

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level 2023-2024: 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)*

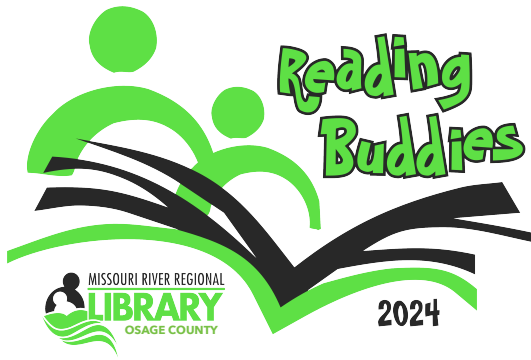
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose the session time that you would like your child to attend each week. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the library.

July 11- August 1:

\_\_\_\_\_ 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-August 2024. 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 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 15, 2024 to the Osage County Library.**

