

# The Opportunity

## For Students in Grades 7-9

- Provide reading help and practice for an elementary school student
- It's great way to earn volunteer experience hours, connect to your community and consider if you're interested in career options in education.
- Sign up at [highriverlibrary.ca/Forms/Reading-Friends](https://highriverlibrary.ca/Forms/Reading-Friends)

## For Students in Grades 1-4

- Enjoy the great books at the library – there are many to choose from!
- Become a better reader through practicing with a mentor.
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# How it works

## Register

Readers and volunteer mentors should fill out the survey at [highriverlibrary.ca/Forms/Reading-Friends](https://highriverlibrary.ca/Forms/Reading-Friends) indicating their age, contact information, and available days/times. The commitment would be 45 minutes to an hour once a week for 3 months.

## We'll match you up

Once we have enough readers and mentors, we'll match you up.

## Learn Together!

Meet your mentor/mentee and start reading! Library staff are available for book recommendations and all sessions will be supervised by an elementary school teacher.



# EMPOWERING INQUISITIVE MINDS

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**A U of A comparison of reading ability scores among students in grades 1 to 3 . . . before and after COVID-19 classroom shutdowns showed that those who already had reading problems were up to six months behind where they should have been.**

**Public libraries can nurture pre-reading skills and a love of reading, so that when children arrive at formal schooling they have the tools and the motivation to engage in learning and reading.**

**Youth who are mentored can experience better academic performance, enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence, and more positive attitudes towards learning.**