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

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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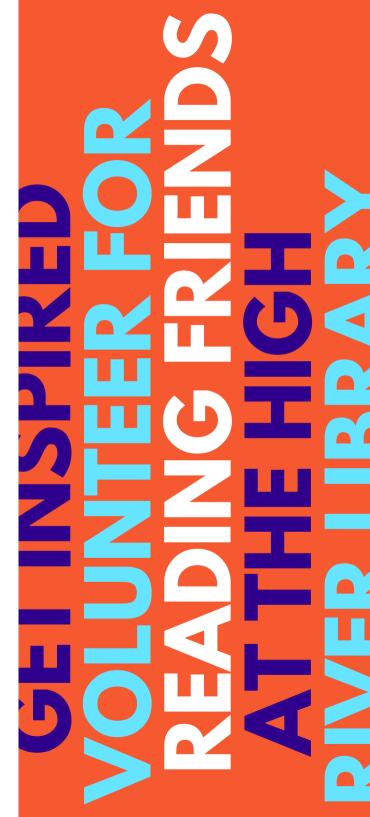
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How it works

Register

Readers and volunteer mentors should fill out the survey at **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.



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.