

BOOK BUDDIES POLICY

The Jericho Public Library offers positions for tweens/teens (Grades 6 to 12) enrolled in the Jericho Public School System to participate in a library sponsored shared reading program entitled Book Buddies.

Each Book Buddy unit consists of a child (younger buddy) and a tween/teen (older buddy). Both buddies register for the program indicating times they will be available. Matches are made by the children's room staff.

Each older buddy will be required to attend a training session conducted by a children's librarian. A children's librarian will assist book buddies in selecting books to read. The older buddy reads the selected book(s) to the younger buddy. All reading sessions take place in the Children's room under the supervision of the children's librarian.

Phone numbers are exchanged and any rescheduling changes take place between the older buddy and the parent of the younger buddy. Adjustments or reassignments are made by librarians in the event one of the buddies skip a designated session without contacting the other party. Book Buddies may be terminated if it is found there is no longer need for their services, or if their performance does not meet the requirements of their supervisor.

A Tween/Teen Book Buddy is a very special person who is offering time and energy as a gift to the library. The Jericho Schools will grant community service hours for participation.

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