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Reading Buddies make better readers and they are fun!

TACOMA – Reading, playing games and hanging out with a buddy--what could be better than that? At Pierce County Library System’s Reading Buddies program, the Library pairs children little readers, ages 5 to 8, with teenage buddy volunteers, ages 14 to 18, to help improve the children’s reading skills.

“Reading is fun—and it is double the fun with a buddy,” said Georgia Lomax, Pierce County Library’s executive director. “In a totally judgement-free, relaxed atmosphere reading buddies build literacy and study skills and give both the student reader and their volunteer reading buddy a fun afternoon.”

Reading Buddies sessions are available at **Gig Harbor Pierce County Library** and **University Place Pierce County Library**, starting **Tuesday, Oct 3**. Additionally, **Sumner Pierce County Library** will kick off its fall Reading Buddies session **Monday, Oct. 16**. See below for full details.

- **Sumner Pierce County Library**, 1116 Fryar Ave., Sumner
Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct.16, Nov. 6 and 20 and Dec. 4.
- **Gig Harbor Pierce County Library**, 4424 Fosdick Dr. NW, Gig Harbor
Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 through Nov. 14
- **University Place Pierce County Library**, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100,
University Place, Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 through Nov. 14

Students interested in the Reading Buddies program need to complete a Reading Buddies questionnaire, available at the library Help Desk. Teens who wish to volunteer with the program will also need to complete a volunteer application and background check form.

Reading Buddies is one more way Pierce County Library is helping students learn and supporting school success. This program also gives students a way to serve their community.

Contact a librarian at Gig Harbor, University Place or Sumner Pierce County libraries for more information.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed [Pierce County Library System](#) serves 590,000 people throughout Pierce County with 20 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from more than 1.5 million books, movies and other materials, as well as nearly half a million online/downloadable materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities or who are homebound, and to children in child care centers and schools. [Pierce County Libraries are located](#) at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County

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