

Book Buddies

Book Buddies will be held
Mondays, Tuesdays,
& Thursdays,
3:15pm-3:45pm,
July 9-August 15

Pre-registration is required.
Register via the MHL "Calendar of
Events" accessible from
<http://www.mhl.org>.

Please call 978-623-8401 x56
if you have a question.

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"read to me"
Book Buddies
for children in
grades 1-4
to practice their reading,
one-on-one
with a "volunteer."

Library Hours



Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm
Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Sundays 1pm-5pm (Closed in the Summer)

Reminder

A parent or adult caregiver
of the young reader
must remain in the library
during the session.



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Questions?
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A Free
Enrichment
Opportunity
for Children
in Grades 1-4



At Memorial Hall Library
Online Registration Required

Online Registration Begins
Monday, June 11, 2012.

Practice Makes Perfect

We started “Book Buddies” in June, 2011 because research tells us that kids lose knowledge over the summer months. Research also tells us that summer reading programs can not only help children retain their skills, but can even help them improve!

For Example:

Surveys show that teachers believe students who participated in a summer reading program entered the following school year with a positive attitude about reading, were more confident in the classroom, read beyond what was required, and perceived reading as important.

And...

A recent study showed that third grade students who participated in summer reading programs scored higher on reading tests at the beginning of fourth grade & didn't experience summer learning loss.

Because...

the program was so successful this past summer, we decided to continue it.



Your child can practice reading with a book buddy!



“read to me” Book Buddies is an enrichment program that pairs 1st through 4th graders with teen volunteers (MHL “volunteens”). The program is designed to give kids extra reading practice with a caring teen mentor who will help make reading fun.

Parents must register their children in grades 1-4 online. The program is free.

A parent or other adult caregiver of the young reader must remain in the building during the session.

Readers will be admitted into the program on a first-come, first-served basis.

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The volunteens will assist your child with his reading, but they are **not** trained to be tutors, correct learning problems or teach your child to read.

Book buddies are Memorial Hall Library “volunteens,” students in grades 6 through 12, who will listen to your child read aloud.

A typical book buddy session
An adult brings their pre-registered reader to MHL’s Memorial Hall at the designated time **with a book to read.**

The “volunteer” will greet the young reader.

The child and volunteer will find a space to sit in the Hall.



Once settled, the young reader will begin reading aloud to the volunteer.

Sessions last for 30 minutes. If time and interest permit, the session may be extended 5 minutes.

Readers choose a prize from the basket at the end of each reading session.

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