

**READING BUDDIES Volunteer Applicant Reference Form****Applicant Name:****Date:**

Thank you for providing a reference to this young person! She or he is in the process of applying to become a volunteer at the Edmonton Public Library in the Reading Buddies program.

The Reading Buddies program pairs teens aged 13 – 17 years with children in grades 2 – 4 with reading and interactive games.

Please complete this form and return it to the applicant. The applicant will inform you of the deadline. We take your input seriously and it helps us create positive matches between teens and “little buddies.” Please answer the following questions.

**1. Your Name: Organization/occupation:****2. Telephone number & Email address:****3. How long and in what capacity do you know the applicant?****4. What skills and attitudes do you think the applicant will bring to the program?****5. What do you feel are the applicant’s particular strengths? (These can be academic and / or social skills).****6. What limitations or weakness does the applicant have?**

**7. Any issues with attendance or punctuality and dependability?**

**8. Do you have any reservations about recommending this applicant as a model for younger children?**

**9. Reading Buddies – This program requires excellent written and spoken English. Please comment on the applicant's proficiency in these areas.**

Thank you for your time and providing a reference for the applicant.