

READING ROCKS

Sign up to be a *Reading Rocks* Volunteer this summer!

Program Description

The Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to read with children (pre-kindergarten through fourth grade) in Central Park, North Park, Crow Arrowhead Park, Gorham Park, and Pioneer Park this summer at **Reading Rocks**. This program is offered four days a week in conjunction with the free lunch program provided by School District 2.



Who Should Volunteer?

- High school, college students, and adults who enjoy working with children.
- Individuals who enjoy listening to children read aloud.

What's the goal of Reading Rocks?

The goal of Reading Rocks is to provide a fun and structured environment for students to read during the summer months. Statistics show that low-income students' reading skills slip backward by two to three months each summer. By providing summer reading opportunities in a convenient location, we hope to reverse this trend.

Scope of Responsibilities

- New volunteers must attend a brief training offered at the Lincoln Center the 2nd week of June. Exact dates TBA.
- Volunteers should be prepared to volunteer from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at each Reading Rocks session.
- We ask that volunteers be able to volunteer at least 5 times during the summer.
- Each day starts with unloading and setting up the book boxes and tent. The session begins with a storyteller or special presenter who will read aloud to the group of children. Following that, volunteers will listen to individual children read and help them pick out a book and prize to take home.

Summer Schedule

- Reading Rocks will run from **June 19th to July 27th, 2017**, 12 noon to 1 p.m.
 - Mondays: **Castle Rock Park** (West Wicks Lane)
 - Mondays: **Orchard Elementary** (120 Jackson Street)
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays: **Pioneer Park** (3rd Street West and Ave. D)
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays: **Central Park** (Central and 10th Street West)
 - Wednesdays: **Gorham Park** (Houle Drive and Miles Avenue)
 - Wednesdays: **North Park** (6th Ave. N. and North 21st Street)

Benefits

Helping children succeed at reading is a highly rewarding experience. Volunteers will benefit as much as the children by seeing their enthusiasm.

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Teen Volunteer Application Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address (preferred mailing): _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

References: Please choose your references from among the following: teacher, principal, employer, minister.

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

Days/dates I would like to volunteer:

Mondays in North Park _____
Mondays in Crow Arrowhead Park _____
Tuesdays in Central Park _____
Tuesdays at Orchard Elementary _____
Wednesdays in Gorham Park _____
Wednesdays in North Park _____
Thursdays in Central Park _____
Thursdays in Pioneer Park _____

Applicant's Signature:

Parent's Signature:

Your signature indicates your approval for your child's participation in the teen volunteer program and your acknowledgment that he or she is in good health.

Training Dates: TBA at the Lincoln Center Board Room prior to start of program.
Please circle the date you plan to attend. Past volunteers do not need to attend training.

Please return your Reading Rocks Volunteer Application to:

Julie Whitworth, EFBPS, Lincoln Center, 415 North 30th Street, Billings, MT 59101
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