

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 and South 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 in during the summer months. Statistics show that low-income students' reading skills slip backward by two to three months each summer. By providing additional reading opportunities in a convenient location, we hope to reverse this trend.

Scope of Responsibilities

- Volunteers must attend one of two trainings offered in late May/early June.
- Volunteers should be prepared to volunteer from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- We will be offering two sessions of Reading Rocks.
 - Session 1: June 20 – July 7.
 - Session 2: July 11 – July 28.

We ask that each volunteer be able to volunteer at least **3** times during a session.

You may sign up for one or both sessions.

- Each day, a storyteller or special presenter will read aloud to the group of students. 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 20st to July 28th, 2011.**
- Reading Rocks will be in **North Park** (6th Ave. N. and 21st Street) on Monday and Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Reading Rocks will be in **Central Park** (Central and 10th Street West) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Reading Rocks will be in **Crow Arrowhead Park**(Crow Ln. and Flathead St. – Heights) on Mondays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Reading Rocks will be in **South Park** (S. 6th Street and Broadway) on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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: _____ 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: _____

I would like to volunteer for: _____ Session 1 – June 20 – July 7, 2011
and/or _____ Session 2 – July 11 - July 28, 2011

Days/dates I would like to volunteer:

Mondays in North Park _____

Mondays in Crow Arrowhead Park _____

Tuesdays in Central Park _____

Wednesdays in North Park _____

Thursdays in Central Park _____

Thursdays in South 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.

Please return your Reading Rocks Volunteer Application to:

Julie Whitworth, Lincoln Center, 415 North 30th Street, Billings, MT 59101
406-245-4133 (phone), 406-247-3882 (fax), or whitworthj@billingschools.org

Policies: Animals: Given insurance requirements and to ensure the safety of all participants, there shall be no animals, except medical aid animals, at any Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools event, including but not limited to Reading Rocks and Saturday Live.