

# 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 sixth grade) in Central Park, North Park, South Park, and Crow Arrowhead 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 help 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 20<sup>st</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**
- Reading Rocks will be in **North Park** (6<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. and 21<sup>st</sup> Street) on Mondays and Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Reading Rocks will be in **Central Park** (Central and 10<sup>th</sup> Street West) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Reading Rocks will be in and **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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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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## Volunteer Application Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**References:** Please choose your references from among the following: employer, minister, and/or colleague.

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:**

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*Please return your Reading Rocks Volunteer Application to:*

Julie Whitworth  
Lincoln Center  
415 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-245-4133  
Email to: 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.