

## Children's Literacy Tutoring Programs in the Twin Cities Metro Area

Organization	Program Description(s)	Contact(s)	How to Get Involved
<b>Minneapolis Public Schools*+</b>	<p><u>Early Literacy Tutoring Program</u>: Serves K-3 during school to assist with new literacy curriculum. The Early Literacy Tutoring program promotes in-classroom tutoring by working with small groups of students, rather than pulling students out of class for individual tutoring. This method ensures that students do not miss out on key instructional time. Tutors also play a major role in supporting the teacher by helping students stay engaged in classroom work.</p> <p><u>K-12 Classroom Volunteers</u>: K-12 tutors provide additional support to students as they acquire academic, social, and cultural skills. Volunteers work one-to-one or in small groups of students with homework help, reading, writing and math skills under the guidance of our teachers. Volunteers are able to join the classroom at any point during the school year.</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/">http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locations: Various throughout Minneapolis School District</li> </ul>	Kaylie Burns Gahagan, Volunteer Coordinator <a href="mailto:Kaylie.BurnsGahagan@mpls.k12.mn.us">Kaylie.BurnsGahagan@mpls.k12.mn.us</a> <a href="http://volmps.k12.mn.us">volmps.k12.mn.us</a> 612.401.3736	Fill out an application at: <a href="http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/">http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/</a>
<b>Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation+</b>	<p>The Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation matches you with a great volunteer tutoring experience. Volunteer tutoring opportunities include both nonprofit organizations and local schools.</p> <p><u>Community-based Partners</u>:            ACES After School @ Central, Breakthrough Twin Cities, CommonBond Communities, East Side Learning Center, Hmong American Partnership, Keystone Community Services, Project for Pride in Living, Project SPIRIT, Rock Star Supply Co., Saint Paul Public Libraries, West 7th Community Center</p> <p><u>School-based Partners</u>:            Battle Farnsworth Lower and Upper, Highland Park Junior High, Horace Mann Elementary, Humboldt Secondary School, Ramsey Middle School, Riverview Elementary, Saint Anthony Park Elementary, Washington Technology Magnet</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://sppsfoundation.org/">http://sppsfoundation.org/</a></p>	Ellen Nikodym 651-325-4205 <a href="mailto:tutor@sppsfoundation.org">tutor@sppsfoundation.org</a>	Fill out an application at: <a href="http://sppsfoundation.org/volunteer">http://sppsfoundation.org/volunteer</a>
<b>Saint Paul Public Library*+</b>	<p><u>Read With Me</u>:            Connects students in primary grades with reading tutors. Meet one-on-one for one hour/week after</p>	Wendy Neurer, Volunteer Coordinator	Contact: Wendy Neurer <a href="mailto:wendy.neurer@ci">wendy.neurer@ci</a>

	<p>school hours including weekends.</p> <p><u>Reading to Achieve:</u> One-to-one tutoring for students in grades 4-8.</p> <p><u>Homework Center:</u> Serves learners of all ages by tutoring one-on-one for homework help.</p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.sppl.org/about/volunteers">http://www.sppl.org/about/volunteers</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locations: Various throughout Saint Paul</li> </ul>	<p><a href="mailto:wendy.neurer@ci.stpaul.mn.us">wendy.neurer@ci.stpaul.mn.us</a> 651-266-7420</p>	<p><a href="http://stpaul.mn.us">stpaul.mn.us</a> 651-266-7420</p>
<b>Bloomington Schools*</b>	<p><u>Classroom Assistant:</u> Assist teachers in the classroom by working with students one-on-one or in small groups with reading or math.</p> <p><u>Homework Connection:</u> Help students with homework, math facts and literacy activities after school at elementary &amp; middle school buildings.</p> <p><u>Family Homework Connection at Oxboro Library:</u> Assist students with homework on Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 PM in the Oxboro Library community room.</p> <p><u>Westwood Reading Buddy:</u> Meet with students one-on-one weekly to work on reading skills while building a positive student adult relationship.</p> <p><u>Valley View Rocking Reader:</u> Read one-on-one to five Kindergarten students each week.</p> <p><u>ESL tutors:</u> Work with students who need assistance with spoken and written English. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required.</p> <p><u>Basic Skills Tutor:</u> Reinforce academic learning, review homework assignments and help develop study and organizational skills. Meeting during the school day or after school.</p> <p><u>Hope For Tomorrow Mentor:</u> Mentors spend one morning a month, October through May, guiding selected students from Oak Grove Middle School and Valley View Middle School in activities to develop confidence and explore opportunities for a successful future.</p>	<p>Sue Martell, Placement Specialist, Volunteer Connection <a href="mailto:smartell@isd271.org">smartell@isd271.org</a> 952-681-6292</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: <a href="http://www.bloomington.k12.mn.us/community-alumni/volunteer-opportunities/e-12-volunteer-connection/application-process">http://www.bloomington.k12.mn.us/community-alumni/volunteer-opportunities/e-12-volunteer-connection/application-process</a></p> <p>or contact Sue Martell, Placement Specialist, Volunteer Connection <a href="mailto:smartell@isd271.org">smartell@isd271.org</a> 952-681-6292</p>
<b>People Serving People*+</b>	<p><u>Evening Children's Tutor:</u> Be a positive influence on elementary aged school children by assisting with homework and educational activities. M – W &amp; every other Th: 5:30 – 8pm</p> <p><u>Children's Activity Assistant:</u> Help our staff facilitate age appropriate games, crafts</p>	<p>Mallory Haugen, Volunteer &amp; Events Coordinator <a href="mailto:mhaugen@peopleservingpeople.org">mhaugen@peopleservingpeople.org</a> 612-277-0256</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: <a href="http://peopleservingpeople.org/how-to-help/volunteer/individual-volunteer-">http://peopleservingpeople.org/how-to-help/volunteer/individual-volunteer-</a></p>

	<p>and group activities with children ages 5 – 17.  M –Th: 5:30 – 8pm &amp; F: 5:30-7pm  (additional summer hours 1 – 3pm, M-F)  Weekends: 1 – 3pm  <u>Daytime Early Childhood Development Program</u>  <u>Assistant:</u>  Assist our Children’s Center staff in either our Infant and Toddler room (6 weeks – 3 years) or our Preschool room (3 years – Kindergarten).  Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (shift times: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm).</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://peopleservingpeople.org/how-to-help/volunteer/">http://peopleservingpeople.org/how-to-help/volunteer/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: 614 Third Street South  Minneapolis, MN 55415</li> </ul>		<a href="#">opportunities/</a>
<b>Project for Pride in Living*</b>	<p><u>PPL Youth Development: School Year Volunteer Positions:</u>  Rediscover the joys of learning by volunteering with PPL’s afterschool youth programs! PPL offers one-on-one tutoring and mentoring program for students in grades K-10th living in affordable and supportive housing. Volunteers are matched with an individual student and work with that student on reading, relationship building, and academic engagement for 4 hours/week at one of 5 locations in the Twin Cities (all programs run Oct-May):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locations:  St. Paul (Summit-University)   707 Holly Ave.   Tue &amp; Thu, 5:30-7:30  St. Paul (Highland Park)   2242 7th St. W.   Tue &amp; Thu, 3:00-5:00 or 5:30-7:30  New Hope   5501 Boone Ave. N.   Mon &amp; Wed 5:30-7:30 or Tue &amp; Thu 4:30-6:30  Minneapolis (South)   2020 Elliot Ave. S.   Choose 2 consistent, 2-hr sessions: Mon-Wed 4:00-8:00  Minneapolis (North)   4046 Lyndale Ave. N.   Choose 2 consistent, 2-hr sessions: Mon-Thu 5:00-8:00</li> </ul> <p>Join us! Apply online at <a href="http://ppl-inc.org/how-to-help/volunteer/">ppl-inc.org/how-to-help/volunteer</a>, or contact Caitlin Dougherty (Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org / 612.455.5108) for more information.</p>	Caitlin Dougherty, <a href="mailto:Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org">Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org</a> , 612-455-5108	Apply online at <a href="http://ppl-inc.org/how-to-help/volunteer/">ppl-inc.org/how-to-help/volunteer</a> , or contact Caitlin Dougherty, <a href="mailto:Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org">Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org</a> , 612-455-5108
<b>East Side Learning Center*</b>	ESLC provides free one-on-one reading tutoring for St. Paul students who read below grade level and are unable to get help elsewhere. Children are tutored three to four times a week during 30 - 50-minute	Kristina Scherber, Coordinator of Volunteers <a href="mailto:Kristina.Scherber">Kristina.Scherber</a>	Fill out an application at: <a href="http://eastsidelearningcenter.org/vol">http://eastsidelearningcenter.org/vol</a>

	<p>sessions at four sites with volunteer and professional tutors. For Grades K-4, after school. Required commitment of one hour a week for a semester.</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://www.eastsidelearningcenter.org/">http://www.eastsidelearningcenter.org/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: 740 York Ave, St Paul, MN 55106</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://spps.org">@spps.org</a> 651-793-7364</p>	<p><a href="http://unteeer/volunteer-application-form/">unteeer/volunteer-application-form/</a></p>
<p><b>Solid Ground*</b></p> <p>(Recruitment schedule: late August/early September for school year programs and late April/early May for summer programs.)</p>	<p><u>Learning and Enrichment Program</u>  One-on-one tutoring in reading skills. Serves K-8 Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 4:15-5:15pm. Solid Ground offers programs for homeless and low-income families in suburban Ramsey and Washington Counties. Volunteers can commit to one afternoon a week.</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://www.solidgroundmn.org/proj/volunteer/">http://www.solidgroundmn.org/proj/volunteer/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: East Metro Place  3521 Century Avenue North  White Bear Lake, MN 55110</li> </ul>	<p>Liz Meyers,  Volunteer Program Manager  <a href="mailto:volunteer@solidgroundmn.org">volunteer@solidgroundmn.org</a>  651-773-8401 ext. 116</p>	<p>Fill out an application at:  <a href="http://www.solidgroundmn.org/proj/volunteer/">http://www.solidgroundmn.org/proj/volunteer/</a>  or contact  Liz Meyers,  Volunteer Program Manager  <a href="mailto:volunteer@solidgroundmn.org">volunteer@solidgroundmn.org</a>  651-773-8401 ext. 116</p>
<p><b>Urban Battle*</b></p>	<p>Urban Battle Tutoring Program is an academic tutoring program for children in grades 1-12. This program is free of charge to any child who has the desire to learn. It is designed to help children who are behind academically, socially and maybe have poor attitudes. The program deals with all three of these problems simultaneously, while placing major emphasis on academics. The program tries to build the individual child's self-confidence and instill in them the belief that they have value. Presently, the program meets from 6:30 to 8:30pm on Monday and Tuesday evenings.</p> <p>For more information, visit:  <a href="http://sprocketssaintpaul.org/program-finder/urban-battle-tutoring-program">http://sprocketssaintpaul.org/program-finder/urban-battle-tutoring-program</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Berean Church, 441 Rice Street in St. Paul, Minnesota 55103</li> </ul>	<p>Amanda Jacobson,  Staff Coordinator  <a href="mailto:amandamjacobson@gmail.com">amandamjacobson@gmail.com</a></p> <p>or</p> <p>Bob Kohl,  Director  <a href="mailto:bobsranch61@yahoo.com">bobsranch61@yahoo.com</a>  651-483-5246</p> <p>or</p> <p>Dr. Geeta Vora  <a href="mailto:geetavora52@yahoo.com">geetavora52@yahoo.com</a>  763-780-8837</p>	<p>Fill out an application at:  <a href="http://sprocketssaintpaul.org/program-finder/urban-battle-tutoring-program">http://sprocketssaintpaul.org/program-finder/urban-battle-tutoring-program</a>  or contact  Dr. Geeta Vora  <a href="mailto:geetavora52@yahoo.com">geetavora52@yahoo.com</a>  763-780-8837</p>
<p><b>Common Bond*</b></p>	<p>Become an academic mentor or tutor for youth at CommonBond Communities affordable housing in Minneapolis, St. Paul, or the surrounding suburbs. CommonBond has many sites in many neighborhoods, and their programs serve youth from pre-K through high school graduation and into young adulthood. Programs are after school, in the afternoons and evenings, right where students live.</p>	<p>Kristina Kithinji,  Volunteer Manager  <a href="mailto:Kristina.Kithinji@commonbond.org">Kristina.Kithinji@commonbond.org</a>  651-291-6226</p>	<p>Fill out an application at:  <a href="http://commonbond2.pegasus.webaloo.com/volunteer_application.asp">http://commonbond2.pegasus.webaloo.com/volunteer_application.asp</a>  or contact</p>

	<p>CommonBond focuses on closing the achievement gap and supporting youth toward high school graduation with 1:1 tutoring and mentoring, drop-in homework centers, small-group learning and social development supported by experienced staff and a strong network of volunteers. You'll love the feeling of making a positive impact and creating new relationships.</p> <p><u>Study Buddies (Current needs):</u> Volunteers get matched 1:1 with a student who they meet with once per week for a minimum of one year. The goal is academic advancement, which CommonBond works to achieve through tutoring and mentoring with specific support for literacy skill building. CommonBond works hard to support volunteers through orientation, training, coaching and site-based academic interventionists.</p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.commonbond.org/volunteer.aspx">http://www.commonbond.org/volunteer.aspx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Throughout the Metro Area</li> </ul>		<p>Kristina Kithinji, Volunteer Manager <a href="mailto:Kristina.Kithinji@commonbond.org">Kristina.Kithinji@commonbond.org</a> 651-291-6226</p>
<p><b>ThreeSixty</b></p>	<p>ThreeSixty Journalism offers high school students both residential and non-residential summer camps as well as school-year programming at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul campus. Media professionals and other mentors provide instruction to enhance reading, writing and speech skills, as well as develop journalism skills and college readiness.</p>	<p>Chad Caruthers, Executive Director <a href="mailto:chad.caruthers@stthomas.edu">chad.caruthers@stthomas.edu</a> 651.962.5282</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: <a href="http://www.threesixtyjournalism.org/volunteers">http://www.threesixtyjournalism.org/volunteers</a></p>
<p><b>Minnesota Literacy Council – Open Door Learning Center Preschool*</b></p>	<p>Be a preschool aide and work with ages 3-5 at learning centers for preschool-age English language learners at Open Door Learning Center – Arlington Hills. Commit 2.5 hours once per week, minimum three-month commitment.</p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="http://mnliteracy.org/volunteers/opportunities/CES">http://mnliteracy.org/volunteers/opportunities/CES</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Open Door Learning Center - Center- Arlington Hills, 1115 Greenbrier Street, St. Paul, MN.</li> </ul>	<p>Rachel Lyness, Arlington Hills <a href="mailto:RLyness@mnliteracy.org">RLyness@mnliteracy.org</a></p>	<p>Contact Rachel Lyness, Arlington Hills <a href="mailto:RLyness@mnliteracy.org">RLyness@mnliteracy.org</a></p>
<p><b>Good in the Hood*</b>  (Children's programs are currently full with a waiting list.)</p>	<p>Books in the Hood is a youth reading and literacy club for children grades 1-5. Our vision is to help kids become better readers by making reading enjoyable in a fun small group atmosphere with committed and caring volunteers. Our team of volunteers receives training in order to provide effective literacy mentoring with a personal touch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location: Lutheran Colportage Services, 2101 Chicago Ave. S. Mpls, MN 5540</li> </ul>	<p>Shawn Morrison, Executive Director <a href="mailto:shawn@goodinthehood.org">shawn@goodinthehood.org</a> 952-412-3732</p>	<p><a href="http://www.goodinthehood.org/volunteer.html">http://www.goodinthehood.org/volunteer.html</a></p>

<b>Youth For Understanding USA</b>	<p>Youth For Understanding USA has exchange student tutoring volunteer opportunities.</p> <p><u>Current needs:</u>  Yuki is a high school exchange student from Japan, attending St. Paul Central. He is struggling with his English skills so his exchange organization, Youth For Understanding (YFU) is seeking a volunteer English tutor. YFU wants Yuki to have a meaningful experience this year, make friends, engage in class and contribute to his host family and community. Are you interested in helping Yuki so he can have this experience? The commitment would be several, regular tutoring sessions, and you could determine a schedule that works for you, Yuki and his host family. For more information, visit <a href="http://yfuusa.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities.php">http://yfuusa.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities.php</a></p>	<p>Anna Peters,  <a href="mailto:apeters@yfu.org">apeters@yfu.org</a>,  651-646-8173</p>	<p>To learn more, please contact YFU Field Director Anna Peters at 651-646-8173 or <a href="mailto:apeters@yfu.org">apeters@yfu.org</a></p>
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\*Confirmed current volunteer needs.

+Location accepts volunteers under 18 years old for some programs. Please check with program for more information.