

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

Organization	Program Description(s)	Contact(s)	How to Get Involved
Minneapolis Public Schools*+	<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: http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations: Various throughout Minneapolis School District 	Kaylie Burns Gahagan, Volunteer Coordinator Kaylie.BurnsGahagan@mpls.k12.mn.us volmps.k12.mn.us 612.401.3736	Fill out an application at: http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/
Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation+	<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: http://sppsfoundation.org/</p>	Ellen Nikodym 651-325-4205 tutor@sppsfoundation.org	Fill out an application at: http://sppsfoundation.org/volunteer
Saint Paul Public Library*+	<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 wendy.neurer@ci

	<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: http://www.sppl.org/about/volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations: Various throughout Saint Paul 	<p>wendy.neurer@ci.stpaul.mn.us 651-266-7420</p>	<p>stpaul.mn.us 651-266-7420</p>
Bloomington Schools*	<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 & 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 smartell@bloomington.k12.mn.us 952-681-6293</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://www.bloomington.k12.mn.us/community-alumni/volunteer-opportunities/e-12-volunteer-connection/application-process</p> <p>or contact Sue Martell, Placement Specialist, Volunteer Connection smartell@bloomington.k12.mn.us 952-681-6293</p>
People Serving People*+	<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 & 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 & Events Coordinator mhaugen@peopleservingpeople.org 612-277-0256</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://peopleservingpeople.org/how-to-help/volunteer/individual-volunteer-</p>

	<p>and group activities with children ages 5 – 17. M –Th: 5:30 – 8pm & 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: http://peopleservingpeople.org/how-to-help/volunteer/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: 614 Third Street South Minneapolis, MN 55415 		opportunities/
Project for Pride in Living*	<p><u>School Year Programs:</u> <u>Partnership Academy - After School Program (ASP):</u> Partnership Academy is a charter elementary school serving students in grades K-5. The after school program focuses on helping kids build academic skills, gain confidence and form positive relationships. Volunteers work one-on-one and in small groups with students in grades 1-5, in a fun and engaging, teacher-led environment. Most of the students in the program are bilingual in English and Spanish, so tutoring is a great way to practice your Spanish skills, although Spanish proficiency is certainly not required! <u>Youth Literacy Tutors:</u> Volunteer to work 1:1 with students to build literacy skills, help with homework and have fun! Training & supervision provided. Tuesdays &/or Thursdays 5:30-7:30PM, Oct-May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations: PPL housing locations in New Hope, S Minneapolis and St Paul <p><u>Collaborative Village Initiative Mentor:</u> Become a mentor for a student transitioning out of long-term homelessness. Help them build confidence, and grow socially and academically while having fun! Time commitment is 3-4 hours/week, Oct-May. Monday, Tuesday & /or Thursday, 4:00-7:00PM (choose two 1.5 hr shifts).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: 2020 Eliot Ave S Minneapolis 55404 <p><u>Homework ‘n’ Hoops Tutor:</u> Community Center based mentoring/tutoring program for grades 2-6th in South Mpls. Help kids</p>	Anna Preus anna.preus@ppl-inc.org 612-455-5111	Fill out an application at: www.ppl-inc.org/how-to-help/volunteer or contact: Anna Preus anna.preus@ppl-inc.org 612-455-5111

	<p>learn to set goals and also have fun! Time commitment is 2-4 hours/week, Oct-May. Mon., Tues. &/or Wed. (pick 2 nights), 5:30-7:30PM. Schedule: 1 night/week from Feb-May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: 305 East 77th St. Richfield <p><u>PPL Scholars</u> A one-on-one tutoring and mentoring program for students in grades Pre-K-6th living in affordable and supportive housing through PPL. Right now the greatest need is for volunteers to work on school readiness activities with Pre-K students. Locations in St. Paul. Schedule: T/Th from 5:30-7:30PM.</p> <p>For more information, visit: http://www.ppl-inc.org/how-to-help/volunteer/</p>		
East Side Learning Center*	<p>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 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: http://www.eastsidelearningcenter.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: 740 York Ave, St Paul, MN 55106 	<p>Kristina Scherber, Coordinator of Volunteers Kristina.Scherber@spps.org 651-793-7364</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://eastsidelearningcenter.org/volunteer/volunteer-application-form/</p>
Solid Ground* (Recruitment schedule: late August/early September for school year programs and late April/early May for summer programs.)	<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: http://www.solidgroundmn.org/proj/volunteer/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: East Metro Place 3521 Century Avenue North White Bear Lake, MN 55110 	<p>Liz Meyers, Volunteer Program Manager volunteer@solidgroundmn.org 651-773-8401 ext. 116</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://www.solidgroundmn.org/proj/volunteer/</p> <p>or contact</p> <p>Liz Meyers, Volunteer Program Manager volunteer@solidgroundmn.org 651-773-8401 ext. 116</p>
Urban Battle*	<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</p>	<p>Amanda Jacobson, Staff Coordinator amandamjacobson@gmail.com</p> <p>or</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://sprocketsaintpaul.org/program-finder/urban-battle-tutoring-program</p>

	<p>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: http://sprocketssaintpaul.org/program-finder/urban-battle-tutoring-program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Berean Church, 441 Rice Street in St. Paul, Minnesota 55103 	<p>Bob Kohl, Director bobsranch61@yahoo.com 651-483-5246</p> <p>or</p> <p>Dr. Geeta Vora geetavora52@yahoo.com 763-780-8837</p>	<p>or contact</p> <p>Dr. Geeta Vora geetavora52@yahoo.com 763-780-8837</p>
Common Bond*	<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. 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: http://www.commonbond.org/volunteer.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Throughout the Metro Area 	<p>Kristina Kithinji, Volunteer Manager Kristina.Kithinji@commonbond.org 651-291-6226</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://commonbond2.pegasus.webaloo.com/volunteer_application.asp</p> <p>or contact</p> <p>Kristina Kithinji, Volunteer Manager Kristina.Kithinji@commonbond.org 651-291-6226</p>
ThreeSixty	<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 chad.caruthers@stthomas.edu 651.962.5282</p>	<p>Fill out an application at: http://www.threesixtyjournalism.org/volunteers</p>
Minnesota	<p>Be a preschool aide and work with ages 3-5 at</p>	<p>Rachel Lyness,</p>	<p>Contact</p>

Literacy Council – Open Door Learning Center Preschool*	<p>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: http://mnliteracy.org/volunteers/opportunities/CES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Open Door Learning Center - Center- Arlington Hills, 1115 Greenbrier Street, St. Paul, MN. 	<p>Arlington Hills RLyness@mnliteracy.org</p>	<p>Rachel Lyness, Arlington Hills RLyness@mnliteracy.org</p>
Good in the Hood* (Children’s programs are currently full with a waiting list.)	<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"> • Location: Lutheran Colportage Services, 2101 Chicago Ave. S. Mpls, MN 5540 	<p>Shawn Morrison, Executive Director shawn@goodinthehood.org 952-412-3732</p>	<p>http://www.goodinthehood.org/volunteer.html</p>

*Confirmed current volunteer needs.

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