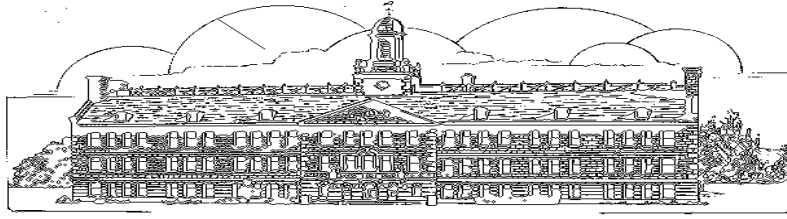


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Hudson Reads Literacy at Lunch Mentor Application 2025-2026

Contact Information

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

(please circle your preferred contact phone number)

Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Number _____

Work Information (if employed)

Organization/Company/Business _____ Role _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Supervisor _____

Please list any special skills, interests, or languages spoken _____

Scheduling Information

Day(s) available (circle all that apply): TUES WED THURS

Please circle all time(s) which you are available: 11:20 am-12:00 pm 12:00 pm- 12:40 pm
3rd-5th K-2nd

All mentoring will occur in the Library on the second floor of M.C. Smith Elementary School

Please sign below to indicate you understand these Program Policies and agree to adhere to them:

**I agree to abide by all the policies of the Hudson City School District.*

**I will represent my community and Hudson Reads with a professional demeanor.*

**I will tell site directors if there is a change in my schedule, employment, or contact information.*

**I give Hudson Reads permission to use my picture in a variety of media efforts.*

Signature _____

Date _____

IN ADDITION TO THIS FORM, YOU MAY BE ASKED TO COMPLETE A DISTRICT VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Information About Hudson Reads *Literacy at Lunch* Mentor Program

The mission of the Hudson Reads *Literacy at Lunch* program is to promote children's literacy and a love of learning through paired reading experiences with caring individuals. Becoming one of our Reading Mentors is how you as a community member can help promote the literacy of our students, an ongoing goal.

Currently, 54% of American adults are not literate beyond a sixth-grade level. Many American families, regardless of income, no longer prioritize reading aloud with their children. Research has found that children who are read aloud with excel academically, professionally, and emotionally. We want more mentors for students to read aloud with so they too can grow their literacy. *Hudson Reads* is a great undertaking and involves the help of many community members; we are grateful you are here!

Through the Hudson Reads *Literacy at Lunch* program, students are paired up with community members to read and talk about books during their lunch times. These mentorships help students in building confidence, self-esteem and academic skills, as well as cultivating a love and enjoyment of reading and learning. A reading mentor and child are paired through teacher recommendation or parent request to meet weekly to read and discuss great books. Onsite coordinators supervise the reading hour and offer any needed support. Books are provided or if you choose to bring your own it must be approved by the site coordinator. Community members can be reading mentors on whichever days they are able to do so, but please make sure you are able to make a school-year commitment to the program as building relationships with your young readers is tantamount.

A Hudson Reads *Literacy at Lunch* Mentor:

- Reads aloud with the child, and encourages the child's interest in reading by exploring and discussing books together.
- Provides positive, structured, consistent, and weekly attention.
- Builds a relationship with a student; has lunch, talks with, and listens to them.
- Makes a commitment to volunteer for one school year and is encouraged to continue reading with the same child in subsequent years.
- May share a student if they are unable to commit to once a week. In this case, mentors will meet with their shared student every other week.
- Agree to attend a brief orientation prior to the start date of the program.

Note: Mentors are not expected to improve the child's reading fluency or decoding skills; this is a mentoring program, not a tutoring program.

Please remember that even if you are unable to support our students with your time, tax deductible donations to help buy books and supplies will be gratefully accepted through the [Hudson City School District Community Endowment Fund](#).

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Volunteer for the Hudson Reads *Literacy at Lunch* Program today!