

VOLUNTEER

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Literacy Now!

Volunteers are needed to help support the success of children now more than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic brought the issue of limited access to multiple things – laptops or tablets, high-speed internet, high-quality affordable childcare, books at home, excellent health care– all creating educational inequities. The good news is there is an opportunity to invest in children facing these inequities! We have multiple ways you can make a difference by sharing your time and talents, and we would love to have you join our amazing team of volunteers!

Please see below for volunteer opportunities.

For questions, contact Ashley at ashley@literacynowhouston.org.

To fill out a volunteer application, please click [here](#).



Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is an academic enrichment program fully facilitated by volunteer mentors. Mentors are paired with a group of four 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade students to help build their literacy skills while developing life skills every child needs.

LUNCH BUNCH MENTOR

As a Lunch Bunch mentor, you will help your students grow by helping them develop positive decision-making skills and healthy relationships. An easy-to-follow curriculum is provided as a resource. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least one 30-minute session every week. Up to 30 minutes of prep time is expected each week. Comprehensive training and HISD background check required prior to first day is required. Schedule varies by school.

Due to COVID-19, Lunch Bunch and training will be offered through a virtual platform October 19-April 22 during the 2020-21 school year.



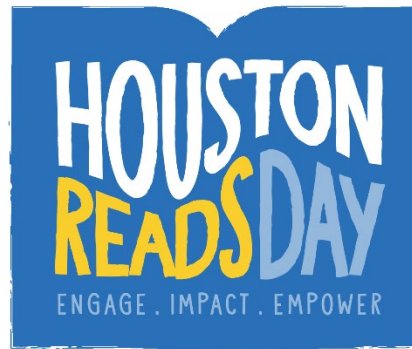
Read Aloud Month

Focused effort to share the love of reading. According to the Children at Risk ranking scale, there are 79 (out of 159) HISD elementary schools that scored a C- or below. Compounded by research that indicates reading below a 3rd grade reading level is highly correlated with future academic challenges, dropout, incarceration, and poverty rates. It is clear to see that we can and should do more.

READ ALOUD MONTH VOLUNTEER

Volunteers can contribute to raising reading levels by reading aloud to a 1st or 2nd grade classroom for 30 minutes, once per week for three weeks in March. HISD background check required.

Due to COVID-19, Read Aloud Month may be hosted virtually. More information to be released at a later date.



Houston Reads Day

In an effort to raise awareness of the literacy crisis in our city and support Literacy Now's expansion plan, 400 volunteers will come together to read aloud to 10,000 K-3rd HISD students at 25 schools.

HOUSTON READS DAY VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed for this effort for 15 minutes on March 2nd to read aloud to a classroom. HISD background check required.

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