

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 childhood poverty to the forefront: fewer years of education, lower earnings, higher crime, and lower quality of health in adulthood. The good news is there is an opportunity to invest in children facing inequities, which is proven to be cost-effective over time the earlier intervention occurs.

Please see below for volunteer opportunities.

For questions, contact us at volunteer@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.



Group Enrichment Service Events

These reading enrichment activities are great team building opportunities while providing 48 or 64 of our Reading Intervention program students (K-2nd grade) with a fun way to improve their literacy enrichment skills.

ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEER

Our staff chooses the read aloud book, plans the activities, and assists your group at the event. Your team purchases the activity supplies (\$50-\$100). In addition, your team will purchase the books (up to \$600) that will be read aloud and given to each child to help build their home library. At least 12 or 16 volunteers are needed to maintain a low 4:1 child: adult ratio to ensure a successful event for all who are involved.

Each volunteer will be assigned to their group of students to read aloud a book for 15-30 minutes. Upon reading, a staff member will provide a copy of the book to each student to build their home library along with a themed activity to complete at home.

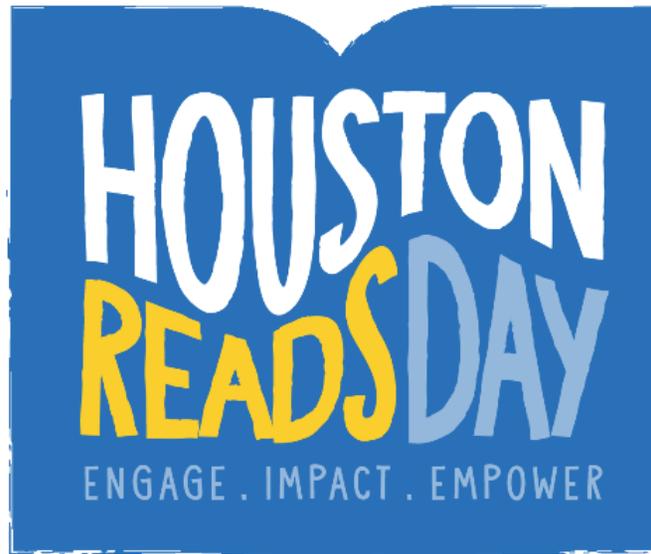


The Reading Express

The Reading Express mobile classroom is a dynamic and fun school on wheels for children 2 months to 4 years of age that reaches into high-need communities throughout Harris County. The program provides 1-hour interactive classes that are delivered weekly and take place either on the bus or in community rooms in apartment complexes and/or other community-based venues.

ASSISTANT

Assist the Early Childhood Outreach Specialist by developing relationships with program participants, engaging children and parents/caregivers in reading readiness activities, and providing overall support. Minimum two-hour weekly commitment. Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.



Houston Reads Day

March 2, 2022

In an effort to raise awareness of the literacy crisis in our city and support Literacy Now's expansion plan, more than 650 volunteers will come together to read aloud to 18,000 Pre K-3rd HISD and Aldine ISD students at 50 schools throughout Houston.

HOUSTON READS DAY VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed to read to at least two classrooms (on the same campus) for 15 minutes each and are welcome to read to up to four classrooms. Very limited virtual reading opportunities will also be available. HISD background check required.

For more information, contact Ken Kelly at ken@literacynowhouston.org