

## **Community Reader Application—DEADLINE Friday, January 24, 2020**

### **Program Description:**

Open your mind and open your heart at the library. Our Community Readers will share stories that reflect their community and that celebrate inclusion and diversity. We will learn together how to build a stronger community.

### **Purpose:**

To provide Equity: To the best of our ability, we provide equity of access to the tools of discovery, learning, creation, and connection. Regardless of ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, wealth, or social status, you are welcome within our doors.

To ensure Intellectual Freedom: We champion access to information and exposure to diverse points of view. The library as a public institution supports the free exchange of ideas as a fundamental part of democratic society.

To build Community: We are here to connect people and to serve the needs of our communities. We are a gathering place, and a welcoming space for the lively exchange of ideas.

### **Community Reader Guidelines:**

1. I agree to volunteer three hours of my time to plan, train and present a Story Time.
2. I agree to present family friendly content that is geared towards children 3-6 years old.
3. I agree there will be no sales or recruitment.
4. I agree to not use demeaning language or actions in reference to any part of our community.
5. All are welcome.

### **Community Reader Commitment:**

Community Readers who are chosen to participate will volunteer a minimum of three hours.

- 30-60 minute initial consultation with Youth Services Librarian to discuss the theme of story time. Review and agree to Community Reader Guidelines. Youth Services Librarian will follow up this meeting with a list of book suggestions that are available in the ORL collection for the Community Reader to choose from.
- 30-60 minute story time practice with Youth Services Librarian. View the space that will be used. Community Reader will have decided on their two books to read. Practice reading out loud at the library. Program run through.
- 1 hour Community Reader Story Time with public attendance. The Community Reader with the Youth Services Librarian will deliver a 30 minute story time followed by the Community Banner activity.

**Return completed applications to Ashley Machum [amachum@orl.bc.ca](mailto:amachum@orl.bc.ca)**

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**Okanagan Regional Library Librarians will select readers to ensure a diverse representation of the community. The ORL reserves the right to select programs that most closely align with current priorities and as such not all applications can be accommodated.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Okanagan Regional Library? Yes or No

Are you able to volunteer 3 hours for planning and training? Yes or No

What story time theme would you like to share? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have experience working with children ages 3-6? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have experience presenting in public? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why are you the right person or organization to deliver this program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there anything else you would like to tell us? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_