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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Application

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Email is our primary means of communication with our volunteers. Please check your email regularly.)

This form gives you information about Budding Readers, as well as giving us information about you.

**Please keep a copy of this form for yourself.**

Please visit our website for more Information about our programs ([www.buddingreaders.org](http://www.buddingreaders.org)).

The **completed form** should be returned to the address above either by snail-mail or as an email attachment.

There are a variety of ways that volunteers can participate in the Budding Readers Program.

**\*\*\* Please mark (X) the ones that interest you. \*\*\***

Events are announced in advance and training will be provided. If you are in town, interested, and available, join us!

1.  **BR Work Events:** A daytime group event, lasting 1 - 2 hours. We may put Budding Readers labels on books for WIC and get them stored at WIC, or once a year we prepare the Newsletter for mailing.
2.  **WIC Clinics - Canandaigua:** Talk with parents about the importance of reading to babies and young children, give out free books and read to children. You usually work in pairs. Possible times are: 1 - 3pm on a Monday, or 10am - 12pm on a Friday.
3.  **Thompson Hospital Birthing Classes - Canandaigua:** Talk with expectant parents about the importance of reading to babies and young children and gift parents a "bundle" of books. You may work in pairs or alone, if the class is small and you are comfortable alone. Allow 45 minutes. Common times are weekday evenings at 7pm, or Saturdays at 9am. (There are 1 - 3 per month).
4.  **Delivering "Bundles"- Community Programs:** Contact a family after a request is received by a community coordinator, set up a delivery appointment, and make the delivery, which includes talking with parents about the materials in the bundle and the importance of reading to their babies. This is periodic and can be daytime, evening or weekend. **Please mark (X) where you would be interested in delivering bundles.**

Bloomfield    Canandaigua    Honeoye    Marcus Whitman

Midlakes    Naples    Red Jacket    Victor

5.  **Filling & Tidying Boxes at WIC.** Work with a small team of volunteers who regularly stop in at the WIC office to make sure there are sufficient books available in the interview rooms (Tues., Wed., or Thurs.)
6.  **Working at the Budding Readers "Store"** in Farmington. This is where the BR books are stored. You would assist other BR volunteers who are getting books to distribute in their various programs. This is an on-call position.
7.  **Annual Newsletter:** Do you have experience with writing, interviewing, photography or formatting? Budding Readers has an annual newsletter published in May. A small group works on the newsletter from January to April.
8.  **Grant Research & Writing:** Do you have experience researching and applying for grants? Work with Tam periodically during the year to assist with grant applications.
9.  **Serve on the Budding Readers Board of Directors:** Oversee and shape current and future Budding Readers programs. There are meetings and a commitment, but also rewarding work.

Briefly describe your background.

Why is involvement with Budding Readers important to you?

Who do you know who is already a part of Budding Readers?