



Budding Readers, Inc.

Board of Directors

Member Expectations and Responsibilities

At the heart of any successful not-for-profit organization is an invested, engaged Board of Directors. Below is a summary of expectations and responsibilities of our Board of Directors.

Budding Readers Vision: Children of all socioeconomic backgrounds will have a lifelong love of books and a passion for reading.

Budding Readers Mission: Our mission is to educate, encourage, and equip parents to read with their infants and young children as a natural part of their daily routine. Our primary focus is Ontario County, NY. However, when we have sufficient books and funds, we may support projects outside of Ontario County that align with our mission.

I understand that:

- The board generally meets 4 to 5 times per year between May and January.
- A term of service on the Budding Readers Board is three years.
- Board members serve on at least one Standing Committee of the Board.

I understand that I will be expected to:

- Participate in orientation, provided by the Budding Readers Nominations Committee.
- Develop and maintain a working knowledge of Budding Readers and its programs.
- Prepare for board and committee meetings by reviewing the advance materials provided.
- Attend board meetings as an active participant.
- Consider volunteering in one or more Budding Readers Programs.
- Check email regularly. Communication is critical to running a successful program. With no central office, email becomes an essential tool.
- Complete the annual Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.
- Serve as an ambassador and advocate for Budding Readers in the community.
- Respect and maintain confidentiality for Budding Readers, its clients, and board issues and discussions.
- Be available for consultation with other board members and staff, especially in my areas of expertise.

- Approach the work of Budding Readers in a spirit of service, cooperation, creativity, collegiality, and respect.