

Rockford Reads
Literacy Project Co-sponsored by Rockford Rotary,
Rockford Public Schools and Rockford Public Libraries

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for as little as one hour per week.

The **Rockford Reads** project will enhance the literacy development of second-grade students in all elementary schools in RPS. The direct benefit to the children will be increased exposure to reading through adults reading with individual children. Community volunteers give as little as one hour per week to read one-on-one with students at an elementary school in RPS. The 2022/2023 school year is the 21st year that **Rockford Reads** has successfully brought together community volunteers and elementary students to work together on reading skills. Since inception, well over 5,000 students have benefited from the program.

The volunteer process for **Rockford Reads** is:

1. Complete the Volunteer Application form which can be found on the RPS 205 website at RPS205.com or behind this document. Send the completed form to the email address provided or mail it to the address provided.
2. You will be notified by RPS when you have been cleared.
3. You will be contacted by Kathy Kwiat-Hess, Rockford Rotary liaison for Rockford Reads to discuss a school assignment and a contact at that school.
4. Volunteers and students will read together as scheduled throughout the rest of the school year.

We welcome your support and investment in the future of our community!

Thank you on behalf of Rockford Reads!



Family & Community Engagement Department
815-966-3271

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

We appreciate your interest in volunteering with Rockford Public School District #205. Please complete the information below and return this form to the school or facility where you will be volunteering.

Today's Date: _____

Volunteer's name must match driver's license or state ID.

Volunteer's First Name: _____ *Middle Initial:* _____

Volunteer's Last Name: _____ *Volunteer's D.O.B.:* _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *County:* _____ *State:* _____ *Zip Code:* _____

Preferred phone number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ ***Phone:*** _____

List the RPS school(s) you will be volunteering with (if known):

Volunteer Function: Please select all that apply

Field trip chaperone ___ *Parent Volunteer* ___ *Mentor* ___ *Tutor* ___ *other* Rockford Reads

Volunteer Organization: _____ Rockford Rotary

Affiliation: Please select one

Community Member ___ *Grandparent* ___ *Parent* ___ *other* _____

If you have a student enrolled in Rockford Public Schools, please fill-in below:

Student's Name: _____ *Teacher's Name:* _____

Criminal Conviction Information (*Applicants are not obligated to disclose sealed, reversed or expunged records of conviction*)

<p>Are you a “sex offender” as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act or a “violent offender against youth” as defined in the child Murder and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been found under the Juvenile Court Act to be a perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under the age of 18 years of age?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of committing first degree murder, conspiracy to commit first degree murder, or a Class X felony?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of any offense defined in the Cannabis Control Act except possession offenses involving less than 10 grams and/or manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to deliver offenses involving less than 2.5 grams; or have you ever failed to fulfill the conditions of probation required by the court following conviction of an offense defined in the Cannabis Control Act?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of any offense defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, except any offense for which you were placed on probation under the provisions of Section 410 of that Act; or have you ever failed to fulfill the conditions of probation required by the court following conviction of any offense defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of any offense defined in the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, except any offense for which you were placed on probation under the provisions of Section 70 of that Act; or have you ever failed to fulfill the conditions of probation required by the court following conviction of any offense defined by the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of any attempt to commit any of the foregoing offenses?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as one or more of the foregoing offenses?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Within the past seven years, have you been convicted of any other felony under the laws of this State or of any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States that, if committed or attempted in this State, would have been punishable as a felony under the laws of this State?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you ever had any indicated finding of child abuse filed in your name? If yes explain:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Waiver of Liability

The School District does not provide insurance coverage to non-District personnel serving as volunteers for the School District. The purpose of this waiver is to provide notice to prospective volunteers that they do not have insurance coverage by the School District and to document the volunteer's acknowledgment that they are providing volunteer service at their own risk.

By your signature below:

You acknowledge that the School District does not provide insurance coverage for the volunteer for any loss, injuries, illness, or death resulting from the volunteer's unpaid service to the School District.

You agree to assume all risk for death or any loss, injury, illness, or damage of any nature or kind, arising out of the volunteer's supervised or unsupervised service to the School District. You also agree to waive any and all claims against the School District, or its officers, School Board Members, employees, agents or assigns, for loss due to death, injury, illness or damage of any kind arising out of the volunteer's supervised or unsupervised service to the School District.

You understand that your status as a volunteer will be contingent upon successful clearance of a check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry and/or the National Sex Offender Registry and the Illinois Violent Offenders Against Youth database maintained by the Illinois State Police.

You agree that the information provided in this application is true in all respects, and you agree that if the information given is found to be false in any way, the District shall exclude you from being considered for volunteer service or would be cause for termination of such services.

Volunteer name *(please print)*

Volunteer signature

Date

Please submit forms:

Email: facdepartment@rps205.com

Mail: Rockford Public Schools District 205

Family and Community Engagement Department

501 7th Street 4th floor

Rockford, IL. 61104

(Forms can also be dropped off at the above address or school in which you are volunteering)

OFFICE USE ONLY:		<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
State/Nat'l Sex Offender Registry:	_____	CMVO Registry:	_____
Administrator Signature:	_____	Date:	_____
Date Cleared FP Background Check:	_____	Date Entered into Raptor:	_____
Notes:		Date Entered into Google:	_____

AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK
Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS)
For Programs NOT Licensed by DCFS

NOTE: Do not use this form if you are an applicant for licensure or an employee/volunteer of a licensed child care facility. Please contact your licensing representative.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: -- -- Gender: Male Female Race: _____

Current Address: _____
Street/Apt #

City State Zip Code

If you currently reside in Illinois, please list all previous addresses for the past five years.

OR

If you currently reside out-of-state, please provide ALL Illinois addresses in which you did reside while living in Illinois.

(Street/Apt#/City/County/State/Zip Code)	Dates From/To
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List maiden name and/or all other names by which you have been known: (last, first, middle)

I hereby authorize the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to conduct a search of the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking system (CANTS) to determine whether I have been a perpetrator of an indicated incident of child abuse and/or neglect or involved in a pending investigation. I further consent to the release of this information to the agency listed below.

Submit by mail OR fax OR email.
 Mail to: Department of Children and Family Services
 406 E. Monroe – Station # 30
 Springfield, IL 62701
 FAX to: 217-782-3991
 Scan/Email to: CFS689Background@illinois.gov

Signed Date

Please type, use bold letters or label:

(Submitting Agency Fax Number)

(Submitting Email Address)

(Agency Name)

(Contact Person)

(Address)

(City/State/Zip)