

**Oakland Literacy Coalition**  
**Guide to Literacy Volunteer Opportunities - 2013**  
[www.oaklandliteracycoalition.org](http://www.oaklandliteracycoalition.org)

Organization Name	Program Description	Volunteer Role	Gender / Age Group	Volunteer Commitment	Volunteer Times	Locations	Contact Information
<b>2B Buddies</b>	Help underserved East Oakland elementary students build skills and confidence <b>2B</b> successful in school and life choices ( <i>not 2B</i> street dropouts)! Read, tutor, mentor, help with library, classroom, gardening/ nutrition, and developing parental/community support!	Volunteers welcome in whatever role works for you! If you help inspire and support these delightful students, you will be appreciated, inspired and supported too!	Preschool through 5th grade students  (Priority focus is K-3rd English or Spanish literacy)	Flexible depending on volunteer availability.	During or after school	Brookfield Village, Reach Academy, New Highland Academy, and Rise Community elementary schools	Jo Budman, 2B Book Buddies Volunteer Coordinator  510-547-2939  midchai@sbcglobal.net
<b>Books for Wider Horizons</b> (through the Oakland Public Library)	Books for Wider Horizons is an Oakland Public Library program that recruits, trains, and places volunteer story readers in preschool or childcare centers throughout the City of Oakland.	Books for Wider Horizons offers a unique volunteer opportunity: to read aloud to children at partnering preschool centers throughout Oakland. Each week a volunteer performs a 30-minute storytime.	Preschool students	30 minute weekly storytime with minimum 6-month commitment.	Mornings and afternoons	Partnering preschool centers throughout Oakland	<a href="http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/kids/welcome-teachers/books-wider-horizons">www.oaklandlibrary.org/kids/welcome-teachers/books-wider-horizons</a>  Please call Books for Wider Horizons at 510-238-7453 for more information.

<p><b>Boost! West Oakland</b> (formally known as Lafayette School Mentoring Project)</p>	<p>The mission of Boost! is to empower West Oakland youth with the skills and confidence needed to become positive contributors to society. Boost! fosters healthy attitudes toward learning and strengthens students' academic performance and self-esteem.</p>	<p>One-on-one tutoring and mentoring with an elementary student.</p>	<p>1st through 5th grade students at Lafayette Elementary</p>	<p>1.5 hours, once a week. Asking for a commitment until the end of the school year.</p>	<p>After school and evenings (3:00-4:30 or 5:30-7 M, T, TH, F and 1:30-3 or 5:30-7 on Wed).  Optional weekend field trips.</p>	<p>Lafayette Elementary</p>	<p>boostoakland.org  Jessica Bilsky, Project Director:  510-444-7285  info@boostoakland.org</p>
<p><b>BUILD Equity Project (UC Berkeley Cal Corps)</b></p>	<p>BUILD matches UC-Berkeley student tutors with elementary school children in need of individualized, one-to-one reading help. In Oakland, BUILD tutors work afterschool at six elementary schools.</p>	<p>We accept college student volunteers or students who are able to work through Work Study or for field study units.</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 5th grade students with a focus on K-3rd grade.</p>	<p>Weekly with commitment through the end of the school year.</p>	<p>After school</p>	<p>Emerson, Sankofa, Martin Luther King, Think College Now, International Community School, and Berkeley Maynard Academy Elementary schools</p>	<p>Carrie Donovan:  510-642-6772  BUILDliteracy@berkeley.edu</p>

<p><b>Community Education Partnerships</b></p>	<p>Community Education Partnerships (CEP) seeks to improve the educational outcomes and opportunities for homeless youth in the Bay Area. We provide one-on-one tutoring for homeless students, as well as school supplies and other resources</p>	<p>Volunteers provide a minimum of one hour of one-on-one tutoring each week, which usually takes place in the afterschool/evening hours, although daytime and weekend volunteering is possible.</p>	<p>Preschool through 12th grade.</p>	<p>Volunteers meet with their student once per week and commit to volunteering for at least three months.</p>	<p>Volunteer tutoring typically takes place in the afterschool/evening hours. Daytime and weekend volunteering is possible</p>	<p>Volunteering takes place at various homeless shelters in Oakland and Berkeley.</p>	<p>www.calcep.org Erica Mohan info@calcep.org 510-903-1063</p>
<p><b>Community Reading Buddies (through Aspire Education Project)</b></p>	<p>Community Reading Buddies (CRB) pairs youth mentors with preschool children at Oakland and Berkeley Child Development Centers to work one-on-one on reading and related activities.</p>	<p>Middle and high school volunteers read and play with a preschool buddy for a total session time of two hours per day.</p>	<p>Preschool students</p>	<p>At least once a week for three weeks for Mentors; for Lead Mentors, at least once a week for eight weeks OR twice a week for four weeks.</p>		<p>Bella Vista CDC, Highland CDC, King CDC (in Berkeley)</p>	<p>Camille Peters, Program Director for CRB: crb@aspireeducation.org (510) 658-7500</p>

<p><b>Continued: Community Reading Buddies</b> (through Aspire Education Project)</p>	<p>The bonds formed between mentors and their young buddies serve not only to improve literacy in the East Bay but also to strengthen ties across the community.</p>	<p>Experienced Mentors may apply to become Lead Mentors, who instruct, observe, and evaluate fellow mentors, as well as helping to develop curriculum for the program. There may also be opportunities for a limited number of adult volunteers; contact the org. for more info.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>At least once a week for three weeks for Mentors; for Lead Mentors, at least once a week for eight weeks OR twice a week for four weeks.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Volunteers can learn more and sign up online: <a href="http://aspireeducation.org/programs/community-reading-buddies/">aspireeducation.org/programs/community-reading-buddies/</a></p>
<p><b>East Bay Children's Theatre</b></p>	<p>EBCT's mission is to promote the performing arts, in order to engage students, ignite their imagination, encourage basic literacy skills and highlight moral lessons of positive values and good social behavior.</p>	<p>Volunteers can participate as actors, crew members, front-of-house staff, and drivers. Members may also participate in fundraising, arts education advocacy, committee work, and other fun activities.</p>	<p>Other adult volunteers and staff.</p>	<p>Weekly time from Jan-April for actors and crew member. Actors commit to 6 weeks of morning rehearsals then 5-6 twice weekly morning performances at schools.</p>	<p>Rehearsals: Morning Tues/Thurs, alt. Weds Performances : Morning Tues/Thurs</p>	<p>Titile 1 Schools in the East Bay</p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:marionette@aol.com">marionette@aol.com</a> with the word "Volunteering" in the subject lin or call (510) 849-2986</p>

<p><b>Experience Corps Oakland</b></p>	<p>Experience Corps is an award winning intergenerational program which connects adults 55+ as tutors and mentors with local elementary school students.</p>	<p>There may also be opportunities for a limited number of adult volunteers; contact us for more</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 3rd grade students.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>During school</p>	<p>Cleveland Elementary; Emerson Elementary; Int'l Community School; Piedmont Avenue Elementary; Sankofa; Think College Now</p>	<p>www.experiencecorps bayarea.org Lauren Alpert, Recruitment &amp; Intake Coordinator: lalpert@aspiranet.org</p>
<p><b>Faith Network of the East Bay</b></p>	<p>Succeeding by Reading program seeks volunteer tutors for Excel Reading Clinics, serving 2nd and 3rd grade students who are struggling with basic reading skills. Clinics serve 150 students at 14 school sites; students are pre-tested to determine their strengths and starting places.</p>	<p>Join a team of volunteer tutors, working individually with one or two students, 1-2 hours during the school day, one day per week. <b>OR</b> join a team of volunteer library staff, checking out &amp; shelving books &amp; reading stories to classes of children, 2-4 hours one day per week</p>	<p>3rd through 5th grade students.</p>	<p>1-4 hours per week. Sporadic and event opportunities are also available.</p>	<p>During school</p>	<p>Clinics serve 250 students at 18 school sites. Please visit website for complete list.</p>	<p>www.faith-network.com Rebecca Buckley Associate Director 510-836-5100 rebecca@faith-network.com</p>
<p><b>Friends of Oakland Public School Libraries</b></p>	<p>Friends of the Oakland Public School Libraries are dedicated to putting books back in the hands of OUSD students, one library at a time.</p>	<p>Computer automation of collection, repairing and cleaning of books, decorating to make the library inviting to teachers and students.</p>	<p>NA - Elementary School Libraries</p>	<p>Flexible depending on volunteer availability.</p>	<p>During school</p>	<p>Brookfield, New Highland, Rise Communtiy, Bridges Academy,</p>	<p>www.FOPSL.org Kari Hatch, Volunteer Coordinator khatch.fopsl@gmail.com</p>

<p><b>Girls Inc. of Alameda County</b></p>	<p>GIRLStart is an elementary school literacy project that supports girls in achieving reading levels that meet expectation for grade level or above. GIRLStart also fosters a love of learning, increased self esteem and parent/guardian participation in their daughters early school success!</p>	<p>Volunteers role model a love of reading and writing by participating in the delivery of the after-school program once per week. Many volunteers also contribute their own skills in the arts and sports. Please visit <a href="http://www.girlsinc-alameda.org/get-involved">www.girlsinc-alameda.org/get-involved</a> for full list of volunteer opportunities with Girls Inc!</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 3rd grade GIRLS.</p>	<p>2-4 hours, one day per week</p>	<p>After school</p>	<p>Millsmont, Community United, Parker and Think College Now, and International Community Schools</p>	<p><a href="http://www.girlsinc-alameda.org/get-involved">www.girlsinc-alameda.org/get-involved</a></p> <p>Nicki Guard, Volunteer Manager:</p> <p>510-357-5515 x220</p> <p><a href="mailto:nguard@girlsinc-alameda.org">nguard@girlsinc-alameda.org</a></p>
<p><b>Harbor House</b></p>	<p>Harbor House offers after-school programs for youth in Oakland ranging from elementary to junior high school. In order to respond to the needs of youth in our community with flexibility, love, and discipline, our programs are based on a family model — one that works, plays, prays, and eats together.</p>	<p>Youth Program volunteers primarily help with tutoring/homework help. We are also recruiting for the Excel Reading Clinic which is a Wednesday afternoon commitment for a year, volunteers are paired with a student for the year, and must attend a training.</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 8th grade students</p>	<p>Flexible, but at least once a week 3:45 - 5 pm, during the school year</p>	<p>After shool</p>	<p>Harbor House, 1811 11th Ave., Oakland</p>	<p>Bronwyn Harris, Director of Education for Harbor House:</p> <p>510-589-3786</p> <p><a href="mailto:bronwynh@hhministries.org">bronwynh@hhministries.org</a></p>

<p><b>Continued: Harbor House</b></p>	<p>Participants in our after-school programs make up the younger brothers and sisters in our family, who are guided, assisted, and encouraged by our older high school interns and Harbor House staff and volunteers.</p>	<p>Club leaders is another opportunity - a three month commitment for Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 - 3:00 pm.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See above</p>
<p><b>Jewish Coalition for Literacy</b></p>	<p>The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) recruits and trains volunteers to become reading tutor/mentors in the Bay Area's under-resourced PUBLIC elementary schools. The goal is to encourage the love of reading and improve comprehension skills.</p>	<p>Tutors donate an hour a week to read aloud with a student and develop comprehension skills on a one to one basis in a public school or after school program.</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 3rd grade students.</p>	<p>1-2 hours per week throughout the school year. Vacations are permitted.</p>	<p>During and after school.</p>	<p>Burkhalter, Garfield, Greenleaf, Lafayette, Martin Luther King, New Highland Academy, Rise Community, and Sequoia elementary schools</p>	<p>www.jclread.org  Judy Pam-Bycel, JCL ProgramManager:  510 318-6474  jpbycel@jcrc.org</p>

<p><b>Jumpstart</b></p>	<p>Jumpstart is working toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. We do this by engaging college students in a year of service with preschoolers to help them build their language, literacy, and socio-emotional skills.</p>	<p>Volunteers are needed for community events, to assist in creating materials for the Jumpstart curriculum's implementation in the classroom, and for preschool beautification projects.</p>	<p>Preschool students</p>	<p>Weekly and event opportunities</p>	<p>During school</p>	<p>Head Start and Childhood Development Centers across Oakland.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jstart.org">www.jstart.org</a>  Catherine Aranda, Program Director for Northern California Region:  415.536.5867 ext.121  catherine.aranda@jstart.org</p>
<p><b>Oakland Unified School District</b></p>	<p>At a time when local and state education funding is in peril and public schools face severe budget reductions volunteers are needed more than ever. In just a few hours a week, school volunteers have tremendous power to make a difference in individual students' lives and in the overall progress of a classroom.</p>	<p>Volunteers can help out in Oakland schools in a variety of ways. Assist a teacher in the classroom, help out with recess or lunch duty, set up or serve meals at evening events, partner with the afterschool program. Contact your school or search the OUSD volunteer website to learn more!</p>	<p>Preschool through 12th grade students.</p>	<p>Flexible for volunteers to commit as much time as they have available — from one to two hours to several days a week.</p>	<p>Before, during and after school</p>	<p>All OUSD schools and preschools</p>	<p>Lauren Burwell, OUSD Volunteer Coordinator:  lauren.burwell@ousd.k12.ca.us  Israel Cisneros, OUSD Volunteer Coordinator:  israel.cisneros@ousd.k12.ca.us</p>



<b>OUSD Adult Education Family Literacy Program</b>	Work with OUSD Parents who need to improve their English speaking skills so they can better support their child's education.	Work in an adult classroom setting at an OUSD elementary or middle school under the direction of an Adult Education Family Literacy Instructor.	Adult Parents of OUSD Students	One morning a week during the school year.	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:00-11:30am.	Various OUSD School Sites	Before Applying email Joan Adams joan.adams234@gmail.com apply: <a href="http://ousdhs.ousd.k12.ca.us/page/10403">http://ousdhs.ousd.k12.ca.us/page/10403</a> (510) 336-7578
<b>Raising A Reader</b>	Raising A Reader (RAR) is a national nonprofit organization that has helped families successfully build and sustain literacy routines in their homes since 1999.	Volunteers are welcome to support: outreach at community events, literacy extension activity preparation and workshops. Volunteers interested in fund development or research projects are also welcome.	Children from birth to 6 years old, families, and early education providers	One-time, short-term, and ongoing commitments	Flexible depending on volunteer schedule.	Schools served: Head Start, Early Head Start, OUSD Pre-K, Transitional Kinder and Kinder classrooms	Jennifer Cabán Program Manager:  jennifer.caban@rarbayarea.org
<b>Reading Partners</b>	Reading Partners helps children become lifelong readers by empowering community volunteers to provide individualized one-on-one instruction with measurable results.	Volunteers commit to at least one hour a week to work one-on-one with a child who has fallen behind in reading. Volunteers are given a straightforward curriculum to follow and are supported by an on-site staff member.	Kindergarten through 5th grade students.	45 minutes per tutoring session once or twice per week.	During or after school on Monday - Thursday	Schools: Brookfield, Cox, Reach, Allendale, Berkeley Maynard, Think College Now, International Community, Learning Without Limits elementary schools	<a href="http://www.readingpartners.org">www.readingpartners.org</a>  Jennifer Mao, Volunteer Coordinator:  510--499-1417  jmao@readingpartners.org

<p><b>Second Start Adult Literacy Program / Families for Literacy</b> (through the Oakland Public Library)</p>	<p>Second Start is the free adult literacy program of the Oakland Public Library. We help adults who are conversational in English improve their basic reading and writing skills with tutoring, small classes, a computer lab and family program.</p>	<p>Volunteers tutor adult literacy students one-on-one after a free, comprehensive training. Some volunteers help at monthly family programs.</p>	<p>Anyone over age 16 who is conversational in English and not in high school full-time</p>	<p>We ask that volunteers be available to tutor once or twice a week, for an hour to two hours each session. Volunteers are requested to make a 6-month commitment.</p>	<p>Tutors and students meet at libraries all over Oakland at times that are convenient for both the student and the tutor.</p>	<p>Oakland Public Libraries</p>	<p><a href="http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/services/secondstart/index.html">www.oaklandlibrary.org/services/secondstart/index.html</a> Ann Daniels, Coordinator: <a href="mailto:adaniels@oaklandlibrary.org">adaniels@oaklandlibrary.org</a></p>
<p><b>Super Stars Literacy</b></p>	<p>Super Stars Literacy is an after school program that works with children who exhibit significant delays in reading acquisition or reading skills development. Super Stars is also committed to the social-emotional development of our students.</p>	<p>Super Stars volunteers work directly with K-2nd grade students one-on-one or in small groups to help facilitate literacy activities and provide reading or writing assistance as needed. One-time field trip/special event volunteers are also needed.</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 2nd grade students.</p>	<p>For afterschool tutors the commitment is a minimum of one hour per week, for a min. of ten consecutive weeks.</p>	<p>After school for volunteer tutors. Weekends or evenings for event volunteers.</p>	<p>Think College Now, Brookfield Elementary, REACH Academy, Garfield Elementary, plus other schools in Hayward.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.superstarsliteracy.org">www.superstarsliteracy.org</a> Lilly Smith, Volunteer Coordinator: 510-777-0870 <a href="mailto:volunteer@superstarsliteracy.org">volunteer@superstarsliteracy.org</a></p>

<b>Temple Sinai People of the Book Literacy Project</b>	<p>Temple Sinai's People of the Book Literacy Project was founded in the spring of 1998 with the mission of helping Oakland's schoolchildren learn to love reading and books.</p>	<p>More than 30 tutors meet with over 70 students each week throughout the school year. Library volunteers help in the schools by processing and shelving donated books.</p>	<p>Kindergarten through 5th grade students.</p>	<p>Weekly</p>	<p>During and after school</p>	<p>Greenleaf School, International Community School, Sankofa Academy, and Think College Now.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.oaklandsinai.org">www.oaklandsinai.org</a></p> <p>Judy Zollman: 510 653-9112 Readerjz@aol.com</p>
<b>WriterCoach Connection</b> (through Community Alliance for Learning)	<p>WriterCoach Connection (WCC), a program of Community Alliance for Learning, provides one-on-one writing support to students in Oakland's public secondary schools. To help students develop writing and critical thinking skills, WCC brings teams of trained volunteer writing coaches to English classes to work with students on their writing assignments throughout the school year.</p>	<p>Volunteers make a commitment of 1-2 hours per week during the school day, and meet with students 2-4 weeks per month. WCC's in-depth volunteer trainings provide strategies to help students at different levels of skills and at different stages of the writing process on a variety of types of assignments.</p>	<p>Middle school and high school students, ages 13-18.</p>	<p>Volunteers make a commitment to coach one class period (one to two hours) during the school day, and coach for two to four weeks per month during the school year.</p>	<p>During school</p>	<p>Fremont High</p>	<p>Lynn Mueller, Associate Director 510-524-2319 info@writercoachconnection.org</p> <p>Volunteers can learn more and register at our website: <a href="http://www.writercoachconnection.org">www.writercoachconnection.org</a></p>