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Reading Buddy Program Pairs Teens, Kids and Books

The Daniel Boone Branch of the St. Louis County Library will launch a new monthly program called Reading Buddies on March 24 at 4:30 p.m. at 300 Clarkson Rd. Reading Buddies is a volunteer-based program for teens to serve as Big Buddies, mentoring a younger child. Little Buddies will range in age from 3 to 6 years old. Big Buddies will share books and engage in activities with their Little Buddy, promoting a positive library experience and building literacy skills. Reading Buddies is an opportunity for local teens to give back to their community and serve as role models for emerging readers. Training and orientation will be provided for teen volunteers. As an added incentive, teens may apply their time spent in the program toward community service hours. Enthusiastic members of the Daniel Boone Teen Advisory Group have already signed up to participate in the program. Reading Buddies is a natural extension of SLCL's ongoing efforts to engage teens and build the next generation of readers. To volunteer for the program or for more information please call 636-227-9630.

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Contact St. Louis County Library by phone 314-994-3300, (TDD\TTY) 314-994-9255 or visit www.slcl.org.

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