Port Moody Public Library Reading Buddies Program

Program Description:

Reading buddies ages 14 and up, are interviewed for the position and selected based on merit. They are then given thorough training before starting the program. The teen buddies are matched with “little buddies” in grades 2 to 4. Each teen buddy works with 2 little buddies for 45 minutes each. Once a week, the buddies met at the library, where they select books to read out loud. The teenagers acted as mentors to encourage practice reading and the enjoyment of books. The teenagers helped the little buddies with hard words or took turns reading. They also played games such as letter bingo to help the buddies with recognizing letters and sounds, or games such as the Literacy ABC that helped with thinking skills. The teenagers rewarded good reading with stickers and prizes. At the end of the program, the teens help organize and host a small party.