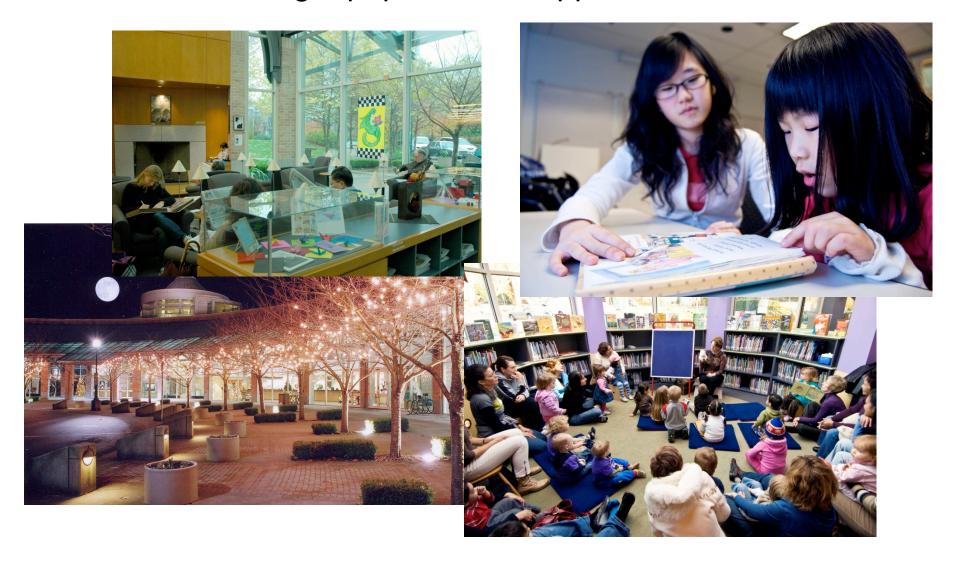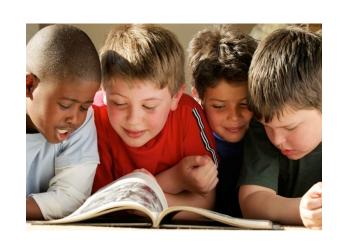# Port Moody Public Library
serving a population of approx. 28,000

Port Moody Public Library
Reading Buddies Program

programming for school aged kids??

programming for teens??

Develop and promote the program

- Start small
- Borrow from others
- Advertise at the high school

The Basics

Every Session

- 45 minutes one-on-one
- teens get two buddies each
- 25 minutes reading
- 20 minutes literacy games

First Session

- "My buddy" sheet (ice breaker)
- test their reading
- read a fun book…then get started!!

Interviewing and Preparing the Teens
Application, Interview, Training, Criminal Records Check, etc. etc.

A thorough process!!

Reading and Playing Games

Stickers and Prizes

Certificates and Reference Letters on Completion

Costs

Preparation for the program (ongoing)

- 9 hrs x $30/hr
- Total hours (prep): = $270

Running the program

- 2 hrs/week supervision x 8 weeks x $30/hr
- Total hours (supervision) = $480
- **Staff Costs Total:** $750

Equipment and supplies

- $190

Total Cost: $940

What Would I Keep?

- formality/thoroughness
- prizes and fun
- bonding between teens & kids

Stickers!

Ideas to Reduce Staff Time/Costs

- train teens to be hosts

- reduce # of teens/little buddies

- make your own games

- get sponsors for games/prizes/food

Hanging out when the little kids don't show up

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