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