



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Volunteer Interest:

Please indicate the volunteer position in which you are interested. Select all that apply.

Book Bridges Workshop Facilitator

In this role, you will have the opportunity to empower parents (and other family members) who are incarcerated and separated from their child(ren) to connect to the child in a positive manner through workshops. By volunteering with us inside correctional facilities, you will guide the workshop and video record the participants reading a storybook for their child(ren). The recording is sent home in a link and the same book is mailed via USPS. By watching their parents read aloud to them, healthy parent-child interactions are provided at a time when this may be impossible for these children in any other way.

First Teachers Program Ambassador

Our First Teachers program is designed to empower and encourage parents as their child's first and most important teacher through reading aloud together. This simple, yet powerful, routine prompts conversations in the home, instills a love for books and interest in reading for the child, and lays the foundation for future learning. To facilitate family closeness through reading together, we have two main events that volunteers can support: 1) Parent Workshops and 2) Family Story Hours.

In-Office Volunteering at Liberty Station

Join us in the Reading Legacies office to help prepare materials that bring the joy of reading to children and families! Tasks may include sorting and organizing books, labeling supplies, assembling program kits, and other light office projects that support our mission. This is a great opportunity for individuals or small groups who enjoy hands-on work and want to make a tangible impact behind the scenes.

Disclosure Regarding Volunteer Eligibility Requirements:

Please be advised that certain volunteer positions may require a criminal background check, fingerprinting, or additional clearances as mandated by applicable laws, regulations, or institutional policies. By submitting this application, you acknowledge that, if selected for a role requiring such screenings, your participation as a volunteer is contingent upon the successful completion and approval of all required background and clearance processes.

Application Submission:

Mail: Reading Legacies 2750 Historic Decatur Rd., Suite 210 San Diego, CA 92106

Email: info@readinglegacies.org

Reading Legacies Code of Ethics

READING LEGACIES employees, consultants, volunteers, Board Members, or elected officers committed to its mission, follow this Code of Ethics approved by the Board of Trustees:

1. Make a good faith effort to follow and comply with Reading Legacies policies.
2. Be respectful, professional, and courteous in all interactions in the course of service for Reading Legacies.
3. Speak positively about Reading Legacies and strive to avoid any action or communication that may embarrass or disparage Reading Legacies.
4. Do not, directly or indirectly, use or disclose proprietary or confidential information about Reading Legacies, its services, its customers, its donors, or its methods of doing business except in the course of business for the organization and only with advance permission from the organization.

Volunteer Acknowledgement, Consent and Release of Reading Legacies from Liability

Terms and Conditions

1. I have completed and reviewed this entire form and attest that the information provided is true.
2. I am volunteering my time for personal reasons and expect no compensation or payment for my services.
3. I hereby acknowledge that volunteer activities may involve risk of injury or harm and that I am willing to assume this risk.
4. I understand that I may decline any volunteer role or position at any point if I feel my health or well-being may be jeopardized.
5. I make a commitment that I will let Reading Legacies staff know if I have a preexisting condition that should preclude my involvement in any activity that may further cause injury or aggravate any condition.
6. In consideration of my being accepted as a volunteer, I hereby voluntarily and knowingly release, waive, and discharge Reading Legacies, their Board of Trustees, employees and volunteers from any and all liability that may result from my participation in volunteer activities for the organization.
7. Reading Legacies requests and expects that volunteers represent the mission and purpose of Reading Legacies, rather than incorporating any other agenda or purpose to their volunteer time in our programs. To that end, we ask that volunteers offer no legal advice, counseling, or psychological assistance to detainees. Volunteers are also not allowed to use the Reading Legacies workshop as a platform to invite or recruit detainees or beneficiaries to their place of worship, business, or other organizations.
8. I hereby authorize Reading Legacies staff to act on my behalf in accordance with their best judgment in case of an emergency and agree to assume full responsibility for all medical expenses that may arise there from.
9. By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand its contents and disclosures, and that I agree with its terms, conditions, and statements listed within.
11. I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize Reading Legacies and any person or any entity associated with Reading Legacies the royalty-free, irrevocable right to use THE MATERIALS for social media and online activities.
12. I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Reading Legacies, a California nonprofit corporation, to receive, take and/or have taken photographs or videos depicting me, either alone or in a group, recordings of my voice, and written statements or testimonials ("THE MATERIAL"). Moreover, I hereby give Reading Legacies and any person or entity associated with Reading Legacies the royalty-free, irrevocable right to use, reproduce, adapt, display, and/or distribute copies of THE MATERIAL.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Sign or type your name here

If applicant is under the age of 18, please complete the following section:

Parent or Guardian Name:	Date of Birth:
Parent or Guardian Signature:	Date:

Thank You!