

# Reading Rocks Junior

## Literacy Volunteer Description

<b>Purpose:</b>	The position of <i>Reading Rocks Jr.</i> literacy volunteer supports the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region's literacy program for young children aged four to six who are at-risk for reading disabilities. This literacy program is designed to motivate and help children gain confidence and academic success in reading and writing.
<b>Job Title:</b>	Literacy Volunteer
<b>Location:</b>	The Reading Rocks Junior Program is conducted in local school classrooms in Niagara Falls.
<b>Key Responsibilities:</b>	<p>The Reading Rocks Tutor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Works with children who struggle with literacy skills to provide assistance in areas of literacy; phonics, sight words, and printing.</li><li>(2) Works with support staff to develop an individualized literacy program to meet the child's individual needs;</li><li>(3) Works with a group of children in an assigned literacy station: phonics, sight words, or writing;</li><li>(4) Develops a unique work station where the student's successes are emphasized;</li><li>(5) Provides a positive learning environment to invoke self-motivation as they develop phonological awareness and processing skills;</li><li>(6) Provide regular positive feedback on the student's progress to instill self-motivation and self-confidence in their academic development;</li><li>(7) Help facilitators complete session reports and observation notes after each session to track progress;</li><li>(8) Assist the Program facilitators if need be.</li></ol>
<b>Reports to:</b>	Project Coordinator
<b>Length of Appointment:</b>	The Reading Rocks Jr. volunteer will serve for 6-weeks starting February 27 <sup>th</sup> to April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2012. The tutor is eligible to continue for other sessions with approval from the Project Coordinator.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	The Reading Rocks Jr. volunteer position requires a minimum commitment of two hours per week, for each week that the program is in session. In addition, each volunteer must attend a two-hour orientation/training during the week prior to program beginning. The program is held from 6-7p.m. each Monday and Wednesday for six weeks.
<b>Mandatory Activities:</b>	<p>Attend meetings as necessary</p> <p>Attend training sessions at LDANR office.</p> <p>Responsible for transportation to and from volunteer locations</p> <p>Must fill out time sheets.</p>
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<p>Eligible candidates for the Reading Rocks Jr. literacy volunteer position include individuals over 17 years of age who have earned their secondary diploma and pass a criminal check.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Aid/CPR is an asset</li><li>• Previous experience working with individuals with Learning Disabilities is an asset</li><li>• Drivers License is an asset</li></ul>

**Skills:**

Participants should demonstrate:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Must be reliable, creative, organized, and self-motivated.
- Able to meet deadlines within a specified timeframe.
- Must be patient.

**Benefits:**

Will develop skills related to the association

- Understanding the functions and roles of LDANR
- Identifying and utilizing community resources
- Gaining understanding of the issues and needs of the client
- Increased knowledge of Learning Disabilities and AD(H)D

**Support Provided:** Training for this position will be provided at the orientation sessions. In addition, a program facilitator will be on the premises at all times to assist you as needed; as well the Project Coordinator is available on an ongoing basis to answer questions and provide other assistance as needed. Volunteers will have full access to our resource library/center for resources, tools, games, and books that would be useful for tutoring sessions.

*Please complete volunteer intake form online at [www.ldaniagara.org](http://www.ldaniagara.org) by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.*