

Story Pals Volunteer

Role Overview: Story Pals is a program that focuses on helping children who are identified as struggling with language skills in school. This program creates an atmosphere to help create the best learning environment for children, putting them in one on one situations to help learn through the dialogic reading method. Our Story Pals volunteers will be onsite at one of three locations in Story County in the morning or afternoon. Volunteers are expected to closely follow lesson guides during their session with students and promote environments of creativity, fun, and safety. All volunteers are expected to attend sessions twice a week for 8+ weeks.

Key Responsibilities:

- Use Dialogic Reading methods with children to using fun conversations before, during, and after the story to help them build social and emotional skills
- Follow the Story Pals guide to make sure students get the best experience and learn as much as possible
- Use simple classroom strategies to keep students focused and help them manage their behavior
- Encourage reading and literacy engagement through reading and conversation
- Complete basic forms like student surveys, observation sheets, and attendance sheets to track student progress
- Other duties as assigned

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- English language comprehension
- Effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills
- Ability to problem solve
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work effectively with a team
- Effective interpersonal relationship building skills

Requirements:

- Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older
- Volunteers must pass a background check
- No previous training is needed