



## Lions Club of Merrickville Reading Den

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# Lions Club of Merrickville 2026 Reading Den Information Sheet (Application on the reverse)

Literacy is one of the most important skills for success in school and life; however, learning to read can be difficult for some children for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, a little extra help can make a big difference.

The Lions Club of Merrickville, in partnership with the Merrickville Public Library and professional educators, will offer a literacy program this summer. The Lions 2026 Reading Den is an English-language reading program for at-risk students entering Grades 2 or 3 this fall.

The program will be delivered by highly experienced, certified teachers using evidence-based programs and special activities. The number of students will be limited to 12. The program will run **weekday mornings for 3 weeks from July 6 to July 24** at the Merrickville Public Library. There is no cost to participate, and a healthy mid-morning snack will be provided.

If you are a parent or guardian of an at-risk student who will be going into Grade 2 or 3 and who is well-suited for a structured, small group learning environment, and can commit to attending the full three-week literacy program, our program may be ideal for your child.

Please see the reverse for the application form. **Complete and return the application form by June 19** as described on the form. All applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis based on program suitability.

You will be notified by June 21 if your child has been selected, after which we will contact you to arrange for a suitable time for an intake reading assessment and program orientation. Our educators may contact you for additional information.

Please note that parents or guardians are responsible for all transportation. In addition, if your child must leave the program early for the day for whatever reason, a parent or guardian must be available to pick up the student without delay.

If you have any questions, please contact the Merrickville Public Library in person, by phone at 613-269-3326, or by email at [merrickville\\_library@bellnet.ca](mailto:merrickville_library@bellnet.ca).

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## 2026 Reading Den

### Application Form

Thank you for applying to have your child learn with us during our 2026 Reading Den literacy program. All applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis and for program suitability.

**Applications will be accepted until day-end June 19.** Successful applicants will be notified by June 21. Our educators may contact you for additional information.

Please check the boxes on the following checklist.

My child

- has difficulty grasping reading skills
- does not have significant behavioral challenges
- commits to the entire three-week program running from **July 6 to July 24**
- has transportation to and from the program
- will attend an intake assessment and orientation with our educators prior to starting the program

To help us gauge whether our reading program is right for your child, please share with our educational team any reading assessments you may have, particularly their Acadience Reading score from school.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade as of September 2026 intake: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed application and any supporting documents by **June 19**. You can email them to [merrickville\\_library@bellnet.ca](mailto:merrickville_library@bellnet.ca) or drop them off at the Merrickville Public Library front desk. **Clear** photographs are acceptable for electronic files.

Your application data will not be shared outside of the program.