

SUMMER PROGRAM INTERN 2025 Job Description

BASIC FUNCTION

The Summer Program Intern is responsible for assisting with the implementation and management of AR Kids Read's (AKR) summer program, Literacy Playground. The Literacy Playground is an engaging, dynamic and camp-themed literacy program designed to reduce summer slide and help students close grade-level reading gaps. The classes will include valuable foundational literacy skill building and reading and writing practice as well as activities that promote social emotional learning and engagement skills. The primary job for the Summer Program Intern is to support the Literacy Playground teacher and work collaboratively with site staff and volunteers to create and sustain a cheerful, respectful and supportive environment for students. Strong applicants will be energetic, creative, and self-motivated. The program sites will be in Central and Southeast Arkansas.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The intern will report to the Site Teacher

POTENTIAL PRIMARY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE

- Commitment of approximately 15 hours per week for 7 weeks, plus onboarding and debriefing,
- Attend and participate in orientation, meetings, and debriefing sessions,
- Assist Literacy Playground Teacher to create a cheerful, safe environment for students,
- Serve as a substitute for the teacher,
- Administer student pre and post assessments,
- Track student attendance and assist with student registration, and
- Assist with end of summer celebration.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to take initiative, employ good judgment, and manage projects from beginning to end,
- Strong communication and technology skills,
- Ability to multitask and manage details,
- Ability to meet deadlines and to anticipate next steps or needs,
- Work effectively both independently and as part of a team,
- Must pass drug test and submit to background checks, including child maltreatment,
- Access to reliable transportation to travel between two program sites,
- Currently enrolled in a bachelor's degree program (or hold a bachelor's degree) or equivalent work experience, education major strongly preferred.

BENEFITS

- Résumé-building experience in program management, program evaluation, and aspects of community relations
- Opportunity to learn about the work of nonprofits and their impact on communities
- Opportunity to build your network
- Class credit and/or internship credit (if applicable)
- Stipend of \$1,750 to be paid in full upon completion of Summer 2025 Program

Note: Dates are tentative, pending snow day makeup sessions at schools.

- May 17 (tentative) Training Session
- Week of June 2 Pre-assessment and teacher and intern onboarding
- Week of June 9 week of July 21 Literacy Playground classes Monday Thursday with prep and team meeting hours on Friday
- Week of July 28 Post-assessments

TO APPLY

Email resume, letter of interest, and two references to mbarger@arkidsread.org. In the subject line, reference Literacy Intern and indicate your preferred region (Central or Southeast Arkansas).

Note: When program sites are selected, candidates will be notified of exact locations within the preferred county.

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