

# READING ROCKS

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**Reading Rocks** is a reading program offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Halton-Hamilton in partnership with the *Research Institute for Learning Differences (RILD)*.



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*The right to learn, the power to achieve*

## ● ● ● Program Focus

Reading Rocks is an 8-week literacy program for children and youth ages 6- 12 years old who require support with their literacy skills. Through this effective instructional program, children are paired together and matched up with a trained volunteer tutor who will adapt a workstation and literacy program according to the specific needs of both children in their grouping. Based on research, the program focuses on the essential literacy concepts of phonics, sight words, and fluency. The volunteer tutors will develop and implement engaging, hands-on literacy activities to address these areas.

## ● ● ● Program Breakdown

### **Phonics:**

Children will work on developing their phonemic awareness (i.e. word blending and segmenting).

### **Sight Words:**

Children will work on expanding their sight word vocabulary through the use of hands-on games and activities.

### **Fluency:**

During this time, children will learn about fluency and how to track it. The fluency block will consist of a combination of activities to improve each child's fluency. Children will read timed passages and be given the opportunity to discuss the words and sections causing them difficulty.

### **Self -Regulation:**

Children will have the opportunity at the end of every instructional block to graph their success. They will track their sight words, fluency, phonics, concepts, and set future goals. This allows them to see their progress and motivates them towards accomplishing their goals.



**PROGRAM RUNS TWICE A WEEK  
FOR 1 HOUR, FOR 8 WEEKS  
(16 SESSIONS IN TOTAL)**

**STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES**

## **APPLICATION IS REQUIRED**

### **To Apply:**

Visit Reading Rocks page at [www.LDAH.H.ca](http://www.LDAH.H.ca) to obtain a  
**Program Application Form**

**For any questions, email: [readingrocks@ldahalton.ca](mailto:readingrocks@ldahalton.ca)**

Program Runs in Burlington, Oakville,  
Milton and Hamilton  
Locations, days & times subject to change  
based on room and volunteer availability

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DONORS, FAMILIES AND MEMBERS, THERE IS NO  
FEE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM**