

Dear friend,

My name is Hannah, and I love to write letters! Here's a little bit about me: I like rainbows, hippos, and flowers, but I don't like cars very much. It's okay if you do, though. We're all different and that's great! But my favourite thing is writing letters. I just need some friends to write letters to! If you would like to be my pen pal, please write me a letter back! For your first letter, I would like to know three of your favourite things, and one thing you do not like.

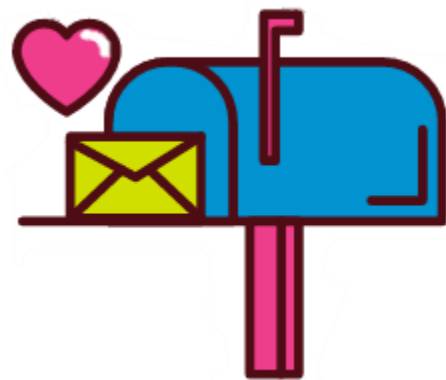
You can drop off your letter in our special Library Pen Pals mailbox at any of our KPL locations (be sure to add one of our special sticker stamps!), and I'll be sure to write back to you as soon as possible.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Your friend,

Hannah

PS: please write back!



Dear parent or guardian,

Writing is an important pillar in your child’s early literacy, but it can be challenging to come up with fun activities at home to practice with your child. Library Pen Pals is an opportunity to engage with your **Grade One** child in independent writing while also introducing them to the joy of sending and receiving letters to friends.

If you’re interested in participating in this program, here’s what to do:

- Encourage your child to write a response to the introductory letter on the other side of this form. This is a great opportunity to practice both penmanship and sentence structure!
- Fill out the form on the bottom of this letter with your child’s name & mailing address, and include it with your letter.
- Drop it off at any KPL location. Be sure to ask for one of our special stamps for your letter before you put it in the Library Pen Pals mailbox!
- In 2-4 weeks you will receive a response letter in the mail, including a new prompt for your next letter and some fun activities to do with your child.
- This back-and-forth exchange will last for five letters, after which your child will receive a certificate to celebrate their writing progress.

We will **not** use your information for anything other than the sending and receiving of letters to your child for the Library Pen Pals program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

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Child’s First and Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Home library (please check one)

- Central Country Hills Forest Heights Grand River Stanley Park Pioneer Park

I consent to the collection and use of this information solely for the purpose of the Library Pen Pals program. I confirm that my child is in Grade One.

Parent/Guardian name (printed)

Parent Guardian signature

Date _____

