

Who can Benefit from the Program?

We hope to encourage the love of reading in all children and with that hope this program has an impact on the children, whether their reading development improves, their self confidence is re-built, or they discover a love of reading. Reading with the Dogs is geared towards ages 6 - 13 years but case by case situations can be discussed. Not only do the children who participate in the program benefit, but so do the dog handler's and the dogs. This gives them the opportunity to give back to their community and make a difference in the life of a child.

How do I know the dogs are safe?

All dogs are registered, trained and certified. Testing has shown that each particular animal has the appropriate skill and temperament to do the job, the owner has demonstrated great responsibility and willingness to train and care for the animal.

Bradley Public Library

296 N Fulton Ave,
Bradley, IL 60915
815-932-6245

Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am-8pm
Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept. - May) 1 - 4pm
info@bradleylibrary.org
www.bradleylibrary.org



Exploration Station

459 N Kennedy Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
815-933-9905 ext. 2

Hours:

Mondays (April - August)
10am-5pm
Tues., Thurs. 10am-5:30pm
Wed, Fri, Sat. 10am-5pm
Sunday 1 - 5p
sarahw@btpd.org
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Reading with the Dogs



A cooperative program between the Exploration Station...a children's museum, The Bradley Public Library and the Schatzi Foundation.

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What is “Reading with the Dogs”?

The objective of this program is to provide a relaxed and dog friendly atmosphere, which



allows students to practice the skill of reading. Many children have difficulties reading; as a result they develop self-esteem issues. They are often self-conscious when reading aloud in front of other classmates. By sitting down next to a dog all threats of being judged are put aside.

Program Benefits:

- *the child is practicing the skill of reading
- *It Builds the child’s self-esteem
- *Reading is associated with something

All therapy dogs are certified through the Schatzi Foundation, are insured, trained and are all volunteers.

How does the program work?

Registration:

Children must be pre-registered for the program and can register at either the library or the Exploration Station depending on where they will be participating in the program. Parents will need to sign a waiver prior to the child’s participation.

Program:

Books will be available for the child to choose from. Each child will have 5-10 minutes to read with a dog. The handler and dog will be there to assist the child while reading. Parents and siblings will be directed to a waiting area while the child is reading, they will not be reading with the child.

Fees: This program is free although donations to help cover the costs of the program are greatly appreciated.

Children with allergies are discouraged from participating in the program.



Reading with the Dogs at the Bradley Public Library

The program will take place the 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:00pm. Children must be pre-registered, there will be a maximum of 30 children each evening. Each child will get approximately 5 - 10 minutes to read with a dog. Parents must accompany their child, but will be directed to a waiting area while the child is reading. There will be activities planned while the children are awaiting their turn to read.



Reading with the Dogs at the Exploration Station

The program will take place the 4th Saturday of the month, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Children must be pre-registered, there will be a maximum of 30 children each morning. Each child will get approximately 5 - 10 minutes to read with a dog. Parents must accompany their child, but will be directed to a waiting area while the child is reading. There will be time to explore the museum, while the child is awaiting their turn to read.