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Thursday, February 23rd from 2:00-3:00 pm

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- Of course they can't. But they can be great listeners. Their presence creates an inviting and motivating environment, one that's relaxed, comfortable, safe, empowering and fun!
- Animals are ideal reading companions because they help increase relaxation, listen attentively, do not judge, laugh or criticize, allow children to proceed at their own pace and are less intimidating than their peers.

Who can participate?

- This program is intended for newly independent and reluctant readers who need to practice their reading skills or anyone who loves books and dogs!

How does the program work?

- Children sign up for one 10 minute session of reading with a canine buddy.
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Who are the dogs?

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- The dogs are clean, in good health with regular veterinary visits and up-to-date vaccination records.
- They come in all shapes and sizes, real dogs with real personalities and real love to share.

What others say...

- “When children read to dogs, the experience is just magical, there’s no other way to describe it.”
- “When my son started reading to Buddy...I started to notice how excited he was about reading, how he talked about it and about the dog all the time, and how the excitement and interest carried over even when the dog wasn’t there.”

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