

# READ TO A THERAPY DOG AT DOGGONE GOOD READERS



**Saturdays, Feb.1, March 7, & April 4, 2020**

**10:15–10:45 a.m. OR 11–11:30 a.m.**

Community Room

GRADES 1-6

- Get to know lots of friendly dogs!
- Meet other kids who love dogs & books
- Practice reading in an exciting new way

Register for your preferred dates and times  
at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org) starting **Monday, Jan. 13.**

Children will attend each program independently  
and read to the dogs in small groups.

Questions? Please see Q&A on the back of this sheet or  
call (215) 885-5180, ext. 128.



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## Doggone Good Readers Q&A

### Why read to dogs?

Children who practice reading aloud to non-critical listeners, such as dogs, will feel more confident about their reading skills.

### What can we expect on the first day of the program?

Upon signing in your child will be assigned to a therapy dog. Two or three other children may be assigned to the same dog. During the 30-minute program, group members will take turns reading aloud.

### May parents sit in on the reading sessions?

While parents are welcome to greet the dogs after the programs are over, children will attend the reading sessions on their own. Exceptions may be made with permission from library staff. Parents are asked to pick up their children at the Community Room door at the end of the program.

### Should children bring their own books?

They can, if they like. We will also have a selection of library books to choose from.

### Where do the dogs come from?

Our specially trained dogs are registered with Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Therapy Dogs International, and other organizations. They are called “therapy dogs” because they are used to bring joy to people in nursing homes, schools and other settings. Therapy dogs are patient, gentle and people-loving.

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