

Paws ♥ For ♥ Love Library Dogs

In addition to visiting people in a variety of medical and living settings, our certified therapy dogs go into schools and other learning situations to provide emotional support to students.

The Library Dog calmly stays on his/her bed or blanket, keeping quiet while children take turns “reading” to him. This program is utilized by local public libraries and some schools to offer a non-threatening environment for the child that has difficulty reading. Dogs must be trained, of calm temperament, and able to be still for at least an hour. The dog also must not become overly stimulated by being petted by several children. When excited, the handler *must* be able to readily gain control and calm the dog. The dog’s leash is held at all times, and the dog never wanders around the facility.

Handlers do nothing during the visit, except ensure the dog isn’t accidentally being harmed by the children, and reminds the dog to remain calm and quiet. After the reading session, the handler may interact with the children and or parents.

This is an activity best suited to calmer, quiet dogs that love children, but any dog may become a Library Dog.

Think your dog qualifies as a Library Dog?? Does he have his CGC certificate? Have some free time to give? Contact **Paws For Love Therapy Dogs, Inc** to find out when the next Therapy Dog Workshop is being held.

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