



LaSalle Public Library

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: Donna Blomquist
LaSalle Public Library

DATE:

RE: Immediate Release

May Tail-Waggers Club at the LaSalle Library.

The LaSalle Public Library is inviting families to join in stories with the Library's "Reading Loving Therapy Dogs!" Our Reading Dog Teams will be at the Library on Thursday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 19th, at 4:00 p.m.

Kids choose a favorite short book or story and read aloud to a Reading Dog for about 5 minutes. The dogs love stories, and everyone is encouraged to read. For kids who are not yet reading independently, parents may read while the child holds the book and turns the pages. Both the audience and the dogs love the pictures, so even non-readers can hold up the book to show the illustrations to everyone! To help children feel confident in their reading, they should plan to read from a favorite familiar story. Choose a book from the Library or from home. Readers usually read more than once, depending on how many participants are at the Tail-Waggers event.

Kids love to read to the dogs because dogs love the stories, even when words have to be "worked out," are missed, or are misspoken. Dogs aren't judgmental – they don't correct, or interrupt; they simply, appreciate stories and readers!

For more information, please call the Library at 815-223-2341. The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette, LaSalle, IL and is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant and welcoming. If you wish to attend the event and have special needs because of a disability, please contact Donna Blomquist at 815-223-2341 to discuss arrangements.