Build reading skills with the help of a furry friend

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Learning to read can be ruff! Kids can improve their reading skills while sharing a book with a furry friend at the Pierce County Library System’s Read to a Dog events.

“Dogs are attentive and happy to interact with young readers,” said Pierce County Library’s Executive Director Georgia Lomax. “The sessions make kids feel comfortable and more confident in their reading abilities, and the dogs sure seem to like it, too!”

Upcoming events include:

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 4-5 p.m., University Place Pierce County Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100

Monday, Jan. 13 and Tuesday, Jan. 21, 4:30 p.m., Fife Pierce County Library, 6622 20th St. E.

Saturday, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15, 1-2 p.m., DuPont Pierce County Library, 1540 Wilmington Drive

All Read to a Dog canines are trained service dogs.

Find more resources to help kids achieve school success and develop a love of reading at www.piercecountylibrary.org/kids-teens.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed Pierce County Library System serves 603,000 people throughout Pierce County with 20 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and is funded primarily through property taxes. People may choose from 1.1 million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities or who are homebound, and to children in child care centers and schools. Pierce County Libraries are located at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County Library Administrative Center, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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