

WCHS
and
The West Bend
Community Memorial Library

Reading with Rover



Parent/Guardian
Information

WHAT IS READING WITH ROVER?

The Washington County Humane Society partners with the West Bend Community Memorial Library to offer this program to children: a weekly opportunity for kids, who can read independently, to practice reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. The dogs are a patient, non-judgmental listening ear for the kids to help them gain confidence and become better readers.

Volunteers from the Washington County Humane Society visit the library with their personal pet. Volunteers in this program must be registered WCHS volunteers and must have a certified therapy dog.

WHY DOES WCHS REQUIRE CERTIFICATION?

Certification is required to ensure the quality and safety of the visits for the facilities/individuals that WCHS partners with. The specific evaluation/observation therapy dogs receive also helps ensure the dog's comfort in the program.

Volunteers should have a WCHS nametag and proof of their certification with them at all times.

HOW DO I SIGN A CHILD UP FOR THE PROGRAM?

Please visit the West Bend Community Memorial Library website for information on how to sign up for the program. You can also visit the library in person to get more information and sign up! The library's website includes the following information:

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. In person on the clipboard in the children's area, near the Information Desk.
 2. Call the Information Desk at 262-335-5151 x 5246
 3. Email Hannah at hkane@westbendlibrary.org
- ***If you register via phone or email, a parent or guardian MUST sign the permission sheet before a child will be allowed to read with the dog.***

A link to the permission slip can be found on the library's website:

https://www.westbendlibrary.org/kids-educators/children_s_programs/

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