



Librarian Shannon with therapy dogs, Bentley and Colden, before the See Spot Read session on June 10, 2017

The Wendell Community Library

We spoke with Wendell Community Library Manager, Connie Harr and she told us what makes Wendell Library unique:

"Wendell Library is a lovely small-town library where many patrons can walk to the library for our programs and to check out books. People like how peaceful the library is and that they can receive personal customer service and enjoy our smaller sized children's programs. See Spot Read has a loyal following here."

When asked if the See Spot Read events are important, Connie replied:

"Having therapy dogs and their owners come to the library gives reluctant readers a reason to read aloud and work on their reading confidence! It also gives our community another wonderful reason to come and use the library."

What are the major benefits of children reading to certified therapy dogs?

According to Connie, "the chance to work on reading, and to see that adults (and dogs) esteem reading. Many children don't see their parents or older siblings read, and need this type of program to see reading as a wonderful thing! Plus, it is so fun."

Many volunteers note that they have "repeat visitors," families that return regularly to read with their canine companions. Have you heard or received feedback from parents about the read events?

"Many people consider Colden (one of the regular canine volunteers) as their personal friend! Relationships are built that make coming to the See Spot Read events comfortable and meaningful."

Can you offer any observations about the See Spot Read calendar volunteer teams?

"Over the past 10 years, every See Spot Read volunteer I have met has been of the highest quality. Their patience in working with the children, and their professional handling of the dogs is always very impressive. They amaze me."

MORE TO COME...

Each month we will speak to another librarian about the See Spot Read calendar events. If you would like to share your comments or experience, please [email](#) us or leave a video comment [here](#).

