



Library Spotlight

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Julie Hodge, Librarian at Middle Creek Community Library

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According to Deborah Davis, Manager at Middle Creek Community Library, the library is the newest Wake County Public Library. It opened on March 4, 2017 and their first See Spot Read Calendar event was April 8th. The regular canine volunteers, Divit and Holly, are the first therapy dogs to join the Middle Creek team.

"Divit and Holly are well-mannered, excellent listeners and are quickly building a loyal following.," *Deborah said.*

Julie Hodge, Librarian at Middle Creek Community Library answered a few questions about See Spot Read Calendar events at the library.

"See Spot Read Calendar combines two of my favorite things, reading and adorable, furry animals. I see the program as important because reading, like anything, takes practice and practicing isn't always fun for young readers. See Spot Read Calendar makes practicing those reading skills fun and enjoyable," said Julie.

Julie and her colleagues agree that the greatest benefit of See Spot Read Calendar is children reading to therapy dogs encourages children to read. The therapy dogs have a friendly, calming presence and give the children their fullest attention.

When asked what comments they have received from parents, Julie replied...

"I've had a couple parents tell the staff that they are so excited that we have our SSRC on Saturdays because it is easier to come to than on weekdays. One of the moms who has been here every time told me that her son will beg her to come because the dogs make him feel more relaxed when he is reading."

The See Spot Read Calendar volunteer teams interact really well with the kids, and a few bring stickers with their dog's name on them. The dogs are always well behaved, some even do tricks for the kids. Holly and her handler have been to every See Spot Read Calendar session, which shows their loyalty to the readers.

MORE TO COME...

We will continue spotlighting the libraries and talking 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](#).



Therapy Dog Volunteers, Divit and Holly