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Kids take 'paws' to read to dogs

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It's hard to tell who gets more out of the PAWS for Reading, the readers or the dogs.

I guess it depends on the story. Here are some reading tips: No, on "Old Yeller" (too sad) and Yes, for "Call of the Wild" (inspires adventure). As it turned out, any book read to a dog is appreciated by the listener.

Kids took turns recently reading to three dogs at the downtown Broken Arrow Library.

There are 15 libraries that participate in this program. In 2014, there were 23 handlers and dogs. Almost 2,000 kids read to dogs last year.

The readers got a free book through the Tulsa County Library Foundation Trust. The dogs got to go somewhere different and get attention.





Photos by John Ferguson



1. Emma Jacobs, 5, has got the attention of St. Bernard "Ab" while reading. 2. Patrick Herring, 6, reads to "Zack" 3. Ryoko Wisinger reads about wild animals to "Nala." 4. Kaysi Brown, 10, also read to "Nala."



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