

Adopt a School – A school/public library cooperative program.

Public library branches and departments ‘adopt’ and work closely with a school to increase student achievement by promoting books and reading.

- Every student has a public library card.
- Public library provides reading buddies to read with individual students once a week.
- Library collects and donates books to the school library, classrooms and students.
- Library participates in family events at the school – PTA meetings, open house, back-to-school night, fairs, and parent workshops.
- Public librarians attend a school staff meeting to promote library resources and services.
- Librarians offer storytelling programs and book talks for students.
- Library visits classes to promote library card signups, National Library Week; Children’s Book Week, and Summer Reading programs.
- Library visits the school’s after-school enrichment program.

At the public library we provide:

- Free tutors from the UNC Charlotte and the America Reads program; also space for tutors to work with kids.
- Storytimes and Ready-to-Learn programs that promote emergent literacy and pre-reading skills.
- Paws to Read program with trained and certified International Therapy dogs as ‘reading buddies.’
- Look it Up programs for parents and students on using the library’s online databases.