

# **The media center has... gone to the dogs!**

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# What is a therapy dog?

- A dog with an outstanding temperament
- A dog that tolerates other animals
- A dog that loves to visit people
- A dog that has been earned their “Canine Good Citizen” title by the AKC
- Brings happiness, calmness and joy to others!

## Use therapy dogs in classrooms and media centers as

- A springboard to character education.
- A springboard to a unit on Careers with dogs.
- Learning about the 600's in Dewey or fictional titles with dogs as a main character.
- Helping students practice their reading skills

**“Intelligence plus character...that  
is the goal of true education.”**

Rev. Martin Luther  
King, Jr.



# Character Education

- Caring
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Good Judgment

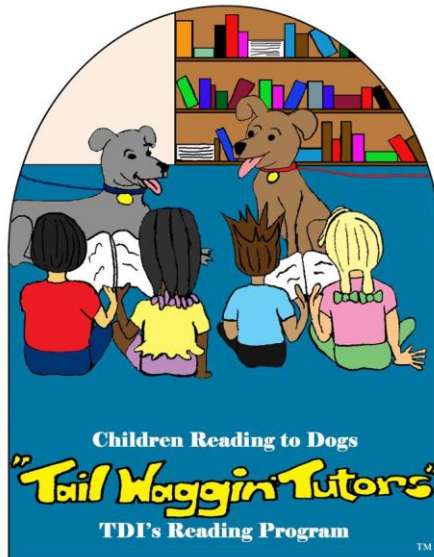


# “TAIL WAGGIN TUTORS”

- TDI Reading Program
- Libraries and schools schedule reading hours for students
- Children and dogs bond over reading a story
- Children’s confidence and reading skills grow

# Children Reading to Dogs

- <http://www.tdi-dog.org/Introduction.aspx?Page=Children+Reading+To+Dogs+Video>



# Read Across America Day

- “Carl” books





# READING TO EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



# Careers with Dogs...

- Groomer
- Trainer
- Dog Sitter
- Dog Walker
- Animal Control Officer
- Veterinarian

# Websites to explore for “Careers With Dogs.”

- American Kennel Club [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)
- National Dog Groomers Association  
[www.nationaldoggrommers.com](http://www.nationaldoggrommers.com)
- National Association of Professional Pet Sitters  
[www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org)
- National Animal Control Association  
[www.nacanet.org](http://www.nacanet.org)
- American Veterinary Medical Association  
[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)

# Integrating Character Education

- Frayer Model (graphic organizer)
- NCSCOS English Language Arts Competency Goals 1, 2 and 3
- Goal 1...Enabling strategies and skills to read and write
- Goal 2...Applying strategy and skills to comprehend text that is read
- Goal 3...Making connections through the use of language

## Fruyer Model

