

Reading Buddies SCITES school library across town, a third-grade boy is reading his favorite book to a dog named Theo. He is part of a program that began in Utah in 1999. Through this program, teams of dogs and their handlers were brought to schools and libraries to serve as reading companions for kids who were having trouble reading. The boy is petting the dog as he reads, and the dog has its paw on the boy's foot. Both seem relaxed and happy, but what is a dog doing in a school library? Since then, similar reading programs have popped up in every region of the United States.