

PAWSOME STORYTIME

Use storytime format of picture book read aloud to engage dogs and their owners. Included a post story craft.

Advance Planning: Chose books and gather supplies for craft activity.

Marketing: in-house and on Social media.

Staff needed: 1-2

Space needed: any room or space.

Event Activities: Building cardboard structures for cats.

Timeframe: .5-1 hour

Materials: dog related picture books, craft supplies.

Attendance: 8-24 dependent on space used.

Cost: \$0-\$30 for purchase of craft supplies.

Advice from our experience:

- Use some of the same props as standard storytime.
Carpet squares should be thoroughly cleaned after.
- Avoid food or messy crafts. Guests may not have an extra set of hands and need to focus on their dog.
- Space out seating.
- If the space has a door to close allow for off leash if pet parent feels comfortable doing so.

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FOR ADULTS AND THEIR PUPPERS!

SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER PET PARENTS WHILE YOUR PUPS ENJOY DOG-RELATED STORIES. MAKE A DOG TOY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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BECOMING A PET FRIENDLY LIBRARY

Engage all staff in the conversation, let local officials and your public know ahead of the change and get legal advice on applicable ordinances. Trust pet parents to know what is best for their pets and be respectful of your space. Have a policy and put it in writing. Start small and ease into the choice. Do what works for your library.

PROS

- Reduces anxiety and stress and can promote positive mental health.
- Reduces incidents of animals left in cars
- Has positive response from community
- Problem patrons become less problematic
- Cuts down on absenteeism of employees

CONS

- Liability from
 - Property damage
 - Bites
 - Accidents
 - Personal injury
- Allergies
- Phobias
- Standing Policies or Rules

Partial solution: Some people are allergic or have a phobia of animals. Be ready to ask the customer with a pet to come back at a later time when issues are brought to your attention.

Further Reading:

<https://www.uschamber.com/co/run/human-resources/allowing-pets-at-work-pros-and-cons>

<https://www.business.com/articles/pets-in-the-workplace-is-it-a-good-or-bad-idea/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7824880/>

<https://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/facts-statistics-pet-ownership-and-insurance>

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/01492063231191090?journalCode=joma>

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<https://hbr.org/2023/11/research-the-benefits-of-a-pet-friendly-workplace>

Pflugerville Public Library Policies (Pet policy section 5.2)

<https://library.pflugervilletx.gov/my-library/about-the-library/policies>

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