

Community Activities

TALES of JOY R.E.A.D.® program volunteers are active in our community as well:

Loma Colorado Library

755 Loma Colorado Drive NE

Rio Rancho, NM 87124

2nd Saturday of the month

11am—1pm

(505) 891-5013 x 3032

Esther Bone Memorial Library

950 Pinetree Road SE

Rio Rancho, NM 87124

3rd Saturday of the month

10am—12 noon

(505) 891-5012 x 3131

Other events:

Bark in the Park

Child/dog safety programs

Local book stores

Local nursing home visits



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Reading Has Gone To
The DOGS!!!



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What is TALES of JOY R.E.A.D.® Program?

The TALES of JOY R.E.A.D.® Program is a group of volunteer handlers and their dogs who supply reading intervention/tutoring to teacher-selected students within Rio Rancho Public Schools.



We are an Associate Program with Inter-mountain Therapy Animals, who founded R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) in 1999.

In January 2006, we began with our pilot program and have grown each year since.

Students read aloud to “their” R.E.A.D. dog on a weekly basis. In doing so, they improve their reading skills, communication, social skills, and develop a love of reading!

Reading becomes a JOY!

Why Read to a Dog?

Dogs are the ideal reading companion . . .

- ◆ The presence of the dog lowers blood pressure
- ◆ A feeling of relaxation increases
- ◆ Dogs listen attentively
- ◆ Dogs do not criticize, laugh or judge



- ◆ Children proceed at their own pace
- ◆ Dogs are less intimidating than peers

When a TALES of JOY R.E.A.D.® dog is listening, the student becomes an active participant in reading . . . What once was a source of anxiety and dread becomes a source of accomplishment and pride. Learning occurs and reading becomes fun!

Special Dogs . . .

TALES of JOY R.E.A.D.® Program dogs and handlers undergo several hours of training. All dogs are registered therapy animals that have been trained and tested for health, safety, appropriate skills and temperament.

What Teachers have to say . . .

“ . . . Huge changes. All scores went up!”

“Each of the two students increased their reading scores by one or more grade level this year.”

“ . . . Have seen noticeable growth in the student’s reading skills; word knowledge, word retention and ease of reading.”

“ . . . Greater self-confidence, more outspoken, eager to try new books!”

“The dogs are very therapeutic for our students as well as the office and school staff!”

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