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Books and Barks Sets Kids Up For Reading Success

PALMDALE – The highly popular “Books and Barks” program, in which kids are encouraged to read to friendly dogs, returns to the Palmdale City Library, located at 700 E. Palmdale Blvd., on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 3:30 to 5 pm.

“Kids need to feel confident as they practice their reading,” said Library Associate Shay Hawken. “Therapy dogs provide an environment where reading skills can thrive!”

This event is sponsored by the High Desert Obedience Club. “Books and Barks” is designed to encourage kids to develop their reading skills. Kids of all ages can read stories to friendly, lovable dogs, without fear of being judged on their reading ability. This event is free, and no registration is required.

The Palmdale City Library is open seven days a week. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.

For more information, please call the Palmdale City Library at 661/267-5600 or TDD 267-5167, or visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/library](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/library).

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