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Army Libraries urge families to gallop, crawl, slither, or fly to the library for *Paws to Read!*

Army Libraries launch their *Paws to Read!* Summer Reading Programs in June. During the next two months, the libraries will host a range of free activities for children, teens, and adults that encourage and support a love of reading. Participants also can win prizes for reaching their reading goals.

"We've planned a wonderful program for kids to make the library a great place to 'paws' and discover what's available for their enjoyment," said Carla Pomager, Acting Chief of the MWR Library Program. "We urge families to visit their MWR Library and sign up now for the Paws to Read! Summer Reading Program."

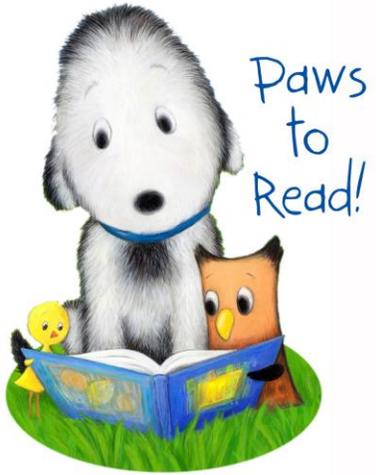
Themed events include demonstrations with military working dogs, puppet shows and an array of craft opportunities. Kids will be excited with cool prizes such as cow poppers, water bottles, frisbees and book bags.

There's also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents summer reading loss. "Reading gets better with practice, and we at Bruce C. Clarke Library are committed to supporting lifelong learning and educational enrichment for all of our Military Families," said Erin Haley, Children's Library Technician at Fort Leonard Wood. "So why not have a bit of fun while you're at it, and join us while we celebrate a summer of Paws to Read!"

Studies also indicate students who read recreationally outperformed those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests.

Registration for the Paws to Read! Summer Reading Program is ongoing. To learn more about the summer adventure at the library, please contact your MWR Library.

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