



**Bemidji Public Library
509 America Avenue NW
 Bemidji MN 56601**

For Immediate Release

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**B.A.R.C. Reading Program
at the Bemidji Public Library**

Taz & Belle, registered therapy dogs, are looking for someone to read to them! If you are elementary school age and would like to work on your reading skills, we hope that you will participate in our monthly Library program on this Saturday afternoon February 21 between 2:00 – 4:00 on

B.A.R.C. utilizes therapy dogs that have been trained and tested for health, safety, appropriate skills and temperament. When these special animals come to hear children read – it's fun! Kids participating in the program make enormous strides in reading and communication skills while, along the way, building self esteem, confidence and social skills.

For advance registration, simply come in to the Library or call 751-3963 to register for one of the 15 minute reading sessions. Parent-signed permission form is required. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as there may not be open sessions for drop-in attendance. Children attending the program receive a free book and a picture of their therapy dog, compliments of the Friends of the Bemidji Public Library.

We look forward to seeing you at our next B.A.R.C. event !

2009 Winter & Spring Schedule

Feb. 21	2-4 p.m.
Mar. 21	2-4 p.m.
April 18	2-4 p.m.
May 16	2-4 p.m.