



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

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: June 2, 2010  
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**B.A.R.C. Reading Program  
at the Bemidji Public Library**

Brie & Belle and other registered therapy dogs are looking for someone to read to them at the Bemidji Public Library! 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. The next program will be on Saturday afternoon June 19 between 2:00 – 4:00.

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.

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

**2010 Summer Schedule**

Saturday June 19, 2010	2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday July 17	2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday Aug. 21	2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday Sept. 18	2 - 4 p.m.