



## Discovery Gateway Offers Young Readers

### A “Pawsitive” Monthly Reading Opportunity

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Don't let your child's reading skills go to the dogs this summer. Discovery Gateway Children's Museum (DGCM) is partnering with Intermountain Therapy Animals to provide a monthly program, starting June 26th, to “paw-sitively” help children improve literacy skills by offering time for children to read to well-trained, registered, and insured therapy dogs.

“At the children's museum, we strive to make learning fun. Now children can visit the museum once a month and read to a well-trained furry friend,” said DGCM Executive Director Kathleen Bodenlos. “I absolutely love this program and believe our visitors will, too.”

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D) Program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a furry friend. R.E.A.D is the first and foremost program that utilizes therapy animals to help kids not only improve their abilities but inspire new confidence and a life-long love for reading.

Children will be able to sign up for this monthly reading program which will be held every last Saturday of the month starting June 26th.

#### **About Discovery Gateway Children's Museum**

Discovery Gateway Children's Museum is located in downtown Salt Lake City at 444 West 100 South and is a contemporary discovery center offering 60,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on fun. The engaging workshops, programs, and exhibits invite the whole family to create, learn, and play together. It is the mission of Discovery Gateway to inspire children of all ages and abilities to imagine, discover, and connect with their world to make a difference. For information, please call (801) 456-5437 ext. 136, or visit us at [www.DiscoveryGateway.org](http://www.DiscoveryGateway.org).

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