



Brewer Public Library's

Dog Ears!

Come meet Copper, a nine-year-old Golden Retriever. Copper will be visiting the Brewer Public Library each Wednesday afternoon, 3:00-5:00 pm.

Copper is a certified insured therapy dog. He was adopted from Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue when he was two years old. When he isn't reading, he loves to go for walks, swim, and play agility. His favorite books are the Clifford the Big Red Dog series—what isn't to love about a big red dog, after all? Copper's certification comes from Therapy Dogs International (TDI). TDI members called Tail Waggin' Tutors visit libraries and schools to encourage reading. Copper's handler is Misty, who is working alongside Sally LaVertu. Both Misty and Sally have years of experience working with Tail Waggin' Tutors.

Tail Waggin' Tutors encourage children to read in a non-judgmental environment. The friendly listening dog doesn't mind if the reader stumbles over words, but sits quietly and enjoys the story and the child's companionship. It has been proven that, over time, therapy dog reading programs improve children's reading skills and self-confidence.

Comfortable space will be provided for Copper, Misty, and the reader. Copper will be available to listen to children read in 15-minute time slots; appointments are necessary. You may make an appointment one of the following three ways: call the library at 989-7943, email the director at kconner@brewermaine.gov, or stop by the library and sign up at the desk.

For more information on the Brewer Public Library and our programs, visit our website at www.brewermaine.gov/library or our Facebook page (*Brewer Public Library*).

For more information about Therapy Dogs International, visit <http://tdi-dog.org/>

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