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Unleashing Literacy's Best Friend: The Remarkable Relationship Between Dogs and Young Readers

"The dog was created specially for children. He is the god of frolic."

*Henry Ward Beecher,
Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit*

Audience: Educators, librarians, children's literature enthusiasts and dog lovers

Program Synopsis:

You'll learn. You'll laugh. You'll meet a sweet dog. Children's writer and creator of the American Dog series, Craig Pierce (along with his rescued racing dog, Honey) shares engaging, informative insights into:

- The evolving role of dogs in children's literature – a 500 year journey condensed to 20 minutes of compelling fun.
- Today's "Reading with Rover" programs, classroom therapy dogs and more.
- Why "Kids need heroes, and dogs can be heroes"

Resource websites worth checking-out:

- aniwa.com >Dogs in literature
- AesopFables.com
- ChildrensBooksOnline (The Rosetta Project – ***Pinky Winky Dog book***)
- Gutenberg.org (Project Gutenberg – ***The Dogs' Dinner Party*** and others)
- ReadingWithRover.org
- TherapyAnimals.org
- SitStayRead.org
- ils.unc.edu/dpr/other/dogsyalit/ (The Use of Dogs in YA Literature)
- SunnyBankCollies.us
- GreyhoundsOnly.com
- AmericanDogTales.com

Other Text Resources:

- *First Friend*, Katherine M Rogers, St. Martin's Press
- *Pawprints of History*, Stanley Coren, Free Press
- *A Dog's History of America*, Mark Derr, North Point Press
- *Dog, A Dog's Life in Art and Literature*, Iain Zaczek, Watson Guptill