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Sophie, my adopted dog, is the most rewarding experience in my life by far. Every day with her reinforces the fact that adopting her was the best decision I ever could have made. To see her flourish and thrive after having such a tough start in life amazes me.

Rescue animals are resilient. They are not broken; they simply experienced a bit more life than other dogs. If you give them the chance, I promise that they will repay you with more love than you can imagine. So if you are considering adding a new furry friend to your family, I hope that you will consider adoption.

The library offers lots of great resources for getting the whole family ready for a new friend. There are books on other rescue experiences, ones filled with interesting dog facts, and others about the basics of house training and teaching them tricks. Plus, there are just some fun and inspiring dog tales.

Check these out at the Kirkland Town Library today...

***Another Good Dog: one family and fifty foster dogs by Cara Sue Achtenberg.***

"Describes the author's decision to convert her Pennsylvania farm into a foster home for dogs, recounting her experiences with dozens of remarkable canines throughout her first two years."-Book Jacket.

***Hero Dogs: how a pack of rescues, rejects, and strays became America's greatest disaster-search partners by Wilma Melville***

"Memoir of how Wilma Melville turned a band of shelter dogs into one of America's foremost disaster-response assets in catastrophes from 9/11 to Katrina"-Book Jacket

***Rescue & Jessica: life-changing friendship by Jessica Kensky***

"Rescue thought he'd grow up to be a Seeing Eye dog -- it's the family business, after all. When he gets the news that he's better suited to being a service dog, he's worried that he's not up to the task. Then he meets Jessica, a girl whose life is turning out differently than the way she'd imagined it, too. Now Jessica needs Rescue by her side to help her accomplish everyday tasks."-Book Jacket

***Lessons from Lucy: the simple joys of an old, happy dog by Dave Barry***

"A bestselling humorist shows how to age gracefully, taking cues from his dog Lucy"-- Provided by publisher

***A Kid's Guide to Dogs by Arden Moore***

"This lively dog care book is packed with photos and colorful illustrations that teach training, care, health and safety, along with hands-on activities promoting play and bonding with canine companions"-- Provided by publisher.

***Have Dog, Will Travel: a poet's journey by Stephen Kuusisto***

"A blind poet shares how a guide dog changed his life and helped him discover a newfound appreciation for travel and independence."-Book Cover

A few more titles to peak your interest include:

***Superpuppy: how to choose, raise, and train the best possible dog for you*** by Jill Pinkwater

***A Home for Dixie: the true story of a rescued puppy*** by Emma Jackson

***How to be Your Dog's Best Friend: the classic training manual for dog owners*** by Monks of New Skete

You may place holds for any of the above titles either online through the catalog, or by calling (315- 853-2038) or emailing us directly ([clinton@midyork.org](mailto:clinton@midyork.org)).