



## Cindy Orlandi AWC Detroit Literacy Heroine



Cindy Orlandi, ABC, APR, of New Boston, retired from corporate America in 2018 after a 40-year career in PR and marketing, but is still principal of her own firm: Cyndosura Brilliant Communications.

An AWC Detroit member and author of “Love is a Dog and Some Crayons Weimaraner Coloring Book,” she combines her love of dogs and passion for reading as a volunteer for animal rescue, pet therapy groups and literacy causes.

For AWC Detroit’s literacy initiatives, she served as a visiting author, bringing her Weimaraner named Bennie and coloring books to AWC-NAHC Little Free Library installations at Detroit Public Library branches and to classroom reading sessions. [See video clips](#) of Parkman Library and Westside Academy visits.

“Bennie and I had so much fun reading with the first, second, third and fourth graders at Westside Christian Academy in Detroit to congratulate them for their excellent reading scores during National Reading Month in March 2019,” she says.

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“I honor my mother Millie Naegeli by my commitment to literacy causes. Mom taught me to read the book ‘Pollyanna’ before I went to school and instilled in me a love of learning and of helping others... I will continue to look for ways to support AWC and other groups who share my passion for reading.”

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**Westside Christian Academy** is a beacon of hope in Detroit, providing a holistic, Christ-centered education to children from pre-K through grade 12. Located at 9540 Bramell near Detroit’s western border, the school has an active volunteer program focused on reading intervention and is making strides to improve literacy.