

# READING TO GO PLACES!

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## Increasing literacy by increasing access to books and information

How it works: 1. Get a Bookmobile library card. All we need is your name and age. 2. Check out up to three books. 3. Bring books back the next month. There are never any fines or fees!

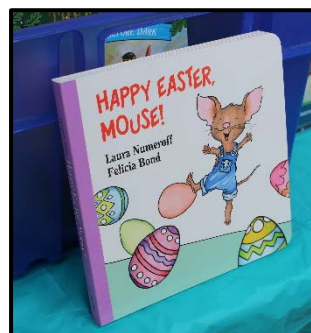


### MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

- Pictures from recent events: Bunnies & Books in Adairsville, Tallatoona Parent Expo, Babies & More Adventures in Reading, and BLESS Weekend
- Sponsor Spotlight: New Beginning Signs & Graphics
- Looking Ahead: Upcoming dates to remember
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#### Looking for ways to get involved?

We need summer program volunteers! Email us at [readingtogoplaces@gmail.com](mailto:readingtogoplaces@gmail.com) for more information.



## Bunnies & Books April 20, 2019 Adairsville, GA

Bookmobile Program Director, Kim Dennis, made an appearance as Cat in the Hat at Bunnies & Books in Adairsville. At the event, children could get their picture made with the Easter Bunny, participate in Easter-themed crafts, as well as bubble-making and sidewalk chalk drawing. We saw approximately 82 children, and gave every child an

age-appropriate book to take home. Thank you to the City of Adairsville, San Souci Women's Club, Harbin Clinic, Bartow Literacy Council, Bartow County School System, and Mercantile General Store for coordinating the event!



## NEW PROGRAM

We are excited to partner with the Bartow Family Resources Babies & More program! Carol Janssen, a volunteer with both Babies & More and the Bookmobile, suggested the two programs should get together. What a great idea! And "Adventures in Reading" was born. This interactive program for parents and children is teaching parents how to create language-rich home environments and putting lots of new books into the hands of the children who attend.



Today a reader,  
Tomorrow a leader

- Margaret Fuller

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Relationships with community partners such as Tallatoona Head Start, Bartow Family Resources, Bartow Literacy Council, and BLESS Coalition enable us to reach more families. Working together allows all of us to provide better services and resources to Bartow's families. All of the photos featured in this month's newsletter were taken at events where the Bookmobile partnered with at least one other agency. (Photo right: Kim Dennis helps a mother select a book for her daughter at the Tallatoona Head Start Parent Expo on 4/25.)





**Above:** Bookmobile volunteers on BLESS Weekend gather for a group photo. **Below:** Volunteer Denise Manning checks Hannah Snowden's Bookmobile library card before checking out books.



## BLESS WEEKEND APRIL 27, 2019

One Saturday a year, the Bookmobile participates alongside numerous other partners such as the Street Store, Red Door Food Pantry, and BLESS General Store at the Allatoona Resource Center (ARC) for BLESS Weekend. This year we were joined by volunteers Jennah and Mike Linskey, Branda and Mike Morris, Patrick and Grace Morris, Denise Manning, Angie Barnette, Ally, Jake, and Evan Schmanski.

## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

### 1. Tell us a little about your business. What does the company do? What is its history?

New Beginning Signs and Graphics offers a variety of custom artwork and signage options to meet the needs of our customers and their business. We opened our doors March 3, 2000 and have continued to grow with the help and support of our community.

### 2. Tell us a little about yourselves individually.

Ashley and Tim Gilstrap are the owners of New Beginning Signs and Graphics. They both work extremely hard for the customers they service. They also work equally as hard at giving back to the community through their generous donations of their time, talents, and gifts. They are very active members of CrossPoint City Church, where Tim serves every Sunday on the Parking Team and Ashley serves where she is needed.

### 3. Why is it important to you and/or to the company to give back to the community?

The community has supported the growth of our business for many years. We believe this support should always be acknowledged and reciprocated. Helping your fellow neighbor is what it's all about!! God calls us to do that, so we work hard to make it happen.





Thank you to our 2019 annual business sponsors!



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## LOOKING AHEAD

### May

Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, Saturday, **May 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Read to Grow end of year party and summer book giveaway, Allatoona Elementary School, **Monday, May 20, 8:30 a.m.**

Early Head Start End of Year Celebration, Goodwill Career Center, **May 31, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Chamber of Commerce Partnership Expo - Business to Education, Georgia Highlands College Student Center, **May 31, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

### June

Summer Reading Kick-off! Weekly visits to the SPARK Community Center, Budgetel Inn, and Glade Road neighborhoods

Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, **Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



**Above:** Volunteers play a four-sided game of patty-cake with a Bookmobile visitor while her mother looks on at BLESS weekend on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We always have a good time!

## NEEDS LIST

for summer program

Bug spray (anything with DEET)

Bottled water

Gatorade (small bottles)

Snacks (individual-size packs of chips or crackers, granola bars, etc.)

Items can be dropped off at the Grant Writing Office, 320 W. Cherokee Ave., Room 102, Cartersville, GA 30120

Thank you to our community partners!

