

READING TO GO PLACES!

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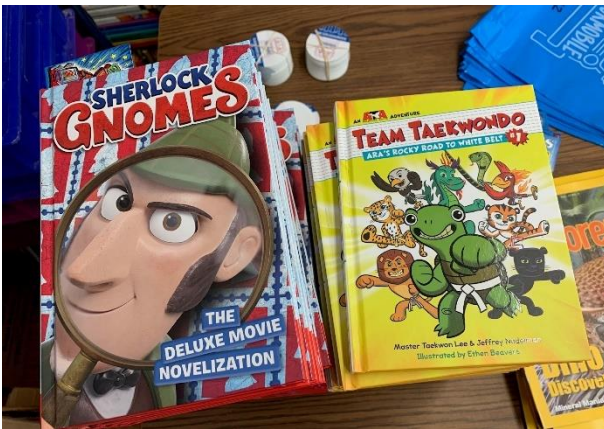
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May 5, 2020



Hi, Friends,
 Saturday, April 18th was the maiden voyage of the new Bookmobile. Though it was not at all how we imagined it would be a few months ago, we are grateful to be able to help families during this unprecedented time. With schools working remotely and public libraries closed, ***it is more important than ever that children and families have books and educational resources in the home.*** We are providing limited service using procedures that maintain social distance and ensure the safety of our visitors and staff.

Valerie



Left: Books included in the bags pre-packed for ages 8-12. **Right:** Kim Dennis gathers free books for a Bookmobile visitor at the Allatoona Resource Center on April 18th, 2020. **Below:** Kim Dennis places pre-packed bags of books for different age groups on a table so that the parent can retrieve them while maintaining social distance.

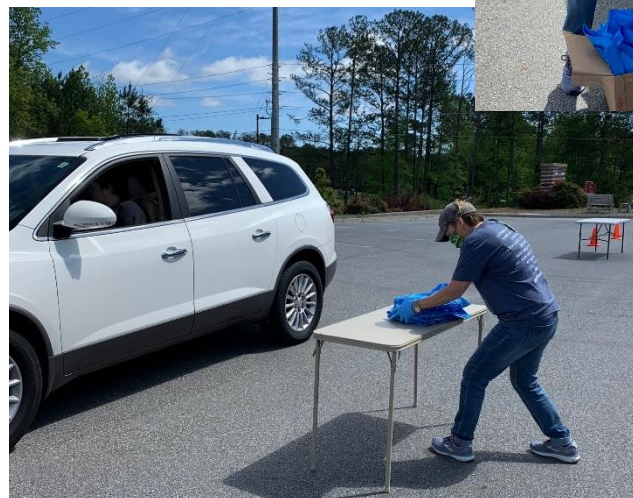


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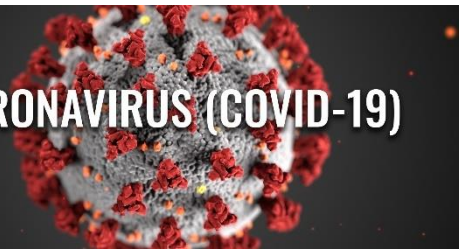
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Until further notice, the Bookmobile is **NOT** accepting donations of used books. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past. We appreciate your generosity.

PREPARING THE NEW BOOKMOBILE FOR SERVICE



Far left: Kim Dennis chooses books to go into the new vehicle. **Left:** Kim Dennis (standing left) and Diane Sakmar (seated right) give the bookmobile a deep cleaning before loading in books. **Below right:** Shelves inside the vehicle full of books for children and teens.



DID YOU KNOW?

The new Bookmobile will hold approximately 1,900 books.




READING TO GO PLACES!
THE BOOKMOBILE

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BOOKMOBILE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



MISSION Increasing literacy by increasing access to books and information

THERE'S STILL TIME

To secure a book spine with your personal message on the exterior of the new Bookmobile. Donate today at

<http://readingtogoplaces.org/fundraiser>

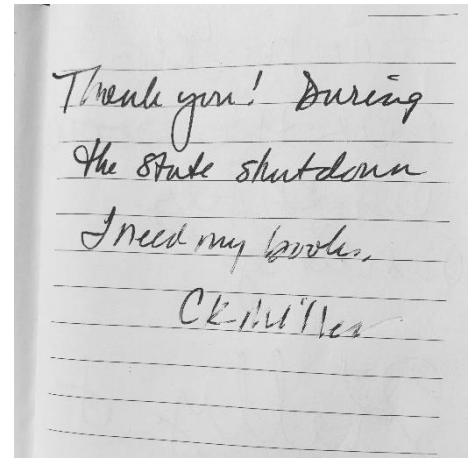


Thank you to **Garth Gherardini** and **Modern Woodmen of America** for awarding the Bookmobile \$1,000 to provide books to children during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES around Bartow County remain open during the Coronavirus shutdown.



Above left: the Little Free Library (LFL) at Emerson City Hall after being organized and filled on Saturday 4/18. **Above center:** Kim Dennis fills and organizes the LFL at the Allatoona Resource Center on Saturday, 4/18. **Above right:** A note from the Emerson LFL guest book.

May 4th: 6-7 p.m. Book distribution alongside Dinners TOGO
May 16th: 10:00 a.m. – NOON Allatoona Resource Center

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ROUNDUP APP

New! Support Our Work Just By Donating Your Change

We have partnered with a new mobile app and website that allows you to automatically donate the change from your card purchases to support our work. It's small change for you, but a game changer for us! Check out the [RoundUp App](#) and download it for [iPhone](#), [Android](#) or use the [Web Version](#). Then search for "The Bookmobile - Reading to Go Places."



Above: (l-to-r) Jessica Mitcham, Valerie Gilreath and David Aft pose Feb 27th with a new little library provided by the Community Foundation of NW GA at the Good Neighbor shelter on Townsley Drive. The Bookmobile provided children's books to help fill it up!

Thank You!



Thank you, Cartersville Service League, for continuing to support the Bookmobile through your annual grant program!



May 2019 photo



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Above: Kim Dennis provided story time at Bartow Family Resources on March 3rd and March 5th as part of Read Across America Week. P.S. It was “wacky hat day.”

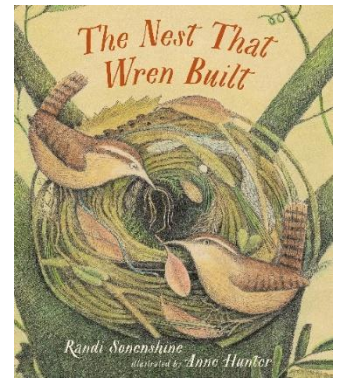


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Spring Reading

Congratulations to Cartersville’s own Randi Sonenshine whose children’s book, *The Nest That Wren Built*, debuted in March! Randi is a Bookmobile supporter and volunteer, and we can’t wait to share this story with Bookmobile visitors. Pick up your copy today online. Way to go, Randi!



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