



READING TO GO PLACES!

Increasing literacy by increasing access to books



JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

- COVID-19 response
- Summer Activities
- Thank you to volunteers and supporters
- Adopt-A-Reader Monthly Giving
- Sponsor Recognition



Hi, Friends. This summer presents unique opportunities, and we are reaching more children than ever before through community partnerships. In addition to existing relationships such as Bartow Family Resources, the Allatoona Resource Center, Gingerbread House, and the USDA Summer Nutrition Program, we've strengthened ties with Cartersville City Schools, Red Door Food Pantry, Advocates for Children CASA program, and Douglas Street United Methodist Church. With the help of these connections and your continued support,

We put 2,515 books into the hands of children in April, May, & June!

Have a safe, healthy summer,

Valerie & Kim

Top-right: A visitor chooses free books from a table at the Hickory Springs Little Free Library grand opening. **Right:** Kim Dennis jogs to an SUV with book bundles for every child in the family at Douglas St UMC. **Below:** Callie Oswald offers a summer reading bundle to a shy walk-up visitor. **Above:** Once home, happy visitors show off the books they received.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:



RANDY PARKER/THE DAILY TRIBUNE NEWS

Valerie Gilreath, president of the board of directors of Reading to Go Places (doing business as The Bookmobile), right, and volunteer Madison Cowart watch as a reader picks up books at the Dinners To Go meal program.

The Bookmobile alters outreach during COVID-19 pandemic

By MARIE NESMITH
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"My favorite moment came while checking the Little Free Library at Emerson City Hall in April. We tried to keep all the Little Free Libraries in good order and full of books throughout the shelter-in-

restricted due to social distancing and safety measures, the literary effort is striving to offer the gift of reading during the coronavirus pandemic. "With schools teaching remotely and

As president of The Bookmobile's board of directors, Valerie Gilreath con-

The Daily Tribune News, May 15, 2020, Read the full article here:

<http://readingtogoplaces.org/2020/05/20/the-bookmobile-alters-outreach-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

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Your first look at the new bookmobile design!



THERE'S STILL TIME

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We appreciate the hard work of

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on the Bookmobile's new look!



Thank You!

Bartow County Rotary Club for awarding the Bookmobile \$500 to provide books to children.



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BOOKS BY THE PALLET!

We have temporarily suspended book check-outs from the mobile library and greatly increased the number of new books we are giving away as part of our response to COVID-19. Each child receives a pre-packed age-appropriate book bundle with a minimum of three books. With library services curtailed and summer camps gone virtual or cancelled, it is important that children have books at home to continue practicing vital reading skills.

This prevents summer learning loss!



We need your help to continue.

Can you help provide books to more children? Join the growing list of supporters that donate monthly. **\$10 a month provides 2-3 new books a month for a child all year long!**

Sign up to donate \$10 a month by texting "181086" to 1-855-575-7888

OR at <https://donorbox.org/adopt-a-reader>

Adopt-A-Reader today!



Clockwise starting top left: #1 - A pallet waits to be unloaded after being dropped off by UPS Freight. #2 - Valerie cuts open the third pallet delivered in three months inside the Stiles Auditorium. #3 - Bags of books packed for families with multiple children at a summer nutrition site. #4 - Examples of books included in reading bundles for grades 3-5.



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September 19-20th, 2020

Used book sale

benefitting the Bookmobile
at the Roselawn Arts Festival.

All proceeds go to Bookmobile programs.

OTHER EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE BOOKMOBILE

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