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READING TO GO PLACES!

Increasing literacy by increasing access to books

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Happy spring! This is our busiest time of year, and we are excited to tell you about the great things happening. In this newsletter:

- Afterschool visits as part of new partnership with Bartow County Parks & Recreation "Rollin' Rec" mobile unit,
- In case you missed it...the Bookmobile featured in the news,
- Summer needs list,
- Introducing our new board members,
- Upcoming summer dates and locations,
- Crowdsourced book buying – donating in the Amazon era.

There are lots of ways you can get involved: sign up to volunteer, donate from our summer needs list, or help us raise critical funds by participating in the Adopt-a-Reader program. Bartow's children need your help to be successful! Please consider getting involved if you are able. Thank you for your continued support,

Valerie & Kim



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NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH BARTOW COUNTY ROLLIN' REC



Bartow County Recreation's new "Rollin' Rec" mobile unit brings fun and games on-site. The Bookmobile is joining them at elementary schools and in neighborhoods to reach new populations. Exercise for the body and mind!

Above: Children from the White Elementary after school program relax in the grass after getting books from the Bookmobile.

Previous page: After school students at White Elementary crowd around the Bookmobile to pick out free books.



Above: Volunteers, Kim Martin and A.T. Barnes, and Program Director, Kim Dennis, help young readers pick out free books at an event in downtown Cartersville, Saturday, May 1st.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



The Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce's **2021 Community Guide & Business Directory** features the Bookmobile in "Big Hearts in Bartow County: Five nonprofits to know." Read the article here: https://readingtogoplaces.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021ChamberDirectory_BigHeartsInBartow.pdf



We were highlighted in the March/April 2021 issue of **American Libraries** magazine! The article is titled "**The Road to Normal.**" You'll find us near the end under "Bootstrapping Bookmobiles." https://readingtogoplaces.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/March2021_ALA_TheRoadtoNormal.pdf



SUMMER NEEDS LIST

- Bottled water
- Individual-sized packets of:
 - Fruit gummy snacks
 - Goldfish or Cheez-its
 - Animal crackers
 - Mini Clif bars



Drop off or ship to:

The Bookmobile
c/o Bartow County Grant Writing
320 W. Cherokee Ave, Room 102
Cartersville, GA 30120



MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Sherry Wise-Mays is the pre-school/Headstart Center Manager for Tallatoona CAP, wife, mother, and long-time resident of Bartow County. She brings her non-profit management skills and her knowledge of early childhood development to the board.



Kim Martin (pictured here with husband David) is a business professional, wife, mother, and has run Bartow's Teacher Resource Center for 16 years. She brings her business acumen and non-profit experience to the bookmobile.



Callie Oswald is an artist, former educator, avid reader, wife, mother, and long-time resident of Bartow County. She brings her creativity, love of reading, and experience working with children to the board.



Darya Barnes (pictured with husband A.T.) is an educator with Cartersville City Schools, a wife, mother, long-time resident of Bartow County, and social justice advocate. She brings her early childhood education expertise to the bookmobile.



LOOKING AHEAD



May

Serve **Saturday** at the Allatoona Resource Center, **May 15, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**
Afterschool at Allatoona Elementary, **Wednesday, May 19, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

June

Mondays and Thursdays all month – locations TBD
Ansley Park Mobile Home Park, **Tuesday, June 8, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Cartersville Gardens, **Tuesday, June 15, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Serve **Saturday** at the Allatoona Resource Center, **June 19, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

July

Mondays and Thursdays all month – locations TBD
Serve **Saturday** at the Allatoona Resource Center, **July 17, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**
Bartow Give A Kid A Chance @ Allatoona Resource Center, **Saturday, July 24, 8:30 – 1 p.m.**



We are adding more dates and events all the time! If you want to volunteer, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4AAEA72BA3FB6-bookmobile1>

BOOK DONATIONS. WE ASKED. YOU ANSWERED!



Last month, we had a need for baby books. We couldn't purchase them from our usual discount retailer. We put together an Amazon Wishlist, asked for your help, and were amazed by your response! Whether you purchased one or one-of-everything...

THANK YOU



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