OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

READING TO GO PLACES! Increasing literacy by increasing access to books





Above: Jacob Tindall prepares to race. Beware all who cross here! <u>Below:</u> The first heat prepares to push off. <u>Right:</u> Kim and Valerie give Katie McClure a boat ride after the race is over.



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Friends.





It has been a whirlwind few months! In addition to providing books to Bartow's children, we've had the **Inaugural Cardboard Boat Race** AND the **used**

fundraiser on October 23rd. Funds raised by these

book sale at Roselawn. Now we are planning **Reading Between the Wines**, a wine tasting

events enable us to continue serving our

community in ever-increasing ways.

INSIDE YOU'LL FIND ...

- MORE pics from the Cardboard Boat Race (Hint: no one sank or capsized, and I think we were all a little disappointed!)
- Used book sale totals
- Upcoming dates to remember
- Pics from recent Bookmobile stops
- How to "Adopt-A-Reader"
- Sponsor and donor "thank yous"



INAUGURAL CARDBOARD BOAT RACE AUGUST 28TH PINE ACRES RETREAT

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The Inaugural Cardboard Boat Race was a success! **Thank you to Brenda Morehouse** and the Board of United Way of Bartow County for their vision. Everyone had a wonderful time. The Bookmobile boat, the S.S. Read, even won its heat! We are eager to do it again next year!

Top left: Team Tindall readies their pirate boat for the race. **Top right:** Kim Dennis and Kim Martin pose with a Bookmobile visitor. **Bottom right**: Two visitors stop to pose with Kermit. **Bottom left:** Race winners with their winning boat. **Left**: Valerie Gilreath, Kim Dennis, and Kim Martin with the Love Travels group from the University of West Georgia.









This baby's future just got brighter.

How do I know? His mother discovered the Bookmobile and now has access to a steady stream of books for her child.



Above-left: Baby's first visit to the Bookmobile! September 18th at the Allatoona Resource Center; Above: A young visitor looks at books before the football game at the Red Top Middle Tailgate Party; Above-right: Volunteer Chere Bishop records the titles of books checked out by young visitor; **Right:** Kermit makes a new friend





Bartow's young readers need you! Adopt-a-Reader

We began "**Adopt-a-Reader**" one year ago to ensure we could get books to the children who need them most. With the help of **Adopt-a-Reader** donors, we gave away 7,613 new books to children in 2020. We can do even more in 2021 with your help.

Your donation of \$10 a month can change a child's life through literacy! Join now! Click HERE to sign up

October

- Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, October 16, 10 a.m. 12 noon
- Cloverleaf Fall Festival, Saturday, October 16, 11 a.m. 2 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Reading Between the Wines fundraiser, Saturday, October 23, 7 p.m. 10 p.m.
- New Vision Church Fall Festival, Saturday, October 23, 5 p.m. 8 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat TBD

November

 Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, November 20, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

December

- Cartersville Christmas Parade, Thursday, December 2
- Hope 4 Christmas, Saturday, December 11
- Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, December 18, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Click HERE to volunteer!





The used book sale at Roselawn raised \$2,243 for Bookmobile programs. Thank you to everyone who donated books and those who shopped with us! Thank you also to the volunteers who made it possible!







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Thank you, United Way of Bartow County! United Way Director Brenda Morehouse (left) presents Lauren, Kim, and Valerie with a \$1,500 check raised by the Inaugural Cardboard Boat Race.



Thank you Modern Woodmen!

Modern Woodmen representatives Garth Gherardini and Gabrielle Barros present Kim and Valerie with a check for \$1,000 in matching funds to the Cardboard Boat Race.

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