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Increasing literacy by increasing access to books and information

A NOTE FROM VALERIE:

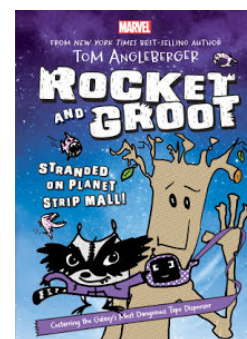
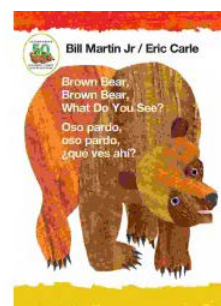
Dear Friends,

It has been such an amazing and eventful couple of months that I struggle to narrow down the photos and information for this newsletter. I wish I could share with you every donation, every word of encouragement, every picture of a child's smiling face, because they all mean so much to us. Since the last newsletter, the Bookmobile celebrated St. Patrick's Day, National Poetry Month, National Bookmobile Day, and held our first fundraiser. You'll see highlights of those moments here. Please know that for every photo or acknowledgement that you see, there are tens of others that go unmentioned, but not unappreciated. I hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to.

Valerie



Recent featured giveaways:



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!

WE HAVE BOOKS FOR ALL AGES, INCLUDING ADULTS

Farm to Table Dinner for Bartow Literacy

Holt Land & Cattle Co. April 28th

We held our first fundraiser on April 28th in partnership with the Bartow Literacy Council. Thank you to all those who attended and those who donated their time, money, and/or energy to make the event a success. Special thanks to Chaz and Georgia Holt for hosting us, to the Culinary Team: Cortney Hultman, Sean Pruitt, Jeff Ross, and Mary Oreskovich for an incredible meal, to Mike Yravedra of Yabdab Inc. for designing the app used for the silent auction, to Cade Miller for designing the event website, to Zach Brown for acting as event photographer, and to the fundraising committee (pictured on the next page) for dreaming this into existence.



Valerie Gilreath (left) welcomes everyone. Doug Belisle (right) was the night's emcee.



Left: Chef Cortney Hultman (left) puts finishing touches on the night's main course. Above: Randi Sonenshine speaks to attendees about the importance of early language development and early reading.

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**Thank you to the Fundraising Committee
who planned and organized a wonderful event!**

Above: Fundraising committee members pose in front of the Bookmobile: (left-to-right) Abbey Culverhouse, Kaylee Klewein, Amy Morgan, Charissa Pritchett, Vicky Durham, Regina Shaw (co-chair), Hannah Hart, Deena Stewart, Kim Bowen, Barbara Terry (co-chair), Justine Tidwell. Photo credit: Zach Brown

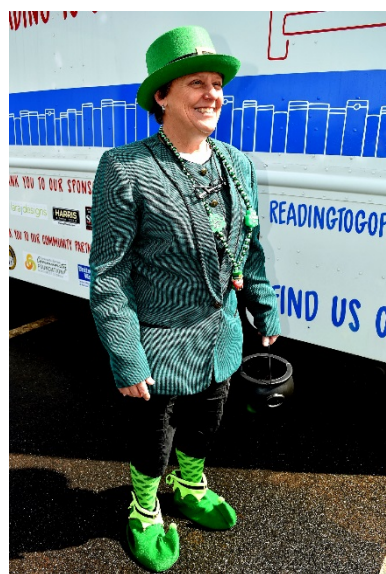


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**In March, we celebrated
St. Patrick's Day with a
visit from the Bookmobile
leprechaun!**



Thank you again to the sponsors
that made the evening possible:

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THANK YOU TO THE CARTERSVILLE SERVICE LEAGUE

for awarding a grant to the Bookmobile as part of their annual grant cycle! The Cartersville Service League distributed over \$43,000 to 23 organizations. (Pictured are (left-to-right) Veronica Frazier, Valerie Gilreath, Jacey Howren, and Ellen Browning.)

**THE BOOKMOBILE SUMMER READING
PROGRAM KICKS OFF MAY 28TH!**

We're partnering with the Bartow County Summer Feeding Program to deliver reading programs at meal sites in south Bartow throughout June and July. The Bookmobile will be on site 2-3 days per week to offer books, reading-themed activities and storytimes.

If you are interested in **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** or partnering with the Bookmobile in other ways, please contact us at readingtogoplaces@gmail.com. If you have a business and would like to invest in our program, we would love to discuss sponsorship opportunities with you.

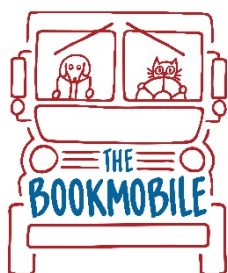
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And thank you to our community partners!



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