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Bartow Bookmobile* Reading to go places!

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Increasing literacy by increasing access to books and information

Target area: South Bartow

An Investment in Young Minds:

Only 34% of Bartow County's children read proficiently by the end of the third grade. Children who do not read well at this critical juncture are **four times more likely to drop out of school**. This means that 66% of our children are at high-risk. These risks are compounded for children in lowincome families. An introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school is the single most important factor influencing a child's early educational success. Early literacy changes lives!



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IN OCTOBER....

A Book Drive for new books benefitting the Bookmobile by USBORNE BOOKS & MORE Independent Consultant, Rebekah Warren. The Book Drive will take place October 25th-29th. For more information on how you can participate or contribute, please contact Rebekah Warren at rwarren.usborne@gmail.com.





Also IN OCTOBER ...

Look for the Bookmobile at the Allatoona Community Trunk or Treat at the Allatoona Resource Center (ARC) on October 27th, and at the Lake Point Church Halloween Trunk or Treat in Emerson at Lakepoint Station on October 31st from 6-8. These will be in addition to **our usual stop every third Saturday at the ARC**.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



IN NOVEMBER...

The Bookmobile will participate in the 2017 Christmas Village to raise awareness about our program within the community. Christmas Village is a 2-day shopping extravaganza for the holidays with over 70 vendors to

include regional artisans, clothing boutiques, home décor, and unique items for the holiday season. It takes place November 3-4 at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville. Friday 10-7 and Saturday 9-6. Tickets are \$5 at the door, which includes parking. Come by and say "hello" at the Bookmobile before you go inside and start your holiday shopping! Thank you to organizer, Karon Mauney, for inviting us to be a part of the event.



November 3rd & 4th at the Clarence Brown Conference Center, Cartersville Sponsored by: The Daily Tribune News and Georgia United Credit Union July and August were busy months for the Bookmobile! As many of you know, we purchased the Bookmobile vehicle in June with support from the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia and United Way of Bartow County. Harper Sneed with Sherold Salmon Motor Co. in Rome, GA, helped us to find a vehicle that met our needs and budget. His wife, Lenae Sneed, just happens to be a talented graphic designer. They were both so excited about what we are doing with the program that she agreed to design our vehicle wrap for FREE! Then Terry Parker and his son at Parker Printing gave us a great deal and did an excellent job on the wrap itself.



The inside also needed a transformation. We're grateful that Valerie's parents are skilled carpenters, retired, and big supporters of the Bookmobile project. They donated the labor to turn the inside into a traveling library.



Everyone worked hard to be ready for the July 29th **Bartow Give a Kid a Chance** where we handed out nearly 300 free books to children at the Allatoona location.

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.

Thank you for your interest in the Bartow Bookmobile. We appreciate your support!



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Also a thank you to our community partners!







