



# READING TO GO PLACES!

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## Increasing literacy by increasing access to books and information

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!

## AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



- Pictures from recent events
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## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

With your help in June and July the Bookmobile issued **121 new library cards**, checked out **461 books**, and gave away an additional **962 books!**



**Photos:** (bottom-left) Bookmobile visitors from the Noble Hill-Wheeler Summer Program; (middle-left) volunteers at the Budgetel Inn in July; (upper-right) at Advocates for Children Parents as Teachers event July 18<sup>th</sup>; (bottom-right) volunteers at Gingerbread House.



## AVOIDING "SUMMER SLIDE" AT ALLATOONA ELEMENTARY

One of the Bookmobile's goals is to keep kids reading over the summer. How can we do this when we won't see every child over the summer? Send books home with them! Through a partnership with the Read to Grow program, using grant funds provided by the Cartersville Service League, we were able to give every first grader at Allatoona Elementary six books to take home for the summer. Their reading bundles also included "think sheets" for each book and a summer reading journal. These pictures are from the end-of-year reading event in May where we handed out the book bundles with help from the Cartersville Service League. 65 first-graders received 6 books each – a **total of 390 books!**



Photos: Clockwise from top-left: Bookmobile and Cartersville Service League volunteers with a group of first-graders and their summer reading bundles; top-right: a Read to Grow volunteer reads to a group of Allatoona Elementary first graders; middle-right: stacks of books ready to be distributed; bottom-left: Bookmobile Program Coordinator, Kim Dennis, and Read to Grow volunteers after the successful event; middle-left: Cartersville Service League member, Cassie Gibson, shares summer materials with a group of students.



"Summer slide" is the tendency for students to lose some achievement gains made during the previous school year. On average, teachers spend six weeks in the fall re-teaching old material to make up for this summer learning loss. But... **STUDIES SHOW THAT READING 6 BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER WILL PREVENT LOSS OF READING SKILL WHILE SCHOOL IS OUT.**



## SUMMER OUTREACH

Our summer outreach took two forms this year: 1) regular weekly stops at four pre-determined locations and 2) one-time appearances at events or programs including the Cartersville Farmer’s Market and Hamilton Crossing Summer Transition Program (STP). At the regular weekly stops, visitors are able to check out books from the Bookmobile. At one-time events, visitors can choose a free, age-appropriate book to take home and keep.

**Hamilton Crossing STP:** Each class toured the Bookmobile (photo upper-left) and then participated in story time (photo upper-middle). Finally, every child was given a book to take home. (47 books given away)

**Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center Summer Program:** The Bookmobile partnered with Noble Hill-Wheeler to visit every Wednesday in June. Over those four weeks, we issued 12 new library cards at this site, participants checked out 36 books, and received 35 books to keep for their home libraries. (Photo left: Youth and volunteers of the Noble Hill Summer Program)



## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



“Georgia Power – Plant Bowen maintains strong relationships with key leaders and organizations that serve and strengthen our communities. Supporting initiatives that build and improve the places where we live, work and serve is fundamental to our business and essential for the state of Georgia. Through successful collaborations with civic and community groups, Georgia Power remains connected with all Georgia communities.

We partner with K–12 schools, colleges and universities to assist students with personal development, mentoring and career exploration. We have a particular interest in initiatives relating to increasing student interest in STEM education as well as enhancing teacher quality in order to motivate students to pursue STEM professions.

Plant Bowen employees are fully engaged in supporting their communities, education, environmental stewardship and health and wellness. We are proud to be a sponsor of the Bookmobile.”

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Photo: the Bookmobile at the Cartersville Farmer's Market July 6<sup>th</sup>. 73 books given away.



## LOOKING AHEAD

### September

- Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, September 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### October

- Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, October 19, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat, Allatoona Resource Center, October 25, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

## I SPY...

Randy Thompson spying the Community Foundation logo on the Bookmobile! Randy stopped by to say hello at Taste of Cartersville on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Randy and the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia for your support!



Thank you to our community partners!

