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JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



SUMMER



Dear Friends,

We have been all over Bartow County in the past few months (so please forgive us for not having a newsletter since February!) From Pi Day at Clear Creek Elementary, Bunnies & Books in Adairsville, and Family Night at Cartersville Elementary School to the Allatoona Resource Center, Summer Hill Community Complex and all 12 Bartow County Elementary Schools. With your help, we've given away roughly 5,100 books this year already! We hope you enjoy this glimpse into what we've been up to.



Kim & Valerie



INSIDE YOU'LL FIND:

- Upcoming dates to remember
- Pictures from March - May stops
- "Everybunny" fundraiser total
- United Way Cardboard Boat Race details
- Sponsor and donor "thank yous"

AND MORE!

**Join us on Saturday, August 27th
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Pine Acres Retreat**



United Way of Bartow County presents
**The 2nd Annual
Cardboard Boat Race**

Still seeking sponsors, boat teams, and vendors!



**Come enjoy the Boat Race, Food Trucks, Vendors, Music, and Fun.
Great family event! Free to attend!
3963 Bartow Carver Rd SE, Acworth, GA**

Thank you to our sponsors!

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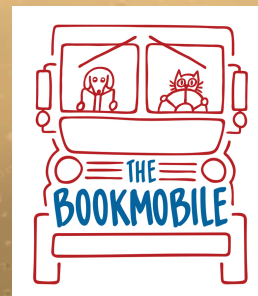


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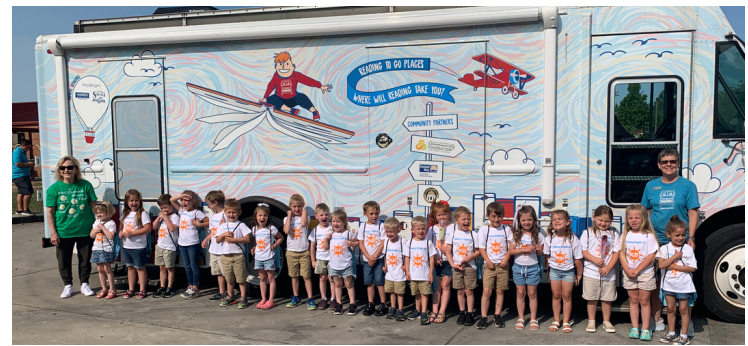
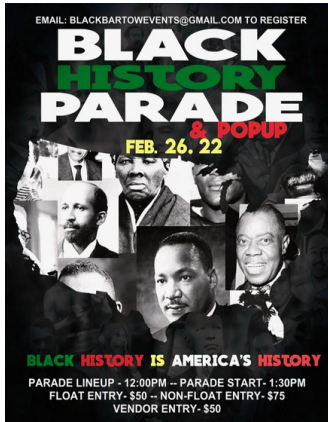


**CLICK HERE for
info on how to
become a sponsor
or boat team**

A fundraiser benefitting:



On February 26, the Bookmobile lined up in the Black History Parade. We handed out candy and bookmarks to the families along the parade route. Thank you to volunteer Chris Pocase for driving!



← Pre-K Summer Book Bundles! →

Thanks to a partnership with Bartow County Schools, we distributed summer reading bundles of 5 books to **EVERY RISING KINDERGARTENER** in Bartow County Pre-K! That's 576 children, a total of 2,880 books. Our goal is to keep children reading over the summer so they'll be kindergarten ready come fall.

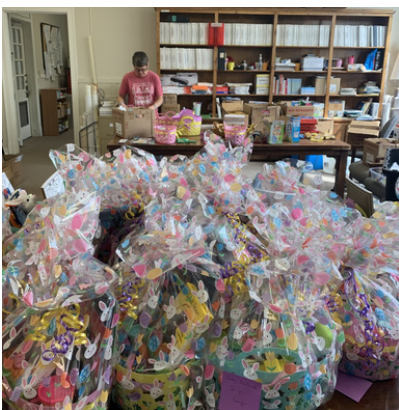




Everybunny Loves Reading

The 2nd annual Everybunny Loves Reading fundraiser raised
\$6,510

for early childhood literacy! In addition to supporting Bookmobile programs, **YOU provided** 34 baskets to Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, 14 baskets to Advocates for Children, 5 baskets to the Tranquility House Domestic Violence Shelter, and 3 baskets to other families in need of help.



Thank you to our sponsors!



Thank You!



The Cartersville Service League awarded us a Project Impact Grant of \$3,500 for 2022! The Service League is a long-standing partner of the Bookmobile, and we appreciate their continued support.

June

- Every Tuesday 11:30 - 1:00, at Douglas St. United Methodist Church
- Free Coffee Friday, June 17, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the Allatoona Resource Center
- Summer Bash at the Allatoona Resource Center, June 18, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- Juneteenth Festival at the Summer Hill Complex June 18, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- St. Francis of Assissi summer program visit, June 24, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

July

- Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, July 16, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- Summer Celebration, July 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Douglas St. UMC
- Supplies for Success, July 30, 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Allatoona Resource Center
- Supplies for Success, July 31, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Summer Hill Shopping Center

August

- Serve Saturday at the Allatoona Resource Center, August 20, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- United Way Cardboard Boat Race fundraiser, August 27, 11:00 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pine Acres Retreat

LOOKING AHEAD



[Click HERE to volunteer!](#)



Cartersville Primary School Family Night on April 28. Each child could pick one free book.

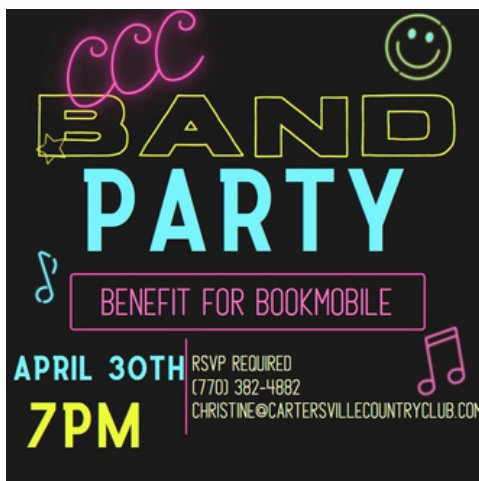
We gave away 416 books in 2 hours! Our line was almost as long as the ice cream line!



Thank you to the Cartersville Country Club Social Committee!

\$11,760

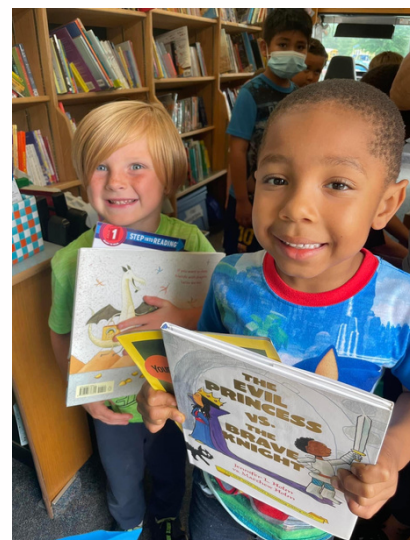
Through a series of fundraisers October 2021-April 2022, the CCC Social Committee raised \$11,760 for the Bookmobile. In the photo to the right, Social Committee President Tori Brumlow and her daughter Bradley present Bookmobile President Valerie Gilreath with a check for the proceeds.



Thank you to the Easter Bunny for dropping by the Allatoona Resource Center on April 16th! Everyone enjoyed pictures with the Easter Bunny, games, crafts, cookie decorating, and, of course, BOOKS! (Above: the Stone family poses with the Easter Bunny.)

Allatoona Elementary Last Day of School Party!

Each child chose three free books to read over the summer -- a total of 84 books!





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And you can help! Learn more.



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