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- Photos from "A Night in Tuscany" and other events
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- Upcoming dates to remember AND MORE!







### FALL PHOTOS



Autumn means fall festivals, trunk or treats, and read alouds. We gave away 1,805 books in October-November and appreciate every invitation!













the 3rd annual Reading Between the Wines

#### A NIGHT IN TUSCANY

Presented by



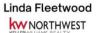
was a SUCCESS! The event raised \$26,950 for childhood literacy and was a wonderful evening of wine, food, and fun.



Thank you to our sponsors and everyone who contributed time and expertise to the event!

































Until next year ....





More event pics from A Night in Tuscany! Thank you to Roya + Zera for these photos.













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#### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Bookmobile founders Valerie Gilreath and Kim Dennis were featured in the October 2023 edition of Georgia Magazine





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both from Cartersville, these comments are "moving and validating."

"Every time I see a kid experience the joy of reading, I am filled with hope," Gilreath says. "I know that literacy can change lives. That's why the Bookmobile exists."

In 2016, Gilreath performed a needs assessment of south Bartow County for the Georgia Department of Public Health.

"It was one of the most impoverished regions in Bartow County in the 1980s, and despite the county pouring money into the area, not much had changed," she says. "I kept asking myself, What could break the cycle of generational poverty there

was books." readers y have n also t have reliable traveling library?' And we decided to do it," Gilreath says. "The Cartersville-Bartow Community Foundation and United Way

They've since upgraded to a larger truck and shifted their model

"We gave away 10,000 books in 2020 and every year since then," Gilreath says

Gilreath and Dennis now operate the Bookmobile, coordinate 40 free community library boxes and oversee and administer Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (a book giveaway program) in Bartow County.

"Our goals are that every child in Bartow is kindergarten ready when they begin school and that all children read proficiently by the end of the third grade, and that can only be achieved by access to books," Gilreath says. "If you can read, you can do anything. I think we're on the right path."

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To learn more or help the Bookmobile, visit readi or call (470) 315-0339

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### LOOKING AHEAD

#### **December**

- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 2, 8-10 a.m., Clear Creek Elementary School
- Adairsville Christmas on the Square, Monday, December 4, 5-8 p.m.
- Hope for Christmas, Saturday, December 9, 4-6 p.m., Euharlee Welcome Center
- Free Coffee Friday, December 15, 8-11 a.m., Allatoona Resource Center
- Serve Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. 12 noon, Allatoona Resource Center



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