



# READING TO GO PLACES!

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## SUMMER BOOK BUNDLES!

In May, every pre-k and first grade student at Bartow County Schools received five books to keep them reading over the summer.



# BIG NEWS INSIDE



**Above:** the Bartow County College and Career Academy pre-k sings to the Bookmobile before receiving their summer book bundles. **Below:** A class at Pine Log Elementary poses with the Bookmobile after receiving their summer book bundles.

**Below:** June visitors pick out books to read over the summer at the Faith Methodist Tuesday stop.



### INSIDE YOU'LL FIND:

- Details of our BIG announcement
- Everybunny Loves Reading Fundraiser Totals
- Remaining summer schedule
- Photos from recent events
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# HAPPY SUMMER



# BIG NEWS



A NEW CHAPTER IS STARTING FOR



READING TO GO PLACES.



IS NOW POWERED BY THE



**ETOWAH**  
Foundation

## WHAT DOES THIS NEWS MEAN?



The Bookmobile will stay on the road continuing the mission to foster a love of reading in parents and children.

### KIM AND VALERIE

will continue to drive the Bookmobile's mission (and the bus).



We will be able to take young readers

**"FROM THE FIRST PAGE TO THE NEXT STAGE"**

by nurturing their interests from an early age and later connecting them with Future Center resources and supports.



**FUTURE CENTERS**

**100%**

**OF DONATIONS**

made to the Bookmobile will continue to exclusively support Bookmobile Programs.



This move ensures future generations of Bartow children will gain a love of reading through the Bookmobile.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Etowah Foundation and the Future Centers initiative.



## Coffee & Conversations May 15th - Waterford Clubhouse

On May 15, we invited donors and volunteers to join us for coffee and pastries and shared our plan to merge with the Etowah Foundation. We discussed what this means for both organizations and welcomed feedback.

Thank you to Noble & Main Coffee Company for providing the delicious coffee and pastries for the event.



**Above:** Attendees enjoy pastries and fellowship before the program begins.



**Above:** Executive Director Valerie Gilreath, Program Director Kim Dennis, and Etowah Foundation Executive Director Leigh Welch share their views on how the merger improves both organizations.

## Everybunny Loves Reading

### Fundraiser TOTALS

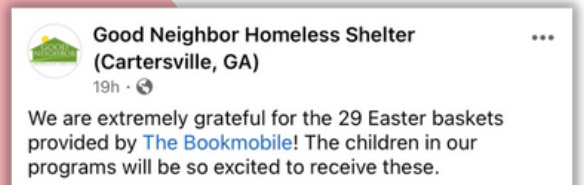
Thank you to our returning sponsor:



**With your help, we raised \$2,980!**

AND provided 41 baskets to children at Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, Advocates for Children, and Tranquility House Domestic Violence Shelter.

Thank you to Modern Woodmen of America/Garth Gherardini for matching a portion of this year's proceeds!



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY UPDATE

We are repairing/ replacing many Little Free Libraries across Bartow due to general wear-and-tear. The original wooden Little Libraries at Clarence Benham Park, Dellinger Park, and ROC Atco were removed in December 2023 and are being replaced with red, metal-



## DPIL ENROLLMENT REPORT

- 3,414 currently enrolled
- 5,078 total graduated
- 357 new enrollments in 2024

If you have a child or grandchild between the ages of 0 and 5, [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



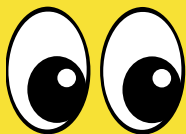
clad Little Libraries (as shown) generously built and donated by Shaw Industries last year. This process has taken longer than expected as we coordinate with Cartersville Parks & Recreation for installation. **We appreciate your patience.** The new structures are safer and more durable and should last for many years. Look for more to pop up near you soon!

The Clarence Benham Park Little Library on Jones St. has re-opened!



Many thanks to the **Cartersville Service League** for awarding us a 2024 Community Impact Grant! We appreciate your continued support.

thank you



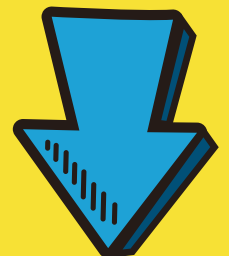
## LOOKING AHEAD

### June

- Summer Reading, Tuesday, June 25, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Faith Methodist Church
- Summer Reading, Thursday, June 27th, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Douglas Street United Methodist Church
- Gingerbread House, Thursday, June 27, 10-11 a.m.

### July

- Summer Reading, Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, and 23rd, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Faith Methodist Church
- Eddie Lee Wilkins Summer Camp, Friday, July 12, 10-11 a.m., Summer Hill Complex
- Peacock Junction, Adairsville, July 13, 2-5 p.m.
- Sunshine House Childcare Center, Wednesday, July 24, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Back to School Event, Saturday, July 27, 2-5 p.m., Omega Church of God Adairsville



[Click HERE to volunteer!](#)



Students at Pine Log Elementary initiate a group hug with Program Director Kim Dennis after receiving their summer book bundles in May.

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