



MEDIA EVENT

Media Event: July 20, 2018

Visit Book Mobile stops on Friday, July 20, to see how GCPS and the Atlanta Community Food Bank are serving up summer success and a hunger for reading.

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) and Atlanta Community Food Bank partner to serve up books and snacks

This summer, Gwinnett County Public Schools and the Atlanta Community Food Bank are serving up summer success and a hunger for reading... all delivered by a converted school bus! Two mobile libraries travel 35-stop routes in the Meadowcreek and Norcross clusters each week, checking out school library books to students who may not have easy access to the public library. The two Book Mobiles are stocked with books for all ages and reading levels— Pre-K to 12th grade— pulled from the shelves of school media centers. The buses have been running their weekly schedule (Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.) since **June 4**, with the program wrapping up Friday, **July 27**.

New this summer, GCPS partnered with the Atlanta Community Food Bank and its partner One-to-One to provide meals/snacks to Book Mobile patrons—children along with their parents. “We are excited to be able to provide not only snacks, but summer meals through this partnership,” said **Michele Chivore**, director of the Child Nutrition Program at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. “Research shows children who don’t have to worry about food perform better in the classroom, but for those facing food insecurity, the summer months pose an additional challenge. Our hope is that by offering nutritious meals, we can ensure many children aren’t starting the school year at a disadvantage.”



Local news media representatives are invited to visit several Book Mobile stops on Friday, July 20.

STOP TIME	NEIGHBORHOOD	BOOK MOBILE PARKING LOCATION	ADDRESS
10:30-11:15 a.m.	The Centre at Peachtree Corners	Beside the grill/picnic table area	3325 Holcomb Bridge Drive, Peachtree Corners
12:30-1:15 p.m.	The Columns at Peachtree Corners	At the mailboxes	3400 Peachtree Corners Circle, Peachtree Corners
3-3:45 p.m.	Audubon Creek/Wexford	Mail Center	111 Amber Drive, Norcross

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The Atlanta Community Food Bank's Child Nutrition Team currently works with 6 school districts in 5 counties, including Gwinnett County Schools throughout the year. When school is out, the organization supports summer meal sponsors in 29 counties throughout Metro Atlanta and North Georgia through outreach and marketing campaigns. In 2017, the federally funded Summer Meals Program served 9.4 million meals throughout the state with more than 2,900 summer meal sites. Meals provided through the program are nutritious and meet USDA meal pattern guidelines. Families may text **FOOD GA to 877-877** to find summer feeding sites near them.

Gwinnett County Public Schools is Georgia's largest school district, serving approximately 180,000 students. This is the district's second summer for its Book Mobile program. For more about the BookMobile go to <http://www.gcpsbookmobile.org>.



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