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# GCPS Book Mobile brings books to kids

The time is now for Gwinnett County parents and students to take advantage of the GCPS Book Mobile. The former school bus turned library on wheels continues its 35-stop route in the Meadowcreek Cluster each week during the month of July. After 3 weeks of service, more than 2,400 students and parents have visited the bus and more than 3,600 books have been checked out.

The Book Mobile is filled with more than 4,200 books that students can check out free of charge. In addition, the mobile library is staffed with media specialists who excel at connecting students and books. This literacy initiative is built on research that shows reading is the cornerstone of learning and academic success. Studies also show high performing readers are those that are able to choose what they enjoy to read.

In the fall, the Book Mobile will transition from a checkout system to a book "give-away." Gwinnett County public schools will have the opportunity to "book the bus" for a visit during which students will be able to get on the bus and pick out a book to keep. The children who get on the bus will be those who have met a school established goal, and the book will be their reward. In this way, reading is encouraged, students are rewarded and personal libraries are built. This Book Mobile visit will be available to all Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS). The collection of new popular books will be provided during the school year through donations and sponsors. Mary Barbee, the Director of Media Services and Technical Training is a strong advocate of the program.

"Reading books takes children places they have never been to before and it enhances their imagination," Barbee said. "Unfortunately because of any number of obstacles, many children are not able to visit a library so we are bringing the library to them. There are so many new and exciting books available to the students, we are confident every child will find more than one book he or she is interested in."

The summer GCPS Book Mobile schedule is as follows:

## Monday

9:30 AM - Dover Place Condos - Cul-de-sac

10:30 AM - Indian Trail Apartment Homes - Mail Center

12:00 PM - The Columns Apartments - Garages Between Buildings 900 And 1000

1:00 PM - Carrington Apartments - Mail Center

2:00 PM - Prescott Apts/Hills on Breckridge - Ferguson ES

3:00 PM - The Grove @ Stone Brook Apts - Across From Tennis Courts 4:00 PM - Ellington Woods - Outside Leasing Office **Tuesday** 9:30 AM - Willow Trail Apartments - Pool Area 10:30 AM - Jones Mobile Home Park - Church Parking Lot 12:00 PM - Woodland Ridge Apts - Building 2800 1:00 PM - Tanaga Forest - Near Trees On Sitka Way And Hydaburg Lane 2:00 PM - The Chelsea Apartments - Near Buildings 17/18 3:00 PM - Oakbrook Pointe Apartments - Building 11 4:00 PM - Abbots Glen Apartments - Parking Lot Near Hardware Store Wednesday 9:30 AM - Capella Apartments - Building 3456 10:30 AM - Sienna Heights Apartment - Building 10 12:00 PM - Tuscana & Azalea Apts - Citgo Station 1:00 PM - Las Palmas Apartments - Pool Area 2:00 PM - The Reserve at Gwinnett - Mail Center 3:00 PM - Piccadilly Place/Champions Park/Estates 1700 - Graves Park 4:00 PM - Colonial Place Apartments - Building 9833 **Thursday** 9:30 Am - Spring Condos/Southern Woods/Crestwood - Nam Dae Mun 10:30 Am - Legacy Commons - Mail Center 12:00 Pm - The Pointe - Fitness Center 1:00 Pm - Forest Vale Apts - Forest Vale Way 2:00 Pm - Ashford Jackson Creek Apts - Outside Community Center 3:00 Pm - Grove Point Apts 4:00 Pm - Reserve/Princeton Heights - KRC Exit Friday 9:30 AM - Gwinnett Station Apts - Will Cone Off Parking Area

10:30 AM - JSD Apts/Rockbridge Ct - Cedar Village Shopping Center

12:00 PM - Hampton Woods Apts - Near Mailboxes

1:00 PM - Harbins Springs - Pool Area

2:00 PM - Harbins Crossing - Amberly Dr. & Waverly Ct.

3:00 PM - Castleaire - Bishops Circle & Langhorn Way

4:00 PM - Castilla Woods - Santa Anna & Balboa Ct