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Book Mobiles deliver Books 2 Kids in Gwinnett County

Each summer, Gwinnett County Public Schools' Book Mobiles have rolled through apartment complexes and neighborhoods in Gwinnett County, making stops and allowing children to check out books for their reading pleasure. Given this year's pandemic situation and concerns about social distancing, GCPS is taking a new approach to promoting reading during the summer months. Instead of making their usual rounds, the Book Mobiles will deliver books to students through the **Books 2 Kids** program. Throughout June and July, the mobile libraries will visit more than 80 school locations and allow children to choose two new books to take home and to keep as part of their personal library. In addition to individual school events, the Book Mobile will visit all GCPS middle schools, ensuring that students in every cluster have the opportunity to select books for summer reading. All **Books 2 Kids** events will take place outside in the bus lanes of the host schools and will follow social distancing guidelines.

Gwinnett County Public Schools' **Director of Media Services Mary Barbee** is excited about this year's program. She says, "The mission of the Book Mobile is still to get books into children's hands, and this need is even more critical now. In the current health crisis, we could not safely use our traditional neighborhood checkout model. Instead, **Books 2 Kids** brings new, popular books to schools and students who come by and pick free books to keep. With this program, we are able to maintain social distancing while giving kids a chance to pick the book they are most likely to read at home."

The **Books 2 Kids** program kicks off **Wednesday, May 27**, in the **South Gwinnett Cluster**. All students in the South Gwinnett Cluster are invited to stop in from 1 to 5 p.m. at the cluster's middle schools—Grace Snell Middle School or Snellville Middle School—to select their books.

Check the [calendar](#) on the GCPS website for when the Book Mobiles will visit a school near you.

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