



Bulloch County Literacy Council

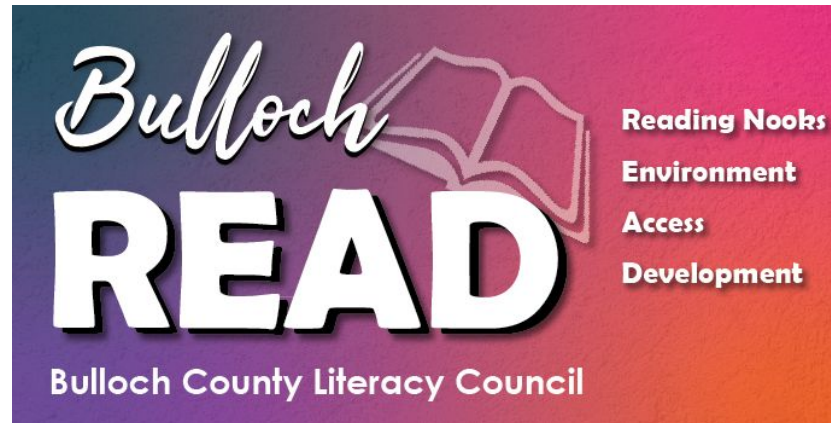
FY22-FY24 Action Plan Report



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Purpose

The purpose of the Bulloch County Literacy Council is to create a sustainable community collaborative that works to increase Kindergarten readiness for students birth through Pre-Kindergarten and to support the improvement of literacy levels for all children in Kindergarten through Grade 5.





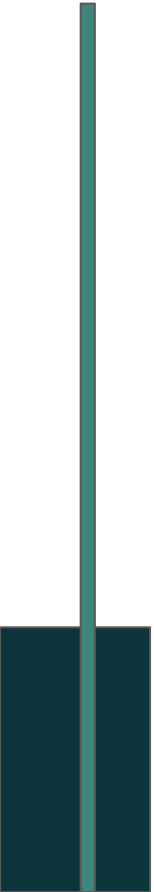
Partners

The Bulloch County Literacy Council Members

- Altrusa of Statesboro
- Bulloch County Schools
- East Georgia Regional Medical Center (Mother/Baby Unit)
- Ferst Readers
- Georgia Power Company
- Georgia Southern University, College of Education
- Kids World Learning Center
- Statesboro-Bulloch County Library



Priorities

- Included birth to five literacy focus in the district's strategic plan.
 - Hired a coordinator to lead the community literacy collaborative.
 - Collaborated with community agencies interested in supporting early literacy and kindergarten readiness so that efforts and resources are streamlined.
 - Developed business partnerships to support literacy efforts
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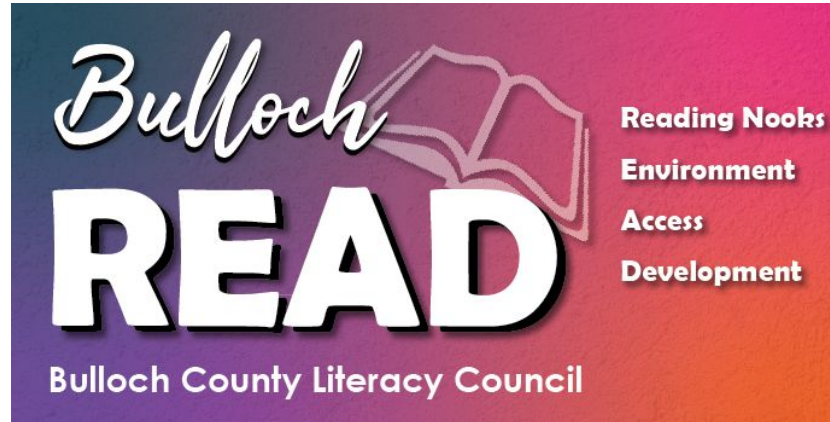
Accomplishments

- Bulloch County Schools Book Bus
 - Distributed more than 20,000 books to children
 - People are able to donate books or volunteer



Accomplishments

- Council created Bulloch READ campaign
 - Reading: Encourage the creation of Reading Nooks
 - Environment: Encourage a literacy-rich Environment
 - Access: Increase Access to books and reading resources
 - Development: Increase early brain development



Accomplishments

- Reading Nooks
 - Encourage the creation of Reading Nooks in homes and businesses
 - Partner with local businesses and organizations to create Reading Nooks
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Caring Thread Ministry
 - Statesboro High School's Construction Students





Accomplishments

- Community Donations
 - More that \$16,000
- Grants
 - More than \$135,000
 - Georgia Power
 - Books-A-Million
 - Toys for Tots Literacy Foundation
 - Department of Early Learning and Care: Bright from the Start

Recognitions

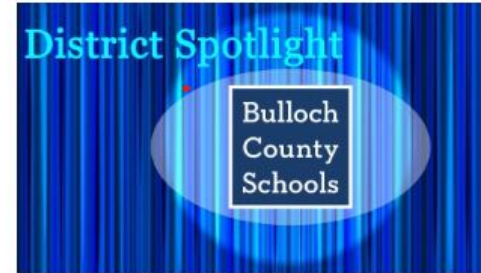
Congressman Rick Allen recognizes BCS Literacy efforts and donates books from the Library of Congress to community Reading Nooks



BCS literacy efforts recognized by Governor's Office of Student Achievement as part of their statewide effort to promote literacy

Bulloch County's Literacy Work

Great things are happening around literacy in Bulloch County! A few years ago, Bulloch County Schools decided to bring a new focus to its community; helping children establish solid reading skills before they enter kindergarten. Realizing that 90% of a child's brain is developed before age five, other organizations decided to join the school district in this effort and the Bulloch County Literacy Council was formed.





Questions