



Chief Executive Officer
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

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RE: DeKalb Reads – Adopt a Book Box

Dear Mayors,

As part of DeKalb County's continued commitment to improving education and creating stronger, healthier communities, we are expanding the **DeKalb Reads Initiative**, a countywide effort to foster a lifelong love of reading among children and families.

Through the DeKalb Reads Initiative, we will visit local schools, community events, and neighborhood gatherings to distribute books to youth and promote literacy throughout DeKalb County. We are also expanding the DeKalb Reads Book Box Program, which will place free community book boxes in strategic locations across the county to encourage children and teens to read regularly and exchange books within their neighborhoods.

To make this initiative successful, we are inviting each municipality to partner with us by adopting a DeKalb Reads Book Box at a city facility, park, library, recreation center, or another highly visible community location. Each book box will serve as a welcoming resource where young readers can take a book, leave a book, and discover the joy of reading.

By adopting a book box, your city will help increase access to books, encourage reading outside the classroom, and demonstrate a shared investment in the future of our children. Together, we can create more opportunities for every child to develop the literacy skills that open doors to lifelong learning.

We hope you will join us in this meaningful effort by adopting a DeKalb Reads Book Box in your community. A member of our team will follow up with additional information regarding locations, installation, and opportunities to celebrate your city's participation.

We look forward to working with you to build a stronger community, one book at a time.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

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