

# GM site redevelopment ushers in a new chapter in Doraville's history

Just like ancient Jericho, the walls of the former GM automobile manufacturing plant and offices have begun "tumblin' down" as developers move forward in preparing the 165-acre site for an exciting mixed use business and residential district. Starting with a demolition ceremony on January 9th, attended by local, state and federal dignitaries, bull-dozers have steadily been leveling the GM facility that has stood on the property for nearly 70 years. Auto production at the plant shut down and closed in 2008.

Over the next decade, developers envision shops, restaurants, an office complex, and green space easily accessed on all four sides that promises to revitalize the area and create a new chapter in Doraville's 140-year-old history.

The mammoth project is being guided by the property owners, The Integral Group, in partnership with designers Macauley + Schmidt. Perkins Eastman, a New York-based international architecture, interior design, urban design, planning, landscape architecture, graphic design, and project management firm was hired earlier this year to spearhead the design of the new project.

As the illustration above shows, the area will be divided into a number of themed sections such as a flowing park-like area known as The Commons, The Yards, Campus Square, Station Square and a huge green space that will be known as Peachtree Park. Initial architectural renderings show Park Avenue (the street running in front of City Hall) being extended to enter the site from the west with the street being built under existing MARTA rail lines, connecting the

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## From the City Manager's Desk

By Dr. Shawn Gillen

We are very excited about the redevelopment of the former GM site. We have been very busy meeting with residents to discuss the redevelopment plan and the next steps involved.

There will be a lot more to come over the next few months, so stay tuned.

There is a lot going on in the City right now and more exciting things will be happening over the spring and summer. We will begin work on street paving and pothole repair and the renovation of Halpern Park. You can read more about these in this issue of *Insight*.

Something that we have been focusing our time and resources on for the past several months is code compliance. We increased the budget and added personnel for code compliance and the number of code violations addressed has more than doubled. We are very pleased with the progress, but we have a lot more work to do.

Have a fantastic spring and please let me know if there is anything we can do for you.

## **Onward and Upward!**

By Doraville Mayor Donna Pittman

I hope all of you are enjoying the lovely spring weather and taking the opportunity to visit any or all of our six beautiful city parks. As you may recall, Doraville is an official Tree City and our city parks helped us gain this designation.



Our Parks and Recreation Director Rip Robertson and his team are busy creating a master plan for improving our parks even more and will soon be seeking your input through a citywide online survey. This survey will allow citizens to have direct input into the future plans for our parks, recreation programming and the Department's planning (see Rip's column on Page 5 for more details).

For instance, we are very excited to be moving forward with the renovation of Halpern Park with new playground equipment, a new BBQ area and a new walking path. The recently-installed Soccer Pitch has been a great success. Look for a future announcement in late spring or early summer for the grand reopening of the park.

In addition to improving our parks, we have lots of other exciting things going on in Doraville and I assure all residents we will continue working hard to make our city one of the best in the region. The GM redevelopment project is moving forward, too. The demolition of the old facility should be completed by late summer and you will continue seeing progress by Fall.

To hear more about all the great things happening in our city, I would like to personally invite you to my State of the City address set for April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Doraville City Hall.

Please contact me anytime with question or comments.

*Insight* is published quarterly for the citizens of Doraville. We appreciate and welcome your input. Please contact Bob Kelley, Doraville Public Information Officer, email: robert.kelley@doravillega.us.



(L-R) Jack Halpern, Carolyn Halpern Oppenheimer and Chief John King

#### Halpern family makes generous donation to city police department

Local businessman Jack Halpern and his sister, Carolyn Halpern Oppenheimer, were recently recognized at a city council meeting by Mayor Donna Pittman and Doraville Police Chief John King for a generous gift to the Doraville Police Department (DPD). Halpern and his sister made a \$10,000 donation to the DPD in memory of their parents, Halpern Enterprises founder Bernard Halpern and his wife, Shirley.

Halpern Enterprises, based in Doraville, is recognized as one of the Southeast's most experienced shopping center development and management companies.

Chief King noted that the donation was used to purchase two significant pieces of equipment for each officer. One was Officer Survival Packs, that every patrol officer will have in his or her patrol car.

These packs are compact and loaded with the following contents: 1-OSS Combat Compression Dressing; 2- Hemostatic Gauze Packs; 1-Swat-T Tactical Wrap Tourniquet; 2- Sterile 3in Gauze Rolls; 6- Sterile 4x4 Gauze Sponges; 12 ply 1-5x9 Sterile Trauma Pad; 1-3x9 Petrolatum Non Adherent Dressing; 1- Set of Rescue Shears; 1- 1in Cloth Medical tape; and 2 pairs of Black OSS Nitrile Gloves.

This Rip Away Patrol Pack is a two-part Modular Lightweight

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## Corally Rivera and her team help keep administrative "order in the court"

In today's American court system, justice isn't always necessarily swift. Nobody knows this better than Corally Rivera and her team as they coordinate day-to-day operations in Doraville's court system.

Often mired in paperwork, court delays and lawbreakers determined to "beat the system," strong doses of diligence, persistence and patience are required daily.

Rivera, Chief Court Clerk, and her staff are tasked with setting trial dates, arraignments and coordinating pretrial conversations between the solicitor (prosecutor) and the accused on matters ranging from speeding, traffic violations, driving with a suspended or no license to Code Compliance violations, shoplifting, DUIs, and no auto insurance citations. Doraville courts handle only misdemeanors, with all felony cases sent on to DeKalb County's court system.

"When a person is cited, they come in

and we give the option for them to talk to the city solicitor to determine if they want to plead guilty and pay their fine or plead not guilty," said Rivera. "If they plead not guilty, we have to set the trial date. Every person has the right to get one 'reset' which means they can push the case out a month. When they come to court, they may request an extension, and that can push it out another month. If the attorney has a conflict, it can go out another month. This happens a lot and can drag cases out for long periods."

Assisting Rivera are courthouse employees Shannon Cain, Gwen Staton and Amy Christopher. Court is held six times a month: the first two Mondays of the month and every Tuesday.

On court days, each staffer has a role to play. "Amy checks people in and gives them the explanation of their options on how they can plead," Rivera continued. "Gwen helps the solicitor do resets and runs paperwork and Shannon serves as



**Corally Rivera** 

courtroom clerk. I work the payment window collecting fines." And all of this requires enormous amounts of paperwork. When not in court, the team works diligently to get reams of paperwork input into an antiquated system, but hopefully this burden may be eased with new software that could be on the way via the city's capital improvement plan.

Averaging nearly 15,000 cases and bringing in over \$3 million annually, the court system contributes heavily to the city's bottom line.

### DPD's Moncayo named Doraville's newest Animal Control Officer

Brandon Moncayo, a member of the Doraville Police Department (DPD), has traded his dispatching job there to chase four-legged felons by volunteering to serve as the city's newest Animal Control officer. He assumed the role in February.

A full-time job, Moncayo's work schedule is Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. He will be responsible for any animal-related issues in the city and local neighborhoods such as barking dogs (disturbing neighbors), dog bites, loose animals roaming the street, animals in distress, animal cruelty and inhumane treatment and more.

As he adjusts to the new job, Moncayo hopes to build alliances with local veterinary hospitals, Code Compliance and Animal Control officers in surrounding towns to collaborate and help each other when necessary. Using local pet hospitals and rescue groups to scan micro-



**Brandon Moncayo** 

chips should provide faster service than taking the animals to a DeKalb shelter and allow the pets to be picked up closer to home. Working in tandem with Code Compliance means extra sets of eyes in the neighborhoods to spot any pet problems.

"The biggest problem is primarily loose dogs," said Moncayo, "and I hope to get links to our city website and Facebook that will allow faster reporting of stray or loose animals for quicker return to owners. Loose cats will be captured and taken to be spayed and neutered before being released to cut down on the stray cat populations."

Watch future issues of *Insight* and the city website for more animal control programs and measures being launched in the near future.

## Meetings & Events

The best way to play an active role in how your city operates is to attend and participate in regularly scheduled city government meetings and social events. The public is welcome at all meetings/events listed below.

- City Council meetings are held the first and third Monday each month, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- Doraville Planning Commission meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
- Doraville Downtown Development Authority meetings are held quarterly at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Check the city website for meeting dates.
- Senior Citizens monthly potluck luncheon, held the second Wednesday of each month at the Doraville Civic Center.

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A lot of effort was made over the past few months to "spread the word" about Integral Group's new plans for the GM site, including a Town Hall, demolition ceremony and inhome presentations.

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#### GM site to offer live-work-play environment, bring new prosperity to the area

area directly to Doraville, the Marta station and a network of major highways like Buford Highway, I-285 and I-85. Egbert Perry, CEO of The Integral Group, has noted that capitalizing on drivers, pedestrians and transit systems combined with green space and connectivity will make the area walkable and appealing to all ages.

The different sections will all be interrelated such as visitors in Station Square being able to walk to The Commons, the center of the entire project that will offer park, biking and water features. "An old creek that existed years ago that was covered by the GM facility could potentially be uncovered and utilized to complement the park-like environment," said Perry.

Another area of the development, The Yards, has the potential to be remodeled to create, from existing buildings, an upscale warehouse district of lofts and office space for young entrepreneurs and hightech businesses, much like those that have been renovated in recent years near the Georgia Dome. Built to primarily accommodate pedestrians, the entire site will be easily navigable by car on single-lane roads bordered by bike lanes and sidewalks.

"From its early beginnings as a humble dairy farm, this site has meant so much to Doraville," said Mayor Donna Pittman. "GM's arrival in the mid-1940s ushered in an industrial era that supplied the region with jobs and built the city we know today. But a new day is dawning, one that promises to truly be a renewal for Doraville and spur new job growth for the North Atlanta region. I believe the developers, designers and architects all recognize and appreciate the city's vision. The live-work-play development will ideally create more jobs and spur more development in the area."



#### **Grand Opening Celebrated**



Mayor Donna Pittman helped officially open one of Do-

raville's newest businesses, The Big Green Egg, 3786 DeKalb Technology Parkway, in February. Here she joins Ed Fisher, company founder, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Demolition of the old facility and preparation for the site could take up to nearly a year and the construction of the different sections will be accomplished over the next decade.

#### Halpern gift (from Page 2)

Load-carrying Equipment (M.O.L.L.E.) system. The backplate is designed to be affixed to any M.O.L.L.E. component with the pouch being affixed to the backplate with a velcro backing. This is a tri-pouch compartment that will fit any blowout kit with extra room for additional squad support items or medical supplies.

The kit allows officers to provide immediate first aid on trauma victims awaiting medical assistance.

"Also purchased with the donation were top-of-the-line reflective vests that our officers can wear while they're on the freeway, especially useful in meeting new Department of Transportation requirements," said Chief King. "The roads are pretty dangerous for our officers, especially at night, and the new vests should provide additional protection."

The donation was at the bequest of Shirley Halpern before her recent passing. "This was such a gracious thing for her to do, to think of our police department," said Mayor Pittman. "She loved the police department and this equipment will be much used and appreciated."



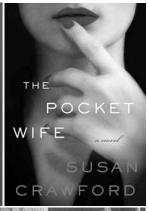
# Local authors' new books hit the literary scene

Local Doraville authors/writers Susan Crawford, Oakcliff, and Bob Kelley, Northwoods, have new books that were published recently. This was Crawford's first novel and the second *Images of America* photo history book for Kelley.

## A Romantic Thriller—The Pocket Wife

A stylish psychological thriller with the compelling intrigue of *The Silent Wife* and *Turn of Mind* and the white-knuckle pacing of *Before I Go to Sleep*—in which a woman suffering from bipolar disorder cannot remember if she murdered her friend.









Susan Crawford (upper left) has published her first novel, *The Pocket Wife*. Bob Kelley (lower right) holds his newest book as he poses with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Photos from the Carter Center are among those featured in Kelley's book, *Images of America: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*.

## LITERATURE

Dana Catrell is shocked when her neighbor Celia is brutally murdered. To Dana's horror, she was the last person to see Celia alive. Suffering from mania, the result of her bipolar disorder, she has troubling holes in her memory, including what happened on the afternoon of Celia's death.

Her husband's odd behavior and the probing of Detective Jack Moss create further complications as she searches for answers. The closer she comes to piecing together the shards of her broken memory, the more Dana falls apart. Is there a murderer lurking inside her . . . or is there one out there in the shadows of reality, waiting to strike again?

Crawford is active in Doraville civic circles and currently serves on the city's Planning Commission. Her book is available at local retail outlets and on ama-

zon.com and through Kindle.

## History of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

There was a time when CDC was just another in the alphabet soup of government agencies, but Kelley's book, *Images of America: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, comes on the heels of CDC's involvement with the Ebola crisis and more recently with the measles and flu outbreaks.

The book is comprised of nearly 200 vintage images from CDC and other health agencies' historic photo libraries that together tell the story of how the CDC is not only a first responder in times of disease outbreaks or natural/manmade disasters, but since 1946 has utilized scientific and epidemiological expertise to help people around the world enjoy healthier, safer, longer lives. Today, it is one of the premier health agencies in the world.

Kelley authored *Images of America: Do-raville* two years ago and currently works part-time as Public Information Officer for the city and does freelance travel writing. His new book is available at amazon.com, Kindle and at various Barnes & Noble outlets around Atlanta.

### Park planning, pothole repair keep Parks and Rec busy

From Rip Robertson
City Parks and Recreation Director

BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPI-ONS: Our 12-and-under girls basketball team competed in the 2015 Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) basketball tournament recently. They beat DeKalb County in the district finals 51-20 at Doraville's Flemming Arena to move on to the state tournament in Griffin, GA. At the state tournament, they defeated Savannah Parks & Rec (41-18) and Rome/Floyd County Parks & Rec (29-6) and College Park Parks & Rec (48-44) in the finals to capture Doraville's first GRPA State Tournament title.

PARKS & RECREATION MAS-**TER PLAN**: We are moving along with our comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The next phase is an on-line survey that will have links on our City's website, the Recreation Department's Facebook page, and will be forwarded to all of the neighborhood contacts for distribution. This is an opportunity for our citizens to have direct input into the future plans for our parks, recreation programming and the Department's planning. The survey will be distributed to the Pan Asian Association and the Latin American Association's population. Once the survey is are completed, the information will be analyzed and compiled into useful information to help formulate our plan.

HALPERN PARK: We have began negotiations with a construction company for the final phase of the Halpern Park project. We are attempting to finalize the plan to move forward with this very important project and produce a park that the neighborhood will be proud of and use for many years to come. We hope to start renovations in April and be completed before the summer months begin and have the park ready for the kids to get out of school and are ready to play.

**POTHOLES:** We are moving forward with an agreement with HEH Paving to help improve the drivability through our city. We hope over the next few weeks to see significant improvement and some much needed help on our streets.

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## **Doraville On The Go!**

(Upper left) Doraville Mayor and City Council officials pose during the demolition ceremony for the GM site on January 9: (I-r) Pam Fleming, Maria Alexander, Sharon Spangler, Dawn O'Connor, Mayor Donna Pittman, and Robert Patrick.



Below right: Councilwoman Dawn O'Connor joins Mayor Pittman for a tasty meal at the grand opening of Little Sheep Mongolian Hot Pot, 5090 Buford Highway, Suite 104. The new restaurant offers Mongolian hot pot dining, using a soup made from flavorful spices, high quality meats and fresh produce.





## Special Olympics torch to pass through Doraville on June 6

The Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America, in association with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) and sponsored by Bank of America, will mobilize for a fund raising effort this summer to unite the nation in welcoming and including people with intellectual disabilities.

Over the course of 46 days, in a hand-tohand exchange led by celebrity and Special Olympics athlete co-captains and more than 20,000 movement supporters, the Flame of Hope will be carried across the country through all 50 states and delivered to Los Angeles in time for the 2015 World Summer Games. Three routes will take the torch across the United States from May 26 - July 10 and the southern route, beginning in Miami, Florida is slated to pass through Doraville on June 6.

Each segment of the relay is either a 0.5 mile run or five miles of biking. Local residents are invited to participate in this fundrais-

ing effort by forming teams of one to 10 people to walk, jog, run, roll, or cycle along the Doraville segment.

Each team member will be asked to fundraise to reach the team's fundraising goal. Once the team has met its fundraising goal and team members registered, approval will be secured to actively participate in the Unified Relay Across America.

For complete details, go to http://uraa.donordrive.com/

## Latest Code Compliance stats show promising results

In August 2013, the responsibility for code compliance throughout Doraville was outsourced to Clark Patterson Lee, a local planning firm. Their team has been working with the city's Community Development Department in an effort to correct compliance issues that had been steadily climbing over the past decade. This joint effort includes addressing issues such as decrepit and poorly maintained properties, junk vehicles, illegal dumping and burning hazardous industrial sites as well as sign, zoning and life safety violations.

It has been a huge, ongoing task for the team, but the latest statistics gathered over the past year show promising results. In the twelve months ending in February,

2015, the code compliance division opened 2,499 cases. Of those, 2,270 have been closed. 72% of people complied on the first code compliance officer visit, and 9% complied on the second visit. For the remaining cases, 5.2% went to court and of those, 80% were convicted, and the other 20% complied prior to trial and the cases were dismissed. It appears the team is on track to handle nearly 5,000 cases this year.

Using state-of-the-art technology, the code compliance officers are building a database of offenses that has eliminated cumbersome paperwork and provided points of reference on repeat offenders. Still the process can be frus-

trating to some residents who don't necessarily see immediate results. Throughout the process, roadblocks such as finding the property owner, prolonged legal actions, or time allowed to correct the problem can translate into delays in immediately correcting the problem. The Code Compliance team will continue to make ongoing recommendations in order to make the compliance process more efficient.

In the next issue of *Insight*, a closer look will be taken at the ongoing efforts of the code compliance team. In the meantime, residents can report code enforcement issues by sending an email to codecompliance@doravillega.us or calling (678)530-2006.

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# What's happening at the Doraville Library?

#### **April**

**Family Storytime**—Every Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. April 7, 14, 21, 28

**Pre-School Adventures**—(ages 3-5) Every Wednesday, 10:30-11:00 a.m. April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Bilingual (Spanish/English) Storytime**—3rd Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 18, May 16, June 20

**Teen Zone**—(ages 10-17) 3rd Saturday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Activities and discussions for tweens and teens.

No Teen Zone in April!

English as a second language— Every Saturday, 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Free English conversation class. No registration required. April 4, 11, 18, 25

American Short Stories Group Discussion—2nd Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Discussion of an American Classic with Dr. Ken Johnson, Georgia Perimeter College. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. April 11: *The Passing of Grandison* by Charles W. Chesnutt

Crafting with a cause—2nd Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Join a group of crafters with a cause: to create usable, lovable, handmade crafts for local charities. April 11

**Senior Bingo**—2nd Thursday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Prizes are awarded. April 9

#### May

**Family Storytime**—No Family Storytime in May

**Pre-School Adventures** (ages 3-5)—No Pre-School Adventures in May

**Bilingual (Spanish/English) Storytime**—3rd Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. May 16

**Teen Zone**—(ages 10-17) 3rd Saturday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Activities and discussions for tweens and teens. May 16: Anime Arts: Make an anime inspired craft.

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American Short Stories Group Discussion—2nd Saturday, 10:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m. Discussion of an American Classic with Dr. Ken Johnson, Georgia Perimeter College. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. May 9: *Old Mrs. Harris* by Willa Cather

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**Senior Bingo**—2nd Thursday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Prizes are awarded. May 14

#### June

Vacation Reading Program starts!—Pick up your reading log at the Circulation Desk to track your summer reading and library program attendance. Each completed log earns you a ticket to enter a raffle. Prizes are available for Wee Readers (ages 0-2), Children (ages 3-11), Teens (ages 12-17), and adults (ages

**Superhero Bootcamp**—Every hero has a story! Transform into your superhero alter ego through stories, games, exercises, and crafts. Bootcamp for Summer Camp Programs (ages 5-14) Every Wednesday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. June 3, 10, 17, 24

**Bootcamp for Families**—(all ages) Every Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Teen Zone**— (ages 10-17) 3rd Saturday, 2:30 – 4:00pm Activities and discussions for tweens and teens. June 20: Unmask the ordinary! Com-

ic books, graphic novels, and superhero craft and discussion.

English as a second language— Every Saturday, 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Free English conversation class. No registration required. June 6, 13, 20, 27

American Short Stories Group Discussion—2nd Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Discussion of an American Classic with Dr. Ken Johnson, Georgia Perimeter College. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. June 13: *The Law of Life* by Jack London

Crafting with a cause—2nd Saturday, 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Join a group of crafters with a cause: to create usable, lovable, handmade crafts for local charities. April 11, May 9, June 13

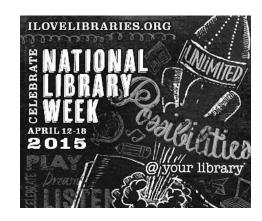
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#### **Special Events (April, May)**

Always visit the City of Doraville website for upcomng announcements about special events.

Author Talk: Susan Crawford—Saturday, April 18th, 3:00 –4:30 p.m. Join the Friends of the Doraville Library as they host a reception and book signing for local author Susan Crawford and her first novel, *The Pocket Wife*.

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra—Saturday, May 2, 2:00 p.m. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is coming to the Doraville Library for the *Symphony in Your Neighborhood* series. A reception will follow the program.



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## Your City Leaders...

The City Manager, Mayor and City Council are there to serve all citizens. Keep the list below handy to contact these city government staff members:

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#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# New reading program at Cary Reynolds takes students to exciting worlds of adventure

Students at Cary Reynolds Elementary School have a new incentive to explore worlds of adventure, history, fantasy and imagination with the implementation of a new Reading Passport program.

Working in tandem with Doraville Public Library, Stephanie Jackson, teacher and library media specialist at the school, created the program to inspire students to read more by providing them with "passports" filled with reading-based challenges.

"I wanted students to get more excited about reading and to focus on expanding the variety of books they might find interesting," said Jackson. "This was also a good way to get them inspired and thinking about their summer reading program, too."

Doraville Library's Mirna Turcios helped Jackson take her reading passport idea and make it a reality. The library provides small folded passport sheets filled with tasks such as "Check out a good book from the school media center," "Read a book to someone at home," and "Draw a picture about a book you've read."

There are 20 challenges each student must complete to be eligible for small prizes that are also provided by the Doraville library. The students color in each challenge block upon completion of the task and when all 20 challenges are completed, they drop it in a collection box in

the school's media center.

The fun, creative program is offered to all 1,200 Pre-K to 5th grade students at the school. The school started the program in January and hopes to take it forward into future semesters. The simple prizes offered to



Stephanie Jackson

students include small toys, books, bookmarks, anything age appropriate.

Small prize contributions from the public would be appreciated and welcomed and may be coordinated through Turcios at the Doraville Library or by contacting Jackson at Cary Reynolds Elementary School.

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