

## Public Information Release

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On Thursday August 31, 2017 members of the Acworth Police Department will be at McCall Primary School located at 4496 Dixie Avenue in Acworth to help distribute over 400 new books to kindergarten and first grade students for McCall's Literacy Night from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Late last spring, a sergeant with the Acworth Police Department felt inspired to collect new books for the students of McCall Primary School. This sergeant is an avid reader, and is passionate about the importance of helping young children to develop their reading skills. Research has shown that children who have books in their homes become stronger readers than those students who do not have the same access to books. With this in mind, the Acworth Police Department partnered with Principal Thomas Farrell and asked the community to come together to donate at least one new book for every student at McCall Primary.

This book drive has been a labor of love, and with the help of a dedicated community including business partners, the Kiwanis Club, an anonymous donor, and a committed police department. Together, we have collected over 400 new books – more than enough for every student to have one.

Thursday evening, the book drive will culminate at McCall Primary school's Literacy Night celebration where members of the police department will personally distribute all of the books that were collected. Thank you to everyone who donated books as well as funds to purchase books. The overwhelming success of the book drive is a testament to the generosity of our community, and our children are the grateful beneficiaries.