



BOOGIE WITH BOOKS IN THE PARK

On Saturday, May 31, children came out to Lineberger Park in Gastonia to enjoy a day of storytelling, dancing and bonding with family. The first Boogie with Books in the Park, sponsored by the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties, had an estimated 200 participants. Every child who attended received a free book. Brenda Craig, Mayor Pro Tem in Gastonia volunteered as a storyteller. She was honored to participate. "The event was a real benefit to our community," Craig said. "It warmed my heart that so many children went home with a free book."

Thank you to our Supporters and Contributors of the event including: Aaron's, Inc., Business Sorority, Child Care Connections of Cleveland County, FirstBook, Gaston County Public Library, Gaston Learning Academy/Diane Holland, Guilty Pleasures Catering, Kaplan Early Learning Company, Life for Kidz, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., Ollie's Bargain Outlet, QSC Food Mart/Jaya Gupta, Rob Lowery, Röchling Engineering Plastics, Truliant Federal Credit Union/Tammy Kane.

In addition special thanks to all of our Storytellers including:
 -From Gaston County Public Library, Annette Aldin, Debra Livingston, Laurel Hicks, Rene Crump, Sarah Miller, Brenda Craig, Mayor Pro Tem of Gastonia, Capt. Bill Melton of Gaston County Police Department, and Pam Pegram with A Place to Grow Child Care Center in Lincolnton

Forest Heights Event

On July 23, the Partnership for Children participated in the Forest Heights Elementary School's "Family Night." The event which had over 100 participants was a huge success. There were roughly 75 books handed out to children to take home from the Partnership.

**A book is a gift you can
open again and again.**

~ Garrison Keillor



