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Reading on Wheels Kicks off summer with Celebrity Readers

Reading on Wheels (ROW) is a program sponsored by the Montgomery Education Foundation, Montgomery City-County Public Library, City of Montgomery, Montgomery County Commission, and Montgomery Public Schools. The ROW bookmobiles visit 16 different city and county locations on a weekly basis to provide books and reading materials to children across Montgomery County during the summer months. The program supports the importance of summer reading to help children maintain and raise their reading competency levels outside of the school year.

In the summer 2007, the ROW bookmobiles served over **3,100 children** who read a total of **9,000 books**. This summer the bookmobiles will visit **16 sites** in various areas located throughout Montgomery and hopes to reach over **3,000 children** again.

Leaders from the Montgomery Community have volunteered their time to read to and connect with children in the Reading On Wheels Program to focus on the importance of reading.

Next week's Celebrity Readers are:

June 9

9:00am Chisholm Boys and Girls Club- Judge Reese McKinney, **Probate Judge**
10:00am Chisholm Boys and Girls Club- The Honorable Bobby Bright, **Mayor of Montgomery**
10:00am Billy Thames Boys and Girls Club- **Councilman Willie Cook, Montgomery City Council Member**
12:30pm Flatwood Community Center- Sgt. Peyton and Sgt. Donaldson-, **Montgomery Fire Department**

June 10

9:00 a.m. Central Alabama OIC- **Mark Bullock, WSFA 12 News**
12:30pm Floyd Community Center- Valorie Lawson, **WSFA 12 News**

June 11

9:00 a.m. Kershaw YMCA- **Councilman David Burkette, Montgomery City Council Member**
9:00am Southeast YMCA- Stefanie Hicks, **WAKA 8 News**
10:00am Southeast YMCA- **Commissioner Todd Strange, Montgomery County Commissioner**
12:30 p.m. First Baptist Church of Greater Washington Park- **Charlotte Meadows-School Board Member**

June 12

9:00 a.m. East YMCA- **Councilman Charles Smith-Montgomery City Council Member**
9:00am Bell Road YMCA- **Melissa Snowden, School Board Member**
12:30 p.m. Victor Tulane Court and Gardens- **Councilman Jiles Williams, Jr.-Montgomery City Council Member**
12:30 p.m. Hayneville Road Community Center- **Eleanor Dawkins- School Board Member**

For more information about the Montgomery Education Foundation, please contact Chacolby Burns-Johnson or Ann Sikes at 264-6223.